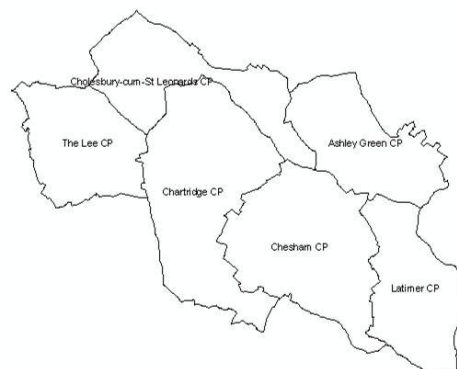


CHESHAM AND CHILTERN VILLAGES LOCAL AREA FORUM



DATE:	29 September 2010
TIME:	7.30 pm
LOCATION:	Lowndes Room, Chesham Town Hall, Chesham, HP5 1DS

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

AGENDA

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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:	23 June 2010 7.30 pm to 9.46 pm
LOCATION:	St Leonard's Parish Hall

Present:	John Axon (Ashley Green Parish Council), Elaine Bamford (Chiltern District Council) (Vice-Chairman), Mohammad Bhatti (Buckinghamshire County Council), Patricia Birchley (Buckinghamshire County Council), Jane Bramwell (Chiltern District Council), Michael Brand (Buckinghamshire County Council), Noel Brown (Buckinghamshire County Council) (Chairman), Peter Jones (Chiltern District Council), Joan Lherbier (Chartridge Parish Council), Merrin Molesworth (Chesham Town Council), David Natali (Ashley Green Parish Council) and Keith Platt (Latimer Parish Council)
In Attendance:	Alison Derrick, Angela Hart, Chris Schwier, Judith Vivis and Helen Wailing
Apologies:	Alan Bacon, Chris Brown, John Ford, Kerry Stevens and Graham Sussum

Item	ISSUES RAISED
1	CONFIRMATION OF CHAIRMAN Noel Brown was confirmed as Chairman until May 2011.
2	APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN Elaine Bamford was confirmed as Vice-Chairman until May 2011.
3	WELCOME / APOLOGIES See above.
4	ACTION NOTES The notes of the meeting held on 3 March 2010 were agreed as a correct record. Matters arising <i>Pages 1-2 - Pot-holes / road maintenance – a member said that the roads in Chartridge were still in a bad condition. Another member thanked Transport for Buckinghamshire for work carried out on the roads in Asheridge.</i> Chris Schwier told members that work on the roads would continue throughout the year, and that different types of work would take place in different places (e.g. planning and patching, surface dressing). <i>Page 4 - Insurance for farmers – this was discussed and members were asked to take back the information in the agenda pack to their colleagues.</i>

	<p><i>Page 8 - Dial-a-ride services – the Chairman reported that the cost from Hyde Heath to Chesham was £8 per person. The Chairman said that a local taxi firm had quoted return transport for four people for £16, which was a lot cheaper, although the pick-up point needed to be the same for all the passengers (a licensing issue). Alison Derrick referred to the possibility of a community car scheme which had been successful in other LAF areas.</i></p>
5	<p>QUESTION TIME</p> <p>There were no questions.</p>
6	<p>PETITIONS</p> <p>There were no petitions.</p>
7	<p>VOTING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE CHESHAM AND CHILTERN VILLAGES LAF</p> <p>This item had been carried over from previous meetings as no agreement had been reached.</p> <p>The Chairman said that there had previously been a suggestion of following the ‘Amersham method,’ which was one vote per organisation (with a casting vote for the Chairman).</p> <p>A representative of Ashley Green Parish Council said that they supported this suggestion. Jane Bramwell (Chiltern District Council) said that Chesham Town Council did not agree with this voting arrangement.</p> <p>The Chairman said that if the Forum agreed to the ‘Amersham method,’ he would undertake to take away and review any contentious items, and suggested that this method be trialled for the rest of the municipal year. It was noted that it was unlikely that a vote would ever be needed, but that a procedure for voting was needed.</p> <p>As there was no agreement on whether to adopt the ‘Amersham method,’ the Chairman suggested that there be an informal show of hands to indicate members’ views to see if there was consensus among those in the room.</p> <p>Michael Brand (Buckinghamshire County Council) said that a vote on this could not take place and would be unconstitutional, as no voting structure had been agreed. Alison Derrick said that an informal show of hands was allowed constitutionally.</p> <p>Michael Brand moved that the Committee should move to the next agenda item and leave this item, and this was seconded by Jane Bramwell.</p> <p>After further discussions the Chairman asked for a show of hands as previously discussed. John Axon (Ashley Green Parish Council) said that he would not express an opinion on this as there were two representatives in attendance from Ashley Green. However other members indicated that there were multiple members from other organisations, so it was agreed that all councillors could participate.</p> <p>The result was as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 in favour of trialling the ‘Amersham method’ for the remainder of the municipal year / for the next three meetings • 2 against • 1 abstention

	<p>The Chairman therefore ended the item by saying that the 'Amersham voting method' would be trialled until May 2011, when this could be reviewed if a member so wished. He also agreed to take away and review any contentious items.</p>
<p>8</p>	<p>RATIFICATION OF LOCAL PRIORITIES TO FORM BASIS OF LOCAL PLAN</p> <p>The Local Area Forum received the Report of Alison Derrick, Locality Services Co-ordinator. The Report detailed the top priority issues which had been identified at the workshop held on 17 March 2010. Attendees at the workshop had included Parish Councils, Revitalisation Groups, District Councils, Voluntary and Community Sector groups etc.</p> <p>Alison Derrick told members that the priorities which were agreed by the Forum would form the basis of how the delegated budgets for the Chesham and Chiltern Villages Local Area Forum were spent.</p> <p>Members made the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The information in the report needed to be sifted and consolidated and a further report produced before the Forum could make a decision. • The information should be sifted thematically, rather than geographically. • The priorities seemed to contain a balance of rural and urban issues/areas. <p>The Forum noted the output of the Local Area Prioritisation Workshop on 17 March 2010.</p> <p>The Forum agreed the suggested top priorities in the interim, until Alison Derrick had prepared a further report with sifted and consolidated information (identifying the top priorities and consolidating others).</p> <p>Interim Place Survey Results</p> <p>Members discussed the results. A member referred to page 31 and said that the improvement needed in road repairs for the Chesham area was much higher than the County average.</p> <p>Chris Schwier said that funding on road repairs was very similar for the North and South of the County. The member noted that winter weather was more extreme in the Chesham area.</p>
<p>9</p>	<p>LOCAL AREA FORUM BUDGETS 2010/11</p> <p>The Local Area Forum received the Report of Rebecca Carley, Locality Services Manager. The Report described the arrangements for the allocation of the funding devolved to Local Area Forums in 2010/11.</p> <p>Alison Derrick took members through the Report and noted that further clarification on the Early Years Grant criteria was being sought.</p> <p>Local Priorities Budget 2010/11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Local Priorities budget for 2010/11 was £20 000 (it had been increased from £8000 in the previous year). • Bids for the Local Priorities budget 2010/11 which had been received so far had been attached (from The Lee Parish Council, Chesham Walkers, and the Whelpley

Hill Village Hall Committee). Two other bids (from the Faith Café and Rafe's Place - attached) were handed out, which had been received since the agenda papers were circulated. In addition, a very lengthy bid had been received the previous evening, which had not yet been circulated.

Members discussed these bids. It was noted that there was no scoring system for bids received, and that bids were received in various different ways. As a result, members decided that they would not make any decisions on the Local Priorities budget until a further report was received which addressed these issues. This would be circulated by e-mail to members for their agreement. If agreement on bids could not be reached by e-mail, an additional meeting would be held. It was noted that neither the Locality Services Co-ordinator nor the Democratic Services Officer would have the capacity to service an additional meeting.

Members made the following points:

- Bids needed to be scored against the priorities (as discussed in Agenda item 8).
- Members were not able to compare different bids as they had been submitted in an unclear way.
- The meeting timetable inhibited the process.
- Members were accountable to their residents and it would not be right to allocate any money on the basis of the bids and information received to date.

Members discussed the bid from Rafe's Place, and made the following points:

- This had been run before and had been well-organised and well-controlled.
- Timing of the bid was not a reason to spend the LAF's resources and possibly thereby to inhibit other bids.
- The size of the bid was an issue, and members said that the case for the funding had not been well-enough made.

Positive Activities for Young People (PAYP) Budget

Information on a bid to provide diversionary activities in anti-social behaviour hot-spots from CDC Community Team / Nexus Community (attached) was distributed to members. Alison Derrick noted that this bid was time-restricted since the events would start in the summer holidays and advertising needed to start very soon. Therefore a decision was needed from the Forum regarding funding.

Members discussed the bid from CDC Community Team / Nexus Community and made the following points:

- The bid was slightly unfair to the villages, since it was targeting known anti-social behaviour hot-spots, which were in the Town, although young people from the villages would be welcome to access the activities in Chesham and Amersham.
- Chiltern District Council would match-fund the project, which was positive, as was the fact that the project had been run before.
- Football was not under-provided in the area, and this part of the bid could be removed, so that the funding required was less.

RESOLVED

The Local Area Forum noted the arrangements in 2010/11 for its devolved budgets as described in the report and noted the expenditure of the funding allocated to the LAF in 2009/10.

	<p>The Local Area Forum agreed that no funding from the Local Priorities budget would be allocated until a further report was received. The Report would need to assess bids using a scoring system, contain clear recommendations, and include all bids which had been received. This report would be distributed to members by e-mail, and if necessary an additional meeting of the Forum would be held in July 2010. Any bid accepted would have to meet at least one of the agreed local priorities. The deadline for all bids would be 30 June 2010, and the Report to be written by 12 July 2010 (<i>post-meeting note: the report was circulated on 13 July 2010</i>).</p> <p>The Local Area Forum agreed that £5000 from the PAYP budget should be allocated to CDC Community Team / Nexus Community.</p>
10	<p>HIGHWAYS DELEGATED BUDGET 2010/11</p> <p>The Forum received the Reports of the Head of Transport.</p> <p>Chris Schwier, Transport Localities Team Leader, Amersham, referred members to the second report, which requested the Local Area Forum to consider whether it would like to spend some, all or none of the delegated highways budget 2010/11 on road repair work in its area, as an alternative to the schemes in the local programme.</p> <p>A member said that this suggestion went wholly against the spirit of locality working.</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>The Local Area Forum agreed that it would NOT spend the delegated highways budget on road repair work in its area as an alternative to the schemes in the local programme.</p> <p>Members then considered the schemes which had been submitted for the Highways Delegated Budget 2010/11 (pages 51-55 of the agenda papers). The total budget available for 2010/11 was £35 292.25</p> <p>Chris Schwier told members that some of the scheme costings were not exact, and that if there were any underspends, these would be brought back to the Forum.</p> <p>A member said that the way in which the schemes had been presented was very helpful.</p> <p>A member of Ashley Green Parish Council asked why £2000 had been recommended for tree planting in Chesham, when Ashley Green had two areas of road which were dangerous to traffic due to flooding.</p> <p>Chris Schwier said that one of the areas of road referred to was a maintenance issue, and that delegated funding should not be used for maintenance issues.</p> <p>The member referred to Hog Lane, and said that this was a very dangerous area where cars stalled and became stuck. The drains on the road needed to be cleared regularly.</p> <p>Chris Schwier said that clearing of the drains was in the maintenance programme. The member said that clearance of the drains in Hog Lane had not been carried out.</p> <p>The Chairman asked that the member's concerns be minuted and said that this was an important issue, although it was also part of the maintenance programme.</p>

	<p>Resolved</p> <p>The forum agreed the delegated budget schemes which had been recommended in the Report. These were:</p> <p>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.</p>
11	<p>HIGHWAYS DELEGATED BUDGET 2011/12</p> <p>The Forum received the Report of the Head of Transport.</p> <p>Chris Schwier, Transport Localities Team Leader, Amersham, told members that bids for the delegated budget for 2011/12 were needed by the end of July 2010. This was so that the proposals could be evaluated and approved by the Forum during the calendar year. Due to the short deadline, the reports had been sent to members 4-6 weeks previously. Schemes not agreed in 2010/11 could be carried forward.</p> <p>The application form for bids was distributed, and a member asked that the form be altered to show the name of the scheme. Action: Chris Schwier to action and re-circulate the forms.</p> <p>The Forum noted the summary and that applications for the Highways delegated budget 2011/12 should be submitted not later than the end of July 2010.</p>
12	<p>GOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD SCHEME FEEDBACK - VERBAL UPDATE</p> <p>This item was taken out of order due to timing at the meeting.</p> <p>The Chairman welcomed Angela Hart and Judith Vivis from Age Concern Buckinghamshire to the meeting. Angela Hart had been asked to attend the meeting to update members on the progress of the Good Neighbourhood Scheme, which had received £4000 in funding from the Forum in 2009/10.</p> <p>Angela Hart and Judith Vivis updated members on the progress of the Good Neighbourhood Scheme (information attached). Angela Hart told members that the £4000 had now been spent, and the scheme was currently being funded through a grant from Paradigm Housing. However this grant could only be used for activities in Chesham Town.</p> <p>Angela Hart said that Age Concern had been very pleased to participate in the Local Priorities workshop on 17 March 2010, and that if Age Concern could help in the delivery of the agreed priorities, the Forum should contact her. Angela Hart also asked that Age Concern be included in the 'Building Community Capacity' scheme.</p> <p>A member asked if Age Concern volunteers would befriend older people under the Good Neighbourhood Scheme. Angela Hart said that Age Concern acted as a co-ordinator in the Scheme, with the aim being that one co-ordinator would be in place in each area. The Scheme would have to be community-run in the future. A good model scheme was the</p>

	<p>one being run in Suffolk.</p> <p>The member said that volunteers would need to be CRB-checked. Angela Hart said that Age Concern could help with that, and would also find the volunteers in the first instance.</p> <p>The Chairman said that the Chesham Older People's Action Group (COPAG) would be a good base for the scheme in Chesham. The Chairman also referred to Chiltern Youth Action which aimed to involve young people in community work, and said that the contact for this was Maggie McKerron, Chiltern District Council.</p> <p>Angela Hart and Judith Vivis asked how they could submit a grant for additional funding from the Forum. Alison Derrick noted that there were already several bids for Local Priorities funding, but suggested that Age Concern put together a bid, including how their scheme would meet the Forum's agreed priorities.</p>
13	<p>MONEY TO ADDRESS FLOODING IN CHESHAM</p> <p>The Forum received the report of Duncan Laird, Team Leader, Transport Policy, Transport for Buckinghamshire.</p> <p>The Forum noted the Report.</p>
14	<p>MAINTENANCE UPDATE REPORT</p> <p>The Forum received the Report of the Head of Transport.</p> <p>Chris Schwier encouraged members to look at the new Service Information Centre on the BCC Website, which showed roadworks, programmes of work, grass-cutting etc. http://www.transportforbucks.net/Transport-and-roads.aspx</p> <p>The Forum noted the Report.</p>
15	<p>THE TRANSFORMATION OF ADULT DAY SERVICES</p> <p>The Chairman told members that a workshop event was being held on 7 July 2010, 7:45pm, in the Council Chamber, Chiltern District Council.</p>
16	<p>SNOWGO AND LAUNCH OF CHESHAM ACTION VOLUNTEERS - VERBAL UPDATE</p> <p>Jane Bramwell (Chiltern District Council) reported that an inaugural meeting had been held on 14 June 2010, and that an Executive had now been set up. An invitation for volunteers had also been sent out. The Forum would be kept updated on the progress of SnowGo and Chesham Action Volunteers.</p> <p>The Forum noted the report.</p>
17	<p>LTP3 CONSULTATION PT 2 - PAPER ITEM ONLY</p> <p>The Forum noted the Report.</p>
18	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>29 September 2010, 7:30pm, Lowndes Room, Chesham Town Hall, Chesham, HP5 1DS</p>



Report to CHESHAM AND CHILTERN VILLAGES LOCAL AREA FORUM

Title: Confirmation of bids to be funded from Local Priorities budget

To: Chesham and Chiltern Villages Local Area Forum

Date: 29 September

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

Summary

1. This report relates to 10 proposals previously made to the Chesham and Chiltern Villages Local priorities devolved budget of £20,000 for 2010/11, commented upon via email by the LAF membership and agreed by the Chairman in conjunction with Area Co-ordinator (Locality Services).
2. Bids received related to a range of the priorities agreed by the Local Area Forum (LAF) as a result of its Local Area Planning process. This report confirms the funding allocated from the LAF's Local Priorities budget to enable the projects to be implemented.
3. The agreed projects and allocations are as follows

Project	Amount requested	Amount allocated
Good Neighbour Scheme – Age Concern	£4980	£3900
Resurfacing of drive and car park –	£5000	£2000

St Leonards Parish Hall Trust		
Bellingdon Play Space – Asheridge Village Hall	£4000	£2000
Contribution towards cost of Planning permission for notice boards - Chesham Walkers are Welcome	£200	£200
Community car scheme investigation and set up	£2000	£2000
Enlarging and refurbishment of kitchen - Coronation Hall, Whelpley Hill	£5000	£2000
SPARX Youth Project – Bucks Fire and Rescue	£2400	£1200 (halved as LSP also contributing)
Rafes Place event	£1500	£1500
Chiltern Faith Café – Bucks Forum of Faiths	£1180	£0 £750 initially suggested based on support from other LAFs. Other LAFs have not supported the project
Contribution to project set up - Church2Community	£3000	£2000
TOTAL		£16800

Recommendation

4. **Members of the Chesham and Chiltern Villages Local Area Forum are invited to note the funding allocated from the Local Priorities budget for the following projects.**

Background

5. The Chesham and Chiltern Villages LAF has a delegated Local Priorities budget of £20,000 to be used to help address local priorities contained within its Local Area Plan.
6. This budget can be used for any purpose which supports local community priorities and the well-being of the area identified by the Local Area Forum (LAF) through its local area planning process.

Agreed Bids

- **Good Neighbour scheme continuance - Age Concern**

7. In 2009/10 Chesham and Chiltern Villages LAF agreed to allocate £4000 pump priming money to Age Concern to develop the idea of Good Neighbour Schemes in the area. Good Neighbour Schemes are local voluntary groups which offer a service in their community to those in need of help & support.
8. Age Concern sought a further **£4980** from the Chesham and Chiltern Villages Local Priorities budget in 2010/11 to develop, launch and support a volunteer Good Neighbour project in Chesham and the Chiltern Villages which delivers additional help to older people.

Cost breakdown

Item or activity	Total cost £	Request from LAF £
GNS facilitator pay, travel, training	4650	3100
Telephone, post, stationery, admin support	800	800
Questionnaire printing (for prospective volunteers and recipients of the service) delivery, newsletters, posters, leaflets, advertising	480	480
Volunteer recruitment, CRB checks, packs, steering group costs, meeting rooms, seed funds for volunteer expenses	600	600
Age Concern supervision and line management and travel	750	0
TOTAL	7280	4980

Agreed: - that the LAF contributes £3900 to this project to fund GNS facilitator pay, travel, training and admin support

- **Resurfacing of drive and car park – St Leonards Parish Hall Trust**

9. St Leonards Parish Hall has recently been extended and disabled facilities provided. New lighting has been provided for the drive and the car park. However it is used regularly by a playgroup and by the elderly for whom the drive is dangerous, particularly in the winter. The Parish Hall Trust sought **£5000** from the LAF to undertake this work. The cost of the whole project is £21,600.

Agreed that the LAF contribute £2000 to this project

○ **Bellingdon Play Space - Asheridge Village Hall**

10. Asheridge Village Hall successfully bid for a Play Builder grant of £50,000 as well as other funding with a view to commissioning a brand new natural play space to be co-designed by local children and built with community help. The Project producer for the Village Hall sought a further £10,000 to complete the funding needed, and made a bid to the Chesham and Chiltern Villages Local Priorities budget for **£4000**.

11. This bid is part of the much larger project to build a play space. The overall project links to priority 45 which related to play areas as meeting points for the wider community and to a growing movement of natural play championed by Play England. It also links to the wider local and national agendas of encouraging children to spend time outdoors in order to facilitate mental and physical wellbeing including combating childhood obesity including the CDC Play Strategy.

Cost breakdown

Item or activity	Total cost £	Request to LAF £
Project Management	11,200	0
Design Team	5,400	0
Build costs, landscaping, equipment, plants, materials	51,380	4,000
Total	68,000	4,000

Funding received and anticipated

Source	Amount
Playbuilder grant (via CDC) – confirmed #	£50,000
Village Hall funds - confirmed	£6,000
Chartridge Parish Council - confirmed	£1,000
Bellingdon Cricket Club – confirmed	£1,000
Lottery – anticipated	£6,000
LAF – anticipated	£4, 000
Total	£68,000

Agreed that the LAF contributes £2000 to this project

○ **Contribution towards cost of Planning permission for notice boards
Chesham Walkers are Welcome**

12. Walkers are Welcome is a national organisation devoted to encouraging walking both by residents of towns and villages and by tourists visiting the localities. Chesham recently obtained the status of a member of Walkers are Welcome by, amongst 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.
13. Under the Market Town Health Check (Chesham Community Vision) a set of six walking leaflets was developed to encourage walking within, around Chesham and circular walks starting in Chesham.
14. It is 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. Planning permission is needed for the boards at a cost a £335 per board to make the application. The fee is halved if the application is made by Chesham Town Council, which CTC have agreed to do.

The Department of Education has written to all local authorities stating that savings need to be made from a number of capital budgets in 2010 -11 including play.

The local authorities are instructed with immediate effect and until further notice that we should avoid any new contractual liabilities; and that groundworks / construction work should not commence until further notice. Any capital grant that is not yet spent or where there is considered to not be a strong case to continue the commitments entered into , may be retained by the Department. Having made the case that the Bellingdon project has commenced CDC has yet to receive any further instructions from the DofE..

15. This left a shortfall of £335 for the planning application plus £65 to produce drawings for the Planning Department to their standards – a total of £400.

Item or activity	Total cost £	Request to LAF £
Boards	£965	0
Design	£375	0
Erection (labour free, est materials)	£60	0
Planning application (halved cost via CTC)	£335	200
Drawings	£65	0
Total	1800	£200

16. The remaining £200 toward the planning application and drawings will be paid by Councillor Noel Brown from his community leaders' fund.

Agreed that the LAF contributes £200 to this project

o **Community car scheme**

17. Chesham and Chiltern Villages Local Area plan, contains within it a number of priorities that relate to travel to and from services, communities and amenities in the area.
18. One way in which progress could be made on these priorities is to commission research and if possible the setting up of a community car scheme for the area. Elsewhere in the County, in conjunction with Community Impact Bucks, 'cluster' parishes which have similar aims and needs with regard to car schemes are being identified. It is then planned to organise public meetings to identify support within each local community for a community car scheme. If there is sufficient support the scheme will then be taken forward with Community Impact Bucks to further support the local community in setting up the scheme.
- 19 Initially, a sum in region of £2,000 per LAF was sought to contribute to Community Impact Bucks' costs, the time spent to organise up to public meetings and then to take work forward as required on community car schemes. Additional funding may be required later by individual car schemes.
20. There would be obvious synergies with the Good Neighbour Scheme bid since Age Concern's research indicates that transport to hospital/doctor/ dentist and to go shopping are high priorities for older people. There would also be links with existing small car schemes run by churches and clubs such as the WI and

Rotary. If both bids were to be funded by the LAF this would be on the understanding that discussions must be held between the two organisations to identify where each scheme could make the best contribution.

Agreed that the LAF contributes £2000 to the investigation of support for a community car scheme in the area

○ **Enlarging and refurbishment of kitchen - Coronation Hall, Whelpley Hill**

- 21 The Coronation Hall, Whelpley Hill was built in 1937 and has had little updating since. In the last year the Village Hall Committee has instigated a refurbishment program which has been broken down in a number of small projects

The first phase of work costing approximately £58,000 work has almost been completed . This 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.

Work still to do

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

22. The Village Hall Committee sought **£5000** from the LAF Local Priorities budget to enlarge and refurbish the kitchen. This will entail moving existing units and appliances and the removal of an existing wall and building a new stud wall to incorporate the currently unused lobby areas into the kitchen. The kitchen will then be laid out afresh, fully refurbished and fitted with modern appliances and units.

23. An application has been made to CDC for a grant and the group are exploring all avenues to raise further funds including continuing to hold fund-raising events within the village.

Agreed that the LAF contributes £2000 to this project

SPARX Youth Project – Bucks Fire and Rescue

24. Bucks Fire and Rescue submitted a bid for **£2400** to run a 6 week (1 day a week) course in partnership with Chesham Park designed to engage with young people by giving them the opportunity to work with the Fire Service.

25. This is a new initiative designed by Buckinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service to assist in raising fire safety awareness in the community.
26. The course targets school students who are at risk from exclusion and who have a history of poor attendance and low achievement levels. The project is a partnership project with the local Secondary Schools in Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes. The objective is to take young people from year 10 & 11 who are struggling with the national curriculum. Award scheme Development Achievement network (ASDAN) is a current government scheme, which allows the young people to take part in workshop sessions as an alternative to some school lessons. To be eligible for the certificate the young people must complete the required challenges, through which evidence of skill development is demonstrated to an appropriate level.
27. Bucks Fire & Rescue are in discussion with three schools in Chiltern with a view to running courses during the autumn term in order to engage with Key stage 4 students who are generally under achieving at School. Each course costs a minimum of £2400 with in-kind resources coming via officers time and input from partners (Police, DAT etc).
28. The Fire Service submitted a bid to the Chiltern LSP steering group. It is anticipated that this bid will have a positive outcome although the LSP is would ideally like to see a contribution from the schools involved.

Recommendation: - that the LAF contribute £1200 to this project – this figure being matched by Chiltern LSP

- **One day interactive sports, music and arts event – Rafe’s Place**
29. Rafe’s Place is a 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.
30. Rafe’s Place aims to become a between local authorities/ service providers and the youth. They provide tailored and targeted services and promotions allowing effective communication with the local community
31. Rafe’s Place particularly wanted to support young people whose sports of choice is Skating, BMX riding and inline skating since these groups are particularly “hard to reach” , participants are often loaners who do not go for team sports, they often have a lot of energy to burn off but not many goals to focus on.

32. Funding was sought from the LAF to support an interactive one day community, music and arts event in Lowndes Park, Chesham on 11 September 2010. The intention is to 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, for artists, musicians and skaters
33. The event featured a live bands stage featuring an eclectic mix of music genres from national and local acts; a skateboard and BMX competition featuring 4 of the U.K.'s top professional skateboarders including the British Champion and 2008 British Champion; a DJ tent for up and coming local DJ's; a Street Art demonstration, Live Art creation by members of the public and a local art completion and exhibition.
34. Approximately 1800 people attended the event, of which 500-800 are likely to either enter in or be a spectator of the skateboarding competition as well as taking advantage of the many other activities.

Cost breakdown

Item or activity	Total cost £	Request to LAF £
Provision for skateboard competition - 4 professional skaters - full PA - experienced MC - King Ramps Gazebo - prizes for local competition - giveaways for all who take part	£1300 (plus VAT)	£1300
Security	1200	200
Marketing	800	0
Portaloos	700	0
1 st Aid	300	0
Total		1500

Other support gained:

CDC for stall to promote themselves and services	£200
CHAP	£250
Nexus - stall to promote their services	£150
Various trading stalls	£150
Buckinghamshire Community Foundation towards security costs	£1000

Agreed that the LAF contributes £1500 to this project (on the basis that the bid has already been scaled down following LAF feedback)

○ **Chiltern Faith Café – Bucks Forum of Faiths**

35. The Bucks Faith Café initiative (Bucks Forum of Faiths), received funding of £12,000 from a Faith in Action grant, administered through Community Development Foundation on behalf of Communities and Local Government. However after the grant was first applied for it became apparent that some costs will be greater than initially envisaged.. Additional funding was sought from LAFs to ensure that the Faith Café event in the Chiltern District area is successful. The additional funding is being sought to support a one day event for Chiltern District, to be held in Chesham, based on “World Café” principles
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36. The aim of the project is to promote dialogue, understanding and joint working between faith communities and with the wider community across Buckinghamshire. It is hoped that bringing faiths and cultures together in a supportive atmosphere may facilitate the set up of interfaith forums in Chiltern and South Bucks.

37. There would be a strong focus on intergenerational involvement and the project co-ordinator is working with County Council officers to try to involve 6th formers from Chiltern schools and colleges from September 2010 onwards in the planning and running of the event. It may be possible to actually run an extra event in one of the colleges.

38. Much of the benefit of such a project accrues from the involvement of communities and individuals in the actual process of putting the event together. Formal evaluation will be via video interviews with participants on the value they got from the day; the successful building of the exhibition and demand for it in different parts of the County; feedback on the exhibition as it tours. But long term outcomes will be largely dependent on the use that community organisations make of the feedback.

#World Cafe is a participative process which enables people to have creative conversations while sitting cafe-style around small tables. Paper table cloths are often used so that the ideas and issues which emerge from the conversations can be recorded. After about 20-30 minutes, people move to a new table and the conversation continues

Cost breakdown

Item or activity	Total cost £	Request to LAF £
Enabling Training for the Core Steering Group. This training will help the core group to resolve and focus on the issues to be discussed and to facilitate discussions at the event. Training provider will be Art Beyond Belief – Insight Training: two half days duration for 4 people:	£480	£480
Refreshments and food for the event x80 people	£400	£400
Creating a welcoming café environment – room and table decoration, art work, hire of café table and equipment	£150	£150
Transport to assist people to attend the events from other community centres in the district – the Chalfonts, Gt. Missenden, Amersham and the more rural areas. In addition, transport provided for some elderly residents who may not be able to attend without this assistance	£150	£150
Total		£1180

39. It is anticipated that the event will be held in Chesham. However since it is intended to be for people from across the Chiltern area contributions of £150 were sought from each of the other 3 Chiltern LAFs. These contributions have not been agreed by the other Chiltern LAFs.

Recommendation : In the absence of support from other Chiltern LAFs it is recommended that the Chesham and Chiltern Villages LAF do not contribute to this project

○ **Church2Community**

40. Church2Community is a project within Chesham Methodist Church. It has management group which reports to the Church Council, which currently consists of church members and local partner representation, but as the project develops will include volunteer and user representation to ensure that volunteers and users are fully involved in the management and development of the project.
41. Church2Community aims to provide a range of support services to people in the community experiencing isolation, and provide training and activities to families, older people, young people, those experiencing mental health difficulties and/or unemployment and single and absent parents. The needs for

services to these communities have been clearly identified by local strategies, and local authorities have already identified ways of working together in partnership to provide new services and support the work of the project.

42. The church has recognised the need to reach out to the local community in new ways. The local community in Chesham has identified needs as shown in the community strategies for the area; these have been developed through research undertaken by the local strategic partnerships. Some of the specific communities that have been identified in need of services and support include young people and older people, and those experiencing mental health difficulties. Church2Community is a response to these identified and emerging needs.
43. The project has a clear mission to reach out to those in Chesham and the surrounding area. The project is already beginning to work alongside the community, in partnership with residents, statutory bodies, voluntary sector organisations and corporate organisations to help local people provide solutions to their problems and to reduce isolation.
44. The projected expenditure including staff, for the first year of the project is £78,000, with actual and expected income totalling £14,600.
45. The bid sought **£3000** from the Local Priorities budget to support the first year of a three year project, which aims ultimately to be at least a 10 year process. No numbers are quoted in terms of how many people could be reached by the project but by definition the project seeks to reach many people as need it of all ages, backgrounds and abilities from the resident population of over 20,000.

Agreed that the LAF contribute £2000 to this project

- **Funding for flood alleviation work , Arrewig Lane – The Lee Parish Council**

46. The Lee Parish Council put forward a request for funds from the Local Priorities budget to address an acute flooding problem in the Parish, on Arrewig Lane. The Parish feel that this problem could be solved by new kerbing as well as more regular drainage.

Transport for Buckinghamshire staff have reported that a sum of at least **£3000** would be needed to pay for investigation works into what would 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. However, so far, the land owner has not been amenable to this suggestion. Discussions will continue but as there is no specific scheme on which the money could be spent, it is felt that it is unlikely that the money could be put to good use in this financial year.

Agreed that the LAF does not fund this project in 2010/11

Summary of recommended bids

Project	Amount request	Amount recommended
Good Neighbour Scheme	£4980	£3900
Resurfacing of drive and car park – St Leonards Parish Hall Trust	£5000	£2000
Bellingdon Play Space - Asheridge Village Hall	£4000	£2000
Contribution towards cost of Planning permission for notice boards Chesham Walkers are Welcome	£200	£200
Community car scheme investigation and set up	£2000	£2000
Enlarging and refurbishment of kitchen - Coronation Hall, Whelpley Hill	£5000	£2000
SPARX Youth Project – Bucks Fire and Rescue	£2400	£1200 (halved due to LSP match funding)
Rafes Place	£1500	£1500
Chiltern Faith Cafe	£1180	0
Church2Community	£3000	£2000
Total		£16800

47. Monies are allocated subject to satisfactory completion of the work before 31 March 2011 and proof of expenditure. The LAF contribution should be acknowledged in any publicity with regard to the proposals.

Further applications

48. Other proposals will be considered for the unallocated budget, if they meet local priorities criteria. Two additional bids have been received and are the subject of a separate report on the agenda

- Report ends -



Report to CHESHAM AND CHILTERN VILLAGES LOCAL AREA FORUM

Title: Bids for funding from Local Priorities budget

To: Chesham and Chiltern Villages Local Area Forum

Date: 29 September

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

Summary

1. This report relates to 2 proposals for funding from the Chesham and Chiltern Villages Local priorities devolved budget for 2010/11
2. Bids received relate to a range of priorities agreed by the Local Area Forum (LAF) as a result of its Local Area Planning process. This report seeks agreement to allocate funding from the LAF's Local Priorities budget to enable the projects to be implemented.
3. The recommended projects and allocations are as follows

Project	Amount requested	Amount recommended
Chesham Women's Friendship Group (Chesham Asian Welfare Society)	2000	1500
Film and Pizza Night (Pond Park)	500	500

Community Association)		
TOTAL	2500	2000

Recommendation

- 4. Members of the Chesham and Chiltern Villages Local Area Forum are invited to agree that the funding allocated from the Local Priorities budget for the following projects.**

Background

5. The Chesham and Chiltern Villages LAF has a delegated Local Priorities budget of £20,000 to be used to help address local priorities contained within its Local Area Plan.
6. This budget can be used for any purpose which supports local community priorities and the well-being of the area identified by the Local Area Forum (LAF) through its local area planning process.

Recommended bids

- **Chesham Women’s Friendship Group** (Chesham Asian Welfare Society)
 7. Chesham Women’s friendship group (CWFG) is a community based support group for women. The group is open to all women with no restriction in terms of age, background, ethnicity or faith. Activities on offer include badminton, outings, aerobics and speakers on women’s issues.
 8. The group also enables women to organise and celebrate women’s events. Information, referrals and a support service is available on all issues.
 9. Formed in May 2010 the CWFG is based in Chesham and is run by Chesham Asian Welfare Society, an executive committee made up of local individuals, Over 140 women are supported each month. The mission of the group is to reduce the isolation suffered by women in particular the elderly. Research has shown that most of the women who attend the group feel isolated to some extent. The group gives the opportunity to meet in a safe space, interact with other women within the community and build up a support network.
 10. The bidder considers that the project supports Priority 3 (Elderly and infirm are isolated in the villages. More needs to be done to encourage members of the community to support older residents).and Priority 26 (more support is needed for older people and people with disabilities) . It

could also be argued to support Priority 13 (There are weak links with the Asian communities in the area)

11. The need for the group is supported by the consistent attendance of 25 women at weekly sessions and the positive feedback received.
12. The majority of the women attending the group will be aged 50 plus, are isolated and not able to socialise or have health issues. Younger women are encouraged to support the more mature members.
13. Research shows that women are three times more likely than men to suffer from poor mental health. For women experiencing isolation and mental health issues the group offers a place to build social and support networks, to grow in confidence and improve inter-personal skills. Social outings are much more than this – for instance an outing based on walking will have physical benefits as well as mental health benefits.
14. The progress of the project will be monitored by a volunteer and the results analysed.
15. Funding is sought to support running costs for 8 months during which time additional funds will be sought to ensure the long term sustainability of the group.

Cost breakdown

Item or activity	Total cost £	Request from LAF £
Rental	1000	900
Social activities	500	500
Staff costs	500	400
Fitness instructor	1440	200
TOTAL	3440	2000

Recommendation: that the LAF contributes £1500 to this project

○ **Film and Pizza night (Pond Park Community Association)**

16. Pond Park Community Association is keen to run a film and pizza night, once a week, to enable young people to get off the streets, to help cut anti social behaviour and to help social integration. It is proposed to run the events at Little Spring School, Greenway, Chesham.
17. This project would give an opportunity for young people to be “off the street” in an area acknowledged to have comparatively high levels of anti-

social behaviour and give the police an opportunity to engage actively with young people – who are traditionally a hard to reach group. A PCSO will monitor the outcomes

18. The project would meet priority 14 (few places for young people to gather without being accused of ASB); priority 30 (tacking anti social behaviour by young people in Pond Park and to some degree priority 37 (lack of communities building to hire in Pond Park).

19. It is intended to start the project in September subject to funding being available, and initially run until Christmas. It is hoped that the project will be successful enough to continue in the new year. In terms of longer term sustainability it is intended to make a small charge to help fund the project and a group of young people will be set up to choose the films etc so that they will hopeful start to “own” the project.

20. Applications have been made to Paradigm CEF fund, ChAP and the County Councillors Community leadership fund. Chesham Youth Council are providing technical knowledge and working equipment, Pond Park Community Assoc. will be selling soft drinks and taking part, PCSOs will be overseeing the project and parents will be volunteering to help out.

21. The bid from Pond Park Community Association is for £500 towards costs of £2000.

Recommendation : that the LAF contribute £500 to this project

22.. Monies are allocated subject to satisfactory completion of the work before 31 March 2011, and proof of expenditure. The LAF contribution should be acknowledged in any publicity with regard to the proposals.

o **Summary of recommended bids**

Project	Amount requested	Amount recommended
Chesham Women’s Friendship Group (Chesham Asian Welfare Society)	2000	1500
Film and Pizza Night (Pond Park Community Association)	500	500
TOTAL	2500	2000

Further applications

23. Other proposals will be considered for the unallocated budget – currently £1200 – provided they meet local priorities criteria. Monies not committed to projects by November 2010 will be returned to the budget holder.

- Report ends -

Chesham and Villages Local Area Forum

Title: Update report from Transport for Buckinghamshire

Date: 29 September 2010

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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

We have continued through the spring and summer making repairs to our roads. Using a pothole gang dealing with the emergency Cat 1 repairs and a road fixer gang making larger patch repairs and these will continue throughout the year. There have also been programmes of plane and patch and surface dressing.

A programme of weed treatment has been carried out and a further treatment will be carried out later this year. Noxious weeds have also been treated.

Gulley emptying both cyclic and reactive is ongoing and a programme of emptying problem soak ways has started

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.

Winter Maintenance

. The TfB winter maintenance review is ongoing and will be taking account of recommendations made by the County Council Overview and Scrutiny Committee. A detailed report will be submitted for a Cabinet Member Key Decision at the end of September.

In summary a few of the anticipated outcomes are as follows.

- 1) Salt stock for this coming season will be increased by a further 2,500t providing greater resilience.*
- 2) A snow network will be developed in order to concentrate our limited resources on a reduced network in periods of snowfall.*
- 3) Fundamentally the Priority 1 precautionary network will remain unchanged although the assessment of roads to be considered for inclusion is ongoing.*
- 4) Proposal to sell salt to Parish and Town Councils to encourage an increased level of self help in the community.*
- 5) Clearance of Town Centre footways will be carried out by Town and Parish Councils under the devolved highway functions agreements as well as procedures being put in place with District Councils.*
- 6) A network of farmers and other contractors is being developed to provide additional resources in severe weather.*
- 7) Clearer guidance will be provided regarding liability of clearing snow and ice from footways.*

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

Local Transport Plan 3 development

LAF members were sent a memo on 3rd August indicating that the consultation due to take place in August would be delayed until later in the year. Further clarity has now been

realised and the LTP3 Consultation Document will be taken to Cabinet in early November, allowing the Full 12 week public consultation to take place in mid November. As before, the consultation will be mostly online, but paper copies of the booklet will be sent to Parishes and put in libraries and Council offices.

Transport for Buckinghamshire would also be most grateful for Parishes' support during the consultation. If Parish Councils could include a short article in their Parish Newsletter informing their residents that the Consultation is taking place TfB would be most grateful.

In the time leading up to the consultation in November, the Transport Policy Team in TfB is working on re-drafting the strategy, in line with latest guidance, to make the document more relevant to local communities. This document is truly a 'Plan for Buckinghamshire' and now the main emphasis, as driven by 'the Big Society' and Local Area Planning, is on strategic local needs; the national agenda plays a much smaller role.

We hope to reflect the needs of the local community in the Plan and we hope you will take an active part in our consultation in November.

An outline of our timetable is as follows:

LTP Document development and Consultation draft	Now – 25 th October
Cabinet Approval of Consultation document	8 th November
12 Week Full Public Consultation	15/11/10 – 18/02/11
Final document approval by Cabinet	21 st March 2010

For more information or clarification please contact transportps@buckscc.gov.uk

Road Safety

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

The locations are determined by local Neighbourhood Action Groups (NAG's) in conjunction with the Neighbourhood Officers.

Educational alternatives to prosecution are promoted during these checks and drivers have the option of attending speed awareness, mobile phone courses or completing an online seatbelt awareness course.

The aim is to educate drivers and therefore allow them to have a better understanding of why and how their direct actions behind the wheel can affect the safety of themselves and others.

Postcodes are recorded to determine whether it is local drivers who are contravening traffic laws and this information is fed back to local NAG's by Neighbourhood Officers

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Passenger Transport

Nothing to report at this time.

Development Control

42-44, Townsend Road, Chesham- redevelopment of the site for B1 use. Outline

application. Highway Authority raised no objection subject to visibility splays, relocation of access to central point and sufficient parking and manoeuvring within the site.

Application at 197, 203-205, Land Ro 201 & 207, Chartridge Lane and RO 68-78, Berkeley Avenue, Chesham – 34 dwellings. Only just been consulted so if mentioned by the Parish then the Highway Authority has responded yet

Parking

Parking Enforcement in Buckinghamshire

This briefing note has been prepared to inform Members of changes to the way on street parking enforcement is to be carried out in Buckinghamshire.

Parking enforcement in Wycombe, Chiltern and Aylesbury Vale was decriminalised a number of years ago – which passed the responsibility from the Police to the local Authority.

Currently the County Council has agreements with the three Districts that enable them to carry out the enforcement and ticket processing on our behalf within their own individual areas. They have carried this out in conjunction with their own off street car parking responsibilities for a number of years.

The financial model for Civil Parking Enforcement anticipated that a break even or surplus position will be reached over a period of five years, however this has not been the case to date in any of the three areas and county wide Civil Parking Enforcement is operating at an annual loss of over £500,000 which includes both the District and County deficits. The County Liability for 2009/10 was £189,000 and forecast to rise to over £200,000 in 2010/11

This loss clearly cannot be sustained and we, in consultation with the districts, have concluded that the only option is to bring the work back to the County Council and to manage the on-street parking in all three Districts under a countywide contract. This will bring economies of scale and ensure that the County is able to exercise greater control and management of the parking finances within the available budget. Savings will be made by having a single management structure and by being able to plan parking beat routes more efficiently. The principle has been adopted by other County Council's.

Transport for Buckinghamshire is now working towards putting out a contract to the private sector for on street parking enforcement within Aylesbury Vale Wycombe and Chiltern district areas. Tender documents are being prepared to invite bids from specialist private contractors.

A Cabinet Member Key decision report is being prepared and this will be published very shortly. Also, information reports are being presented to the current round of LAF meetings

.It should be noted that although the tender specification will indicate that off-street parking enforcement can be included at a later date there is no expectation by the County that off-street enforcement will be undertaken. However by including it in the tender documents it allows the Districts the opportunity to use the benefits of a single contract if they are looking to make their own efficiencies

Although a private contractor will be enforcing parking there will not be any targets or quotas. It is illegal to set these and so the public can be assured they will form no part of

the contract.

There will be a single set of standards across the three Districts and priority will be focused on those areas where there are concerns that parking infringement is affecting safety and congestion.

It is intended to have the new contract in place by next summer.

TLTL – Delegated Budget update

Delegated budget schemes for 2010 – 2011

Attached is a schedule of this years schemes none of these schemes have been completed to date.

Delegated budget schemes for 2011 – 2012]

Pleas find attached a schedule showing the requests that have been received this is for information only, the schemes having yet to be evaluated and costed.

STREET WORKS

Gas work in Chesham is now finishing and there is nothing further to report for this meeting.

**CHESHAM AND CHILTERN VILLAGES
LOCAL AREA BUDGET 2010 – 2011**

**Total Budget
£35,292 - 25**

PARISH	LOCATION	SCHEME	COMMENTS	COST
CHARTRIDGE	Traffic Management measures	Chesham Road, Bellingdon	This work is still to be identified with the parish.	£2,000-00
CHESHAM	Replanting of Trees	Broadlands Avenue	Chesham Town Council and residents are aware of the funding available and are in the process of identifying trees and contractor.	£2,000-00
	Install Built-out	Germain Street, King Street	Design for this scheme was already in place consultation will be taking place shortly.	£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	These salt bins will be in place prior to start of winter maintenance season.	£900-00

CHESHAM AND CHILTERN VILLAGES DELEGATED BUDGET 2011 - 2012

Total budget
£34,441 - 00

PARISH	LOCATION	SCHEME	COMMENTS	COST
CHESHAM	The Broadway/Marlet Squa	Replace Finger Post Signs		
	Chartridge Lane	Pedestrian crossing point		
	Greenway	Crossing outside Little Spring School		
	Not specified	3 Salt Bins		
CHOLESBURY	Junct Rays Hill and Cholesbury lane	Construct Kerb around grass island		
	Junct Gilberts Hill and Bottom Lane	Construct Kerb around grass island		
CHARTRIDGE	Hawridge Lane	Re surface carriageway.		
	The Warren	Re surface carriageway.		
THE LEE	Red Lion Hill	Salt Bin		
LATIMER	Latimer Camp Road at the entrance to Parkfield Estate	Salt Bin		
	Botley Road, Botley	Bus Shelter		
	Kiln Lane, Botley	Salt Bin x2		

The Chesham & Chiltern Villages Local Area Forum

Title:	Supplementary report on Local Area Priorities Process
Date:	5 July 2010
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Electoral divisions affected:	Chesham North West Chesham East Chess Valley Chiltern Ridges

Summary

This report details the further work requested by LAF members to identify the top priority issues for Chesham & Chiltern Villages area following Local Area Priorities workshop in March 2010.

It seeks LAF agreement of the top 26 issues that will drive work in the area and LAF agendas over the next few years. It further suggests that funding from the LAF delegated budgets in 2010/11 concentrate on four wider themes which would touch on many of the top priorities:-

- **Support for older people eg**
Good Neighbour schemes
More support to enable older people to live in their own homes
More information about available services
- **Community and rural transport eg**
Increase number and range of community/voluntary transport schemes including transport to hospitals
Work may also be taken forward on other public transport issues



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- **Young people eg**
Facilities, activities and groups for young people aged 11+
- to include those specifically targeting anti-social behaviour

- **Supporting the joint priorities of Chesham Action Groups/LAF**
Speeding on roads throughout the area
Anti-social behaviour including alcohol related offences

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 20 priorities and the 4 themes on which it is suggested LAF delegated budgets be concentrated during 2010/11.

This does not mean that work will not take place on the other priorities and funding can still be allocated – but a focused approach on the chosen themes will enable funds and resources to be targeted to achieve real outcomes.

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:

- 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 shows the issues as prioritised at the March workshop. The priority given to issues is based upon the group consensus achieved at the workshop and also takes into account the individual votes that each issue attracted.

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.

Amongst the issues below are some on which the LAF itself may only be able to make a limited impact, since will require interventions over a much longer time frame, policy changes, significant investment of resources etc. These have however been included since they have been identified as of importance to the community.

There are also issues to which a lower priority was given, on which it is expected that some progress can be made in partnership with statutory and voluntary partners.

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) **(overall priority 1)**
2. More support is needed for older people to live in their own homes and generally for older people and people with disabilities **(overall priority 2)**
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. **(overall priority 9)**
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 **(overall priority 16)**

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. **(overall priority 3)**
2. There are weak links with the Asian communities in the area **(overall priority 13)**
3. There are few places that young people can gather without being accused of anti social behaviour. Waterside and other youth projects need support **(overall priority 14)**
4. Youth provision in rural parishes is patchy and young people have difficulties accessing facilities outside their own parish **(overall priority 5)**

Safer Communities

1. Current condition of roads due to poor level of road and gully maintenance means roads are unsafe for users **(overall priority 6)**
2. Need to do more to raise awareness of under-age drinking eg via publicity in main shops **(overall priority 7)**
3. Vehicle crime, vandalism and ASB in Waterside **(overall priority 15)**
4. Speeding - urban and rural roads **(overall priority 19)**

Sustainable Communities

1. Traffic congestion in Chesham – Chesham already a bottleneck. Road infrastructure could not cope with traffic generated by more development **(overall priority 4)**
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 **(overall priority 5)**
3. Sustainable approach to water use, urban drainages and flood prevention needs to be developed **(overall priority 8)**

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 **(overall priority 10)**
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 **(overall priority 11)**
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. **(overall priority 12)**

There are issues which appear under several themes and these can be given a higher priority to reflect this fact.

The Area Plans need to be realistic, with actionable first steps, in order to build momentum. Therefore the Area Coordinator and Lead Area Officer will also identify some 'quick wins', which may be lower priorities but could be done quickly and 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 ie
 - 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.

**Chesham and Chiltern Villages Local Priorities
Prioritised irrespective of theme**

<i>Text shaded yellow represents issues prioritised by rural parishes</i>	Aggregated score from 5 Groups	Average of Group Scores (lowest is highest priority)	Individual votes cast for this issue	Overall priority (1 highest to 57 lowest)
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)	7	1.4	9	1
More support is needed for older people to live in their own homes	8	1.6	10	2
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.	12	2.4	12	3
Traffic congestion in Chesham – Chesham already a bottleneck. Road infrastructure could not cope with traffic generated by more development	13	2.6	14	4
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	13	2.6	12	5
Current condition of roads due to poor level of road and gulley maintenance means roads are unsafe for users	14	2.8	16	6
Need to do more to raise awareness of under-age drinking eg via publicity in main shops	14	2.8	0	7
Sustainable approach to water use, urban drainages and flood prevention needs to be developed	15	3	9	8
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.	16	3.2	19	9

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	16	3.2	14	10
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	16	3.3	6	11
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.	17	3.4	15	12
There are weak links with the Asian communities in the area	17	3.4	9	13
There are few places that young people can gather without being accused of anti social behaviour. Waterside and other youth projects need support	18	3.6	14	14
Youth provision in rural parishes is patchy and young people have difficulties accessing facilities outside their own parish	18	3.6	4	15
Vehicle crime, vandalism and ASB in Waterside	20	4	4	16
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)	21	4.2	9	17
Unsatisfactory state of roads and pavements. Roads need rebuilding not just mending	23	4.6	7	18
Work place travel planning needs to be developed	25	5	3	19
Speeding - urban and rural roads (currently the only priority for rural Neighbourhood Action Group)	26	5.2	8	20

Building Community Capacity in Chesham

Up Date on Project

26 August 2010

1. Financial Fact Sheets

These have been edited by members of the Steering Group.

Distribution:

- On Chiltern DC website front page link, and links from
 - Bucks CC website
 - Chiltern Voice website
 - Your Chesham website
- Information on FF Sheets and website address
 - Your Chesham magazine Sept issue and in discussion about more in-depth articles each issue on one of the Fact Sheets
 - COPAG newsletter
 - Church2community newsletter
 - Chiltern Voice
 - Chesham Town Talk
- Hard copies distributed
 - Chiltern DC Reception
 - Chesham Library
 - Wallington House
 - Amersham Library
 - Wendover Library

2. Community Environmental Walkabout

Responding to issue raised by Mosque regarding the Bellingdon Road area environment, organised a walk around the area with agencies and community members including older persons. Issues were noted and agencies responsible have been informed. Community members are receiving on-going reports as agencies respond and actions are taken.

Example: ASB near one block of flats which caused one older person to keep his curtains drawn all day. Both the Town Council and Paradigm have accepted responsibility to fix a fence so that non residents will not be able to use this area.

3. Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults

Talks arranged for

- COPAG
- Wallington House Community Centre
- Churches Together will host a talk inviting care homes, McMinn Centre etc.

4. Bucks LINKs (community voice examining Health and Social Care)

Talks arranged

- COPAG
- Wallington House Community Centre
- Paradigm community centres

5. Contact Lists

Coordinator is making contact with community groups i.e. Town Women's Guild, Women's Royal Volunteer Service, Asian women's group etc.

6. Community Champions/Links/Good neighbours

A number of agencies and groups are looking for such persons and offering training. Project Coordinator will bring all agencies/groups together to discuss having a full day's training whereby all community champions are brought together and given training by each organisation.

- NHS
- Social Services
- Age Concern
- NAGS
- CHAV (Project of the Mayor of Chesham for emergency situations)
- Chiltern DC Emergency Planning
- Women's Royal Volunteer Services & Buckinghamshire MIND & Red Cross have community volunteers
- Others

7. Key Phone numbers

A laminated sheet with key phone numbers to be distributed to homes of older people. Samples will be made and taken to older people in the community for testing. To be completed by end of year.

8. Energy Efficiency Check

Working with the CAB, promote a telephone number to make an appointment at CAB for energy efficiency check - before end of year.

9. Older Persons Housing Consultation

A consultation will take place 21 October 2010

Members of the community will be identified and invited to attend a day of consultation. Older people will be particularly represented, as well as ethnic minorities and people with disabilities. While there will be more home owners represented, there will also be some people from sheltered housing.

Prior to the event, housing information will be sent to the participants. The first part of the day will focus on participants' experiences of this information, and also access to the information. Participants will then be invited to identify other issues, and these will be discussed during the remainder of the day.

An Audience Participation Voting System will be used to capture points of view, see results of votes simultaneously, and enable individuals to have their say anonymously.

10. Chesham Mini Health Check-up Event

This multiagency event will take place in Chesham 25 September. Older persons have been targeted for leaflets, and there will be special arrangements made so that the Asian community can take part (i.e. screens to separate men and women while tests are being made).

11. Pond Park Health event

A similar but smaller event is scheduled for Pond Park, Chesham in November. This will be primarily to give information on services.

12. Mapping the journey of older people

Interviews are taking place to map the journey of older people with regard to contacting services.

13. Asian Older Men's Group

This group is in the process of forming. Led by a request from the Mosque, a space has been found for older Asian men to get together. Added to this will be stimulating and fun activities, gentle exercise, and a chance for agencies to give information on health, benefits, and other appropriate subjects.

14. Networking event for agencies working in Chesham

This is being planned for late November, and is a result of feedback from a similar event that took place last year.

15. Older People's Day - UN International Day of the Older Person

01 October - too late for this year but if funding continues next year would like to hold event in Chesham.

FOR INFORMATION

Positive Activities for Young People

Chesham & Chiltern Villages Update Report – September 2010

By far the most popular activity has been football training, with numbers between 25 and 50 attending weekly sessions led by Wycombe Wanderers coaches at Chesham Park Community College and at Marston Field in Pond Park.

We were invited to take part in the Pond Park Youth football tournament in July, and we raised additional funding to provide our teams with football kit. A total of 105 youths attended and received certificates of achievement for good behaviour by the organisers. The majority in this group are Moslem youths and so sessions ceased in August to mid September because they fast over Ramadan.

After interest in providing a youth dance project was established, we launched it during the school summer holidays at the church hall in Chesham's Pond Park. As is usual in the early stages it is proving difficult to maintain sufficient numbers attending. The dance group is planning to perform in local showcases and possibly national competitions.

Consultation and engagement with our target group of "hard to reach" youths continues.

Our autumn and winter programme is currently in planning.

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