



# Report to The Wexham and Ivers Local Area Forum

**Title:** Delegated Expenditure 2009/2010

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**Electoral Divisions  
Affected:** Wexham and Iver

## 1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report provides information in relation to
- a) Delegated budgets for Local Area Forums
  - b) Delegated funding for 2009/2010 approved prior to the formation of the Wexham and Ivers LAF.
- 1.2 Members are requested to **note**
- a) The details of the Local Transportation and PAYP delegated budget funding approved in 2009/2010
  - b) Proposals for expenditure on the local transportation delegated budget for 2010/11 will be brought to a future meeting of the Wexham and Iver LAF for consideration
  - c) As part of the process of developing a Local Area Plan for the Wexham and Ivers LAF area, members will have the opportunity to influence and consider a further programme of PAYP for 2010/11

## 2. Summary

- 2.1 Two schemes for implementation from within the delegated Local Transportation Budget for 2009/10 were approved by the HoS. Both schemes were to facilitate Thames Valley Police mobile CCTV usage

North Park hard standing	£5,000
Richings Way hard standing	£5,000
Total	£10,000

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- 2.2 Two applications were approved for funding by the Head of Service from the delegated budget of £5,000 for Positive Activities for Young People (PAYP) in the Wexham and Ivers LAF area for 2009/10

S.B.D.C Life Casting/Design a Hoodie	£1,020
Sound Studio District Wide Music Project	£1,518.50
Total	£2,538.50

2.3 There remains a balance of £2,461.50 for the financial year 2009/2010 which will be used by Youth Services for other related activities in the Ivers Local Area

2.4 The applications were evaluated in accordance with the set criteria for PAYP and recommended for approval for funding by Christine Cooper, Resource Manager, Community and Youth Engagement and Sarah Wood, Senior Practitioner, Community and Youth Engagement for South Buckinghamshire.

### 3. Introduction

3.1 A key element of the Getting Closer to Communities (GC2C) Vision is "Genuine and increased influence by residents over local decisions and budgets". LAFs are central to achieving this (although this is not the only mechanism for working at a more local level). This is included as one of the three key roles of LAFs:

- Agreeing priorities for the local community plan for the area
- Shaping service delivery
- Taking delegated decisions

3.2 To take forward these objectives, discussions took place with Heads of Service and Strategic Directors to identify opportunities for increasing delegated budgets and direct influence over budgets. Proposals for each Portfolio were then signed off by the Cabinet Member.

3.3 The delegated budgets for the Wexham and Iver LAF in 2009/10 are set out in the table below; It is anticipated that there will be further budget delegation from a wider range of services in subsequent years:

Service area	County-wide total	Wexham and Iver LAF
Transportation local improvements	500,000	10,000
Positive Activities for Young People	95,000	5,000
"Early Years" grant	95,000	5,000
Local Priorities budget (from the Area Based Grant)	152,000	8,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>842,000</b>	<b>£ 28,000</b>

### 4. Local Transportation Delegated Budget

4.1 At the final South Bucks Joint Local Committee on December 1st 2008, it was agreed that the County Council would advise all committee members of its

proposal for the determination of the bids which were received for the South Bucks delegated transportation budget for implementation during 2009/10

- 4.2 In late January 2009, a report outlining the list of costed and prioritised bids was circulated to all South Bucks parishes, District and County Councillors. Four weeks were allowed for comments and expression of preferences for which schemes should take priority.
  - 4.3 The Transportation Service considered the bids in the light of comments subsequently received and, in early March 2008, circulated the list of the proposed successful schemes to all parishes and District and County Councillors. This was accompanied by the "reserve list" of schemes which would be implemented should any of the other schemes not proceed. Subject to any further comments received the Transportation Head of Service, Jim Stevens, then reached a final decision, which was advised to all parishes and District and County Councillors.
  - 4.4 Two schemes were approved for delivery in the Wexham and Ivers LAF area for 2009/10. These were for two hard standing areas to be provided in North Park and Richings Way to enable Thames Valley Police to carry out effective mobile enforcement operations.
  - 4.5 From 2010/11 onward this element of the Transportation budget has been delegated to each Local Area Forum in South Bucks. Details were provided in August 2009 to Parish Councils inviting proposals for schemes for consideration for delivery in 2010/11. The deadline for proposals to be submitted to the Transport Localities Team Leader for 2010/11 was 30<sup>th</sup> November 2009
  - 4.6 The delegated budget for highways/transport projects in the Wexham and Ivers LAF area for 2010/11 is £33, 06.74. All bids received will be evaluated and costed by Transport for Buckinghamshire and a full report presented to the Wexham and Ivers LAF at its next meeting early in 2010 to enable the LAF to decide which schemes should be implemented in 2010/11.
- 5. Positive Activities' for Young People (PAYP)**
- 5.1 PAYP funding is received by Buckinghamshire County Council as a direct grant with specific criteria required for applicants to meet. This funding totals £95,000 and has been allocated equitably to each of the 19 designated local areas. This means that £5,000 was available for The Wexham and Ivers LAF for 2009/10
  - 5.2 The funding must be used to engage young people (age 13-19) in positive activities and young people must be consulted on any planned activity. The funding can be for activities and events, including staffing or small items of equipment necessary to enable the event to take place or as a contribution towards an ongoing programme. Potential activities can include sports, arts and cultural events; community events; trips, leisure and recreational activities. They can also include courses and residential to help young people

raise their life chances, e.g., raising self-esteem and awareness on issues such as drugs, sexual health, gang and knife crime.

- 5.3 The availability of the PAYP funding is then promoted within the local area. The County Council's Youth Services, who also promote the availability of funding, receive and assess all applications for eligibility and then make recommendations to the LAF. Ineligible applications will not go forward to the LAF for consideration.
  - 5.4 Advised by the Youth service, the LAF will also when necessary prioritise schemes where funding applied for exceeds available funding.
  - 5.5 In the event that no eligible applications are received for a local area, or the forum does not allocate all of the available funding, the LAF's allocation will be returned to the Youth Service and used for other positive youth activities within the local area.
  - 5.6 Normally applications will be considered for approval by the Local Area Forum, who can also influence their commissioning and prioritisation as part of the delivery of a Local Area Plan.
  - 5.7 A Local Area Plan for The Wexham and Ivers Local Area has yet to be developed and PAYP funding applications for 2009/10 had to be submitted by the end of September 2009 in order for projects to be commissioned and delivered within the financial year. Two applications were received and evaluated on this basis.
  - 5.8 Copies of the applications and Senior Practitioners evaluation and recommendations may be viewed on the night of the LAF meeting on 7th December 2009
- 6. "Early Years" grant**
- 6.1 This item is covered by a separate report to the Wexham and Iver LAF at its first meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2010
- 7. Local Priorities budget**
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