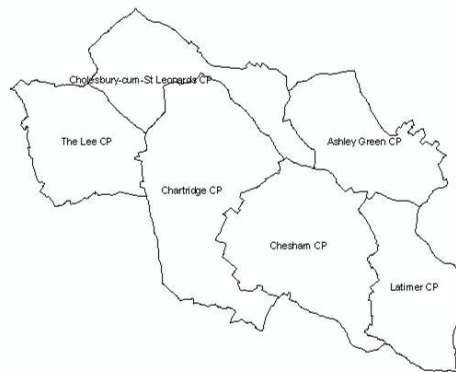


CHESHAM AND CHILTERN VILLAGES LOCAL AREA FORUM



DATE:	23 June 2010
TIME:	7.30 pm
LOCATION:	St Leonard's Parish Hall

TRANSPORTATION DROP-IN SESSION WITH THE LOCAL AREA TECHNICIAN FROM 7.00 PM

AGENDA

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1	Confirmation of Chairman As the LAF has only been running since September 2009, this is to confirm that the Chairman will remain in post until May 2011.	
2	Appointment of Vice-Chairman As the LAF has only been running since September 2009, this is to confirm that the Vice-Chairman will remain in post until May 2011.	
3	Welcome / Apologies	
4	Action Notes To confirm the notes of the meeting held on 3 March 2010 Response from Mark Averill re: insurance of farmers who assist in severe weather: <i>This will be covered within the winter review. There is no reason why farmers in the south of the County cannot undertake similar duties to those in the north. If farmers are with the NFU, insurance will not be an issue, provided that farmers are given the necessary consents to undertake the work. A letter will be sent to Parishes requesting info/ feedback.</i>	1 - 12
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. Please contact Helen Wailing on 01296 383614 or hwailing@buckscc.gov.uk to submit your question.	
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If you would like to attend a meeting, but need extra help to do so, for example because of a disability, please contact us as early as possible, so that we can try to put the right support in place.

Agencies : Buckinghamshire County Council, Chiltern District Council, Ashley Green Parish Council, Chartridge Parish Council, Chesham Town Council, Cholesbury cum St Leonards Parish Council, Latimer Parish Council, The Lee Parish Council

ACTION NOTES

MEETING:	Chesham and Chiltern Villages Local Area Forum
DATE:	3 March 2010 7.30 pm to 9.17 pm
LOCATION	Chartridge Village Hall

Present:	John Axon (Ashley Green Parish Council), Alan Bacon (Chiltern District Council), Patricia Birchley (Buckinghamshire County Council), Jane Bramwell (Chiltern District Council), Michael Brand (Buckinghamshire County Council), Chris Brown (Cholesbury-cum-St Leonards Parish Council), Noel Brown (Buckinghamshire County Council) (Chairman), Chris Howell (Chartridge Parish Council), Peter Jones (Chiltern District Council), Karel Lewis, Joan Lherbier (Chartridge Parish Council) and David Natali (Ashley Green Parish Council)
In Attendance:	Alison Derrick, Tim Fowler, Andrew Fyfe, Eric Meek, Kerry Stevens and Helen Wailling
Apologies:	Elaine Bamford, Merrin Molesworth and Nick Rose

Item	ISSUES RAISED
1	WELCOME / APOLOGIES See above.
2	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were no declarations of interest.
3	ACTION NOTES The notes of the meeting held on 2 December 2009 were agreed and signed as a correct record.
4	QUESTION TIME Ten members of the public were in attendance at the meeting, and asked questions/made comments. The questions and answers (from Eric Meek, Group Manager Area Maintenance, and Alison Derrick, Locality Services Co-ordinator) are summarised below. The roads in Chartridge are in very bad condition, and need to be re-surfaced, as opposed to the pot-holes just being re-filled. Why were the roads already in bad condition, even before the severe weather? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The recent severe weather conditions were the worst in over 30 years, with prolonged bad spells of weather. Cold weather was forecast for another fortnight. • All resources (with the exception of gully-emptiers) were now employed in repairing potholes. 20 gangs were at work (as opposed to the usual 6 gangs). • All principal roads were inspected monthly. C-class roads were inspected every three months, and unclassified roads were inspected every six months.

- A category 1 pothole (as defined by insurance companies) was 40mm or more in depth and greater than 300mm in any other direction.
- All category 1 potholes were repaired. When repairing a category 1 pothole, if other (non category 1) potholes were in the immediate vicinity, these would be filled.
- When a pothole was reported by a member of the public, a technician would go out and assess the category of the pothole.
- Two gangs also worked on a 'seek and repair' basis, and repaired any category 1 potholes found. A 'seek and repair' gang had been in the Chartridge / Cholesbury area the previous day.
- Since Christmas, £2m of additional funding had been made available. This had been split as follows:
 - £1m for planing and patching (60% for South Buckinghamshire and 40% for North Buckinghamshire)
 - £400 000 for slurry seal works (delayed due to the weather)
 - £100 000 for collapsed ironwork
 - £500 000 for pothole repairs
- Planing and patching was the only way of repairing potholes which could be guaranteed, as the surface of the road was planed off and re-laid. 16 000 m² of road had been re-surfaced in Buckinghamshire up to two weeks previously.
- The normal planning and patching programme was the 'We're Working on it' Programme, and sites for this were identified in liaison with the local elected members.
- There had been a lack of investment in the roads, due to a lack of funding. To re-surface all Buckinghamshire roads would cost £120m-£150m.

Why are some potholes breaking up within a week of being filled?

These are the potholes which have been filled on a temporary basis, to keep the roads as safe as possible until a permanent fill is possible.

The Local Area Forum should be better publicised. How will this be done?

The Local Area Forums were relatively new meetings, and posters are sent to Parish Clerks.

There is also an e-mail alerts system which residents can sign up to:

<http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/moderngov/ieLogon.aspx?RPID=48166915&Forms=1>

When dates are set for future Local Area Forum meetings, these will be sent to clerks for publication on local websites.

Grass verges – these always seem to be cut on the same day as recycling bins are emptied. Also, there are issues with the way the verges are cut. One of the local footpaths at times had grass growing over children's heads.

The grass verges are cut three times a year. A 1m swathe is cut back the first two times. The 3rd time cuts the grass back to the highway boundary.

Members also made the following comments:

- The issue of funding for roads was a national one.
- There was a large pothole in Chartridge, which was marked with a traffic cone. Eric Meek said he would follow this up – **Action: EM.**
- The hilltop roads around Chesham were c. 600 feet higher than other areas, and were much more vulnerable to frost damage, especially if there was water lying on the road.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gullies were blocked with grit, although Chartridge Parish Council cleared the grips in its Parish.
5	<p>PETITIONS</p> <p>The Local Area Forum received the Report of Bob Ayres, Engineer, and the Petition Request for Pound Lane, Stoney Lane and Heath End, Hawridge, to be added to the precautionary salting network.</p> <p>A member of the public, who had submitted the petition, said that in the area referred to, residents in three roads had not been able to drive out of their homes for 19 days during the severe weather. A grit pile had been requested from BCC, but this had taken over a fortnight to be delivered. Once it had been delivered, it had taken only a few hours for residents to clear the roads.</p> <p>According to the BCC scoring system, the roads in question scored 30, whereas the threshold for gritting was 28.</p> <p>In addition, the roads in question were marked as not being a route for school buses. However two school buses used this route.</p> <p>Tim Fowler (Area Maintenance Manager, North) said that gritting of roads had to be prioritised. Priority 1 roads were salted on a precautionary basis, and included A Roads, B Roads and other roads as risk-assessed, based on a scoring system. Priority 2 and 3 roads were roads and footways which were treated after the event (snow or ice). All efforts in the current year had been concentrated on Priority 1 roads, with very little capacity left for Priority 2 and 3 roads.</p> <p>Tim Fowler said that he would re-visit the road scores with Bob Ayres and would question the issue of the school bus route. Action: TF</p> <p>The Local Area Forum noted that Buckinghamshire County Council does not have the resource available to carry out precautionary salting over its entire network, and therefore it has to prioritise to establish the levels of treatment appropriate for particular roads on the basis of route importance and risk assessment.</p> <p>A risk assessment has been carried out for Pound Lane, Stoney Lane and Heath End, Hawridge and they do not meet the necessary criteria for inclusion on the Priority 1 (precautionary) salting network.</p> <p>A member said that although they understood that it would not be possible for all rural roads in Buckinghamshire to be gritted, there needed to be a plan for the following Winter so that residents of hill-top villages had a way-out during severe weather. Residents also needed access to real-time weather information. Some residents in small roads had not even been able to get to the main road in the village.</p> <p>The Chairman said that emergency planning work had started in conjunction with Chesham Town Council.</p> <p>A member said that farmers used to be willing to use their tractors to clear the roads in their local area, but were stopped from doing this as it meant they were using red diesel on public roads. There was also an issue with NFU insurance not covering non-agricultural work.</p> <p>A member said that they had written to Chris Schwier (BCC) to ask if accredited</p>

volunteers could be insured under the BCC insurance scheme. However the response had been that insurance companies would not do this. The member said that the Local Area Forum needed to push for this to happen, as using volunteers would be the only way of achieving a co-ordinated response during severe weather.

A member asked about salt bins. The Chairman said that salt bins could be purchased from BCC for £450 – the location was agreed with BCC and the Parish/Town Council. BCC would refill the bins from then on. Cholesbury Parish Council had ordered four bins recently.

6 WORK OF THE RESILIENCE TEAM AND CONTINGENCY PLANNING

This item was taken out of order due to timing at the meeting.

Andy Fyfe (Resilience Manager) was welcomed to the meeting. Andy Fyfe told members the following:

- The Resilience Team covered emergency management, business continuity management and community resilience.
- Under the Civil Contingency Act, BCC and the District Councils had seven duties.
- A 24/7 duty resilience officer was employed by BCC.
- The Resilience Team managed voluntary organisations (7 were used currently, including the 4x4 Response Unit and Bucks Search and Rescue)
- The Resilience Team provided insurance for organisations they currently worked with, but not for volunteers not attached to an organisation, as they could not be vetted or vouched for.
- An e-mail had been sent to Parish Councils in June 2009 re: Community Resilience and Community Self-help plans. A guide was available on the website. Parish Councils had been asked to provide a 24/7 contact – so far 40 Parish Councils had responded. Workshops could be held to help Parish Councils in writing the plans if there was interest.
- An example of a single-point incident was the fire on the A41 at Vale Tyres in Waddesdon, when residents within 200m had to be evacuated for 24 hours. Waddesdon had an emergency plan in place at the time, but this was not known about and therefore had not been activated. This was an example of an opportunity of when a Parish Council could do things in their own way.
- In the event of a catastrophic incident, community resilience plans would be necessary, e.g. to deal with power outages.

A member said that bureaucracy was putting up hurdles as regarded insurance for volunteers, and that providing insurance would be a quick way of increasing resources in emergency situations.

A member said that there was a need to sort out insurance cover for volunteer gritters and snow clearers, and asked Andy Fyfe to look into this, as the lack of insurance created a major block to outside assistance. **Action: AF**

A member of Cholesbury-cum-St Leonards Parish Council said that their Parish was very small and that they would want a plan which was joined to other local plans. Andy Fyfe said that the type of information which a plan needed to contain was not complex, e.g. where a village hall key was kept etc.

The contact for Resilience Team:

Andy Fyfe, Resilience Manager, afyfe@buckscc.gov.uk, 01296 382937

7 WORK TO SUPPORT THE COMMUNITY DURING THE RECENT SEVERE WEATHER - ADULT SOCIAL CARE - VERBAL UPDATE

Kerry Stevens (Head of Service Provision, Adult Social Care), told members the following:

- 10 000 vulnerable adults were supported by Adults and Family Wellbeing. Only 30% of these could be reached in the recent severe weather.
- All clients were contacted by phone if they could not be reached. The recent severe weather was a very risky time for vulnerable people.
- Some staff (BCC and Health) were out in the snow until 2am to reach vulnerable clients.

A member said that they had struggled to contact the warden of some sheltered accommodation in Chesham during the severe weather, when they had been worried about a vulnerable resident there.

Kerry Stevens said that very few wardens were now on duty 24 hours, and that some were peripatetic. For future reference, the best contact was the Emergency Duty Team - 01494 675802.

A member said that a recurring theme was the need for communication, and referred to the BCC Website having been out of order during the severe weather. The member said that out-of-date technology should be challenged.

A member suggested a separate website be set up for use in an emergency. Erick Meek said that BCC was developing the use of Twitter.

A member noted that there were many Buckinghamshire residents who did not have access to the internet, particularly the elderly, who were the most vulnerable. Andy Fyfe referred members to the Emergency Planning contact numbers:

Useful numbers

- Emergency Services - 999
- Gas emergency - 0800 111999
- Anti-terrorist hotline - 0800 789321
- NHS Direct - 0845 4647
- Buckinghamshire County Council Highways on-call - 08452 302882
- Social Care Emergency Duty Team - 01494 675 802
- Thames Valley Police (Non emergency) - 0845 8505505
- Crimestoppers - 0800 555111
- Environment Agency Floodline Warnings Direct - 0845 9881188

Contact details

Office hours

- Customer services - 0845 3708090
- [Highways on call](tel:08452302882) - 0845 2302882

Out of hours

- [Social Care Emergency Duty Team](#) - 01494 675802
- [Highways on call](#) - in an emergency or to report a dangerous fault to the roads - 01296 486630

District council contacts

- Aylesbury Vale District Council - 01296 585858
- Chiltern District Council - 01494 729000
- Wycombe District Council - 01494 461000
- South Bucks District Council - 01895 837200

Andy Fyfe also referred to the Thames Valley Local Resilience Forum, made up of category one responders - <http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/about-us/stplan-eplan>

Resilience leaflets were also available for residents without access to a computer, although there was not available funding to deliver these to every household. It was hoped that Parish Councils could assist in delivering these leaflets.

8 FEEDBACK ON WINTER MAINTENANCE 2009/10 AND INITIAL DISCUSSION OF ROUTES FOR 2010/11

This item was taken out of order due to timing at the meeting.

A member of Cholesbury-cum-St Leonards Parish Council said that they had requested this item before the severe weather, and that this item referred to winter maintenance in previous years.

The member of Cholesbury-cum-St Leonards Parish Council asked the following questions:

- What percentage of the road network does BCC treat in a 'normal' winter?
- To what extent have the criteria for gritting of roads changed?
- How do you collect up-to-date information on changes to roads?

Tim Fowler (Area Maintenance Manager, North) told members the following:

- The risk assessment process for gritting of roads had been in place for c. four years.
- Information gathering on roads was carried out on a local basis.
- An annual review was carried out, looking at exceptions (e.g. the petition in item 5).
- Traffic data was available on some roads.
- 25 spreaders worked across the County, but had limited capacity in terms of length of roads which could be salted. Adding another road to the salting network meant that another road had to be removed from the salting network.
- Four years previously 44% of the network was salted. BCC then reduced funding on this, and the figure dropped to c. 34%. Following strength of public opinion, funding was re-instated so that 40% of the roads could be salted. However currently only 26% was being salted, due to the national salt shortage.
- BCC would write to Parish Councils by the end of March 2010 to ask for input into future plans, and for Parish Councils willing to help in distribution of salt.

	<p>The member said that BCC did not count 12/14-seat buses as school buses. However in rural communities, these smaller vehicles were used to transport children to school, and this should be taken into account.</p> <p>A member asked if BCC had donated salt to anywhere else. Tim Fowler said that they had not.</p>
9	<p>VOTING ARRANGEMENTS FOR CHESHAM AND CHILTERN VILLAGES LOCAL AREA FORUM</p> <p>This item was deferred until the next meeting, due to timing.</p>
10	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>17 March 2010, 3:30pm, Chesham Town Council - Local Priorities Workshop 23 June 2010, 7:30pm</p>
11	<p>LOCAL PRIORITIES FUNDING UPDATE 2009/10</p> <p>The Local Area Forum received the report of Alison Derrick, Locality Services Co-ordinator.</p> <p>Alison Derrick reported that the Local Priorities budget for the Chesham and Chiltern Villages Local Area had had an underspend of £1475.</p> <p>Shed@ThePark had made a bid for funding, and following consultations with the budget holder and LAF Chairman, the Local Services Co-ordinator had made an offer of the remaining £1475 to the Shed@ThePark. This would need to be spent before the end of the financial year 2009/10. This had meant that the Local Priorities budget was now fully committed.</p> <p>Further Local Priorities funding would be available in the following year, and this would be allocated based on priorities identified at the workshop on 17 March.</p> <p>The Local Area Forum noted the progress made on the bids for funding from the Local Priorities budget that were agreed at the meeting on 2 December 2009.</p>
12	<p>PAYP BUDGET UPDATE 2009/10</p> <p>The Local Area Forum received the report of Alison Derrick, Locality Services Co-ordinator.</p> <p>An additional document was circulated (attached) with details of an additional bid from Chesham Youth Welfare Association Rising Stars Two for £800. Some additional funding had been identified from another Local Area and this bid had therefore been accepted.</p> <p>The Local Area Forum noted the progress made on projects that were agreed at the meeting on 2 December 2009.</p> <p>The Local Area Forum agreed the additional bid from Chesham Youth Welfare Association Rising Stars Two and noted that that this bid could be funded from</p>

	another Local Area's funding.
13	<p>EARLY YEARS AND CHILDCARE GRANT - SMALL CAPITAL GRANTS PROGRAMME AND LAF DEVOLVED BUDGET 2009/10</p> <p>The Local Area Forum received the report of David Shaw, Divisional Manager.</p> <p>Alison Derrick told members that the Report provided an update on the Early Years and Childcare Grant in the Chesham and Chiltern Villages Local Area. In practice the Local Area Forum had not been able to influence how the Grant was spent in the current financial year. There had been sufficient funds available to fund all the bids submitted. Different processes were being looked at for the next financial year so that the Forum could influence how the money was spent.</p>
14	<p>HIGHWAYS DELEGATED BUDGET UPDATE 2009/10</p> <p>The Local Area Forum received the report of Jim Stevens, Head of Transport. All work had now been completed.</p> <p>A member of Cholesbury-cum-St Leonards Parish Council said that they were generally happy with the work carried out. However the Parish Council had not been told when the work would take place, and so had had no opportunity to comment on the plans.</p> <p>The Local Area Forum noted the report of Jim Stevens, Head of Transport.</p>
15	<p>HIGHWAYS DELEGATED BUDGET 2010/11</p> <p>The Local Area Forum received the report of Jim Stevens, Head of Transport.</p> <p>The Local Area Forum noted the list of schemes.</p>
16	<p>UPDATE ON LTP 3 CONSULTATION</p> <p>The Local Area Forum received the LTP3 Local Community Engagement Report.</p> <p>A member said that the timetable of the rural bus service for Hyde Heath needed to be reviewed as it only allowed residents to spend an hour in Chesham Town. Noel Brown said that he would find out the cost of Dial-a-Ride Services for the Hyde Heath area.</p> <p>The Local Area Forum noted the LTP3 Local Community Engagement Report</p>
17	<p>AOB</p> <p>Planning Core Strategy</p> <p>Noel Brown told members that Chiltern District Council would be sending the Planning Core Strategy to each household, and asked Parish Councils to respond urgently to this.</p>



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28 February 2010

Dear Nick

**The Lord Teviot, Oak Hall Park Residents' Association, 28 Hazel Grove,
Burgess Hill, West Sussex, RH15 0BY**

Thank you for your letter of 4 February, to Jack Straw, on behalf of your constituent Lord Teviot, who is concerned about the risk of litigation caused by clearing snow during adverse weather. I am replying as the Minister responsible for civil law and justice issues.

Thank you for bringing Lord Teviot's concerns to my attention. I hope it is helpful if I outline the general law in this area. The prospects of a person who volunteers to clear snow from a pavement being successfully sued for damages by a person who subsequently slips on the cleared area and is injured are very small.

A snow-cleaver does have a duty to anyone who passes along the pavement to do the clearing with reasonable care so as not to create a new and worse risk, but the only person who is at risk of being sued is a person who clears the snow so badly that things are worse than before and that common sense would indicate this was so. A job done very badly indeed which makes the pavement clearly more dangerous than before might give rise to a risk if a person who would not have slipped otherwise slips and is injured as a direct result of that more dangerous state of affairs.

An example might be a person who clears a path with water in freezing temperatures and pays no attention at all to the water left behind which freezes and creates slippery ice. Any reasonable person taking reasonable care would be able to see that that creates a risk; but even then, a person who slips and is injured would have to prove that he or she slipped as a result of the risk that was created and not for another reason (such as his or her own carelessness). If, however, a person clears snow with a shovel and brush and leaves the pavement clear, it is difficult to see how a claim could be launched with any prospect of success.

If ice formed because of fresh snowfall following the clearing which partly melts and re-freezes so that the area becomes more dangerous than the surrounding area, a person who slips on the ice will be hard pushed to prove that the reason for the slip was the clearing of the pavement rather than the later new snow and conditions leading to ice. A person who slips on a cleared area which is less dangerous than the surrounding cleared area will be even more hard pushed to prove that the slip occurred because of the snow being cleared rather than because the area generally was slippery.



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10th March 2010

Dear Lord Teviot

Further to my letter of the 4th February and the representations that I made on behalf of the Oak Hall Park Residents' Association, about the risk of litigation caused by clearing snow during adverse weather, I have received the enclosed response from Bridget Prentice MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Justice.

I am sending a copy of this correspondence to the Town Clerk and to the Leader of Mid Sussex District Council as MSDC is currently compiling a 'Lessons Learnt' report following the severe weather in December and January.

Thank you very much for taking the trouble to get in touch.

Best wishes.

Nicholas Soames

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Cc Councillor Garry Wall and David Carden

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Lord Teviot also refers to Lord Justice Jackson's report into the costs of civil litigation. The Master of the Rolls appointed Lord Justice Jackson to undertake an independent review of the rules and principles governing the costs of civil litigation and to make recommendations that promote access to justice at a proportionate cost. Sir Rupert commenced this review in 2009 and, following intensive information gathering and consultation with stakeholders, published his final report on 14 January 2010. The report and further details of the review can be found at http://www.judiciary.gov.uk/about_judiciary/cost-review/index.htm

This wide ranging report sets out what Sir Rupert sees as the reasons for high legal costs in particular types of litigation. He makes a broad range of significant recommendations to reduce costs. This includes recommendations relating to fixed recoverable costs in cases valued up to £25,000 (including public liability claims and some other recommendations aimed specifically at personal injury claims.

Sir Rupert has undertaken an independent review. We are committed to addressing high costs in civil litigation while ensuring appropriate access to justice. However, many of Sir Rupert's proposals will require further detailed analysis before they can be progressed - in particular to determine the impact on various groups, the potential costs savings which could be achieved and what further consultation may be necessary. It is inevitable, given the scale of his review and the number of recommendations Sir Rupert makes, that this analytical process will take some time. Nevertheless, we will complete our analysis as soon as possible and we will then announce a more detailed timetable for reform. We will also give notice of the consultation which will accompany any Government proposals for reform, so that all stakeholders have a proper opportunity to comment on the detail of the proposals. I urge Lord Teviot to ensure that their views are expressed in any future Government consultation on proposals for reform in relation to personal injury claims.

I hope this information is helpful and I enclose a copy of this letter for you to send to Lord Teviot should you wish to do so.

*Yours ever
Bridget*

BRIDGET PRENTICE

The Chesham & Chiltern Villages Local Area Forum

Title:	Update On Local Area Priorities Process
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Electoral divisions affected:	Chesham North West Chesham East Chess Valley Chiltern Ridges

Summary

This report details the top priority issues for Chesham & Chiltern Villages area as identified at the Local Area Priorities workshop in March 2010 and seeks LAF agreement in terms of those issues that will drive LAF agendas and attract funding from the LAF delegated budgets in 2010/11.

Recommendation

The Chesham & Chiltern Villages Local Area Forum is recommended **to note** the output of the Local Area Prioritisation workshop on 17 March 2010. The Forum is further asked **to agree** the suggested top priorities.

Supporting information

As Forum members will know, one of the roles of LAFs is to oversee the development and delivery of area based Local Area Plans. These will set out the local priorities for the area and will inform and reflect the priorities of the county and district sustainable community strategies.

The purpose of the Local Area Plan is to establish:



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- a shared understanding of local issues and priorities for improving the quality of life of the area.
- A realistic and achievable plan of action with short and medium term objectives

The Plan will be based on robust evidence and be informed by community aspirations.

Structuring the Plan

The priorities from each workshop are specific to the community, but the 19 community plans adhere to a common format and timescale, in order to ensure that they can be integrated into planning at a county and district level and are therefore effective in bringing change at the local level.

Plans have therefore been organised around the themes of the Sustainable Community Strategies, these being:

- Health and Wellbeing
- Sustainable Environment
- Safe Communities
- Cohesive Communities
- Thriving Economy

Priorities from the workshop

Appendix 1 a-e shows the issues as prioritised at the March workshop.

The top issues under each theme are as follows and it is suggested that the LAF prioritises these for action or referral to appropriate agencies.

Health and Wellbeing

1. Chesham Town has educational attainment and income levels below the County average therefore support for families is needed from the pre-natal stage onwards (eg more support from health visitors)
2. More support is needed for older people to live in their own homes and generally for older people and people with disabilities
3. Access to health services is poor for those who do not have their own transport. Particular concerns about access to services that are now provided from High Wycombe and Stoke Mandeville hospitals. Improvements are needed.
4. Elderly people in the rural communities are socially isolated and there is a lack of clear relevant signposting to relevant service provision and information

Cohesive Communities

1. Elderly and infirm are isolated in the villages. More needs to be done to encourage members of the community to support older residents and ensure they have the opportunities to participate in village life, thus helping combat rural isolation.
2. There are weak links with the Asian communities in the area
3. There are few places that young people can gather without being accused of anti social behaviour. Waterside and other youth projects need support
4. Youth provision in rural parishes is patchy and young people have difficulties accessing facilities outside their own parish

Safer Communities

1. Current condition of roads due to poor level of road and gully maintenance means roads are unsafe for users
2. Need to do more to raise awareness of under-age drinking eg via publicity in main shops
3. Vehicle crime, vandalism and ASB in Waterside
4. Speeding - urban and rural roads
5. Emergency service response - swifter response needed for rural areas. Improved knowledge of area is needed. Also response is from Tring (due to HP23 postcode) but referred to Bucks when reach the County boundary - needs to be sorted out.

Sustainable Communities

1. Traffic congestion in Chesham – Chesham already a bottleneck. Road infrastructure could not cope with traffic generated by more development
2. Need for improved public transport particularly for smaller communities. It is virtually non existent for villages and in the evenings – demand responsive transport could be a better solution than the rare timetabled buses
3. Sustainable approach to water use, urban drainages and flood prevention needs to be developed

Thriving Economy

1. There is a lack of affordable, decent housing in the villages, particularly for young families. Also a lack of communication about the development of affordable housing schemes
2. There is a need for a visitor/tourist strategy for Chesham Town. Any such strategy needs to link to the AONB strategy for tourism e.g. cycle routes from town to countryside and work is needed to coordinate a tourism strategy with local accommodation providers
3. There is a need for investment in the revitalisation of the Town Centre. More effort needs to be put into attracting shops to the Town Centre and businesses to the area. Need to ensure the right kind of accommodation is available.

These issues are the highest priorities based on the group consensus and on individual voting. However it is for the Local Area Forum to decide whether it agrees that these are the priority issues for the area that are most in need to LAF support and funding.

The Area Plans are aspirational, but also require actionable first steps, in order to build momentum. Therefore it is suggested that the Area Coordinator and Lead Area Officer work with the LAF to identify some 'quick wins', which may be lower priorities but can be done quickly but with minimal resources.

Proposed Next Steps

A copy of Local Area Planning process attached.

The next step in the process (step 3) is for the Lead Area Officer and Area Co-ordinator (Locality Services) to work with Buckinghamshire County Council Heads of Service, District

Officers and other organisations to identify which actions can be taken forward and by what means.

Resource implications

The Local Priorities budget delegated by Buckinghamshire County Council to the Local Area Forum, and where appropriate, other budgets delegated to the Forum, will be used to commission projects that aim to have a positive impact on the priorities identified via Local Priorities Workshops and agreed by the Local Area Forum.

Local Area planning process:

- 1) Collect issues from existing sources eg. Parish Plans/appraisals, Service Excellence events, Market Town Health Checks etc so as not to reinvent the wheel.
- 2) Bring stakeholders together to prioritise the issues and get a sense of what is happening already

LAF members to discuss and agree top priorities and quick wins

- 3) Check out the reality of getting the priorities addressed with service providers i.e.
 - on the agenda already and so will definitely happen,
 - could take priority over existing things,
 - could take priority over existing things but needs the LAFs/LCPs active involvement to work up,
 - needs escalating to strategic LSP level,
 - community do it for themselves,
 - will not happen.
- 4) Determine actions to address the priorities
- 5) Get a "delivery agreement" signed off by service providers and partners as a commitment to actions
- 6) Monitor progress of planned actions
- 7) Refresh in the light of new intelligence *

* BCA will be working with Bucks CC to carry out parish appraisals in those areas that have not currently got them.

Health and well being	rank
Chesham Town has educational attainment and income levels below the County average therefore support for families is needed from the pre-natal stage onwards (eg more support from health visitors)	1
More support is needed for older people to live in their own homes	2
Access to health services is poor for those who do not have their own transport. Particular concerns about access to services that are now provided from High Wycombe and Stoke Mandeville hospitals. Improvements are needed.	3
Elderly people in the rural communities are socially isolated and there is a lack of clear relevant signposting to relevant service provision and information (busy modern lives mean that few people get to know their neighbours so elderly people who cannot get out themselves may have no-one to check on them)	4
Better communication is needed between health and social care – one may say a certain level of support is needed, the other says it cannot be provided	5
Domiciliary care services are patchy in rural areas	6
More support is needed for older people and people with disabilities	7
Participation of the rural community in the development of the Healthzone has so far been non-existent	8
There are limited opportunities for those with profound disabilities	9
If children's play areas are provided these could be used by the wider community (rural villages)	10

Thriving Economies	rank
There is a lack of affordable, decent housing in the villages, particularly for young families. Also a lack of communication about the development of affordable housing schemes	1
There is a need for a visitor/tourist strategy for Chesham Town. Any such strategy needs to link to the AONB strategy for tourism e.g. cycle routes from town to countryside and work is needed to coordinate a tourism strategy with local accommodation providers	2
There is a need for investment in the revitalisation of the Town Centre. More effort needs to be put into attracting shops to the Town Centre and businesses to the area. Need to ensure the right kind of accommodation is available.	3
Chesham has highest proportion of adults without qualifications in whole of Chiltern District. Not uniform but concentrated in some areas - an integrated strategy is needed to tackle this	4
Support is needed for business start-ups but also to support existing businesses in the area. (Chesham Chamber of Trade and Commerce seeking to extend coverage of local businesses so can speak with stronger , clearer voice)	5
Communications - communications needs to be improved locally and on a wider scale, within communities and between providers. Often members of the community do not know who to contact about services and agencies are not always good at signposting appropriately.	6
There is a need to establish an Enterprise Hub	7

A training and skills forum needs to be set up for the area there seems to be a mismatch of skills and opportunities available (even though unemployment is low overall)	7
Poor links to providers of vocational courses for 16+ age group. Can take 90 mins to get to and from Flackwell Heath college from Chesham	8
Some very good schools but - if SATS results mean anything – also some less good. Need to explore the reasons for the disparity and provide solutions	9
More needs to be done encourage job opportunities within the countryside	10
It is hard to access services or even information if English is not one's first language	11
There is a lack of supported housing for the vulnerable in the community	12
There is a need to upgrade to faster more reliable broadband connectivity	13
The rural community is at a disadvantage regarding school catchment areas for secondary schools as they are at the edge of narrow, thin catchments	14

Safe Communities	rank
Current condition of roads due to poor level of road and gully maintenance means roads are unsafe for users	1
Need to do more to raise awareness of under-age drinking eg via publicity in main shops	2
Vehicle crime, vandalism and ASB in Waterside	3
Speeding - urban and rural roads (currently the only priority for rural Neighbourhood Action Group)	4
Emergency service response - swifter response needed for rural areas. Improved knowledge of area is needed. Also response is from Tring (due to HP23 postcode) but referred to Bucks when reach the County boundary - needs to be sorted out.	5
NAG is improving response by police to rural crime but police are still overstretched and struggle to respond out of hours. More police needed for rural area.	6
Antisocial behaviour by young people in rural and urban areas (all parishes/villages; Pond Park - youth hanging around in large groups, recent spate of vehicles and buildings being pelted with eggs; hanging around in Town Centre - particularly near supermarkets.	7
Improved mobile phone cover is required – there are blackspots in villages that prevent access to services in emergencies	8
Anti social parking (eg Chesham High School/ Hawridge and Cholesbury school).	9
Litter on road side verges and flytipping	10
Parking improvements needed at Chartridge Sports ground	11
Number of cyclists on the rural roads, particularly at weekends, poses a safety hazard. They should be discouraged.	12

Cohesive Communities	rank
Elderly and infirm are isolated in the villages. More needs to be done to encourage members of the community to support older residents and ensure they have the opportunities to participate in village life, thus helping combat rural isolation.	1
There are weak links with the Asian communities in the area	2
There are few places that young people can gather without being accused of anti social behaviour. Waterside and other youth projects need support	3
Youth provision in rural parishes is patchy and young people have difficulties accessing facilities outside their own parish	4
Level of social housing and deprivation means Pond Park in desperate need of a community hub to encourage a sense of community and provide a base for provision of outreach services. Work is in hand but needs to be a high priority	5
Work needed to support / prevent loss of village pubs, local shops, post offices (or restore these services)	6
Support is needed for more volunteering/volunteers	7
Lack of continuity of electrical services causes problems in rural communities	8
Better use could/should be made of existing facilities such as Chartridge school and local playing fields	9
Access and mobility survey (COPAG)	10
Lack of community buildings for hire in Pond Park	11
Library – van service should be used more creatively to bring services to rural residents who cannot access library and other services	12

Sustainable Environment	rank
Traffic congestion in Chesham – Chesham already a bottleneck. Road infrastructure could not cope with traffic generated by more development	1
Need for improved public transport particularly for smaller communities. It is virtually non existent for villages and in the evenings – demand responsive transport could be a better solution than the rare timetabled buses	2
Sustainable approach to water use, urban drainages and flood prevention needs to be developed	3
Unsatisfactory state of roads and pavements. Roads need rebuilding not just mending	4
Work place travel planning needs to be developed	5
Access to local services, communities, amenities and towns needs to be improved – it is particularly hard to access services if one has a disability	7
Road flooding issues must be dealt with (eg Arrewig Lane).	6
Must maintain the rural nature of the community	8
HGV and delivery vans increasingly using local roads to rat run. SATNAV issues and a need for a Road freight management strategy	9
Cost of parking is contributing to decline of town centre businesses	10
Industrial heritage audit needs to be done and the historic yards in Chesham made more of.	11
Speeding traffic (eg Latimer Road and Botley Road)	12
Perception that the planning process favours the well off and well informed at the expense of the ordinary resident	13
Green belt restrictions are stopping houses from being built. Unused green belt is no more important than housing.	14
Long term issues with aircraft noise	15

Rights of Way audit for riders is needed	16
Need to replace stiles with gates on Rights of Way	17

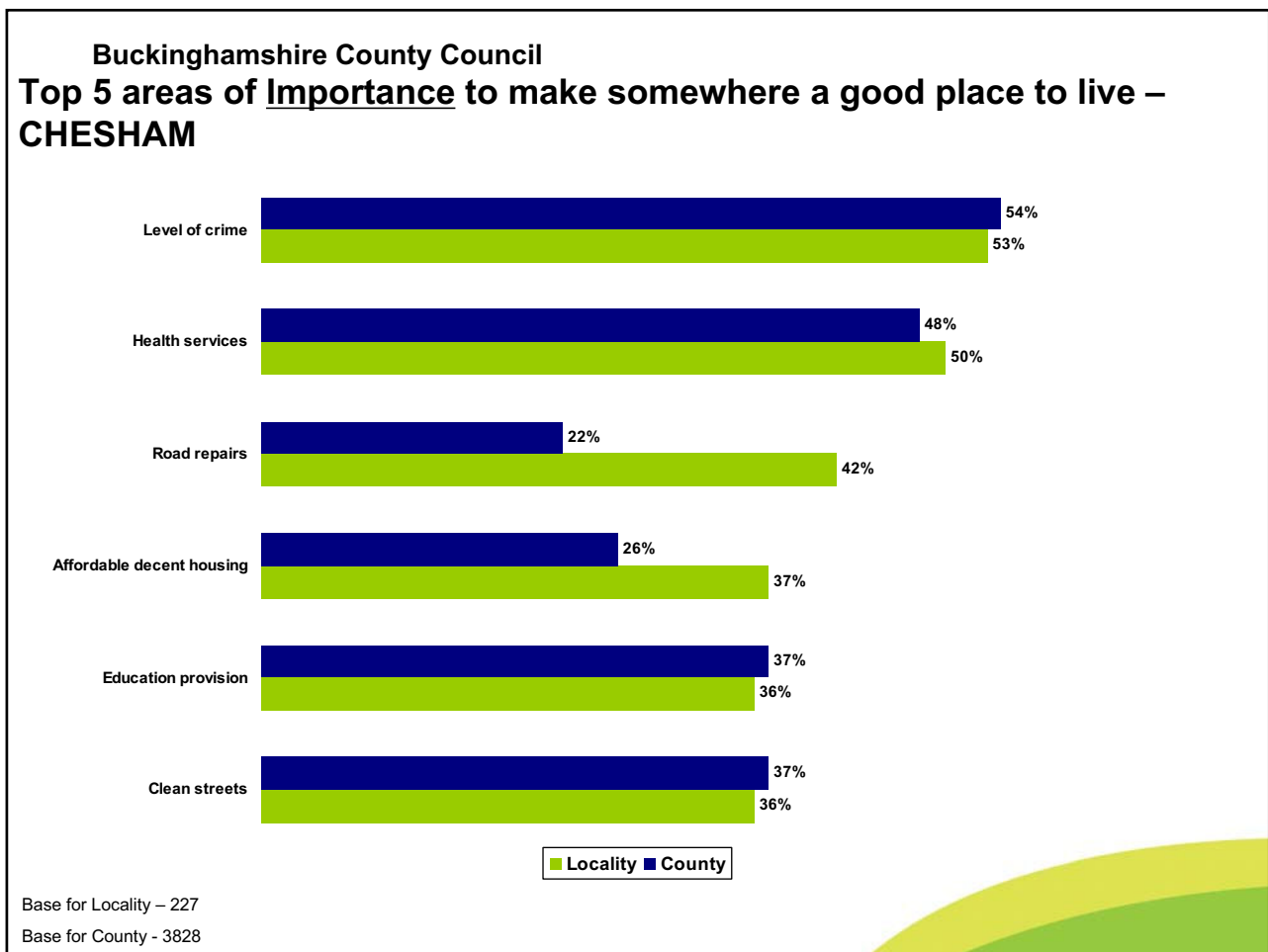
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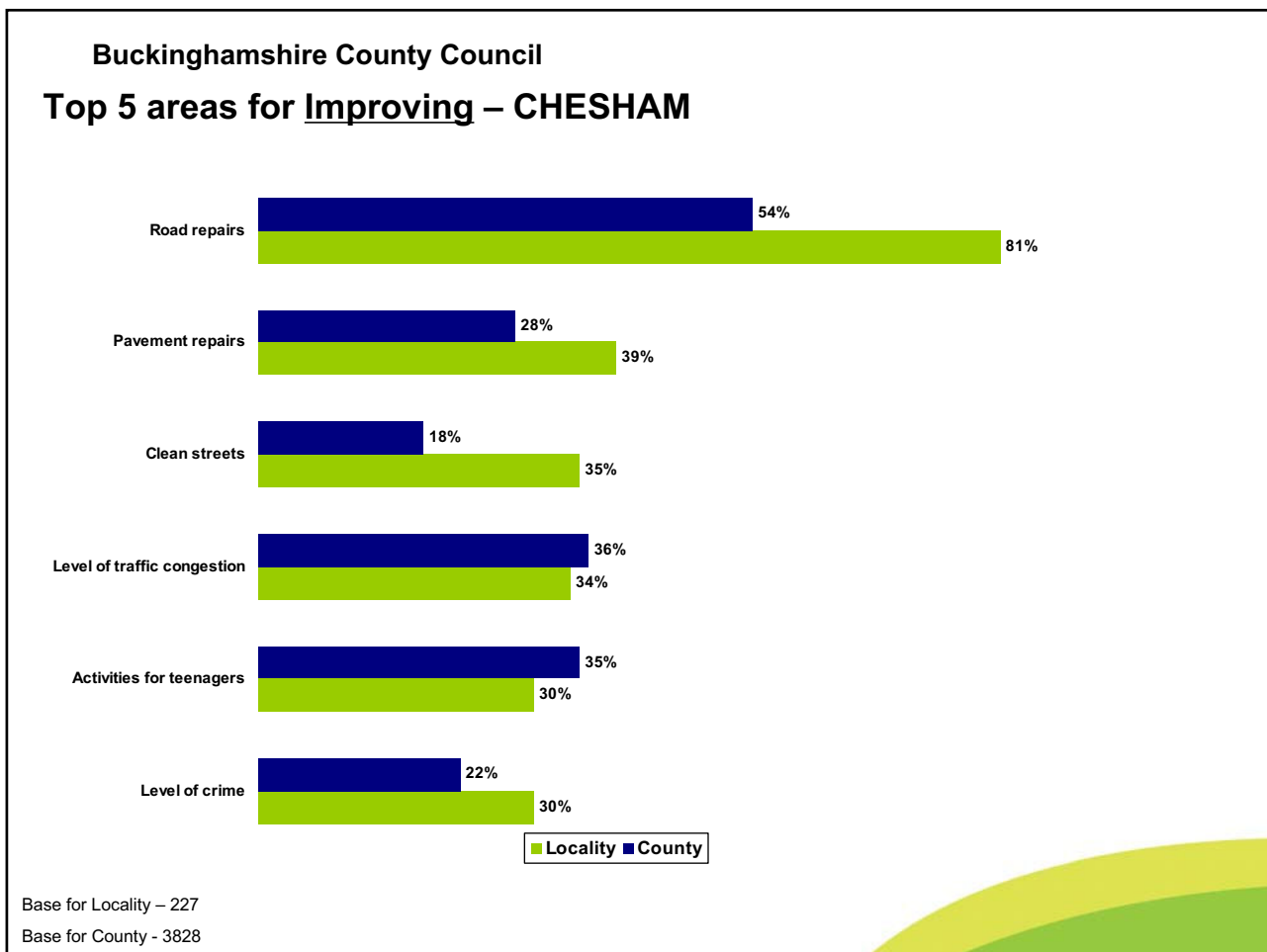
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Report to Chesham & Chiltern Villages Local Area Forum

Title: LOCAL AREA FORUM BUDGETS

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Electoral divisions affected: Chesham North West
Chesham East
Chess Valley
Chiltern Ridges

Summary

1. This paper describes the arrangements for the allocation of the funding devolved to Local Area Forums (LAFs) in 2010/11.
2. The amount of funding awarded to each project by the Local Area Forum in 2009/10 is outlined from paragraph 25 onwards. An annual review document containing more detailed information on each of the projects is currently being prepared and will be made available to LAF members, and more widely, as soon as it is completed.

Recommendation

3. **The Chesham & Chiltern Villages Local Area Forum is recommended to note the arrangements in 2010/11 for its devolved budgets as described in the report and also note the expenditure of the funding allocated to the LAF in 2009/10.**

Background

4. A key element of the Locality Services vision 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).



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5. This vision has led to an increased range of decisions, services and budgets that can be influenced within the framework of the 19 community areas and via the LAFs. In line with the County Council's aim to increase local decision making, the LAFs' Local Priorities budget has been substantially increased from £8,000 in 2009/10 to £20,000 per LAF in 2010/11.

Budgets Devolved to LAFs in 2010-11

6. The devolved budgets for 2010/11 are set out in the table below.

Service area	County-wide total	Chesham & Chiltern Villages LAF
Transportation local improvements	£500,000	£35,292
Positive Activities for Young People	£95,000	£5,000
"Early Years" grant	£95,000	£5,000
Local Priorities budget	£380,000	£20,000
Total	£1,070,000	£65,292

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

7. All funding must be spent in line with the specific criteria associated with the budget (see below).
8. The funding must be spent within the financial year for which it is allocated.
- For 2010/11, in consultation with the LAF Chairman, each Head of Service concerned will take a view in November 2010 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 2010/11.
9. As in 2009/10, 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.
10. To allow for the occasional unforeseen opportunity that requires a swift decision, funding may be agreed in-between LAF meetings in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman and other LAF members for the neighbourhood concerned.

Positive Activities for Young People (PAYP)

11. This budget must be used to engage young people in positive activities. To allow greater flexibility it has been agreed that the budget can be used to engage young people aged 11-19 (previously 13-19). Young people must be consulted on any planned activity.
12. The LAF Local Area Planning process is demonstrating that young people are being seen as a priority throughout the County. It is therefore suggested that the PAYP funding be directed at addressing the specific issues identified in the LAF's local area plan, using one of the following mechanisms (or a combination of the two)

- **Direct funding of LAF youth priorities identified through the Local Area Plan**
A programme of youth development/activities are commissioned through the LAF that deliver against local priorities for young people. This could include grant funding of activities.
- **Creation of local area youth plans and youth-led forums**
The creation of medium-term dedicated Local Area Youth Plans using existing youth plans and strategies/policies as a baseline and/or the creation of local Youth Forums led by young people from within each local area, engaged in representing young people in the planning of youth recreational programmes and projects and spending budgets as appropriate. The LAF can also commission and provide targeted opportunities to develop young people's skills as community leaders.

13. The Accountable Officer is the Head of Community and Youth Engagement.

"Early Years" grant

14. This must be used to fund Childcare provision – specifically improvements to support inclusive practice for 0-19 year olds.
15. There will be a restricted list of activities to support improvements in order to satisfy the terms of the ring fenced direct government grant. It is anticipated that the LAF will receive applications directly and recommend providers for the Inclusion Grant
16. It is acknowledged that the Early Years grant was not made available to the LAF as anticipated for 2009/10. This funding is currently being reviewed to ensure greater influence by the LAF over its use in 2010/11.
17. The Accountable Officer is the Divisional Manager (Joint Commissioning) Commissioning and Business Improvement

Local Priorities budget

18. The Local Priorities budget will be allocated in line with priorities identified in the LAF's local area planning process to support local community needs and the well-being of the area in line with the following criteria:
- Proposals meeting more than one of the LAF's priorities or addressing a wide community need will be prioritised for funding.
 - Proposals enabling match-funding - whether this is through additional grant funding or parish council support - or with the benefit of additional community support, will be given priority over projects with no additional funding or those with little community support.
 - The Local Priorities budget is not the catch-all to support proposals rejected for funding by the other LAF budgets. However, if there is a proposal that was initially considered for other LAF budgets and it can meet several of the LAF's priorities, the proposal can be considered by the Area Coordinator.
 - The Area Coordinator will also assess potential proposals to see if 'quick wins' can be identified to enable specific projects/issues to be resolved quickly.
19. The Area Coordinator will evaluate proposals 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 Area Coordinator.

20. The Accountable Officer is the Locality Services Manager.

Transportation Local Improvements Budget

21. This budget is to fund minor transportation improvement schemes. A decision regarding the schemes for 2010/11 will be made at the June meeting of the LAF. £35,292 is available for these schemes in 2010/11

22. The Accountable Officer is the Head of Transportation.

Monitoring and future planning arrangements

23. At the end of the year, officers will prepare a review of the work for Chesham & Chiltern Villages Local Area Forum and later put forward proposals for the allocation of the next year's budgets. Projects which have benefited from Chesham & Chiltern Villages 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.

24. Projects benefiting from this funding in 2009-10 are outlined below.

PROJECTS AWARDED FUNDING DURING 2009-10

25. Projects awarded funding during 2009-10 through Amersham LAF include the following:-

Local Priorities budget

26. The following projects were funded during 2009-10 through the LAF's Local Priorities budget.

Pilot for community youth club at Hivings Free church (Pond Park)	£1200
Good Neighbour scheme (Age Concern and ASC)	£4000
Contribution towards marketing costs for PAYP activities	£825
Contribution to Leisure cards for targeted young people	£500
Shed@ThePark - support to purchase some essential musical equipment to enable the Music Therapist to engage with local children, families and the elderly.	£1475
Total	£8000

PAYP funding

27. The following projects were funded during 2009-10 through the LAF's PAYP funding.

Scheme	Value
Chesham & Amersham Air Training Corp various training events	£375
Sound studio sessions at Chiltern View (Childrens Home)	£2000
Midnight ice skating (Chesham Youth Centre)	£456
Chesham Youth Council/Chesham Town Council - anti graffiti in skate park	£1000
Nexus/CDC community project - Community Football	£850
Nexus/CDC community project - moped maintenance	£400
Total	£5081

Transportation delegated budget

28. The following projects were funded during 2009-10 through the LAF's Transportation delegated budget.

Scheme	Value
Prevent water running off from the highway and eroding car parking area in front of the village hall, Two Dells Lane, Ashley Green	£5000
Provision of a salt bin, White Hall, Whelpley Hill, Ashley Green	£475
Provision of a salt bin at junction of with Chartridge Lane, The Warren, Chartridge	£475
Provide lighting between parking area and the sports facility, Moor Road, Chesham	£5000
Refurbishment of verge and kerb, Buckland Common, Cholesbury	£5000
Total	£15950

Early Years grant

29. Although the Early Years grant was not made available to the LAF to enable funding for specific projects in 2009-10 there was sufficient funding to enable all eligible applications to be supported from within the total grant budget and the average allocation to each scheme has been in excess of the £5k devolved to each LAF. The following projects were directly funded in Chesham and Chiltern Villages local community area.

Scheme	Value
Elmtree School HP5 2PA - Alterations + additional nursery toilets. Extension to outside play area	
Stepping Stones P/S HP5 1SS – fixed play equipment	
St Mary's P/S Chesham HP27 9AM - Equipment	
Whitehill Community Pre-School HP5 1AG – Develop outside area	
Total	£23,673

From: JOHN FORD [mailto:john.ford35@btinternet.com]
Sent: 13 March 2010 15:14
To: Derrick, Alison
Cc: Viv Robins
Subject: LAF Community Funding for Road Repairs

Dear Alison,

Apologies if I have asked you this before in another instance.

Our parish council is wondering whether LAF related community funds might be available for road repairs.

We have an acute flooding problem in the Parish on Arrewig Lane. There is a view that this could be solved by new kerbing as well as more regular drainage.

Would appreciate your views.

Thanks in advance,

Regards,

John Ford
The Lee PC.

This was an issue which The Lee parish put forward to the Local Priorities workshop as a high priority for them, and although not one of the top priorities for the whole area steps could be taken to address the problem, if the LAF was agreeable.

Transport for Buckinghamshire staff have confirmed that if **£3000** was made available from the Local Priorities budget they would be able to investigate works to improve the situation on Arrewig Lane. This would involve negotiating with the landowner with a view to piping water away from the road and onto his land.

If the land owner was not amenable or the work proved impractical to undertake the money would be returned to the Local Priorities budget.

Application to LAF for grant to Chesham Walkers are Welcome

Background to Organisation

Walkers are Welcome is a national organisation devoted to encouraging walking both by residents of towns and villages and by tourists visiting the localities. There are about 40 towns and villages signed up to this. Most of these are in the north and west of England and Wales.

WaW aims to encourage all levels of walking from the serious hiker to the family afternoon stroll.

Chesham recently obtained the status of a member by, among other things, getting 500 signatures of residents to support the application. Chesham is the first such town in the Chilterns and only the second in the south-east of England. We hope that we will encourage other towns in the Chilterns to become Walkers are Welcome towns thus strengthening the tourist strategy for the Chilterns. (We have been in contact with Wallingford, Oxon, furthering their interest in gaining WaW status.)

We also aim to encourage local businesses (cafes, restaurants, pubs, B&Bs as well as other retailers) to display WaW signs and to support this initiative. In return such businesses should benefit from increased trade from walkers.

Chesham Walkers are Welcome group is planning a launch in September to coincide with the heritage weekend.

Background to Grant Application

Under the Market Town Health Check (Chesham Community Vision) a set of six walking leaflets were developed to encourage walking within, around Chesham and circular walks starting in Chesham. These have been reprinted once and we have applied for funding for a second reprint from Chiltern District Council – along with further funding for the launch. We estimate that close on 18,000 leaflets have been distributed (assuming they have all gone to Chesham homes this would mean that over a third of all Chesham households have a set of six leaflets!)

It was planned to have two notice boards to advertise the walks in the main starting points, Water Meadow Car Park and Chesham Station. With the accreditation of Chesham as a Walkers are Welcome town it was decided to extend the purpose of these boards to include the furtherance of the WaW aims. The board in the Car Park will be free standing located near the board advertising the Chess Valley Walk; the one by the Station would be on the wall also near the board advertising the Chess Valley Walk. Thus the CVW will become part of the tourist strategy associated with WaW.

To this end grants were sought to cover the cost. The main grant which has been obtained is for £1200 from Bucks Community Fund. Further £300 to cover the rest of the design costs would be covered by the application for funding from Chiltern District Council. If this is not forthcoming then it will be covered by an ex gratia payment from the Chiltern Society for the use of the walk leaflets.

However, one item was omitted from our calculations. We need to get planning permission for the boards and this we are told costs £335 per board to make the application. (Strangely if we were a business it would cost £95!). Fortunately the fee is halved if the application is made by Chesham Town Council on our behalf. This they have agreed to do.

This still leaves us with a shortfall of £335 for the planning application plus costs of producing drawings for the Planning Department to their standards. (A recent application by the Girl Guides for a board apparently went back and forth a number of times until the Council was satisfied with the detail shown.)

Attached is a summary of our current financial position.

Application

We believe that Walkers are Welcome status is an important contribution to Chesham's tourism strategy and beyond that to tourism in Chiltern District. Without the notice boards the campaign to get tourists to recognise this is blunted. The notice boards will advertise both the walks and the overall WaW status in prominent positions.

We would apply for funding of £400 being

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| • the cost of two planning applications | £335 |
| • the cost of suitable drawings (estimated) | £65 |
| Total | £400 |

Ken Austin (Treasurer)

Current Accounts

Income

Grant from Chesham Action Partnership to cover initial costs	£100
Ex gratia payment by Chiltern Society	£300
Grant from Bucks Community Fund	£1200
(Remainder of grant from Chesham Action Partnership to cover running costs – yet to be received)	£150

Total £1750

Expenditure

WaW membership	£70
Cost of WaW leaflets	£10
Conference Fees	£60

Total £140

Current Surplus £1610

Future Costs

Cost of Noticeboards

Boards	£965	
Design	£375	
Erection (labour free, est. materials)	£60	
Planning Application	£335	
Drawings for Planning	£65	

£1800

Cost of Launch	£200
Cost of Reprint of Leaflets	£1600
Insurance	£130

Total £3730

Grants Applied for (including LAF)

CDC Community Fund	£2000
LAF	£400

Total £2400

Shortfall of Future Costs (£1330)

Estimated overall surplus (to cover next year's costs) **£270**

BID FOR LOCAL PRIORITIES MONIES 2010/11 FROM WHELPLEY HILL VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

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> From: Pauline Stacey [mailto:paulinestacey@live.co.uk]
> Sent: Mon 05/04/2010 11:47
> To: Derrick, Alison
> Subject: Whelpley Hill Village Hall - application for Local Priorities budget
> grant

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> Hello Alison

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> Further to our telephone conversation on Friday 26th March, I'm outlining
> below: the Whelpley Hill village hall project, the costs involved and the
> difference the project will make to our village.

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> We hope that you will consider our project for a grant from your Local
> Priorities budget. If you have any questions or need further information,
> please do not hesitate to contact me.

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> Regards
> Pauline Stacey
> on behalf of the Whelpley Hill Coronation Village Hall Committee

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> **The project**

> The village hall was built in 1937 and has had little updating since. Several
> years ago it was apparent the hall needed essential repairs, improvements,
> and extension if it was to continue as an amenity for the village in the 21st
> century. The building had fallen in to a poor state of repair. The hall is a
> timber-clad building with no insulation, thin walls and old inefficient
> electric ceiling heaters. The kitchen is antiquated and cramped and difficult
> to maintain hygiene standards.

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> The hall currently has poor energy efficiency and by carrying out the
> necessary improvements will allow us to reduce fuel bills, reduce carbon
> emissions and provide a comfortable environment for users. The addition of a
> side extension would allow increased usage of the hall and greater
> flexibility for bookings.

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> A work schedule was drawn up and we are implementing the work in a phased
> approach.

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> **Work in progress/completed**

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- > Existing windows replaced
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- > Fascia, soffit and guttering replaced
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- > Existing cladding repaired / made good
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- > Roof replaced (asbestos removed)
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- > Front extension providing disabled access
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- > Fire lighting and emergency lighting
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- > The above work has almost been completed. This phase cost approx £58000 and
- > has been funded by £25000 from the church (Diocese of Oxford - as recompense
- > for the sale of the village church), and the village hall has funded the
- > balance.

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> **Work still to do**

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- > Insulation board and skim to existing walls £3200
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- > Insulation board and skim to existing ceiling £2680
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- > Raise floor to rear of building £1500
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- > Replace kitchen £9500
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- > Purchase new kitchen appliances £1000
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- > Side extension £29740

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- > The hall needs to raise funds to complete the work still to do. We currently
- > have applications in for Awards for All and CDC grants and are exploring all
- > avenues to raise the funds to complete the work on the hall. We are also
- > continuing to hold fund-raising events within the village.

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- > The difference the project will make to Whelpley Hill Residents
- > Carrying out the planned work to improve and update the hall is imperative as
- > the hall is our only remaining public amenity within the village, apart from
- > a pub. The school, shop, and the church are now closed. The hall is used by
- > the majority of villagers for one purpose or another and is vital for our
- > community cohesion. We need to provide the necessary improvements to the hall
- > to give local people a comfortable place to meet.

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- > Whelpley Hill has a very diverse socio-economic mix. There are approximately
- > 180 residences - 90 of which are located on The Park (all mobile park homes).
- > There is also a full range of age groups. Because of rural isolation and
- > lack of public transport it is important that the village hall is available
- > as it is within easy walking distance of the majority of households in the
- > village. Not all residents have cars, and without access to a hall, there are
- > some who would not be able to travel elsewhere to enjoy social events - this
- > would lead to an increased sense of isolation.
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- > The hall is used for a broad range of uses, such as Whelpley Hill Women's
- > Institute, dog training classes, art classes, and is available for hire for
- > children's parties and private events. The village hall committee sets up a
- > schedule of events throughout the year, these include, for example: a
- > Christmas Fayre, quiz nights, race nights, pet show, 'Spud-in-tub'
- > competition. These events are all well supported and pull the community
- > together. A typical social event will sell 50+ tickets and depending on the
- > nature of the event will draw out different people.
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Rafe's Place is an exciting and unique Chesham based project, working in co-operation with Ultimate Solution (MUSIC) Ltd (a well established under 18's music night in Amersham) and local organisations in Bucks to break down barriers between different age groups, cultures and genres. We aim to create an educational environment, as well as recreational, revolutionising higher education in the arts by working hand in hand with colleges and universities to offer practical experience and hands-on course support to students and young people.

On September the 11th 2010 we plan to hold a fun and interactive one day free community, music and arts event in Lowndes Park, Chesham. We will unite young people from all cultures and backgrounds, enabling the enjoyment of shared interests, as well as connecting generations and supporting families from the local area. The event will provide valuable experience for local students studying events management and crowd safety, artists, musicians and skaters. We also aim to raise awareness and gather support in order to get people involved in Rafe's Place so we can make it better for everyone.

Below is a breakdown of the budget for the event. We are being supported by local organisations, including Chiltern District Council (**CDC**), Chesham Action Partnership (**CHAP**) and Nexus; we also have a pending application to Bucks Community Foundation (Small Grants). Some of our costs will be met through the sale of stalls, advertising and our sponsorship packages.

Skate competition	£2,800
Security	£1,200
Marketing	£800
Portaloos	£700
1 st Aid	£300

We would like to apply for the sum of £3,000 from the LAF - £2,800 to cover the cost of Pete King and his team of pro skaters and pro BMX riders, an extra mini ramp, PA system with DJ and a Compère. The additional £200 will go towards our Security budget – the rest of which will be funded by the Bucks Community Foundation.

The support of the LAF in this event will be vital in re-establishing the Rafe's Place project in Chesham and will also encourage social interaction of different youth groups as well as physical activity in a local setting. This event will be a key milestone for the project and sets the foundations for many of our long term goals.

Rafe's Place will become a much needed link between our local authorities and service providers by becoming the bridge between them and the youth. We will provide tailored and targeted services and promotions allowing effective communication with the local community. We will offer a unique opportunity to support creative arts and music students by creating events with a purpose in which they gain something positive. By facilitating workshops, projects and events we will allow the community structure to support itself, giving young people valuable experience and investing in their future.

Chesham and Villages Local Area Forum

Title: Delegated Budget 2010/11

Date: 23 June 2010

Author: Jim Stevens

Contact officer: Chris Schwier
01494586622

Electoral divisions affected: Chess Valley,
Chesham East
Chesham North West
Chiltern Ridges

Summary

To present the delegated budget schemes submitted by the Parishes of Chesham, Cholesbury-cum-St Leonards, Chartridge, The Lee Ashley Green and Latimer. For the forum to determine which schemes should be carried out in the financial year 2010/11 using the delegated budget of £35,292-25.

Recommendation

That the forum decide which delegated budget schemes are to be carried out in 2010/11.

The schemes that would be recommended is the traffic calming /build out in Germaine Street, Chesham, Highway markings in Chesham Road , Bellingdon, New salt bins in Cholesbury-cum-St Leonards and £2,000-00 towards Tree Planting in Broadlands Avenue, Chesham. It may be that these schemes or others shown in the attached table would attract funding from the LAF local Priorities budget or other budgets. If this is the case we, could dependant on the amount available carry out further schemes.

Supporting information to include the following if a decision is being requested:

Resource implications

The total budget available for funding of delegated budget schemes in 2010/11 is £35,292-25



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Legal implications

None

Other implications/issues

Details of the individual applications with officers' recommendations are shown in the attached schedule appendix 1.

**CHESHAM AND CHILTERN VILLAGES
DELEGATED BUDGET 2010/2011**

Total budget available
£35,292.25

PARISH	LOCATION	SCHEME	COMMENTS	COST
ASHLEY GREEN	A416/Chesham Road, Ashley Green West side Footway	Surface and improve the existing west side footway for its entire length	This footway has been surfaced as part of the area office programme this year. No need for further work.	
	Hog Lane, Ashley Green 'S' bend near junction with Johns Lane	To improve the drainage which was installed in October 2000 as this silts up and causes flooding on the bends and in turn creates a hazard for traffic trying to avoid the flooding.	This is a maintenance issue which the Local Area technician is aware of. The matter should be dealt with by the routine maintenance programme and therefore it is not recommended that funding be given to this.	
	White Hill, Whelpley Hill adjoining Herts County Boundary	Structural works and the improvement of drainage at the lowest part of this road and resurfacing of the affected area	Work to the carriageway has been carried out and will now be monitored by the area technician. Drainage is currently by way of grips dispersing water onto the adjoining land, this is adequate but will need regular maintenance. It would be difficult to install any formal drainage as the verges are very narrow and there would be insufficient room for a soak away chamber.	
CHARTRIDGE	Speed Humps	Chesham Road, Bellingdon	Speed humps or other forms of hard traffic management are not recommended for this location. It is considered that carriageway markings could be installed and if agreed Area Traffic Management Team will discuss appropriate markings with the Parish.	£2,000-00

CHESHAM AND CHILTERN VILLAGES
DELEGATED BUDGET 2010/2011

Total budget available
£35,292.25

	Width Restriction	Chartridge Lane	Again this type of feature is not considered suitable at this location. Traffic Management section will discuss with the Parish to see if there are any other resolutions.	
CHESHAM	Improvement of Planting Regime	St Mary's Way	Work is being carried out in conjunction with the Chesham in Bloom Committee to improve the look of St Marys Way. Not seen that any funding is needed at this time with this work being ongoing.	
	Replacement of black Fingerpost Signs	Town Centre	There are 3 posts of this nature and the cost of replacement would be approximately £2,000-00 each.	£6,000-00
	Replanting of Trees	Broadlands Avenue	Some of the Horse Chestnut trees in this road have died and the residents would like to see them replaced. The dead trees that could be removed and a suitable replacement have been agreed with TfB's consultant arboriculturist. The sum shown is to start the project and may need further funding in later years.	£2,000-00

CHESHAM AND CHILTERN VILLAGES
DELEGATED BUDGET 2010/2011

Total budget available
£35,292.25

	Safety Scheme with crossing point.	Germain Street, King Street	This scheme has been submitted for delegated budget in previous years and due to the cost not been succesful. This part of a school travel plan and strongly supported both by the school and the Town Council. The current cost for this scheme is £35,616-00 this includes 10% contingency , design and supervision costs. But the school has raised £5,000-00 leaving a balance of £30,000 for the scheme to go ahead.	£30,000-00
CHOLESBURY-CUM-ST-LEONARDS	Salt Bins/Replacement Bin	Gilberts Hill (halfway up) Little Twye outside Boot House Replacement for existing bin further up Rays Hill	The replacement bin will be supplied by highways. The cost of the other two bins would be £450-00 each.	£900-00
	Granite edging for grass triangles	Taylors Lane/Chapel Road Rays Hill/Cholesbury Lane	This would involve kerbing round the islands at the junctions then reinstating the grassed area. At a cost of £5,000-00 each.	£10,000-00
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Local Area Forums

Title:	Option to use highways delegated budget for road repairs.
Date:	28 May 2010
Author:	Jim Stevens (Head of Transport for Buckinghamshire)
Contact officer:	Sean Rooney 01296 382077
Electoral divisions affected:	All

Summary

Buckinghamshire's roads have suffered significant damage as a result of the winter snow and ice. Transport for Buckinghamshire is working hard to repair this damage. The County Council has allocated an additional £2 million and Government just under £1 million to repair the damage.

Given ongoing local concerns with the condition of roads, Transport for Buckinghamshire would like to give the LAF/LCP the opportunity to consider whether they might like to spend some of the delegated budget for this year only on road repairs in the LAF/LCP area. It is stressed that this is purely an option.

Recommendation

The LAF/LCP is requested to consider whether it would like to spend some, all or none of the delegated highways budget this year on road repair work in your area, as an alternative to the schemes in the local programme.

Resource Implications

None - the highways delegated budget for 2010/11 for each LAF/LCP is already agreed.

Legal implications

None.



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Other implications/issues

If the LAF/LCP decision is no, then the process of approving and implementing the existing delegated schemes programme for 2010/11 will continue unaffected.

If the decision is yes, then LAF/LCP members are asked to identify roads in their area where they would like repairs so that these can be costed. The repair work will be carried out by TfB as part of the ongoing maintenance programme and could be surfacing, plane and patch or other appropriate treatment to repair the road. The LAF/LCP will also need to consider whether the local schemes, that would have otherwise gone ahead, should be considered as part of the 2011/12 highways delegated budget programme.

Chesham and Chiltern Villages Local Area Forum

Title:	Delegated Budget 2011/2012
Date:	23 June 2010
Author:	Jim Stevens
Contact officer:	Chris Schwier 01494586622
Electoral divisions affected:	Chess Valley Chesham East Chesham North West Chiltern Ridges

Summary

The delegated budget schemes for 2010/11 having been evaluated and reported on, Transport for Buckinghamshire, in planning its business plans and programmes of work, requests that Delegated budget schemes for the financial year 2011/2012 are submitted to Chris Schwier Transportation Localities Team Leader as soon as possible and at latest before the end of July, in order that the proposals can be evaluated and approved by the forum during this calendar year.

Recommendation

The forum notes the summary and submits applications not later than the end of July 2010.

Supporting information to include the following if a decision is being requested:

Resource implications

The funding for Chesham and Chiltern Villages Local Area Forum delegated budgets schemes for 2011/2012 will be £34,441-00. This sum forms part of Transport for Buckinghamshire's annual capital budget.



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Background Papers

Included with this report are the application form and guidance on delegated budget.

Chesham and Chiltern Villages Local Area Forum

Title: Flood Management Overview

Date: 11th June

Author: Duncan Laird

Contact officer: Duncan Laird – 01296 387133

Electoral divisions affected:

Summary

Provide an overview of new flood management legislation and details of DEFRA grant provided to develop a Surface Water Management Plan in Chesham.

Background

1. Flooding and flood management is a cross cutting issue that has an impact on the service delivery of many areas of local government. Flooding considerations are integral within the planning system, engineers are responsible for developing and maintaining infrastructure that has a bearing on flooding, emergency planners must prepare for flooding events and social services must help deal with the consequences.
2. Flooding occurs from four main sources – watercourses (e.g. rivers, streams, canals), surface water run-off, the sea and groundwater (**Appendix A**). These sources need to be effectively managed to minimise flooding risk and impact as does the planning and response to a flooding event.
3. One in six homes in England are at risk of flooding. The recent Environment Agency “Flooding in England (2009)” report identified that 111,356 properties in the South East England Region are at significant risk of river flooding, of those 3% (3,650) are within Buckinghamshire. In Chesham, 4,400 homes have been identified as being at risk of surface water flooding (**Appendix B**)



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4. The Government has recently passed two pieces of flood management legislation. The Flood Risk Regulations (2009) and the Flood and Water Management Act (2010). The legislation is the UK's response to the EU Flood Directive and addresses the following issues:
 - Current flood legislation is outdated with its roots in the 1930s and 1940s
 - Responsibilities for different aspects of flood management in the UK are poorly defined often leading to lack of ownership and accountability
 - No organisation currently has any clear responsibility for flooding from surface run-off or groundwater sources
5. The legislation clarifies new roles and responsibilities for flood management stakeholders (**Appendix C**). Buckinghamshire County Council, as the top tier authority is required to adopt the Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA) role. This places a responsibility on the County Council for the strategic overview and co-ordination of local flood risk management within Buckinghamshire.
6. DEFRA recently announced £9.7 million grant fund to be used to develop Surface Water Management Plans (SWMP) in high risk flood areas. SWMPs will help local authorities and relevant delivery bodies understand and manage local flood risk as well as to influence land use planning and flood risk management investment decisions.
7. A grant was allocated to the County Council by DEFRA in 2009 and £171k is available to develop SWMPs in Chesham and High Wycombe (**Appendix B**). These settlements were identified following a DEFRA study that ranked settlements in order of susceptibility to surface water flooding. 5,800 properties are at risk in High Wycombe and 4,400 in Chesham. Development of SWMPs in these areas is a priority due to the high risk status.
8. In order to effectively steer the development of SWMPs in Chesham and High Wycombe the Bucks Strategic Flood Management Group (BSFMG) was formed in 2009. The first meeting took place on 30th November 2009 and the second meeting on 3rd June 2010. The meeting was organised and chaired by Jim Stevens (Head of Transport for Buckinghamshire). The group is attended by representatives from the Environment Agency, Buckinghamshire District Councils and Internal Drainage Boards. The group discussed and moved forward actions on:
 - Developing SWMPs in High Wycombe and Chesham through a working group involving County and District representatives.
 - Creating a suitable Buckinghamshire local flood management governance structure.
 - Identifying means to work in partnership to address issues raised by new legislation.
 - Agreeing to meet regularly to move forward the flood management agenda.
9. The SWMP working group has met twice. Representatives from WDC, CDC, BCC and the Environment Agency sit on the group. The group is currently tasked with developing a project structure to deliver the SWMPs.

Further Information

10.A presentation on SWMP development progress and an update in flood management legislation will be given to Chesham LAF in the autumn. In the meantime if you have any questions please contact Duncan Laird on 01296 387133 (dlaird@buckscc.gov.uk)

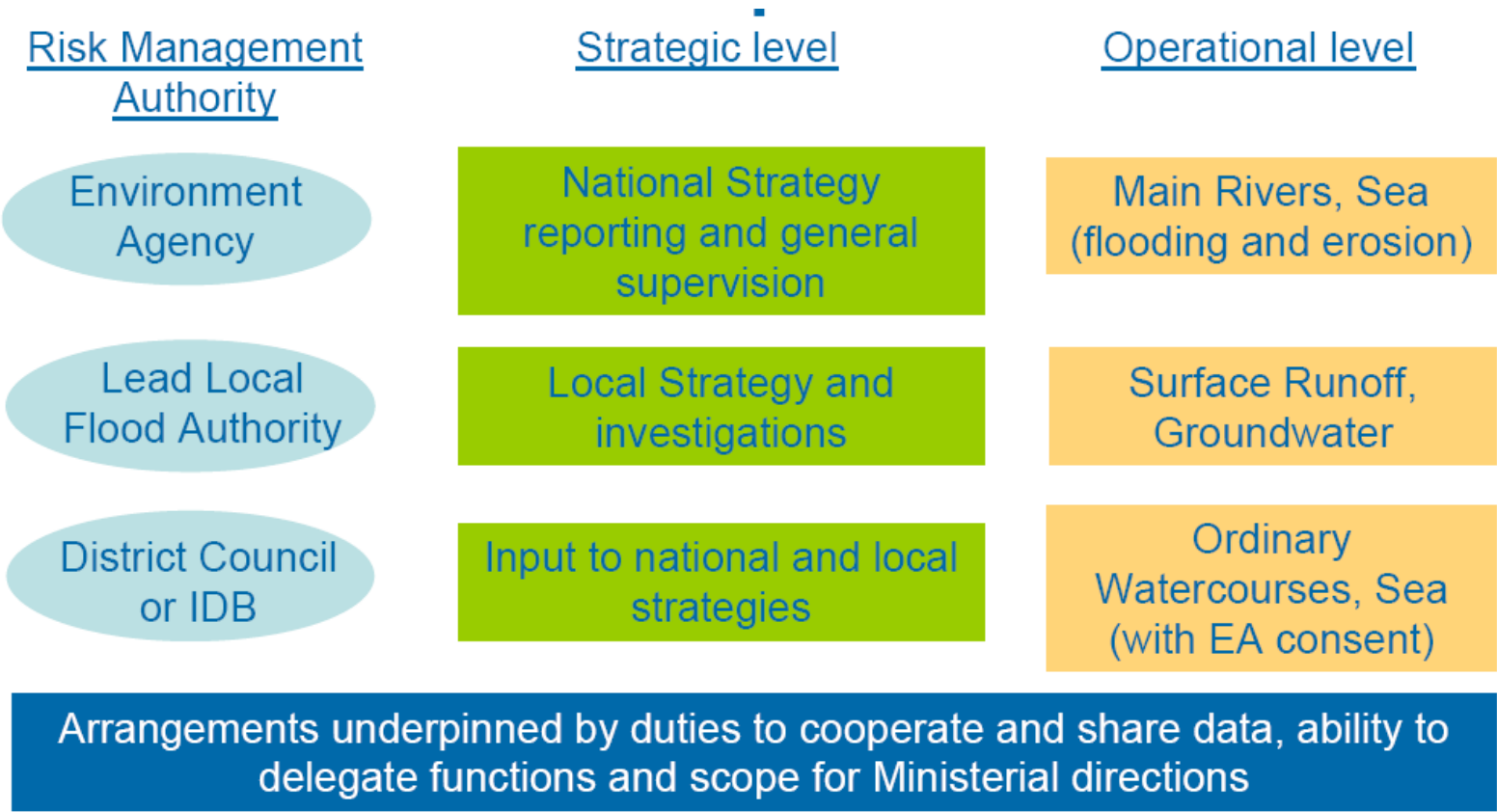
APPENDIX A – SOURCES OF FLOODING

- **River** - occurs when a river cannot cope with the water draining into it from the surrounding land
- **Ordinary watercourse** – flooding from all watercourses that do not form part of a main river
- **Surface water** - when heavy rainfall overwhelms drainage capacity of the local area
- **Groundwater** - when water levels in the ground rise above surface levels
- **Sewer** - occurs when sewers are overwhelmed by heavy rainfall or when they become blocked
- **Coastal** - flooding that results from a combination of high tides and stormy conditions

APPENDIX B – TOP 10 SETTLEMENTS IN BUCKINGHAMSHIRE WITH PROPERTIES AT RISK OF SURFACE WATER FLOODING

England Rank	Settlement	Properties at Risk
50*	High Wycombe	5,800
67*	Chesham	4,400
166	Aylesbury	2,000
176	Marlow	1,900
292	Amersham	1,100
390	Wendover	810
436	Chalfont St.Peter & Gerrards Cross	710
470	Princes Risborough	640
485	Bourne End & Flackwell Heath	610
575	Hazlemere & Tylers Green	480

APPENDIX C – NEW FLOOD MANGEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES



Chesham and Villages Local Area Forum

Title:	Update report from Transport for Buckinghamshire
Date:	23 June 2010
Author:	Jim Stevens
Contact officer:	Chris Schwier 01494 586622
Electoral divisions affected:	Chess Valley, Chesham East Chesham North West Chiltern Ridges

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.

Recommendation

That the members of the forum note the contents of the report



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Supporting information to include the following if a decision is being requested:

Area Maintenance

Fortunately we have come to the end of the excessive levels of pothole repairs we experienced during the winter period and we are now able to re-allocate resources to under take other maintenance repairs. We have instigated 'road fixer' gangs which are self contained units which are capable of carrying out small areas of patching works and will be moving around the Local Area Technicians areas on a four weekly basis for a week at a time.

We have a programme of drainage problem areas which will be addressed during the next couple of months.

Local Area Community Gangs are undertaking small maintenance issues, which primarily have been brought to our attention by Parish Council's and please continue to contact your Local Area Technician with any works so that forthcoming programme can be compiled.

The annual surface dressing programme will be starting on 7th June and hopefully weather permitting will be completed by the end of June.

Winter Maintenance

Letters have now been sent to all interested parties, asking for feedback by 2nd July 2010. So that comments can form part of the review of this service.

Traffic Management

There are no specific schemes to report on at this time, but as always there is an ongoing inspection of signs and lines with work taking place through our own TfB teams.

Policy

After undertaking the LAF engagement on the Local Transport Plan 3 (LTP3) over this autumn, winter, findings on the report will shortly be available at www.buckscc.gov.uk/ltp3

We are interested in bringing the LTP3 back to the LAFs later in the year. It would involve:-

1. Bringing a summary report of the engagement which closed on 15 January 2010 i.e. completing the circle between LAF input and the final result.
2. An introduction to the upcoming engagement process (July – September 2011).

We will keep parishes advised as to whether LTP3 will be on future LAF agendas or as an information item only.

A full consultation draft will be taken to Cabinet on the 28 June, and the 12 week Full Public Consultation will take place shortly after this. Because of LAF/Parish summer holidays we would be able to extend the 12 week deadline into mid October for LAF members if required.

Please note we are also planning to hold Transport Symposia again in 2010 and these are likely to be in September/October

Road Safety

Speed limit review: Area 4 Key Decision Report (which includes the A416 Chesham Bois) was drafted on 26th May and will be published during June on the internet.

Those with email can obtain automatic notification when the report is published, by clicking on the 'subscribe to decision updates' on the 'Do it online' section on the home page of the county council's website at www.buckscc.gov.uk. "

Area 10 speed limits for the area north and east of Chesham legally came into force from 17th April and should be fully signed by early June. Speed limit roundels on the road surface will be installed this summer and vehicle activated signs will be temporarily located for one or two weeks during the summer on most of the roads with new 30 or 40mph limits.

Passenger Transport

Tiger Line has withdrawn service T1 from Bovington on time keeping and usage ground. Buses will still serve Whelpley Hill on an otherwise unchanged timetable. The trial of service 71 to Chenies has ended, with usage being very low (1-3 per week). New bus stops to be sited on A404 near Chenies on service 336 to the village instead.

Development Control

- An application for reopening the Chesham Community Hospital with 80 beds on Hospital Hill Chesham has been received from Chiltern District. Development Control is currently reviewing the information. A previous application at the site for the reopening of a hospital the Highway Authority raised no objection. The hospital will be a specialist hospital not A&E.

Parking

Following extensive consultation Valerie Letheren, Cabinet Member for Transport agreed the following:

1. To remove restrictions on verge parking on Cameron Road and Turners Walk, Chesham
2. A parking restriction on Saxon Close to deter commuter parking will be implemented
3. Local residents of specific properties on Station Road, Chesham will be able to apply for permits to park in the Limited Waiting bays adjacent to their properties
4. After feedback from residents on Chiltern Road and Clifton Road, Chesham, about loss of parking spaces, the proposed double yellow lines will be reduced to a minimum length
5. Road users fed back their concerns over a proposed limited waiting bay on East Street, Chesham, as it would potentially hinder a safe exit from the opposite access road. This one bay has been removed, with the other bays to be implemented allowing parking provision near to the High Street, Chesham
6. Following the responses to the consultation on proposals for Pay and Display in Amersham on the Hill and Chesham, other measures such as Limited Waiting bays and Disable Person's parking bays are being considered.

TLTL – Delegated Budget update

All schemes for 2009/2010 have been completed.

STREET WORKS
There is a proposed road closure of Chartridge Lane Chesham for a new sewer connection in the pipeline, a full application has not yet been received and so no dates are available at this time

Chesham and Chiltern Villages meeting regarding snow event:

Thank you to everyone who took the time to meet and discuss the issues faced in the Chesham and Chiltern Villages. A number of issues were raised in terms of the specific issues faced by the range of services operating in the area. Proposals were also put forward for how the services could work more closely in future such snow events but also other issues that may impact on the community.

Issues faced:

- Staff getting to work
- Pavements not being gritted was an issue as many staff wear walking– centre of Chesham was being covered by the Town Council.
- Home Care services reducing service to priority one users approximately 30% of the usual group having needs met.
- Telephone support was available for vulnerable adults from the County Council. Although this could not resolve some issues of isolation and access to shopping.
- Should severe weather occur need for a method to improve communications between services.
- Issue staff reaching schools depending on their area of intake. Staff reaching schools was also a specific issue faced.
- Police don't generally live locally therefore officers were sleeping at the station to ensure on duty for the following day. Also there was an issue with the available suitable vehicles for the police to use. Specific issue raised about the roads being grid locked.
- Carers services were making lots of use of available community resources, relatives neighbours etc. this is seen as a really positive model for future issues faced by the community.

Resolutions:

- Next year will be able to use BCC website for real time salting maps of the roads which have been covered by the service.
- Issues re running out of food and how community responds was discussed and look to extend networks to support improved community response.
- Snow Go – is a proposal being put to the Chesham Council shortly in order to better marshal community resources in response to critical events. Provides a real opportunity for building a model upon which local communities can draw up plans and structures for responding to emergencies and drawing out community resources. This links to the BCC Resilience plans.

- There was lots of discussion about indemnifying volunteers so that they could be involved in providing support clearing roads and other community responses.
- Neighbourhood watch was discussed as a group who already have strong community links and could provide a basis for a community response in times of crisis.
- There was some discussion about how to local pupils could get involved in volunteering the Chesham area.



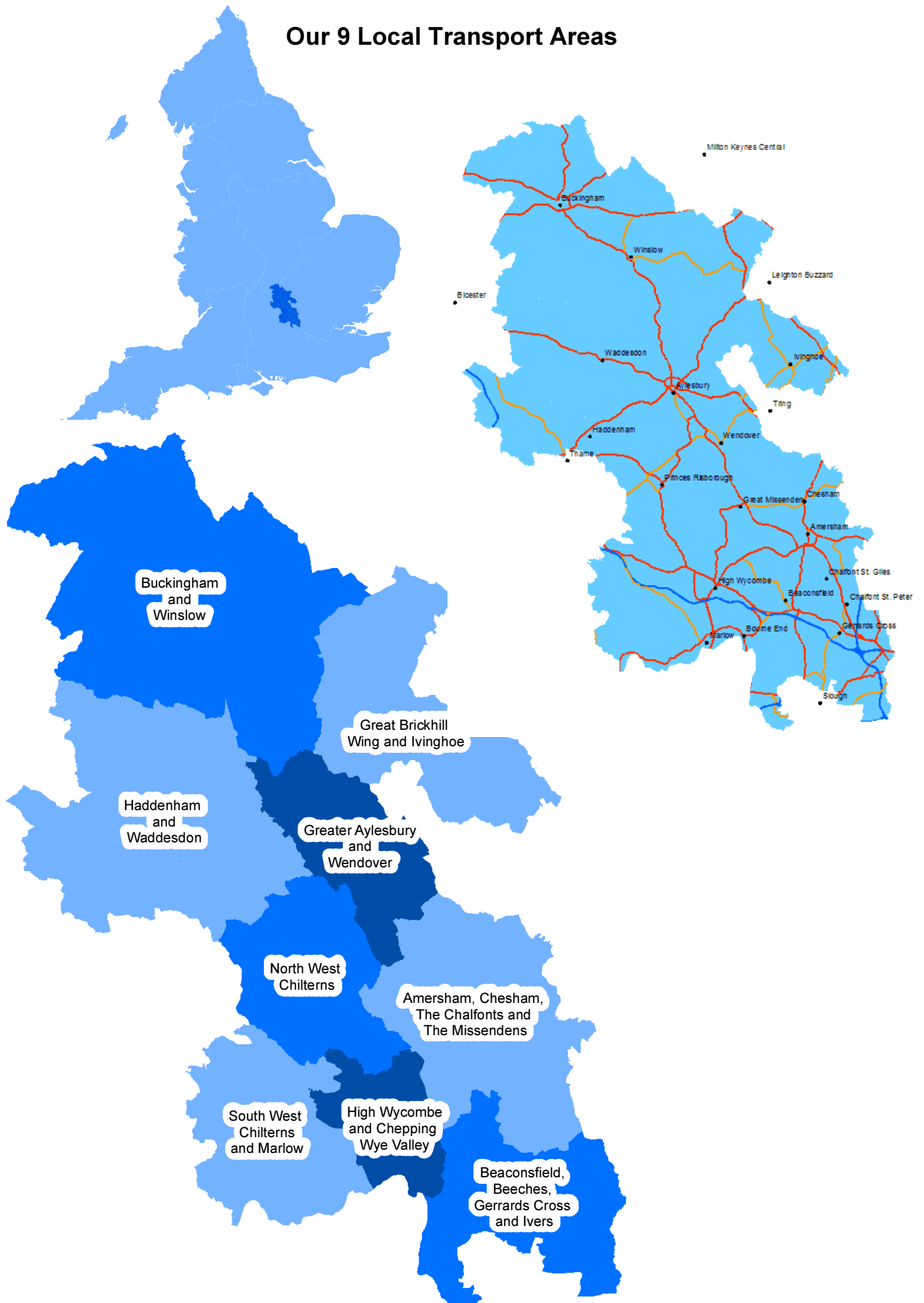
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BUCKINGHAMSHIRE: CONNECTING PEOPLE & PLACES

Chesham Local Area Forum

23rd June 2010

Our 9 Local Transport Areas



Amersham, Chesham, The Chalfonts and The Missendens Engagement Summary – Winter 2009/10

Members of the LAFs in this area were asked to:

- Suggest if the stated objectives can be improved (See Countywide section);
- Review the Problems and Issues listed and make additions where appropriate
- Prioritise a list of 40 strategic options to address the needs of the local area. This was done by identifying the 7 options they most wanted to see delivered and the 7 options they least wanted to see delivered

1) General Comments on Objectives:

- More clarification / definition of objectives

It has been noted that some terminology used within the objectives (and summary note) need further explanation and clarification. There is also a need for the objectives to be tightened to ensure that there is minimal ambiguity with the interpretations of the objectives meaning. It was also reported that there is risk of objectives contradicting each other, and further clarification of the objectives could resolve this.

- Suggestions / amendments in wording emphasis

In addition to the fine tuning above, it was felt that the following areas need more emphasis:

- Local Public Transport improvements
 - Emphasis on sustainable travel
 - Emphasis on younger people
 - Access for all, not solely disadvantaged groups
 - Reducing volume of traffic
 - Reducing travel by car
 - Providing realistic alternatives
 - Emphasis on sustainability
 - Better Maintenance of roads
- Additional suggestions / amendments / fine-tuning for how objectives could be rephrased have also been noted.

2) Additions to Problems and Issues Section

- The document refers to the high number of potholes on roads in this area, but still does not acknowledge the severity of the problem; it is not only individual holes as large stretches of road are cracked and disintegrating (e.g. the A416; Ashley Green Road between Chesham and Ashley Green). This is not only inconvenient but dangerous to drivers, cyclists and pedestrians and maintaining the roads should remain a high priority.
- Although one cannot expect such a paper to cover all local issues, our local traffic problems in Seer Green include how we can reduce cars speeding within the 30mph limits in the village, permanent repairs to roads which have suffered from floods, regular maintenance of drains/gullies and roads suffering frost and other damage, and how we should react to the proposed reduction in the 305 bus service. BCC are well aware of this and another LTP will hardly improve the situation at our level. Action not more paper (and to be fair we have had some action recently)

- There is an urgent need for effective measures to make drivers observe the speed limit in Elizabeth Avenue – a residential road, including a long straight section, used as a short cut by many vehicles.
- A new zebra crossing is needed in Cokes Lane near the junction with the A 404.
- The A30 bus service should be re-routed to include Little Chalfont. This would create an essential link between the Chalfonts.
- Lack of disabled access to Chalfont and Latimer Station northbound because of gate closure.
- Heavy articulated lorries use unsuitable small roads in our parish. For example, they keep destroying the woodland turf by driving over the verge when turning from Amersham Way into Church Grove.
- Chiltern Rail should be deterred from its policy of abolishing stops at Chalfont and Latimer Station. It is already difficult to get a seat on peak hour trains to London.
- (One member of our working group objected to Transport for London's plan to replace the Chesham Shuttle by two services per hour to and from central London all day. We did not have time to discuss this in the Parish Council before the BCC deadline for replies).
- The overriding consideration in the present economic climate is that little money will be available in the foreseeable future for most of the "Strategic Options" listed. The County Council should choose and concentrate on a few basic policies to stop deterioration of service in areas which are priorities for the public, such as road maintenance and efficient bus services on useful routes, as well as resolving existing local problems like those listed above.
- The draft LTP3 contains factual mistakes which need correction as follows:
- Page 11. Under "Key Facts" it is stated that Chiltern District Council proposes to concentrate new development in Amersham, Chesham, and Chalfont St Peter. The text should be corrected to show that this policy also extends to Little Chalfont which became a separate parish in 2007 and is not part of Amersham.
- We also suggest correcting the second paragraph on page 10 as follows. Replace the whole paragraph with:
- "The main retail and employment centres are in Amersham, Chesham, Little Chalfont and Chalfont St Peter. There is a hospital in Amersham and GP services in all of these centres. Sixth Form and further education college campuses are located in Amersham, Chesham and Little Chalfont".
- The above is to take account of the facts that: (i) GE Healthcare, the biggest employer in the area, is in Little Chalfont; (ii) Amersham Hospital is not a "general" hospital; (iii) There is an important sixth form facility at Dr Challoner's High School in Little Chalfont.
- The main concern in Chenies is the loss of our bus service in the village which imposes a definite hardship on the elderly or infirm who do not drive.
- Could the District Council not make the granting of an operator's license conditional on routing thereby providing a satisfactory service to communities such as ours?
- The other main area of concern is the terrible state of our local roads which are pitted with potholes presenting an unacceptable hazard to

road users. Doing a 'Quick mend' on these is a complete waste of money - is invariably done once these holes reach such a proportion for repair to be a statutory requirement within 24 hours, after which they rapidly deteriorate to their former state. These need mending properly so that it lasts

3.2 LTP3 Strategic Options summary

Most Preferred Options:

Maintenance - Proactive
Freight – Limit freight travel with restrictions
Bus - Rural
Parking – Increase Parking Provision
Freight – Remove freight from the roads and transfer to rail and water (canals)
Road Safety – Infrastructure

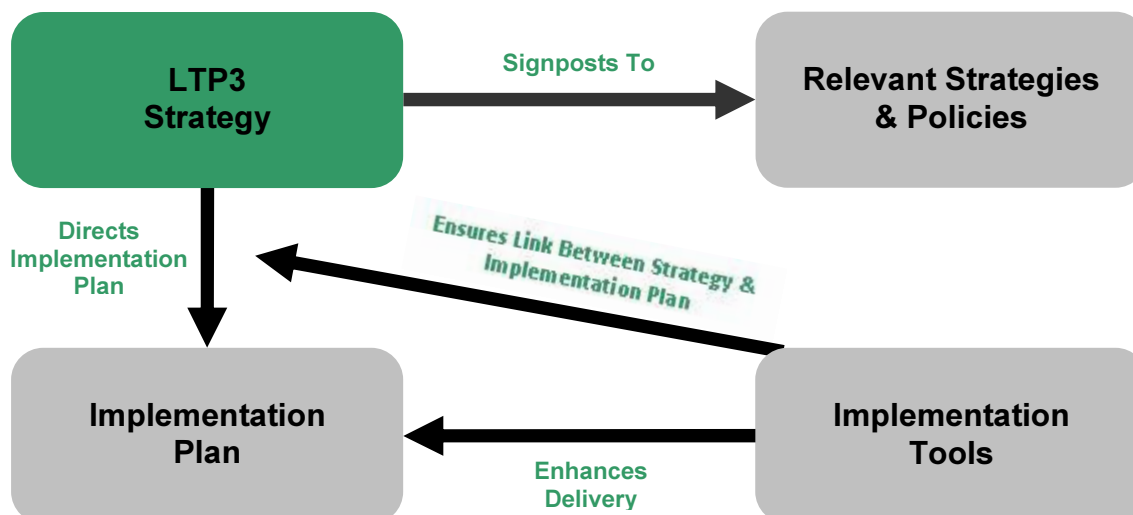
Least Preferred Options:

Infrastructure – Build roads
Parking – Restrict Parking Provision
Walking – Promotion
Cycling – Infrastructure
Cycling – Promotion

Engagement Summary for area

The respondees in this Local Transport Planning Area have suggested a number of improvements to the problem and issue paper to ensure all issues are appropriately captured. With regards to strategic options for the area, the preferred options show synergies with the Chilterns Transport Symposium; Proactive Maintenance, rural bus Improvements and road safety featured in both the LAF and Symposium results. Managing freight, either through limiting freight travel or transferring to other modes, was also highlighted as a priority. Building roads was an unpopular option in both the LAF and Symposium, but the LAF also identified cycling infrastructure and promotion, restricting parking provision and walking promotion as least preferred options.

LTP3 Document Structure



LTP3 COMPONENT	DESCRIPTION
LTP3 Strategy 2011-26	A 15 year transport strategy for Buckinghamshire containing a vision, goals and objectives providing strategic direction towards 2026. Transport linked problems and issues are summarised at regional, countywide and local levels and appropriate responses to deliver benefits outlined. Long-term strategic aspirations and high level targets are detailed supported by a robust performance framework and key performance indicators.
Implementation Plan	A rolling implementation plan (refreshed and updated annually) designed to deliver the LTP3 strategy. The implementation plan contains : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A three year programme of planned schemes & activities ○ A summary of schemes & activities beyond three years where known ○ Where known, details of future funding levels and funding sources available to deliver planned schemes and activities ○ Targets and trajectories for key performance indicators ○ A summary of risks and opportunities associated with delivery
Implementation Tools	A series of tools developed to ensure that the LTP3 implementation plan is effectively linked to the strategy and that maximum value for money and benefit is realised from the activities and schemes delivered. Full details of each of these tools can be found in Volume 2 of the Buckinghamshire LTP3.
Relevant Strategies & Policies	A number of active TfB strategies and policies that provide detailed information and guidance on specific areas (e.g. winter maintenance, road safety) are signposted to from the LTP3.

Our Goals and Objectives

Support Economic Growth

- Maintain or improve the reliability of journey times on key routes.
- Improve connectivity and access to local labour markets and key centres
- Deliver transport improvements to support and facilitate sustainable housing and employment growth.
- Ensure local transport networks are resistant and adaptable to shocks & impacts.

Promote Equality of Opportunity

- Enable disadvantaged people to access employment sites & opportunities.
- Enable disadvantaged people to access key goods and services including education and healthcare
- Enable disadvantaged people to access leisure opportunities and social networks

Reduce Carbon Emissions

- Reduce the need to travel
- Increase the proportion of people travelling by low emission modes of transport
- Reduce carbon emissions associated with transport infrastructure

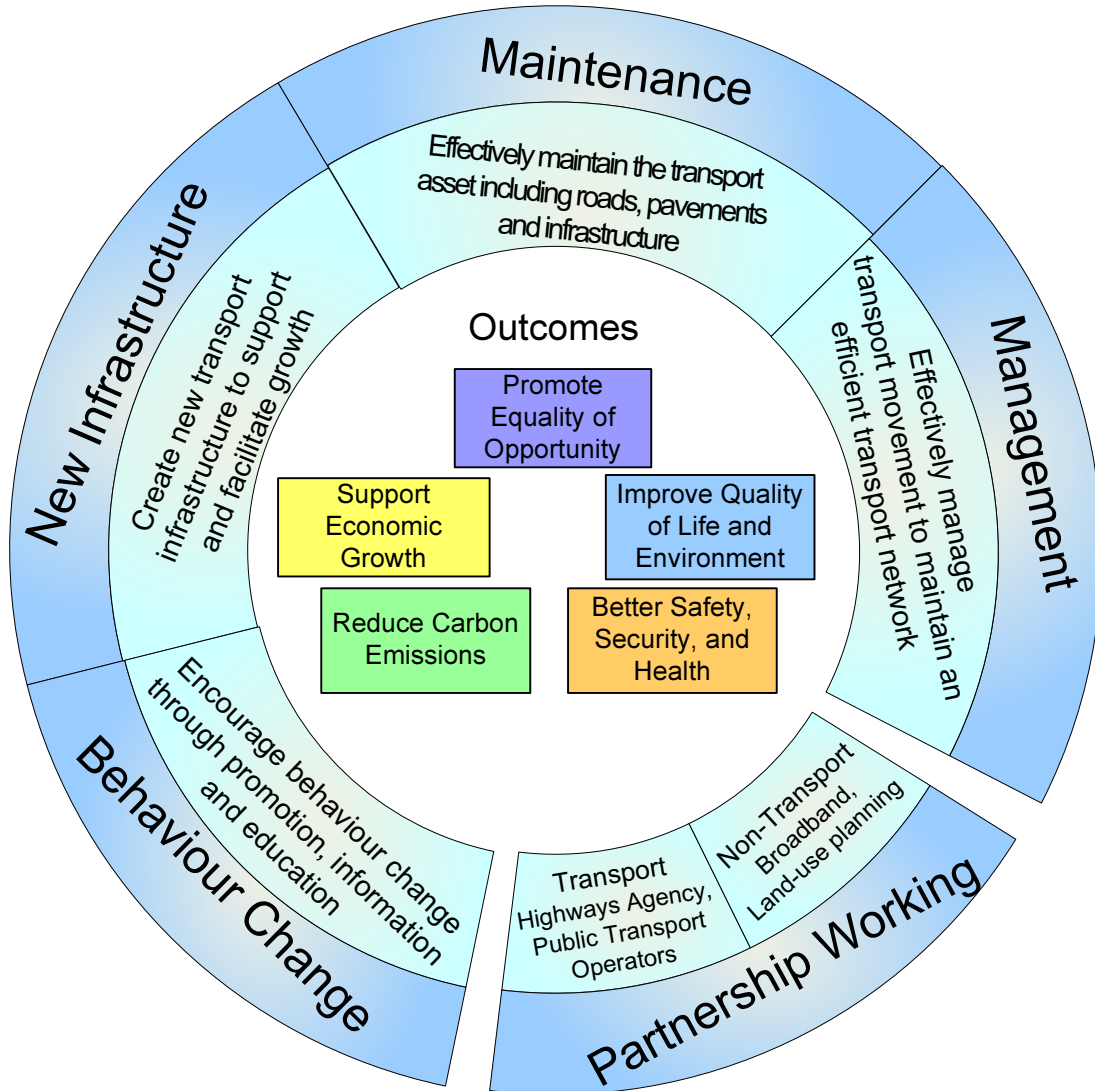
Improve Quality of Life & Environment

- Protect, improve and maintain the local environment
- Enhance community cohesion by improving connections
- Improve the journey experience for all transport users

Better Safety Security and Health

- Reduce the risk of death or injury due to transport incidents and collisions
- Improve health through encouraging and enabling physically active travel
- Reduce the negative impact of poor air quality
- Reduce crime, fear of crime and anti-social behaviour on the transport network

How we will deliver the goals and objectives



Upcoming Engagement

ACTIVITY	DATE
12 week public consultation	Aug-Oct, 2010
4 Transport Symposia	September – October 2010
LAF/LCP Response Opportunities	August – October 2010
Final Draft LTP3 development	Nov-Dec, 2010
Project Governance Board and Cabinet Approval – Final Draft LTP3	Jan-Feb 2011
Printing	March 2011
LTP3 Published	April 1st 2011

- Consultation booklet
 - LTP3 summary
 - Topic Papers for our approach to key Priorities
 - Our Strategic approach in your Local Transport Planning Area
- Via Legal and Democratic Services Officers you will receive a link to your online booklet when Full Public Consultation is launched.
- Parish Councils are encouraged to respond on behalf of their area and/or encourage members of the Public to respond
- Parish Councils are encourage to include article in Parish newsletter/website (please contact Ed Gurney)
- South Bucks Transport Symposium – September/October 2010

Once the Plan is launched...

- Transport for Buckinghamshire intend to continue work with LAFs to discuss Local Priorities and Local Health Checks so that LAFs can work with TfB to influence Implementation Plan

