



## **Pre Submitted Questions**

Q - Improving communications and feedback with Parish Councils

A – It is hoped that Community Boards will build upon improve relationships with Parish Councils. The Community Board Coordinator, Sophia, is always available to speak to. There is an upcoming Clerks Forum taking place on 18<sup>th</sup> September.

Q - Organisation Chart of Officers roles and reporting channels to Councillors

A – This is something that is being worked on at the moment and will be included in a booklet on the Community Boards. In the meantime if you have any queries, please get in touch with Sophia ([Sophia.Comer@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:Sophia.Comer@buckinghamshire.gov.uk)).

Q - Update on ARC proposals and England's Economic Heartland role and Annual report.

A – Please find more information on their website - <http://www.englandseconomicheartland.com/Pages/consultation-responses-and-reports.aspx> for more information please contact - [englandseconomicheartland@buckscc.gov.uk](mailto:englandseconomicheartland@buckscc.gov.uk)

Q -Update on TfB Organisation changes and reporting structure.

A – Transport for Bucks currently undergoing a restructure within the operational delivery teams and people are not yet in position.

Q - How does this community board intend to develop carbon reduction initiatives in the Buckingham area and how are local people and organisations going to contribute to this?

A – This is a topic that can be discussed in the Green Space & Communities Sub Group, which is taking place on 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 18:00. If you would like to attend please let me know and I can forward on a Teams meeting invite

Q - Why does the Buckinghamshire Council get its electricity from companies that use gas and coal to generate the electricity?

A - Buckinghamshire Council has inherited the existing contractual commitments from its previous 5 authorities which includes the gas and electricity supply

contracts. The next opportunity to change supplier will be in a little over 2 years' time and so options for a re-procurement will be starting this financial year (we enter energy contracts ~ 1 year ahead of the energy delivery date, as this allows forward purchasing of energy which helps to achieve lower costs).

- a. As part of this exercise we will be looking at renewable supply options for gas and electricity. However this will need to be balanced against the robustness of the green claims, the real world benefit this may have and the costs associated with making such a switch.

Q - Why does the Buckinghamshire Council not have a plan for tree planting?

A - Work is well underway to look at our approach to tree planting in Buckinghamshire. We are looking at what opportunities there are to plant on our own estate and as part of the development of the Climate Change Strategy, we want to engage with Community Boards and other community groups on how we can support their ambitions around climate and tree planting. We will be working with the board coordinators and running a short survey in the coming weeks to help inform our approach.

Q - Why does the Buckinghamshire Council not have a plan for increasing photo voltaic systems?

A - We do not have a plan specifically addressing solar PV. However this technology will be part of our approach to addressing the energy efficiency and carbon impact of operating the Council's estate. Our approach will look at each building and consider what the most effective way of reducing energy consumption and carbon emissions from it is – I'm sure this will often include solar PV but other options may give larger energy and carbon savings for the same investment – such as improving insulation, increasing natural light etc.

Q - When it is likely the Chief Constable's review of Speed Watch is likely to be concluded, and when it will be reinstated following cancellation (without notice to the Buckingham Volunteers) some months ago?

A – To be addressed by TVP in the meeting

Q - What is Buckinghamshire Council's position on the scheme?

A - Community Speedwatch is a Thames Valley Police activity and all of the speedwatch volunteers are trained and have signed up to be TVP volunteers. Although it is not our initiative, Buckinghamshire Council supports and continues to promote the scheme. There is the possibility that the Community Board could provide funding for equipment as it could fit in with the "Road Safety and Cycleways" priority.

