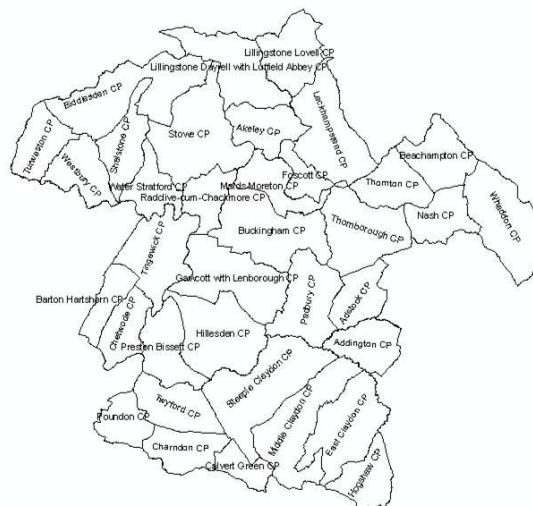


BUCKINGHAM LOCAL AREA FORUM



DATE:	15 December 2011
TIME:	Please note there will be no drop-in before this meeting 7.00 pm
LOCATION:	The Buckingham School, London Road, MK18 1AT

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 29 September 2011.		1 - 12
4	Chairman's Update	19.05	
5	Local Priorities Update This meeting will focus on the Buckingham Hospital priority. Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust has been invited to attend the meeting to update Members on the "Better Healthcare for Bucks" proposals. Rachael Corser, Associate Director of Nursing, Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust and Richard Mills, Director of Strategy, NHS Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire Cluster will be attending the meeting. The local priorities champions will update Members on progress of the other priorities.	19.10	
6	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.	19.40	
7	Petitions None received		
8	Transport for Buckinghamshire Update Ann-Marie Davies and Simon Dudley will provide Members with	20.00	13 - 28

	an update. The TfB report is attached including information on the bus consultation which has now ended.		
9	Thames Valley Neighbourhood Police Update An update on police activity in the local area will be provided at the meeting.	20.10	
10	AVDC Update	20.15	
10a	Changes to refuse & recycling at AVDC		
11	Bucks CC Change to Household Waste Recycling Centres Information item only.		29 - 30
12	Open Forum	20.35	
13	Date of Next and Future Meetings The next meeting will take place on Thursday 29 March 2012. Future meetings in 2012 Thursday 28 June Thursday 27 September Thursday 13 December If any parish or town council is able to host one of the above meetings, please could they let Liz Wheaton know either by email (ewheaton@buckscc.gov.uk) or by calling 01296 383856.	21.00	

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
Patrick Fealey, Aylesbury Vale District Council
Pearl Lewis, Aylesbury Vale District Council
Llew Monger, Aylesbury Vale District Council
Howard Mordue, Aylesbury Vale District Council
Jackie Phipps, Aylesbury Vale District Council
Susan Polhill, Aylesbury Vale District Council
Susan Renshell, Aylesbury Vale District Council
David Rowlands, Buckinghamshire County Council
Sir Beville Stanier, Aylesbury Vale District Council
Robin Stuchbury, 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

Partner Agencies : Thames Valley Police, Bucks Fire and Rescue, Buckinghamshire PCT,
Voluntary Sector representatives

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ACTION NOTES

MEETING:	Buckingham Local Area Forum
DATE:	29 September 2011 7.02 pm to 9.15 pm
LOCATION	Radclive-cum-Chackmore Village Hall, Main Street, Chackmore MK18 5JE

Present:	Mrs J Beckett (Radclive-cum-Chackmore Parish Council), Chris Benton (Water Stratford Parish Council), Hedley Cadd (Buckinghamshire County Council), Ivy Cakebread (Stowe Parish Council), Terry Cavender (Akeley Parish Council), Geoff Culverhouse (Nash Parish Council), Derrick Isham (Aylesbury Vale District Council), Roger Landells (Twyford Parish Council), Pearl Lewis (Aylesbury Vale District Council), Alex Matthews (Thornton Parish Council), Edwin Maxwell (Tingewick Parish Council), Mr P McHenry (Padbury Parish Council), Tom Morrison (Hogshaw Parish Meeting), Jackie Phipps (Aylesbury Vale District Council), David Polhill (Buckinghamshire County Council), Susan Renshell (Aylesbury Vale District Council), John Riches (Middle Claydon Parish Council), David Rowlands (Buckinghamshire County Council), Kim Shepherd (Calvert Green), Mike Smith (Buckingham Town Council), Mrs J Swadling (Turweston Parish Council), Vicky Webb (Westbury Parish Council) and Alan White (Gawcott & Lenborough Parish Council)
In Attendance:	Stephen Archibald, Sue Barrett, Carl Blakeley, Pam Curtis, Ann-Marie Davies, Simon Dudley, Inspector Emma Garside, Mark Grindall, Ann Kiceluk, Margo Parfitt, Carol Sefton, Dr Tariq Siddique, Stephen Townsend, Liz Wheaton and Susie Yapp
Apologies:	Amanda Brooke-Webb, Ann Cobban, Lady Scott and Sir Beville Stanier

Item	ISSUES RAISED
1	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE / CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP Apologies as stated above.
2	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were no declarations of interest.
3	ACTION NOTES The action notes of the meeting held on 30 June 2011 were agreed as a correct record subject to the following minor amendments/updates. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chairman explained to Members that he wrote to Mark Jones at the Bucks Fire Authority following the request from the LAF and he has had considerable correspondence with him but they have reached an impasse. Terry Cavender has also been in contact with Mark who explained the fragmented way that scrutiny is undertaken across the Country. Terry has since written to John Bercow MP and he has been told that his concerns have been passed onto Eric Pickles, who will be looking into how scrutiny of Fire Authorities is carried out across the Country. • Mike Smith pointed out that the car parking changes referred to under the AVDC update related to the long-stay car park and not the short stay. • Inspector Garside updated Members on speed enforcement activity on the A422. She said that on one occasion, 11 speeding tickets were handed out and the top speed was 55mph. On the other occasion, the speed enforcement team handed out 3 tickets and the top

	<p>speed was 61mph. She said that this area is being closely monitored by the team.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mark Grindall has spoken to Roger Landells regarding being the champion for the “promotion of local shopping facilities” priority and Roger has agreed to do this. • The Chairman, on behalf of Westbury Parish Council, clarified the position relating to the speed restrictions. He explained that the parish council wanted to see the current 40mph limit reduced to 30mph but when the parish council viewed the website, it stated that the speed limit was due to be increased to 50mph. Ann-Marie Davies agreed to look into this and report back to Westbury Parish Council after the meeting. <p style="text-align: right;">Action: Ann-Marie Davies</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE</p> <p>The Chairman started by saying that there is a lot of work going on at the moment but much of it is still in its embryonic stages. He mentioned the Boundary Commission’s review which the County Council responded to the proposed changes outlined in the review and has now received a response back from the Boundary Commission. Some of the suggested changes put forward by the County Council have been considered by the Boundary Commission. The main change is that all divisions will be one ward divisions so Members will be responsible for a larger number of residents (8-9,000 rather than 7-8,000). This will result in a reduction of County Councillors from 57 to 49.</p> <p>The Chairman explained that the Government has made a U-turn in relation to HS2. There will now be a Parliamentary debate on the issue. He went on to say that Martin Tett, the Leader of the County Council, is chairing the 51M Group.</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>QUESTION TIME</p> <p>The Chairman explained that Water Stratford Parish Council had emailed in advance of the meeting a number of questions (listed below). David Hedley, Local Area Technician is aware of the concerns and is preparing a written response to be sent to Water Stratford after the meeting.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action: David Hedley</p> <p>Question 1 - Dip in Water Stratford Road The dip in the road close to the Water Stratford road bridge over the River Ouse is becoming increasingly dangerous especially to cyclist and motor cyclist. It is also dangerous to motor vehicles and causes grounding of many vehicles.</p> <p>When will the promised temporary repairs be carried out?</p> <p>Question 2 - Can we have assurance that the dip will be permanently repaired at the same time as the proposed resurfacing of Water Stratford Road?</p> <p>Question 3 - Resurfacing of Water Stratford Road Can we have assurance that the proposed resurfacing will in fact be carried out during 2012/2013?</p> <p>Question 4 - Missing Road Sign at Water Stratford / Stowe cross roads This sign was first reported missing in December 2009.</p> <p>It is an important sign in that in addition to giving directions it also warns motorists that they are approaching a (very dangerous) crossroads.</p> <p>When will this sign be replaced?</p>

	<p>Question 5 - Water Stratford / Stowe Cross Roads We would strongly dispute the statistic quoted at the previous meeting regarding the number of accidents (9 collisions in the last 10 years - 8 minor ones). There have been many more accidents. This is a very dangerous junction. We should not be required to wait until there is a fatality before improvements are made.</p> <p>When is the speed limit review for this junction to be carried out? What action can be taken to improve the vision splay?</p> <p>Question 6 - HGV traffic through Water Stratford We have instances of very large HGVs routing through the village some of which have difficulty negotiating the road and the Church corner. We accept that some of this traffic is caused by use of sat navs.</p> <p>Can any steps be taken to deter this traffic e.g. a weight limit?</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>PETITIONS</p> <p>Members were asked to note the response prepared by Transport for Buckinghamshire in relation to the closure of Twyford Bridge. The lead petitioner, Roger Landells, was present at the meeting.</p> <p>Simon Dudley updated Members that the bridge is due to be opened on Friday 30 September. He acknowledged that there has been a great deal of concern over the closure of the bridge. Transport for Buckinghamshire were asked to look at both temporary and permanent solutions to the problem. It was imperative to make the bridge safe and this has now been done. TfB are now looking at strengthening the embankment on both sides.</p> <p>Mr Landells thanked Simon Dudley and other TfB officers but he went onto criticise TfB on two counts during the whole process. Firstly, he felt that the repair could have been carried out much earlier than it has been. He said that around £6-8,000 per month has been spent on additional fuel costs for motorists in the area who have been unable to use the bridge and have been diverted. Mr Landells criticised the senior managers at TfB for putting Simon Dudley in a very difficult position. He said it was a matter of principle as he was told that HS2 would not affect the decision on whether to repair the bridge or not but then Simon told him that it was thrown out because of HS2.</p> <p>Mr Landells concluded by saying that he, and the local residents, were all delighted that the bridge has finally re-opened and thanked Simon and his team again.</p>
<p>7</p>	<p>TRANSPORT FOR BUCKINGHAMSHIRE UPDATE</p> <p>The Chairman introduced County Councillor David Rowlands in his role as spokesperson for Transport at the County Council. David referred to the TfB report included in the agenda pack which lists the current list of streets which will be treated over the next 2 years. He stressed that footpaths are not included within this particular allocation of funding parishes and town councils can apply for funding footpaths through the delegated budget. He asked Members to speak to their County Councillor if they felt there were roads missing from the list.</p> <p>Category 1 and 2 potholes are to be dealt with at the same time.</p> <p>A decision is expected from the Department of Transport in October regarding the proposed 20 mph. David agreed to update Members at the next meeting.</p> <p>Simon Dudley then took Members through the Winter Maintenance review results. He said that recent media coverage has suggested that we will have a harsh Winter, starting in November/early</p>

December time. There is an 85% probability of a significant amount of snow during this period which will raise issues in relation to the Winter Maintenance programme. He said that, unfortunately areas in Thornton have still not made it onto the winter gritting programme. There have been a few additions to the programme and a few routes taken off.

Simon said that 35 farmers and contractors have expressed an interest in snow clearing on behalf of the County Council and they have all been sent an agreement to sign. Everything should be finalised within the next 4-6 weeks.

Last year, the Government produced a snow code which clarified the position with regards to liability when clearing snow. Simon said that if you clear snow sensibly and do not make it more dangerous than before, then you are not liable. He stressed that you should not use hot water on the snow as this will just cause the snow to turn to ice. He advised people to use salt or ash on the snow.

During discussion, Members asked the following questions and raised the following issues.

- The representative from Thornton expressed disappointment at not being included in the winter gritting programme but he went on to ask whether the grit bins would be filled up well in advance of the bad weather. Would the bins then be maintained and refilled on a regular basis throughout the Winter. Simon responded by saying that the County Council cannot organise for heaps of grit to be put out yet because parishes are still cutting the grass. The heaps of grit will probably be delivered towards the end of October. The grit bins will be refilled every 3-4 weeks as it is not effective to go back and forth to different areas more frequently than that.
- The representative from Akeley asked what the method was for informing farmers of routes which needed to be cleared. Simon explained that all enquiries should come through to the County Council as the County Council is ultimately responsible for snow clearance and it is the responsibility of the County Council to arrange payment to the farmers who assist in this. He advised Members to either contact Simon or Tim Fowler or to call the emergency number – 48660.
- The representative from Calvert Green asked what would happen if the parish council purchases a salt bin and then a resident slips. Simon re-iterated that, provided the snow clearance was done in a safe manner, then the parish would not be held responsible for any accidents.
- Councillor Pearl Lewis asked whether the routes to all schools had been included in the programme this year as last year, for example, Chandos Road was a major problem. Simon explained that he has been in contact with Passenger Transport and he is waiting for further information from them but he stressed that TfB cannot salt all the routes which buses take.
- Mark Grindall, Localities Manager, advised parishes who were providing salt to carry out a risk assessment to ensure people were using it in an appropriate way.
- A Member encouraged Simon to undertake a survey of the local area as he stressed that people cannot use a primary route if a secondary route has not been salted and cited Chandos Road again in this instant. Simon said that TfB cannot salt all roads in Buckinghamshire but he said that he would take this point back to his manager. He said that Bucks County Council covers a larger area in its winter gritting programme than its neighbouring counties.

Action: Simon Dudley

- The Chairman explained that he has suggested to Arriva that they try and make their vehicles safer during the Winter months by using winter tyres and snow chains, where appropriate.
- The representative for Akeley asked Simon to make sure that schools are told which routes are going to be salted so that they are aware of this as it costs a lot of money to close schools. He asked Simon to pass this onto his management team. Simon responded by saying that the County Council does not have a duty to salt all the roads in the area. He said that a link could be sent to all schools showing which roads will be salted and he said that he would make sure that it is available to the bus companies as well. The map should be available next week.

Action: Simon Dudley

The Chairman thanked David, Simon and Ann-Marie for their update.

8 THAMES VALLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICE UPDATE

The Chairman welcomed Inspector Emma Garside. She started by explaining that later this year, the Police non-emergency number will be changing from [08458 505505] to [101] which will not be such an expensive number to call, be easier to remember and will be a national non-emergency number.

There is a consultation currently underway relating to the front counters at police stations which is available on the Thames Valley Police website. It is a review relating to the opening times and the public have been asked to feedback on the proposals. This is relevant to the Old Gaol at Buckingham. The front counter is currently open from Monday to Friday 09.30 -14.00. Inspector Garside asked Members to respond to the consultation with their views as soon as possible. The Winslow office is not included in the consultation process. The police station in Moreton Road will be relocating to the Buckingham Industrial Estate in October 2012. Inspector Garside said that it was disappointing that the move was not happening earlier than this.

Inspector Garside said that the recent riots in London had not caused any problems in the Aylesbury Vale area. The impact of losing officers to London was kept to a minimum as a result of those officers and neighbourhood staff who remained, working longer hours.

Review of police areas

Inspector Garside explained that the three existing Buckingham Neighbourhood Areas are not co-terminus with the Local Areas. It has been agreed that the police neighbourhood boundaries in Aylesbury Vale will come into line with the Local Area Forum areas. This will assist TVP to be better aligned with its partnership organisations, reduce bureaucracy and provide teams with a greater pool of officers to draw from. It is hoped that the IT changes to support this process will be implemented from March 2012.

The Neighbourhood Action Group areas are also being reviewed. Inspector Garside stressed that if an area wished to continue to meet, then it could but in some areas, it was felt that the attendance was low and there was a lot of repetition with what was being said at parish meetings. Inspector Garside encouraged people to keep attending the NAG meetings and she said that her teams would be very happy to attend parish meetings as well.

Update on local police activity

Inspector Garside reported that across all three neighbourhood areas, there has been a decrease in crime.

- In Buckingham Town, serious acquisitive crime is down by 43% and crime, overall, is down by 18%;
- In Buckingham North, serious acquisitive crime is down by 22% and crime, overall, is down 34%.

The figures are at their lowest in 3 years, but Inspector Garside warned Members not to be complacent. There tends to be an increase in burglary dwellings during the Winter months with the longer, darker evenings and the Christmas period.

Specific areas in the Buckingham Town area are being targeted by officers so that patrols are being carried out at various times during the day.

Anti-social behaviour is still a priority and TVP are working closely with the town council to try and reduce it. Cameras were trialled in Chandos Park as part of an initiative by Buckingham Town Council as a deterrent for young people gathering. Inspector Garside said that she is looking at possible funding streams for a mobile CCTV which could be placed in crime/ASB hotspots.

There has been an increase in the number of reports of people using ketamine and the police are working with partner organisations to try and address this.

A member of the public has been arrested and admitted criminal damage, in relation to graffiti (writing the word “Joker”). The offender will be scrubbing the graffiti off next week.

Inspector Garside reported that John Bercow MP has recently spent 4 hours in patrol with TVP in the local area.

TVP officers are working closely with Adult Social Care in relation to the in-touch programme which provides vulnerable people with a means of getting in touch with relevant services. PCSOs are currently conducting home visits and will undertake home security checks, if required. PCSOs are also being trained as Community Responders.

A Member asked Inspector Garside if she could update him on two crimes which took place in Middle Claydon. Inspector Garside asked the Member to speak to her after the meeting.

The Chairman thanked Inspector Garside for her very useful update.

9 BUCKS AND MILTON KEYNES FIRE AND RESCUE UPDATE

David Rowlands, Chairman of Bucks and Milton Keynes Fire and Rescue, read out the following personal statement.

“Yesterday, following a recent strategic consultation, the Fire Authority considered proposals from officers for a set of service reviews. Many stakeholders had responded to that consultation and the vast majority were supportive of the need for reviews.

The Authority gave approval for the reviews to proceed and will consider their outcomes in due course. I was pleased to note that, although some small changes to the way services are delivered will be investigated, I am informed by the Chief Fire Officer that no station closures or compulsory job losses among fire crews will be proposed. Given the fact that many areas of England with significantly higher fire risk than this authority’s area, are engaging in station closures, we are in a comparatively good position.

It was noted that Buckingham Town expressed views which were opposed to the consultation and it was disappointing to me that they did not seek further information from the service before doing so and instead seemingly relied upon local and quite prejudiced sources for advice. Yet other local stakeholders expressed views which extended to increasing the fire provision in this area and

certain stakeholders in this area are now apparently embarking on attempts to alter the fashion in which Combined Fire Authorities are held to account. The Chief Fire Officer has indicated that he is not, in principal, against providing extra fire provision to meet local demand but is not in a position to advocate that the Fire Authority would pay the extra costs. We therefore await details of how those local areas propose to fund any provision of fire services that is deemed as being higher than that required.

I am aware that many people in this area gave views and I thank all of them for their enthusiasm and participation in our consultation.

It is with great regret to us that some local media carried articles which were ill-informed and somewhat alarmist but I am reassured that the service is making no proposals to the Fire Authority which will lower the very high standards enjoyed by the citizens of this area.

I would like to emphasise that there will be no station closures and no staff redundancies – any reduction in numbers will be as a result of natural wastage.”

The Chairman thanked David for his update.

10 AVDC UPDATE

The Chairman welcomed Ann Kiceluk, Lead Officer at Aylesbury Vale District Council. Ann started by updating Members on SEMLEP (South East Midlands Local Enterprise Partnership). She said that AVDC has taken the view that the interests of the Vale would be best served by joining forces with the South East Midlands group of authorities rather than a Thames Valley proposal.

SEMLEP recently appointed Dr Ann Limb as chairman with effect from 30 September 2011. Councillor Michael Edmonds is the representative on the Board from AVDC.

SEMLEP is targeting jobs growth by focussing on generating/supporting start-up businesses. SEMLEP is engaging with central Government on urgent issues associated with transport and infrastructure which are affecting short-term job growth in the area.

A Member asked whether voluntary organisations have been included in partnership arrangements as there was no mention of them. The Member also said that LEPs are replacing the Regional Development agency and wondered where the financial support will come from under the new arrangements – will the funding be lost? Ann said that she would look into these points and let Members know at the next meeting. Mr Riches said that the voluntary sector does have a seat on the board, as an observer.

Action: Ann Kiceluck

A copy of the presentation on SEMLEP is attached.

Ann then took Members through the AVDC update which included the following:

- The Vale of Aylesbury Plan update
- The 2012/13 budget
- The new AVDC Corporate Plan
- Changes to the refuse and recycling collection service – this will be discussed in more detail at the next LAF meeting.

Further information on the above items can be found on the attached document.

Mike Smith, Buckingham Town Council, said that he is still awaiting a response from AVDC regarding shredding materials. He asked Ann to chase the appropriate officer for a response.

Action: Ann Kiceluck

The Chairman thanked Ann for the update.

11 CHILD POVERTY STRATEGY

Pam Curtis, Child Poverty Programme Manager at Bucks County Council took Members through her presentation. She made the following main points:

- The Child Poverty Act 2010 gave responsibility to partner organisations to conduct a needs analysis and produce a strategy.
- The Bucks Needs Assessment was completed in 2010 and in the late spring 2011 the Bucks Child Poverty Strategy was published. It was noted that much of the data is out of date when it is collected.
- The latest Department of Work and Pensions statistics (2008) state that 11,725 children aged 0-19 years are living in poverty in Buckinghamshire.
- In 2007, there were 8 Communities across 4 wards in the 30% most deprived wards in England. In 2010, this had risen to 12 Communities across 8 wards, all in Aylesbury, High Wycombe and parts of Chesham.
- Rural poverty is often hidden or the data is suppressed to avoid stigmatization.
- The National definition of poverty is a national indicator where income is less than 60% of the median income.

Youth Unemployment

There has been an increase in youth unemployment for those aged 18 – 24. In July, 215 were unemployed and there were a further 115 in August. In Aylesbury Vale, 28.7% of 18-24 year olds are claiming Job Seekers Allowance.

Impact of Living

Due to the high living costs in Buckinghamshire people could be well below 60% of median income. People living in poverty are often less healthy, have lower aspirations and are frequently the victims of bullying.

Priorities

The Child Poverty Group meets quarterly and each member acts as a sponsor to act within and across the Strategy Priorities.

- 1 Aim to help people work together and maximise parental income by increasing employment. There is a representative from Bucks Business First on the Group.
- 2 Reduce health and housing inequalities
- 3 Improve career advice and opportunities for children and young people
- 4 Build community resilience

Loan shark information events will be taking place to warn people about the dangers of using loan sharks.

A family finance page will be added to the Bucks Family Information Service website.

Pam's contact details are as follows – email: pcurtis@buckscc.gov.uk; tel: 01296 382955.

The Chairman thanked Pam for her very informative presentation.

LOCAL PRIORITIES ACTION PLAN AND BUDGET UPDATE

Mark Grindall, Localities Manager, referred Members to page 21 of the agenda pack which listed the results of the priorities workshop. The following were identified as foreground priorities:

- Evening bus services and access to leisure facilities to be improved (awaiting a champion)
- Improved support for carers (champion: Margo Parfitt/ Mike Smith)
- Flood Mitigation (champion: Terry Cavender/Pearl Lewis)
- Address Buckingham Hospital service reduction (John Riches)
- Promote Local Shopping facilities where they exist (Roger Landells)
- Insufficient Public Transport in Rural areas (Mike Smith/Stephen Townsend).

Mark explained that, as yet, none of the local priorities budget has been allocated and Members of the LAF need to decide how the budget will be spent. The champion can then put in a request and Mark will write the relevant report for the LAF to then approve the spend.

Flood Mitigation

Terry Cavender provided Members with a brief update on this priority. He said that work is currently being undertaken jointly with the Canal Society to look at where the rainfall goes and quantitative information will then be provided. He said that there will be a further meeting in late October time and he agreed to circulate the date after the meeting.

Action: Terry Cavender

Terry explained that he withdrew the funding request from the last financial year but he would like to re-instate the proposal for funding for design work from this years' budget. He estimates the cost to be around £5-6,000.

Mark Grindall agreed to provide a written report in the next few weeks' for Members to consider. He emphasised that the money was just being earmarked at this stage until the LAF had formally approved the spend.

Members agreed to this approach.

Action: Mark Grindall

A Member asked whether the Local Area Technician could attend the roads and pavement inspections in the area. Ann-Marie said that she would speak to David Hedley about this.

Action: Ann-Marie Davies

Address Buckingham Hospital service reduction

John Riches explained that he has received no response, as yet, from health officials at Buckingham Hospital. Terry Cavender said that he has been in contact with them and said that he would pass on his contacts to John after the meeting.

Action: John Riches/Terry Cavender

Mark suggested that a separate meeting to brainstorm ideas about how to tackle this issue might be useful.

Action: Mark Grindall

	<p><u>Insufficient public transport in rural areas</u></p> <p>Mark asked Members whether anyone was willing to be a champion for the “insufficient public transport in rural areas” priority. Mike Smith and Stephen Townsend agreed to take this forward.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action: Mike Smith/Stephen Townsend</p>
13	<p>OPEN FORUM</p> <p>There were no questions raised under open forum.</p>
14	<p>SUPPORT FOR CARERS</p> <p>The Chairman welcomed Stephen Townsend (Buckingham Way), Margo Parfitt (Buckingham & Winslow Young Carers), Carol Sefton (Buckingham & Winslow Young Carers), Stephen Archibald (Carers Bucks) and Tariq Siddique (GP, United Commissioning).</p> <p>Mike Smith, joint champion of this priority with Margo Parfitt, referred Members to the notes of a meeting held on 9 August 2011. He said that the group is seeking funding for an additional post (two days a week) within Carers Bucks to more effectively manage north Bucks – approximate cost estimated at £10,000 per annum plus staff on-costs and travel expenses. There are around 8,000 carers across Bucks and the aim is to improve adult carer support.</p> <p>Mark proposed to Members that this initiative is funded jointly by the Buckingham LAF and the Winslow & District LAF as it affects both areas, so each LAF would contribute £5,000.</p> <p>Members agreed to this proposal and Mark agreed to write a report in the next 2 weeks for Members to consider before the next meeting.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action: Mark Grindall</p> <p>Mark concluded by saying that last year, Bucks County Council launched its Community Contingency Plans to assist vulnerable people during the snow period. He said that he will be sending the information to parishes again over the coming weeks’ and he encouraged parishes to think about vulnerable people in their areas.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action: Mark Grindall</p> <p>The Chairman thanked everyone for their contribution.</p>
15	<p>INFORMATION ITEMS</p> <p>The Chairman asked Members to note the information items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Asset Transfer Policy; • Joint District and County Big Society Review.
16	<p>DATE OF NEXT AND FUTURE MEETINGS</p> <p>The next meeting will take place on Thursday 15 December 2011.</p> <p>The Chairman explained that there has been a proposal to reduce the number of LAF meetings from 4 to 3 a year due to the current overspend on the budget in managing the LAFs. Members discussed the idea but agreed to maintain 4 meetings a year.</p> <p>Future meeting dates in 2012:</p>

	Thursday 29 March Thursday 28 June Thursday 27 September Thursday 13 December.
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Buckingham Local Area Forum

Title:

Update report from Transport for Buckinghamshire

Date:

28th November 2011

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Transport Localities Team Leader
Aylesbury Vale, Missendens & Chesham and Chiltern Villages

Electoral divisions affected:

Parishes within the LAF

Summary

1. From 2010 this standard report will be issued to each Local Area Forum (LAF) / Local Community Partnership (LCP) from Transport for Buckinghamshire.
2. It will aim to provide a comprehensive update on current and relevant Transportation issues which are tailored to each individual LAF / LCP.
3. 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 / LCP
 - Update on ongoing local issues
 - Policy Development
 - Any other information
4. In addition, it will cover any emerging issues which could or will affect Local Area Forum / Local Community Partnership areas.

WE'RE WORKING ON IT (DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION/AREA MAINTENANCE)

As part of the We're Working On It capital works programme County Councillors have identified their Top 5 priority sites as have your Local Area Technicians.

Transport for Buckinghamshire's engineers have then been out to visit and assess each site to confirm both the extent of the works required as well as the most appropriate carriageway treatment, with the intention of extending the life of the road by at least 7 years.

The following explains the various types of treatment available.

Surfacing: Replacement of the existing road surface

Slurry Seal: A form of surfacing that smooths out minor imperfections and gives a clean road finish

Plane & Patch: This involves planing out sections of road and replacing with a new surface

Surface Dressing: Spraying the road with hot bitumen and then covering with stone chippings

Please note that the treatments noted above are weather dependant and whilst we have provided an anticipated start date these may change.

The table below shows the current list of streets, sections of which are expected to receive one of the treatments (noted above), over the next two years.

Carriageway Works – Buckingham LAF			
Street Name	Town	Treatment Type	Anticipated Start Date
Quanton Road	Botolph Claydon	Surfacing	Complete
Foscott Way	Buckingham	Surfacing	Complete
Western Avenue	Buckingham	TBC	Proposed 2012-2013
Stowe Castle Road	Stowe	TBC	Proposed 2012-2013
High Street/ Silverstone Road	Dadford	TBC	Proposed 2012-2013
Dadford Road	Stowe	Plane & Patch	Complete
South End Road	Leckhampstead	Surface Dressing	Complete
Bycell Road/Stowe Castle Road	Lillingstone Lovell	Surface Dressing	Complete
Stratford Road	Beachampton	Surface Dressing	Complete
Stratford Road (A422)	Leckhampstead	Surface Dressing	Complete
London Road	Buckingham	Surfacing	Proposed 2012-2013
London Road (A413)	Buckingham	Surfacing	Complete
Barracks Hill	Hillsden	Surface Dressing	Proposed 2012-2013
Stratford Road	Beachampton	Surface Dressing	Complete
Stratford Road (A422)	Leckhampstead	Surface Dressing	Complete

Carriageway Works – Buckingham LAF cont.

Street Name	Town	Treatment Type	Anticipated Start Date
Main Street	Radclive	Slurry Sealing	Proposed 2012-2013
Water Stratford Road	Water Stratford	Surface Dressing	Proposed 2012-2013
Biddlesden Road	Westbury	Plane & Patch	Complete
Barton Hartshorn Road	Tingewick	Plane & Patch	Complete
Finmere Road	Shalstone	Surface Dressing	Complete
Tingewick Bypass (A421)	Tingewick	Surfacing	Complete
Sandpit Hill	Tingewick	Surfacing	Complete
Buckingham Road (A412)	Whaddon	Surfacing	March 2012
Warren Road	Little Horwood	Surfacing	Proposed 2012-2013
Main Street/Service Road	Padbury	Slurry Seal	Proposed 2012-2013
Bletchley Road (A412)	Buckingham	Slurry Seal	Proposed 2012-2013
Bletchley Road (A412)	Thornborough	Plane & Patch	Complete
Thornborough Road	Nash	Plane & Patch	Complete
Bletchley Road (A412)	Great Horwood	Plane & Patch	Complete
Edgecott to Buckingham Road	Hillsden	Surfacing	Complete
Calvert to Botolph Claydon	Botolph Claydon	Surfacing	Proposed 2012-2013
Hogshaw Road	Hogshaw	Plane & Patch	Complete

Area Maintenance

Winter

As the winter season approaches, salt bins and heaps have been replenished during October, salting equipment has been checked and calibrated, and salt stocks brought up to operational levels, approx 10,500 tonnes across the county. The number of potholes has been reducing over the last few months following the reasonably dry weather, however the number of defects is likely to increase from now through the winter months. Any problems should be addressed to your local area technician, David Hedley, or the Contact Centre via: 0845 230 2882 or through our website at: http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/bcc/transport/ea_report_problem.page

Office Move

As of 14th October 2011 the Area Maintenance Team completed their move to BCC's offices in Griffin Lane, Aylesbury. As a result of this the Winslow Centre transportation office is now closed. Contact numbers and email addresses haven't changed but our contact address is now:

Transport for Buckinghamshire
Corrib Industrial Estate
Griffin Lane
Aylesbury
Bucks
HP19 8BP

Please note that the Griffin Lane office is not open to the public.

Traffic Management

Buckingham - HGV sign installation works around the town have been ordered, however a programme date is not yet agreed due to a high number of other signing schemes waiting to be carried out.

The A421 sign work is still ongoing and likely to be completed in February 2012. Signs along this route will be renewed, improved, removed or reduced in size where appropriate.

Lillingstone Lovell - Proposals and drawings for the replacement traditional style fingerpost signs are currently being developed with Eurosigns. Quotation requests to be submitted to AVDC for removing standalone upright 'No Through Road' assemblies and incorporating 'No Through Road' symbols into new street nameplates

Steeple Claydon - Eurosigns have provided drawings and costings for a smaller, more compact sign assembly at bottom of Addison Road junction with West Street. Erection order to be raised, however, comments relating to Buckingham HGV signs also apply here.

Stowe - National Trust are currently undertaking the works to amend the layout at the Stowe Avenue junction. Changes to direction signs in the area, showing the new access is in from Stowe Avenue, are also imminent.

Thornton - 3 new village nameplates (incorporating a safety message) have been erected in the agreed locations.

Tingewick - Currently considering an application for tourist signs to Skirmish Paintball site. Discussions are being had with the applicant with regard to proposed amendments. A large direction sign on the bypass has been replaced and removes reference to RAF Bicester.

Whaddon – Milton Keynes Council (MKC) have provided BCC and others with a copy of the Construction Environment Management Plan (CEMP) and asked for comments, in particular in relation to traffic generated from the new Milton Keynes Western Expansion development. Whaddon Parish Council and Transport for Buckinghamshire are working closely regarding this matter and will both be responding to this consultation and providing MKC with a copy of the Whaddon Traffic Calming Feasibility Study.

Road Safety

Community Speedwatch

To raise awareness of Community Speedwatch across Buckinghamshire, the road safety team are planning a programme to work with local communities to deliver the scheme, as vehicles being driven too fast are a major factor in preventing people from enjoying the environment they have chosen to live in.

The idea is to liaise with local communities and attend locations on set days and times and run community speedwatch in your area.

The road safety team will have a set of speedwatch equipment for use free of charge to work in partnership with community volunteers, e.g. a member of the road safety team will operate the equipment with a member of the local community at a location known for a speeding problem. Using local knowledge will allow community speedwatch to be used most efficiently in a pro-active manner.

If you are interested in working with the road safety team to run speedwatch in your local community please contact Nigel Spencer by e-mail on nspencer@buckscc.gov.uk

For more information about Community Speedwatch visit:
<http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/bcc/transport/speedwatch.page>

Local Safety Schemes 2011/12

A422 Cattleford Bridge, vegetation clearance carried out, warning sign up-grade have been completed.

Road Safety Team services to the local community:

SAGE – Safer driving with Age; for motorists over 65 years of age who would like a confidence boost. Our team of qualified instructors offer an hour's assessment.

Be a Better Biker – assessment days for motorcyclists. Just bought a bike or advancing to a more powerful engine? Our team of instructors will help you make the most of biking.

Get in Gear young driver's course – theory workshops and on the road training. Essential advanced motoring skills for newly qualified drivers.

Business Driver Assessments – 2 hour on the road assessments for employees who drive vans, minibuses or cars for work. Includes a DVLA licence check and full report.

Winter Driving Workshops – Get together a group of friends or employees to host your own in house workshop and vehicle safety check or register your interest to attend one of our evening workshops in November.

The five courses, above, are heavily subsidised and are provided at various locations

around the county. Individual driver training is provided from any location within Bucks. For further details please contact 01296 382450 or email roadsafety@buckscc.gov.uk

Passenger Transport

The 2011 editions of the "**Guide to bus services**" are now available. There are two editions this year: North Buckinghamshire and South Buckinghamshire containing full details of all bus services in the County.

These are available from Council Offices, Libraries and many other outlets, or from the Passenger Transport team (call 0845 230 2882). Books are free for Buckinghamshire residents.

REVIEW OF BUS SERVICE 16, 17 & 18

We received a large number of responses to the consultation on changes to the 16 /17/ 18 bus services. We are currently finalising revised timetables which seek to accommodate as many of the comments made as possible and these will be available by the end of November.

Details will be sent to all members and parishes and those who responded to the consultation. Revised timetables will be available on the Transport for Buckinghamshire website as well as on buses and at bus stops nearer to the change date.

Key changes to the original proposals are:

- Retaining journeys into Aylesbury before 0700 and after 1800
- Retaining a peak timed journeys for those working in Bicester
- Serving Aylesbury Vale Parkway Station to meet commuter trains as closely as possible
- Additional afternoon service 18 journeys
- Slightly reduced Saturday timetable

Due to these changes, timetables will now change on **Monday 30th January 2012.**

Asset Management – Street Lighting

SWITCHING OFF STREET LIGHTS TO SAVE ENERGY TRIAL END:

Decisions on the future of 37 of the Switch Off Sites were submitted for public consultation on 17/10/2011. Transport for Bucks welcome all feedback associated with these sites and request that comments are submitted via the following link:
http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/sites/bcc/about_your_council/Have_your_say.page

For the remaining sites Transport for Buckinghamshire has been, and is continuing to conduct, thorough investigations of the associated site data and customer feedback.

From these investigations, recommendations are being developed to provide what

actions would be best for each of the sites progressing into the future.

These recommendations will be reviewed by the Cabinet Member prior to a supplementary consultation which is anticipated to commence from early in the New Year.

In addition to this it has been decided to switch back on the following five sites:

A413 Amersham Road (from Kingsway RAB to Rail Bridge)
A40 Studley Green
A413 Wendover Bypass @ Nash Lee Road Roundabout
A413 Wendover Bypass @ South Street Roundabout
A421 Radclive Roundabout

These switch ons are intended to be conducted in a phased approach, whereby as many of the street lights will be reactivated as soon as possible, where deemed safe to do so. A follow-up visit to rectify any outages and / or further repair works that maybe necessary will be conducted as soon as practicable.

More information about the trial, including two interim reports, can be viewed at:
http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/bcc/transport/streetlights_energy.page

Delegated Budget 2011/12 – Agreed Schemes

Location	Scheme
Radclive cum Chackmore	Extension to footpath
Twyford	Application for 11 dropped kerbs
Hillesden Hamlet	Passing layby
East Claydon	TSID First two weeks of each school term (contribution)
Hillesden/Preston Bissett crossroads	Salt bin
Botolph and East Claydon	Salt bin
Gawcott	Salt bin
Lillingstone Lovell	Salt bin
Nash	Salt bin
Westbury	Salt bin
Tingewick	Salt bin
Radclive cum Chackmore	Salt bin

Consultation on changes to bus services 16, 17 ,18

Passenger Transport received a large number of responses to this consultation and would like to thank those who took the time to respond.

While many of those responding agreed with the need to make changes to reflect the numbers of passengers actually travelling on certain sections of route and also that we are required to work within reduced budgets, a number of common requests emerged:

- Early “commuter” timed buses to be retained from the Waddesdon area to Aylesbury and allow connections to trains at Parkway Station and onward buses from Aylesbury.
- At least one peak hour journey into and out of Bicester for commuters from the Steeple Claydon / Twyford / Marsh Gibbon area.
- An improved service 18 timetable, including an afternoon journey from Bicester and Buckingham later than those originally proposed.
- There was a strong view expressed that those in Twyford, Charndon and Marsh Gibbon would prefer more journeys to Bicester or Buckingham than Aylesbury and the new timetables reflect this.

Passenger Transport listened to the feedback received and through combining some journeys together and reducing some journeys on a Saturday; have been able to revise the original proposals to accommodate many of the changes requested. Many of the requests received were to retain journeys that while clearly important to those using them actually carry very few passengers. There is clearly strong local feeling in support of service 18 in particular but in order for the new timetables to remain in the long term more people need to use the buses regularly.

Final timetables for Service 16 to be operated by Arriva and an expanded Service 18 timetable to be operated by Langston & Tasker are attached and will take effect from Monday 30th January.

A more detailed list of questions raised through the consultation with answers is also attached and individuals who replied to the consultation will be contacted shortly with a reply to their query or comments.

To increase flexibility for passengers, Arriva return tickets and daily / weekly / monthly passes will be accepted on all Service 18 journeys as will Stagecoach return and day tickets between Launton and Bicester.

The new timetables will also be available on the Transport for Buckinghamshire website as well as on buses and at bus stops nearer to the change date.

Aylesbury - Waddesdon - Quainton - Steeple Claydon - Marsh Gibbon **16**
Arriva
includes some journeys on Langston & Tasker service 18

MONDAY TO FRIDAY

<i>operator</i> <i>service number</i>	<i>LT</i> 18	<i>AR</i> 16	<i>AR</i> 16	<i>AR</i> 16	<i>AR</i> 16	<i>AR</i> 16	<i>AR</i> 16	<i>AR</i> 16	<i>AR</i> 16	<i>AR</i> 16	<i>AR</i> 16	<i>AR</i> 16	<i>AR</i> 16	<i>AR</i> 16	<i>AR</i> 16	<i>LT</i> 18
Aylesbury Schools Coach Park																
Aylesbury Bus Station	0715	0750	0855	0950	1050	1150	1250	1350	1450	1610	1715	1745	1815	1845	1915	
AV Parkway Station Forecourt	0722											1732	1802	1830	1900	1922
Waddesdon Anstey Close	0727	0812	0912	1007	1107	1207	1307	1407	1507	1631	1738	1808	1836	1906	1927	
Waddesdon School		0817							1512							
Quainton Green				1015	1115	1215		1415		1639	1746	1816	1844	1914		
Westcott Linnet Drive							1315									
Grendon Underwood The Swan	0734		0922	1026	1126	1226	1324	1426		1650		1827				1937
Springhill Gates	0740			1029	1129	1229	1327	1429		1653		1830				1940
Marsh Gibbon Village Shop			0930													
Twyford Crown			0935													
Charndon Recreation Hall			0938													
Calvert Green Village Hall	0744			1037	1137	1237	1335	1437		1701		1838				1944
Steeple Claydon The Fountain	0752		0947	1047	1147	1247	1347	1447		1711		1848				1952
Twyford The Crown	0805						1352					1853				
Marsh Gibbon Village Shop	0810						1357					1858				
Charndon Village	BIC						1402					1903				

SATURDAY

<i>operator</i> <i>service number</i>	<i>AR</i> 16	<i>AR</i> 16	<i>AR</i> 16	<i>AR</i> 16	<i>AR</i> 16
Aylesbury Bus Station	0950	1150	1350	1550	1750
Waddesdon Anstey Close	1007	1207	1407	1607	1807
Quainton Green		1215	1415	1615	1815
Westcott Linnet Drive			1424		1824
Grendon Underwood The Swan	1017	1226	1432	1626	1832
Springhill Gates		1229	1435	1629	1835
Marsh Gibbon Village Shop	1025				
Twyford The Crown	1030				
Charndon Recreation Hall	1033				
Calvert Green Village Hall	1037	1237	1443	1637	1843
Steeple Claydon The Fountain	1047	1247	1453	1647	1853
Twyford The Crown			1457		1857
Marsh Gibbon Village Shop			1502		1902
Charndon Village			1507		1907

notes AR - operated by Arriva
 LT - operated by Langston & Tasker
 BIC - bus continues to Bicester

NO SERVICE SUNDAYS OR PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Marsh Gibbon - Steeple Claydon - Quainton - Waddesdon - Aylesbury

includes some journeys on Langston & Tasker service 18

16

Arriva

MONDAY TO FRIDAY

operator	notes															BIC	
	AR	LT	AR	AR	AR	AR	AR	AR	AR	AR	AR	AR	AR	AR	AR	LT	AR
service number	16	18	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16
Marsh Gibbon Village Shop				0659				0930									1817
Twyford Crown				0704				0935									1822
Charndon Recreation Hall				0707				0938									1825
Steeple Claydon The Fountain		0630		0716			0842	0947	1047	1147	1247	1347			1711	1832	1848
Twyford The Crown		|		|			|	|	|	|	|	1352			|	|	1853
Marsh Gibbon Village Shop												1357					1858
Charndon Village												1402					1903
Calvert Green Village Hall		0638		0723			0850	0955	1055	1155	1255	1405		1719	1841		
Springhill Gates		0642		0733			0858	1003	1103	1203	1303	1413		1727	1845	1911	
Grendon Underwood The Swan		0645		0736			0901	1006	1106	1206	1306	1416		1730	1848	1914	
Westcott Linnet Drive		|		|			0909							|	|	|	
Quainton Green	0614	|	0717	0747			0919	1019	1119	1219	1319			|	1747	|	
Waddesdon School	|	|	|	|	0820		|	|	|	|	|	|	1520	|	|	|	
Waddesdon Anstey Close	0621	0655	0725	0755	0826	0926	1026	1126	1226	1326	1426	1525	1740	1754	1857	1924	
AV Parkway Station Forecourt	0626	0702	0731	0801	0832										1905	RL	
Aylesbury Station Boulevard	0637	|	0744	0818	0849	0941	1041	1141	1241	1341	1441	1545	1756	1810	|	|	
Aylesbury Bus Station	0638	0710	0745	0820	0851	0942	1042	1142	1242	1342	1442	1547	1758	1812	1912		
Aylesbury Schools Coach Park				0830													

SATURDAY

operator	AR	AR	AR	AR	AR	AR	AR
service number	16	16	16	16	16	16	16
Marsh Gibbon Village Shop	0700		1025				
Twyford The Crown	0705		1030				
Charndon Recreation Hall	0708		1033				
Steeple Claydon The Fountain	0718	0842	1047	1247	1453	1647	1853
Twyford The Crown	|	|	|	|	1457	|	1857
Marsh Gibbon Village Shop	|	|	|	|	1502	|	1902
Charndon Village	|	|	|	|	1507	|	1907
Calvert Green Village Hall	0726	0850	1055	1255	|	1655	|
Springhill Gates	0734	0858	1103	1303	1515	1703	1915
Grendon Underwood The Swan	0737	0901	1106	1306	1518	1706	1918
Westcott Linnet Drive	|	0910	|	|	|	|	|
Quainton Green	0749	0919	1119	1319	|	1719	|
Waddesdon Anstey Close	0756	0926	1126	1326	1528	1726	1928
Aylesbury Station Boulevard	0810	0941	1141	1341	1543	1741	RL
Aylesbury Bus Station	0811	0942	1142	1342	1544	1742	

notes **RL** - continues to terminate at Bicester Road, Rabans Lane

AR - operated by Arriva

LT - operated by Langston & Tasker

BIC - bus arrives from Bicester

NO SERVICE SUNDAYS OR PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Service 16/17/18 Frequently Asked Questions

Q: There is no longer any option to travel from Aylesbury to Bicester or vice-versa

A: There will be a peak time journey from Aylesbury to Bicester. The decision not to retain a regular Aylesbury to Bicester service was taken because very few passengers actually travel from points south of Steeple Claydon to Bicester. Re-introducing a peak timed journey on service 18 gave us the opportunity to start this journey back at Aylesbury and retain a journey from Aylesbury to Bicester at peak times.

Q: The morning arrivals in Aylesbury and evening departures from Aylesbury mean that my working day has been lengthened.

A: In order to provide as many journey options as possible with the resources available we have combined some peak timed journeys together, particularly over sections of route with few passengers boarding. This has meant that some journey times are now longer. The alternative would have been to withdraw peak timed services from some villages where only a small number of passengers board. However, timings have been adjusted on the new version of the timetable so that the departure time from Aylesbury will now be at 1745, rather than 1805 as shown previously.

Q: The proposed timetable means that I can no longer get to Bicester for school and work from Steeple Claydon and surrounding villages

A: A peak timed arrival and departure is now included in service 18 and the number of daytime journeys to Bicester increased.

Q: The service to Bicester and Buckingham is too infrequent which means it is not practical any more

A: The low numbers actually travelling on some service 18 journeys has meant that reductions to the timetable were necessary but the final timetable now contains additional journeys including a peak time journey to Bicester.

Q: The proposed timetable means that I can no longer connect with morning trains from Aylesbury Vale Parkway.

A: Additional journeys have been added to serve Aylesbury Vale Parkway station and timed to connect as closely as possible with trains to London

Q: Why can't all buses connect with trains?

A: Buses also need to be timed to meet school start and finish times and to cycle from one journey to the next efficiently. While we try to co-ordinate with train timetables this is not always possible.

Q: The journey times from Steeple Claydon are too long via Twyford and Marsh Gibbon.

A: Most journeys from Steeple Claydon now follow a more direct route to Aylesbury

Q: Will I be able to use my concessionary bus pass on the 0842 departure from Steeple Claydon to Aylesbury?

A: As this journey provides the first off peak arrival in Aylesbury, Arriva have agreed to accept concessionary bus passes on this departure.

Q: There are no commuter journeys from Westcott any more

A: Very few passengers travel from Westcott and no regular use is being made of the commuter journeys. The new timetable will still provide daytime journeys from Westcott to Aylesbury.

Q: I cannot get back from Waddesdon School to Steeple Claydon any more

A: Service 17 which currently provides a journey to and from Waddesdon School is not well used. Those entitled to home to school transport will be accommodated on other school buses but as Steeple Claydon is in the catchment area for one of the Buckingham schools, most pupils are travelling there. Although there is a suitably timed service 16 journey in the morning, the corresponding afternoon journey will not leave Waddesdon until 16:31.

Bicester - Steeple Claydon - Buckingham/Aylesbury

MONDAY TO FRIDAY

Aylesbury, Bus Station	0715					1915
Aylesbury, Vale Park Rail Station	0722	...	...	...	...	1922
Waddesdon, Anstey Close	0727	...	...	...	...	1927
Kingswood, Crossroads	0734	...	...	...	...	1934
Grendon Underwood, Swan	0737	...	...	...	...	1837
Springhill, Gates	0740	...	...	...	...	1940
Edgcott, Village Hall	0742	...	...	...	...	1942
Buckingham, Bus Stand	...	0935	1205	1405	1650	|
Buckingham, Tesco, Stop C	...	0939	1209	1409	1654	|
Padbury, Main Street	...	0944	1214	1414	1659	|
Calvert Green, Village Hall	0744	|	|	|	|	1944
Steeple Claydon, Fountain	0752	0952	1222	1422	1707	1952
Steeple Claydon, Vicarage Road	0754	|	|	|	|	|
Calvert Green, Village Hall	|	0959	1229	1429	1714	|
Charndon, Recreation Ground	0802	1003	1233	1433	1718	|
Twyford, Crown	0805	1006	1236	1436	1721	|
Poundon, Turn	0807	1008	1238	1438	1723	|
Marsh Gibbon, Plough	0810	1011	1241	1441	1726	|
Launton, The Bull	0818	1019	1249	1449	1734	|
Bicester North, Station	0826	1026	1256	1456	1741	|
Bicester, Bure Place	0830	1029	1259	1459	1745	|
Bicester, Bure Place	0835	1105	1305	1550	1800	|
Bicester North, Station	0838	1108	1308	1553	1803	|
Launton, The Bull	0845	1115	1315	1600	1810	|
Marsh Gibbon, Plough	0852	1122	1322	1607	1817	|
Poundon, Turn	0855	1125	1325	1610	1820	|
Twyford, Crown	0857	1127	1327	1612	1822	|
Charndon, Recreation Ground	0900	1130	1330	1615	1825	|
Calvert Green, Village Hall	0905	1135	1335	1620	|	|
Steeple Claydon, Fountain	0630	0911	1141	1341	1626	1832
Steeple Claydon, Vicarage Road	|	|	|	|	|	1834
Calvert Green, Village Hall	0638	|	|	|	|	1841
Padbury, Main Street	|	0918	1148	1348	1633	|
Buckingham, Tesco, Stop C	|	0923	1153	1353	1638	|
Buckingham, Bus Stand	|	0927	1157	1357	1642	|
Edgcott, Village Hall	0640	|	|	|	|	1843
Springhill, Gates	0642	|	|	|	|	1845
Grendon Underwood, Swan	0645	|	|	|	|	1848
Kingswood, Crossroads	0648	|	|	|	|	1851
Waddesdon, Anstey Close	0655	|	|	|	|	1857
Aylesbury, Vale Park Rail Station	0702					1905
Aylesbury, Bus Station	0710	|	|	|	|	1912

LAF update

New contract to improve household waste recycling centres

WRG (Waste Recycling Group) have been awarded the new contract for Buckinghamshire County Council's ten household waste recycling centres which will come into place from 1st April 2012. This contract will deliver an anticipated saving of between £2.1m and £3.2m* over 7 years for Buckinghamshire taxpayers.

The new contract will provide an improved customer experience, this will include enhanced signage, improved layouts of the recycling containers, 'meet and greet' attendants who will help customers unload waste to ensure items are recycled and there are also changes proposed for reuse of items, details of which will be released shortly.

Following a robust procurement process, WRG will now be working with the Council to deliver an efficient and affordable service which aims to reduce waste sent to landfill and achieve overall countywide recycling targets of 60% by 2025.

The contract is anticipated to be worth up to £22m**. This contract will provide the Council with the flexibility to provide service levels and costs which are affordable during these difficult financial times and in the future as well.

Once the contract commences, the most immediate change will be the opening hours at the sites. The sites will open an hour later and have fixed summer and winter opening hours. From 1st April – 30th September summer opening times will be in place and all the sites will open to the public from 9am – 6pm. From the 1st October - 31st March, winter opening hours will be in place and the sites will open to the public from 9am – 5pm. This follows the traffic counter data gathered during the consultation phase of the project, which showed that the lowest customer usage time period was between 8am and 9am daily across the week. The recycling centres will continue as present to close on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Years Day. Ten minutes prior to closing time, customers shall be advised of the limited time available to unload and will be asked to leave the sites by closing time.

The new contract is for a seven year period with options to extend annually for up to a further three years. The new contract will commence from the 1st April 2012 – 31st March 2019 with options to extend up until 31st March 2022.

For more information on the Council's recycling centres please visit www.buckscc.gov.uk

* It is anticipated the new Contract has resulted in an anticipated saving of circa 30% from the current approved budget. The contract will be subject to variables such as waste arisings, contract indexation, day work rates etc.

** Over the term of the contract including any possible extension it is estimated value of the Contract is anticipated could be up to £22m. The contract will be subject to variables such as waste arisings, contract indexation, day work rates etc.

