



Communities & Localism Select Committee agenda

Date: Thursday 24 September 2020

Time: 10.00 am

Venue: Via MS Teams

Membership:

N Brown, P Cooper, E Culverhouse, M Harker OBE, M Hashmi, T Hunter-Watts, P Irwin, P Kelly, G Peart, B Russel, L Smith BEM, L Sullivan, A Waite, L Walsh and J Wassell

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1 Apologies for absence/change in membership	10:00	
2 Declarations of interest		
3 Minutes The minutes of the meeting held on 18 June 2020 to be confirmed as a correct record.		5 - 14

- 4 Public questions**
No public questions have been submitted for this meeting.
- 5 Chairman's Update**
For the Chairman to update Members on Communities and Localism scrutiny activities since the last meeting.
- 6 Update on the development of the Buckinghamshire Council Tax and Private Hire Licensing Policy** **10:10** **15 - 22**
Buckinghamshire Council is aligning policies and procedures in respect of taxi and private hire licensing matters to ensure that decision making is consistent and drivers, vehicles and operators are held to the same standards across the Council. Pre-engagement work, including the views of this Select Committee, will feed into the final draft policy document which will be presented to the Cabinet Member for Regulatory Services and then the Licensing Committee in October 2020.
- Presenters:**
Fred Wilson – Cabinet Member for Regulatory Services
Carl Jackson – Chairman of Licensing Committee
Lindsey Vallis – Transition Head of Licensing, Cemeteries and Crematoria
Simon Gallacher – Principal Licensing Officer, Aylesbury area
Caroline Steven, Licensing Team Leader, Wycombe, Chiltern and South Bucks area
- Papers:**
Report attached
[Department for Transport - Statutory Taxi & Private Hire Vehicle Standards](#)
- 7 Safer Buckinghamshire Plan** **11:10** **23 - 46**
The Committee will receive an update on the Safer Buckinghamshire Plan which was agreed at Cabinet on 8 September 2020.
- Buckinghamshire Council is a statutory member of the Safer Buckinghamshire Board which is the statutory Community Safety Partnership for Buckinghamshire. A key responsibility of the Safer Buckinghamshire Board is to maintain the Community Safety Plan for Buckinghamshire, based upon the strategic assessment of crime and community safety in the County, public engagement and

other insight into crime and the causes of crime in Buckinghamshire. This Plan will help inform the Work Programme of this Select Committee.

Presenters:-

Gareth Williams – Cabinet Member for Communities and Public Health

Rebecca Carley – Communities Engagement and Safety Manager

Papers:

Cabinet report and Safer Buckinghamshire Plan

8 Draft Inquiry Scoping paper 12:00 47 - 48

At the last meeting Members discussed having an Inquiry to assess the effectiveness of community organisation grants during the Covid-19 pandemic. Attached is a draft Scoping Paper for Member comments and approval.

Presenters

Chairman Councillor Paul Irwin / Clare Gray – Scrutiny Officer

Papers

Draft scoping paper

9 Draft Work programme 12:15 49 - 50

The Committee will discuss and agree the Work Programme and consider the items for the next meeting.

Presenters:

All Committee Members

Papers:

Work Programme attached

10 Date of Next Meeting 12:30

The next meeting will take place on 19 November 2020 at 10am.

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