

LEIGHTON-LINSLADE TOWN COUNCIL

MEETING 28 NOVEMBER 2022

Amendment to the tabled Policing Motion:

1. Line 4: insert after “develop”:
“It also regrets the failure of the Bedfordshire Policing and Crime Panel at its meeting on 11 October 2022 to discuss or challenge the Police and Crime Commissioner’s report on Force Control Room performance, or to demand improvement.”
2. At the end of clause c) of the Motion, i.e. after “published.”, add
“This Council also regrets that the Police and Crime Commissioner has not provided the information requested by this Council on 10 October 2022 about the facilities and functions of the Bossard House police office, which because it is tiny, unstaffed, and does not permit the public to report matters of public safety to police officers, does not meet the Commissioner’s election promise in his 2021 Conservative election leaflet i.e. “I will bring back community-based policing for our rural and market towns by creating Police Contact Hubs in areas where Police Stations have closed”, nor does it meet his written undertaking to this Council of 5 April 2022.
3. Add after the foregoing
“This Council also regrets that no response has been received to the Council’s request to the Chief Constable, the Police and Crime Commissioner, and Andrew Selous MP on 10 October 2022, for an immediate increase in Police staffing assigned to Leighton Buzzard and Linslade, the lack of which is contributing to residents’ concerns about community safety and the lack of deterrence to law-breakers.”
4. At the end of the final sentence, i.e. after “Forces”, add
“to the Bedfordshire Policing and Crime Panel, and to those persons named in clause 3. above.