

Appendix 1: Contributions by Buckinghamshire County Council for 'Healthy Places, Healthy Futures, Growing Great Communities'

<p>Community Life The communities we live and work in profoundly affect our wellbeing. Actions to strengthen communities, increase social connections and social cohesion, give local people more say in services, increase volunteering, reduce social isolation and protect vulnerable people all of which improve health and wellbeing.</p>	
Portfolio	Actions
<p>Planning and Environment/ Transportation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteering opportunities are available across Transport, Economy and Environment to support community links in Bucks. These include : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Assisting the Rights of Way team with management and maintenance of the Rights of Way network, with advice provided by the Buckinghamshire Local Access Forum. ○ Gathering information and reports to ensure the Environment team have up to date records regarding local wildlife and heritage ○ The Simply Walks programme, which provides volunteer led walks to over 700 walkers every week on more than 80 walks across the County. ○ Working as part of the Natural Environment Partnership (NEP), we have also pulled together a volunteering directory for those looking to get involved in conservation in their area. ○ Conservation volunteering at the Country Parks e.g. Heathland management, coppice management • BCC works in partnership with the District Council and Local Enterprise Partnerships on the Aylesbury Garden Town initiative. This aims to deliver a well-planned and sustainable environment for communities in Aylesbury while providing for future growth. The masterplan for AGT is due in June 2019.
<p>Children's Services/ Education and Skills</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Bucks School Linking Network facilitates twinning locally between schools in different contexts. This encourages conversations and connections between young people of different backgrounds. It supports young people and adults to understand each other better, strengthens community cohesion and promotes British Values. • Bucks Model United Nations events engage students in debating world affairs and deepen understanding of diversity, equality and community. • Links with a range of community organisations across Bucks who engage with the Council on education issues regarding achievement and attainment of vulnerable • The Community Consultative Group has worked to increase the number of School Governors from under-represented groups in the community. • 15 youth centres have been leased on a nominal rent to community run management committees. • Youth Service programmes that focus on building on young people's strengths and promote factors to help young people cope with adversity and challenge, particularly social isolation. • Youth Service approaches to co-designing services with children and young people including children and young people in care and with special educational needs and disability. These include We Do Care council for children and young people, SEND Youth Forum for young people with varying levels of SEND and Young People's Interview Panels. • The Council's Gypsy and Traveller Liaison works to build community cohesion. • The Council is currently revising its Integrated Carers Strategy which

	<p>will include information for young and adult carers to reduce their isolation and support their health and wellbeing.</p>
<p>Adult Social Care, Health and Wellbeing, Community Engagement and Public Health</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementing the Adult Social Care 'strength based approach' to social care practice which utilises the support that families and the local community can offer. This includes support for carers and support is provided through Carers Bucks. • ASC is expanding its Shared Lives offer through which local people provide respite support for people with social care needs. • Working with partners, including the Charitable & Communities Sector, to create a shared approach to prevention and strengthening communities. • Street Associations focus on building community resilience by supporting residents to keep their neighbours safe and well. • Developing a Community Assets Digital Tool to make information on over 2,000 local community resources available to the public and professionals • Community appraisal workshops to identify their community's strengths and assets. • Developing a cultural strategy that addresses health and wellbeing and social isolation • The East Wycombe Community Organising programme works involves local communities identifying priorities and actions that they can take to promote health and wellbeing in their area. • Walton Court and Southcourt Healthy Living Centre community engagement work ensures programmes reflect the needs of the community • Local Area Forums have developed a wide range of projects which are community based and both engage and strengthen communities. These include mental health outreach, Buckingham Activities Group, Men in Sheds, Marsh Gibbon Mobile Skate Park amongst many others.
<p>Resources</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Customer Service Centre supports all the key areas by dealing with community queries by assisting and signposting to the relevant areas. • Using research with users to understand how people with different needs or abilities interact with services to inform decisions about how we design all aspects of our services (face to face, post, telephone and online) • Undertaking communication campaigns to ensure local communities are well informed about issues which can impact on their health and wellbeing including topics such as Time to Change, working with Trading Standards on scams, preparation for flooding, promoting green spaces and improving health for people with learning difficulties and autism

<p>Healthy Homes Living in an affordable and good quality home is fundamental to people's physical and mental health and wellbeing and can reduce demand on services</p>	
<p>Portfolio</p>	<p>Actions</p>
<p>Adult Social Care, Health and Wellbeing, Community Engagement and Public Health</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult Social Care are working with partners to develop and utilise a range of options to maintain independence such as extra care, shared live and assistive technology • Adult Social Care Market Position Statement for Housing and Accommodation Solutions is under development • BCC has a new duty to refer those at risk of homelessness which came in through the Homelessness Reduction Act 2017. ASC is working to ensure all staff are aware of the duty and is working with the Districts on implementing this duty.

Healthy Travel

Active travel, such as walking and cycling improves our health by promoting physical activity. It also delivers other benefits such as reducing air and noise pollution and increasing social connections

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Planning and Environment / Transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rights of Way Team manage, maintain and promote the 3324km of Rights of Way Network across Buckinghamshire. An interactive 'Buckinghamshire Walks and Rides' map is available • BCC are one of 10 local authorities working in partnership with Modeshift and Cycling UK on the Living Streets project to encourage active travel to schools and workplaces as well as route audits and travel planning. Fifty-one schools in Bucks have been awarded Modeshift Stars for their school travel plans (37 bronze, 8 silver, 6 gold) • Walking Zone Maps are available to schools to create 5/10/15 minute walking zones around their schools. The maps, showing walking and cycling routes, will help to encourage more families to actively travel to school (<i>This is cross portfolio with Education and Skills and Community Engagement and Public Health</i>) • The Transport Strategy team works with developers to develop travel plans for new developments • 10km of cycleway has been delivered between Winslow and Buckingham to promote healthy and active travel. The next (current) stage is to extend this cycleway into Buckingham Town Centre. • Construction of a cycleway in Taplow is expected to start in early 2019 and there are HS2 assurances on a Stoke Mandeville Cycleway and extending the network in Wendover by 2022. • Transport Strategy colleagues are working with HS2 to adapt their schemes and plans to incorporate more cycling opportunities to align with the county's cycling aspirations. • Continuing to look for more opportunities active and sustainable travel through footpaths and cycleways around the county. Aspirations include: Thame - Haddenham Station – Aylesbury, High Wycombe – Bourne End, National Cycleway Scheme following the HS2 corridor north to south. These are currently being progressed to the feasibility stage with a view to seek funding for their implementation. The feasibility studies of new cycle facilities will be due in mid-2019. • The canal improvement delivered, in partnership with the Canal and River Trust, between the Arla site and Aylesbury town centre; there is an aspiration for upgrade of the canal between Aylesbury, Tring and Wendover which would provide further active travel opportunities. • Investigating the causes of road traffic collisions on Buckinghamshire County Council's roads and taking measures to prevent them. • There are a number of schemes to instil road safety and active travel principles in children from a young age with a number of schemes such as the Junior Road Safety Officer scheme. • Travel Assistance guidance has been drafted and being incorporated into Council-wide policy development (<i>This is cross portfolio with Children's Services, Health and Wellbeing</i>)
Children's Services / Education and Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Footsteps is a practical pedestrian training scheme for young children which develops awareness of roads and road safety. (<i>Cross portfolio with TEE</i>) • Bikeability is a cycle training scheme. These modules will be delivered via schools until 2020. (<i>Cross portfolio with TEE</i>) • 55 School crossing Patroller sites helping children and their

	<p>parents/carers to cross busy roads on their journeys to and from school. The Patrollers actively engage with schools and pupils to encourage walking to school. (<i>Cross portfolio with TEE</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ‘Healthy Movers’ programme. Healthy Movers is a holistic approach to building the knowledge, skills and understanding of families and early years practitioners to promote physical activity and the benefits associated with this. E.g. walking instead of using a buggy and making use of green spaces in their community
Adult Social Care, Health and Wellbeing, Community Engagement and Public Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ASC Transformation programme includes a work stream to review transport options and support maximum independent travel. This includes maximising local community assets. • ASC has Travel Assistance guidance that is being incorporated into council-wide policy development.

Air and Noise Pollution (Healthy Travel will also contribute to this key area)	
Air and noise pollution have a range of harmful effects on health the very young, very old and those with poor health are most likely to be negatively affected by pollution.	
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Planning and Environment / Transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An Office for Low Emission Vehicles funded project to deploy 27 car charging points in Buckinghamshire for residents who don't have access to charging points at home • Local Transport Plan 4 encourages active and sustainable travel for appropriate journeys e.g. Bucks Commute Smart, expansion of the cycle network. • BCC is currently preparing an Low Emission Strategy to set out its approach to air quality. • One of the key objectives of the recently adopted Freight Strategy is to protect the environment and minimise pollution. • The Integrated Transport team has started a campaign to get bus drivers to turn off their engines in Aylesbury bus station. This is supported by improved signage and information to support drivers. • Major new infrastructure proposals such as the Oxford-Cambridge Expressway are expected to increase car use. BCC will aim to secure funding to mitigate any adverse impacts of these schemes, where possible. • Monitoring environmental measures in relation to all Local Growth Fund schemes. This includes noise and vibration, traffic counts and speed surveys, as well as air quality monitoring and lighting. The surveys are undertaken pre and post scheme implementation to evaluate the effectiveness of the schemes. These schemes include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Eastern Link Road and South East Aylesbury Link Road to be delivered by end of 2021. ○ Wycombe Town Centre Masterplan is currently ongoing and is taking into consideration the historic street patterns and buildings to develop usable active travel routes. • The HS2 Road Safety Fund will soon be launched to provide communities and parishes the opportunity to apply to fund road safety related schemes such as cycleways and footpaths. • The ‘Getting to School Strategy’ fulfils the council’s duty to produce a Sustainable Modes of Travel Strategy (SMoTS) as outlined in the Education and Inspections Act 2006. This was adopted in August 2018. It sets out the benefits to air quality of fewer people driving their children to school and the benefits of active travel such as walking and cycling. • Work will consider how digital connectivity that may reduce some travel and the potential of increased teleworking
Adult Social Care,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Health led on and co-ordinated a countywide multi-agency

Health and Wellbeing, Community Engagement and Public Health	workshop on air quality. The workshop identified a number of key actions and these will now be progressed by the Air Quality Management Group.
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Green Spaces and Natural Environment
 Contact with the natural environment is vital for physical and mental health and wellbeing at all ages. Exposure to green spaces reduces stress and depression, and every 10% increase in green space is associated with a reduction in disease equivalent to 5 years of life gained.

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Planning and Environment /Transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Within Buckinghamshire there are four Country Parks (Black Park, Langley Park, Denham and Thorney). These provide 800 acres of green space for the public and manage activities such as Park Run, children’s play areas and bike hire. There were 1 million visitors in 2017/18. • The Country Parks team are looking into a proposal for indoor play facilities. This would mean that active play opportunities would be available year round at Black Park. • Pursuing a net environmental gain principle in local plans i.e. all developments need to demonstrate a net environmental gain. • A countywide biodiversity accounting system is being developed and will involve improvements to local green infrastructure as part of new developments. Developers are now recognising the benefit of this in proactively designing green infrastructure into developments from the start. • Three panels (Calvert Area, Colne Valley and Chilterns AONB) have been set up, in relation to HS2, which have funding for environmental mitigation projects (£1m, £3m and £3m). • New Green Infrastructure standards are being developed under the DEFRA 25 Year Environment Plan which focuses on connecting people with the environment to improve health and wellbeing.
Children’s Services / Education and Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ALF - through the various activities that are provided by the 3 centres in the Charity develop an appreciation of the natural environment is promoted and skills are developed through activities to enable young people to be aware of green spaces and the beneficial impact these can have on their lives.

Healthy Food Environment
 The quality and quantity of the food and drink that we consume are important contributors to our health. A poor diet increases the risk of becoming overweight, developing diabetes, heart disease, stroke, some types of cancer and dementia.

Portfolio	Actions
Planning and Environment / Transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Fighting Food Waste Project is run by the Buckinghamshire Waste Partnership. It aims to reduce food waste across Bucks and recycle what is left. It has delivered a 12% increase in food collected for recycling since October 2017. • Let’s Cook project to train local community groups to deliver healthy eating workshops in Buckinghamshire. • The San Remo Café at Black Park offers healthy food options and is accredited with a Gold Award as part of the ‘Eat Out, Eat Well’ scheme.
Children’s Services / Education and Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During 2017-18 training has been delivered to early years practitioners to support them with promoting healthy eating within their setting and to encourage children and their families to eat healthily (<i>cross portfolio with Community Engagement and Public Health</i>).

Wider planning and environmental issues

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Planning and Environment / Transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Working in partnership with the District Council and Local Enterprise Partnerships on the Aylesbury Garden Town initiative.• Working in partnership with Chilterns Conservation Board as part of their management plan to enhance access to recreational purposes• The BCC HS2 team are providing support to a number of projects who are looking to submit bids to the HS2 Ltd Community & Environment Fund. These include: Wendover Community Library to part fund their aspiration to extend the library, and a Blue Light services project to construct a community hub near the North Portal.
Adult Social Care, Health and Wellbeing, Community Engagement and Public Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Public Health Team contributes to work on the health impacts of new growth areas and national infrastructure. This includes commenting on scoping documents for and completed Environmental Impact Assessments and contributing to responses to national consultation documents
Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Property Team give due care and consideration of matters pertaining to Community Life, Travel, Pollution, Landscaping and Environment by including these aspects within their briefing of consultants and contractors for building construction projects, particularly the larger ones.