



Cabinet Agenda Supplement

Date: Tuesday 12 September 2023

Time: 10.00 am

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

Agenda Item

5 Question Time

Question from Councillor Robin Stuchbury to Councillor Peter Strachan, Cabinet Member for Planning and Regeneration

Buckingham Town Council recently wrote to six of its local Buckinghamshire Councillors to ask how they could be more involved in the early stages of Section 106 agreements. This could include involvement in such issues as an automatic inclusion of the right to adopt, limiting the necessity for management companies as so to reduce the economic tariffs on new developments to the bare minimum, and looking at economic considerations so that agreements match the aspirations in Buckinghamshire Council's Parish Charter.

Could the Cabinet Member please explain what steps Buckinghamshire Council is willing and able to take to work and engage earlier with Buckingham Town Council on future developments and infrastructure projects?

Question from Councillor Thomas Hogg to Councillor Peter Strachan, Cabinet Member for Planning and Regeneration

You requested that I lead on the Design Code in June 2022. Since then I have worked with the Planning Officer team on the Code, but have not made the progress that I had anticipated on this issue. I have developed an optional Design Guide which has been proposed as a first step towards better urban design. It has no legal weight, which means it cannot be enforced, but the document is not meant to be. It focuses on showing property developers the merits of evidence-based urban design and how to follow the NPPF.

Could the Cabinet Member and his team re-consider the proposals contained within the Design Guide that would provide many benefits to our Buckinghamshire Communities which has such strong support within our scientific community, as evidenced by many surveys and research papers?

If you would like to attend a meeting, but need extra help to do so, for example because of a disability, please contact us as early as possible, so that we can try to put the right support in place.

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