



POLICY & FINANCE COMMITTEE

MONDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER 2020

ADDITIONAL PAPERS

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Agenda Item 9

JULY AND AUGUST PAYMENTS 2020

To receive and note the schedule of payments made for July 2020 (attached) and August 2020 (to follow) (approved for payment by the Town Clerk and two bank signatories).

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NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Appendix attached (report from CBC drop in session held early 2020).

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List of Purchase Ledger Payments

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Supplier and Invoice Details	Invoice Date	Invoice No	Ledger	Amount Due	Discount	Amount Paid	Balance
ABR001 Abraham Investments Ltd							
<i>Service and Admin Charges</i>	18/08/2020	6034	1	3,419.60	0.00	3,419.60	0.00
					0.00	3,419.60	
Above paid on 10/09/2020 by Online Payment Ref ABR001							
ADV004 Adverta							
<i>Bus Adverts</i>	03/08/2020	0000080058	1	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00	0.00
					0.00	1,500.00	
Above paid on 10/09/2020 by Online Payment Ref ADV004							
BPF001 Bedfordshire Pension Fund							
<i>Added Years July 2020</i>	14/08/2020	742414	1	389.09	0.00	389.09	0.00
					0.00	389.09	
Above paid on 10/09/2020 by Online Payment Ref BPF001							
BPF003 Bedfordshire Pension Fund							
<i>Pension contributions Aug 20</i>	09/09/2020	AUGUST2020	1	21,354.22	0.00	21,354.22	0.00
					0.00	21,354.22	
Above paid on 10/09/2020 by Online Payment Ref 101011							
BTE001 BT Events Ltd							
<i>Aug Event management</i>	06/09/2020	408	1	844.80	0.00	844.80	0.00
<i>VJ Building Uplighting</i>	06/09/2020	409	1	1,946.74	0.00	1,946.74	0.00
					0.00	2,791.54	
Above paid on 10/09/2020 by Online Payment Ref BTE001							
CEN005 Central Bedfordshire Council							
<i>Supported employment July 2020</i>	05/08/2020	1800058016	1	537.98	0.00	537.98	0.00
<i>Supported Employment</i>	07/09/2020	1800061904	1	537.98	0.00	537.98	0.00
					0.00	1,075.96	
Above paid on 10/09/2020 by Online Payment Ref CEN005							

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Supplier and Invoice Details	Invoice Date	Invoice No	Ledger	Amount Due	Discount	Amount Paid	Balance
CEN009 Central Bedfordshire Council							
<i>AOE payment</i>	09/09/2020	AUGUST2020	1	26.60	0.00	26.60	0.00
					0.00	26.60	
Above paid on 10/09/2020 by Online Payment Ref 401752969							
DZL001 DZL Construction							
<i>Repairs/Vandalised Area A.P</i>	27/08/2020	1158	1	564.00	0.00	564.00	0.00
					0.00	564.00	
Above paid on 10/09/2020 by Online Payment Ref DZL001							
EAG001 Eagle Graphics (Printers) Ltd							
<i>2021 Calendar printing</i>	24/08/2020	27092	1	550.80	0.00	550.80	0.00
<i>Printing About Town</i>	27/08/2020	27099	1	666.00	0.00	666.00	0.00
					0.00	1,216.80	
Above paid on 10/09/2020 by Online Payment Ref EAG001							
EAR002 Earthing & Lightning Protection UK Ltd							
<i>Inspect lighting Astral Park</i>	07/08/2020	1379	1	216.00	0.00	216.00	0.00
<i>Inspect Lighting at Vandyke</i>	07/08/2020	1380	1	180.00	0.00	180.00	0.00
					0.00	396.00	
Above paid on 10/09/2020 by Online Payment Ref LEI03							
EGB001 Egbert H Taylor & Co. Ltd							
<i>Software License Belly Bins</i>	27/08/2020	000015788	1	2,937.60	0.00	2,937.60	0.00
					0.00	2,937.60	
Above paid on 10/09/2020 by Online Payment Ref EGB001							
ELE003 Elephant WIFI							
<i>Elephant Wifi Support</i>	01/09/2020	1329	1	367.50	0.00	367.50	0.00
					0.00	367.50	
Above paid on 10/09/2020 by Online Payment Ref ELE003							

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Supplier and Invoice Details	Invoice Date	Invoice No	Ledger	Amount Due	Discount	Amount Paid	Balance
ENT002 Enterprise RAC UK Ltd							
<i>Hire of Van for Taskforce</i>	01/09/2020	17228565	1	331.30	0.00	331.30	0.00
					0.00	331.30	
Above paid on 10/09/2020 by Online Payment Ref ENT002							
FIR007 Fire & Electrical Safety Ltd							
<i>Emergency light fitting AP</i>	06/08/2020	INV-9179	1	384.00	0.00	384.00	0.00
					0.00	384.00	
Above paid on 10/09/2020 by Online Payment Ref FIR007							
GEO001 George Browns Ltd							
<i>Credit against Inv 101879</i>	07/08/2020	103552	1	-60.56	0.00	-60.56	0.00
<i>Supply of bulk line</i>	10/08/2020	103880	1	52.73	0.00	52.73	0.00
<i>2 x spacers</i>	12/08/2020	104218	1	6.02	0.00	6.02	0.00
<i>Inner tube and sundries</i>	12/08/2020	104265	1	94.46	0.00	94.46	0.00
<i>Sundries for grounds team</i>	19/08/2020	105190	1	462.98	0.00	462.98	0.00
<i>Items for ride-on mower</i>	21/08/2020	105551	1	173.21	0.00	173.21	0.00
<i>Wire & Nut Roller</i>	31/08/2020	107194	1	89.61	0.00	89.61	0.00
<i>Pin set & guage</i>	31/08/2020	107195	1	40.27	0.00	40.27	0.00
					0.00	858.72	
Above paid on 10/09/2020 by Online Payment Ref GEO001							
GLE001 Gleamclean							
<i>Windows cleaned W/H</i>	31/07/2020	65151	1	60.00	0.00	60.00	0.00
					0.00	60.00	
Above paid on 10/09/2020 by Online Payment Ref GLE001							
GRE009 The Great Outdoor Gym Company Ltd							
<i>Outdoor Gym Linslade Memorial</i>	26/08/2020	4070	1	42,993.59	0.00	42,993.59	0.00
					0.00	42,993.59	
Above paid on 10/09/2020 by Online Payment Ref GRE009							

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HB001 Heath Band							
<i>Proms Video Performance</i>	27/08/2020	13243	1	300.00	0.00	300.00	0.00
					0.00	300.00	
Above paid on 10/09/2020 by Online Payment Ref HB001							
HM001 HM Revenue & Customs							
<i>PAYE & NI August 2020</i>	09/09/2020	AUGUST2020	1	17,884.48	0.00	17,884.48	0.00
					0.00	17,884.48	
Above paid on 10/09/2020 by Online Payment Ref HM001							
JAM005 Jam on Toast							
<i>Market Social Media</i>	31/08/2020	#191	1	165.00	0.00	165.00	0.00
<i>Market Social Media</i>	31/08/2020	191	1	165.00	0.00	165.00	0.00
<i>Canva reorganisation</i>	01/09/2020	186	1	237.90	0.00	237.90	0.00
<i>Market support - August 2020</i>	01/09/2020	188	1	780.00	0.00	780.00	0.00
					0.00	1,347.90	
Above paid on 10/09/2020 by Online Payment Ref JAM005							
JOHN001 John Connew							
<i>Fuel</i>	09/09/2020	09/09/2020	1	54.76	0.00	54.76	0.00
					0.00	54.76	
Above paid on 10/09/2020 by Online Payment Ref JOHN001							
LHC001 Leighton Hire Centre							
<i>Toilet hire Vandyke</i>	31/07/2020	62203	1	124.20	0.00	124.20	0.00
<i>Toilet hire at Vandyke</i>	31/08/2020	62549	1	113.40	0.00	113.40	0.00
					0.00	237.60	
Above paid on 10/09/2020 by Online Payment Ref LHC001							
LLCC001 Leighton-Linslade Carnival Committee							
<i>Advert in 2020 Funbook</i>	01/06/2020	2020/P4	1	150.00	0.00	150.00	0.00
					0.00	150.00	
Above paid on 10/09/2020 by Online Payment Ref LLCC001							

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LOC001	Lock Services						
<i>Keys cut quote 05/08</i>	05/08/2020	8839	1	15.50	0.00	15.50	0.00
<i>Key cutting</i>	01/09/2020	8862	1	15.50	0.00	15.50	0.00
					0.00	31.00	
Above paid on 10/09/2020 by Online Payment Ref LOC001							
MAN001	Manton Office Equipment Ltd						
<i>Hazard Tape</i>	31/08/2020	118100	1	47.21	0.00	47.21	0.00
<i>Disposable face masks</i>	31/08/2020	118157	1	98.00	0.00	98.00	0.00
<i>Hand sanitiser</i>	31/08/2020	118197	1	119.76	0.00	119.76	0.00
					0.00	264.97	
Above paid on 10/09/2020 by Online Payment Ref MAN001							
MAN004	Mann Motors (Leighton Buzzard) Ltd						
<i>Headlamp - KU13 EKM</i>	26/08/2020	81228	1	294.50	0.00	294.50	0.00
<i>MOT - KM06 GZA</i>	01/09/2020	81245	1	40.00	0.00	40.00	0.00
<i>MOT - KP14 AUX</i>	01/09/2020	81246	1	40.00	0.00	40.00	0.00
<i>Labour - fitting light on van</i>	01/09/2020	81261	1	72.00	0.00	72.00	0.00
<i>Repairs to KM06 GZA</i>	03/09/2020	81274	1	185.29	0.00	185.29	0.00
					0.00	631.79	
Above paid on 10/09/2020 by Online Payment Ref MAN004							
MCS001	M.C.S Contract Cleaning Limited						
<i>Toilet seat cleaner Parsons</i>	13/08/2020	40037	1	78.24	0.00	78.24	0.00
<i>Seat soap dispensers</i>	27/08/2020	40093	1	2,422.80	0.00	2,422.80	0.00
<i>All pavilions cleaned</i>	28/08/2020	40058	1	3,949.99	0.00	3,949.99	0.00
<i>MSCP Toilet Cleaning</i>	28/08/2020	40077	1	4,550.40	0.00	4,550.40	0.00
<i>Splash Park Toilet Cleaning</i>	28/08/2020	40083	1	1,456.00	0.00	1,456.00	0.00
					0.00	12,457.43	
Above paid on 10/09/2020 by Online Payment Ref MCS001							
MIC002	Microshade Business Consultants Ltd						
<i>Monthly hosting fee</i>	26/08/2020	13447	1	312.46	0.00	312.46	0.00
<i>Accountancy Support</i>	31/08/2020	13491	1	1,200.00	0.00	1,200.00	0.00
					0.00	1,512.46	
Above paid on 10/09/2020 by Online Payment Ref MIC002							

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MIL004 Mrs Gill Miller							
<i>Compost for Regent Street</i>	07/09/2020	AUGUST	1	12.50	0.00	12.50	0.00
					0.00	12.50	
Above paid on 10/09/2020 by Online Payment Ref MIL004							
MIL009 Millstream Estate Services Ltd							
<i>Tarmac at Astral Park</i>	17/08/2020	INV5749	1	1,380.00	0.00	1,380.00	0.00
<i>Fencing repairs at Pages</i>	24/08/2020	INV5762	1	1,375.20	0.00	1,375.20	0.00
					0.00	2,755.20	
Above paid on 10/09/2020 by Online Payment Ref MIL009							
MTF001 MT Fabricators Ltd							
<i>Works at Vynes/Linslade Rec</i>	06/08/2020	264	1	372.00	0.00	372.00	0.00
<i>Fence/gate repairs at Astral</i>	26/08/2020	266	1	426.00	0.00	426.00	0.00
					0.00	798.00	
Above paid on 10/09/2020 by Online Payment Ref MTF001							
ODD002 Odyssey Trees							
<i>Call out/Removal of fallen tree</i>	07/08/2020	0242	1	565.00	0.00	565.00	0.00
<i>Emergency tree works</i>	31/08/2020	0238	1	885.00	0.00	885.00	0.00
					0.00	1,450.00	
Above paid on 10/09/2020 by Online Payment Ref ODD002							
PHS001 PHS Group plc							
<i>Washroom services Tactic</i>	26/08/2020	67698391	1	91.80	0.00	91.80	0.00
					0.00	91.80	
Above paid on 10/09/2020 by Online Payment Ref PHS001							
PRU001 Prudential - LEIGH/LINS TWN							
<i>AVC Payment</i>	09/09/2020	AUGUST2020	1	360.00	0.00	360.00	0.00
					0.00	360.00	
Above paid on 10/09/2020 by Online Payment Ref LLTC							

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QUA002 Quadrant Security Group							
<i>BT agreement Astral park</i>	16/04/2020	SIN091194	1	2,160.32	0.00	2,160.32	0.00
					0.00	2,160.32	
Above paid on 10/09/2020 by Online Payment Ref QUA002							
RJB001 RJ Beckett							
<i>Supply of roof tiles</i>	17/08/2020	17082020	1	102.00	0.00	102.00	0.00
					0.00	102.00	
Above paid on 10/09/2020 by Online Payment Ref RJB001							
SEN002 Sentinel Door Supervision Ltd							
<i>Gate locking</i>	03/09/2020	1525	1	465.00	0.00	465.00	0.00
					0.00	465.00	
Above paid on 10/09/2020 by Online Payment Ref SEN002							
SOC001 Society of Local Council Clerks							
<i>Webinar 15/09</i>	20/08/2020	132194	1	42.00	0.00	42.00	0.00
<i>Virtual National Conference</i>	24/08/2020	132301	1	30.00	0.00	30.00	0.00
					0.00	72.00	
Above paid on 10/09/2020 by Online Payment Ref SOC001							
THO001 Thomas Fattorini Ltd							
<i>Mayoral chain reburshishment</i>	09/09/2020	1252224	1	3,136.10	0.00	3,136.10	0.00
					0.00	3,136.10	
Above paid on 10/09/2020 by Online Payment Ref THO001							
UNI002 UNISON							
<i>August subscriptions</i>	09/09/2020	AUGUST2020	1	34.50	0.00	34.50	0.00
					0.00	34.50	
Above paid on 10/09/2020 by Online Payment Ref 10821							
VEO001 Veolia							
<i>Old Inv - Waste at Astral Park</i>	31/01/2020	8661200189	1	47.34	0.00	47.34	0.00
<i>April Inv - Waste at W/House</i>	30/04/2020	8661207547	1	40.80	0.00	40.80	0.00

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<i>april Inv - Waste at Vandyke</i>	30/04/2020	8661207550	1	173.58	0.00	173.58	0.00
<i>Waste collection Markets</i>	30/04/2020	8661207551	1	84.96	0.00	84.96	0.00
<i>May Inv - Market waste</i>	31/05/2020	8661209839	1	47.34	0.00	47.34	0.00
<i>Waste collected W/House</i>	31/08/2020	8661217075	1	40.80	0.00	40.80	0.00
<i>Waste collections Astral</i>	31/08/2020	8661217076	1	37.50	0.00	37.50	0.00
<i>Animal waste enclosed skip</i>	31/08/2020	8661217077	1	1,380.48	0.00	1,380.48	0.00
<i>Vandyke waste collections</i>	31/08/2020	8661217078	1	205.14	0.00	205.14	0.00
<i>Street market waste collection</i>	31/08/2020	8661217079	1	545.28	0.00	545.28	0.00
<i>Waste collection Parson's</i>	31/08/2020	8661217080	1	78.90	0.00	78.90	0.00

0.00 2,682.12

Above paid on 10/09/2020 by Online Payment Ref VEO001

WIR001 Wireless CCTV Ltd

<i>CCTV contract renewal</i>	07/08/2020	45096	1	5,520.00	0.00	5,520.00	0.00
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0.00 5,520.00

Above paid on 10/09/2020 by Online Payment Ref WIR001

ZEN001 Zen Internet

<i>Zen Fibre / Rental</i>	19/08/2020	31170775	1	50.40	0.00	50.40	0.00
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0.00 50.40

Above paid on 10/09/2020 by Online Payment Ref ZEN001

Total Purchase Ledger Payments	0.00	135,228.85
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List of Payments made between 01/08/2020 and 31/08/2020

<u>Date Paid</u>	<u>Payee Name</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>	<u>Authorized Ref</u>	<u>Transaction Detail</u>
04/08/2020	NatWest Onecard	DD	473.71		NatWest Onecard
07/08/2020	Petty Cash - Mark Saccoccio/S	17516	85.60		Petty Cash WH
11/08/2020	SSE Hydro Electric	DD	399.65		Electricity Vandyke /Tactic
11/08/2020	SSE Hydro Electric	DD	189.35		Gas charges Astral Park
11/08/2020	Orbtalk	DD	446.14		Telephone charges
13/08/2020	Fuel Genie	DD	694.00		Fuel Charges
14/08/2020	Control Print Solutions	DD	17.60		Charge for a/c's copies
14/08/2020	Fuel Card	DD	333.53		Fuel Charges
14/08/2020	Neil Ellis	DDR	56,309.66		August salaries
17/08/2020	NatWest	DD	48.70		Monthly Service Fee
17/08/2020	Virtual IT	DD	1,229.86		IT Support
17/08/2020	EDF	DD	61.00		Electricity Markets
18/08/2020	British Gas - Electricity	DD	602.05		Electricity at Mentmore
18/08/2020	WorldPay	DD	87.36		Transaction charges
19/08/2020	CNG Power	DD	34.73		Gas charges Pages pavilion
19/08/2020	CNG Power	DD	26.43		Gas charges TACTIC
19/08/2020	British Gas - Electricity	DD	1,416.15		Electricity charges Parson's
19/08/2020	WorldPay	DD	24.06		WorldPay Charges Summary
21/08/2020	DataSim	DD	22.27		Electronic Signage
21/08/2020	SSE Hydro	DD	30.90		Electricity Unit 2 Depot
26/08/2020	BNP Paribas Leasing	DD	404.46		Vehicle leasing
26/08/2020	DLL Financial Services	DD	242.40		Big Belly Bins
28/08/2020	NatWest	DD	29.41		Service Charges
28/08/2020	Midland Software	DD	232.60		Process July Payroll
30/08/2020	Anglian Water - 100793264	Std Ord	8.00		Water - Vandyke Cemetery
30/08/2020	Anglian Water - 104438205	Std Ord	21.00		Water - Pages Park Pavilion
30/08/2020	Anglian Water - 117053033	Std Ord	4.50		Water - Linslade Park
30/08/2020	Anglian Water - 119731644	Std Ord	29.00		Water - Allotments
30/08/2020	Anglian Water - 125016543	Std Ord	10.50		Water - Mentmore Road
30/08/2020	Anglian Water - 126336965	Std Ord	33.50		Water - Tactic
Total Payments			63,548.12		

Leighton Buzzard – Community engagement session

12th February 2020

Overview

A drop-in community engagement event was held at the Town Council's White House offices on the 12th February. The session ran from 12pm until 8:30pm and was very well attended with over 300 residents of the town coming to express their opinions and ideas. The focus of the event was on the town centre area, including the land to the South of the High Streets, but wider comments were made about key issues that impact on residents of Leighton Linlade.

Key points:

1. Residents felt the attention on Leighton Buzzard should match that of Dunstable as their population stands greater and want to be more involved in final decisions made.
2. They suggested if CBC were to purchase remaining land such as that behind the post office, then it would create one parcel and therefore be easier and more likely to attract the right kind of development to enhance the town for the entire community.
3. People highlighted the importance of keeping Leighton Buzzard a unique place with its markets but welcomed the idea of more small shops (artisan shops/workshops and light industry/repairs), restaurants, and an undercover market to increase through flow of increased footfall and reduce trips to Milton Keynes.
4. The suggestion of pedestrianising the high street was frequent, only allowing for delivery vehicles etc. or increasing parking to reflect the population.
5. Residents were keen to have more cultural space and would like to ensure building is limited on Parson's Cultural Recreation Ground as they fear there will be little grass left.
6. It was important to residents that land is not sold to developers as this often results in absentee landlords, and instead the land is used to welcome vibrant development to attract people to the town.
7. Other suggestions to the ones previously mentioned included street food, pop-up shops and having reasonable rates for set-up businesses, rather than charity shops etc. as residents feel there is already too many of these.
8. Small changes to improve the town centre area included things like flowerbeds, benches and green areas for people to meet and trees to landscape struggling areas.
9. Offering free Wi-Fi in town came up as a suggestion to ensure footfall from younger individuals, with fear of this being decreased when three tier Leighton Middle is changed to two tiers.
10. Having more publicity for events using electric signs and the local websites was important to residents as well as ensuring All Saints Church is in the official town guide as this is key to the community.
11. A final key point that was raised a significant amount of times regarded ensuring there is disabled access across town as this will help to ensure the area is inclusive and accessible to all.

Environmental concerns:

1. Regarding the environment, residents felt it was important to tackle the issue of poor cleanliness in the alleyways between car parks and shops before anything else.

2. Making the river more of a feature and developing the canal marina was a frequent suggestion, along with ensuring there is more use of Linslade Woods (keeping this as a wildlife site and ensuring it is not developed).
3. Converting Grovebury Quarry into a nature reserve and forming wildlife corridors was of popular opinion.
4. For developer's attention, residents want to ensure houses are built to a higher standard, integrating solar panels and appropriate insulation rather than building 'yesterday's houses' is really important as these eco features help areas to plan for the future.

Facilities

1. Residents stressed the importance of having a museum to celebrate the history of Leighton Buzzard (possibly at Long Stratton High School) as well as an information centre and boards for tourists coming to the area. A suggestion was also made that some form of information pack be put together for new residents.
2. Many were keen to have a public/art gallery as well as an arts centre for performances, a recording studio which could be booked out and a local radio station etc.
3. Residents suggested a large indoor space that could be divided up would be good for events/activities involving young children, families and young individuals in turn bringing them off the streets. People felt the area could benefit from a hotel with conference space and a multi-storey car park as well as business hubs for those working from home (desk space/networks). Residents were keen to see the provision of the facilities to help those who suffer from drug addiction or are homeless etc. as well as other community facilities such as a social welfare centre, an adult learning centre (possibly reopening the Riverside Centre), a life skills group and a repair cafe.
4. An informal café, cinema or bowling facility also came up as suggestions for both the young and families and to prevent people travelling out of town to areas like Milton Keynes.
5. Residents stressed the importance of keeping Tiddenfoot Leisure Centre open, suggesting it be refurbished and a second centre be opened the other side of town for those who rely on public transport and to cater for the increasing population.
6. They felt having local centres available would prevent individuals travelling out of town to areas such as Stevenage to access these, highlighting a second pool with flumes etc. could attract others to the area.
7. A number of individuals were keen on a sports centre as well as working with the football and cricket club to improve Bell Close so it can be used by the community, with suggestions being put forward for a 4G pitch.
8. Residents felt working with what they already have is key, such as reopening the library 6 days a week meaning more diverse theatre programmes are available and updating community halls, making them more accessible and changing disabled toilets with changing places.
9. People felt access in general needed improving, specifically wheelchair/pushchair at the railway station, footpaths in areas like Grovebury Rd and having an additional canal crossing.
10. Many individuals felt suggestions for more cafes and charity shops were not necessary and instead the area would benefit more from an additional supermarket and having housing for adults with learning disabilities and the elderly to help the area become inclusive of all.

Travel

1. The issue of congestion in the area was raised multiple times, especially within the town centre. Residents suggested providing an alternative route to bridge over the canal and introducing one-way systems could help to reduce the build-up. With the additional houses being built in the area, many individuals felt frustrated at the lack of compensation from the housing companies who they perceive have made the issue worse.
2. It is essential that there is an adequate flow of cars/buses through the town centre, with suggestions of a shuttle bus or a park and ride system to help achieve this. A number of residents also supported the idea of increased parking in the town centre (including electrical charging points), with the option to stay for free or free for a limited amount of time to encourage more individuals to drop in.
3. There were also suggestions of an uber style app being put to use as well as moving the taxi rank off the high street in order to reduce pollution and maintain ambience.
4. To improve transport links residents suggested extending the Luton-Dunstable Busway to Leighton Buzzard and linking North St to High St at Market Cross. Suggestions to be environmentally friendly in the future included having a large bus station with electric buses and additional paths for cycling, specifically encouraging cycling to school.
5. Other additional improvements residents felt could be made to the area included revising the current zebra crossings and changing these to pelican or traffic controlled crossings to reduce traffic, as well as introducing traffic calming measures such as having 20mph speed restrictions in areas such as Plantation and Heath Rd.
6. Reducing the cost of public transport for students and train fares to London for all individuals was favoured by many and providing additional parking at the station or having parking available on the land adjacent to the railway and walking across would help cater for demand.
7. To increase the efficiency of the public transport available, residents also highlighted the importance of linking up the times of the bus and train services.

Healthcare

1. Residents feel it is essential to have additional GP practices to cater for the amount of housing being built in the area.
2. They suggested a form of medical drop-in centre in the town (accessible by bus) could also be beneficial as it would help to supplement the surgeries on the outskirts and reduce demand for appointments.

Criminal Activity

1. A vast number of individuals believe Leighton Buzzard has become a target for crime due to the lack of police presence in the area and the nearest station being situated in Luton.
2. Many are concerned about the amount of drug dealing being witnessed, especially in public areas such as supermarket car parks, alleyways and the multi-storey car park and stairway.
3. Residents suggested small measures that could be put in place like more CCTV and lighting would help to reduce this along with other issues raised (antisocial behaviour and theft).
4. It was felt an increased police presence could also help to control smaller issues such as people cycling on footpaths and begging in the high street.

To be noted:

- 1) Some of the points raised have subsequently been covered e.g. pedestrianisation of the High Street has been taken forward under an experimental order as part of the response to reopening

High Streets work after Covid-19 lockdown. LLTC with CBC support has also launched a town centre Wi-Fi service.

- 2) Comments re LSHS and facilities the community would like to see will feed into discussions re possible future High Street focused projects and possible Future High Street Fund bid this autumn.