

ACTION NOTES

MEETING:	Chesham and Chiltern Villages Local Area Forum
DATE:	10 April 2013 7.30 pm to 9.45 pm
LOCATION:	Cholesbury Village Hall, Cholesbury Common, Bucks, HP23 6ND

Present:	Alan Bacon (Chiltern District Council - Asheridge Vale & Lowndes), 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), Joan Lherbier (Chartridge Parish Council), Keith Platt (Latimer Parish Council), Elizabeth Stacey (The Lee Parish Council), Roger Watts (Ashley Green Parish Council) and Fred Wilson (Chiltern District Council - Hilltop and Townsend)
In Attendance:	Jonathan Dickens, Tim Fowler, Christine Gardner, David Gardner, Simonetta Juniper, Martin Parkes and Helen Wailing
Apologies:	John Axon, Michael Brand, Zoe Dixon, Peter Hudson and Mark Shaw

Item	ISSUES RAISED
1	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE / CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP</p> <p>See above for apologies.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked Chris Brown for providing refreshments.</p> <p>The Chairman asked that the best wishes of the Local Area Forum be sent to Ann-Marie Davies (Transport for Buckinghamshire), who was on sick leave. The Chairman welcomed Tim Fowler (Transport for Buckinghamshire) to the meeting.</p>
2	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>
3	<p>ACTION NOTES</p> <p>The Minutes of the meeting held on 23 January 2013 were agreed and signed as a correct record, with the following amendment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Page 3, item 7 – title of <i>Ashley Green Parish Council</i> to be added above the second paragraph <p>Matters arising</p> <p><i>Page 1, Actions for Zoe Dixon</i> – these would be chased (responses are attached to Minutes).</p> <p><i>Page 1, Carrying budgets forward</i> – Christine Gardner (Localities and Communities Manager – Chiltern) reported that a reserve fund had been put together for any projects which had unforeseen delays. This fund was not for cases in which a Local Area Forum had not taken funding decisions soon enough. It was also not for use as a collection of underspends on various projects. Funds could be reserved over two years (e.g. for a large project) but the funding in the second year was not guaranteed.</p> <p><i>Page 2, Bank Holiday parking restrictions</i> – The Chairman had written to the Cabinet Member for</p>

Planning and Transport about parking restrictions on Bank Holidays. The Cabinet Member had said that parking attendants should be checking only major shopping areas and the routes to them on Bank Holidays.

Page 2, Hivings Hill - Nigel Spencer to be contacted – **Action: HW**

Page 3, Latimer Road – there had not been any progress on the vehicle activated sign (VAS). Latimer Parish Council had committed £1000 towards this, and Chenies Parish Council had done the same. Tim Fowler apologised on behalf of Transport for Buckinghamshire (TfB), and said that he would take this back as an issue. The Chairman said that he was very concerned about the lack of progress and said that this had been chased several times. A member of Latimer Parish Council noted that the original decision had been in regard to two VAS, and asked that TfB contact them to let them know what progress was being made – **Action: TF**

Page 3, Gritting of pavements – the Chairman said that this needed to be sorted out as most schools in the local areas were at the top of hills. **Action: TF**

Page 3, Snow clearing by farmers – Simon Dudley had responded to Chris Brown directly about the use of farmers for snow clearing (email attached to Minutes).

Tim Fowler told members that TfB carried out a review after every winter season. In some other areas of the County, Parish Councils carried out devolved services and this included gritting of pavements. Areas which were especially icy included Chartridge Lane, White Hill and the pavements around Heritage House. A member said that Nalders Road was also very icy. Members asked that the issues of gritting of pavements and use of farmers to clear the roads should be taken back. The TfB gritters did a great job but there were many minor roads which farmers could help to clear of snow. – **Action: TF**

4 QUESTION TIME

The Little Theatre

Mr Mike O'Toole and Mr Morgan were welcomed to the meeting. Mr O'Toole told members that he had been trying to get the name of the Theatre on signage in Chesham, and that 2013 was the 30th anniversary year of the Little Theatre. Chesham Town Council had been discussing signage but it had not been identified as a priority.

Tim Fowler (Transport for Buckinghamshire) said that he would be responding to Mr O'Toole directly by email. Use of signs on the highway was strictly regulated.

Martin Parkes (Chesham Chamber of Commerce) said that tourist signage was high on their agenda and that he would like to discuss this with Mr O'Toole.

Fred Wilson said that signage was now a priority for the Town Council.

Footpath spur

Mr Johnny Longbottom was welcomed to the meeting. Mr Longbottom said that there was a small spur of footpath (about 50 yards) which crossed across the back of his property, onto Waterside. A series of stone steps led up to the footpath. The path offered a slight shortcut but was very rarely used. The path had a six-foot stone wall on one side and also fencing, trees and bushes, and was very secluded. The path was being used by groups of people who went there to drink alcohol and smoke drugs. The debris from this ended up in Mr Longbottom's garden.

Mr Longbottom asked if the footpath spur could be closed. He said that he had spoken to Thames Valley Police and that they supported this suggestion.

The Chairman said that the footpath spur was an historical piece of footpath which no longer served a purpose.

	<p>Tim Fowler (Transport for Buckinghamshire) said that he would look into the suggestion. First there would need to be confirmation that the footpath formed part of the public highway, and was therefore the responsibility of Buckinghamshire County Council (BCC). There would be legal costs, and there would need to be a consultation process.</p> <p>Mr Longbottom said that he already had confirmation from BCC that it was a public footpath that fell under the responsibility of BCC.</p> <p>The Chairman noted that the steps on the footpath were crumbling, and said that the footpath could be diverted down Hospital Hill.</p> <p>Patricia Birchley said that she supported the suggestion to close the footpath and that it would save maintenance costs in the long-term.</p> <p>Chris Brown recommended that any proposed closure of a footpath should be discussed with the Chiltern Society, the Chesham Society and the Ramblers' Association. David Gardner said that he could assist Mr Longbottom in contacting community organisations.</p> <p>A member also suggested that there was a health and safety reason for closing the footpath, as the steps were crumbling.</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>PETITIONS</p> <p>There were no petitions.</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>TRANSPORT UPDATE</p> <p>Members received the report from Transport for Buckinghamshire (TfB).</p> <p>Winter Maintenance</p> <p>Tim Fowler said that the winter period ended in mid-April, and that it had been a very busy period. There had been 78 precautionary gritting runs, and 10 000 tons of salt had been used (12 500 tons were kept in storage every year).</p> <p>Tim Fowler said that he appreciated the comments members had made about gritting. TfB had tried to improve their communications, using twitter feeds and blogs. Members of the public could also follow and track the gritters on the TfB webpage.</p> <p>Tim Fowler also said that the priority roads agreed for capital works in the local area were available on the web: http://www.transportforbucks.net/Were-working-on-it.aspx</p> <p>Chris Brown said that he was pleased to see that the system of prioritising roads for maintenance was now working better. Chris Brown asked what order the five roads would be taken in. Tim Fowler said that his understanding was that the roads would be taken in order of priority (one to five), depending on cost.</p> <p>Jonathan Dickens (Local Area Technician) said that if two sites were next to each other but had different priorities, they would still be done together, to save money / time.</p> <p>Drainage and gullies</p> <p>The Chairman said that drainage was an issue. There was supposed to be an annual programme of gully-emptying, but no work on this had been observed for two years. A member noted that Chesham had its own Flood Plan.</p> <p>Tim Fowler said that the aim was to empty each gully once per year, but that some gullies needed more than this and some less. TfB concentrated on gully emptying on A, B and C roads and in flooding hot spots. A new programme was due to start within the next month. Tim Fowler said that he would find out how the Flood Plan fitted into this – Action: TF</p> <p>Patricia Birchley said that other roads needed gullies to be emptied, including Hivings Hill, Oak</p>

	<p>Lane and Red Lion Hill. She also said that three residents in Hyde Heath had reported seeing tarmac being put in gully holes.</p> <p>Alan Bacon said that residential road gullies needed to be emptied, but that parked cars were a problem. However even when cars were cleared, BCC did not empty some drains.</p> <p>Tim Fowler said that some roads needed special measures and lane closures. The programme had been redesigned to give scope to deal with roads needing special measures.</p> <p>The Chairman said that in the Flood Plan, it reported that water coming down from the hills was a problem.</p> <p>Chris Brown said that Ann-Marie Davies had encouraged Parish and Town Councils to think about taking responsibility for things like gully clearance, and asked if this was still an option. Tim Fowler said that the option for devolved functions was still there, but that the agreements which were currently in place had used up all the current funding available.</p> <p>Street Lighting</p> <p>Martin Parkes said that street lighting in Chesham High Street was an issue. The street lights opposite his shop had been out of action for over five months. It was a priority to develop the evening economy, and the lack of lighting made people feel less safe in the town centre. The issue was particularly bad where there were also trees.</p> <p>A member noted that the trees in Addison Road needed to be cleared.</p> <p>Speed limits</p> <p>Keith Platt referred to page 12 and the fact that BCC would not be paying for changes to 20mph speed limits. Tim Fowler said that it was up to Local Area Forum (LAF) members to agree funding for such requests. Keith Platt noted that there was not enough Local Area funding for this, and the Chairman said it was not a current LAF priority.</p> <p>Road Poster Policy</p> <p>Keith Platt also asked about the Road Poster policy. Tim Fowler said that legal approval needed to be sought, and that posters needed to be of a certain size.</p>
7	<p>TOWN / PARISH COUNCIL UPDATES</p> <p>This item was taken out of order due to timing at the meeting.</p> <p>The Lee Parish Council</p> <p>Elizabeth Stacey reported that 18-23 trees had been planted in the corner of the allotments. The ford had been repaired, using LAF funding of £600.</p> <p>The Lee Parish Council opposed High Speed 2, and either wanted it to be cancelled, or for more tunnelling to be incorporated into the proposed line.</p>
8	<p>INFORMATION SLOT (GUEST SPEAKERS)</p> <p>Community Links Officers (CLOs)</p> <p>Simonetta Juniper, Community Links Officer (CLO), was welcomed to the meeting.</p> <p>Simonetta Juniper took members through some slides (attached).</p> <p>Patricia Birchley said that 'Prevention Matters' was a very important project for the County Council and that £4m would be invested over the next three years.</p> <p>Prevention Matters was aimed at people on the 'cusp' of social care services.</p>

Simonetta Juniper said that she had a background in prevention, and working with vulnerable, isolated people. Isolation could occur for a number of reasons, such as bereavement.

The Chairman said that there was now a Community Practice Worker (CPW) attached to a GP surgery in Chesham. The Chairman also said that there was a new GP surgery which would be renting out rooms at no cost.

Chris Brown said that as Cholesbury was on the edge of the Chiltern District, residents often looked to Hertfordshire for their healthcare and other services. Chris Brown asked how the CLO would pick up on people who lived in rural areas. Simonetta Juniper said that it was hoped that they could communicate with services in Hertfordshire. CLOs worked on health boundaries (Clinical Commissioning Group boundaries), and were funded by health funding.

Chris Brown asked how brokers could link in with 'Prevention Matters.' Simonetta Juniper said that brokers worked with a different group of people. Brokers supported people who were eligible for social care services. CLOs worked with people not yet eligible for social care services.

Patricia Birchley said that the Chesham Community Wellbeing Project fitted well with 'Prevention Matters.'

Simonetta Juniper said that referral to the CPW was currently done through GPs. It was hoped that the referral system could be widened.

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(works at Chiltern District Council Wednesday and Thursday).

9 LOCAL AREA FORUM BUDGETS

Members received the report of Phil Dart, Service Director for Localities and Safer Communities.

Christine Gardner, Localities and Communities Manager, took members through the report and said the following:

- This was an annual report, describing the arrangements for delegated funding in 2013-14.
- The amount allocated to the Chesham and Chiltern Villages Local Area Forum (LAF) was the same as the total amount allocated in the previous year (£54 584).
- The criteria for funding applications were described on page 50.
- Proposals with match-funding would be prioritised. Proposals also needed to meet at least one of the LAF's agreed priorities.
- LAF funding could not be used to fund activities which were the primary responsibility of another body.
- Projects must finish within the financial year.
- Allocation of budgets should be done as early in the financial year as possible, to give a longer time for implementation.
- Invoice and receipts would be needed before money was paid out.
- If a project timescale was slipping, the funding could be used elsewhere in the local area if the slippage was reported early on.
- Page 53 showed the list of applications which had been agreed in the previous financial year under the Local Priorities Budget.
- Every October the Service Director (in consultation with the LAF Chairman) would take a view on the likelihood of unallocated and unspent monies being spent within the financial year.

- Parish and Town Councils could appoint an external contractor for delivery of transport schemes. However TfB approval was required for any scheme on the public highway.

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APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING FROM THE LOCAL PRIORITIES BUDGET 2013-14

Members received the report of Phil Dart, Head of Localities and Safer Communities.

Christine Gardner took members through the report, and said the following:

- The report outlined all the applications received for 2013-14.
- Due to some projects already having been funded in the current financial year, there was £49 084 funding remaining to be allocated.
- A separate document was circulated showing the costings for transport / highways proposals.

The Chairman said that it was unfortunate that the transport / highways costings had been submitted at such a late stage.

Martin Parkes said that a representative from Chesham Town Council was needed for the Chesham Community Hub project. Chiltern District Council was supporting this. The Elgiva Board was also providing funding. The Chesham Community Hub project had significant links with the 'U Project.'

Christine Gardner said that the Chesham Youth Summer Project would target young people in deprived areas.

Christine Gardner said that the Cricket Project in Cholesbury had attendance from young people from the wider area, including young people from Chesham.

Chris Brown referred to the Community Transport Project (Dial-a-ride) and said that there were 5000 residents in the LAF area who were aged over 65. Helen Petty was working to revitalise Dial-a-ride services, and her work included this Community Transport Project. Dial-a-ride would be piloting a new specially-adapted vehicle. They also aimed to link with local businesses.

Chris Brown said that Martin Parkes was very supportive of the Community Transport Project. The proposal for funding was coming to the LAF so that local Parish / Town needs could be identified. Qualitative data was needed from individuals both before and after the Project. Funding received would also be used to train drivers. Martin Parkes added that Dial-a-ride drivers were allowed to drop people off in the High Street in Chesham.

Old Sax Lane - a member noted that resurfacing was a function of Transport for Buckinghamshire, and that therefore the Local Area Forum should not be funding this. The Chairman agreed that in the future these types of schemes should not be allowed.

Patricia Birchley noted that the resurfacing in Buslins Lane was critical as an ambulance had refused to use the road recently, when a very ill man needed assistance. However the Lane had not been listed as a priority for resurfacing by members.

Moveable VAS - following discussion it was agreed that the application from Chesham Town Council be amended to be on behalf of all members of the LAF. Chesham Town Council would make the purchase and be the "custodian" for the MVAS which would be made available to all Parishes within the LAF area. The cost of the MVAS would be covered by reducing the allocations to two of the other projects discussed at the meeting.

Members of the Chesham and Chiltern Villages Local Area Forum:

- 1) Agreed that funding from the Local Priorities budget be allocated to the projects listed below for the amounts stated:**

Project	Amount requested.	Amount agreed
"Better" Chesham community activities for all (*)	5386	4043
Chesham Community Hub - ChAP	3000	3000
Chartridge PC. Resurfacing at the top of Old Sax Lane. Pot holes are significant and on the increase. Agreed last year that we would fund this project this year. TfB score 2.3	18500	18500
Chartridge PC. Resurfacing of the upper part of Buslins Lane - pot holes are significant to the point of damaging to vehicles. TfB score 2.3.	16500	0
Chartridge PC. Resurfacing of the footpath in Chartridge between The Bell and Westdean Lane - the surface is very poor, making safe use by small children on cycles and push chairs an issue	40600	0
Chesham TC. Parking Review (1 st priority)	5357.26	5357
Chesham TC. Moveable VAS (2 nd priority)	1800	1800
Chesham TC. Grasscreting Blackhorse Avenue, Waterside (3 rd priority) TfB Score 2.3	4000	0
Chesham TC. Skatepark Lowndes Park	5000	5000
Cholesbury PC. Conservation work to rescue the surface at the Pound Lane end of the right of way known variously as Berkhamsted Lane/Parsonage Lane/Hill Farm Road. It runs from Pound Lane to opposite Hog Lane on the Wiggington/Chesham road. The lower end of this lane has been extremely badly damaged by traffic water erosion over the last few years and is very difficult to traverse.	27000	0
Cholesbury PC. Kerbing the grass triangle at Nut Hazel Cross to prevent further deterioration. TfB score 1.9	3000	2500
Community Transport Project with Dial-a-Ride	2000	1741
Directory for Older People - CDC	500	500
Chesham Youth Summer Project – CDC (*)	2000	1543
Asheridge Vale Family Fun Day - CDC	300	300
Rafe's Place Summer festival	4300	4300
Cholesbury cricket activities and facilities	500	500
Total	139743.26	49 084

11	LOCAL PRIORITIES UPDATE Fred Wilson said that he would provide an update on Visitor Economy at the next meeting.
12	DATE OF NEXT MEETING 10 July 2013, 7:30pm, venue tbc AOB Thanks The Chairman thanked all the members of the Local Area Forum (LAF) and the officers involved in moving the LAF forwards (Christine Gardner and Helen Wailling). The Chairman also thanked Jonathan Dickens for his work and support, as well as thanking Tim Fowler. Chris Brown said that the LAF had become more productive and that this was down to the Chairman and his team. CHAP (Chesham Action Partnership) Evening Martin Parkes said that CHAP would be holding a networking evening on 23 April at 6pm for local voluntary groups. The meeting would be held in Chesham Town Hall and refreshments would be provided. Martin Parkes encouraged people to attend this.

Matters arising from the Minutes – actions for Zoe Dixon

Members said that they did not agree with the current financial convention of not carrying forward delegated budgets from one year to the next. Zoe Dixon said that she would take this back – Action: ZD.

Response

The following has been proposed:

For the permanent reserve provision - for Local Priorities approved schemes where:

- a. A scheme remains viable but, despite best planning, has stalled and is unable to complete within the financial year. Examples are delays in assembling the complete funding package, difficulties in finding a contractor to complete within planned time scales or where bad weather extended outdoor building works.
- b. A Local Area Forum (LAF) wishes to assemble funding for a scheme over a number of years, either because the scheme value is beyond its funding capability in any one year or to deploy its entire annual funding on one scheme would significantly restrict other activity.
- c. A LAF wishes to provide revenue funding for a scheme that will span several years out of its current annual budget.

Additional criteria for the management of the reserve will be:

- Funding will only be transferred to the reserve when a clear plan and commitment to incur the expenditure can be evidenced through clearly agreed minutes from the LAF meeting or Service Director (or Locality Services Manager as delegated by the Service Director) decision.
- Where funding is then not fully required as planned, it will be returned to the corporate pot.
- For stalled projects, the activity associated within the “slipped expenditure” must complete within the subsequent financial year i.e. it will not be used as a mechanism to allow stalled projects to stall indefinitely, and will only be released for the purpose agreed in the LAF minutes or Service Director (or Locality Services Manager as delegated by the Service Director) decision.
- For the categories 1 b and c above:
 - o a minimum threshold of 50% of the LAF’s annual revenue budget will apply
 - o applications for the reserve should be made by August 1st of the fiscal year that the budget relates to, excepting the case of unexpected slippage due to weather at the end of the year.

The reserve will not be used to carry forward budget accruing from miscellaneous under spends or failure to allocate budget in good time.

The Chairman also referred to the scheme by Virgin Media to provide superfast fibre-optic broadband. There had been a delay caused by Transport for Buckinghamshire, but Ann-Marie Davies said that this was no longer the case... The scheme was supported by the Leader of the County Council and by the Cabinet Member for Planning and Transportation. Zoe Dixon said that she would take this forward – Action: ZD

Response

I understand that Virgin Media (VM) have been taken over by a large US media company so am waiting for an update from Nigel Sims.

Previously, Nigel reported that VM were interested in pursuing 3 very different projects, all of benefit to residents, of immediate interest and to support economic growth:

1) The Virgin Media Pioneer project.

Aimed at 16 - 25 yr olds. Initially a NEETS (young People **N**ot in **E**mployment, **E**ducation or **T**raining) project but will be wider. Aimed at encouraging high tech / internet based entrepreneurship; basically helping young people to get going in new Start Up businesses. When I informed VM that there are 120 NEETS in Chesham they said they may go for a target such as getting 10% to start a business with VM support.

2) Telehealth. A major area of interest for VM for 2013. This fits with our view that this sector could be a growth sector for Bucks economy. Nigel was to put VM in touch with NHS.

3) Helping existing Chesham businesses.

3 a) VM already have high speed infrastructure running through Chesham high street. Idea number 1 is to "give" high street businesses "free" modem/hardware to enable them to offer free wifi to customers, an early idea of VM is to see how much of the high street they could then turn into a free wifi area.

3b) Offer free assistance to Chesham businesses to create decent 21st century web sites, especially those businesses with no current web presence. (VM may be interested in tying in schools or further education students into this strand). Nigel will act as the point of contact with VM taking this forward (with Bucks Business First).

- Nigel had discussed the previous 2012 project regarding wifi and the necessary access to street furniture (a Chiltern District Council and Buckinghamshire County Council issue). VM pointed out that had this gone ahead it would have only have been a trial period - maximum 12 months. The trials in Bristol and Newcastle lasted 4 weeks.
- VM advised that in the near future late 2013 and 2014 there are likely to be many issues regarding 4G and requests for access to street furniture, from many companies. (Nigel will brief Sean Rooney). VM now have the correct names for point of contact for any future issues to come to Buckinghamshire County Council and Chiltern District Council.

A member said that the LAF would need to decide whether they wanted to fund one or two large projects or many smaller projects. Zoe Dixon said that the advantage of bigger projects was that they gave the opportunity for match funding. Zoe Dixon said that she would provide a list of match funding available – Action: ZD

Response

I spoke with Jim Sims from Ngage about possible EU and other funding opportunities and he suggested that we access the following databases to search for specific areas:

[http://www.grantnet.org.uk/index.html?portal=Buckinghamshire County Council](http://www.grantnet.org.uk/index.html?portal=Buckinghamshire%20County%20Council)

['http://www.fundingcentral.org.uk/Default.aspx'](http://www.fundingcentral.org.uk/Default.aspx)

From: Dudley, Simon
Sent: 08 April 2013 16:30
To: Birchley, Patricia; Chris Brown; Wailling, Helen
Cc: Dickens, Jonathan; Fowler, Tim; Brown, Noel
Subject: RE: Chesham and Chiltern Villages Local Area Forum

All, thank you for the comments received.

The issue of farmers ploughs will be reviewed during the summer, with the following expected outcomes.

During the summer a number of Buckscc front line ploughs will be replaced. These ploughs will then be refurbished, and supplied to farmers that have signed up to the agreement that is currently in place, on a first come first served basis. Please bear in mind that out of 14 farmers/contractors that expressed an interest in carrying out this part of the service across the Chilterns and north of the county, only 9 have so far signed up to an agreement with Buckscc. There will be more promotional work carried out as we approach the new season once we have an idea on the number of available ploughs,(expected to be up to 10No), a few of which are already allocated. Any farmer/contractor employed by Buckscc will be given a set route to plough that fits in with our primary and precautionary salting routes, and will not be used until the snowfall exceeds 50mm, and when our own resources cannot cope with the prevailing weather conditions.

A significant number of schools are on primary salting routes so I do not believe that any direct correlation can be made between school closures and farmers snow ploughs. Other factors such as weather conditions, staff and pupil travel distances etc also had an impact. There are meetings arranged to look at operational issues during the early part of May, and I will be bringing this issue forward.

Regards

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Community Links Officers: Our Role in the Community

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THE PREVENTATIVE MODEL: Why is it needed?

Main drivers

- Ageing population
- Reduced budgets
- Changes in the social fabric of communities

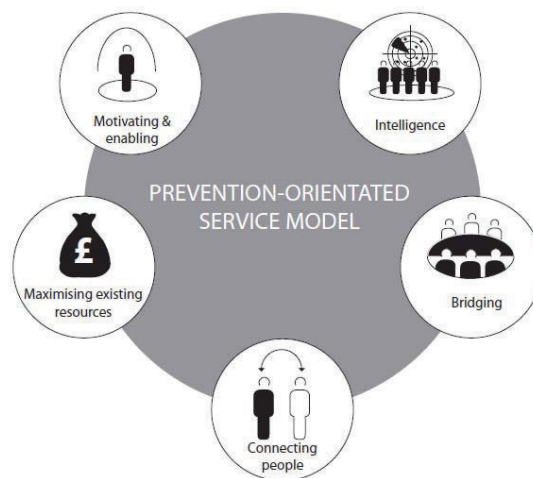
“The options are to raise the eligibility threshold significantly or develop a more sustainable model with a greater emphasis on prevention, independence and resilience.”

Key areas for Maximum Impact

- Reduce isolation and increase social networks
- Increase quantity, value and experience of volunteering
- Ensure appropriate housing
- Increase access to services, support, networks
- Increase low-level support

“The greatest impact will be achieved by keeping those with low to moderate needs independent and healthy for longer and by supporting those with substantial needs to regain their independence.”

Key principles



The new system has 4 elements:



1.
Community Links Officer



2:
Community Practice Worker

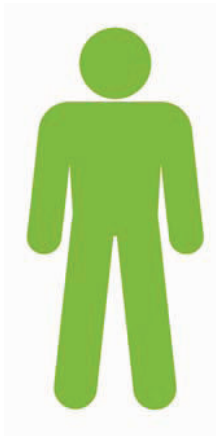


3:
Intelligence Hub



4:
Volunteer Hub

Community Links Officer



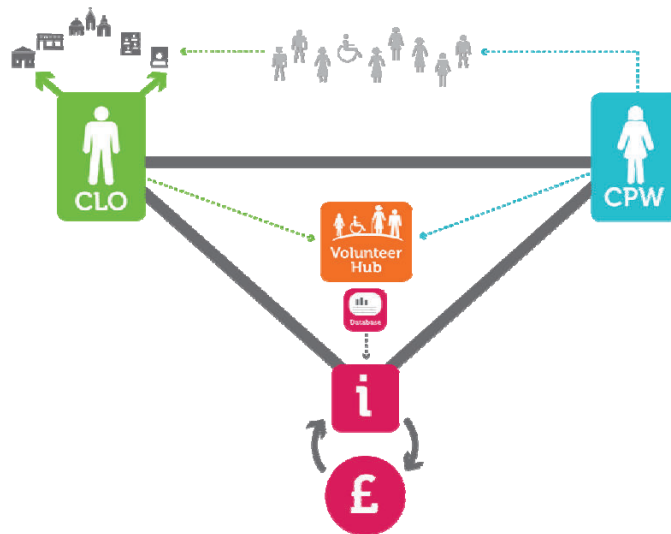
- Based in the community and linked up to community organisations
- Collecting and analysing data on the availability and effectiveness of groups and activities in the locality
- Informing commissioning and grant provision
- Local knowledge hub for Community Practice Workers
- Convening meetings and events for professionals and community groups
- Developing and facilitating groups and activities including increased volunteering opportunities
- Promoting the prevention agenda

Community Links Officer

Based in the community and linked up to community organisations. Aligned with district councils



How do the 4 elements fit together?



PREVENTION

MATTERS

Building community capacity for prevention and early intervention services in Buckinghamshire

Localities and CLO contact details

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Paul Hartnell

Map of GP practice and Localities within NHS Buckinghamshire (April 2012)

