

# **Buckinghamshire Councillors Report – June 22**

## **Senior political appointments confirmed at Buckinghamshire Council**

Senior political appointments have been confirmed by Buckinghamshire Council following its Annual General Meeting today (18 May) held at The Gateway offices in Aylesbury.

Martin Tett continues as Leader of the Council with his own set of portfolio responsibilities covering financial strategy, economic development, skills and employability, strategic infrastructure, policy and communications and the recovery plan for Buckinghamshire.

Two deputy leaders, Angela Macpherson and Gareth Williams, will continue to provide support in addition to their own cabinet responsibilities.

## **Please remember the right way to recycle electricals**

Buckinghamshire residents are being given a timely reminder to take note of the right and responsible way to recycle electrical items, following a recent fire on one of the council's refuse vehicles.

The recycling collection truck was on rounds in Amersham when it caught fire last week. Luckily the quick-thinking crew spotted the fire and acted promptly to contain it, calling on the Fire Service to attend. Once the fire was extinguished, the vehicle returned straight to the depot where the contents were tipped out and monitored to ensure no further fires broke out. The cause of the fire was found to be a laptop and battery, which had been placed in a recycling bin for collection. No-one was hurt in the incident and the vehicle was undamaged.

Across Buckinghamshire, batteries can be recycled at the kerbside if placed inside a standard carrier bag and left on top of the resident's recycling bin. They will then be collected by council crews on the day they normally empty the bin.

Small electrical items (broadly categorised as anything with a plug, battery or charger) should be taken to a local household recycling centre. These items include:

- Hair dryers
- Hair straighteners
- Electric toothbrushes
- Games controllers
- Mobile phones and chargers
- Small electrical power tools

If an electrical item is larger than a shoe box (for example, microwave ovens and car batteries) it will need to be taken to a local Household Recycling Centre. Alternatively, residents can arrange for items to be collected, for a fee, using the council's bulky waste collection services.

For more information visit the [Recycle for Buckinghamshire website](#).

## **Buckinghamshire Council brings two more fly-tippers to justice**

Two more criminals caught fly-tipping in Buckinghamshire have been brought to justice thanks to efforts by Buckinghamshire Council's enforcement team. In both cases the offenders could have brought the majority of their waste to one of the council's Household Recycling Centres free of charge, but instead chose to break the law and paid the price.

## **Council gives green light to outline plan to create more affordable housing**

The aspiration of the outline planning application is to use Council-owned land to help deliver housing that is affordable and accessible to benefit the community. The potential development would include a minimum of 30% of affordable housing.

Using council land provides an opportunity to provide affordable housing in excess of the levels that are set out in planning requirements. The aspiration is the development will also include a number of homes for clients of adults and children's services. If an outline planning application is successful, a detailed development scheme will be considered by Cabinet at a future date and a detailed planning application will follow.

## **It's a win-win situation when you play Buckinghamshire Lottery**

Sign up and support a good cause today – not only will you be in with the chance of winning weekly cash prizes of up to £25,000, but if you enter before Saturday 25 June, you will be in with the chance of winning a £1,000 Staycation with Forest Holidays, all for just £1 a week!

Buckinghamshire Lottery is a lottery for the people, by the people. It's a fun way to help good causes without giving up precious time.

Tickets are just £1 in the weekly draw, and you can choose exactly which cause you would like your money to go to. More of your money goes to your chosen cause than with any other major lottery – you can see the exact breakdown of where every penny goes on Buckinghamshire Council's website. If you enter before 25 June and are in a need of a summer getaway, you can also enter to win a luxurious cabin escape in the forest, where you can kick back and relax in your very own bubbling hot tub!

If you are a local charity or community group looking to boost your fundraising and are interested at joining Buckinghamshire Lottery, further information can be found on the website. There's no risk, no admin, and best of all, there are no fees. You'll also receive year-round, free marketing materials and support to help you in your quest for fundraising.

Sign up today at: [www.buckinghamshirelottery.co.uk](http://www.buckinghamshirelottery.co.uk)

## **Wider call for sites opens as the Local Plan for Buckinghamshire begins to take shape**

As Buckinghamshire Council continues its work on the Local Plan for Buckinghamshire, it is widening its search for land across the county that is suitable for different kinds of future development. This will ensure that the people of Buckinghamshire have the homes, infrastructure, economic opportunities and sustainable natural environment they will need in the years to come.

As part of this, the Council is opening a third call for sites suitable for future development. After two previous calls for brownfield sites, there is now a wider call for sites, which may include land not previously developed as well as a continued emphasis on re-using brownfield land whenever possible.

Councillor Derek Town