



Growth, Infrastructure & Housing Select Committee agenda

Date: Wednesday 13 April 2022

Time: 10.00 am

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

Membership:

D Carroll (Chairman), T Hunter-Watts, M Smith, A Baughan, Q Chaudhry, T Hogg, S Rouse, M Bracken, N Brown, S Chapple, I Darby, M Hussain, C Etholen, C Poll (Vice-Chairman) and D Town

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To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 17th February 2022 as a correct record.

4 Public Questions

Public questions is an opportunity for people who live, work or study in Buckinghamshire to put a question to a Select Committee. The Committee will hear from members of the public who have submitted questions in advance relating to items on the agenda. The Cabinet Member, relevant key partners and responsible officers will be invited to respond. Further information on how to register can be found here: <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/your-council/get-involved-with-council-decisions/select-committees/>

Mr Chadwick has submitted the following question:

Could the Cabinet Member or Officers please confirm that all relevant policies within the new Buckinghamshire Local Plan will contribute towards the urgent goals of reducing carbon emissions and adapting to the impacts of climate change. Would you agree that these considerations cut across many areas of policy, including, in particular, housing, transport, and environment, but others, too - and thus that a coordinated and coherent approach across the piece is required? What structures and expertise are in place within the planning policy team to achieve this?

In particular, given the significant number of new homes to be built, will you be looking to put in place policies to require Passivhaus (zero carbon) standards of energy efficiency by early in the Plan period, and if not, why not?

Mr Alan Thawley has submitted the following question:

Given that skills relating to the net-zero transition in construction will play an ever-increasing role in the economy, how is the council supporting local businesses to acquire these skills, either by ensuring that the relevant training is provided and accessible, or by supporting the growing market?

To this end, given that we have to date been unable to require developments to do more than meet the minimum requirements set by government through

planning, will the council commit to ensuring the developments it instigates itself (through Consilio Property, for instance or on council-owned land in Stoke Mandeville), will be required to be built to zero-carbon standards rather than vaguely promising to be 'energy efficient'?

5 Chairman's Update

6 Buckinghamshire Local Plan Update

10:20

17 - 22

The Committee will receive an update on progress with the development of the Buckinghamshire Local Plan.

Contributors:

Cllr Gareth Williams, Cabinet Member for Planning and Regeneration

Darran Eggleton, Head of Service, Planning, Policy and Compliance

7 Levelling Up

10:50

23 - 30

The Committee will be updated on the Levelling Up White Paper and the implications for Buckinghamshire Council.

Contributors:

Cllr Martin Tett, Leader of the Council

Lisa Michelson, Service Director, Economic Growth and Regeneration

8 Work Programme

11:40

An opportunity for members of the Committee to suggest possible items for the future work programme.

9 Date of next meeting

The next meeting is provisionally scheduled for 14th July 2022 at 10am. All Council meeting dates will be confirmed at the Annual General Meeting of Council in May.

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