BUCKINGHAM LOCAL AREA FORUM

DATE:	31 March 2011		
TIME:	Drop-in session between 6pm-7pm.		
THEE.	The formal meeting will start at 7.00 pm		
LOCATION:	Small Hall, Buckingham Community Centre, Cornwalls Meadow, MK18 1RP		



AGENDA

Item		Time	Page No
1	Apologies for Absence / Changes in Membership	19.00	
2	Declarations of Interest To declare any personal or prejudicial interests		
3	Action Notes To confirm the notes of the meeting held on Thursday 9 December 2011.		1 - 6
4	Chairman's Update	19.05	
5	Question Time There will be a 20 minute period for public questions. Members of the public are encouraged to submit their questions in advance of the meeting to facilitate a full answer on the day of the meeting. Questions sent in advance will be dealt with first and verbal questions after.	19.10	
6	Petitions None received		
7	AVDC Update Ann Kiceluk, Lead Officer from AVDC, will provide Members with an update on key issues affecting the area.	19.30	
8	Thames Valley Neighbourhood Police Update Inspector Emma Garside will provide an update for Members.	19.40	
9	Localities Delegated Budget Mark Grindall, Localities and Communities Manager, will take Members through the budget for 2010/11 and the budget for 2011/12.	19.50	7 - 16
	Members are asked to note the attached report and appendix to the report.		

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10	Local Area Planning - Priority setting 2011/12 Mark Grindall, Localities and Communities Manager, will provide Members with further information on the priority setting for the forthcoming year.	20.00	
11	Transportation Delegated Budget 2011/12 Ann-Marie Davies and Simon Dudley from Transport for Buckinghamshire will provide Members with an update, including the delegated budget.	20.10	17 - 22
	A report from Transport for Buckinghamshire is attached.		
12	Rural Broadband in Buckinghamshire Further to Terry Cavender's email on 28/2/11, this is an opportunity for Members to raise any questions they may have regarding broadband in the area.	20.20	
13	GP-Led Commissioning	20.25	
14	Flood Sub-Group Update Councillor Pearl Lewis and Terry Cavender will provide Members with an update.	20.30	
15	Open Forum	20.40	
16	 Information items HS2 - information attached. Energy from Waste – letter from Cabinet Member, Martin Tett attached. The BBC's Switchover Help Scheme in Buckinghamshire – information attached. 		23 - 30
17	Date of Next and Future Meetings The next meeting will be on Thursday 30 June. Venue to be confirmed.	21.00	
	Future dates:		
	Thursday 29 September Thursday 15 December.		

Members

County Councillors and District Councillors:

David Polhill, Buckinghamshire County Council (Chairman)
Derrick Isham, Aylesbury Vale District Council (Vice-Chairman)
Hedley Cadd, Buckinghamshire County Council
John Cartwright, Buckinghamshire County Council
John Chilver, Aylesbury Vale District Council
Huw Lewis, Aylesbury Vale District Council
Pearl Lewis, Aylesbury Vale District Council
Tim Mills, Aylesbury Vale District Council
Jackie Phipps, Aylesbury Vale District Council

Susan Polhill, Aylesbury Vale District Council David Rowlands, Buckinghamshire County Council Lindsay Rowlands, Aylesbury Vale District Council Sir Beville Stanier, Aylesbury Vale District Council

Parish and Town Councils:

Addington

Adstock

Akeley

Barton

Beachampton

Biddlesden

Buckingham

Calvert Green

Charndon

Chetwode

East Claydon

Foscote

Gawcott with Lenborough

Hillesden

Hogshaw

Leckhampstead

Lillingstone Dayrell with Luffield Abbey

Lillingstone Lovell

Maids Moreton

Middle Claydon

Nash

Padbury

Poundon

Preston Bissett

Radclive-cum-Chackmore

Shalstone

Steeple Claydon

Stowe

Thornborough

Thornton

Tingewick

Turweston

Twyford

Water Stratford

Westbury

Whaddon

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ACTION NOTES

MEETING:	Buckingham Local Area Forum	
DATE:	9 December 2010 7.05 pm to 9.00 pm	
LOCATION	Buckingham Community Centre	

Present:	Hedley Cadd (Buckinghamshire County Council), Terry Cavender (Akeley Parish Council), John Chilver (Aylesbury Vale District Council), Geoff Culverhouse (Nash Parish Council), Terry Humber (East Claydon Parish Council), Derrick Isham (Aylesbury Vale District Council) (Vice-Chairman), Roger Landells (Twyford Parish Council), Pearl Lewis (Aylesbury Vale District Council), Marc Linton (Middle Claydon Parish Council), Edwin Maxwell (Tingewick Parish Council), Jackie Phipps (Aylesbury Vale District Council), David Polhill (Buckinghamshire County Council) (Chairman), John Riches (Middle Claydon Parish Council), Mike Smith (Buckingham Town Council), Doreen Weingart (Steeple Claydon Parish Council), Alan White (Gawcott with Lenborough Parish Council) and John White (Maids Moreton)
In Attendance:	Tessa Clarke, Ann Cobban, Ann-Marie Davies, Simon Dudley, Inspector Emma Garside, Mark Grindall, Ann Kiceluk, Ruth Millard (Calvert Green), Nick Osgerby, David Richards, Vicky Webb and Liz Wheaton
Apologies:	Mrs J Beckett, Amanda Brooke-Webb, Ivy Cakebread, Phil Gomm, Alex Matthews, Susan Polhill, Lady Scott, Sir Beville Stanier and Warren Whyte

Item	ISSUES RAISED
1	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE / CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP
	Apologies were received from Mrs Cakebread from Stowe, Mrs Beckett from Radclive-cum-Chackmore, Lillingstone Lovell Parish Meeting, Sir Beville Stanier from AVDC, Alex Matthews from Thornton Parish Council, Amanda Brooke-Webb from Bucks County Council, Phil Gomm, NAG Chairman, Sue Polhill from AVDC and Warren Whyte from Buckingham Town Council.
	There were no changes in membership.
2	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
	Terry Cavender and Pearl Lewis declared that they had an interest in item 11 as they have submitted a bid for the formation of a Community Interest Company to address rural broadband issues.
	The Chairman explained that he is unable to take part in any discussions regarding the Energy from Waste issue and he said that he would leave the room whilst this was discussed. He asked Derrick Isham, the Vice Chairman to take the chair at this point.
3	ACTION NOTES
	The notes of the meeting held on Thursday 23 September 2010 were agreed as a correct record.
4	CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE
	The Chairman reported that there are a number of issues in the North of the County which are taking awhile to resolve.

5 QUESTION TIME

Extinguishment Order

Vicky Webb, Chairman of Westbury Parish Council, updated Members on the recent decision by the Rights of Way Committee to extinguish a footpath through the grounds of Beachborough School. The Chairman explained that the matter will now go to a public inquiry and he suggested that Mrs Webb hands in a petition which he will then present to full council at the next meeting.

Closure of Twyford Bridge

Cllr Jackie Phipps asked what is happening now that the Twyford bridge has been closed. What are the reasons for its closure? Simon Dudley responded by saying that the road has been closed on the grounds of safety as the state of the bridge has deteriorated so much that it is now unsafe to drive over it. Simon went on to say that TfB have been awaiting confirmation of the landowners details before proceeding and he said that the team have just received these details. He said that TfB have done the best that they can regarding stopping people from driving over the bridge and he said that people are not covered by their insurance if they damage their car whilst being told not to drive over the bridge.

A Member went on to ask whether it is illegal to drive down a road which has legally been closed. Inspector Emma Garside responded by saying that it is a breach of the Highway Code and she would strongly recommend that people do not drive down roads which are closed. Simon Dudley went on to say that there is a £50 fine under the Highways Act.

A Member asked whether it would be possible to have a report regarding the closure of the bridge which could then be circulated to parishioners. Simon said that this could be done once further information has been obtained.

Action: Simon Dudley

A Member asked what the gritting policy is for the main routes to schools. Simon Dudley explained that the gritting routes have been outlined in the Winter Maintenance document and he stressed that it is not possible to do every school in the County. He said that some schools have had their profile raised on the risk assessment criteria so there could be some changes in the future.

A Member asked whether the main bus routes should be salted. He mentioned in particular the No.60 bus route. Simon explained that this route should be salted and he would look into this.

Action: Simon Dudley

[The Chairman leaves the meeting whilst EfW is discussed].

Energy from Waste

Roger Landells explained that at the Waddesdon LAF meeting the previous night, the Members deplored the Energy from Waste decision which the County Council has made. Mr Landells went on to say that he believes the decision is wrong, the capacity of the site and the poor recycling capability. He said that Bucks County Council takes around 114,000 tonnes a year to landfill yet the capacity of the site is 300,000 tonnes which means there is no incentive for people to recycle.

Mark Grindall, Localities and Communities Manager, explained that Councillor John Cartwright, the Vice Chairman of the Waddesdon LAF and Member for Calvert Green, has requested that the decision be called-in. Mark also clarified that the LAF "regretted the decision" of the County

Council rather than "deplored it".

A Member asked whether the planning application has been received yet. Mark explained that WRG have submitted an application but it has not been validated yet.

Members of the LAF agreed to write to Bucks County Council to express their regret at the decision taken to build an Energy from Waste site at Calvert Green by WRG.

Action: Members

6 PETITIONS

There were no petitions presented to the LAF.

Mark Grindall explained that there is a new petitions policy as a result of changes in legislation. He said that he would circulate this to Members.

A Member asked whether the new policy could be made available to the call centre.

Action: Mark Grindall

7 AVDC UPDATE

Ann Kiceluk told Members she would cover the following:

- Growth
- Major projects
- LEP
- Parking.

Growth

Ann started by explaining that a number of local organisations have been awarded grants, including £3k to Aspirational Interiors. She went on to explain that the proposed Government changes do not mean that growth is on-hold but it will provide opportunities for local areas to play a role in the growth agenda. Planners will be working with parishes to explore the best way to take things forward, all parishes have been invited to attend meetings with AVDC planners, with the next one scheduled for 16 December. She advised Members to keep an eye on AVDC's website.

Major projects

In terms of major projects, Ann mentioned 2 projects which are currently underway. Firstly, there is an offices build project to bring most of the office based AVDC employees onto one site in Aylesbury (on Gatehouse Road). There will be a customer service presence retained in the High Street in Aylesbury. The second project is the National Enterprise Academy dedicated to entrepreneurs aged 16-18 year olds. A planning application is expected before Christmas and if approved, the facility should open in Autumn 2012. The refuse and re-cycling depot in Aylesbury needs to be relocated as the lease expires in 2013. Work is underway on identifying a new site.

LEPs

AVDC has been successful in being included as part of the South East Midlands Local Enterprise Partnership and one of its main priorities is to identify opportunities for growth. Ann explained that it is early days but it is good news of the Aylesbury Vale area and future economic growth.

Parking

At the last meeting, Members expressed concern regarding the usage of the car parks in Buckingham – Stratford Fields and Western Avenue. There was a Cabinet Member decision taken that day to allow short term parking in those 2 parking areas. This was in direct response to concerns raised by retailers and residents. The changes will be implemented by Thursday 16 December to which the local traders are pleased. A Member asked for clarification regarding the implementation date as they were told Thursday 15th December. Ann confirmed the implementation date as Thursday 16th December and apologised for the confusion.

8 THAMES VALLEY POLICE UPDATE

Inspector Emma Garside started by explaining that as a force, Thames Valley Police has to make around £52 million worth of savings over the next four years. She said that around 800 posts will have to go but these are likely to be police staff rather than officers which equates to around 10% of the workforce. There is currently a freeze on recruitment. Inspector Garside went on to say that a re-structuring of the Command Unit is underway. Currently there are 5 Command Units which each have a senior management team and their own training, operations, duties departments, etc. The new structure will see a removal of the Command Units structure and the introduction of 15 Local Police Areas (LPA's) and a new shared service structure. Aylesbury Vale Police area will be one of these LPA's and existing boundaries of the area will remain as they currently are coterminus with those of AVDC. The aim is to reduce duplication and to stream-line processes. Thames Valley Police are working in collaboration with other forces such as Hampshire. The overarching objective is to do more with less. The Chief Constable is determined to minimise cuts to neighbourhood officers and response teams.

Inspector Garside provided Members with an update on the crime figures for the area (although the LAF area is not co-terminus with the police areas) as well as an update on police activity within the area. She started by saying that the Buckingham Town team comprises 2 Constables and 2 PCSOs. In Buckingham North, there has been an increase in the number of posts with 2 officer posts covered by 3 officers and 3 PCSO posts covered by 4 officers. In Buckingham South, there are 2 officers and 3 PCSOs. She said that they are now a fully resourced team and the aim is to sustain this going forward.

There has been a general decrease in anti-social behaviour with Halloween and Bonfire night taking place without incident. New Years Eve will be the next big event.

In Buckingham Town there has been an overall decrease in crime although there has been an increase in burglary dwellings particularly in the Linden Village area (6 reported burglaries – believe the suspects are from the Milton Keynes area). In the centre of Buckingham, there has been a plain clothes operation to deter purse dippings and shoplifting which can often rise at this time of year. In the North and South of Buckingham, there has been a decrease in burglaries and an increase in thefts of vehicles. A milk tanker was stolen from Akeley. Land Rovers are also being stolen to order and the neighbouring forces are working together on this.

Inspector Garside gave Members some crime reduction messages:

- Leave lights on in your house
- Do not leave Christmas presents under the tree
- When defrosting your car, do not leave your keys in the ignition.

She went on to say that the team hold regular "Have your say" meetings which provides an opportunity for members of the public to speak to police officers.

A Member asked for further information relating to a recent police helicopter operation. Inspector Garside explained that it involved children with firearms who fired shots at a tractor. She said that arrests had been made and the suspects are on bail for possession of firearms and criminal

damage. The Member went on to say that they were concerned about the increase in thefts in the area. Inspector Garside responded by saying that her team are working with local people and it is a priority for the Buckingham North area.

The Chairman thanked Inspector Garside for her update.

9 COMMUNITY CONTINGENCY PLANNING

Ann Cobban, Lead Area Officer, explained that due to the adverse weather last year, parishes are being asked to complete interim community contingency plans. She said that there is a toolkit which needs to be completed by the parishes. Mark Grindall suggested that Members contact him or a Member of the resilience team if they need assistance in completing the interim plan – a template can be found on the website. The deadline for completing the plan is the end of December.

10 UPDATE ON TRANSPORTATION DELEGATED BUDGET

Simon Dudley apologised for not having the delegated budget report available for the meeting. This has been deferred until the next meeting.

Simon asked the representative from Nash Parish Council to confirm whether they had 2 salt bins in their parish. The representative said he would check this after the meeting and let Ann-Marie Davies know.

Action: Nash Parish Council

Simon reported that the Area Maintenance budget has been cut by £1.3 million but he said that there would be more information available on this in the New Year.

Simon asked Members to check the Service Information Centre website for information on the gritters and other useful information. He explained that a decision has been made to be resilient in terms of salt supplies as the Salt Union are struggling to keep up with demand. Salt will only be supplied to parishes with devolved powers.

A Member asked whether the County Council will be re-filling the salt bins. Simon explained that the County Council will be filling them with a 50/50 mix of salt and sand.

A Member asked whether farmers have been lined up to help out in the bad weather. Simon explained that there was an update placed in the National Farmers Union magazine and 35 farmers responded to this. There is an issue regarding liability and what would happen if a farmer or their tractor were damaged whilst clearing snow on the County Council's behalf. Simon said that the County Council's legal department are looking into this.

A Member thanked Simon Dudley and his team for gritting Calvert to Gawcott. The Chairman explained that there is a problem with red diesel and farmers should not be using it for the timebeing until there has been some guidance from DEFRA.

A Member asked whether Simon could get Ringwood Jacobs to look at the quality of the gully covers in Akeley as they have started to move.

Action: Simon Dudley

11 LOCAL AREA PRIORITIES BUDGET

Mark Grindall started by informing Members that there has been a change in his team structure

and he is now responsible for 4 local areas. He took Members through his report and explained that there is £16,650 available for funding projects in this financial year. The eligible projects amount to a funding request totalling £27,630. He explained that the funding request for the first project – Purchase of area based excavation equipment and soil testing should be £7,500 and not £8,000 as stated in the report.

The following projects were agreed by Members of the LAF:

- Formation of a Community Interest Company to address rural broadband issues £5,000.
- Developing and promoting Twyford Village Stores £4,930
- Promoting Buckingham agreed funding of £3,270 (bid was for £6,250)
- Steeple Claydon Skate Park £3,000
- Provision of Salt bin in accident black spot, Buckingham £450.

Total funding agreed - £16,650

12 POSITIVE ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Mark Grindall updated Members on the iVan project which has been funded jointly by the Buckingham and Waddesdon Local Area Forum PAYP budgets (£10,000 from each LAF). He said that the project is up and running and there has been positive feedback received from parishes that have had the iVan. A Member reinforced this and said it is an excellent project but it needs to be better advertised in order to get more young people to attend. Mark said he would pass this onto Community Impact Bucks.

Action: Mark Grindall

Inspector Garside said that she would be happy to promote the iVan through the community messaging service but needs more information about times, dates and venues.

Action: Mark Grindall

The Chairman thanked Mark for his update.

13 OPEN FORUM

Simon Dudley informed Members that TfB are currently under-going a re-organisation and some of the managers and the Local Area Technicians are re-applying for their jobs as part of this process. He said that the LATs are reducing from a team of 19 to a team of 10. A Member expressed disappointment at this decision as she felt that the LATs are the people on the ground who really know and understand the areas in which they work. Simon said that the budgets are very tight and this is the current state of play.

The Chairman said that he recently attended a meeting with the Voluntary and Community Sector and he said that the sector is receiving reduced funding in future which has resulted in them approaching the County Council to try and work more closely in future.

14 DATE OF NEXT AND FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 31 March 2011.

Future dates:

30 June

29 September

15 December.

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Report to Buckingham Local Area Forum

Title: LOCAL AREA FORUM BUDGETS

Date: 17th March 2011

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Communities

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Electoral divisions affected: Buckingham North

Buckingham South

Winslow

Grendon Underwood

Summary

- 1. This paper describes the arrangements for the allocation of the funding devolved to Local Area Forums (LAFs) in 2011/12.
- 2. The amount of funding awarded to each proposal by the Local Area Forum in 2010/11 is outlined below with more detailed information given on each of these schemes in Appendix A.

Recommendation

3. Buckingham Local Area Forum is recommended to note the arrangements in 2011/12 for its devolved budgets as described in the report and also note the expenditure of the allocated funding in 2010/11.

Background

4. A key element of the locality strategy is "genuine and increased influence by residents over local decisions and budgets". LAFs are central to achieving this (although this is not the only mechanism for working at a more local level).





5. This vision has led to an increased range of decisions, services and budgets that can be influenced within the framework of the 19 local areas and via the LAFs. In line with the County Council's aim to increase local decision making, the LAFs' Transportation delegated budget has been doubled from £500,000 in 2010/11 to £1,000,000 in 2011/12.

Budgets Devolved to LAFs in 2011/12

6. The devolved budgets for 2011/12 are set out in the table below. In total, this amounts to a 65% increase over the devolved budgets available in 2010-11.

Service area	County-wide total	Buckingham LAF
Transportation delegated budget	£1,000,000	£53,206.54
Local Priorities budget	£380,000	£20,000
Total	£1,380,000	£73,206.54

General Principles for the Management and Decision-Making of Devolved Budgets

- 1. All funding must be spent in line with the specific criteria associated with the budget (see below).
- 2. The funding must be spent within the financial year for which it is allocated.
 - For 2011/12, in consultation with the LAF Chairman, each Head of Service concerned will take a view in November 2011 on the likelihood of unspent monies being used that year. If there is budget that is unlikely to be spent that year, it will revert back to the service concerned for allocation to activities that will benefit the area during 2011/12.
- 3. As in 2010/11, in terms of formal decision-making, the LAFs will be advising the relevant Head of Service on how to spend the devolved budget who will then implement that advice.
- 4. To allow for the occasional unforeseen opportunity that requires a swift decision, funding may be agreed in-between LAF meetings in consultation with the Local Area Forum Chairman and the Head of Service.

Local Priorities budget

- 5. The Local Priorities budget is to be used to commission activities to meet the Local Priorities identified in the Buckingham local area plan to support community needs and the well-being of the area in line with the criteria below:
 - Proposals meeting more than one of the LAF's priorities or addressing a community need will be prioritised for funding.
 - Proposals enabling capacity-building or those with match-funding financial or in kind e.g. with community volunteer input – will be given priority over proposals with no additional funding or those with little community support.
 - Priority will also be given to proposals which cannot be undertaken by an individual Parish Council, either because an activity is not within its remit or funding capability.
 - The Local Priorities budget is not the catch-all to support proposals rejected for funding by the Transportation LAF budget (although that is not precluded where there is a

- compelling case) or to fill service budget cuts or short-falls. Similarly, it should not be used for activities normally funded by Parish precepts.
- The Locality Manager will also assess potential proposals to see whether there are
 other funding opportunities or if 'quick wins' can be identified to enable specific
 proposals/issues to be resolved quickly through other means.
- 6. The Locality Manager will evaluate potential proposals to be commissioned and make recommendations in due course to the LAF. LAF members who have particular ideas should raise these directly with the Lead Area Officer or Locality Manager.
- 7. The Accountable Officer is the Locality Services Manager.

Transportation delegated budget

8. This budget is to fund minor transportation improvement schemes. Schemes for 2011/12 to be considered by Buckingham LAF are listed below. More detailed information on this budget is given in the Transport for Buckinghamshire report distributed to LAFs in Spring 2011: '2011/12 delegated budget increase following full Council decision'.

Scheme
Buckingham - Extend the roadway around St Peter and St Paul Church on Castle Hill
Buckingham - Lay-by on Burleigh Piece next to Bourton Meadow School
Akeley - Work to be undertaken to clear gullies in Akeley
Stowe - Installation of footpath along main road to the High Street
East & Botolph Claydon - 2 salt bins - by phone box in Botolph & by grass verge in St
Mary's Road
Botolph Claydon - Repairs to roadside
Radclive cum Chackmore - Salt Bin Maltings Lane Chackmore
Radclive cum Chackmore - Extension to footpath - Main Street Chackmore
Maids Moreton VAS – approach to Maids Moreton from Towcester (A413)
Twyford - Application for 11 dropped kerbs
Gawcott - 3 salt bins - Church St, Lenborough Rd, Radclive Rd
Hillesden - Passing bay/layby road widening at Hillesden Hamlet
Lillingstone Lovell - Salt bin at the top end of the village

Values for the schemes will be provided by transportation officers at a later date

9. The Accountable Officer is the Head of Transportation.

Monitoring and future planning arrangements

- 10. New or changing policies/functions, where relevant, require that an equality impact assessment (EIA) be carried out to understand how people will be affected. To this end, a, the process by which local priorities are identified and the solutions for addressing them will be subject to an EIA. As LAFs have always placed an emphasis on meeting local needs, this should only provide reassurance that the process has been rigorous and well informed. In the main, this process will be proportionate and largely invisible to LAF members but should provide some reassurance that any decision that seems to go against the grain will be flagged up. As LAFs review their priorities and as more up to date information becomes available about local community profiles, we will endeavour to ensure that this information is brought to the attention of LAF members to assist their decision-making.
- 11. At the end of the year, officers will prepare a review of the work for the Buckingham Local Area Forum and put forward proposals for the allocation of the next year's budgets. Schemes which have benefited from LAF support will be invited to report on progress to the LAF, either as part of the annual review or at some time during the course of the year.
- 12. Schemes benefiting from this funding in 2010-11 are outlined below.

PROJECTS AWARDED FUNDING DURING 2010-11

13. Schemes awarded funding during 2010-11 through the Buckingham LAF include the following projects. More information is shown in Appendix A.

Local Priorities budget

14. The following schemes were funded during 2010-11 through the LAF's Local Priorities budget. See Appendix A for more information.

Scheme	Value
Community Car Scheme	£2,000
The AVYFC Sports Cage	£1,350
Additional Salt Bin Buckingham	£450
Community Interest Company (Broadband)	£5,000
Twyford Village Stores Promotion and Development	£4,930
Promoting Buckingham Project	£3,270
Steeple Claydon Skate Park Refurbishment	£3,000
Total	£20,000

PAYP funding

15. The following schemes were funded during 2010-11 through the LAF's PAYP funding. See Appendix A for more detailed information. This funding stream ends in March 2011.

Scheme	Value
Joint Project with the Waddesdon LAF;	£5,000
I-Van Activity for local youth	
Total	£5,000

Transportation delegated budget

16. The following schemes were funded during 2009-10 through the LAF's Transportation delegated budget. See Appendix A for more detailed information.

Scheme	Value
Buckingham, Salt bin in Glynswood Road	£450
Akeley, Vehicle Activated Sign on the A413 at both the	£10,000
southern and northern entrances to Akeley village	
Middle Claydon Installation of kerbing on the C37 Winslow to	£4,000
Claydon Road	
East Claydon, Remove 30mph signs at new estate	£4,000
Lacemakers Close and replace signs 100m from estate.	
Rumble strips also to be installed	
Nash, Two Salt Bins	£900
Beachampton, Two Salt Bins	£900
Westbury Vehicle Activated Sign on the A422 opposite the	£6,697
Walnuts	
Total	£26,947

Early Years grant

17. The following schemes were funded during 2010-11 through the LAF's Early Years funding. This funding stream ended in March 2011.

Scheme	Value
Buckingham Puzzle Centre; Resources to Support Picture	£588.17
Exchange Communication System	
Page Hill Nursery; Speech and Language Training	£2,500
Total	£3,088.17

Report End

Buckingham Local Area Forum

Budget expenditure 2010/11

Positive activities for young people (PAYP)

The Positive Activities for Young People (PAYP) funding in 2010/11 aimed to engage young people aged 13-19 in positive activities.

The I-van project

The Buckingham and Waddesdon Local Area Forums identified the following priorities;

Improved facilities for young people (Waddesdon)

Improved access to leisure facilities (Buckingham)

Issues with Graffiti particularly on Public Buildings (Buckingham)

During 2010/11, the Buckingham Local Area Forum (LAF) allocated funding to the schemes set out in the following pages. This was undertaken through the following LAF budgets:

- Positive activities for young people (PAYP)
- Local priorities budget
- Transportation delegated budget

The individual schemes are detailed—these demonstrate the value of the LAF devolved budgets

Youth oriented activities required to tackle teenage antisocial behaviour (Buckingham)

Tackle Vandalism and Graffiti (Waddesdon)

Community Impact Bucks (CiB) (formerly Buckinghamshire Community Action), Operates the **I-Van** as a facility to provide diversionary activities for young people, to allow them to experience a broad range of technology on the



i-van & produce a small piece of work that they can keepThe Buckingham and Waddesdon LAF's, working together, decided to commission Community Impact Bucks to deliver a series of workshops to every village and town in both local areas, providing a total of 50 visits for the benefit of local young people and directly addressing the local priorities mentioned. The total cost of the project was to be in excess of £20,000. CiB provided additional support and with £10,000 from the two LAF's (£5,000 each) The project has been successfully delivered. In 2010/11, following a successful local area



Local priorities funding

planning workshop the Buckingham Local Area Forum undertook to support the following projects, working towards addressing some of the identified local priorities.

Nomad Sports Cage

Aylesbury Vale Youth for Christ (AVYFC) approached the Buckingham Local Area Forum, along with several other LAF's across Aylesbury Vale, to seek contributions towards the cost of a giant sports cage to take out to communities in the Aylesbury Vale area to enable young people to take part in sports tournaments and events run in any location – grass, tarmac or indoors.

Before this AVYFC had to rent the facility. However, the level of interest created by this resource, and the number of young people attracted to come over and join in, has demonstrated that this would be a popular addition to youth facilities and resources in the Aylesbury Vale area. It was decided that it would be more cost-effective to purchase the equipment, rather than continuing to pay hire charges.



The sports cage enables young people to get active and participate in small team games. The sports cage can also be used to enable engagement with young people, including linking with community-led planning events and other consultation. The LAF agreed to contribute £1,350 towards this project

Community Car Scheme

The Buckingham LAF identified a need for improved transport around the villages and between towns. With this in mind Community Impact Bucks were approached by the locality services team to put together a project to support the formation and initial operation of community car schemes in a variety of local areas across the north of the county and were provided with £2,000 of the priorities budget towards this goal. In the Buckingham area two meetings have been held with Community Care North Bucks. The organisers of the scheme, which currently operates a transport service which takes Buckingham residents to medical appointments, have agreed in principle to taking on a wider remit, covering villages in the local area. This will require a new coordinator and team of volunteer drivers, which Community Impact Bucks will be supporting.

Further meetings in Akeley and Steeple Claydon have had disappointing attendances and further work, under the original CiB remit, is planned.

Buckingham Salt Bin

Following a very specific road icing problem in Nelson Street in Buckingham, the LAF, at very short notice, was able to fund the supply and maintenance of a Salt Bin in this area, (£450) which has gone a long way to assuaging local concerns about the road in icy conditions.

BAC3, Community Interest Company

Following a very specific priority around the provision of reasonable Broadband speeds to rural areas a consortium was formed (BAC3)

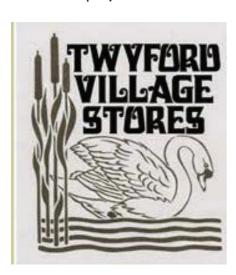
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This Consortium has begun discussions with the Bucks Economic and Learning Partnership (BELP) around various current ideas and projects, has held meetings with The Dept of Business Innovation and Skills (BiS), and is exploring other, more tangential, opportunities for service delivery, including potential partnerships with commercial organisations. The Consortium was provided with £5,000 to "pump prime" the operation, and the potential for the delivery of some clear outcomes is strong.

Village Store Development

Twyford Village Stores is a community owned and managed convenience store at the heart of the village. The store is aware that there is a real benefit, both commercially and from a community perspective, to promote their facility outside the immediate area and, in so doing, provide a positive opportunity for local growers to have an outlet for their produce. The principle behind the sale of locally grown foods from a promotional perspective is well established and to that end the LAF decided to provide a total of £4,930 in funding for this worthwhile project



Promote Buckingham

The Buckingham Traders Association, working with private enterprise and Aylesbury Vale District Council, have embarked on an ambitious re-branding and promotional exercise. The project, with an overall value of £22,000 was aided by £3,270 of LAF funding. Whilst still underway, the project shows a great deal of promise.

Steeple Claydon Skate Park

The Steeple Claydon skate park was installed by a small group of parents in the village in October 2005, with the backing of the Parish Council, using money given by Steeple Claydon villagers and grants from the Police, Bucks County Council, Shanks McEwan, Aylesbury Vale District Council and other sources The main aim of the team was to install a long lasting structure that would be repairable by local tradesmen. The ramps were designed and built and installed by Fearless Ramps, all of whom were either BMX bike riders or skateboarders themselves so the park built and designed was suited to these two groups of users. The quality of the design is borne out by its continued high use by BMX bikers, scooter riders, roller bladers, and skate boarders coming from Steeple Claydon, Calvert, Twyford, Buckingham, and Middle Claydon.

Unfortunately in early 2010 a RoSPA report identified risks with the structure and surfaces of the park which required urgent remedial work. As the Local Area Forum had established a priority around Improved funding for village activity centres and Improved safety advice to parishes on play equipment funding in the sum of £3,000 was agreed by the LAF to address the issues involved.

Contractors completed the necessary works in less than three weeks and the renewed facility is up and running and being enjoyed by local young people.

Transportation delegated budget

The use of the Transportation delegated budget to fund the following projects in the Buckingham area was approved by LAF members.

Salt Bin Buckingham

£450 was provided from the delegated budget for a salt bin in Glynswood Road. The Bin has been installed

Vehicle Activated Signage Akeley

£10,000 for the installation of a Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) on the A413 at both the southern and northern entrances to Akeley village This will be completed soon

Kerb Installation Middle Claydon

£4,000 to install kerbing on the C37 Winslow to Claydon Road, Middle Claydon. The work has been completed

Sign Relocation and Rumble Strip Provision East Claydon

£4,000 to remove 30mph signs at a new estate at Lacemakers Close, East Claydon and replace signs 100m from estate. Install Rumble Strips in the same location.. The project has been completed.

Nash and Beachampton Salt Bins

£1,800 to provide two salt bins to each village.. All four bins have been installed

Vehicle Activated Signage Westbury

£6,697 for the installation of a Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) on the A422 opposite the Walnuts. This will be completed soon

For more information on the Buckingham Local Area
Forum or the devolved budgets, please contact Mark Grindall, Localities
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Buckinghamshire County Council

Report to Buckingham Local Area Forum

Title Update report from Transport for

Buckinghamshire

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Electoral Divisions Affected Parishes within the LAF

Background

From 2010 this standard report will be issued to each Local Area Forum (LAF) from Transport for Buckinghamshire.

It will aim to provide a comprehensive update on current and relevant Transportation issues which are tailored to each individual LAF.

Standard topics to be covered will be:

- Dates of when Local Community Gangs will visit parishes
- Major issues likely to affect parishes within the LAF
- Update on ongoing local issues
- Policy Development
- Any other information

In addition, it will cover any emerging issues which could or will affect Local Areas Forum areas.

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Area Maintenance

Now that the worst of the winter seems to be behind us, the priority is carriageway inspections and repairs to defects such as potholes. Currently up to 6 gangs are working in Aylesbury Vale, each one attending to 30+ potholes a day. White line, gully emptying, signs and Rights of Way teams are working as normal. Following a larger than expected grant from central government, maintenance and asset management teams are working on programmes for the new financial year. This work is progressing and the final programmes will circulated in due course. It is expected that large areas of Tingewick Bypass will be resurfaced early in April 2011. There will be a detailed review of our Winter Maintenance service in the summer also.

Traffic Management

See delegated budget below

Policy

The LTP Strategy consultation closed on the 25th February and the final document is now awaiting adoption by the County Council Cabinet on the 21st March. The strategy will then supersede the LTP2 and come into effect on the 1st April 2011.

Road Safety

For your information road safety checks have recently been carried out in your area at the locations detailed below.

H	Time	Area	Location	Roads Police/	•	Seatbelts				Driving Insur-
2010)			Neighbourhood			phone a	&	offence	licence ance
				Police check				Use		
		(locality			No.	No.	No. tick	ets		
		services)				tickets issued	issued			
16- Dec		Buckingham	Gawcott	Roads	20					

Dec -09.45

16- 11.00 Buckingham Buckingham Roads 14

Dec -12.30

These road safety checks are carried out by the Thames Valley Safer Roads Partnership in conjunction with Road Safety Officers from Transport for Buckinghamshire and Thames Valley Police Neighbourhood Specialist Officers (NSO's).

The locations are determined by feedback from local residents via Neighbourhood Action Groups (NAG's) and Neighbourhood Specialist Officers.

Educational alternatives are promoted during these checks. The aim is to educate rather than alienate drivers and therefore allow them to have a better understanding of why and how their direct actions behind the wheel can affect the safety of themselves and others.

Driver's postcodes are recorded to determine whether it is local or through drivers that are contravening traffic laws and this information is fed back to local NAG's by Neighbourhood Officers.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact us at roadsafety@buckscc.gov.uk

Passenger Transport Nothing to report **Development Control** Nothing to report Design Nothing to report

Update from Transport Localities Team Leader

Delegated Budget 2010/11				
Buckingham	Salt bin in Glynswood Road Buckingham	Complete		
Akeley	VAS on the A413 at both the southern and northern entrances to Akeley village	Works in progress		
Middle Claydon	Installation of kerbing on the C37 Winslow to Claydon Road	Complete		
East Claydon	Remove 30mph signs at new estate Lacemakers Close and replace signs 100m from estate. Rumble strips also required	Complete		
Nash	2 salt bins	Complete		
Beachampton	2 salt bins – one near to Watery Lane and one at the end of Main Street towards Sony Stratford	Complete		
Westbury	VAS A422 opposite the Walnuts	Works in progress		

Information regarding 2011/12 Delegated Budget increase and details on how to make a bid

TFB is pleased to advise you that following full Council on 17 February 2011 they have been able to double the funds currently allocated to the overall delegated budget. The total budget for the County has increased from £500,000 to £1,000,000 and will be allocated across the 19 Locality areas on the same criteria as before (using needs based assessment and technically weighted data).

It is appreciated that some schemes have already been identified for funding for 2011/12. In order that the full benefit of the increase in budget allocation is achieved, each LAF is asked to consider whether or not to review those schemes already identified and consider the following three options;

- 1. To proceed with the identified schemes and identify additional schemes that fit in with the local priorities.
- 2. To proceed with the identified schemes but increase the size of the allocation to those schemes which will deliver additional quantity of that scheme.
- 3. To remove the schemes that have already been identified and identify alternative schemes that may not have been considered due to the cost of providing those schemes.

Any alterations to schemes already identified for 2011/12 should be submitted to Ann-Marie Davies by 2 May 2011 and LAF's will be expected to make a final decision on their programme in the June/July meeting.

Officers within TFB will assess schemes and provide feedback prior to the June/July round of LAF's.

For your information the allocation for your LAF is as follows:-

Buckingham	53,206.54

All LAF's will have the opportunity to discuss their wishes at the March/April round of their meetings.

Schemes received for Delegated Budget funding 2011/12 - £53,206.54

Parish	Scheme	Score	Cost	Comments
Twyford	Application for 10 dropped kerbs	1.10	£11,000	
Stowe	Installation of footpath along main road to the High Street	1.00	£23,000	
Radclive cum Chackmore	Extension to footpath – Main Street Chackmore Salt bin – Maltings Lane Chackmore	0.5	£7500 £450	
Maids Moreton	VAS – approach to Maids Moreton from Towcester – A413	0.8	Parish requested £11500	With street lighting for assessment
Buckingham	Extend the roadway around	Not land owned or maintained by		

	St Paul Church on Castle Hill	BCC. Not possible to progress without land purchase.		
	Layby on Burleigh Piece next to Bourton Meadow School	0.6	£20-45,000 Depending on final size agreed on site	
Hillesden	Passing bay/layby Slip Lane road widening Hillesden Hamlet	0.6	£10,000	
Akeley	Work to be undertaken to clear gullies in Akeley	0.5	£3000	
East & Botolph Claydon	2 salt bins – by phone box in Botolph & by grass verge in St Mary's	0.5	£900 + £500 (sign) Total £1400	
Gawcott	3 salt bins – Church St, Lenborough Road, Radclive Road	0.5	£1350	
Lillingstone Lovell	Salt bin – top end of the village	0.5	£450	



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28 February 2011

LAUNCH OF HS2 PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Philip Hammond, the Transport Secretary, today launched the public consultation on High Speed Rail, and I would like to take this opportunity to encourage you to take part. It is one of the biggest public consultations ever undertaken, and will cover the Government's proposed strategy for a wider network linking London, the West Midlands and Manchester and Leeds, and the proposals for a route from London to the West Midlands.

The consultation will run for five months until 29 July, which is longer than the 12 weeks recommended by the Cabinet Office for public consultations. It will include roadshows in towns and villages along the proposed route between London and the West Midlands.

By participating in the consultation, whether by coming to one of our roadshows or by going to the consultation website, you can voice your opinions and concerns and find out the information you need to respond.

The roadshows

The roadshows will give you an opportunity to read the evidence underlying the proposals and a wide range of material explaining the project, including a number of factsheets. There will be experts for you to talk to, such as engineers, environmentalists and property specialists from HS2 Ltd and the Department for Transport, who can explain the proposals in detail and the effects on your local area.

The events start towards the end of March in London, to give you the opportunity to read the consultation material before you come to talk to us. They end in Birmingham in the middle of June. This gives everyone at least a month before the consultation closes to formulate and submit their responses.

There is a gap of a month in the schedule to allow for local elections. During this time the Government needs to be careful not to promote anything that might have a local impact. For that reason we have not planned any public roadshow or trailer events. However, it does not mean that we would not



answer questions and help individuals with enquiries, and we would continue to respond to any requests for the consultation materials.

The roadshows will be at:

Location	Date	Address
Euston Mobile Exhibition	24-25 March	Euston Square Gardens (West), Euston Station, Euston Road, London, NW1 2RT
Queens Park Mobile Exhibition	26 March	Salusbury Road Car Park, Salusbury Road, West Kilburn, London, NW6 6NL
Swiss Cottage Mobile Exhibition	28 March	Swiss Cottage Farmers' Market, Eton Avenue, Swiss Cottage, London, NW3 3EU
Ruislip and Ickenham Exhibition	30-31 March	Winston Churchill Hall, Manor Farm Site, Pinn Way, Ruislip, HA4 7QL
Old Oak Common Mobile Exhibition	1 April	Westfield London Shopping Centre, Westfield Way, W12 7GF (outside Shepherd's Bush Overground Station)
Euston Exhibition	2 April	Camden Centre, Biddborough Street, London, WC1H 9AU
Camden Mobile Exhibition	4 April	Castlehaven Youth Centre, 21 Castlehaven Road, Greater London, NW1 8RU
Perivale and Ealing Exhibition	7 April	Greenford Assembly Hall, Ruislip Road (jcn with Oldfield Lane South), Greenford, Middlesex, UB6 9QN
Chalfont St Giles Mobile Exhibition	9 May	Blizzards Yard Car Park, High Street, Chalfont St Giles, Bucks, HP8 4QA
Aylesbury Exhibition	10-11 May	Stoke Mandeville Stadium, The Olympic Lodge Hotel, Guttmann Rd, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP21 9PP
Great Missenden Mobile Exhibition	12 May	Black Horse Pub Car Park, Aylesbury Road, Mobwell, Great Missenden, Bucks, HP16 9AX
Wendover Exhibition	13-14 May	Wendover Memorial Hall, Wharf Road, Wendover, Bucks, HP22 6HF
Greatworth Mobile Exhibition	17 May	Greatworth Sports and Social Club Car Park, Helmdon Rd, Banbury, Oxon, OX17 2DR
Amersham Exhibition	18-19 May	Amersham and Chiltern Rugby Football Club, Ash Grove, Weedon Lane, Amersham, Bucks, HP6 5QU
Waddesdon Mobile Exhibition	21 May	Waddesdon Church of England School Car Park, Baker Street, Waddesdon, Bucks, HP18 0LQ
Washwood Heath Mobile Exhibition	23 May	Hodge Hill Constituency Office Car Park, Ward End Park House,



		Washwood Heath Rd, Ward End, Birmingham, B8 2HB
Chipping Warden Mobile Exhibition	24 May	Village Hall Car Park, Culworth Road, Chipping Warden, Banbury, Oxon, OX17 1LB
Upper Boddington Mobile Exhibition	25 May	Boddington Village Hall Car Park, Warwick Road, Upper Boddington, Northants, NN11 6DH
Calvert Green Mobile Exhibition	26 May	Calvert Green Community Centre Car Park, Cotswolds Way, Calvert Green, Bucks, MK18 2FJ
Brackley Exhibition	27-28 May	Brackley Leisure Centre, Springfield Way, Brackley, Northants, NN13 6JJ
Ladbroke Mobile Exhibition	2 June	Bell Inn Car Park, Banbury Road, Ladbroke, Warks, CV47 2BY
Southam Exhibition	3-4 June	Graham Adams Centre, St James Road, Southam, Warks, CV47 0LY
Cubbington Mobile Exhibition	6 June	Cubbington Sports and Social Club Car Park, Windmill Hill, Cubbington, Leamington Spa, Warks, CV32 7LN
Balsall Common Mobile Exhibition	7 June	Jubilee Centre Car Park, off Station Road, Balsall Common, Solihull, CV7 7FE
Lichfield Exhibition	8-9 June	Lichfield Guildhall, Bore Street, Lichfield, Staffs, WS13 6LX
Burton Green Mobile Exhibition	10 June	Village Hall Car Park, Hodgetts Lane, Burton Green, Kenilworth, CV8 1PH
Water Orton Exhibition	11 June	The Link, 4 New Road, Water Orton, Birmingham, B46 1QU
Kenilworth Exhibition	13-14 June	Holiday Inn, 212 Abbey End, Kenilworth, Warks, CV8 1ED
Hampton in Arden Mobile Exhibition	15 June	Sports Centre Car Park, Shadowbrook Road, Hampton in Arden, Solihull, B32 0DQ
Birmingham Exhibition	17-18 June	Waterhall (Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery), Chamberlain Square, Birmingham, B3 3DH

Documents and responding to the consultation

The consultation document and the documents underlying the proposals such as the Appraisal of Sustainability, economic case report and engineering report have been published on the consultation website at http://highspeedrail.dft.gov.uk and will also be available, for example, at central libraries along the line of route.



You can respond to the consultation on the website or by completing a questionnaire form which can be found in the summary of the consultation document.

For further information go to at http://highspeedrail.dft.gov.uk or contact the public enquiries team on 020 7944 4908 or HS2enquiries@hs2.gsi.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely,

SIR BRIAN BRISCOE

CHAIRMAN

Cabinet support Energy from Waste proposals at Calvert

Buckinghamshire County Council's Cabinet today (28 February) decided that Energy from Waste was the best option to manage the county's waste, and reconfirmed its decision to award preferred bidder status to Waste Recycling Group (WRG).

This follows the Cabinet's review of the Overview and Scrutiny Commissioning Committee's recommendations to reconsider the decision, made in November 2010, to award preferred bidder status to WRG. The Committee also asked for clarification and reassurance on financial, legal, technology, consultation and planning aspects of the decision.

WRG proposes an Energy from Waste facility at Greatmoor, near Calvert, north Buckinghamshire.

Martin Tett, Cabinet Member for Planning and Environment said: "I would like to thank the scrutiny committee for taking such a thorough look at this project and giving us the opportunity to reinforce the robust process we have followed. We have been governed by strict EU procurement rules, which enable us to follow due process and reduce the risk of challenge.

"A significant amount of work has been carried out over the course of this procurement process to assess the most suitable solution to manage Buckinghamshire's waste. We have followed a rigorous evaluation process which has shown that WRG offer us the cheapest solution, helping us to save over £100 million in landfill costs over the life of the contract. Furthermore their proposals would also create over 300 jobs and a new access road which would divert traffic from local villages.

"Energy from Waste technology still remains one of the most proven, deliverable and affordable technologies on the market today. Other options, such as sending the county's household waste to nearby plants for processing have been considered. However this would involve short term contracts which would be more expensive when compared to the WRG offer and would provide great uncertainty around market capacity as the Council would also be competing with other suppliers. This would include commercial and industrial companies who would be able to procure a lot quicker than the Council.

"Our waste is currently dumped in holes in the ground where it rots and produces methane, a damaging 'greenhouse gas'. Because of this environmental damage, landfilling waste is increasingly subject to heavy fines and taxes which are almost certain to get even higher in the years ahead. We have to find a solution now in order to save for the future and I believe this is the best way forward."

The project team will now work with WRG to clarify and confirm commitments, and undertake final due diligence. The final decision to award the contract will be considered by the County Council's Cabinet in the autumn of this year.

THE BBC'S SWITCHOVER HELP SCHEME IN BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

For many people television is an important way of receiving information from the outside world and the process of changing from analogue to digital can be worrying. That's why we are working closely with local agencies to make sure people get the help they are entitled to.

Some people may have already switched to digital either because they have satellite / cable or currently receive digital terrestrial television (through an aerial) from one of the main TV transmitters. Buckinghamshire receives terrestrial television services from a variety of sources including the Oxford transmitter group (part of the Central TV region) as well as the Sandy Heath transmitter group in the Anglia region. Those, particularly in the south of the county, who receive services from London transmitters will probably wait until 2012 before their analogue services are switched off. If people haven't converted ALL of their TVs to digital they will start to lose channels.

Although we write to all eligible people in plenty of time to get the help they need, we are aware that some people may need a 'Helping Hand' in responding to our letter.

You are a 'Trusted Voice'. Your staff and volunteers have direct contact with eligible people – some of whom are very fragile or dependent. We know that it will be you that eligible people turn to in the first instance if they lose television reception because they haven't switched to digital in time. That's why we need **your** help to signpost people to our service

As part of the team of Regional Project Co-ordinators I work with Local Authorities, community groups, the voluntary sector and other key organisations to build positive relationships with the community to ensure that the Help Scheme reaches people who need the most help to switch to digital TV.

WHAT WE'RE ASKING FROM YOU?

You can help us to reach those in greatest need by ensuring that eligible people receive information about the Help Scheme and know where to go for help. We can supply, entirely free of charge, a wealth of information and material in a variety of formats eg bookmarks, leaflets, audio cd, braille, BSL DVD etc which we can send to you for passing on to your clients. I and my colleagues in the Help Scheme can deliver training to your staff / volunteers as well as giving presnetations and talks to local community groups. Our website www.helpscheme.co.uk also contains a more information which you may find helpful.

Thank you.

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