



Buckingham Town Council

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Town Clerk: Claire Molyneux

FULL COUNCIL

Wednesday, 10 December 2025

Councillors,

You are summoned to a meeting of the Full Council of Buckingham Town Council to be held on Monday 15th December 2025 at 7pm in the Council Chamber, Cornwalls Meadow, Buckingham.

Please note that the meeting will be preceded by a Public Session in accordance with Standing Orders 3.e, 3.f, and 3.g, which will last for a maximum of 15 minutes. A member of the public shall not speak for more than 3 minutes. Members of the public can attend the meeting in person. If you would like to address the meeting virtually, please email committeeclerk@buckingham-tc.gov.uk or call 01280 816426 for details.

The meeting can be watched live on the Town Council's YouTube channel here:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC89BUTwVpjAOEIdSIfcZC9Q/>.

Claire Molyneux
Town Clerk

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence

Members are asked to receive apologies for absence.

2. Declarations of interest

To receive declarations of any personal or prejudicial interest under consideration on this agenda in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 Sections 26-34 & Schedule 4.

3. Minutes

To agree as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Full Council meeting held on 3rd November 2025.

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4. Planning Committee

To receive the minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 22nd September 2025, 13th October 2025 and 10th November 2025.

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5. Town Centre and Events Committee

To receive the minutes of the Town Centre and Events Committee meeting held on 29th September 2025.

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Twinned with Mouvaux, France;

Neukirchen-Vluyn, Germany



Valmadrera, Italy



Members are reminded when making decisions that the Public Sector Equality Duty 2010 requires Members to have due regard to the need to: Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct that is prohibited by the Act, advance equality of opportunity between people who share a characteristic and those who don't, and to foster good relations between people who share a characteristic and those who don't. All Committee documents can be found on the Buckingham Town Council's website. Alternatively, the Clerk can send you a copy of any minutes, reports, or other information. To do this, send a request using the contact details set out above.

6. Environment Committee

To receive the minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on 6th October 2025.

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7. Resources Committee

To receive the minutes of the Resources Committee meeting held on 20th October 2025.

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8. Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service On-call improvement program consultation

To discuss the Buckingham Town Council response to the consultation and agree to delegate completion of the questionnaire to the Town Clerk based on the consensus reached during this discussion.

Consultation Questions

[Appendix A](#)

[Consultation evidence pack](#)

[Consultation proposal pack](#)

9. Recommendations - Equality, Community Diversity, and Inclusion Working Group

9.1 It is recommended that Members agree to support and promote Pride events in Buckingham throughout June 2026.

[Report 2](#)

9.2 To agree to budget £200 for ECDI activities for the next financial year.

10. Motion: Cllr. Haydock

In 2019 Buckingham Town Council declared a climate emergency and prepared a Climate Emergency Plan. This Plan included the aim of achieving net zero emissions from BTC operations by 2030 and outlined a series of actions to be taken. In the same year, our Mayor signed the Covenant of Mayors for climate and energy, committing to (1) reducing greenhouse gas emissions on its territory by at least 40% by 2030 and (2) increasing its resilience by adapting to the impacts of climate change.

Since then, the Climate Emergency Plan has remained largely static, with no emissions tracking. Meanwhile, global greenhouse gases continue rising and climate impacts intensify locally and globally.

I propose a comprehensive 2026 review of the Climate Emergency Plan to reassess our 2030 targets and quantify BTC's emissions and reduction potential. The review should identify how BTC can support local businesses and residents in reducing emissions and building climate resilience. To do this we will form a Working Group and provide carbon literacy training to participating Councillors and Officers so they can engage knowledgeably in the process.

11. Discharge of planning obligation

To note the below and to agree to delegate the response to the Planning Clerk in consultation with the Estates Manager

PL/25/5997/MDLA

Land West of Moreton Road and Castlemilk [*Moreton Road Phase III*]
Application under Section 106 of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990
(as amended) to discharge planning obligation at paragraph 1.2 of the
Fourth Schedule (Open Land Scheme) of the Section 106 Agreement for
application 20/00510/APP
Bellway Homes Ltd.

Additional information is provided by the Planning Clerk

[BTC/118/25](#)

12. Reports from representatives on outside bodies**13. To receive and question reports from Buckinghamshire Council Councillors****14. Action list**

To review and discuss the action report.

[Appendix B](#)

15. Mayoral engagements

To receive a list of events attended by the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

Functions the Mayor has attended:

31/10/2025	Halloween disco - Lace Hill
01/11/2025	Bonfire and Fireworks
07/11/2025	RLS Remembrance service
09/11/2025	Remembrance Parade
14/11/2025	BAFA Exhibition
20/11/2025	Local Democracy event
22/11/2025	The Film Place 20th Anniversary
23/11/2025	Beaconsfield Civic Service
25/11/2025	3Bs Radio interview with U3A
27/11/2025	Christmas Lights Switch On
01/12/2025	World AIDS Day commemoration MK Rose
04/12/2025	Alms Houses Christmas celebration
06/12/2025	Grand Junction reopening
07/12/2025	Lace Hill Gymnastics Club competition
13/12/2025	Christmas Parade

Functions the Deputy Mayor has attended:

16. Chair's announcements - for information only**17. Date of the next meetings:**

Interim Council:	Monday 5 th January 2026
Interim Council:	23 rd February 2026 (Informal meeting precedes)
Full Council:	Monday 16 th March 2026

To:

All Councillors

Consultation Questions

To what extent do you agree or disagree that BFRS needs to make changes to the way it uses its resources to address the challenges outlined above?

To what extent do you agree or disagree that replacing some On-Call fire engines with specialist vehicles would help BFRS make better use of its resources?

To what extent do you agree or disagree that the quickest appropriate vehicle should be sent to an incident, regardless of which station it is sent from?

To what extent do you agree or disagree with BFRS's proposal to reduce the number of On-Call fire engines from 18 to 11, with the aim of having the remaining engines more reliably available?

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the proposal to permanently close Great Missenden Fire Station?

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the proposal to permanently close Stokenchurch Fire Station?

To what extent do you agree or disagree that BFRS's proposed changes to On-Call provision will make better use of public money?

To what extent do you agree or disagree that the Chief Fire Officer, on behalf of BFRS, should have operational independence to determine the make-up and distribution of the Service's operational fleet and resources?

If the Chief Fire Officer, on behalf of BFRS, is given operational independence, to what extent do you agree or disagree that they should be able to make strategic operational decisions on each of the following:

- Appointment/dismissal of staff (including Directors and senior officers)
- Allocation of staff to meet priorities (where staff are based or located)
- Configuration and organisation of resources (location of vehicles and equipment, location and number of staff – this does not include fire stations)
- Deployment of resources (when, how and where staff, vehicles and equipment are used)
- Balancing competing operational needs (reallocating resources between areas in an emergency or emerging situation)
- Expenditure (within delegated limits)

Do you have any other comments about BFRS's proposed changes to resourcing and how they might affect you/your community; and/or any other alternative suggestions for how BFRS can create a modern, resilient and sustainable fire and rescue service?

Are there any positive or negative impacts relating to equalities that you believe should be considered? If so, are you able to provide any supporting evidence and suggest any ways to reduce or remove any potential negative impact and increase any positive impact?

BUCKINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL
EQUALITY, COMMUNITY DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION WORKING GROUP
4th December 2025

Contact Officer: Business and Community Engagement Officer

Buckingham Pride Celebration

1. Recommendations

- 1.1. That Members discuss this proposal for Buckingham to mark its first Pride celebration, reflecting events held across many towns and cities, and to agree recommendations for consideration by Full Council.

2. Background

- 2.1. This proposal follows an approach from the manager of the Kings Head, who has expressed an interest in sponsoring and/or hosting Buckingham's first Pride celebration.
- 2.2. Buckingham has a strong LGBTQ+ community, and a Pride Week would provide an inclusive opportunity for the whole town to come together in celebration, fostering diversity, visibility, and joy.
- 2.3. Buckingham Town Council already raises the Pride flag at the start of Pride Month each year. Building on this, the Council could coordinate publicity for a town-wide Pride Week to coincide with the flag raising.
- 2.4. The Council's role would be to promote and advertise Pride Week, encouraging local pubs, venues, shops, and community organisations to host their own events in support.

3. Budget

- 3.1. The financial implications would primarily relate to promotion and communications, as the Council would not be directly hosting events but instead facilitating and supporting businesses and organisations who wish to participate.

Buckingham Town Council

Full Council

Monday 15th December 2025

Contact Officer: Planning Clerk

PL/25/5997/MDLA

Land West Of Moreton Road and Castlemilk [Moreton Road Phase III] - Formal consultation on discharge of planning obligation at paragraph 1.2 of the 4th Schedule (Open Land Scheme) of the s106 agreement for 20/00510/APP Bellway Homes Ltd.

MDLA = Modification and Discharge of Planning Legal Agreement

¶ 1.2 of the 4th Schedule reads

- 1.2 Not to cause or permit the Commencement of the Development until the Open Space Land Scheme has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Council (the "Approved Open Space Land Scheme")

The 102 page document submitted collects together various Landscaping, Maintenance and Planting plans and schedules, some covering the whole site, but mainly concentrating on the northern field where the play areas and rugby pitches are sited.

It goes into great details about

- the individual species and varieties of trees, shrubs, garden perennials and bulbs, the chosen sites for each, and how to plant and maintain them (but only drawings 1 of 8 to 4 of 8; the other four drawings are for the southern area and not included;
- the drainage and levelling of the rugby pitch area;
- the maintenance of the rugby pitches;
- the installation of 'faunal enhancement' – bat and bird boxes, loggeries, bee bricks – and which houses would have what installed;
- tree protection plans and details of root barriers

The Planting plan's Revision boxes list the following changes in 2025

Rev.	Date	Description
J	30/5/25	Updated root barriers & tree locations to attenuation tanks
K	01/08/25	Updated Plot 75 front garden planting to Client markup
L	13/08/25	Basins updated to latest drainage

and it is to be assumed that these are the final versions of the relevant plans to enable a discharge of the condition, though Plot 75 is in the southern part and thus there are no details of the revised scheme to compare the previous drawing (Rev. E) with.

Members should note that this is a most unusual subject for a formal consultation and may be either an administrative error on the part of the Planning technical team, or a new involvement of the parishes introduced with the unified planning system. The notification was received on 9th December, and clarification has been sought from the case officer; however no response was received at the time of agenda publication.

Action	Action Required	Update	Deadline
Two-part approach and arts and cultural centre funding	<p>1.1 It is recommended that from now onwards the Council takes a two-part approach to all large new developments, of providing a response to the planning applications, but also providing a S106 request in detail at the earliest possible stage, making it clear that this in no way detracts from any overall opposition to a development.</p> <p>1.2 The Council requests that the Sport and Leisure contributions for both Osier Way and Moreton Road requests are allocated towards the cost of providing an arts and cultural venue in Buckingham. Members agreed unanimously</p>	Requests submitted. Sect 106 working group to meet in new year.	Ongoing
Consultation on future development Motion by Cllr. Stuchbury.	That Buckingham Town Council seeks an early meeting with the appropriate Buckinghamshire Council officers to obtain the maximum amount of information relating to future development plans for Buckingham. Key areas include, but are not limited to, housing numbers, highways development infrastructure and education provision as they relate to the revised Buckingham Neighbourhood Plan. Any such plan needs to be drafted in a robust and legal manner, thus recognising and being capable of informing future decisions by Buckingham Town Council.	With BNDP - Process underway. Response to local plan submitted.	Ongoing
St. Rumbold's Field green spaces	<p>It is recommended that members agree that the adoption is dependent on:</p> <p>a) The completion of all required elements to a sufficient standard, including footpaths, street furniture, planting as per the agreed plans (to be confirmed by BTC officers following legal advice).</p> <p>b) The public right of way crossing St. Rumbold's Park is completed and open to the public and access to Gawcott Road is resolved.</p> <p>c) Means of vehicular access to St. Rumbold's Park is provided from either Penda Road or Oswald Way.</p> <p>It is recommended that Members agree to take specialist legal advice with the costs to come from the commuted sum.</p> <p>It is recommended that Members agree to allow the Town Clerk to negotiate on the Town Council's behalf but not to accept a commuted sum. AGREED unanimously.</p>	Waiting on the adoption of drainage and final snagging. Has been chased	Ongoing
Cemetery consultation and resolution	Cllr. Stuchbury Proposed that we ask Officers to write a summary of the main hurdles in reaching this conclusion. Seconded by Cllr. Willett. Members unanimously AGREED	Will be completed at the appropriate time.	

Action	Action Required	Update	Deadline
Motion: Cllr. Harvey	"This Town Council stands in support of the campaign to make play, parks, open spaces and playgrounds to be more designed for girls and young women, not just boys and young men, (see the make space for girls website), and we will make sure we consider and engage with young women and girls when developing and planning play activities and spaces (as well as others of course!) To this end, we agree to ask the Town Clerk to produce a report to assemble existing measures (including those detailed in the draft Neighbourhood Plan) and propose what more the Town Council might do in support of this campaign."	Under discussion with the green spaces working group - to identify practical applications.	Ongoing
S106 wish list working group	Members AGREED the recommendation to establish a working group to review the current s106 wish list and identify potential future projects.	For the new year.	Ongoing