

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Annual update 2018



This annual update highlights our achievements against the three strategic aims: safeguarding our vulnerable; creating opportunities and building self-reliance; and ensuring Buckinghamshire is thriving and attractive.

We have a long history of managing within our resources, despite ongoing financial challenges. Central government financial support has fallen from £60.8M in 2013/14 to £0 this financial year. However, thanks to our robust planning, scrutiny processes and prudent approach to managing the financial risks, we continue to balance our budgets. We have focused on efficient and effective services, concentrating service transformation in the vital and important areas of children's and adult services, with a focus on improving outcomes as well as meeting rising demand, ensuring we continue to improve services whilst delivering savings.

Partnerships remain a critical focus for us. We have strengthened our relationships with the voluntary sector through a strategic working group ensuring an integrated approach to tackling some of the key challenges facing the county over the next 20 years. Hosting 'big tent' events on health and social care, Brexit and Prevent has helped share understanding and develop collaborative solutions with a wide range of local partners and stakeholders. In June 2017, Buckinghamshire became one of the first wave of innovative integrated care systems in the country working with partners in health to join up services to deliver better outcomes for residents.

Whilst we are disappointed with the outcome of the Ofsted inspection for children's social care services, we recognise the commitment and dedication of our staff in Children's Services who were praised in the inspection. We will work closely with the DfE appointed Commissioner and we are absolutely committed to transform and improve our services to better support and help children in Buckinghamshire.

Following a particularly harsh winter, our roads have suffered the consequences. We've spent over £120M on roads over the past seven years and we will be investing another £20M in the county's roads in 2018/19. We have also welcomed the additional funding from government to tackle potholes but know this, like children's services and social care, must continue to be a priority for us.

Looking ahead we are hoping the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government will confirm his decision to replace the existing five councils with a single new council for Buckinghamshire. If it proceeds, this new council will combine the best of the County and Districts and will be simpler, better value and closer to residents, communities and businesses. A new council will deliver at least £18.2M in savings every year, ensuring more money is available to continue to deliver great services to our residents.

I would like to thank all our staff and partners for the incredible work they have done over the past year.

Martin Tett
Leader of Buckinghamshire County Council



capital to be spent on schools, roads, flood protection and more in 2018/19



efficiency savings made over the last five years



Over
£250m

secured for infrastructure investment



Approximately
£75m

projected income for 2018/19

SAFEGUARDING OUR VULNERABLE



SOME OF OUR KEY ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2017/18



More than

7,500

vulnerable/older people supported to stay in their own homes with assistive technology



29 local projects supporting vulnerable older people



94

care homes rated good or outstanding by Care Quality Commission

300+

 new Dementia Friends

100+

 people given dementia training

Buckinghamshire's Youth Offending Service (YOS) was awarded prestigious '**Quality Lead**' status for its success in helping those with special educational needs and disabilities, who end up in the youth justice system, to turn their lives around.



2017 Alzheimer's Society Dementia Friendly Awards **Dementia Partnership of the Year** with Buckinghamshire CCG



Awarded **fostering friendly employer** status



8,125

Adult Social Care clients



10,102

referrals to Children's Social Care

CREATING OPPORTUNITIES AND BUILDING SELF-RELIANCE



SOME OF OUR KEY ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2017/18



94%

of schools rated good or outstanding by Ofsted (compared to 89% nationally)



91%

of parents offered their first choice of primary school for their child

115,929

computer sessions in our libraries (first hour free)



99.5%

customer satisfaction with registrars services



5,114

new babies registered



2,810

people getting more active through Active Bucks



13,600

adults and children safely transported to day centres, schools and other care establishments



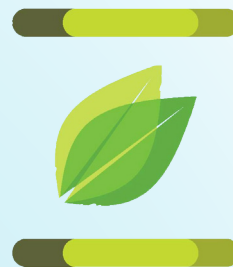
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unemployed, disadvantaged residents given intensive support

94

have secured employment, education or training to date

ENSURING BUCKINGHAMSHIRE IS THRIVING AND ATTRACTIVE



SOME OF OUR KEY ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2017/18



3,300km

of public rights of way maintained

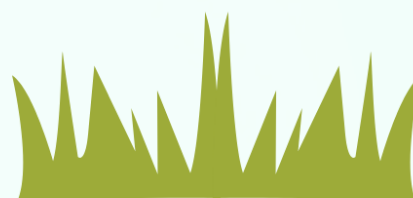
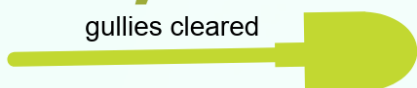


30,000+

potholes and other highway defects repaired

35,823

gullies cleared



20,761,160

sq metres of urban grass cut



2m

visits to our tips
99% customer satisfaction



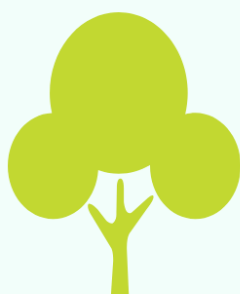
Approximately

148,470km

of road gritted



convictions for fly-tipping



1m+

country parks visitors
95% customer satisfaction



homes and business properties protected from flooding