

## Report for Edlesborough Parish Meeting – 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2025

At the Buckinghamshire Council AGM last evening 21-5-25 the new leader was elected. He is Steven Broadbent of the Conservative Party. He will lead a minority administration as following the elections earlier this month, the Conservatives received 49.5% of the seats.

The cabinet was announced, and I am pleased to say that my ward colleague Peter Brazier has been appointed to lead the Culture and Leisure portfolio. This will also include the relocation of the Buckinghamshire archive to a new home. He will be accompanied by Catherine Oliver as his deputy. As a cabinet member he will not sit on any committees but will work full time in his new role.

I have been appointed to the Finance and Resources and the Audit and Governance select committees as well as the Central and North area planning committee.

As the council is now under no overall control I will expect much more collaborative working of members. I have always found it to be so in the last 4 years as my previous committee membership has been about scrutinising decisions and recommending changes for the benefit of all Buckinghamshire residents. These recommendations do not usually instigate party political affiliation.

I will be campaigning to become Chairman of the new East Bucks Community Board. I have previously been somewhat critical of the format of these and intend to make changes to the way they are run if successful. There is a lot that is good about them but also some not so good. I would like to see much more agenda ideas coming from Parishes that will initiate buy in and discussion on what really matters to our communities. We will have three cabinet members, one deputy cabinet member and a deputy leader within our councillor membership of the board. I intend to make it a forum for an exchange of ideas from PCs and residents of which we can all be proud.

Kind regards, Chris Poll.

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