



Cabinet agenda

Date: Tuesday 14 November 2023

Time: 10.00 am

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

Membership:

M Tett (Leader), A Macpherson (Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing (in the chair)), G Williams (Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Environment), 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), A Hussain (Cabinet Member for Communities), P Strachan (Cabinet Member for Planning and Regeneration) and M Winn (Cabinet Member for Homelessness and Regulatory Services)

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To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 24 October 2023.

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Question from Councillor Stuart Wilson to Councillor Peter Strachan, Cabinet Member for Planning and Regeneration

“The Q2 Capital Budget Adjustments and Reprofiting report submitted to this Cabinet contains references in Appendix 1 to a re-profiling of £345,000 for environment-led opportunities and, in particular, ‘Spade Oak Lake and Little Marlow Visitor Facility business plans under development as original plans did not produce a net nil cost to the Council. Other options are being considered.’

Cabinet approved a programme of action to evaluate Little Marlow Lakes Country park in two phases last year, starting with a cross-function Officer group tasked with developing a commercial plan for the Council-owned land at Spade Oak Quarry. There has been no indication from this Officer group that this work has been substantially on progressed, beyond a workstream on the creation of a Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace as mitigation for the impact of development in Bourne End on Burnham Beeches Special Area of Conservation.

What work has been completed to date that would enable this report to conclude that the original plans did not produce a net nil cost to the Council, including the restoration works required under planning condition, what assumptions are now being made for the £345,000 going forward including the timings of the delivery of a viable plan to Cabinet, and when will this be shared with all local Members with a strong vested interest in this proposal?”

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

In Buckingham and North Buckinghamshire it is evident that there are drainage issues with drains both being blocked and not functioning to their full capacity. As an example poor drainage has had a negative impact on property and in two instances within Buckingham children are being impacted greatly by standing water on the road when walking to school. What is the total resource within the local authority for dealing with this situation by way of vehicles and manpower and what plans do you have for budgeting & planning long-term to address these

matters to reassure our residents, particularly with increasing storms.

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