



Cabinet agenda

Date: Tuesday 15 November 2022

Time: 10.00 am

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

Membership:

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

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1 Apologies**2 Minutes**

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 11 October 2022.

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3 Declarations of interest**4 Hot Topics****5 Question Time****Question from Councillor Michael Bracken to Councillor Peter Strachan, Cabinet Member for Planning and Regeneration**

My question follows a period in which I have been seeking to advise and assist a number of residents impacted by construction and planning issues in a particular location. The underlying issues are complex and clearly difficult to address and include:-

- prolonged and delayed construction project including multiple changes of contractors and project managers;
- repeated disruptions to access residences either because of deliveries or of inconsiderate behaviour and the parking of vehicles blocking access;
- poor site management practices which took no account of their impact both causing detritus, dust and noise through to outright damage to neighbouring properties and possible planning breaches requiring investigation;
- additional wear and tear to public roads and pavements including damage caused by deliveries and equipment;
- noise disruption including construction work at unreasonable hours such as weekends and bank holidays; In particular residents were dismayed at around the time of public examinations where students had their ability to study and work on revision harmed or constrained; and
- light pollution at the site including through the night directly into neighbouring properties. This arose from both construction lighting as well as what appears to be a permanent feature of the new property which was not considered at the time of planning.

May I ask you to consider reviewing the impact of problematic construction projects on residents and in particular:-

- consider the instances of problematic construction projects and whether this may be a category which should receive additional attention. For example consider the tracking of issues which are

reported to our various departments, functions and to the extent that we are aware, external agencies; and

- as we look to continue to improve our Website to review the advice and guidance available to residents when faced with a problematic construction project. Specifically it can be difficult for residents to know to which department or function either in the council or separate government agencies they should properly raise issues and the mechanism to do so.

Question from Councillor Robin Stuchbury to Councillor Anita Cranmer, Cabinet Member for Education and Children’s Services

Many of our secondary schools are oversubscribed, I understand that this includes The Buckingham school with classes containing over 30 pupils. Are there any figures available for Buckinghamshire regarding school places by catchment area/secondary school to better understand how the education authority is managing the growth within the community?

If these figures are available, do they include any children who have to travel out of their catchment area to obtain a school place which could be detrimental to the Council’s aspiration to lower its carbon footprint and which also incurs a cost to parents and/or the Council’s home to school transport budget?

Members would also benefit from understanding capacity and vacancy figures for primary schools given the significant growth in Buckinghamshire, particularly the north of the county.

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