



## Report to BEECHES LOCAL AREA FORUM

**Title:** HIGHWAYS/TRANSPORT DELEGATED BUDGET  
(2010/11)

**To:** Beeches Local Area Forum

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### Recommendations

1. Beeches Local Area Forum is recommended to **NOTE:**
  - The process for submitting projects for possible funding in 2010/11 through the highways/transport delegated budget.
  - The delegated budget for highways/transport projects in Beeches area for 2010/11 will be £23,819.
  - Participatory Budgeting will be included as part of the process.
  - Members of the Beeches LAF are invited to submit bids for schemes to the Transport Localities Team Leader (Chris Schwier, based at Amersham Area Office) by the 30 November 2009.
  - All bids received will be evaluated and costed by Transport for Buckinghamshire and a full report presented to the Beeches LAF in January/February 2010 to enable the LAF to decide which schemes should be implemented in 2010/11.

### Introduction

2. This report has been written to guide LAF/LCP members through the process of submitting bids for highways/transport schemes. The report also describes the criteria that will be used to evaluate all bids received.

### Background

3. The highways/transport delegated budget amounts to £500,000 countywide and historically has been allocated the former Local Committees equally

(£125,000 per district area).

4. Under this arrangement Transportation Officers supported the Local Committee by evaluating bids to enable the Committee to decide which schemes should be implemented. Under this methodology the amount of money spent in each Parish/Town area varied from year to year, with some areas not having any money allocated.
5. It was decided to start moving towards a funding allocation methodology to reflect 'need' in each LAF/LCP area. This approach was used for evaluating scheme bids for the LAF's/LCP's in the Aylesbury Vale and Wycombe district areas to determine the works programme for 2009/10.
6. This 'needs based' methodology is now being rolled out for all LAF's/LCP's and will therefore also apply in Chiltern and South Bucks areas.
7. The methodology uses a weighted formula as a proxy to reflect need (population, road length, car traffic volume, HGV traffic volume and net customer satisfaction data in each LAF area).
8. The allocation of funding for 2010/11, arising from this methodology, is shown in Table A.

#### **Participatory Budgeting:**

9. In December 2007, the County Council was approached by the Department for Communities and Local Government to be one of the national pilots taking the Participatory Budgeting (PB) project forward and we accepted the invitation.
10. PB is a mechanism which brings local communities closer to the decision-making process around how budgets are spent. It gives people direct and clear choice about how funds are allocated in their local area, thus ensuring that their priorities are met. It is a flexible process and can be implemented in varying forms. PB aims to enhance participation in local democracy whilst ensuring the delivery of cost-effective local services.
11. It is intended to encourage all LAF's/LCP's to use the principles of PB when developing scheme bids for the delegated budget and the process describing how to do this is set out in Appendix 1.

#### **Next Steps:**

12. All LAF members are encouraged to start developing ideas for local highways/transport related schemes (for implementation in 2010/11) and embrace the principles of PB whilst doing this.

13. Bids should be submitted to the Transport Localities Team Leader (Chris Schwier, based at Amersham Area Office) by the 30 November 2009 using the process described in Appendix 1.

**Table A**

<b>LAF/LCP Area</b>	<b>Funding for 2010/11</b>	<b>LAF/LCP Area</b>	<b>Funding for 2010/11</b>
Beaconsfield	£25,000	Chepping Wye Valley	£23,138
Beeches	£23,819	High Wycombe	£36,047
Gerrards Cross	£23,716	Marlow	£29,294
Ivers	£26,111	Princes Risborough	£29,877
<b>SB Area Total</b>	<b>£98,646</b>	<b>WYC Area Total</b>	<b>£118,356</b>
Aylesbury	£21,341	Amersham	£26,459
Buckingham	£26,947	Chesham	£34,441
Haddenham	£22,252	Great Missenden	£32,324
Waddesdon	£23,202	The Chalfonts	£28,761
Wendover	£18,267	<b>CH Area Total</b>	<b>£121,985</b>
Wing & Ivinghoe	£31,190		
Winslow	£17,815		
<b>AV Area Total</b>	<b>£161,014</b>		