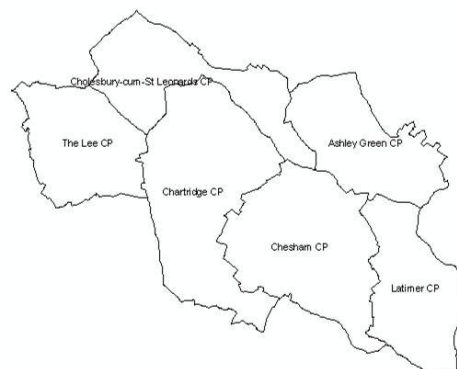


CHESHAM AND CHILTERN VILLAGES LOCAL AREA FORUM



DATE:	2 May 2012
TIME:	7.30 pm
LOCATION:	Chartridge Village Hall (Reading Rooms), Chartridge, HP5 2TN

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

AGENDA

Item		Time	Page No
1	Apologies for absence / changes in membership	7:30pm	
2	Declarations of interest		
3	Action Notes To confirm the notes of the meeting held on 25 January 2012		1 - 6
4	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 receive a full answer on the day of the meeting. Questions sent in advance will be dealt with first, followed by verbal questions. Please contact Helen Wailing on 01296 383614 or hwailing@buckscc.gov.uk to submit your question		
5	Petitions		
6	High Speed 2 Update Martin Tett, Leader of Buckinghamshire County Council	7:55pm	
7	Transport Update Ann-Marie Davies, Transport Localities Team Leader	8:05pm	7 - 14
8	Local Priorities Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responses to actions template circulated for comment - Christine Gardner • Update on “Revitalisation of the town centre and villages” local priority - Fred Wilson / Martin Parkes 	8:10pm	15 - 34

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on Building Community Capacity project - Chris Brown • Applications for funding from the Local Priorities Budget – Christine Gardner 		
9	Domestic Violence Sue Burke, Domestic & Sexual Violence Coordinator	8:40pm	
10	Local Activities for the 2012 Celebrations Hannah Ladlow, 2012 Events Team, Buckinghamshire County Council	8:50pm	
11	Timing of Local Area Forum meetings	9pm	
12	Resident survey and community results - for information		35 - 40
13	Date of next meeting 11 July 2012, 7:30pm, venue tbc 26 September 2012, 7:30pm, venue tbc		

Democratic Services Contact: Helen Wailling, Tel 01296 383614, Email hwailing@buckscc.gov.uk

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:	25 January 2012 7.30 pm to 9.08 pm
LOCATION	Cholesbury Village Hall, Cholesbury Common, HP23 6ND

Present:	Mohammad Bhatti MBE (Buckinghamshire County Council), Patricia Birchley (Buckinghamshire County Council), Chris Brown (Cholesbury-cum-St Leonards Parish Council), Noel Brown (Buckinghamshire County Council) (Chairman), John Ford (The Lee Parish Council), Andrew Garth (Chiltern District Council - Ashley Green, Latimer and Chenies), Joan Lherbier (Chartridge Parish Council), Keith Platt (Latimer Parish Council), Elizabeth Stacey (The Lee Parish Council) and Fred Wilson (Chiltern District Council - Hilltop and Townsend)
In Attendance:	Mike Barber, Pam Curtis, Ann-Marie Davies, Simon Evans, Christine Gardner, Kerry Stevens and Helen Wailing
Apologies:	Michael Brand, Peter Hudson and Mark Shaw

Item	ISSUES RAISED
1	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE / CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP</p> <p>See above.</p>
2	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</p> <p>Noel Brown and Mohammad Bhatti MBE both declared an interest as regarded any discussions about Day Care Centres. This was because they were Chiltern District Councillors, and Chiltern District Council owned the land on which the proposed Day Care Centre in Amersham was going to be built.</p>
3	<p>ACTION NOTES</p> <p>Notes of the meeting held on 19 October 2011 The notes of the meeting held on 19 October 2011 were agreed and signed as a correct record, with the following amendment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Page 1 – John Ford (The Lee Parish Council) was not in attendance at the meeting. <p>Matters arising Page 3 – <i>Building Community Capacity in Cholesbury</i> – the Chairman congratulated Chris Brown on the Cholesbury-cum-St Leonards Parish Council’s scheme for severe weather (Hilltop Villages Good Neighbours Scheme). Chris Brown had been invited to attend the Missendens Community Partnership to speak about the Scheme.</p> <p>Amendment to the Notes of the meeting held on 15 June 2011 Members were also asked to agree the following amendment which had been put forward regarding the notes of the meeting held on 15 June 2011:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agenda item 13 – last line should read, “<i>The lighting level could be adjusted once it</i>

	<p><i>was in place if residents requested this. “</i></p> <p>Members agreed this amendment.</p>
4	<p>QUESTION TIME</p> <p>There were no questions.</p>
5	<p>PETITIONS</p> <p>Petition - objection to the proposed closure of Outreach Day Centre in Chesham for adults who have disabilities and learning difficulties</p> <p>This petition had been presented at the previous meeting.</p> <p>Patricia Birchley, Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing, Buckinghamshire County Council, said that she was very pleased to be able to tell members that subject to the end of the staff consultation, the County Council would continue to run the Outreach Service from above the Douglas McMinn Centre in Chesham. It was likely that the Service would eventually be run by the Voluntary and Community Sector.</p>
6	<p>TRANSPORT UPDATE</p> <p>Ann-Marie Davies, Transport Localities Team Leader, updated members as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two pilots of movable vehicle activated signs (MVAS) had been carried out in Ford and in Ellesborough. An MVAS could be shared by several Parish Councils, and was either solar-powered or battery-powered. The Policy regarding MVAS would be brought to the Local Area Forum (LAF) when it was completed. • The delegated budget for 2012/13 would no longer be ring-fenced for different purposes, and the local priorities budget and highways budget would be combined. <p>A member noted that some of the roads listed in the carriageway works had only been partly treated.</p> <p>A member asked if the LAF had any input into where carriageway works were carried out. Ann-Marie Davies said that the local County Councillor put forward five roads needing priority treatment, in discussion with other local councillors.</p> <p>It was noted that this was an improvement on the previous system, when the engineers selected the roads to be treated. It was also noted that five roads per electoral division was not enough to include all roads needing treatment.</p> <p>Ann-Marie Davies said that this would be repeated in the next financial year, when another five roads could be put forward.</p> <p>A member referred to the delegated budget for 2012/13 and said that as this would not be ring-fenced, the LAF would have to make a primary judgement about where the funding was spent. Ann-Marie Davies said that any funding application would have to meet one of the priorities identified by LAF members.</p> <p>A member said that they had contacted the Cabinet Member for Planning and Transportation at Buckinghamshire County Council regarding the condition of the roads in the local area, and about their concern about the productivity of the road gangs.</p> <p>Ann-Marie Davies said that the Cabinet Member was keen to check on the quality of the</p>

	<p>repairs carried out, and to ensure that there was no duplication of repairs.</p> <p>The Chairman said that he had sat on an Overview and Scrutiny Task and Finish Group which had looked at the quality of repairs being carried out.</p> <p>A member referred to the Localism Act 2011 and said that Parish Councils should be able to commission and be more in control of local budgets.</p> <p>Mike Barber, Local Area Technician, said that holes in roads sometimes had to be plugged quickly during bad weather, to ensure that they were safe. The Chairman noted this but said that the bad quality repairs had been carried out since late summer 2011.</p> <p><i>[post meeting note – further information from Ann-Marie Davies – ‘All potholes should be repaired as first time permanent repairs, however at times, due to the number of Category 1 defects ordered, make safe repairs are undertaken, which should be followed up with permanent repairs within 28 days.’]</i></p>
7	<p>APPLICATION FOR FUNDING TO LOCAL PRIORITIES BUDGET</p> <p>Christine Gardner referred members to the report on pages 31-32 of the agenda pack.</p> <p>The report related to a proposal from the Lee Parish Council for £700 of Local Priorities funding. The report stated that the application had been received too late to be considered for 2011-12.</p> <p>However on the morning of the meeting, another approved project had withdrawn its application for funding, and had released £1500 of funding for 2011-12.</p> <p>The Chairman had therefore taken a decision to bring the application from the Lee Parish Council back into the financial year 2011-12.</p> <p>The invoice from the Parish Council would need to be received by the end of March 2012.</p> <p>Members noted the Chairman’s decision to award £700 in funding to the Lee Parish Council for the renovation and replacement of playground equipment.</p>
8	<p>CHILD POVERTY STRATEGY / LOAN SHARKS</p> <p>Pam Curtis, Child Poverty Programme Manager, Buckinghamshire County Council, was welcomed to the meeting.</p> <p>Pam Curtis told members the following:</p> <p>Child Poverty Strategy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Child Poverty Act 2010 gave responsibility to partner organisations to conduct a needs analysis and produce a strategy. • The Buckinghamshire Needs Assessment had been completed in 2010 and in late spring 2011 the Buckinghamshire Child Poverty Strategy had been published. The Strategy was for three years. • The latest Department of Work and Pensions statistics (2008) stated that 11,725 children aged 0-19 years were living in poverty in Buckinghamshire. • In January 2011, 5.7% of pupils were claiming Free School Meals in the Chesham and Chiltern Villages local area.

- Data sets, including the Free School Meals indicator, needed to be used with caution. The Free School Meals indicator only measured the uptake of schools meals, and not the number of eligible pupils.
- It was often assumed that there was no child poverty in Buckinghamshire, but this was incorrect.
- The impacts of living in poverty for children and young people in families on low incomes were: they were often less healthy; they had lower aspirations; they attended fewer social and educational activities; they were more frequently victims of bullying than their peers from higher income families.

Youth Unemployment

There had been an increase in youth unemployment for those aged 18 – 24, and young people were bearing the brunt of unemployment.

Areas in which job losses were highest were also where the number of people looking for jobs was increasing.

Activities taking place to tackle poverty included information events to warn against loan sharks. The Youth Service was also working with young people on employability skills.

All community groups should be aware of the Child Poverty Strategy and what could be done locally to alleviate the situation.

Child Poverty Strategy Priorities

- 1 Aim to help people work together and maximise parental income by increasing employment.
- 2 Reduce health and housing inequalities.
- 3 Improve career advice and opportunities for children and young people.
- 4 Build community resilience.

Contacts and further information

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For additional information see the Children and Young People's website Child Poverty Page:

<http://www.buckinghamshirepartnership.co.uk/partnership/CYPT/Child+Poverty.page>

Information to support individuals and families including those on low incomes is available on the Buckinghamshire Information Service (BFIS) website:

<http://www.bucksfamilyinfo.org/>

Loan Sharks

A loan shark was someone who lent money as a business to two or more people without having the necessary licence issued by the Office of Fair Trading. Loan Sharks were illegal, and were not the same as 'pay day' loan companies advertised on TV. 'Pay day' loan companies were legal, although they had caused much concern about the amount of interest they charged.

An Illegal Money Lending Team (IMLT) based at Birmingham City Council worked across the South East to prosecute loan sharks and help victims.

Loan shark victims were most likely to be female, aged 30-40, on benefits, in social housing. It was estimated that 165 000 UK households used illegal money lenders, equating to 6% households in the most deprived areas (the 'hard pressed' areas in the acorn data sets).

A member asked what evidence was available of loan sharks being active in the Chesham and Chiltern Villages local area. Pam Curtis said that Trading Standards were not able to give out specific information due to ongoing prosecutions, but that Buckinghamshire was similar to other areas.

The Chairman said that there had been confirmation through the Housing Association that loan sharks were active.

Pam Curtis also gave out some information on the local area, although said that this was due to be updated. Here is a link to the information:

<http://www.buckinghamshirepartnership.gov.uk/assets/content/Partnerships/BSP/docs/Chesham.pdf>

9 CHILTERN CREDIT UNION

Simon Evans, Chairman of the Chiltern Credit Union Steering Group, told members the following:

- Simon Evans was a member of St Mary's Church (Amersham), and had been involved in starting a food bank. Martin Holt (Chiltern District Council) had asked if a Credit Union could also be developed. The Citizens Advice Bureau was also involved in setting up the Credit Union.
- A Credit Union (CU) was a bank which was owned and run by and for the local community.
- Some organisations had CUs for their employees (e.g. taxi drivers).
- A CU would encourage people to save to afford things, rather than buying items on credit.
- A bank was needed that was run in a sustainable way, and which would have a profound impact on culture.
- To save or borrow from a CU, someone would need to be a CU member, and live in the common bond (the area which would be set by the CU members).
- CU members had to demonstrate they could save regularly before being allowed to borrow money.
- A marketing and feasibility study was being carried out to look at what was needed.
- The London CU had advised that a large number of people was needed for the CU to happen.
- The aim of attending local area forum meetings was to inform members and to obtain contacts who were interested in getting involved, who could be contacted by email or phone after the meeting.
- It was hoped that service points for the CU could be located in schools, and that this could be linked to financial education.
- Balances in the CU were protected up to a limit of £85 000.

A member asked how the CU would be capitalised. Simon Evans said that loans and grants would be used to start the CU, and people were needed who were prepared to put

	<p>funds into the CU.</p> <p>A member asked what the difference was between a CU and a bank that was set up cheaply. Simon Evans said that a CU had certain rules, and was regulated. A CU was also required to have a common bond area.</p> <p>A member asked how the CU would benefit if they became involved in it. Simon Evans said that putting money into the CU would allow careful lending to be carried out to people who could not otherwise get a loan. The idea of the common bond was that CU members were much less likely to default on a loan as they would be letting down their local community. Loans could be used for critical needs (e.g. a new washing machine).</p> <p>A member asked if CU members could use direct debits. Simon Evans said that the aim was to make the CU as electronic as possible. The member also suggested that people who did not have bank accounts and who therefore could not use direct debit could use a key (as was used for utility bills).</p> <p>A member asked if a Local Area Forum could place some of their delegated funds in the CU. Simon Evans said that this was possible but that this would have to be done cautiously, as they would not want the money to be in the CU unless it was being used.</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>SURFACE WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN - FOR INFORMATION ONLY</p> <p>Members noted the documents.</p> <p>The Chairman said that the decision had not been sent to local members before it was taken.</p>
<p>11</p>	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>2 May 2012, 7:30pm, venue tbc</p>
<p>12</p>	<p>SECOND HALF OF LOCAL PRIORITIES WORKSHOP</p> <p>Members had a discussion about the local priorities for the Local Area Forum.</p> <p>Members were asked to discuss each priority in groups with the view to coming up with projects or actions to address the priorities.</p> <p>Members felt that they did not have enough information to do this, and it was agreed to defer the decision about the priorities due to the number of members in attendance.</p>

Chesham and Chiltern Villages Local Area Forum

Title:	Update report from Transport for Buckinghamshire
Date:	23 rd April 2012
Author & Contact officer:	Ann Marie Davies Transport Localities Team Leader Aylesbury Vale, Missendens & Chesham and Chiltern Villages
Electoral divisions affected:	Parishes within the LAF

Summary

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

AREA MAINTENANCE

Community and Road Fixer Gangs

The volume of Category 1 potholes has increased recently due to the wetter weather, but no where near to the level of previous years. We have also had to attend to a large number of tree falls due to the high winds shortly after the new year, which has disrupted normal works patterns.

The community and road fixer gangs will therefore be continuing in your areas on the programmed basis. Any ideas for community gang type work, ie vegetation clearance, minor repairs etc should be sent to your area technician, Jon Dickens, in the first instance.

A full list of when work will be taking place is available on
<http://www.transportforbucks.net/Roadworks-Centre.aspx>

Changes to your Local Area Technician

Following requests to provide some of our long serving LATs with new challenges we have taken the decision to swap some of the LATs around. As a result the Chesham Area is now being covered by **Jon Dickens** (previously from the Missendens Area).

I know Jon is looking forward to meeting you all and learning more about your area. Should you have any transportation related queries or problems please contact Jon, in the first instance, via the Contact Centre on: 0845 230 2882 or through our website at:

http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/bcc/transport/ea_report_problem.page

Please be aware that Mike is now covering a new area and will therefore be passing any outstanding works for the Chesham Area to Jon.

We're Working On It (Design & Construction/Area Maintenance)

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

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

The following explains the various types of treatment available.

Surfacing: Replacement of the existing road surface

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

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

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

Please note that the treatments noted above are weather dependant and whilst we have provided an anticipated start date these may change.
The table below shows the current list of streets, sections of which are expected to receive one of the treatments (noted above), over the next two years.

Carriageway Works – Chesham LAF

Street Name	Town	Treatment Type	Anticipated Start Date
Hiving's Hill	Chesham	Slurry Seal	Complete
Hiving's Hill (side roads)	Chesham	Slurry Seal	Proposed 2012-2013
Benham Close	Chesham	Slurry Seal	Complete*
St Marys Way (A416) (split into two schemes)	Chesham	TBC	Proposed 2012-2013
Ashley Green Road (A416)	Chesham	TBC	Proposed 2012-2013
Berkhampstead Road (A416)	Chesham	Surfacing	Proposed 2012-2013
Broad Street (A416)	Chesham	Surfacing	Proposed 2012-2013
Brochhurst Road & Britannia Road & Essex Road	Chesham	Surfacing	March 2012
Severalls Road	Chesham	Surface Dressing	Proposed 2012-2013
White Hill	Chesham	Plane & Patch	Complete
Lye Green Road	Chesham	Surfacing	Complete
Rushmere Lane	Orchard Leigh	Surfacing	Complete
Nashleigh Hill	Chesham	Surfacing	Complete
Red Lion Street (A416)	Chesham	Surfacing	March 2012
Germain Street	Chesham	Surfacing	Complete
Waterside	Chesham	Surfacing	Work completed on worst areas. Will return in 2012 – 2013 to complete.
Fryer Close	Chesham	Slurry Seal	Proposed 2012 - 2013
The Broadway	Chesham	Surfacing	Proposed 2012 - 2013
Village Road	Chenies	Plane & Patch	Complete
Watermeadow	Chesham	Plane & Patch	Complete
White Hill	Chesham	Plane & Patch	Complete
Church Street	Chesham	Plane & Patch	Complete
Blackwell Hall Lane	Latimer	Plane & Patch	Complete
Chesham Road	Bellingdon	Surface Dressing	Proposed 2012-2013
Swan Bottom Road	The Lee	Surface Dressing	Proposed 2012-2013
Pipers Wood	Hyde Heath	Slurry Seal	Proposed 2012-2013
Oak Lane	St Leonards/ Braziers End	Surface Dressing	Proposed 2012-2013
Chesham Road	Hyde End	Surface Dressing	Complete
The Lee to Kings Lane	The Lee	Surfacing	Complete
Jenkins Lane	Cholesbury	Slurry Seal	Complete
Cholesbury Lane	Hawridge	Slurry Seal	Complete
The Warren	Chartridge	Slurry Seal	Complete

*We will be revisiting the site as part of the 2012-13 programme, after a parked vehicle prevented completion of the works.

Road Safety

Road Safety Team services to the local community

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

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

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

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

All the above courses are heavily subsidised and are either provided at various locations around the county. Individual driver training is provided from any location within Bucks.

For further details please contact 01296 382450 or email roadsafety@buckscc.gov.uk

The Road Safety Team - Tackling issue of speeding in the community

We have recently purchased a set of Community Speedwatch equipment and are offering to visit areas to operate a "one off" Speedwatch session.

The offer is: one visit, up to a maximum of 3 hours - which could include covering different locations (within the 3 hours) if requested. A visit would be at a time & day requested by the local community, based on the community's local intelligence. We require a minimum of one volunteer from your community to assist us on the visit to run the Speedwatch session, although more are most welcome to attend. Speedwatch can also only operate on roads subject to a 30 or 40mph speed limit. This is because any speeding vehicles noted at the session will receive a warning letter from the Police although we have to follow ACPO guidelines. This means that in a 30mph zone we would only start noting down vehicles at 35mph and above.

It is hoped that this project will not only raise awareness of the campaign but also reduce speeding on our roads and enable data to be collected to support a speeding issue. After the visit local communities could either purchase their own equipment or borrow equipment from their local neighbourhood Police team to run further community Speedwatch operations.

To request a visit or for more information please e-mail Nigel Spencer at nspencer@buckscc.gov.uk

Motorcycle Assessment Day

There is a motorcycle assessment day to be held at the fire station in Chesham on Saturday 26th May, supported by the road safety team at Transport for Buckinghamshire.

The day is part subsidised and is only £50 for the biker for a full days training - 2 hour classroom followed by 3 hours on road assessment.

Start time is 9am for more details or to book on the course visit

www.beabetterbiker.co.uk or contact Nigel Spencer at:

Nigel Spencer

Casualty Reduction

Transport for Buckinghamshire
County Hall, Aylesbury, HP20 1UY
Tel 01296 383431

http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/road_safety

The scheme: Be a Better Biker has been successfully running in Buckinghamshire for 9 years and recently won a Prince Michael International road safety commendation

Make the Commitment

Come join our 'Make the Commitment' campaign to reduce the number of drivers using inappropriate speed in Bucks. Go to **www.buckscc.gov.uk/mtc** for more information.

Traffic Management

Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS)

The VAS Policy Review (including new working procedures for Movable Vehicle Activated Signs (MVAS)) is now nearing an end and will be submitted for Cabinet approval in February 2012. Subject to this approval, the MVAS initiative will be available for Parish Councils to apply for as of the 1st April 2012. Further details will be forwarded in due course.

Speed Limit review/Changes

Latimer Rd speed limit changes

The new 30 mph limit between Chesham & Bois Mill was approved on 14th February 2012. The 40mph limit from Bois Mill to Chenies was previously approved. A contractor has been appointed and these new speed limits are planned to be installed by the end of June.

Area 4 speed limit review ('follow up review')

Funding has now been allocated to install the additional speed limit changes by March 2013 These changes were previously approved by Key Decision Report T08.10. The Report can be seen at:-

<http://democracy.buckscc.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=1998>

Passenger Transport

Changes To Bus Services: Monday 16th April, 2012

Following their takeover by the Go-Ahead Group, Carousel Buses are making improvements and changes to their services from the above date.

Route 4: High Wycombe - Hazlemere - Amersham - Chesham

Carousel will increase this to operate every 20 minutes, Monday to Friday, up from every 30 minutes. There will now be earlier buses on this service.

Asset Management – Street Lighting

Transport for Buckinghamshire currently maintains in excess of 36,000 lighting assets which includes over 28,000 street lights, of which over 1,500 (5%) are situated within the Beaconsfield Local Community Area.

Night time patrols of these assets were stopped by the County Council in 2006/07 as a cost cutting measure to enable Council funding to be re-prioritised on other services. This policy change was approved by the Council as part of the Medium Term Financial Plan.

In making this decision it was accepted that outages would continue to be attended to as a reactive service in response to reports received from the public, stakeholders and others. To encourage this method of reporting, a publicity campaign was carried out and all lamp columns were marked with the Council's contact details to assist those wanting the report faults.

Similarly, group (bulk) lamp replacement (including luminaire inspection, maintenance and cleaning) and programmed painting of lamp columns was stopped in 2004/05 as a cost cutting measure as part of the Councils Medium Term Financial Plan – again to enable the Council to re-prioritise funding to other services.

Other maintenance activities associated with street lighting, illuminated signs and bollards were unaffected by these changes and continue to date (i.e. programmed electrical inspection & testing, programmed structural testing, programmed electrical/mechanical inspection & testing of high-mast lighting, inventory data verification).

Since these decisions were taken it has become apparent that the number of reports from the public has not kept up with the increase in outages and a backlog of repairs has been building up.

Although we usually aim to repair faulty street lights within a maximum of 28 working days, due to a much higher demand and a backlog of known faults we are aware that we are not always achieving this level of performance. In other instances faults are not repaired within the timescale quoted for the following reasons:

- The street light would have been attended but a subsequent visit is needed to fully repair the fault.
- Specialist equipment is required to allow staff to attend equipment safely where vehicle access is not available.
- The street light would have been attended and repaired but components have failed prematurely and a repeat visit is required.
- The street light would have been attended but not repaired as an electricity supply fault has been identified.
- Traffic management is required to allow staff to work safely.

Proposed Changes to Strategy

Evidence suggests that relying solely on the public to report faults and to continue with a burn to extinction lamp replacement strategy, under which lamps are replaced on failure, is not sustainable and as a consequence adversely affects our reputation with the public, corporately and politically. As such we intend to re-introduce night-time patrols and group (bulk) lamp change, as part of a strategy to move away from reactive to planned preventative maintenance in the short term in order to catch up on the backlog of outages. The need to continue this strategy will be reviewed once the backlog has been addressed and group (bulk) lamp changes implemented.

Despite the proposed reintroduction of night time patrols it is still intended to encourage the public, stakeholders and others to report outages.

A programme of patrols will be introduced in 2012/13 and will be carried out on a quarterly basis. They will be based upon existing Local Community Area boundaries and branded as Local Community Patrol Areas.

Targeted group (bulk) lamp replacement will be re-introduced in 2013/14.

It is envisaged that this change in strategy will:

- Increase the level of service to a satisfactory level and help restore reputation.
- Allow Transport for Buckinghamshire (TfB) to demonstrate that 'proactive' systems are in place to maintain the asset.
- Provide TfB with a greater understanding with regards the state of the asset.
- Reduced calls to the Contact Centre.
- Identify a greater proportion of illuminated sign and bollard faults.
- Improve the quality, accuracy and standardisation of fault descriptions.
- Lead to a uniform workload throughout the year that will be easier to manage. This will also allow TfB to improve the quality of information supplied to the customer.
- Fewer components will fail prematurely.

The overall effectiveness of this strategy will be first reviewed in May 2013.

Subject to our findings we would look to develop, promote and implement a Big Society idea to introduce 'community based patrols' in residential areas to identify and report faults for all lighting assets.

Action Now

Priority Description	Potential Solutions	Next Steps/Actions	Lead
Young people – more activities and facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sustain the Youth Clubs in the local area - Support development of youth activities and facilities by local councils, police and voluntary sector. - Support sports projects for young people. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Help publicise activities being delivered. - Consider applications for funding from youth clubs and other providers or commission work from them. - Consider applications for funding from sports providers or commission work from them. - 	Noel Brown
Investment in the revitalisation of the town centre and villages including a visitor/tourist strategy.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Turn Chesham & Chiltern Villages into a recognised centre of excellence for the Performing Arts. - - Leverage the many assets we have in this area (music groups and choirs, schools with strong performing arts departments, the Elgiva etc.) and perhaps create an annual (Midsomer?) Festival. - Consider other assets of the area that would attract footfall such as heritage and landscape. - Develop a high-speed broadband and Wi-fi hub in Chesham. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Arts Trail project (BetterChesham group) - “Discover Chesham” brochure - Advertise “Gateway to the Chilterns” as a strap-line. 	Fred Wilson
Strengthen links with the Asian communities in the area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Closer engagement with the Mosque and Imams - - Support the International Women’s Group - Support courses for Asian women and men designed to increase community cohesion and “health and well-being” in Chesham. - Support work in schools and other initiatives with Asian youths 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - LAF Chairman to visit the Mosque - Engage in Jubilee celebration - Support the delivery of relevant courses. - Support initiatives taking place at Chiltern Hills Academy 	Noel Brown

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Support social activities for the Asian elderly and improve engagement with the isolated elderly. 		
Support for Older or Vulnerable people	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - More support is needed for older or vulnerable people to live in their own homes - Reduce the isolation of older or vulnerable people in the town and villages - 	<p>Support parishes to extend to other communities in the LAF area, the “building community capacity” model used in Chesham and Cholesbury by contributing to the funding of the Community Development Co-ordinator</p> <p>Consider how the “Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults” work can be implemented in the Chesham and CV local area.</p> <p>Support other initiatives that reach out to older and vulnerable people to keep them better informed and reduce isolation.</p>	Chris Brown
Highways & Road Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 	Consider bids from the Town and Parish Councils.	ALL
Protection of the environment and green spaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Work with the Local Nature Partnership as it develops to achieve actions in this Local Area – LNP still at set-up stage. - Map what local environment groups are doing in the area and what support they need. - Promote energy- saving and low carbon initiatives 	<p>Promote the NLP and parishes to take part.</p> <p>Support any recommendations for the Chesham and CV Local Area.</p> <p>Commission this work from an intern or work experience student.</p> <p>Obtain publicity on this and encourage “energy champions”.</p>	Andrew Garth

Strategic and for information.

Priority Description	Potential Solutions	Next Steps/Actions	Lead
Support for families from the pre-natal stage onwards	- more support from health visitors	- Annual update.	
Improve transport	- Improve public transport particularly for smaller communities - Access to health services for those who do not have their own transport	- Encourage the development of Community Transport Schemes -	
Day Care Services for the elderly and infirm	- Liaise with Age Concern and Community Impact Bucks	- Update LAF on 6-monthly basis	
More affordable, decent housing in the villages, particularly for young families	- Toolkit on how Parishes can overcome the complexities and obstacles for developing a suitable scheme in their area.	- Draw CDC into discussions on this.	
HS2		- regular update on progress	
New Idea	- My thoughts	- Timing	
Could we have a think about developing some initiatives to help Parishes identify and implement those aspects of the Localism Act which would develop this Chiltern community.	- There will be no doubt activities by CDC and Community Impact Bucks but something which identifies through a series of workshops and community activities, possibly working up case studies, what local communities led by parishes and community groups, could do that would be useful.	- I see this as needing to wait until it is known when and what is needed to be implemented that is likely to be of interest and benefit to parishes and communities.	From Chris Brown

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Report to The Chesham and Chiltern Villages Local Area Forum

Title:	LOCAL AREA FORUM BUDGETS
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Summary

1. This paper describes the arrangements for the funding delegated to Local Area Forums (LAFs) in 2012/13.
2. In previous years, this funding has been made up of the Local Priorities revenue budget to be allocated in line with the priorities agreed by the LAF in its local area planning process, plus its share of the Transportation budget. From April 2012, these two budgets are being merged to form a single Local Priorities budget. This provides full flexibility to each LAF to spend its budget as it determines according to its agreed local priorities and can include transportation schemes as previously.
3. The amount to be allocated to each LAF will be known in early May. In the meantime LAFs are requested to make indicative allocations in order of priority in order that implementation can begin as soon as the budget is known.

Recommendations

4. The Chesham and Chiltern Villages Local Area Forum is recommended to note the arrangements in 2012/13 for its delegated budget as described in the report [and also note the expenditure of the allocated funding in 2010/11 at the end of this report].



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5. The Chesham and Chiltern Villages Local Area Forum is recommended to proceed with indicative allocations in order that they can be implemented as soon as the delegated budget figure is confirmed in early May.

Background

6. A key element of the locality strategy is “genuine and increased influence by residents over local decisions and budgets”. LAFs play a central role in achieving this (although this is not the only mechanism for working at a more local level).

Delegated budget allocation 2012/13

7. The total amount delegated by Buckinghamshire County Council to LAFs in 2012/13 is £880,000. The apportionment of this budget between the different LAFs will be confirmed in early May and LAFs will be notified immediately.
8. In the meantime, LAFs are advised to proceed where possible to make allocations and indicate the priority order in which they would wish schemes to be funded. Once the budget for the Chesham and Chiltern Villages LAF is confirmed, the Locality Manager can proceed with implementing the LAF’s decisions and consult with the Chesham and Chiltern Villages LAF chairman and other LAF members if any changes are required.

Management and Decision-Making of the Local Priorities Delegated Budget

9. The Local Priorities budget is to be used to commission activities to meet the local priorities identified in the Chesham and Chiltern Villages LAF’s Local Area Plan to support community needs and the well-being of the area in line with the criteria below:
 - Proposals meeting more than one of the LAF’s priorities or addressing a well-evidenced community need will be prioritised for funding.
 - Proposals enabling capacity-building or those with match-funding – financial or in kind e.g. with community volunteer input – will be given priority over proposals with no additional funding or those with little community support.
 - Priority will also be given to proposals which cannot be undertaken by an individual Parish Council, either because an activity is not within its remit or funding capability.
 - The Local Priorities budget is not the catch-all to fill service budget cuts or short-falls. Similarly, it should not be used for activities normally funded by Parish precepts.
 - The Locality Manager will also assess potential proposals to see whether there are other funding opportunities or if ‘quick wins’ can be identified to enable specific proposals/issues to be resolved quickly through other means.
10. The Locality Manager will evaluate potential proposals, whether commissioned or unsolicited, and make recommendations in due course to the LAF. LAF members who have particular ideas should raise these directly with the Lead Area Officer or Locality Manager.
11. Standard conditions apply to schemes receiving LAF financial support. In addition, the Locality Manager may recommend additional conditions for any specific scheme. The standard terms and conditions are:
 - The LAF’s financial contribution may only be used for the purposes agreed by the LAF and detailed in the submissions held by Buckinghamshire County Council. Any

variations must be agreed by the Head of Service and any significant changes will require reconsideration by the LAF.

- Payment will be made upon invoice with proof of expenditure e.g. relevant paid invoices/receipts at completion of the scheme. (Advance or staged payments can be made by separate agreement with the County Council should this be necessary).
- The LAF's support for the project must be acknowledged in relevant publicity.
- The funding should be utilised during the financial year that it relates to.
- The recipient must provide monitoring information requested by Buckinghamshire County Council and may also be required to attend a subsequent LAF meeting to speak on the outcomes of the project.

12. The funding must be spent within the financial year for which it is allocated:

- Allocations can be made on schemes which span 2 financial years (or more), but funding can only be assured for the current year. This should be borne in mind if making such an allocation i.e. what value can be achieved in the 1st year should funding not be available for the remainder of the scheme in subsequent years.
- Where a scheme was planned to complete in the financial year that the budget relates to but its timetable has slipped for unavoidable reasons, provision is being sought for the balance funding for such schemes to be carried forward to the following financial year. This will be subject to a revised timetable demonstrating a reasonable assurance that the scheme will be able to complete in the following year.

13. As in 2011/12, in terms of formal decision-making, the LAFs will be advising the relevant Service Director on how to spend the devolved budget who will then implement that advice.

14. In November, in consultation with the LAF Chairman, the Service Director will take a view on the likelihood of unallocated and unspent monies being used that year. If there is budget that is unlikely to be spent that year, the Service Director will allocate it to activities that will benefit the area during the remainder of 2012/13.

Transportation schemes

● 2012-13

15. Most LAFs will already have submitted transportation proposals to be funded from the 2012-13 transportation delegated budget. Transportation has already begun costing these schemes.

16. Subject to the availability of the costings from Transportation, it will be up to each LAF to decide when to consider these proposals:

- Delay making allocations until a range of proposals (both Transportation and non-transportation) is assembled and consider them together. However this could impact upon the delivery of schemes in this financial year

or

- Make allocations as and when proposals come through.

● Subsequent years

17. Each LAF will need to work with its Transportation officers to agree how ideas for transportation projects should be submitted and the timetable. The implication of many late allocations is that such schemes may not be deliverable until the following financial year.

- **Other considerations**

18. If parishes and town councils wish, they can appoint an external contractor for delivery of transportation schemes. However, they should be aware that only contractors with the required accreditation approvals needed to work on the public highway will be permitted to undertake the works.

Local Priorities Budget Expenditure 2011-12

Project	Amount agreed	Date agreed
Building Community Capacity in Chesham and the Villages	5000	15/6/11
Citizens Advice Bureau	5000	15/6/11
CDC/Nexus youth activities (5 schemes)	1818.05	15/6/11
Community Arts Quilt Project	1450	31/10/11
Whelpley Hill Village Hall Multi-Sports Sessions	750	31/10/11
Cholesbury Village Hall toilet refurbishment including disabled facilities	500	19/1/12
Chesham pilot art trail	2000	19/1/12
Waterside youth engagement	500	19/1/12
Badminton equipment for Ashley Green activities	321	19/1/12
CREC - contribution to project worker salary	1700	23/1/12
Renovation and Replacement of Playground equipment - The Lee Parish Council	700	23/1/12
Pond Park Community Assoc to run gentle exercise classes for Older People to the end of March 2012	261	23/1/12
Total	20000.05	

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REPORT TO CHESHAM AND CHILTERN VILLAGES LOCAL AREA FORUM MEMBERS

Title: Applications for funding from Local Priorities budget 2012 -13

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Summary

1. This report relates to eight proposals for funding from the Chesham and Chiltern Villages LAF Local Priorities devolved budget for 2012/13 and is subject to the Local Priorities budget being agreed by the County Council this month.
2. Applications received should be evaluated against the priorities agreed by the Local Area Forum (LAF) in its Local Area Plan. This report seeks agreement to allocate funding from the LAF's Local Priorities budget to enable the projects to be implemented.
3. The projects and amount requested are as follows:

Project	Amount requested	Amount recommended
Building Community Capacity Project	7920	8200
Pond Park Health and Community Fair	425	425
Rafe's Place at Chesham Youth Centre	1510	1510
Elmtree School Sensory Garden	2000	2000
Chesham Events Group - Chesham Jubilee Celebrations	3000	2000
Chesham Asian Welfare Group – Commonwealth Festival	2000	2000
Citizens Advice Bureau – outreach work	3400	2000
Movers and Shakers Chesham Asian (and other BME)	1950	1950
Men's Health and Wellbeing Project		
TOTAL	22205	20085



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Recommendation

4. **Members of the Chesham and Chiltern Villages Local Area Forum are invited to agree that funding from the Local Priorities budget be allocated to the projects listed in section 3 above. An extra £280 has been added to the Building Community Capacity project to cover publicity and hall hire etc whilst I have reduced the amount recommended for the Jubilee events in Chesham and the Citizens Advice Bureau Outreach work.**

Background

Building Community Capacity Project

5. This proposal is about the continued support of the Chesham and Cholesbury-cum-St Leonards projects and the extension to another parish. The aim of the project is to enable local communities to become better equipped to support vulnerable and older people living in their community and to encourage residents aged over 50 to plan for their future.

6. A co-ordinator has been working in Chesham for the past 2 years, and with Cholesbury-cum-St Leonards Parish since June 2011. Building on the success of these two projects and the methodology used, Chiltern DC could continue to provide a co-ordinator to support the current projects as well as extend the model to another parish. The co-ordinator provides support equivalent to 2 days a month in each area to begin with. Once a projects initiated by local volunteer groups are up and running in, one day should be sufficient, and the objective is for the volunteer groups to eventually be able to sustain their activities with minimum support. Volunteer groups will be supported by the co-ordinator to identify local issues and can become constituted in order to apply for their own funding to address them.

7. Costs: work for a coordinator from May 2012 – March 2013 (11 months) is suggested:

Chesham	2
Cholesbury cum St Leonards	2
Another village	<u>2</u>
Total	6 days per month

6 days x 11 months = 66 days x £120 per day co-ordinator salary.

Total cost for Chesham and Chiltern Villages LAF: £7,920

This is for the co-ordinators salary only, and does not include costs for meeting rooms or publicity etc.

8. In terms of meeting the Local Priorities Budget funding criteria, the proposal:

- a) Will make a major contribution to the “Older and Vulnerable people” priority;
- b) Will benefit from the local knowledge already built up in CDC’s communities team and capitalise on the work already completed by the co-ordinator. CDC are contributing salary on-costs and the use of facilities;
- c) Create capacity in the community to look after older and vulnerable people themselves and so prevent or slow down admittance to institutional care. It will provide information and support to enable people to keep healthy for as long as possible.

9. I strongly recommend that this project receives funding because it is about building community capacity to look after older and vulnerable people in the community. It is also about reducing the isolation of older people so that they lead more resilient lifestyles and can stay in their own homes for as long as possible.

Pond Park Health and Community Fair

10. This project is a community fair, which will celebrate the Queen’s Jubilee. The Fair will also be a health fair, offering information to the community on the services available to them and provide advice and help where needed. The event, planned for the 7th June, will take place at Little Spring School, and the outside field will be used to offer activities for young people.

11. Costs:

Item or activity	Total cost £	Funding requested from the Local Area Forum
Hire of School Caretaker	75 (3 hours)	75
Materials / Arts / Crafts	200	100
Health Check (BP, Cholesterol testing, use of pharmacists)	250	250
Refreshments	100	
Marketing / Promotion	100	
Total:	725	425

12. In terms of meeting the Local Priorities Budget funding criteria, the proposal:

- a) Meets two of the local priorities, namely “Activities for Young People” and “Reduce isolation of the elderly”.
- b) Match funding is available: Bucks County Council Adult Social Care is making a £300 contribution and if the project goes above budget, the Pond Park Community Association will put funding towards it. CDC are contributing in-kind towards the costs of the project by helping to organise the event (circa 15 hours total).
- c) Volunteers will be mobilised to promote and help run the event.

13. I recommend that this project receives funding of £425 for the above reasons.

Rafe’s Place at Chesham Youth Centre

14. This is a pilot project to see if the young people at the youth club enjoy the activities and would want them to continue. It will consist of 3 nights per week for 6 weeks of diverse and engaging activities for young people at Chesham Youth Centre. Target group: young people aged 11 – 17.

15. Outcomes: Tried and tested pilot of student volunteer-led activities which will enable Rafe’s Place to offer a long term, low cost and sustainable service to Chesham Youth Centre in the future. This will help to keep the centre running successfully, help tackle anti-social behaviour and inspire and empower young people.

16. Outputs: Drop in nights so no maximum. Start date: ASAP.

17. Costs:

Staff £50 x 3 nights x 2 weeks = £300
(2 weeks of professional support for volunteers)
Equipment £500
Facility Hire N/A
Travel £40 per week x 6 weeks = £240
Marketing £200
Other Student Youth Work Training = £270

Total funding applied for: £1,510.

18. In terms of meeting the Local Priorities Budget funding criteria, the proposal:

- a) Meets one of the local priorities, namely “Activities for Young People”.
- b) No match-funding is available but this will be seed funding for a project that will then lead to Chesham Youth Centre commissioning a support role from Rafe’s Place.
- c) One of the objectives of the project is to support volunteers in delivering the activities themselves.

19. For the above reasons I recommend that this project receives funding.

Elmtree School Sensory Garden

20. This project is the design, creation and ongoing maintenance of a stimulating and beautiful sensory garden for the Elmtree community. “Elmtree School is situated in an area of social deprivation characterised by high unemployment and a large Asian community many of whom originate from the poorer, illiterate areas of Pakistan. Access to learning for many families is limited by language, culture and/or funds. The majority of children at the school have limited outside space at home for play and exploration”. The school is also a centre of excellence for supporting children with special needs.

21. The school wants to provide its pupils and the wider community with an inspirational outside space by landscaping a piece of scrub land adjacent to the school that they have just leased from Paradigm Housing. The lease is initially for 10 years and Paradigm have indicated that renewal should not be a problem.

22. Costs

Item or activity	Total cost £	Funding requested from the Local Area Forum
Legal fees	200	0
Clearing and fencing	3000	0
Hard landscaping	10000	2000
Labour	8000	0
Plants, swing, musical instruments	6000	0
Total:	27200	2000

23. In terms of meeting the Local Priorities Budget funding criteria, the proposal:

a) Meets three of the local priorities, namely “Activities for Young People”, “Strengthen links with the Asian community” and “Protection of the environment and green spaces”.

b) The school has been busy securing match-funding from a variety of sources: the PTA £1,500 + monies from the May fair; £500 from local councillor’s community leader’s fund, Paradigm £2345; £10,000 from the school fund; and they have applied to several other funding sources.

c) Once the garden has been built, the maintenance will be through volunteers from the community and they have already started to draw up this list.

24. I recommend this project is funded because it meets three of the local priorities and will be a visible enhancement to the community’s environment.

Chesham Jubilee Celebrations

25. This project is to bring a cross generational approach to celebrating the Diamond Jubilee within the town centre of Chesham and include promoting different sites around Chesham where people will be gathering to come together and celebrate the jubilee in a number of different events that will attract segments of the community. Extensive celebrations are being organised harnessing a number of community based organisations such as the Mosque, local schools, Youth Council, Chesham Asian Welfare Society and the local shop retailers. A celebratory pamphlet is being printed that will have photos and an official list of jubilee events in Chesham and will act as an historical reminder for future generations.

26. Costs

Expenditure

Public Liability Insurance for all events	253.00
First Aid Provision	600.00
Purchase of teardrop flags	1750.00
Entertainment (includes everything from Colonel Custard, Balloon modelling, crèche area of all events where reqd.,)	1236.00
Security for overnight Lowndes Park (Monday night)	100.00
PA for big lunch, Stage/lighting/sound for Lowndes Park events	3600.00
Fireworks from Fantastic Fireworks	1800.00
Marquee/Tents, for first aid/control points/stage dressing area	600.00
Total	9,939.00

Amount requested from the LAF is £3,000

27. In terms of meeting the Local Priorities Budget funding criteria, the proposal:

- a) Meets three of the local priorities, namely “Activities for Young People”, “Revitalisation of the Town Centre”, and “Strengthening links with the Asian communities in the area”.
- b) Match-funding is being applied for from several organisations and the project has just secured £1,000 from CHAP.
- c) The project will use volunteers to help deliver events.

28. I recommend this project receives funding but at a reduced amount of £2,000 because part of the funding plan already assumes £2250 from local County Councillors, there is no matched funding from Chesham Town Council and the application to CDC is only £750.

Chesham Asian Welfare Group – Commonwealth Festival

29. This project is being held to celebrate the Queens Diamond Jubilee celebrations from the context of both a Commonwealth viewpoint but also from the perspective of a large ethnic group that has found its home in Chesham within the period of the reign of the Queens and want to celebrate her reign. The event will be held on the 5th of June and will bring people across Chesham together to help in its planning and implementation.

30. Costs

Item or activity	Total cost £	Funding requested from the Local Area Forum
Entertainment 1	1200.00	1200.00
Entertainment 2	600.00	500.00
Entertainment 3	550.00	300.00
Advertising & Sundry	300.00	0.00
Total	2650.00	2000.00

31. The main entertainment will be:

- 1) Live Band: live singing and background music
- 2) African Drumming
- 3) Street Dancers/Hip Hop Performances

Other complimentary entertainment will also be provided by local groups as a way of supporting local entertainers and getting them to perform in front of larger audiences:

- 1) Instrumental Pothari Music (Sitar, Tabla etc)
- 2) Indian Dance Performances

32. In terms of meeting the Local Priorities Budget funding criteria, the proposal:

- a) Meets three of the local priorities, namely “Activities for Young People”, “Revitalisation of the Town Centre”, and “Strengthening links with the Asian communities in the area”.
- b) Match-funding is being applied for and the project has already raised £500.00 funding contribution from “Friends of the Park” and £150.00 funding contribution from local businesses.
- c) The project will use volunteers to help plan and organise the events.

33. For the above reasons I recommend that this project receives the £2,000 applied for.

Citizens Advice Bureau – outreach work

34. Many vulnerable people, the elderly, the young, new parents and those with disabilities are not aware that they are able to seek help to improve their lives; or know how or where they could get help; or are too worried or fragile to make the first step. These people would probably be better off if they sought the services of the free holistic advice offered by the CAB. There are a lot of worrying changes happening to welfare benefits over the next 12 months and CAB want to help the vulnerable to understand how the changes will affect them and how they can help them access all the benefits and services they are entitled to.

35. Citizens Advice Bureau want to extend their outreach services to offer access to CAB advice at different centres in the Chesham and Chiltern Villages area; centres which currently do not have a service but where people who need them are not able to access them for a number of reasons. They are proposing to offer workshops at established Church Groups, at Children's Centres to address Child Poverty in the area, to elderly groups who find changes confusing and are otherwise isolated and at other meetings of Carers, advocates and disabled groups. Also, through the Neighbourhood police service they can access young people/school leavers who are unemployed, and through the fire service they can access vulnerable people who may be in crisis during an extended cold spell next winter. CAB will also raise the awareness of their service amongst Health Professionals as 60% of people who are in debt suffer from a stress related illness.

36. Costs

Item or activity	Total cost £	Funding requested from the Local Area Forum
Project worker + travel/parking	3250	3000
Specialist referrals	1500	
Laptop	350	200
Software	50	
Publicity (materials only)	200	200
Management/ovhds	1250	
Total	6600	3400

37. In terms of meeting the Local Priorities Budget funding criteria, the proposal:

- a) Meets two of the local priorities, namely "Young People" and "Older or vulnerable People".
- b) Match-funding is available from the CAB itself.
- c) The project will mobilise volunteers to help deliver the outreach service.

38. I strongly recommend that this project receives funding because it will help to get vital information to the vulnerable and elderly and is complimentary to the "Building Community Capacity" work. Moreover, the imminent changes to welfare benefits make this project even more important. However, because the CAB can access other funding streams and we have applications over and above last year's budget figure for community projects, I recommend a reduced amount of £2,000 is awarded.

Movers and Shakers Chesham Asian (and other BME) Men’s Health and Wellbeing Project

39. Movers & Shakers (M&S) is an award-winning programme that engages older adults from isolated and socially disadvantaged communities, and encourages them to lead healthier lifestyles. This innovative, inclusive, self-care model supports healthy ageing and wellbeing for older adults, enabling them to live longer, independent lives. Local and national statistics show adults from BME, particularly South Asian backgrounds (including those from Pakistan, Bangladesh and India) reporting relatively higher levels of longstanding illness compared to the general population. There is lower uptake of available preventative and early intervention public health and wellbeing resources by Asian men in particular.

40. Costs

Item or activity	Total cost £	Funding requested from the Local Area Forum
Cost of hiring Exercise Instructors (£35 x 1hr x 32 weeks)	1120	720
Cost of craft (vocational) activity facilitator (£30x 1hr x 24 weeks)	720	300
Hall venue hire (£15 x 3hrs x 32 weeks)	1440	750
Exercise equipments and Craft (vocational) materials	300	180
Refreshments and catering (£1.50p x 30 people x 32 weeks)	1440	0
Total:	£5020	£1950

41. In terms of meeting the Local Priorities Budget funding criteria, the proposal:

a) Meets two of the local priorities, namely “Strengthening links with the Asian communities in the area” and “Older or vulnerable People: reduce isolation of the elderly”.

b) The project has received commitments that it will enjoy in-kind and financial match-funding:

- Chiltern District Council: £250 start-up funding
- BucksSports “Reactivate”: £700 match-funding
- NHS Buckinghamshire/ BCC Community development and project management, fundraising in-kind support (Approx. value: £1200)
- BCC Adult Learning: £500 in-kind/ match funding support
- Chiltern District Council in-kind administration and publicity support (Approx. value: £600)
- Chesham Central Mosque in-kind publicity, participants and volunteer recruitment (Approx. value: £500).
- Chesham Youth Centre in-kind volunteer support and premises costs subsidy (Approx. value: £400).
- Each participant will pay weekly subscriptions to cover part of the ongoing costs (including hall hire, trainers and refreshments).

c) Volunteers from within the target communities will be recruited, mentored and coached during Year 1 of the project with the aim of supporting them to carry on after the pilot phase.

42. For the above reasons, and because this project will encourage more healthy life-styles and provide an opportunity for social activities in the community as well, I recommend that this project receives the funding it has applied for.

Further applications

43. Further project proposals will be considered throughout the 2012/13 financial year until November 2012 or until the delegated budget has been fully allocated if this is earlier.

- ***Report ends*** -

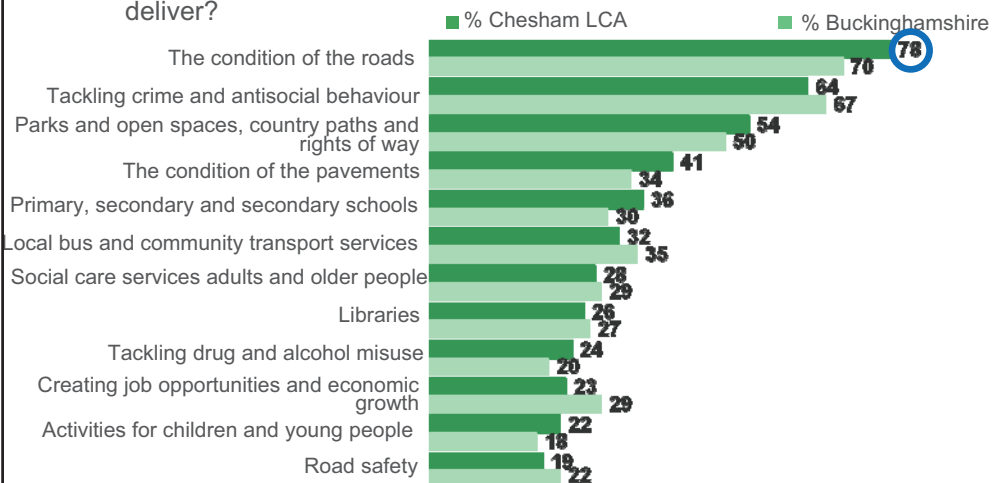
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Importance of services personally – top 12

Q1 Thinking about you personally, which of the things below would you say are most important for Buckinghamshire County Council to support or deliver?



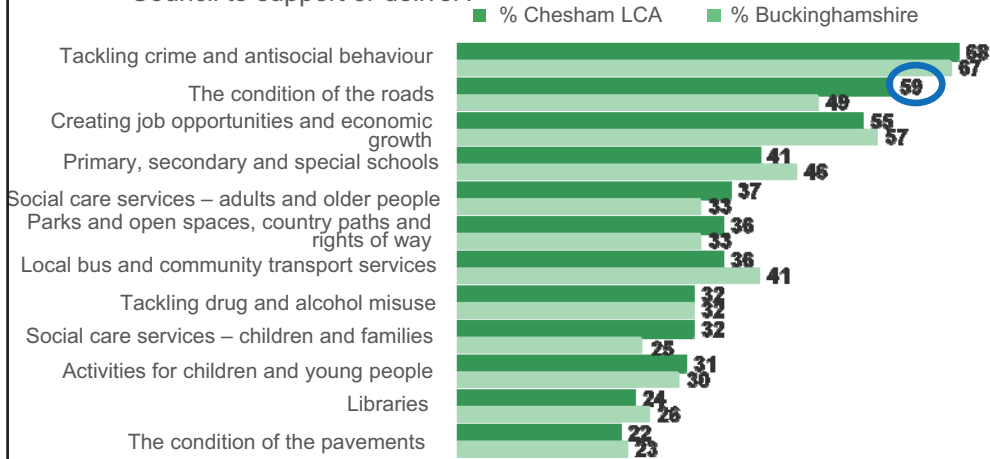
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Importance of services for the local community in general – top 12

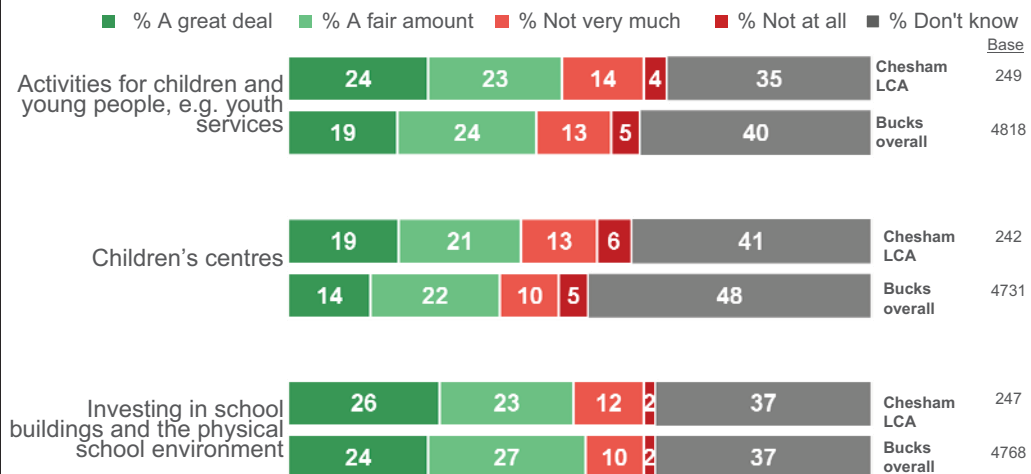
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Services for children and young people

Q9 To what extent, if at all, do the following services help to improve the quality of life for children and young people?



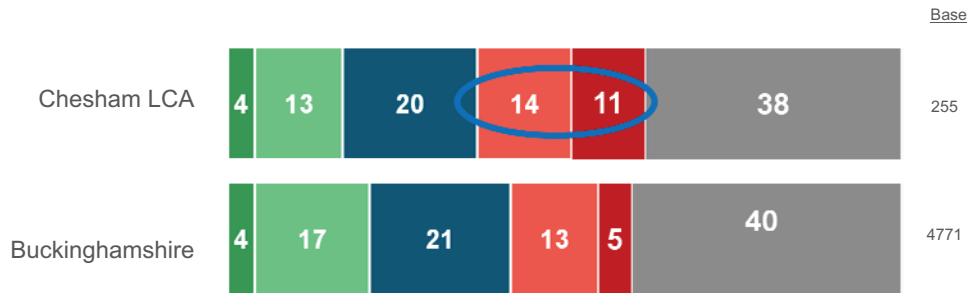
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Support for children and young people

Q12 How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements...

Children and young people in my area are given the support that they need to meet their full potential?

■ % Strongly agree ■ % Tend to agree ■ % Neither / nor ■ % Tend to disagree ■ % Strongly disagree
■ % Don't know



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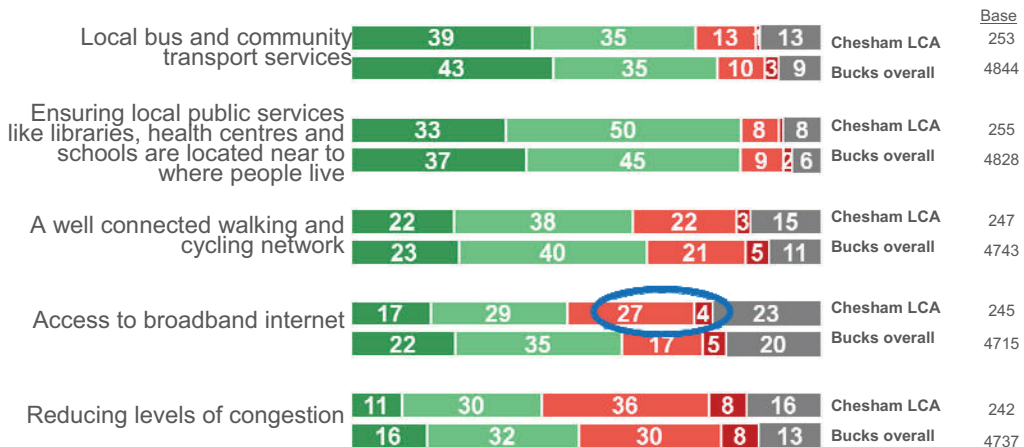
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Services to help people access the shops and services they need

Q10 To what extent, if at all, do the following services help people to access the shops and services they need?

■ % A great deal ■ % A fair amount ■ % Not very much ■ % Not at all ■ % Don't know



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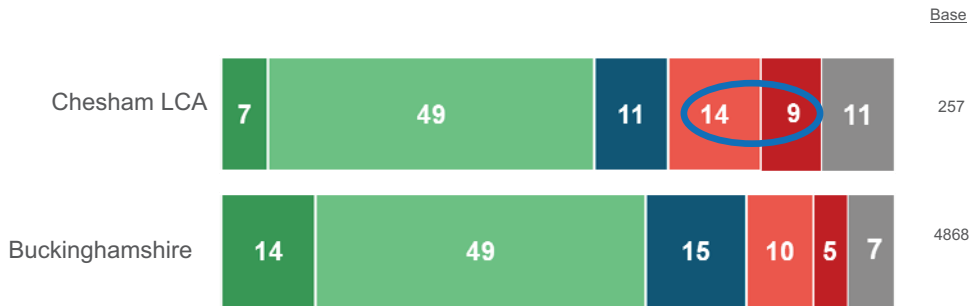


Access to shops and services

Q12 How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements...

People in my local area are able to access the shops and services that they need?

■ % Strongly agree ■ % Tend to agree ■ % Neither / nor ■ % Tend to disagree ■ % Strongly disagree
■ % Don't know



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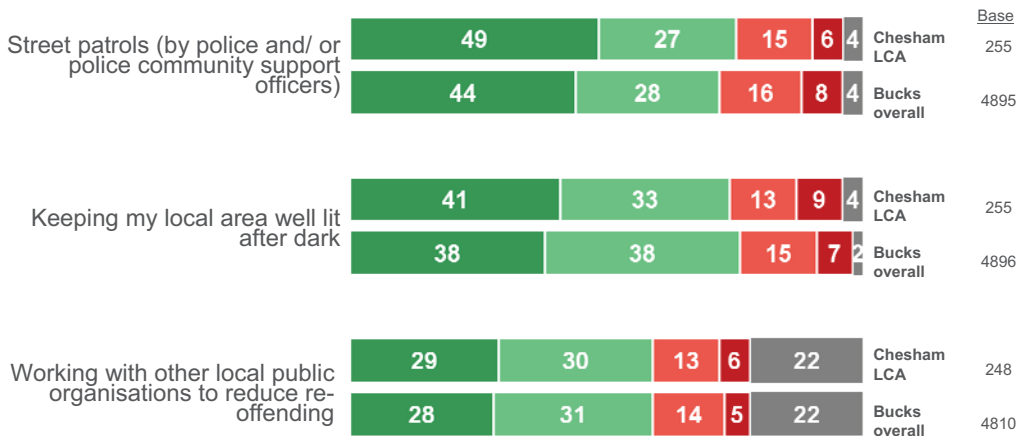
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Services to help people feel safe

Q11 To what extent, if at all, do the following services help people to make people feel safe?

■ % A great deal ■ % A fair amount ■ % Not very much ■ % Not at all ■ % Don't know



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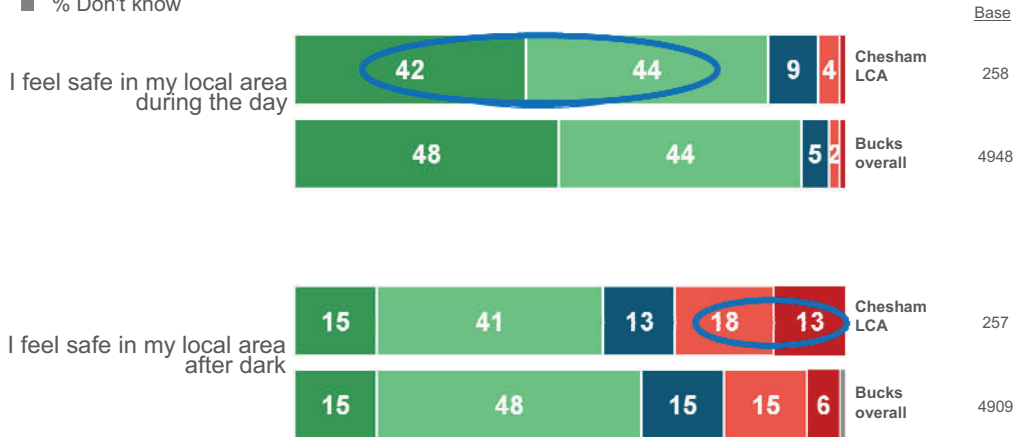
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Feeling safe

Q12 How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements...?

■ % Strongly agree
 ■ % Tend to agree
 ■ % Neither / nor
 ■ % Tend to disagree
 ■ % Strongly disagree
■ % Don't know



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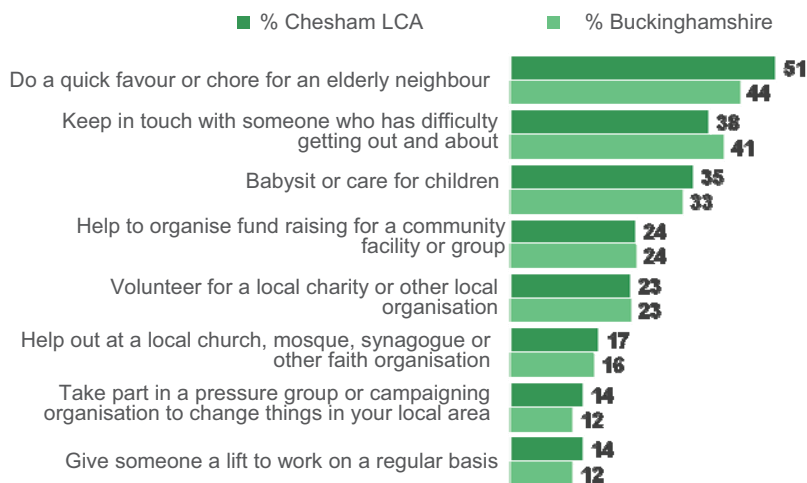
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Volunteering undertaken – top 8

Q16 In the past 12 months have you done any of the things listed below?



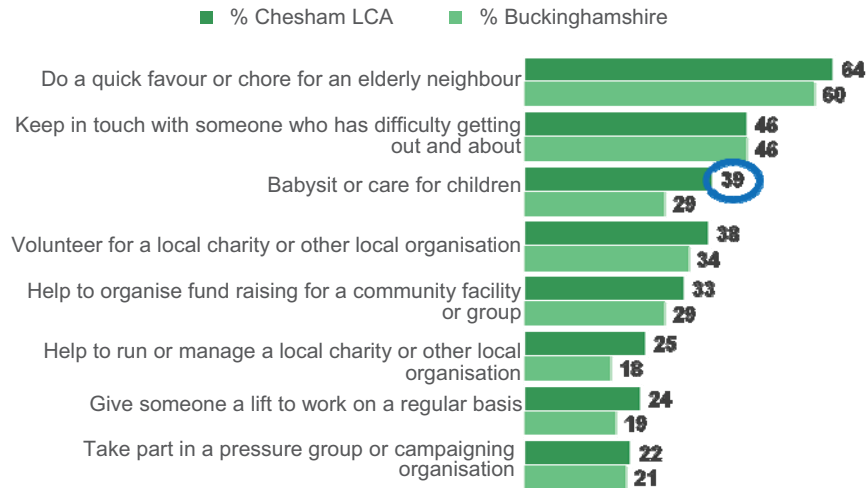
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Willingness to volunteer in future – top 8

Q17 And which of the following things, if any, would you be willing to do in the future to help others?

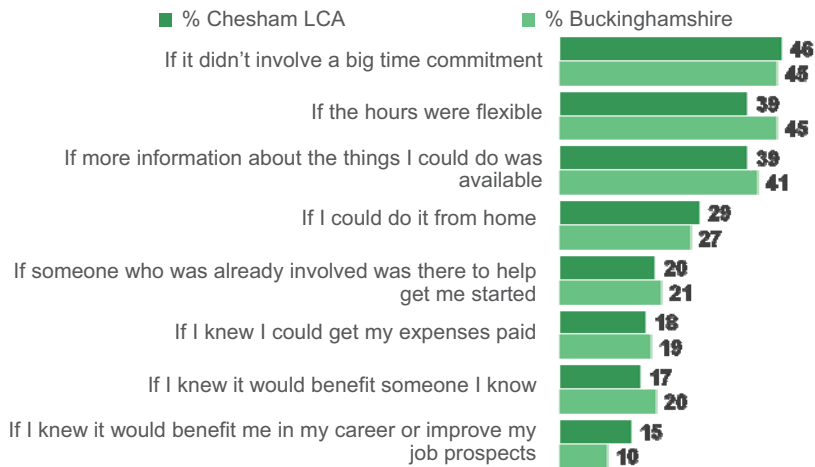


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Encouraging volunteering – top 8

Q19 Listed below are some things other people have said might encourage them to volunteer and get involved more in their local community. Which, if any, of these would encourage you to get involved in the future?



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