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19th February 2020

Dear Sir/Madam

All Members of the Town Council are hereby summoned to the Council Meeting of Biggleswade Town Council that will take place on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at the Offices of Biggleswade Town Council, Saffron Road, Biggleswade commencing at 7.00 p.m. in order to transact the under mentioned items of business.

Yours faithfully

Philip Truppin Acting Clerk

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#### **AGENDA**

#### 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

#### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive Statutory Declarations of Interests from Members in relation to:

- (a) Disclosable Pecuniary interests in any agenda item.
- (b) Non-Pecuniary interests in any agenda item.

#### 3. TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### 4. PUBLIC OPEN SESSION

To adjourn for a period of up to 15 minutes to allow members of the public to put questions or to address the Council, through the Chairman, pertaining to matters listed on the Agenda.

Each Speaker will give their name to the Chairman, prior to speaking, which will be recorded in the minutes, unless that person requests otherwise. Each Speaker will be allowed **(one) three-minute slot.** 

#### 5. INVITED SPEAKER

Jackie Sadek, Chief Operating Officer at UK Regeneration.

#### 6. MEMBERS QUESTIONS

#### 7. MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF MEETINGS

a. For Members to receive the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at the Offices of Biggleswade Town Council, The Old Court House, Saffron Road, Biggleswade.

#### 8. MATTERS ARISING

a. Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on Tuesday 11th February 2020.

#### 9. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

# a. <u>CB/20/00479/FULL – Land East of London Road, Stratton Business Park, London Road, Biggleswade, SG18 8QB</u>

Erection of Class A1 retail foodstore with associated car parking, accesses, landscaping, substation and associated engineering works.

# b. <u>CB/20/00545/FULL – Land to the rear of 48 to 52 Lawrence Road, Biggleswade,</u> SG18 0LS

Construction of new residential bungalow, formation of access, parking, turning and garden areas.

#### c. CB/20/00241/FULL – 22 Windermere Drive, Biggleswade, SG18 8LS

Front porch extension and two storey side extension, removal of existing ground floor rear window, demolition of existing detached garage.

#### d. CB/20/00152/FULL - 41 High Street, Biggleswade, SG18 0JH

Erection of an outbuilding at rear of 41 High St Biggleswade. The temporary structure will act as a show extension, to show case the construction of a timber building.

### 10. ACCOUNTS

#### a. List of Payments

For Members to receive and note:

- i. Lloyds Current Account List of Payments made between 01/01/2020 and 31/01/2020.
- ii. Natwest Current Account List of Payments made between 01/01/2020 and 31/01/2020.

#### b. Financial Administration

For members to receive and adopt the following accounts:

- i. Annual Budget Report by Committee
- ii. Detailed Balance Sheet Excluding Stock Movement 31/01/2020
- iii. Summary of Income & Expenditure by Budget Heading 31/01/2020
- iv. Summary of Income & Expenditure by Projected Budget Heading 31/01/2020
- v. Income and Expenditure based on actual budget heading 31/01/2020.
- vi. Income and Expenditure based on projected budget heading 31/01/2020.

#### 11. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

#### a. Bank Mandate Signatories

To consider changing the status of signatories to the Council Bank Accounts.

#### b. Request for a crossing at Dells Lane

Further to minute 3b of the Town Council meeting of 11th February 2020, members are invited to consider the request for a crossing at Dells Lane.

#### 12. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

#### a. **OPCC Newsletter February 2020**

To receive a newsletter from the office of the Police and Crime Commissioner.

#### b. Planning Application Outcomes

Attached report of the Planning Application Outcomes as at 17<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

#### c. Changes to bus services between Bedford, Biggleswade & Hitchin

To inform members that the commercial operator for the 188 & 190 bus services between Biggleswade and Hitchin has given notice that they intend to withdraw the services from 29th March 2020.

#### 13. PUBLIC OPEN SESSION

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#### 14. EXEMPT ITEMS

The following resolution will be **moved** that is advisable in the public interest that the public and press are excluded whilst the following exempt item issue is discussed.

#### 15a Design Brief for the Hallam development

Pursuant to section 1(2) of the public bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 Council **resolve** to exclude the public and press by reason of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted.





# MINUTES OF THE BIGGLESWADE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 11 FEBRUARY 2020 AT 7PM AT THE OFFICES OF BIGGLESWADE TOWN COUNCIL, THE OLD COURT HOUSE, 4 SAFFRON ROAD, BIGGLESWADE

#### PRESENT:

Cllr D Albone

Cllr I Bond

Cllr K Brown

Cllr G Fage

Cllr L Fage

Cllr F Foster

Cllr M Foster (Vice Chairman)

Cllr M North

Cllr M Knight

Cllr R Pullinger

Cllr H Ramsay

Cllr M Russell (Chairman)

Cllr D Strachan

Cllr C Thomas

Cllr J Woodhead

Mr P Truppin –Acting Clerk, Biggleswade Town Council Mrs J Durn – Meeting Administrator, Biggleswade Town Council

Members of Public – 3, including the Town Centre Operations Manager

#### B28/0101 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

#### **ABSENT WITHOUT APOLOGIES**

None

#### B28/0102 2. <u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u>

B28/0102.1 **a.** Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in any agenda item: None

B28/0102.2 **b.** Non-pecuniary interests in any agenda item:

Cllr G Fage – item 11c.

#### B28/0103 3. TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

**a.** The Mayor was invited to a parade and church service to celebrate the 79<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the formation of the Air Training Corps. This was to be held in Sandy

with cadets from various squadrons in the area, including Biggleswade. Unfortunately this had to be cancelled due to the extreme weather conditions.

b. The Mayor read out a letter received from a young (age 9½) school pupil, Logan Powner, in support of a request for a crossing at Dells Lane, which is a particular danger point for children crossing from the school. Logan and his mother attended the meeting to hear this addressed. The letter stated two incidents of accidents causing injury to children whilst crossing the road at Dells Lane.

The Mayor asked Logan if he and his schoolfriends would like to put forward their suggestions of where the best place for a crossing would be in their view.

This item will be placed on the next Council Agenda

#### B28/0104 4. PUBLIC OPEN SESSION

No questions from the public

#### B28/0105 5. INVITED SPEAKER

No Speaker at this meeting

#### B28/0106 6. MEMBERS QUESTIONS

- B28/0106.1 **a.** Cllr Woodhead: I understand there is a fund available for a scheme called "Better Buses", which is being promoted by CBC on social media. Is it possible to obtain more information on this scheme with a view to helping Biggleswade commuters?
- B28/0106.2 **b.** July this year celebrates the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Biggleswade Twinning with Erlensee, Germany, and Members questioned whether any plans have been put in place.

The Mayor informed Members that it is usual to hold a reception at the Town Hall on the evening of their arrival. A schedule of events for this celebration is currently in hand.

#### B28/0107 7. MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF MEETINGS

- B28/0107.1 **a.** Members received and approved the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday 28 January 2020 at the Offices of Biggleswade Town Council, The Old Court House, Saffron Road, Biggleswade.
- B28/0107.2 **b.** Members received the Recommendations of the Town Centre Management Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 4 February 2020, at the Offices of Biggleswade Town Council, The Old Court House, Saffron Road, Biggleswade. The Recommendation from this item will be discussed under item 11c of the Agenda.
- B28/0107.3 **c.** Members received the Minutes of the Personnel Committee Meeting held on 16 January 2020.

#### B28/0108 8. MATTERS ARISING

B28/0108.1 **a.** From the Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 28 January 2020.

Item 6a: Racist incidents in Biggleswade's public houses. The Town Centre Operations Manager is addressing this with the "Pubwatch" organisation.

#### B28/0109 9. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

#### B28/0109.1 a. CB/20/00242/FULL - 144 London Road, Biggleswade SG18 8EH

Proposed side and rear extension to existing building.

It was <u>RESOLVED</u> that the Town Council has <u>NO OBJECTION</u> to this Planning Application providing the neighbours are consulted and that any comments they may make are considered by CBC in their deliberations. In addition, the Council is to ensure that their guidelines on the size of the proposed dwellings are complied with to eliminate detriment in respect of light and privacy of adjacent residents

#### B28/0109.2 b. <u>CB/20/00238/FULL – 89 The Rowlands, Biggleswade SG18 8NX</u>

Single storey side extension and raising a reforming of roof.

It was <u>RESOLVED</u> that the Town Council has <u>NO OBJECTION</u> to this Planning Application providing the neighbours are consulted and that any comments they may make are considered by CBC in their deliberations. In addition, the Council is to ensure that their guidelines on the size of the proposed dwellings are complied with to eliminate detriment in respect of light and privacy of adjacent residents

#### B28/0110 10. <u>ACCOUNTS</u>

#### **Financial Administration**

Cllr Ramsay asked that Members note the revised format for presenting the Accounts as follows:

- i. Annual Budget Report by Committee.
- ii. Detailed Balance Sheet Excluding Stock Movement 31/12/2019
- iii. Summary of Income & Expenditure by budget heading 31/12/2019
- iv. Summary of Income & Expenditure by Projected Budget Heading 31/12/2019
- v. Income & Expenditure based on actual budget heading 31 December 2019
- vi. Income & Expenditure based on projected budget heading 31 December 2019
- vii. Lloyds Current Account List of payments made between 01/12/2019 and 31/12/2019

viii. NatWest Current Account – List of payments made between 01/12/209 and 31/12/2019.

Members were requested to note that in future Reports will be posted to Sharepoint. If Councillors need paper copies these will be made available on request.

#### B28/0111 11. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

#### B28/0111.1 a. Commons Registration Act 1865 - Notice of Application

The transfer of Common Rights was **NOTED**.

.....Approved

#### B28/0111.2 b. Personnel Committee Membership

Members were asked to consider increasing the membership of the Personnel Committee. The Meeting was adjourned while ballot papers were distributed, and a vote taken.

It was **RESOLVED** that Cllrs M Knight, D Strachan, J Woodhead and M Foster will join the Personnel Committee with immediate effect.

#### B28/0111.3 c. Car Parking Review Schedule of Change

Final changes have been put forward as follows:

- 1. Free Saturday parking with unrestricted stays will continue with immediate effect, pending new Parking Orders to make this permanent.
- 2. The free period during the week will increase from 1 hour to 2 hours in Rose Lane, Mill Lane St Andrews and Dan Albone car parks.
- 3. Maximum stay during the week for Mill Lane and St Andrews car parks will be increased to 4 hours.
- 4. Dan Albone car park will have a new all-day parking option.

These changes will require consultation with residents and others, and the formal revision of the Parking Orders, for which a timeline will be communicated in due course.

#### B28/0112 12. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

#### B28/0112.1 a. CB/TCA/20/00032 - 5 Chapel Fields - Biggleswade SG18 0ND

Works to trees at the above address was **NOTED**.

#### B28/0112.2 b. <u>Temporary Closure – (Biggleswade Footpath No 24)</u>

This information was **NOTED**.

#### B28/0112.3 c. A1 Works – Lower Caldecote – Sandy

The information about works to replace speed cameras was **NOTED**.

# B28/0112.4 d. Strengthening Police Powers to Tackle Unauthorised Encampments – To receive the responses from the Neighbourhood Planning Group to the questions set out in the NALC document

Members received the Neighbourhood Planning Group responses to the questions set out in the NALC document.

It was **RESOLVED** to send these responses to NALC as the Council's formal response.

#### B28/0113 13. PUBLIC OPEN SESSION

B28/0113.1 **a.** Sheila Grayston asked various questions with reference to HR issues. The Mayor refused to respond to the questions and informed Mrs. Grayston that Council would not discuss staff issues in a public meeting.

B28/0114.2 **b.** Mr Bacon: Reported that there are streetlights that are not working in Palace Street and High Street. CBC are responsible for street lighting, however BTC will ensure that this is reported to the responsible department.

#### B28/0114 14. <u>EXEMPT ITEMS</u>

The following resolution will be moved that it is advisable in the public interest that the public and press are excluded whilst the following exempt item issue is discussed.

(Minutes and Matters Arising from Council Meeting 28/01/2020 (Staff Matters)
Minutes and Matters Arising from the Personnel Meeting 16/1/20 (Proposal for Additional Bank Signatory)
(The Adoption of Roads from Developers)

Pursuant to section 1(2) of the public bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 Council resolve to exclude the public and press by reason of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted.



### Date: 17/02/2020

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## Biggleswade Town Council

### Lloyds Current A/C

List of Payments made between 01/01/2020 and 31/01/2020

Date Paid	Payee Name	Reference	Amount Paid Authorized Ref	Transaction Detail
06/01/2020	ADT Fire & Security plc	201142	321.16	43315321-15/3137/ADT Fire & Se
06/01/2020	Rosetta Publishing Ltd	201143	258.00	10651/3096/Rosetta Publishing
06/01/2020	Colin Ross Workwear & Safety	201144	95.99	8277/3135/Colin Ross Workwear
06/01/2020	Huxley Electrical Services	201145	85.00	5120/3141/Huxley Electrical Se
06/01/2020	HM Revenue & Customs	201146	10,264.33	DEC19/3095/HM Revenue & Custom
06/01/2020	Mick George Recycling Ltd	201147	25.70	RSLS180339/3120/Mick George Re
06/01/2020	Peninsula Business Services Li	201148	32.40	U001322634/3134/Peninsula Busi
06/01/2020	Bedfordshire Pension Fund	201149	10,104.51	DEC19/3092/Bedfordshire Pensio
06/01/2020	DCK Accounting Solutions Ltd	201150	1,080.42	TPC8917/3118/DCK Accounting So
06/01/2020	Hire or Buy Group Ltd	201151	120.55	1017191/3094/Hire or Buy Group
06/01/2020	St John Ambulance	201152	207.36	SP19021318/3136/St John Ambula
06/01/2020	Turfcare Leisure Services Ltd	201153	690.47	15015/3138/Turfcare Leisure Se
06/01/2020	The Transportation Consultancy	201154	2,376.00	000757/3097/The Transportation
06/01/2020	Unison	201155	11.50	DEC19/3098/Unison
06/01/2020	Unit Clean	201156	646.80	38353/3139/Unit Clean
06/01/2020	Urban Vision Enterprise CIC	201157	1,260.00	698-19/3099/Urban Vision Enter
06/01/2020	Wincanton Holdings Ltd	201158	104.40	UV000623/3140/Wincanton Holdin
06/01/2020	Auditing Solutions Ltd	201159	534.00	A6301/3160/Auditing Solutions
06/01/2020	Lloyds Salary A/C	TFR	13.58	
08/01/2020	Peninsula Service	CNXL201148	-32.40	Refund CHQ 201148
09/01/2020	Peninsula Business Services Li	000240	32.40	3199-Provision service EAP
13/01/2020	R & C Hyett	000241	2,810.00	3228-Cleaning courthouse
13/01/2020	The right Fuelcard Company Lim	DD01	2.40	3162-Motor fuel
13/01/2020	Node IT Solutions Ltd	DD02	211.20	3196-Protect managed networkin
13/01/2020	Node IT Solutions Ltd	DD03	2,766.24	3197-Monthly charge JAN
14/01/2020	BNP Paribas Leasing	DD	584.17	LN69XVL Leasing
16/01/2020	Ampower - 73506 - Old Court Ho	DD04	350.00	P/Ledger Electronic Payment
16/01/2020	Ampower G81907-Kings Reach	DD05	600.00	P/Ledger Electronic Payment
16/01/2020	TV Licensing	000242	154.50	TV Licensing 20-21
21/01/2020	Anglian Water Business Ltd. (N	201160	42.49	3210-Water 05.10.19-04.01.20
21/01/2020	Anglian Water Business Ltd. (N	201161	13.48	3211-Water 02.10.19-01.01.20
21/01/2020	Anglian Water Business Ltd. (N	201162	24.82	3213-Water 02.10.19-01.01.20
21/01/2020	Anglian Water Business Ltd. (N	201163	103.85	3208-Water 05.10.19-04.01.20
21/01/2020	Anglian Water Business Ltd. (N	201164	42.49	3212-Water 02.10.19-01.01.20
21/01/2020	Anglian Water Business Ltd. (N	201165	486.53	3209-Water 05.10.19-04.01.20
21/01/2020	British Telecommunications PLC	201166	161.08	3168-Rental charge Jan-Mar
21/01/2020	Chandlers (Farm Equipment) Ltd	201167	117.72	3171-W/less lighting 1001
21/01/2020	Deeping Direct Limited	201168	72.00	3173-Hire of container
21/01/2020	Flowbird Smart City UK Ltd	201169	296.52	3176-Parking equip maint Feb
21/01/2020	J R GOLDTHORPE & SON	201170	202.39	3187-Misc maint items
21/01/2020	Harrier Office Supplies Ltd	201171	419.55	3180-Misc stationery items
21/01/2020	Henlow Building Supplies	201172	650.98	3185-adhesive sprays
21/01/2020	Colin Hill Bar & Catering Supp	201173	119.14	3172-Dish det + rinse
21/01/2020	Huxley Electrical Services	201174	975.00	3229-Bowls club maints
21/01/2020	ICCM Inc	201175	648.00	3189-Attend EROB training cour
21/01/2020	LGRC Associates Ltd	201176	4,511.28	3192-Locum Clerk Dec
21/01/2020	The Lion Press (Sandy) Ltd	201177	326.40	3218-200 Market traders permit

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### Lloyds Current A/C

List of Payments made between 01/01/2020 and 31/01/2020

Date Paid	Payee Name	Reference	Amount Paid Authorized Ref	Transaction Detail
21/01/2020	Biggleswade MOT Centre Ltd	201178	372.35	3165-Carry out road test
21/01/2020	NAMBA	201179	1,200.00	3194-Diploma in Markets Admin
21/01/2020	Professional Pest Management	201180	90.00	3201-Routine pest control
21/01/2020	Peninsula Business Services Li	201181	701.46	3200-Employment service JAN
21/01/2020	G & A Plumbing and Heating Eng	201182	1,588.80	3177-New press unit-OCC
21/01/2020	RIGBY TAYLOR LTD	201183	573.60	3217-Impact XP drum
21/01/2020	Ricoh UK Ltd	201184	1,399.60	3202-Copier charge Oct-Dec
21/01/2020	Rogers of Bedford Ltd	201185	103.26	3203-Replace fuel filter
21/01/2020	Spaldings UK Limited	201186	132.72	3205-Dustbin liners
21/01/2020	Viking Direct Ltd	201187	154.75	3216-Ink cart Credit
21/01/2020	Wincanton Holdings Ltd	201188	435.60	3215-Xmas tree transport
21/01/2020	Jakmac Potatoes Ltd	1	648.00	3191-Xmas tree
21/01/2020	Jakmac Potatoes Ltd	2	36.00	3191-Xmas tree
21/01/2020	Jakmac Potatoes Ltd	CNXL	-684.00	P/Ledger Electronic Payment
21/01/2020	Jakmac Potatoes Ltd	201189	684.00	P/Ledger Electronic Payment
21/01/2020	Hire or Buy Group Ltd	201190	44.00	3281-Chain oil
21/01/2020	AIB Merchant Services	DD06	74.72	311219000012/3113/AIB Merchant
23/01/2020	Lloyds Salary A/C	TFR	13.26	
23/01/2020	Lloyds Salary A/C	TFR	28,734.15	
23/01/2020	EE - DDR	DD07	336.13	P/Ledger Electronic Payment
24/01/2020	Ampower - 41260 Unmetered	DD09	4,994.63	3231-Elec 01.10.19-31.12.19
24/01/2020	Peninsula Business Services Li	000243	798.66	P/Ledger Electronic Payment
27/01/2020	Node IT Solutions Ltd	DD10	78.60	3195-Wired over headset
27/01/2020	Kubota Finance	Std Ord	536.40	Kubota Finance Leasing
29/01/2020	OPUS Energy (Corporate) Limite	DD11	2,404.16	3314-Elec Stratton Dec19
30/01/2020	Petty cash	000244	133.29	Petty cash

**Total Payments** 

90,508.54

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#### Natwest Current A/C

#### List of Payments made between 01/01/2020 and 31/01/2020

Date Paid	Payee Name	Reference	Amount Paid Authorized Ref	Transaction Detail
05/01/2020	Central Beds Council	Std Ord	5,478.00	Rates Bills 2019-20
05/01/2020	Central Beds Council	Std Ord	521.00	Rates
15/01/2020	British Telecommunications PLC	DDR	30.00	Purchase Ledger Payment
16/01/2020	Fuel Genie DDR	DDR1	433.46	Purchase Ledger Payment
21/01/2020	EE - DDR	DDR2	56.93	3175-Phone charge Dec
30/01/2020	British Telecommunications PLC	DDR4	142.42	3169-Phone charge Nov-Mar
30/01/2020	Cawleys - DDR	DDR5	568.61	3220-Waste collection-Rec Grnd
31/01/2020	Natwest	DDR	12.16	Bank charges

Total Payments

7,242.58



# Complete turnaround of gradings at Bedfordshire Police by the police watchdog to "Good" at keeping people safe.

#### Hello everyone

You will understand why I have delayed this month's newsletter to you until today. I am absolutely delighted to report to you that Bedfordshire Police has achieved a complete transformation of its gradings by the police watchdog - Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services (HMICFRS) - who have rated us "Good" across the board for Effectiveness, Efficiency and Legitimacy and keeping people safe. The report was embargoed until today (Friday 7 February 2020), which is why I have been unable to tell you until now.

I am absolutely delighted, of course, that the Force has been recognised for the progress and continuous improvement that has been delivered by a genuine partnership between me and my Chief Constables, past and present, and every single officer and member of staff; working together shoulder to shoulder to deliver ever stronger service to the public, especially given the small size of Bedfordshire Police compared with the very serious crime challenges it faces.

You will doubtless remember that the watchdog graded the Force 'Inadequate' in 2017 (the only force in England and Wales to receive this grade at that time) and as 'Requires Improvement' in 2018 - showing the turnaround was underway - although both I and my former Chief Constable, Jon Boutcher, challenged the 2017 grade at the time. (Bedfordshire Police had been nowhere near the bottom of the national table for both Victim Satisfaction or Recorded Crime that were the basis for the 2017 inspection. The Force was also heavily criticised for a lack of crime prevention and Neighbourhood Policing and we were not given credit for the delivery of seven Community Hubs (at that time, now 8, plus bases in Ampthill and Toddington) of Inspectors, PCs and PCSOs that were, at that very point, being rolled out across our county to problem solve and prevent crime at neighbourhood level. I took the first complaint in HMICFRS' history, in part concerning such unfairness. We now have a new Inspector and inspection team. This is now in the past and Bedfordshire Police and I have well and truly moved on.

One difference now, of course, is that Bedfordshire Police can supply the proof to the watchdog of what those Community teams have achieved in terms of problem solving to address the type of lower level crime issues that affect people so much, from drug use to anti-social behaviour and street drinking to homelessness, with this approach being built into crime prevention. As just one isolated example, anti-social behaviour in Houghton Regis has dropped by 49% in the last year and you cannot possibly get that sort of progress in a force which is not stepping up to the plate when it comes to delivery.

Bedfordshire Police can also point to the particular strength of its activities to identify the drugs market, serious organised crime and gang issues, sharing findings with partners and working to tackle them together. This has been so exemplary that other forces now come to learn from us and Government funding has been drawn in as an investment such as my unique Special Grant of 2019/20 of £4.571m to pay for the Force's specialist Operation Boson response to gang, gun and knife crime. £1.38m for an uplift in policing in this area and £880,000 for the newly created Violence and Exploitation Reduction Unit, funding police to work with agencies such as health, local councils and communities to address the causes at grass roots (which is to be repeated this year).

HMICFRS inspectors carried out the latest 'PEEL' assessment in July last year – which covers all of Effectiveness, Efficiency and Legitimacy in a new integrated inspection (rather than the previous single subject inspections) and which grades all 43 forces in England and Wales. The Inspectors looked at departments across the Force, focusing on how effectively Bedfordshire Police reduces crime and keeps people safe, how efficiently the Force operates and how sustainable its services are and how legitimately it treats the public and its workforce, giving Bedfordshire Police the overall grading of 'Good'.

Inspectors praised multiple areas, including:-

- Introduction of Victim Engagement Officers in the specialist Emerald team to further improve the service to victims of domestic abuse, rape and sexual assault.
- Understanding, identifying, supporting and safeguarding vulnerable people
- The professionalism, empathy and compassion of call handlers in the Force Contact Centre (control room)
- Use of orders such as dispersal powers and community protection notices to tackle antisocial behaviour
- Responding to people with mental health conditions particularly through the Mental Health Street Triage team; a partnership approach to helping those in crisis
- Partnership working particularly around information sharing relating to high-risk victims, offenders and locations

I would like to share with you, our Chief Constable Garry Forsyth's response, saying: "This is fabulous news and is testament to all of the hard work of our officers and staff. The report describes Bedfordshire Police as 'an ambitious force with a positive culture' and I'm delighted that it particularly praised our work around identifying and helping vulnerable people – recognising our dedication to protecting people and keeping them safe.

"While we disagreed with previous gradings, we have worked tirelessly, with the support of HMICFRS, to address their areas of concern and ensure we were as efficient and effective as possible.

"My predecessor Jon Boutcher, should take a huge amount of credit for leading the Force during this time – and I would also like to thank our communities and partners for their ongoing support.

"We continue to strive for excellence and will be going through the report to identify any areas which could be developed further to improve the service to our communities."

The only area of the report that inspectors deemed to 'require improvement' was future planning. The fact that inspectors found the future planning aspect to be an area to be addressed is entirely understandable given the current police funding formula which leaves Bedfordshire Police still under-resourced to deal with the complex crime it faces on a daily basis. In fact, the report makes it abundantly clear that Bedfordshire Police still require an enhanced funding settlement, despite the 36 officers we will receive as part of the first tranche of the national uplift of 20,000 in 2020/21.

The sheer fact that I have had to apply for Special Grant Funding two years running, simply to deal with Bedfordshire's gang, gun and knife crime, shows the enormity of our financial challenges. Thankfully, I am expecting news of a second Special Grant for 2020/21 any day now.

Until the final rebalancing of national police funding, which we've been promised, is secured, full future planning in such an uncertain financial climate is nigh on impossible. However, we did engage the highly respected policing consultancy Crest to map Bedfordshire Police's current and future demand and predict what we will need to deal with it. The findings have informed the Force Management Statements that we have also delivered to the watchdog HMICFRS, along with every other force, which it has subsequently singled out as exemplary.

This is not an achievement for any one person of course, but for everyone at Bedfordshire Police and all its partners, including the readers of this letter. There was a reason why my Police and Crime Plan for my four year term, which ends in mid-May, is titled "Helping Police to help the public" as we cannot tackle the serious and neighbourhood crime issues in this county alone. However, given all those who doubted that Bedfordshire Police could have a future, who called for merger with surrounding forces and said I would never win any further funding from Government, I hope they now accept that there could not be a better end to my term than this.

Yours Kathryn

Kathryn Holloway

**Police and Crime Commissioner for Bedfordshire** 







# News from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner

#### Funding to tackle serious youth violence making an impact

More than six kilos of drugs and £130,000 in criminal cash have been taken off the streets as the direct result of a Government grant for Bedfordshire Police to tackle serious youth violence.

Activity funded by the £1.38 million surge funding money has also enabled officers on gang patrols to make 145 arrests and secure jail terms of more than 30 years.

Bedfordshire Police were one of 18 police forces with particularly high demand which were handed <u>funding</u> from the Home Office in April to tackle gun and knife crime involving young people.

National figures released this week show that serious knife crime offences increased by around 25% in the 12 months to September in the county, compared to the previous year.

As a direct result of the targeted funding to tackle this issue, officers have been able to...

- Seize dozens of weapons including more than 25 knives as well as firearms
- Recover 2.5 kilos of Class A and four kilos of Class B drugs
- Seize around £133,000 in criminal cash
- Make 145 arrests for offences including attempted murder, grievous bodily harm, robbery, arson and possession with intent to supply drugs
- Secure prison sentences for 18 people totalling 30 years and four months
- Run almost 100 Operation Sparkler patrols to tackle gang activity, as well as other operations targeting serious youth violence
- Execute 48 warrants
- Carry out 393 stop searches

Bedfordshire Police and Crime Commissioner, Kathryn Holloway, said: "The policing achievements as a result of the uplift funding from the Home Office prove conclusively what more we can achieve when we are given more; that money invested in Bedfordshire Police and, in particular, in relation to our approach to serious youth violence, is a wise investment indeed.

"This pattern started with the £4.571m Special Grant which I won in December 2018, which has led to 200 years of prison terms by doubling the Force's specialist unit - Op Boson - to create one Boson team for the north to mirror that in the south of the county, which the Policing Minister has promised in writing to repeat this financial year, given their effectiveness.

"The input of Bedfordshire Police's Assistant Chief Constable, Jackie Sebire, cannot be under-estimated in helping to achieve the subsequent £1.38m uplift investment and also £880,000 to set up the county's Violence and Exploitation Reduction Unit (VERU), colocating partners from local authorities and drawing together youth offending services, health and charities to tackle youth violence.

"I may be able to robustly put our argument to politicians but Jackie heads up the operational delivery on the ground which is producing these exceptional results.

"Admissions for knife crimes to our hospitals are plateauing out, the most serious offenders are being put away and individuals actively diverted from gang activity. This is policing that is working."

The surge funding money has enabled Bedfordshire Police to carry out more innovative tactics around enforcement to target those involved in serious youth violence.

Justice McCann, 22, of Ravenhill Way, Luton, was <u>jailed</u> for 22-and-a-half years, with an extended five years on licence, last week after shooting a man in the chest.

Fast track forensics paid for by the grant identified McCann's fingerprints on both the victim's car and on the weapon.

This ensured he was identified as the prime suspect within 24 hours of the shooting taking place.

Further use of fast track forensics has helped in prosecutions around the supply of guns, as well as to quickly identify fingerprints on knives and tasers to ensure offenders are swiftly brought to justice.

Part of this funding has also been used to support the force in securing drug dealing telecommunication restriction orders (DDTROs), where phone lines linked to drug dealing can be shut down.

The force has so far shut down 14 phone lines using DDTROs.

Other projects have included boosting the force's research and analytical capacity to better understand the problem of serious youth violence, including on platforms such as social media.

Assistant Chief Constable Jackie Sebire, the national lead for serious youth violence, said: "This funding has played a huge part in some fantastic work we are doing to tackle this issue and protect our young people.

"The commissioner has been instrumental in securing various funding sources for Bedfordshire and these results speak for themselves. We are unquestionably in a better position now to tackle serious youth violence than we were before we received this grant.

"While all this enforcement activity is a significant element in our strategy to reduce serious violence, sustained reductions will only come through prevention and diversion.

"It is the separate funding for the Violence and Exploitation Reduction Unit (VERU) that is most important in solving this issue for the longer term."



# PCC shares news of a 49% cut in Anti-Social Behaviour with Houghton Regis Town Council at public meeting

Bedfordshire's Police and Crime Commissioner, Kathryn Holloway, held her first public surgery of the new year for the residents of Houghton Regis (Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2020), announcing a dramatic decrease in Anti-Social Behaviour in the town by almost half since this time last year.

The PCC credited the excellent partnership approach the council has taken to working with Bedfordshire Police's local Community Policing Hub for the 49% fall in such crime.

Accompanied by the head of the Force's Houghton Regis Community Policing Hub, Insp Craig Gurr, the Commissioner said: "This town council shows how every council of its type in the county can achieve results for residents by working more closely in partnership. It holds a monthly Combatting Crime Group with police from the Community Hub and helps pass on crime information and even to guide mobile CCTV cameras into the most useful spots in relation to current issues. I've singled them out before in my annual reports but the slashing of Anti-Social Behaviour by almost half on last year shows, yet again, that this approach works."

The Commissioner opened her address to the Town Council with other good news, amounting to a return of a further visible police presence in the town.

She explained that Bedfordshire Police's new Neighbourhood Enforcement Team (NET), comprised of a Sergeant and nine Police Constables is now being based at the former Houghton Regis Police Station and will be at full strength by April 2020. This team is designed to flex around the county as a trouble shooting taskforce to help stamp out pernicious crime problems emerging at neighbourhood level in support of the local Community Hubs.

Insp Craig Gurr also updated the Houghton Regis Town Council on recent successful policing operations in the town under the title Operation Paxton, which targeted an emerging gang in the town involved in rivalry with another from the Lewsey Farm area of Luton, which has led to individuals now going through the criminal justice process in relation to the firing of a shotgun and two stabbings, plus the successful resettlement of a family out of the county.

The Commissioner also shared the decision to locate Bedfordshire's new Violence and Exploitation Reduction Unit (VERU) at Houghton Regis Police Station too, saying, "The VERU is here to co-locate police, local authority, youth offending and partner services working specifically to stamp out Serious Youth Violence and links to Organised Crime Groups around knife and gun use. There are £350,000 worth of grants going out to community groups that have been distributed by the VERU as we want communities themselves to suggest the best solutions for their own young people."

Commissioner Holloway went on to explain the focus of the £4.571 million Special Grant she achieved from the Home Office last year explaining "The Special Grant helped me support the Chief Constable in literally doubling the response to gang crime in this county through Operation Boson, by creating a second team for the north of the county, to mirror that in the south, which has produced huge measurable results including 200 years of prison terms, when taken together with the outcome of the more recent £1.38m grant for an uplift in policing of Serious Youth Violence in Bedfordshire.

"We are finally seeing a plateauing off of knife crime admissions to our two A&E departments; in Luton and in Bedford, although any singe admission is one too many."

Community Inspector Craig Gurr stated "The Community Team have always had an excellent working relationship with Houghton Regis Town Council, and in particular the Combatting Crime Working Group. This has paid dividends in terms of producing some significant results in the reduction of both anti-social behaviour and the more serious criminality which effects the quality of life of local residents and serves as a model of partnership working".

Houghton Regis Town Council welcomed the updates from the Commissioner and took the opportunity to thank her for her "significant contribution to policing in the county over the past four years".

Councillor Susan Goodchild said "I would like to thank the Police and Crime Commissioner, Kathryn Holloway, and her team for the public surgery held in Houghton Regis. The benefit of this level of engagement and the wide range of expertise and experience in the room was evident. Bringing together local, regional and national partners in delivering innovative early intervention and preventive projects, protecting our communities and the most vulnerable is greatly appreciated".

Commissioner Holloway has been holding a series of surgeries with the public around the county, followed by meetings with local town councils, with such events having already taken place in Bedford, Luton, Leighton Buzzard, Shefford and Biggleswade. The next public surgery is due to take place in Sandy on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

For a full breakdown of public meetings and information on how to book a session with the PCC, please visit the website <a href="https://www.bedfordshire.pcc.police.uk/general.php?id=277">https://www.bedfordshire.pcc.police.uk/general.php?id=277</a> to register.



#### 'Biggest funding boost in a decade' welcomed by Bedfordshire Police

Bedfordshire Police has welcomed the latest police funding settlement from the Government, dubbed by Home Secretary Priti Patel as the 'biggest funding boost in a decade'.

The 2020/21 settlement announcement set out an additional £1.1billion of funding to all forces – should Police and Crime Commissioners take full advantage of raising the police precept element of council tax by £10 for a Band D home. It is designed to assist with the uplift of 20,000 new officers nationally and was announced in Parliament today (Wednesday).

For Bedfordshire, the new deal could see an increase of around £9million to its budget for 2020/21 – to £121.9m. The boost will help ensure funds can be invested where they are needed most; in extra officers on the county's stretched frontline.

Bedfordshire Police and Crime Commissioner Kathryn Holloway said: "Today's funding settlement is welcome but still requires me to raise the police precept by the maximum allowed without a referendum, of £10 a year for a Band D home - or 84p per month - in order to achieve another £9m for Bedfordshire Police.

"This will allow me to recruit 156 more Police Constables this year, of whom 36 are our share of the national uplift in 2020/21 and 100 are needed to replace leavers but which also allows me to fund 20 additional PCs. (The core grant from Government also includes payment for 18 extra officers who were recruited in the financial year 2019/20 as the first part of the national uplift.)

"There had been rumours that the core grant from Government was going to stand still. If this had been the case I would have had to find some £6m of savings so the extra investment is a relief. It allows me to meet the pressures of pay, pensions, insurance and other rising costs and still deliver the recruitment that both I and central Government had promised.

"I'm also expecting further good news on funding imminently as both the current Policing Minister, Kit Malthouse, and former Minister, Nick Hurd, have pledged in writing to provide me with a second Special Grant this year, to pay for the specialist response of Bedfordshire Police to gang, gun and knife crime in the county, known as Boson."

The PCC was previously given a £4.571m Special Grant for Bedfordshire Police for 2018/19 to pay for Boson, allowing it to be doubled with a permanent unit in the north as well as the south of the county.

Chief Constable Garry Forsyth also welcomed the news, saying: "Today's announcement is long overdue for policing.

"It has been our case, for some time, that Bedfordshire Police is not properly funded to meet the complex crime challenges we face. While we continue to lobby for changes to the wider funding formula to ensure we are adequately resourced to meet those challenges and be proactive in preventing crime, we hope today's announcement will mean we are able to properly invest in a new generation of officers our public so desperately want to see.

"We are committed to delivering our part in the national uplift of police officers and these additional funds will be crucial to ensuring we have the necessary infrastructure to attract, train and develop this growing frontline throughout their policing careers.

"It could also assist us in laying the foundations to help plug the gaps in the investigation and prevention of serious and complex crimes associated with the exploitation of the young and vulnerable in Bedfordshire."

Making the settlement announcement, Home Secretary Priti Patel said: "This Government is delivering on the people's priorities by giving policing the biggest funding increase in a decade.

"It will mean more officers tackling the crime blighting our streets, so people can feel safe in their communities.

"The police must now make full use of this significant investment to deliver for the public."

The force will continue to work alongside the Home Office with regard to further details of funding in respect of the 2020/21 budget; in particular the second Special Grant promised to the PCC.



#### Bedfordshire Police opens its doors for largest recruitment drive in years

Those looking to make a fresh start in 2020 can find out more about a policing career at an information evening this month.

Bedfordshire Police is opening its doors to those interested in joining the police service on Thursday 30 January, and you can <u>book your place by email now</u>.

The force is encouraging people to become one of the 20,000 new police officers driven by the Home Office national uplift and join Bedfordshire Police in its largest recruitment drive for years.

Bedfordshire is a friendly family force with all of the complex policing challenges of a metropolitan area, including tackling serious organised crime and protecting the most vulnerable in our communities.

Throughout 2019, the force received well over 100,000 999 and more than 200,000 101 calls.

Last year the force also made more than 8,000 arrests and secured hundreds of years' worth of jail time for offenders, taking the most dangerous people off the streets.

Deputy Chief Constable Trevor Rodenhurst said: "We are a small and busy force that offers a lot of experience due to the wide range of policing challenges we see compared our policing counterparts, which makes us unique.

"At Bedfordshire Police you are not just a number, you will develop with the close knit team that surrounds you and there will always be someone to support you through the ups and downs of policing.

"If you're looking for a truly rewarding career where you will grow and develop with multiple opportunities to specialise, join us as an officer."

PC Hayley Hunter will be present at the information evening to answer any questions about a policing career. She said:

"Being a police officer brings a great sense of pride. We are a vital resource the community can call upon in time of need. We help people during some of their darkest moments and keep Bedfordshire safe by taking criminals off the streets.

"New officer recruits will join on a two year probation, and once they graduate they are able to develop within Bedfordshire Police, including specialising as a detective or in firearms, roads policing, counter terrorism or in digital and cybercrime, to name but a few!

"Every shift is different, we tackle new challenges with a mix of people every day. It is a demanding role, but very rewarding when we can make a real impact on someone's life."

New recruits can expect to receive a high level of training and support from colleagues, trainers and the various police support networks that are set up to support colleagues both during their probation and throughout their service.

If you are looking for a rewarding role, where you are constantly learning something new and surrounded by a supportive team, apply for the role at <a href="https://www.bedfordshire.police.uk/careers">www.bedfordshire.police.uk/careers</a>

To book a place on our information evening at Bedfordshire Police Headquarters in Woburn Road, Kempston on 30 January, please email your interest or any questions to r.recruitment@bedfordshire.pnn.police.uk.



PCC calls for higher penalties for those assaulting police after BBC features PC with leg broken after being rammed by a car and asks for body-worn video to be shown to magistrates as proof of violence to achieve higher sentences

Bedfordshire's Police and Crime Commissioner, Kathryn Holloway, has appealed for the law to support front-line police officers with greater penalties, following the broadcast of BBC One's 'Critical Incident', which featured PC Hayley Robinson, a Bedfordshire officer whose leg was broken when a suspect deliberately rammed her car.

PC Robinson was injured while responding to reports of concern for an 18-year-old woman in Sandy in April 2018. During the incident, PC Robinson and a colleague encountered a

young driver of an Audi A5 which then drove at them. The officers attempted to take cover in their marked police vehicle before they were hit. The collision caused serious injury to PC Robinson, breaking her leg, while the second officer was unhurt.

After evading police and leaving the county, the teenage driver was eventually caught four months later in Essex and was jailed for two years in October 2018. The incident was broadcast on national BBC television on Monday (13 January) in an episode of 'Critical Incident' which highlights offences against police officers.

"Prime time television programmes like 'Critical Incident' show the reality of what our officers encounter on the streets of our county on a daily basis and it was a miracle that Hayley and her colleague were not even more seriously injured. It's not as though we can say this is a one-off. Before Christmas the Chief Constable, Garry Forsyth, and I appealed for those celebrating, and therefore partying and drinking more, not to take this out on the police officers trying to keep them safe. Yet, in just 11 days this Christmas, 14 officers were assaulted in the execution of their duties. How can that be acceptable?

"It's my firm belief that an attack on a police officer is not the same as an assault on any other member of the public, because the police are the front-line between those who keep the law and those who seek to break it. Any attack on a police officer should be met with the toughest penalties," said Commissioner Holloway.

"Even though the law governing assaults on emergency workers was recently raised to a year's imprisonment from six months, this is still insufficient to act as the sort of deterrent which will stop this violence from happening. Where Hayley is concerned, she is a quite exemplary officer from all the accounts of colleagues and she is still within the Force but I can entirely understand why any officer would wish to stop working in policing or find themselves under pressure to quit from partners and children. We need to provide a greater umbrella of protection for them and we need to do it now," said the PCC.

The Commissioner recently met with a representative of Bedfordshire's magistrates to urge them to view footage from officers' body worn video of assaults to get the true picture before sentencing.

"When those who assault officers turn up in court they have usually sobered up and put on a suit and are totally unrecognisable from the thug who lashed out at a Bedfordshire Police officer. They've also been shown the body worn video themselves and have concluded that it's pointless to do anything other than to plead guilty. What happens next is that the busy prosecutor simply describes the attack for magistrates. It's my firm belief that if they saw it for themselves they would have a far clearer idea of how unacceptable the violence actually was which could affect sentencing. That's absolutely possible as it's what is done in some other police force areas, like Avon and Somerset. I'm very pleased to say that the responses I have had from both the magistrates here and from the Chief Constable were very supportive of this."

Bedfordshire Police also enhanced the support for officers following an assault by introducing 'Maggie's Law', which is named after the daughter of PC Jon Henry, who was killed on duty in Luton in June 2007. Anyone who is assaulted while on duty receives direct contact from a member of the chief officer team to check on their welfare and to offer any support which is needed.

Officers are urged to complete Victim Impact Statements for the courts to consider at the time of sentencing and the Chief Constable also completes an Impact Statement to reinforce the officer's own.

Chief Constable Garry Forsyth said: "Police officers run towards danger when others might turn the other way. That selfless, public duty is imperative in policing, and it is only right that they are given protection by the courts.

"Bedfordshire Police is committed to supporting our officers and staff and shows an enhanced duty of care, with every assaulted officer given personal contact from a chief officer, and they are provided with a supporting statement for court.

"As we encourage more people to join policing with the national uplift, it is crucial that they understand the support the Force gives to our officers and staff. We will not tolerate any assault on our workforce."

Bedfordshire Police is set to recruit an additional 54 officers by 2021 in the first phase of the national drive to bring in 20,000 more officers over the next three years. This is in on top of those being recruited to fill existing vacancies and an extra 60 Police Constables being created this financial year through the Commissioner's council tax precept rise and Home Office funding.

The PCC has also been instrumental in securing Government grants worth more than £8million since 2018 to tackle gun and gang crime and maintain recruitment which would otherwise have had to stop and continues to lobby for a fairer funding deal for the county, to add to its stretched front-line.

Commissioner Holloway said: "Policing continues to face unprecedented demands, more so than ever before. That demand far outstrips the resources we have in Bedfordshire, so I consider the protection of our officers, in order to provide a service and protect the public, as the highest priority and have worked throughout my term with the Police Federation to support its 'Protect the Protectors' Campaign wherever I can.

"I made it a genuine priority, set out in my Police and Crime Plan for the county, to show an enhanced duty of care to our officers and staff and, as a result, I am committed to ensuring officers are protected. I fully support the Police Federation campaign, which saw a new law coming into effect in November 2018 doubling the maximum sentence for assaults on police officers and other emergency service workers but, as I say, the penalties need to be higher still.

"It's imperative that the courts hand down the strongest punishments possible for assaults on police officers, both as a deterrent and to ensure emergency workers are treated with the respect they deserve."

Chairman of Bedfordshire Police Federation, Jim Mallen said: "For too long police officers have become the physical and verbal punch bags of society. The sheer number of assaults and levels of violence that police officers face is now beyond the pale. Dozens of men and women are working on the front-line and being assaulted every single day.

"Our courts should be handing out appropriate sentences for perpetrators who choose to attack police officers. The punishment must fit the crime and police officers must have faith in the Criminal Justice System. As a society we need to protect the protectors."







#### **Independent Custody Visitor (ICV) Scheme**

The Police and Crime Commissioner has a statutory duty to maintain an Independent Custody Visiting Scheme for Bedfordshire. Independent custody visiting is a well-established system whereby volunteers attend police stations to check on the treatment of detainees, the conditions in which they are held and that their rights and entitlements are being observed. The scheme offers protection and confidentiality to detainees and the police and provides reassurance to the wider community.

Beds OPCC has recruited four new ICVs which will begin training soon. We are still recruiting in Bedfordshire so if you are interested in becoming an ICV, please visit the Police and Crime Commissioner Website to complete an application form - <a href="https://www.bedfordshire.pcc.police.uk/independent-custody-visiting-bedfordshire">https://www.bedfordshire.pcc.police.uk/independent-custody-visiting-bedfordshire</a>

ICV Quarter three data (Oct - Dec) 2019/2020

Total number of detainees through custody	Number of ICV visits	Total number of detainees in custody at time of ICV visits	Total number of detainees unavailable*	Number of detainees observed	Total number of detainees visited
2170	19	129	39	39	90

<sup>\*</sup>for the number of detainees unavailable – detainees were either in interview, asleep, intoxicated or too high risk to be seen.

ICVs have reported on the following:

- Identifying detainees which need additional support within custody and asking the 'critical' questions to whether or not Appropriate Adults have been contacted or whether a Mental Health Assessment was required.
- Reported that staff were helpful
- Asking detainees whether or not they needed to notify family/friends of their detention
- ICVs are ensuring that female detainees are being allocated a female officer and hygiene pack is provided.
- ICVs observe the Health and Safety process whilst in Custody, ensuring detainees are safe.
- The OPCC are trying to recruit more ICVs via social media and Community Voluntary Service (CVS). ICVs have also attended IAG meetings to promote the scheme





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#### **OUTCOME OF CBC DETERMINED PLANNING**

2018											
ADDRESS	APPLICATION NO.	COMMITTEE DATE	BTC DECISION	DESCRIPTION	CBC OUTCOME/ DATE	"CALLED IN"					
Bonds Lane & Foundry Lane, Land at	18/02353/FULL	10/07/2018	Objection - BTC would like to see the derelict site developed, however proposal does not take account of parking issues ie Biggleswade does not have adequate parking to accommodate any further similar developments. There are factual errors in the application; Rose Lane car park will not be unrestricted and no parking available in public car parks for residents of this development. No sufficient public transport, the development is too dense and design not in keeping. Also serious concerns over access and egress, in particular for emergency services. Development is Key 4 in Biggleswade Town Centre Strategy and Master Plan	Demolition of existing vacant and derelict buildings and erection of 50 residential apartments with associated vehicular access, car and cycle parking	Awaiting Decision						
Bonds Lane and Foundry Lane, Lands at	18/02353/FULL	23/07/2019	Objection - on the grounds of access	Demolition of existing vacant and derelict buildings and erection of 50 residential apartments with associated vehicular access, car and cycle parking, refuse storage and landscape	Awaiting Decision						
Pegasus Drive, Stratton Business Park, Biggleswade	18/02305/VOC	10/07/2018	No Objection	Variation of Condition 22 of planning permission CV/17/02166/OUT. Erection of up to 52,000 sqm of B2 and or B8 floor space with ancillary offices, together with associated car parking and landscaping	Granted 13/02/2020						
Ullswater Close, 2	18/04253/FULL	27/11/2018	No Objection	Single & two storey rear extension	Awaiting Decision						

2019										
ADDRESS	APPLICATION NO.	COMMITTEE	BTC DECISION	DESCRIPTION	CBC OUTCOME/ DATE	"CALLED IN"				
Albone Way, Unit 1	19/03294/FULL	17/12/2019	Objection	Change of use to grass area to concrete/tarmac for use as external storage area	Consultation Period	Called In 17/12/2019				
Dells Lane, 8	19/02583/FULL	24/09/2019	No Objection	Proposed 2 storey side and rear extension, Front Porch & Garage	Granted 10/02/2020					
Dells Lane, 83	19/03874/FULL	14/01/2020	No Objection	Side extension with garage and bedroom above also front extension to living room	Withdrawn 16/01/2020					
Drove Road, 36	19/03328/FULL	22/10/2019	Objection - due to Highway safety due to increased traffic and difficulty of access to Drove Road from the properties. Poor access for emergency vehicles and noise pollution from Weatherley Centre	Erection of 3no. Dwellings	Granted 30/01/2020					
Eldon Way, Sunderland Units 9 to 12	19/01301/FULL	09/07/2019	No Objection	Proposed first floor rear extension, front porch, 2nd floor front dormer windows, 1st floor front and rear dormer windows and alterations to existing dwelling	Consultation Period					
The Fields, 8 Langford	19/03180/OUT	17/12/2019	No Objection	Demolition of existing property and construction on 2 NO3 bedroom detached dwelling house	Withdrawn 27/01/2020					
High Street, 50	19/03310/FULL	26/11/2019	No Objection	External alterations including air conditioning units, kitchen extraction flue system and acoustic enclosures.	Granted 27/01/2020					
Holme Court Avenue, 75	19/04038/FULL	17/12/2019	No Objection	Single Storey Rear Extensions and Linked Granny Annex	Granted 22/01/2020					
Ivel Gardens, 5	19/03889/FULL	14/01/2020	No Objection	Demolition of north-west side and rebuilding to same design with altered foundations to support two storeys and addition of proposed second storey on top of existing	Consultation Period					
Land North of Biggleswade	19/04301/OUT	14/01/2020	Strongly Object - does not comply with NPPF and various other comments made against the Applicant	Outline Application: planning permission with all matters reserved except for access for the development of the land situated north of Biggleswade, east of the ECML railway to provide for up up to 406 dwellings including affordable housing:green infrastructure accommadating landscaping, allotments, community orchard, public open space, children's playspace;new roads, car parking, cycleways and footways; associated infrastructure; including a sustainable drainage system; vehicular access to be secured from Furzenhall road	Consultation Period					
Langford Road, Brookside Bungalow	19/04145/FULL	14/01/2020	No Objection	Loft conversion with raised roof & inclusion of dormers	Granted 10/02/2020					
Lincoln Crescent, 48	19/03482/FULL	12/11/2019	No Objection	Proposed single storey rear extension	Awaiting Decision					
Playfield Close 4	19/02368/FULL	28/01/2020	No Objection	Addition of a porch at front of house	Consultation Period					
Purcell Place, Sullivan Court, Retail Unit 3	19/02482/FULL	24/09/2019	No Objection	Change of use: of commercial unit from A3 to A5	Granted 10/02/2020					
The Rowlands, 89	19/04240/FULL	14/01/2020	No Objection	Single storey side extension	Withdrawn 24/01/2020					

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2019 (Cont.)												
Saxon Drdive, Saxon Pool and Leisure Centre	19/04070/FULL	14/01/2020	No Objection - neighbours are to be consulted out of courtesy and previous litter concerns addressed	To build a free form, hand finished concrete skate park on the site of the old skate park. An upgraded LED Lighting system, upgraded CCTV camera. The old acoustic fence is to be removed. Seating, bins and a Bike rack are also included in the proposal	Granted 06/02/2020							
Shortmead Street, 33, Land to the rear	19/03921/FULL	17/12/2019	Objection - overdevelopment, poor access and insufficient parking	Converting the existing workshop into two dwellings, with partial demolition of existing workshop, and erection of detached mews house	Awaiting Decision							
Stratton Park Drive, Dunton Lane	19/02839/VOC	08/10/2019	No Objection	Variation of Condition no.1 on Planning Permission MB/83/456 "Renewal of Planning Permission for caravan park on a permanent basis" to state that the total number of caravans shall not exceed twenty-two at any time	Awaiting Decision							
Stratton Way, 84	19/03150/FULL	08/10/2019	No Objection	Construction of a two-storey, semi detached 3-bedroom dwelling	Granted 22/01/2020							
Sunderland Hall Farm Cottage, 1	19/01301/FULL	28/05/2019	To defer to the next meeting due to Insufficient information/full plans etc.	Proposed first floor rear extension, front porch, 2nd floor front dormer windows, 1st floor front and rear dormer windows and alterations to existing dwelling	See below							
Sunderland Hall Farm Cottage, 1	19/01301/FULL	11/06/2019	No Objection	Proposed first floor rear extension, front porch, 2nd floor front dormer windows, 1st floor front and rear dormer windows and alterations to existing dwelling	Consultation Period							
Windermere Drive, 7	19/00086/FULL	12/02/2019	No Objection	Single storey rear extension and first floor side/rear extension	Awaiting Decision							
Wiseman Road, 8	19/04262/FULL	14/01/2020	No Objection	Proposed single storey rear extension plus partial garage conversion	Granted 06/02/2020							

2020											
	APPLICATION NO.	COMMITTEE DATE	BTC DECISION	DESCRIPTION	CBC OUTCOME/ DATE	"CALLED IN"					
Fairfield Road, 21	20/00081/FULL	28/01/2020	No Objection	Proposed Side, Rear Extension and Alterations to Existing Dwelling	Granted 11/02/2020						
London Road, 144	20/00242/FULL	11/02/2020	No Objection	Proposed side and rear extension to existing building	Consultaton Period						
The Rowlands, 89	20/00238/FULL	11/02/2020	No Objection	Single storey side extension and raising and reforming of roof	Consultaton Period						
Sandy View, 31	20/00119/FULL	28/01/2020	No Objection	Rear extension complete width of Bungalow. (Retrospective)	Granted 14/02/2020						
Sheep Walk, Harrison House, Langford Road	20/00059/FULL	28/01/2020	No Objection	Front entrance porch	Granted 17/02/2020						
Stratton Way, <b>165</b> , Garage site adjacent to	20/00023/FULL	28/01/2020	No Objection	Re-submission of planning permission CB/19/02579/FULL Demolition of 20 garages and erection of 1 no.property with associated parking	Awaiting Decision						

Item 12c Changes to bus services between Bedford, Biggleswade & Hitchin

**Sent:** 18 February 2020 18:10

Subject: Changes to bus services between Bedford, Biggleswade & Hitchin

Dear Town and Parish Council Colleagues,

I am writing to update you about some changes to the operation of some local bus services which may be of interest to you and your residents.

Specifically, I wanted to advise you that the commercial operator of the 188 & 190 bus services between Biggleswade and Hitchin has given notice that they intend to withdraw the services from 29<sup>th</sup> March.

The current provider, Centrebus, operates this service on a fully commercial basis and the Council has had no involvement in their decision.

We have, however, been proactive in engaging with another local operator, Grant Palmer Ltd, in order to negotiate an extension of their existing services and to protect the interests of the local community.

Specifically, Grant Palmer will be extending their commercial 74 service, which currently operates between Bedford and Biggleswade, to provide a service between Biggleswade and Hitchin. The revised 74 service will operate between Hitchin and Bedford via Henlow, Langford and Biggleswade, therefore providing a replacement for the withdrawn Centrebus journeys.

The revised 74 will offer a new direct link from points to the south of Biggleswade such as Langford and Henlow to Bedford and a new direct link to Hitchin from points between Biggleswade and Bedford such as Northill and Ickwell. Full details of the amended 74 service are shown on the attached timetable: the amended service will begin operation on 30th March.

The 188 and 190 services between Biggleswade, Sandy and Potton are operated by Centrebus under contract to Central Bedfordshire Council and are not affected by these changes. The 188 & 190 services north of Biggleswade will continue to operate to the current timetable, which I am also attaching for your information.

I hope you will be able to share this information with colleagues within your Council and include it in any publicity you produce for local residents: please do get in touch if you need further detail.

Kind regards,

#### **Adrian Hardy**

Public Transport Manager Passenger Transport Service Hitchin, Bancroft [E]
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Henlow, The Crown

Ickwell, Green

Henlow Camp, Borton Avenue

Langford, Riverside Gardens
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Council 25/02/2020 Items for Information

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Item 12c Changes to bus services between Bedford, Biggleswade & Hitchin

# **Bedford - Biggleswade - Hitchin**

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# Hitchin - Biggleswade - Bedford

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#### Centrebus

Biggleswade - Sandy via Wrestlingworth - Potton Biggleswade - Sandy via Potton - Gamlingay

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