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Cllr Neil Blake
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Dear Neil,

Buckinghamshire Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee – Public questions regarding key worker housing for doctors and nurses.

The Buckinghamshire Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee, at their meeting on 24th November, received the following question from a member of the public:

'What can the Council do to help recruit Doctors and Nurses to work in Buckinghamshire GP surgeries where there is a crisis happening now? Can you help with cheap housing for young Doctors and Nurses?'

As Chairman I advised the Committee that housing was a District Council issue. The Committee agreed but added that it would be timely to raise the question with District Councils as they were about to consult on Local Plans. It was agreed that the Committee would write to the Leaders of all four Buckinghamshire District Councils and ask that significant consideration is given to key worker housing.

I'm aware that Aylesbury Vale District Council already include health workers as a priority group as part of the shared ownership policy. Are there any further plans the Council is considering to enable health workers to access affordable housing in Aylesbury? In addition is work being undertaken with health partners to understand current needs and constraints in accessing housing?

King regards



Angela Macpherson, County Councillor
Chairman, Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee

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