



Cabinet agenda

Date: Monday 25 January 2021

Time: 11.00 am

Venue: Via MS Teams Video Conference, available to the public at <https://buckinghamshire.public-i.tv/core/portal/home>

Membership:

M Tett (Leader), A Macpherson (Cabinet Member Adult Social Care) (Deputy Leader), K Wood (Cabinet Member Resources) (Deputy Leader), S Bowles (Cabinet Member Town Centre Regeneration), B Chapple OBE (Cabinet Member Environment and Climate Change), J Chilver (Cabinet Member Property & Assets), A Cranmer (Cabinet Member Education and Skills), I Darby (Cabinet Member Housing & Homelessness), T Green (Cabinet Member Youth Provision), C Harriss (Cabinet Member Sports and Leisure), P Hogan (Cabinet Member Culture), D Martin (Cabinet Member Logistics), N Naylor (Cabinet Member Transport), M Shaw (Cabinet Member Children's Services), W Whyte (Cabinet Member Planning and Enforcement), G Williams (Cabinet Member Communities & Public Health) and F Wilson (Cabinet Member Regulatory Services)

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1 Apologies**2 Minutes**

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 5 January 2021.

5 - 14**3 Declarations of interest****4 Hot Topics****5 Question Time**

The following question has been received and will either be responded to during the meeting or a written response will be included in the minutes:-

1. Question from Councillor Cameron Branston to Councillor Martin Tett

As a Councillor for the Grendon Underwood Ward, I am writing to put forward the views of residents in Edgcott and Grendon Underwood, the villages most affected by this proposed expansion.

Both villages are under significant strain managing traffic from HS2 and EWR projects, can the villages manage more traffic to the prison site? Once the prison is operational, traffic movements will continue. None of this is environmentally sustainable. As a Council, we have agreed to some significant targets in line with national carbon reduction targets by 2050. Daily movements from 500 - 600 coupled with visitors will only increase carbon footprint in Buckinghamshire. A brand-new bus stop will not encourage more people to use public transit.

The proposal will increase the prison population to 1,400, which is larger than both Grendon Underwood and Edgcott and several residents have argued that this development moves away from organic growth to a point of being intrusive even artificial given its location in the countryside. Moreover, it is difficult to understand how trees could camouflage four story buildings with jarring colours in the open countryside, nor does it seem possible that trees and shrubbery will contain light pollution emanating from these large edifices at night.

Several major infrastructure projects have been viewed with scepticism in part because they are deemed expensive and offer little value locally and instead are perceived to harm the countryside. Can Cabinet assure residents living in the countryside, especially those living in Edgcott and Grendon Underwood, that it will do all it can to protect the

environment and the countryside allowing residents to enjoy the amenities in the countryside?

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| 6 | Forward Plan (28 Day Notice) | 15 - 32 |
| 7 | Buckinghamshire Council corporate response to the proposed new prison at HMP Grendon/Springhill, Grendon Underwood | 33 - 40 |
| 8 | Exclusion of the public (if required)
To resolve that under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1975 the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item(s) business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part I of Schedule 12A of the Act.

Paragraph 3 Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding the information) | |
| 9 | Confidential Minutes from the Cabinet Meeting held on 5 January 2021 | 41 - 44 |
| 10 | Date of next meeting
Tuesday 16 February 2021 at 10am. | |

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