



Cabinet supplementary agenda

Date: Tuesday 7 December 2021

Time: 10.00 am

Venue: The Oculus, Buckinghamshire Council, Gatehouse Road, HP19 8FF

Membership:

M Tett (Leader), A Macpherson (Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing), G Williams (Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Planning and Regeneration), S Bowles (Cabinet Member for Communities), S Broadbent (Cabinet Member for Transport), J Chilver (Cabinet Member for Finance, Resources, Property and Assets), A Cranmer (Cabinet Member for Education and Children's Services), C Harriss (Cabinet Member for Culture and Leisure), N Naylor (Cabinet Member for Housing, Homelessness and Regulatory Services) and P Strachan (Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Environment)

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5 Question Time

Question from Councillor Stuart Wilson to Councillor Gareth Williams (Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Planning and Regeneration)

"Buckinghamshire Council is required to deliver a new Local Plan no later than April 2025. Residents have been asked by the Planning Policy team to complete a new questionnaire from November 29th, 2021 to February 11th, 2022. The questionnaire is described as "The Discovery & Exploration Phase for the new Local Plan for Buckinghamshire". It is seeking early views from residents on their views regarding their current communities and what would anticipate for themselves regarding housing need and their expectations for housing and communities in Buckinghamshire in the future. The introduction to the section on Homes (Q2) in the survey makes the statement:

"By 2040, the county is likely to need around 55,000 more new homes (based on latest estimates). Some of these already have planning permission or are already planned for in existing Local Plans (28,000). This leaves about 27,000 to be built."

Question 5 goes on to ask: *In the future we need to build many more new homes in Buckinghamshire. What do you think are the best locations for new homes?*

Office of National Statistics 2018-Based Household Projections for Buckinghamshire are the most up-to-date dataset available and recommended for use by the Council's own Business Insights team. The ONS 2018-Based Household Projections for Buckinghamshire show an increase of **only 22,533 households between 2021 and 2040**. This increase is allocated to Aylesbury Vale (+17,035), Chiltern (+2,157), South Bucks (+1,857) and Wycombe (+1,484). The equivalent increase in population projection for Buckinghamshire between 2021 and 2040 is **26,170** (ONS 2018-Based Population Projections by Local Authority). The statement in the questionnaire issued on November 29th would therefore suggest that Buckinghamshire Council is intending to accommodate twice as many homes as the ONS projects would suggest are required.

What is the basis and detailed explanation of how the requirement for 55,000 more new homes has been calculated relative to the up-to date and relevant evidence as required by the NPPF (i.e., 2018-Based ONS projections); and the extent to which there is a genuine shortfall in meeting housing need, taking into account current Local Plans, 5 year housing supply and evidenced windfall through up-to-date monitoring?

Question from Councillor Robin Stuchbury to Councillor Steven Broadbent (Cabinet Member for Transport)

"Buckinghamshire Council on 24 November 2021 voted and agreed a policy regarding a 20 mile an hour speed limit. Will the Council now be communicating how the agreed policy will be implemented in the coming period to town and parish councils, community boards, interested parties and stakeholder groups? In particular how will the decision taken by the Council affect historical applications/bids to the community board for funding of potential schemes and feasibility studies. In this respect it would be helpful to know whether Community Board Chairman were consulted on the proposed policy before it was agreed at the Council meeting."

10 Voluntary Sector Grant Review - WITHDRAWN

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