

Questions for November Meeting –

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"Given the government's welcome announcement on March 28th of significant funding for ultra low emission buses, and given the poor performance of Bucks, particularly Wycombe, on all air quality indicators, it was good to hear at the last committee meeting that Bucks Council are going to submit a bid for funding under this new scheme.

Please can you share more details of the bid? When will it be (or when was it, if already done) submitted, when do you expect a response and, if positive, when can we expect to see new ultra low emission buses on Bucks streets? Looking at the bigger picture, how does this bid play a part in a longer term vision of providing clean, green, accessible, integrated and affordable public transport for the people of Bucks, reducing reliance on the private car, improving air quality and accelerating our achievement of net-zero as an authority area?"

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Given the climate emergency, in the last year what has the council achieved, within the county, in increasing cycling and walking, reducing the mileage of petrol-driven motorised vehicles and increasing electric charging points for motorised electric vehicles?

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In the light of the council's 2050 target for zero emissions and its pre-assessments of a carbon audit for the county, it is apparent that the new housing anticipated in previous and future Local Plans are key to these aims. Have the substantial housing developments incorporated local heating schemes or the developers been urged to do so? Rather than change hundreds of domestic boilers from non-sustainable fuels to sustainable ones - or to electricity from sustainable sources - it would clearly be far more flexible to change only the power conversion system in the district heating building.