WEXHAM & IVERS LOCAL AREA FORUM

28 April 2010

Main Hall, Harvey Memorial Hall, George Green Road,

George Green, Slough SL3

7.30 pm

6BJ

DATE:

TIME:

LOCATION:



The Local Area Technician will be present from 7.00pm for Members and the Public to report any highways issues

Item						
1	Apologies for Absence / Changes in Membership					
2	Declarations of Interest To declare any personal or prejudicial interests.					
3	Action Notes To confirm the notes of the meeting held on 26 January 2010	1 - 6				
4	Transport for Buckinghamshire Delegated Budget Schemes for 2010/2011Report from Chris Schwier.Members are asked to decide on which schemes to put forward under the delegated budget.					
5	Transport for Buckinghamshire Delegated Budget 2011/12 Report from Chris Schwier.					
6	Question Time There will be a 20 minute period for public questions, and each speaker will have a maximum of three minutes to speak.					
	Members of the public are encouraged to submit their questions in advance of the meeting to facilitate a full answer on the day of the meeting. Questions sent in advance will be dealt with first and verbal questions after.					
7	Petitions To receive petitions addressed to County, District or Parish Councils					
	Request for Pedestrian Crossing in Thorney Lane North					
8	County Parking and Enforcement Policy Presentation from John Charlton, Parking Services Manager (Strategy), Transport for Buckinghamshire					

AGENDA

9	Local Area Forum Budgets Report from Stephen Young.			
10	 Forward Plan Local Transport Plan 3 Consultation Please follow the link to see the results of the consultations held. A report will be given at the LAF meeting on 30 June 2010. <u>http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/bcc/transport/ltp3.page</u> <u>http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/assets/content/bcc/docs/transport/LAF_Eng</u> <u>agement_Report.pdf</u> PAYP and Local Priorities Delegated Budgets 2010/11 – June Transformation of Adult Day Services – June Good Neighbour Scheme 			
11	Date of Next and Future Meetings The next meeting of the Wexham and Ivers Local Area Forum will be held on Wednesday 30 June 2010 at 7.30pm Dates of future meetings 13 October			
	ITEMS FOR INFORMATION			
12	2 Transport for Buckinghamshire - Update Attached is a report from Jim Stevens, Head of Transportation			

Members

Ruth Vigor-Hedderly, Buckinghamshire County Council Malcolm Bradford. South Bucks District Council Bill Lidgate, Buckinghamshire County Council Simon Bullock. South Bucks District Council Damon Clark, South Bucks District Council Derek Jones, South Bucks District Council Alan Oxley, South Bucks District Council Julian Wilson, South Bucks District Council Derek Adlam, Iver Parish Council Carol Gibson, Iver Parish Council Ravi Gidar, Iver Parish Council Pat Leech. Iver Parish Council Sylvia Lidgate, Iver Parish Council Claire Mowat, Iver Parish Council Pat Roberts, Iver Parish Council Jeanette Watkins, Iver Parish Council C Dawkins, Wexham Parish Council Frank Abe, Wexham Parish Council Marion Dunstall, Wexham Parish Council Dot Haines. Wexham Parish Council Melvin Pearce, Wexham Parish Council Ian Skeldon, Wexham Parish Council Geoff Spring, Wexham Parish Council John Whitby, Wexham Parish Council

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Agencies : Buckinghamshire County Council, South Bucks District Council, Iver Parish Council, Wexham Parish Council, Thames Valley Police, Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue, Buckinghamshire PCT

ACTION NOTES

MEETING:	Wexham & Ivers Local Area Forum
DATE: 26 January 2010 7.10 pm to 9.30 pm	
LOCATION	Main Hall, Harvey Memorial Hall, George Green Road, George Green, Slough SL3 6BJ

	Ruth Vigor-Hedderly (Buckinghamshire County Council), Marion Dunstall (Wexham
Present:	Parish Council), Alan Oxley (South Bucks District Council), Ian Skeldon (Wexham Parish
	Council) and Geoff Spring (Wexham Parish Council)
In Attendance:	Mark Averill, Angela Galvin, Maureen Keyworth, Pat Leech, Wendy Matthews, Rachael
III Attenuance.	Winfield and Stephen Young

ltem	ISSUES RAISED
1	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE/CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP
	Apologies were received from Sue Imbriano, John Whitby, Melvin Pearce, Malcolm Bradford and Carol Gibson.
2	CONFIRMATION OF CHAIRMAN
	Ruth Vigor-Hedderly was confirmed as Chairman
3	CONFIRMATION OF VICE CHAIRMAN
	Malcolm Bradford was confirmed as Vice Chairman
4	QUESTION TIME
	The Chairman asked those attending if they had any questions.
	In answer to a question regarding whether Local Parish Councils were in favour of LAFs, it was noted that currently the South Bucks Association of Local Councils was not in favour of forming LAFs and would prefer to have one Forum for all Parish Councils in South Bucks. However, several Parish Councils in South Bucks were in favour of forming LAFs and the County Council was working positively with the District Council and Parish Councils, as well as community groups in order to set up LAFs in each area. It was noted that at least 75% of Buckinghamshire has now formed LAFs.
	If one LAF were to be formed for the whole of South Bucks it may be that issues in urban areas may not be relevant to those in rural areas. The smaller LAFs allow Parish Councils to have a voice regarding their own local issues.
	With regard to the amount of work a LAF may take on, concern was expressed that this may result in the Forum taking major and substantial decisions about which they may not be informed enough to take. It is not the intention of the LAF to put people in a situation where they would not be confident enough to make decisions. As LAFs evolve and develop, partnerships services and how they are delivered will be set up to ensure they fit in with the needs of the local area and LAFs will have critical input. Any decision making will be taken with the full backing from the relevant organisation or Council.
	Discussion took place with regard to how this LAF could move forward without participation from

	Iver Parish Council. The first meeting of the LAF had been postponed in order to facilitate a meeting between County Council officers and Iver Parish Council to discuss this issue. It was noted that Iver Parish Council will be meeting during the first week of February to re-visit the decision taken six months ago not to participate in LAFs. However, this did not preclude the LAF from being formed and it would continue to be representative of the whole Wexham and Ivers area with automatic membership extending to each Parish Council. Even if they do not participate, members of Iver Parish Council will continue to receive the agenda and papers for meetings and have the opportunity to be represented if they so wish.
	With regard to voting, it was generally considered that decision making would be on a consensus basis rather than the need to vote. It would be up to members of the LAF to decide whether any other organisations that may be invited to join the Forum would be eligible to vote. However, the Chairman stated that the general opinion was that non-elected members should not have a vote, because those organisations may not represent the whole of the community.
	With regard to any devolved or delegated funding, once local priorities are established many will be identified which may be shared between both Parish Councils or will be relative to Wexham or Iver particularly. However, it was stressed that this was about taking the wider view across the whole area and not about being parochial. It was not about inventing what may be needed, but prioritising many existing issues and looking to see what County, District and Parish Councils can do together in order to pool resources and address gaps.
	Reference has been made to the County Council being remote and that the role and power of the Parish and District Councils are being undermined, which is not the case, it is about County, District and Parish Councils working at a local level on a partnership basis to obtain services, particularly in light of the financial constraints imposed by central government.
	With regard to future Question Times, members were asked where possible to submit any questions prior to the meeting in order to give officers time to form a response. Otherwise questions will be taken away and a response will be made after the meeting.
	Members were also informed that the Transport Localities Team Leader and Local Area Technician will attend future forums from 6.30pm one hour before the meeting formally starts to address any transport issues. Where possible,, members were again asked to email any questions in advance.
5	PETITIONS
	Members were informed that Transportation had its own petitions protocol which has been adopted. Petitions for County and District Councils can, in the first instance be presented at the LAF and can then be presented to the relevant cabinet members at their respective councils. The response to any petition will also be shared at LAF meetings.
6	TERMS OF REFERENCE
	Members were informed that the draft Terms and Conditions attached to the agenda are those that have been adopted by other LAFs.
	With regard to the name of the LAF members agreed that even though Iver Parish Council has currently chosen not to participate, the LAF would continue to be called the Wexham and Ivers LAF but this would be reviewed after six months.
	In relation to the number of members needed for the meeting to be quorate, officers confirmed that it was not just the voting members who made up the quorate, but that all local County, District and Parish Councils who were automatically members of the LAF.

	It was agreed that any items discussed and agreed at a particular meeting, would not be ado until the next meeting.	
	The Loca	al Area Forum AGREED the following for adoption at the next meeting:
	a)	That members of the Buckinghamshire County Council, South Bucks District Council, and members from the Parishes of Wexham and Iver will meet as a fully constituted Local Area Forum.
	b)	That the name of the Forum will be 'Wexham and Ivers Local Area Forum'. However, this would be reviewed in six months time.
	c)	The Terms and Reference and constitution for the Wexham and Ivers Local Area Forum, with the addition of the following: 'Any Item discussed at one meeting, shall be adopted at the following meeting'
	d)	Any items discussed and agreed at one meeting would not be adopted until the next meeting. This was to be added to the Terms of Reference and Conditions.
7	WEXHAN	I AND IVERS LOCAL AREA FORUM VOTING RIGHTS
	useful to	were informed that in practice voting rarely occurs at LAF meetings. However, it is have a mechanism in place should there be a need. Members discussed each of the resented in the report and agreed on the 'Amersham' Model, as follows:
		vote for Wexham Parish Council vote for Iver Parish Council
	• 1	vote for South Bucks District Council
		vote for Buckinghamshire County Council (not Chairman) plus the Chairman's casting ote in case of deadlock.
		agreed that for the time being no other organisations would be afforded voting hip but this may be reconsidered at some time in the future.
8	STATUT	ORY AND VOLUNTARY GROUP PARTICIPATION
	individual and whet individual particular Services	were informed whilst that LAFS are encouraged to invite other organisations or s to the meetings, it was at the discretion of the members as to who should be invited her they would be accorded voting rights. It may be that local community groups or s with a special expertise would be invited to meetings where they could contribute on issues. However, if members wish, organisations such as the Police, Fire & Rescue may be invited on a more permanent basis, or keep a watching brief. A member d that these organisations may only want to attend if there is an item which is relevant to
	would co- specific it reason w was raise	ted that when issues are identified for discussion, the Locality Services Area Co-ordinator ordinate invitations to relevant services and officers so that they are in attendance for ems. If there were cross border issues with neighbouring authorities, there was no hy officers could not attend from other authorities. Adult Social Care is one issue which ed and in this connection, it was suggested that Karen Adamson be invited to speak to the with regard to services.
	connection to reduce	was expressed that officer time should not be wasted in attending meetings and in this on, it was reiterated that transport officers would only attend prior to the meetings in order unnecessary officer attendance. It was also noted that work on relevant issues would be between meetings and progress reported as necessary.

	Members agreed that for the time being membership would be limited to Parish, District and County Council members and other organisations would be invited on an ad hoc basis in order to complement what is being discussed at particular meetings. It was noted that this could be changed at any time if members wished to extend membership to other organisations. However, everyone is invited to attend the meetings and in this connection, it was noted that meetings would be publicised through the local press, parish magazines and websites.			
9	DELEGA	TED EXPENDITURE FOR 2009/10		
	Members received the report the purpose of which was to provide information in relation to delegated budgets for local area forums and delegated funding for 2009/10 approved prior to the formation of the Wexham and Ivers LAF.			
	Because there was a deadline for budget spending the decision was delegated to officers prior to the formation of the LAF and the Transportation Budget was approved by the Head of Service. The Local Area Forum will be the decision maker for the next financial year as part of the locality planning process, and will be notified what spending will be available in that financial year. This will be dealt with at the July meeting.			
		were informed that at present there are four budgets from which funding is either d or devolved to LAFs. These are as follows:		
	 Transport (delegated) Positive Activities for Young People (delegated Local Priorities (devolved) Early Years and Childcare Grant (devolved) 			
	Generally, delegated money is approved by the relevant head of service under advice from the LAFs. With devolved budgets, the LAFs make the decision on how the money should be spent within the set criteria.			
	With regard to bidding for the funding prior to the formation of the LAF, members noted that Parisl Councils would have been informed of this through the Parish Clerks meetings, which the Locality Services Co-ordinator has attended. Notification would also have been sent by the District Councils with the minutes of the meetings.			
	Members	s Noted:		
	a)	the detail of the Local Transportation and PAYP delegated budget funding approved in 2009/2010		
	b)	Proposals for expenditure on the local transportation delegated budget for 2010/11will 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		
10	DELEGA	TED BUDGET - LOCAL PRIORITIES		
	delegated	received the report, the purpose of which was to provide information in relation to the d Local Priority budget for LAFs and expenditure of the Local Priority budget for 2009/10 I prior to the formation of the Wexham and Ivers LAF.		

	With regard to the proposal for £4,000 for the establishment of a Good Neighbour Scheme in the Wexham and Iver local area, a member asked whether there would be feedback on how the money was spent. It was noted that officers can be asked to attend the meeting to talk about how the Good Neighbourhood Scheme will be implemented.
	The contribution towards Wexham Football Club was a name error and is in fact the George Green Dragons Football Club.
	The Locality Services Area Co-ordinator stated that there were many opportunities to work with the District and Parish Councils on issues and activities for young people and how some of the local groups can be supported. There could also be additional funding that could be tapped into in order to develop strong youth provision for the whole area. It was suggested that partnerships have a stronger chance of being successful with funding bids.
	The Early Years contribution towards Langley Manor School was discussed and it was noted that this was one of the few bids that had been received for that funding and was therefore accepted. However, it was suggested that future bids could be put in for the play school at Harvey Memorial Hall and other groups that may need support in the local area. In this connection, support for autistic children and their parents was discussed and it was hoped that funds could be identified to support this area. However, members were asked to note that this funding relates to pump priming and is given on the assumption that any project will be self financing and will relate to supply of equipment, not people. Concern was expressed that before pressing on with play schemes a check should be made on whether funding will be available in the next financial year. It was also suggested that a check should be made to see if any funding was left over from this financial year which could be used.
	The Locality Services Area Co-ordinator reiterated that the issues raised at this meeting could also be raised at the Local Area Planning Workshop.
	The Local Area forum NOTED a) details of expenditure of the £8,000 Local Priorities delegated budget for 2009/10approved by the Head of Service
	b) 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 the expenditure of delegated local priority funding for 2010/11 and commission projects to address local priorities.
11	EARLY YEARS AND CHILDCARE GRANT - SMALL CAPITAL GRANTS PROGRAMME AND LAF DEVOLVED BUDGET 2009/10
	This was discussed under Item 10.
12	FORWARD PLAN AND LOCAL AREA PLANNING
	Members were informed that a Local Area Planning Meeting will be set up after Easter and invitations would be sent out in the near future. The local area planning meeting would identify priorities for the area, and will enable a forward plan to be constructed which will inform the agendas for future meetings. As an example, it was noted that the July meeting will discuss budgets for 2011/12 and Adult Social Care also wish to attend to discuss ASC provision in the area.
	Members were also asked to contact Stephen Young, Localities Services Area Co-ordinator if they wished to put any items on the Forward Plan.

	A member stated he welcomed the establishment of the LAF which would help to bring central services out to the more remote areas of the County.
	The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and informed them that the Deputy Leader asked that his thanks be extended to all who participated and said he was happy for members to contact him direct if they wished. It was recommended that meetings commence at 7.30pm.
13	DATE OF NEXT AND FUTURE MEETINGS
	With regard to LAF meetings, members agreed on four meetings per year with further meetings being arranged if there was a need. Members would be informed once dates for future meetings had been established.

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Wexham and Iver Local Area Forum

Title:	Delegated Budget 2010/11
Date:	28 April 2010
Author:	Jim Stevens
Contact officer:	Chris Schwier 01494586622
Electoral divisions affected:	lver Alderbourne

Summary

To present the delegated budget schemes submitted by the Parishes of Wexham and Iver. For the forum to determine which schemes should be carried out in the financial year 2010/11 using the delegated budget of £33,086.74. Assessment scores have not been attached to the schemes as the budget will be a greater controlling factor. Officers have not recommended any one scheme as a priority over another and it will be for the forum to decide with officer's guidance on the night, which schemes should proceed.

Recommendation

That the forum decide which delegated budget schemes are to be carried out in 2010/11.

Supporting information to include the following if a decision is being requested:

Resource implications

The total budget available for funding of delegated budget schemes in 2010/11 is £33,086.74.

Legal implications

None

Other implications/issues

Details of the individual applications with officers recommendations are shown in the attached schedule appendix 1.



PARISH	LOCATION	SCHEME	COMMENTS	COST
IVER	Love Green/Love Lane	Install Bollards to protect the verge which is being damaged by vehicles parking on it.	It would need the installation of 60 wooden bollards along the whole length of this verge to stop vehicles parking the cost of this work would be $\pounds 6,500-00$ which would increase to $\pounds 10,000-00$ if the footway repairs and kerbing repairs were carried out at the same time.	£6,500-00
	Langley Park Road	Bus Shelter near Sawyers Farm and Trenches Lane	To install two bus shelters at this location is feasible the shelters costing $\pounds 5,000-00$ each.	£10,000-00
	A.412 Uxbridge Road	Modernise the existing bus shelter.	It is considered that it would be a better solution to replace the shelter rather than carry out repairs.	£5,000-00
	Coronation Avenue/Middle Green	VAS to warn of bends in the road.	There will be an Initial assessment cost of £300-00 for each site to establish the suitability for VAS signs and that they could be installed. Total cost of a sign including the initial assessment £7,800-00.	£15,6000-00
WEXHAM	Middle Green from the junction with George Green Road.	Footpath in the Verge from George Green Road to Middle Green.	A preliminary inspection, reveals that the presence of ditches at some locations and width of verge available in others, would mean that installing a footway for a meaningful distance would not be possible. The cost of installing a path at this location would be outside the remit of this budget in terms of cost in any one year. A fully costed feasibility would need to be carried out before going any further. If the forum wishes to proceed with a feasibility study a sum of £3,000-00 has been included to cover this. In terms of constructing within the fields at this location this would brings in issues of land ownership and would need this resolving before considering the construction of a path.	£3,000-00

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Wexham and Iver LOCAL AREA FORUM

Title:	Delegated Budget 2011/2012
Date:	28 April 2010
Author:	Jim Stevens
Contact officer:	Chris Schwier 01494586622
Electoral divisions affected:	lver Alderbourne

Summary

The delegated budget schemes for 2010/11 having been evaluated and reported on, Transport for Buckinghamshire, in planning its business plans and programmes of work, requests that delegated budget schemes for the financial year 2011/2012 are submitted to Chris Schwier Transportation Localities Team Leader as soon as possible and at latest before the date of the July meeting, in order that the proposals can be evaluated and approved by the forum during this calendar year.

Recommendation

The forum note the summary and submits applications not later than the 7 July 2010.

Supporting information to include the following if a decision is being requested:

Resource implications

The funding for Wexham and Iver Local Area Forum delegated budgets schemes for 2011/2012 will be £26,111-00. This sum forms part of Transport for Buckinghamshire's annual capital budget.

Background Papers

Included with this report are the application form and guidance on delegated budget.





Criteria for scheme bids

- a) Schemes bids should be supported by Parish/Town members and full details must be submitted in writing by the Parish Clerk to the Transport Localities Team Leader
- b) Parish/Town Councils are responsible for carrying out local consultation on proposed schemes to harness views of residents, councillors, officers, community groups, police and other public sector and voluntary organisations into a partnership around local needs, preferences and priorities. Evidence of this consultation should be included as part of the application for delegated budget.
- c) Scheme bids should only be considered for new works or improvements and preference will be given to those schemes which meet the needs of the community. Examples of previously successful schemes can be found at the end of Part 3 of the Submission Form
- d) Individual scheme bids must exceed the LAF/LCP budget allocation unless part funding arrangements are agreed.
- e) Scheme bids are assessed using the LAF /LCP Delegated Budget Scheme Assessment process (see Appendix 1) in order to prioritise them based on benefit to local communities and the needs of multiple and diverse groups.
- f) Scheme bids for the following financial year should be submitted before 14 July 2010 for agreement by the Local Area Forums in the October cycle to facilitate inclusion in the following financial year's programme.
- g) All scheme bids are assessed and reported to LAF / LCP meetings held in the last financial quarter for approval and implementation in the following financial year.

How to make a bid

Appendix 1 outlines criteria for the scheme, taking into account local circumstances and reflecting Participatory Budgeting principles. Parishes and Town Councils will be asked to complete Part 1 of the form. It is important to consult local communities as part of this process and include all supporting information to enhance your bid for Delegated Budget funding.

The technical assessment (part 2 of the form) will be completed by Transport for Buckinghamshire and will supplement the application process

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Appendix 1 -

Local Area Forum Delegated Budget Scheme Assessment sheet

Part 1 - to be completed by Parish/Town Council

	PROVIDE DETAIL	POINTS SCORED (BCC TO COMPLETE)
Have local stakeholders and community leaders been engaged in the planning of this scheme? (Evidence required as part of the submission)		
Have the needs of different groups of people where relevant/appropriate been taken into account?		
Could the scheme result in an adverse effect on the local community? If so, is it justifiable or legitimate?		
Will this scheme increase equality between groups and/or make it more visible?		
Does the scheme actively engage and involve people from different backgrounds in the locality?		
Does the scheme bring groups and communities into increased contact with each other?		
Will this scheme help groups develop a sense of belonging and feel engaged in local budgetary decisions?		
	Total (Max 2.0)	





Part 2 to be completed by Transport for Buckinghamshire Officer Only

Date.....

Scheme.....

Parish

Accessibility (tick boxes)

Dropped kerbs – improved pedestrian access	(0.3 max)
New community footway	(0.2 max)
Improved access to schools	(0.1 max)
Improved access to local shops	(0.1 max)
Improved access to hospitals	(0.1 max)
Improved access to health care	(0.1 max)
Improved access to sheltered housing	(0.1 max)

Congestion

Improved visibility	(0.4 max)
Improvement to on street parking	(0.3 max)
Remove carriageway obstruction	(0.3 max)

Environmental Issues and Impacts

Reduce traffic speeds	(0.5 max)
Encourage walking, cycling or use of public transport	(0.5 max)

Road Safety Issues

Potential for reducing collisions		(0.2 max)
Safe place to cross roads		(0.1 max)
Signs or line improvements/Village gateway feature		(0.1 max)
Lighting improvement		(0.1 max)
Vehicle Activated Signs		(0.1 max)
Provision of new footway		(0.1 max)

Maintenance Issues (- minus score)

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Significant utility plant impact (> £1,000)	(-1.0 max)

TOTAL

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Note:

In each section the criteria are weighted and give a possible maximum score of 1.0. The higher the score, the greater the case of the schemes being implemented. A low score will mean that schemes do not rank as high priority. The maximum possible score for all sections is 4

Part 1 Scores

LAF DB Assessment Score

Total

GRAND TOTAL

Part 3 – Scheme Record Sheet – internal use only

Scheme	LAF DB Assessment Score
Parish	
Date	

1. Scheme Outline

- 2. Engineering Difficulty
- 3. Quantities and design
- 4. Photographs and further details
- 5. Recommendations by BCC Officers
- 6. Outcome of scheme (including score) and recommendations to LAF and outcome from LAF as to where the scheme is in the current year.

Examples of schemes that have been approved in the past are shown here. This list is not exhaustive only indicative of successful bids.

- Bus shelter,
- New Street light
- Kerbing
- Provision of footway
- Vehicle Activated Signs
- Salt bins
- Dropped kerbs and accessibility improvements
- Parking areas

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Wexham and Ivers Local Area Forum

Title: Date:	A pedestrian crossing on Thorney Lane North, lver (A copy of the petition will be available on the night of the meeting) 28 April 2010
Author:	Jim Stevens, Head of Transport
Contact officer:	Rebecca Dengler (01296) 383902

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1. To inform the Local Area Forum of the petition from Miss A Brown for a pedestrian crossing on Thorney Lane North, Iver.

2. PROPOSED ACTION

2.1. The Local Committee is asked to **NOTE** the contents of the report.

3. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 3.1. County Councillor Vigor-Hedderly will present the petition to the Full County Council on 22nd April 2010.
- 3.2. The petition requested a pedestrian crossing on Thorney Lane North, Iver.
- 3.3. The Travel Planning Team within Buckinghamshire County Council is currently working with Iver Village Infant School on their School Travel Plan. This plan aims to help improve safety and reduce car use on the school journey. Iver Village Junior School does not currently have a travel plan.
- 3.4. The School Travel Plan Advisor for the schools will arrange a site visit with them to discuss the current issues and look into the most appropriate solutions to help resolve them. A pedestrian crossing will be considered as one of the options that the school may wish to pursue.



- 3.5. If any of the solutions require capital funding, a funding bid will be required from the schools (with help from the School Travel Plan Advisor). This bid will then be put forward for funding consideration for the 2011/12 Transport for Buckinghamshire capital budget. The School Travel Planning Team does not have enough capital funding for a pedestrian crossing in the 2010/11 financial year and any future funding is not guaranteed.
- 3.6. The bid will also be put onto a 'wish list' so that if any funding becomes available in the area (such as through developer contributions), the bid can be considered for this funding.
- 3.7. Another option would be for the Parish to consider whether they would like to bid for the scheme through the Local Committee Delegated Budget for 2011/12.

Report Ends

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Report to Wexham and Iver Local Area Forum

Title:	LOCAL AREA FORUM BUDGETS
Date:	28th April 2010
Author:	Rebecca Carley Head of Service, Locality Services
Contact officer:	Stephen Young Area Coordinator Locality Services Tel 01296 387543 Email spyoung@buckscc.gov.uk
Electoral divisions affected:	Alderbourne and Ivers

Summary

- 1. This paper describes the arrangements for the allocation of the funding devolved to Local Area Forums (LAFs) in 2010/11.
- 2. The amount of funding awarded to each project in the Wexham and Iver Local Area in 2009/10 is outlined from para 25 onwards

Recommendation

3. Wexham and lver Local Area Forum is recommended to note the arrangements in 2010/11 for its devolved budgets as described in the report and also note the expenditure of the allocated funding in 2009/10.

Background

- 4. A key element of the Locality Services 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).
- 5. This vision has led to an increased range of decisions, services and budgets that can be influenced within the framework of the 19 community areas and via the LAFs. In line with



the County Council's aim to increase local decision making, the LAFs' Local Priorities budget has been substantially increased from £8,000 in 2009/10 to £20,000 per LAF in 2010/11.

Budgets Devolved to LAFs in 2010/11

6. The devolved budgets for 20010/11 are set out in the table below.

Service area	County-wide total	Wexham & Iver LAF
Transportation local improvements	£500,000	£34,006.74
Positive Activities for Young People	£95,000	£5,000
"Early Years" grant	£95,000	£5,000
Local Priorities budget	£380,000	£20,000
Total	£1,070,000	£64,006.74

General Principles for the Management and Decision-Making of Devolved Budgets

- 7. All funding must be spent in line with the specific criteria associated with the budget (see below).
- 8. The funding must be spent within the financial year for which it is allocated.
 - For 2010/11, in consultation with the LAF Chairman, each Head of Service concerned will take a view in November 2010 on the likelihood of unspent monies being used that year. If there is budget that is unlikely to be spent that year, it will revert back to the service concerned for allocation to activities that will benefit the area during 2010/11.
- 9. As in 2009/10, in terms of formal decision-making, the LAFs will be advising the relevant Head of Service on how to spend the devolved budget who will then implement that advice.
- 10. To allow for the occasional unforeseen opportunity that requires a swift decision, funding may be agreed in between LAF meetings in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman and other LAF members for the neighbourhood concerned.

Positive Activities for Young People (PAYP)

- 11. As in 2009/10, this must be used to engage young people (age 11-19) in positive activities. Young people must be consulted on any planned activity.
- 12. The LAF Local Area Planning process is demonstrating that young people are being seen as a priority throughout the County. This enables the PAYP funding to be directed at addressing the specific areas identified in the LAF's local area plan using the following mechanisms or a combination
 - **Direct funding of LAF youth priorities identified through the Local Area Plan** A programme of youth development/activities are commissioned through the LAF that deliver against local priorities for young people. This could include grant funding of activities.
 - Creation of local area youth plans and youth-led forums The creation of medium-term dedicated Local Area Youth Plans using existing youth plans and strategies/policies as a baseline and/or the creation of local Youth Forums

led by young people from within each local area, engaged in representing young people in the planning of youth recreational programmes and projects and spending budgets as appropriate. The LAF can also commission and provide targeted opportunities to develop young people's skills as community leaders.

13. The Accountable Officer is the Head of Community and Youth Engagement.

"Early Years" grant

- 14. This must be used to fund local childcare provision specifically improvements to support inclusive practice for 0-19 year olds.
- 15. There will be a restricted list of activities to support improvements in order to satisfy the terms of the ring fenced direct government grant. It is anticipated that the LAF will receive applications directly and recommend providers for the Inclusion Grant.
- 16. It is acknowledged that the Early Years grant was not made available to the LAF as anticipated for 2009/10. This funding is currently being reviewed to ensure greater influence by the LAF over its use in 2010/11.
- 17. The Accountable Officer is the Divisional Manager (Joint Commissioning), Commissioning and Business Improvement.

Local Priorities budget

- 18. The Local Priorities budget will be allocated in line with priorities identified in the LAF's local area planning process to support local community needs and the well-being of the area in line with the following criteria:
 - Proposals meeting more than one of the LAF's priorities or addressing a wide community need will be prioritised for funding.
 - Proposals enabling match-funding, whether through additional grant funding or parish council support, or with the benefit of additional community support, will be given priority over projects with no additional funding or those with little community support.
 - The Local Priorities budget is not the catch-all to support proposals rejected for funding by the other LAF budgets. However, if there is a proposal that was initially considered for other LAF budgets and it can meet several of the LAF's priorities, the proposal can be considered by the Area Coordinator.
 - The Area Coordinator will also assess potential proposals to see if 'quick wins' can be identified to enable specific projects/issues to be resolved quickly.
- 19. The Area Coordinator will evaluate proposals and make recommendations through the local area planning process in due course to the LAF. LAF members who have particular ideas arising from this should raise these directly with the Lead Area Officer or Area Coordinator.
- 20. The Accountable Officer is the Locality Services Manager.

Transportation Local Improvements Budget

- 21. This budget is to fund minor transportation improvement schemes. Schemes for 2010/11 submitted from Local Area parish councils will be presented for decision at this 28th April 2010 meeting of Wexham and Iver LAF.
- 22. The Accountable Officer is the Head of Transportation.

Monitoring and future planning arrangements

- 23. At the end of the year, officers will prepare a review of the work for Wexham and Iver Local Area Forum and later put forward proposals for the allocation of the next year's budgets. Projects which have benefited from Wexham and Iver LAF support will be invited to report on progress to the LAF, either as part of the annual review or at some time during the course of the year.
- 24. Projects benefiting from this funding in 2009-10 are outlined below.

PROJECTS AWARDED FUNDING DURING 2009-10

25. Projects awarded funding for the Wexham and Iver Local Area during 2009-10 summarised below were the subject of detailed reports to the Wexham and Iver LAF meeting of 26th January 2010

Local Priorities budget

26. The following projects were funded during 2009-10 through the LAF's Local Priorities budget.

Scheme	Value
Wexham and Stoke Poges NAG Burglary Awareness Leaflet	£249
Wexham and Iver Good Neighbour Scheme	£4,000
Iver Heath Community Safety Diversionary Activity Programme	£2,861
George Green Dragons Football Club Grant	£890
Total	£8,000

PAYP funding

27. The following local area projects were funded during 2009-10 through the LAF's PAYP funding.

Scheme	Value
South Bucks District Council Casting & Hoodie Design Arts	£1,020
Project	
Sound Studio – District Wide Music Project	£1,518.50
Total	£2,538.50

Transportation delegated budget

28. The following projects were funded during 2009-10 through the LAF's Transportation delegated budget. See Appendix A for more detailed information.

Scheme	Value
North Park Hard Standing	£5,000
Richings Way Hard Standing	£5,000
Total	£10,000

Early Years grant

29. Although the Early Years grant was not made available to the LAF to enable funding for specific projects in 2009-10 (see para xx), the following projects were directly funded by the Early Years Team in the Wexham and Iver local community area.

Scheme	Value
Langley Manor School Canopy	£10,000
Total	£10,000

Report Ends

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Wexham and Iver Local Area Forum

Title:

Update report from Transport for Buckinghamshire

Date: 28 April 2010

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Electoral divisions affected: Iver Alderbourne

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.

Recommendation

That the members of the forum note the contents of the report

Supporting information to include the following if a decision is being requested:



Area Maintenance

The main area of activity for the maintenance teams over the last few months has been winter maintenance.

As you will all be aware the severe weather has lead to a rapid deterioration of many roads, which has meant that the majority of our teams have been engaged in carrying out pothole repairs. Since mid January we have had at least 6 teams in the Chiltern and South Bucks Area dealing with these problems and we are currently repairing in the order of 120 potholes per day. We aim to undertake permanent repairs, first time, but inevitably because of numbers, location or weather conditions and reports being made out of hours, temporary repairs have on occasions been necessary.

Regretfully in order to sustain this number of repair teams it has meant that we have had to suspend the Local Area Community Gangs until May 2010. The programme for 2010/11 has now been circulated to all Parishes and the gangs will be in the Wexham and Iver Forum Area.

The County Council has made additional funding available to start addressing the pothole problems with immediate effect and we will be undertaking some more substantial plane and patch type repairs at the worst pothole locations.

In addition to this we also have funding available this financial year to carry out a further "we're working on it" programme and have contacted the County Council members for their input. This programme of repairs will include carriageway patching and footway slurry seal surfacing. No programme has currently been set for dates as to when the work will be carried out, and the amount of work to be done will be dependent on budget available. The roads have been identified and the final decision as to which roads will be part of the programme will take place in June/July when final measurements have taken place.

Traffic Management

There are no specific schemes to report on at this time, but as always there is an ongoing inspection of signs and lines with work taking place through our own TfB teams.

Policy

After undertaking the LAF engagement on the Local Transport Plan 3 (LTP3) over this autumn, winter, findings on the report will shortly be available at <u>www.buckscc.gov.uk/ltp3</u>

We are interested in bringing the LTP3 back to the LAFs later in the year. It would involve:-

- 1. Bringing a summary report of the engagement which closed on 15 January 2010 i.e. completing the circle between LAF input and the final result.
- 2. An introduction to the upcoming engagement process (July September 2011).

We will keep parishes advised as to whether LTP3 will be on future LAF agendas or as an information item only.

A full consultation draft will be taken to Cabinet on the 28 June, and the 12 week Full Public Consultation will take place shortly after this. Because of LAF/Parish summer holidays we would be able to extend the 12 week deadline into mid October for LAF members if required.

Please note we are also planning to hold Transport Symposia again in 2010 and these are likely to be in September/October

Road Safety

10/11 Local Safety Schemes

Collision Investigation is currently taking place in order to decide on suitable countermeasures to implement safety schemes during the 2010 / 11 financial year at the following sites within the Wexham and Iver area:

A412 Uxbridge Road, bends on the southbound approach to and the junction of Black Park Road.

B470 Langley Park Road / High Street between Wood Lane and Iver Village.

MC28 Church Lane. Wexham Court.

Works are currently on order to complete last year's scheme on Langley Park Road between the county boundary and Wood Lane. This scheme places central cross hatching with a red background throughout this length of road to deter overtaking and speed.

Area 6 'follow –up' speed limit review

Public consultation took place in Spring 2010. The resulting recommendations for speed limit changes will be submitted in a Key Decision Report to the Cabinet Member for Transport later this spring.

To be alerted when this report is published, from the home page at

<u>www.buckscc.gov.uk</u>, click on 'subscribe to decision updates' (within the 'Do it online' box on the top right hand side of the screen)

It is not currently planned to put any approved speed limit changes in place this financial year, as priority will be given to new initial limits for Areas 11-13. However, if funds and staff resources permit, it may be possible to install the new limits earlier.

Passenger Transport

Nothing to report.

Development Control

Nothing to report

Design

Nothing to report

TLTL – Delegated Budget update

All schemes for 2009/2010 have been completed.

Schemes for 2010/2011 are subject of a separate report to this Forum today.