

Wexham and Iver Local Area Forum

Title: Update report from Transport for Buckinghamshire

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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:



INVESTOR IN PEOPLE



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.

17 May 2010

21 June 2010

26 July 2010

30Aug 2010

04 Oct 2010

08 Nov 2010

13 Dec 2010

17 Jan 2011

21 Feb 2011

28 Mar 2011

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 dependant 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 www.buckscc.gov.uk/ltp3

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 www.buckscc.gov.uk, 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.