



## Communities & Localism Select Committee agenda

Date: Thursday 19 November 2020

Time: 10.00 am

Venue: Virtual meeting 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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Agenda Item	Time	Page No
<b>1 Apologies for absence/ change in membership</b>	<b>10:00</b>	
<b>2 Declarations of interest</b>		
<b>3 Minutes</b> The minutes of the meeting held on 24 <sup>th</sup> September 2020 to be confirmed as a correct record.		<b>5 - 16</b>

- 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 Covid Update - Verbal Update from the Cabinet Member for Communities and Public Health**
- 7 Voluntary and Community Strategy update** **10:10** **17 - 28**  
The Committee will receive an update on the Voluntary and Community Strategy. The intention is that the Strategy would provide a high-level framework to guide partners across Buckinghamshire in how to work together towards a whole system, place-based approach to working with the Voluntary Community Sector (VCS) and local communities to address needs.
- Presenters:-**  
Gareth Williams – Cabinet Member for Communities and Public Health  
Mark Ormerod – Director of Leap  
Claire Hawkes – Service Director Localities and Strategic Partnerships
- 8 Town and Parish Council Charter** **11:10** **29 - 32**  
The Committee will receive an update on the Town and Parish Council Charter. The charter will act as a framework (memorandum of understanding) to support partnership working and inform Buckinghamshire Council’s approach to liaison with local councils. It will set out the relationship between the new Buckinghamshire Council and the 169 town and parish councils in Buckinghamshire, including how to harness the opportunities to strengthen partnership working and improve services for residents. It sets out the joint principles and respective roles, responsibilities and expectations, and it will be a live document which will be refreshed regularly in consultation with town and parish councils.
- Presenters:-**  
Gareth Williams – Cabinet Member for Communities and Public Health  
Claire Hawkes – Service Director for Localities and Strategic Partnership

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| <b>9</b>  | <b>Domestic Violence and Abuse update</b><br>The Committee will receive an update of recent and planned activity regarding Domestic Violence and Abuse. This report will help inform the Work Programme of this Select Committee by identifying possible areas of focus for the meeting in March 2021.<br><br><b>Presenters:-</b><br>Gareth Williams - Cabinet Member for Communities and Public Health<br>Rebecca Carley – Communities Engagement and Safety Manager<br>Faye Blunstone – Communities Project Manager (Domestic Violence and Abuse) | <b>11:55</b> | <b>33 - 40</b> |
| <b>10</b> | <b>Draft Work Programme and update on Inquiry</b><br>The Committee will note the Work Programme.  | <b>12:25</b> | <b>41 - 42</b> |
| <b>11</b> | <b>Date of Next Meeting</b><br>The date of the next meeting is 21 January 2021 at 10am.   | <b>12:30</b> |                |

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