WEXHAM & IVERS LOCAL AREA FORUM



DATE:	30 June 2010
TIME:	7.30 pm
LOCATION:	Iver Heath Village Hall, Saint Margaret's Close, Iver SL0 0DA

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

AGENDA

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3	Apologies for Absence / Changes in Membership	
4	Declarations of Interest To declare any personal and prejudicial interests	
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6	Question TimeThere 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.Attached is a paper containing questions from Iver Parish Council.	11 - 12
7	Petitions To receive petitions addressed to County, District or Parish Councils	
8	Transport Delegated Budget 2010/11 and 2011/12 Report from Chris Schwier	13 - 14
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11	 Forward Plan Youth Provision in the Wexham and Iver Areas Service Information Centre 		
12	Date of Next and Future MeetingsThe next meeting of the Wexham and Ivers LocalWednesday 13 October 2010 at 7.30pmDates of Future Meetings:201123 February29 June	Area Forum will be held on	
	27 April 12 October		
	ITEMS FOR INFORMATION		
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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 Charles 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:	28 April 2010 7.35 pm to 9.27 pm
LOCATION	Main Hall, Harvey Memorial Hall, George Green Road, George Green, Slough SL3 6BJ

	Ruth Vigor-Hedderly (Buckinghamshire County Council), Bill Lidgate (Buckinghamshire County Council), Alan Oxley (South Bucks District Council), Julian Wilson (South Bucks
Present:	District Council), Pat Leech (Iver Parish Council), Jeanette Watkins (Iver Parish Council), Marion Dunstall (Wexham Parish Council), Ian Skeldon (Wexham Parish Council) and Geoff Spring (Wexham Parish Council)
In Attendance:	Mark Averill, Stephen Young, Rachael Winfield, Wendy Matthews, Chris Schwier, John Charlton and Graham Young

Item	ISSUES RAISED
1	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE / CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP
	Apologies were received from Claire Mowat and Ravi Gidar.
2	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
	None.
3	ACTION NOTES
	The Action Notes for the meeting held on 26 January 2010 were confirmed
4	TRANSPORT FOR BUCKINGHAMSHIRE DELEGATED BUDGET SCHEMES FOR 2010/2011
	Members received the report from the Head of Transport which sought determination of which schemes should be carried out in the financial year 2010/11. Members noted that the delegated budget amounted to £33,086.74 and a list of the schemes was attached to the report.
	In answer to a member's question about how vandal-proof the glass in the bus shelters was, it was noted that some bus shelters are wooden with no glass but that members could order the type of shelters they wanted. Chris Schwier agreed to discuss this further with members outside of the meeting. Members agreed that the bus shelters on the list should be considered as a priority and that a request should be made for one VAS sign, not two as noted in the list.
	The following schemes were agreed:
	Love Green/Love Lane – install bollards to protect the verge £10,000.00 which is being damaged by vehicles parking on it and to include footway repairs and kerbing repairs
	Coronation Avenue/Middle Green one VAS sign £7,800.00
	Langley Park Road – bus shelters near sawyers Farm and £10,000.00 Trenches Lane @ £5,000 each
	A412 Uxbridge Road – modernise the existing bus shelter £5,000.00
	TOTAL: £32,800.00
	The Wexham and Ivers Local Area Forum agreed the list of schemes to be carried out on
	The Wexham and Ivers Local Area Forum agreed the list of schemes to be carried out

	2010/11 as set out above.	
5	TRANSPORT FOR BUCKINGHAMSHIRE DELEGATED BUDGET 2011/12	
	Members received the report of the Head of Transport, which requested that delegated budget schemes for the financial year 2011/1012 are submitted to Chris Schwier as soon as possible and at the latest by the next meeting on 30 June. The budget for the year 2011/2012 will be $\pounds 26,111.00$	
	The schemes put forward need to reflect the priorities arising from the Local Area Planning Workshop. It was agreed that the schemes would be presented to the meeting on 30 June.	
	Action: Agenda item for June meeting	
	Chris Schwier informed members of the Service Information Centre (SIC) which should be in place by June 2010. The programme will give day to day updates and mapping for each job which has been requested and in the process of being completed. Those who do not have access to the internet will continue to be updated as needed. Members and Parish Clerks have been invited to see the SIC in action.	
	The Operative making the repairs will feed back information to the centre via hand held devices which will give constant updates on work being carried out, including photographs of the work before and after completion. It was noted that work being undertaken by outside contractors would also be included in the information which will include the type of work being undertaken and by which contractor.	
	The Chairman asked about repairs made by outside contractors once they have completed their works, which then need further repair. It was noted that there is a two year warranty on any road works carried out by utility companies. During that time they will be called back to ensure that any repairs are permanent.	
	It was hoped that at the next meeting there will be a demonstration of SIC, but this will be confirmed nearer the date.	
	Action: Possible Agenda Item for the next meeting	
6	QUESTION TIME	
	Speedwatch system in Richings Park Wendy Matthews from Richings Park Residents Association gave members a briefing on the work carried out in relation to the speedwatch system which was set up jointly by Buckinghamshire County Council and Thames Valley Police. Most County Councils operate the system and provide funding for equipment which is authorised by TVP. Volunteers are used to enter data onto a website. However, in the past the data from the roadside was collated by hand and a request has now been made for a camera based scheme which will photograph the speeding vehicle in order to make identification easier. Once the data is entered on the TVP website, the speeding drivers will receive warning letters. The drivers can be prosecuted if they repeat the offence three times.	
	Having the camera would increase accuracy and reduce the number of volunteers involved. It could also be shared with Wexham.	
	Wendy Matthews stated that they were asking for funding for the camera in the amount of £500. It was agreed that the request would be discussed under the agenda item on Local Area Forum budgets.	

7	PETITIONS
	Request for Pedestrian Crossing in Thorney Lane The Chairman informed members that she presented the petition to County Council at its meeting on 22 April.
	A report from Rebecca Dengler was presented to members in answer to the petition, stating that the Travel Planning Team are currently working with Iver Village Infant School on their School Travel Plan, and will arrange a visit to discuss this latest issue.
	Alan Oxley stated that a School Travel Plan had been submitted but needed amending to encourage people to walk to school using the footpath to Grange Way rather than going along the main road. Bill Lidgate, as Chairman of the Rights of Way Committee, offered to liaise with Mike Walker should work be needed to ensure that the footpath is accessible. Chris Schwier stated that this service has been devolved to Iver Parish Council, who should be contacted if any work was needed. Mark Averill stated that the LAF could also look at how to deal with these types of issues through the Local Priorities Budget.
	Concern was expressed that petitions may raise expectations. It was noted that some petitions are successful and this particular crossing may produce a high score and receive funding. However, if the Local Area Forum were to make it a priority it could be paid for via the delegated budget.
	A member expressed concern that there may be a 'league table' for priorities. However, Chris Schwier stated that this was not the case and agreed to provide members with the criteria used to established whether a crossing was feasible. In answer to a member's question about how the public will know whether or not a request for a crossing has met the criteria, the Chairman stated that the School Travel Plan will communicate the outcome. With regard to the outcome of the petition, members noted that the local member will be informed of the decision and outcome.
	Geoff Spring expressed concern that money was needed to undertake a survey prior to putting in a crossing. It was noted that if members were minded they could ask for the survey to be undertaken as part of their Local Priorities Budget. Mr Spring stated that it appeared that if the survey could be paid for by the Local Area Forum there was no need for a petition. Mark Averill agreed to provide an explanation on the process.
	Action: Mark Averill to provide the criteria used in connection with crossings
	Other Items discussed Members discussed publicity for meetings and how this was carried out. It was noted that posters were sent to Parish Clerks so that they could be placed on notice boards. It was also suggested that dates of future meetings could be placed in the local press and parish magazines.
8	COUNTY PARKING AND ENFORCEMENT POLICY
	The Chairman welcomed to the meeting John Charlton, Parking Specialist, who briefed members on the County Parking and Enforcement Policy which was out for consultation.
	John informed members that officers were working on the document with District Councils, drawing together policies from central government and also areas where Civil Enforcement Areas (CEA) were in place. Although there is no CEA in South Bucks District a feasibility study was carried out, which concluded that it would not be financially viable for the area. The County Council has written to the three CEAs in the County asking them if they would prepared to form a consortium or hand back authority to the County Council. Work is being undertaken to look at the economies of scale to become self-financing in relation to costs for back office staff and parking attendants.

Because there is no CEA in South Bucks a waiting restriction review will not be undertaken, but Val Letheren, Cabinet Member for Transport, has asked John Charlton to look at waiting restrictions in Beaconsfield. John stated he was aware that the PCSOs in South Bucks were taking on some enforcement on parking restrictions, but he asked members to feed back any comments about the parking policy or waiting restrictions in their area.

Members raised the issue of parking around Wexham Park Hospital. It was noted that Emergency Services had suggested parking should be removed from Wexham Street because it was an emergency services route. It would be a priority if there was funding for this. Funding will need to be sought elsewhere such as the Local Area Forum or Parish Councils. It was noted that the Wycombe LAF had put in money for such a scheme and, therefore, if members saw fit, the Wexham and Ivers LAF could consider it in the future.

The Chairman asked whether Wexham Park Hospital had been approached for funding to relieve the parking situation. It was noted that the Hospital has no funds and money could only be forthcoming through the District or Parish Councils or the LAF itself.

With regard to funding it was noted that approximately £3,000 would be needed for the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) plus legal fees. It was noted that where requests were made for waiting restrictions, research would also need to be undertaken on surrounding areas where vehicles would be displaced. It was also noted that if other enforcement, such as double yellow lines, was needed it could be covered in one TRO. A residents parking scheme would also need to go through the necessary procedure. John Charlton agreed to send an officer to look at the areas where it was considered parking restrictions were needed in order to discuss the implications with the LAF.

Action: John Charlton to send an officer to look at the areas which members of the LAF considered were in need to parking restrictions and agreed to bring the outcome back to the LAF

Geoff Spring asked whether there would be liaison with Slough Borough Council because the boundary ran through the Wexham area. Members noted that they have been working with Slough Borough Council in connection with a travel plan for Wexham Park Hospital.

Concern was expressed that the public is aware that the Police do not consider parking enforcement to be a priority and there is a need to work with the Neighbourhood Action Groups (NAGs) in relation to enforcement.

Wendy Matthews raised concerns in relation to parking at Iver Station and John Charlton agreed to look into the matter.

Action: John Charlton

A member asked about parking plans for Cross Rail once it is in place and it was noted that this issue will be investigated. It was noted that wider schemes can incur a lot of objections and could fail. Junction protection was not difficult, but commuter restrictions are larger issues because of residents objections. Double yellow lines at Wexham Park Hospital would not be a problem.

John Charlton stated he has been collecting comments from residents in South Bucks and would circulate them to members once they were collated.

Action: John Charlton

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LOCAL AREA FORUM BUDGETS

Members received the report of the Head of Service, Locality Services, which set out the arrangements for the allocation of the funding devolved to Local Area Forums in 2010/11. The report also outlined the amount of funding awarded to each project in the Wexham and Iver Local Area in 2009/10.

The report stated that the amount of money devolved for Transportation Local improvements was \pounds 34,006.74, whereas the report from Chris Schwier stated the amount was \pounds 33,086.74 and it was agreed that this would be investigated and members would be informed of the correct amount.

Action: Chris Schwier

(Addendum, subsequent to the meeting Chris Schwier confirmed that the amount of money devolved for Transportation Local Improvements for 2010/11 is £33,086.74)

The budgets for the year 2010/11 are as follows:

Positive Activities for Young People Early Years Grant	£5,000.00 £5,000.00
Local Priorities Budget (increased from	£20,000.00
£8,000 last year)	
Total	£30,000.00

With regard to the Local Priorities Budget, the outcomes from the Local Area Planning Workshop will decide the priorities for 2010/11, for instance the speedwatch equipment and parking restrictions for Wexham Street. The deadline by which the budget must be spent is March 2011.

The Early Years Services has revised its criteria and now covers 0-19 years. However, the budget for Positive Activities for Young People covers 11-19 years only.

PAYP funding needs to be used for addressing specific areas identified in the Local Area Plan, using the following one or both of the following mechanisms:

- Direct funding of LAF youth priorities identified through the Local Area Plan and a programme of activities commissioned by the LAF;
- Creation of local area youth plans and youth-led forums. The need to involve young people in the decision making process and in this connection funding could be used to support Youth Councils or Forums or for training for young people to empower them and make them part of the community.

In answer to a member's question about whether the money could be used for parenting classes, it was noted that PAYP would not cover this, but it was possible that funding could be sought from the Early Years Grant. Once the Early Years Team provides the criteria for the funding, discussions can beheld with regard to the process for bids. It may be that the Early years Team will ask for applications to be received through the LAF, who could then evaluate them and feed them back to the Early Years Team.

Members discussed the need for a youth worker in the Wexham area. It was noted that Youth Services need to make a saving of \pounds 1m from their budget and may be re-structuring, which will have an impact on their services.

If the money from PAYP is to be used to involve young people, it may be that the LAF could work with the Participation Team as well as the District Council and voluntary sector, in establishing a Youth Plan and Forum. Concern was expressed that the funding may be used up in the consultation process and action plan, leaving nothing to spend on young people. It was noted that

the money needs to be used for activities that youth services would do with young people to help them to be involved in determining the types of activities they want to do, it is to help them become more engaged.

The Chairman, in agreement with other members, suggested that an officer from Youth Services should visit the Wexham and Ivers area and report back on the best way forward in engaging young people.

Stephen Young stated that another option would be if local priorities related to things young people want to do, the LAF can directly fund or commission projects of its own within the local area. Ian Skeldon asked for more information on the types of activities they could put in place and hw they would engage with local youth.

Bill Lidgate stated that Iver has a youth worker, but they had never received services from the County Council Youth Service. He stated that this youth worker should also be engaging with young people in the Wexham area. The Chairman asked that prior to the next meeting, discussion should be undertaken with the youth workers in the Wexham and Ivers Area to obtain feedback about which direction to take in engaging young people.

Action: Research be carried out through the local youth worker into how to engage with young people in the Wexham and Ivers area

Stephen Young stated that he will shortly be meeting with the Youth Participation Team and should be better informed for the next meeting.

Julian Wilson expressed concern that having obtained a youth worker for the area he did not want to see the current work damaged by any changes. It was suggested that additional money did not need to be spent in this area because the service is already there.

The Chairman asked whether the Youth Participation Team would charge for undertaking research work in the area. Stephen Young stated that he was not aware that they would charge.

In summary it was noted that once an action plan on working with young people was established, the money would be spent on implementing the plan. The good work being undertaken in Iver was acknowledged but it was also noted that more work is needed in Wexham. Officers need to discuss the priorities for the area and what is missing and young people need to be involved in this discussion.

The Chairman said it may be difficult to develop the proposals when many young people attend schools outside the area. £5,000 was not a lot of money to spend on the type of activities that may be needed. It was suggested that as well as asking young people what they want, volunteer groups should also be contacted. It was appreciated that setting up a Youth Council could take some time. Stephen Young said there was a need to ask young people whether this was what they wanted. In this connection it was hoped that a Local Area Planning Workshop be held in mid June to which representatives from local groups will be invited, as well as members and stakeholders such as Thames Valley Police, Fire and Rescue Services. Prior to the workshop Stephen will circulate information outlining some of the emerging priorities. The outcomes from the workshop will be presented to the next meeting of the LAF, which will help shape the issues and direct funding to the appropriate areas.

With regard to the request for £500 to go towards the speedwatch camera, members of the LAF agreed to fund this from the Local Priorities Budget.

The Wexham and Iver Local Area Forum noted the arrangements in place for 2010/11 for its devolved budgets, as set out in the report and also noted the expenditure of the allocated funding in 2009/10

	The Forum also agreed that £500 be allocated towards the speedwatch camera from the Local Priorities Budget.
10	FORWARD PLAN
	 Local Transport Plan 3 Consultation <u>http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/bcc/transport/ltp3.page</u> <u>http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/assets/content/bcc/docs/transport/LAF_Engagement_Report.pd</u> <u>f</u> PAYP and Local Priorities Delegated Budgets 2010/11 – June Youth Provision in the Wexham and Iver areas Transport Delegated Budget 2011/12 Service Information Centre – demonstration Local Area Planning Workshop - outcome With regard to the Good Neighbour Scheme a member asked what had been done with the money allocated to the scheme at the last meeting. It was agreed that that a report would be presented at the meeting on 30 June. (<i>Report attached as appendix 1</i>)
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
12	TRANSPORT FOR BUCKINGHAMSHIRE - UPDATE Members received and noted the report of the Head of Transport, which provided a comprehensive update on current and relevant Transportation issues in relation to the Wexham and Iver area. The Wexham and Ivers Local Area Forum noted the contents of the report.

<u>Yvonne Evans – Age Concern Bucks</u> <u>Good Neighbour Scheme Project Facilitator in The Ivers and</u> <u>Wexham</u>

A SUMMARY FROM 08/03/10 to 15/06/10

1) Networking & recruiting Stakeholders

Identified my role and described the 'GNS' to as many points of contact throughout The Ivers and Wexham. These contacts are outlined below:

- Church Leaders and members of the various church groups throughout lver and Wexham.
- Parish Town Clerks and Parish Magazine Editors.
- Parish, District and County Councillors.
- Neighbourhood Specialist Police Officers and the Thames Valley Community Messaging Service.
- The Locality Services Area Coordinator.

Contact with Key Workers within the area network including:

- Neighbourhood Action Groups
- Local Resident Associations
- Key Charity Workers
- Youth Workers
- Rotary Clubs
- Community Colleges
- Sports Centres

Links with local community 'hot-'spots such as:

- Doctors/Dental surgeries and Pharmacies.
- Post Offices, Convenience Stores and Garden Centres.

2) Questionnaires

All of the above contacts were used in the organisation and distribution of the 'GNS' Research Questionnaires to reach out to as many people and households within my catchment area.

Approximate distribution so far estimated at 7,000

The evaluation of the Questionnaire feedback is in progress. At present the numbers of 'Service users' greatly outnumbers the 'Volunteers.' As the success of the 'GNS' depends on a pool of volunteers to service the scheme, a specific leaflet has been created. This is designed to attract more volunteers to the scheme and will be distributed using the contacts I have made.

As 'GNS Community Project Facilitator' I attended the Local Priorities Workshop on 9th June, where shared local priorities were discussed and then listed for the areas represented.

3) Plans for the next six months

Following on from the Local Priorities Workshop, I will be attending the Local Area Forum meeting on 30th June

All volunteers who apply for the 'GNS' will be assessed and CRB checked.

All contacts will be approached to try and recruit stakeholders for the 'GNS' project.

Invite all volunteers/stakeholders to an open meeting, where the 'GNS' project will be discussed in greater detail and where we hope to recruit a Steering Committee.

Hold a Steering Group Committee meeting(s) to:

- agree constitution
- elect officers
- plan to set up a bank account
- source public liability insurance
- make sure all CRB checks on volunteers are done
- plan launch
- budget for basic running costs
- appoint 'GNS' Coordinator

It is important to note that this 'time-line' of events could take longer than six months to achieve, and that for the project to reach the goal of being successfully up and run on its own in the community, it will need further funding.

4) Budget

The Budget has been used to pay for the Good Neighbour Facilitator's salary, recruitment and training, travel costs, postage, telephone, & stationery, printing and distribution of 7000 leaflets, admin support, insurance.

Yvonne Evans Good Neighbour Facilitator Ivers & Wexham Age Concern Bucks. 15/6/2010

Questions from Angela Fisher, for the Clerk of Iver Parish Council

At the Highways and Partnerships meeting on 9th June 2010 the Iver Parish Councillors requested that the following questions appear on the next LAF agenda for the meeting on 30th June 2010.

1) Bucks Draft Freight Strategy section 7.3, page 21, last para. "... Bucks CC will lobby Central Govt. to alter legislation to improve links between GVOL system and planning legislation ...". This looks promising but we should be told exactly how the approach to Govt. is to be made and when.

A response will be provided at the meeting.

2) SBDC Core Policy 7, last para but one. "... The adverse effects associated with HGV movements will be addressed through land use changes..." Over what period of time and how will SBDC publicise this intention.

Response from Ian Motuel, South Bucks District Council

"Regarding Item 2, which relates to the South Bucks Proposed Submission Core Strategy, the Core Strategy was published for a final round of consultation in March. The 6 week period ended in mid May, but no response was received from Iver Parish Council.

"I am however already aware of the Parish Council's strong views on HGV movements in the Iver/Richings Park area and this is covered in the Core Strategy. Core Policy 7 (Accessibility and Transport) aims to address this problem initially through encouraging changes in land use (particularly on existing employment sites such as Court Lane, the Ridgeway and Thorney Business Park) in order to reduce the number of vehicle movements. Should this be unsuccessful, then other ways of resolving the problem will be explored, for example road access improvements. Core Policy 15 deals with this in more detail.

"You can see the Core Strategy and other documents via this link: <u>http://www.southbucks.gov.uk/environment_planning/planning/local_development_fr</u> <u>amework/core_strategy_development_plan_document/core_strategy_publication_st</u> <u>age.aspx</u>

"Iver PC ask "Over what period of time and how will SBDC publicise this intention". We have carried out extensive public consultation throughout the Core Strategy process, most recently in March, when we contacted a wide range of people and organisations, including the Parish council, local residents groups and others. We also placed notices in local newspapers, in libraries, parish council offices, on the Council's website etc.

"We now intend to submit the Core Strategy to the Government for its independent examination. Hearings are likely to be held in the Autumn. These hearings will be advertised and they are open to the public to attend (but not take part, unless invited by the inspector). After adoption, the Core Strategy will be widely publicised again, with hard copies available to purchase. At this time, it will be a part of the development plan and hence carry weight in planning decisions.

Agenda Item 8 Buckinghamshire County Council

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Local Area Forums

Title:	Option to use highways delegated budget for road repairs.
Date:	30 June 2010
Author:	Jim Stevens (Head of Transport for Buckinghamshire)
Contact officer:	Sean Rooney 01296 382077
Electoral divisions affected:	All

Summary

Buckinghamshire's roads have suffered significant damage as a result of the winter snow and ice. Transport for Buckinghamshire is working hard to repair this damage. The County Council has allocated an additional £2 million and Government just under £1 million to repair the damage.

Given ongoing local concerns with the condition of roads, Transport for Buckinghamshire would like to give the LAF/LCP the opportunity to consider whether they might like to spend some of the delegated budget for this year only on road repairs in the LAF/LCP area. It is stressed that this is purely an option.

Recommendation

The LAF/LCP is requested to consider whether it would like to spend some, all or none of the delegated highways budget this year on road repair work in your area, as an alternative to the schemes in the local programme.

Resource Implications

None - the highways delegated budget for 2010/11 for each LAF/LCP is already agreed.

Legal implications

None.



Other implications/issues

If the LAF/LCP decision is no, then the process of approving and implementing the existing delegated schemes programme for 2010/11 will continue unaffected.

If the decision is yes, then LAF/LCP members are asked to identify roads in their area where they would like repairs so that these can be costed. The repair work will be carried out by TfB as part of the ongoing maintenance programme and could be surfacing, plane and patch or other appropriate treatment to repair the road. The LAF/LCP will also need to consider whether the local schemes, that would have otherwise gone ahead, should be considered as part of the 2011/12 highways delegated budget programme.

Agenda Item 13 Buckinghamshire County Council

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Wexham and Iver Local Area Forum

Title:

Update report from Transport for Buckinghamshire

Date: 30 June 2010

Author: Jim Stevens

Contact officer:

Electoral divisions affected:

Chris Schwier 01494 586622 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

Fortunately we have come to the end of the excessive levels of pothole repairs we experienced during the winter period and we are now able to re-allocate resources to under take other maintenance repairs. We have instigated 'road fixer' gangs which are self contained units which are capable of carrying out small areas of patching works and will be moving around the Local Area Technicians areas on a four weekly basis for a week at a time.

We have a programme of drainage problem areas which will be addressed during the next couple of months.

Local Area Community Gangs are undertaking small maintenance issues, which primarily have been brought to our attention by Parish Council's and please continue to contact your Local Area Technician with any works so that forthcoming programmed can be compiled.

The annual surface dressing progamme will be starting on 7th June and hopefully weather permitting will be completed by the end of June.

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

09/10 scheme B470 Langley Park Road, Iver. Awaiting capital funding.

10/11 schemes – B470 Wood Lane to boundary at investigation stage. A412 Iver, at investigation stage.

MC28 Church Lane, Wexham at investigation stage

Passenger Transport Nothing to report.

Development Control

Wexham Court Primary School- Slough Borough Application. Increase by 200 pupils – a new class for each year over 3 years. Proposing to widen right hand turn lane on Church Lane and also a new pedestrian crossing point (not Zebra just dropped kerb with tactile). Still awaiting detailed comments from internal consultees.

Working with the maintenance department to sort the issues on Colne Orchard, e.g. damaged verges from a recent development.

Design

Nothing to report

TLTL – Delegated Budget update

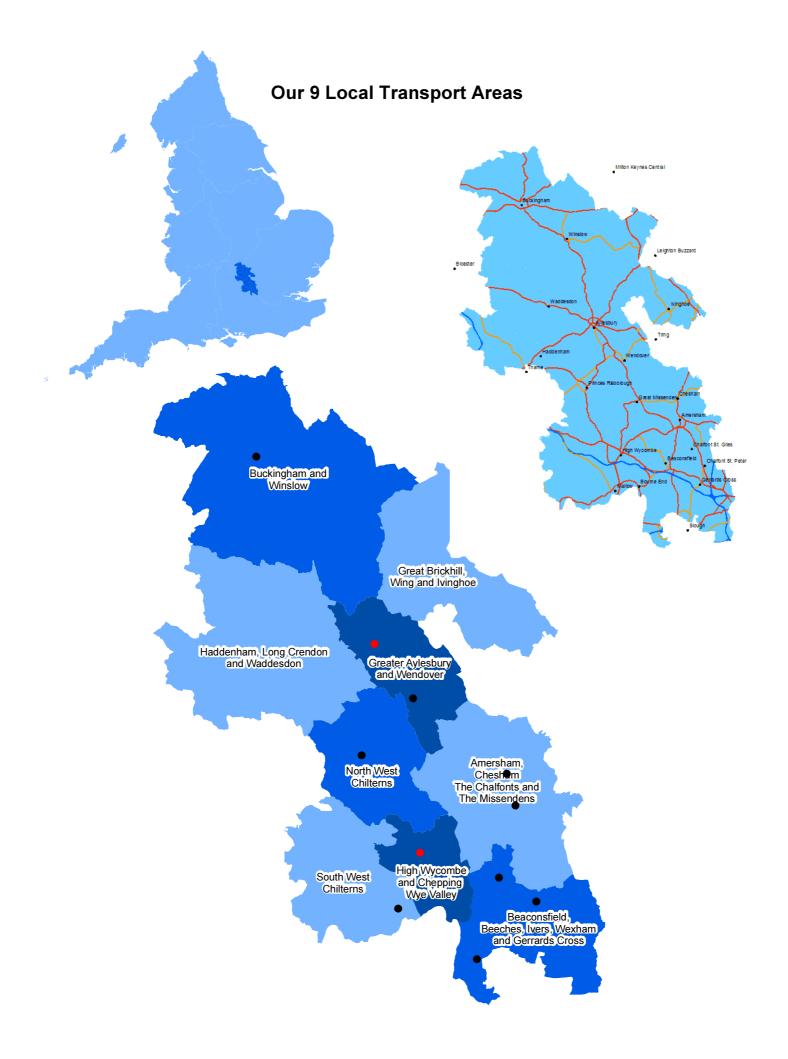
Schemes for 2010/2011 are now funded; liaison will take place with Parishes and work ordered.



BUCKINGHAMSHIRE: CONNECTING PEOPLE & PLACES

Wexham and Ivers Local Area Forum

30 June 2010



Beaconsfield, Beeches, Gerrards Cross and Wexham and Ivers Engagement Summary – Winter 2009/10

Members of the LAFs in this area were asked to:

- Suggest if the stated objectives can be improved (See Countywide section);
- Review the Problems and Issues listed and make additions where appropriate
- Prioritise a list of 40 strategic options to address the needs of the local area. This
 was done by identifying the 7 options they most wanted to see delivered and the 7
 options they least wanted to see delivered

1) General Comments on Objectives:

More clarification / definition of objectives

It has been noted that some terminology used within the objectives (and summary note) need further explanation and clarification. There is also a need for the objectives to be tightened to ensure that there is minimal ambiguity with the interpretations of the objectives meaning. It was also reported that there is risk of objectives contradicting each other, and further clarification of the objectives could resolve this.

Suggestions / amendments in wording emphasis

In addition to the fine tuning above, it was felt that the following areas need more emphasis:

- Local Public Transport improvements
- Emphasis on sustainable travel
- Emphasis on younger people
- Access for all, not solely disadvantaged groups
- Reducing volume of traffic
- Reducing travel by car
- Providing realistic alternatives
- Emphasis on sustainability
- Better Maintenance of roads
- Additional suggestions / amendments / fine-tuning for how objectives could be rephrased have also been noted.

2) Additions to Problems and Issues Section

- Reducing C02 emissions (page 12)
 - Cycling provision in the area is non-existent. All major roads should make provision for safe cycling. All anti-cycling measures such as "street lighting switch off" and pinch-gaps should be removed.
 - Driver behaviour with regard to pedestrian and cyclists and in the vicinity of schools should be improved by reducing and enforcing speed limits and penalising dangerous and illegal parking.
- Supporting Economic Growth and Competitiveness (page 13)
 - Congestion has been identified on the B416 Packhorse Road in Gerrards Cross during peak periods.
 - The arrival of Crossrail in 2017 should include an integrated transport system with buses linked to the 15 minute frequency of Crossrail trains. This should include a bus service from Gerrards Cross to Slough or Iver to connect with a fast train straight through to the City of London.
- Promoting Equality of Opportunity (page 14)

- The lack of adequate local education facilities is a major contribution to traffic congestion. Adequate schools should be provided within walking distance of communities to prevent this.
- Many footpaths in Gerrards Cross are unsuitable for prams and wheelchairs and require improvement.
- Improving Quality of Life and the Environment (page 16)
 - There is no excessive street lighting. All street lighting is either just about adequate or sub-standard. Reducing street lighting for economic reasons at the expense of road safety is unacceptable.
- There is no road resurfacing policy or programme in place. All roads should be completely resurfaced on a regular

3.2 LTP3 Strategic Options summary

Most Preferred Options:

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Maintenance – Reactive
Initiative - Community Transport on Demand
Maintenance - Proactive
Parking – Increase Parking Provision
Initiative – Further development of Concessionary Fares schemes
Freight – Limit freight travel with restrictions
Infrastructure – Make public space including streets more useable and
attractive
Road safety - Promotion
Walking - Infrastructure

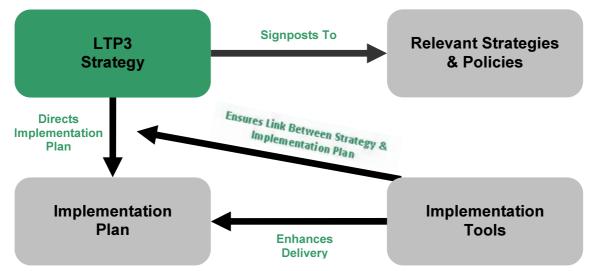
Least Preferred Options:

Initiative - Road User Charging		
Infrastructure – Build roads		
Initiative – Vehicle lanes for cars with 2+ passengers		
Initiative – Encourage greater use of the car		
Initiative – Countywide journey planning service		
Freight – Remove freight from the roads and transfer to rail and water		
(canals)		

Engagement Summary for area

The respondees in this Local Transport Planning Area have suggested some improvements to the problem and issue paper to ensure all issues are appropriately captured. In addition, the area has highlighted some interesting preferred Strategic Options. Preferred options include Reactive maintenance, Proactive maintenance, community transport on demand, increasing parking provision, improving public space, developing the concessionary fare scheme and managing freight. There are some Synergies with the Symposium held in this area: rural accessibility, maintenance, and freight management came through as priorities through both forums. Likewise, Road user charging, Vehicle lanes with 2+ passengers, encouraging greater use of the car, and a countywide journey planning service were all least preferred options in the Symposium and LAF feedback. Notably, building roads came out as the 2nd least preferred option in the LAF feedback, but was seen as a favourable option at the Symposium.

LTP3 Document Structure



LTP3 COMPONENT	DESCRIPTION
LTP3 Strategy 2011-26	A 15 year transport strategy for Buckinghamshire containing a vision, goals and objectives providing strategic direction towards 2026. Transport linked problems and issues are summarised at regional, countywide and local levels and appropriate responses to deliver benefits outlined. Long-term strategic aspirations and high level targets are detailed supported by a robust performance framework and key performance indicators.
Implementation Plan	 A rolling implementation plan (refreshed and updated annually) designed to deliver the LTP3 strategy. The implementation plan contains : A three year programme of planned schemes & activities A summary of schemes & activities beyond three years where known Where known, details of future funding levels and funding sources available to deliver planned schemes and activities Targets and trajectories for key performance indicators A summary of risks and opportunities associated with delivery
Implementation Tools	A series of tools developed to ensure that the LTP3 implementation plan is effectively linked to the strategy and that maximum value for money and benefit is realised from the activities and schemes delivered. Full details of each of these tools can be found in Volume 2 of the Buckinghamshire LTP3.
Relevant Strategies & Policies	A number of active TfB strategies and policies that provide detailed information and guidance on specific areas (e.g. winter maintenance, road safety) are signposted to from the LTP3.

Support Economic Growth

- Maintain or improve the reliability of journey times on key routes.
- \circ $\,$ Improve connectivity and access to local labour markets and key centres
- Deliver transport improvements to support and facilitate sustainable housing and employment growth.
- Ensure local transport networks are resistant and adaptable to shocks & impacts.

Promote Equality of Opportunity

- Enable disadvantaged people to access employment sites & opportunities.
- Enable disadvantaged people to access key goods and services including education and healthcare
- Enable disadvantaged people to access leisure opportunities and social networks

Reduce Carbon Emissions

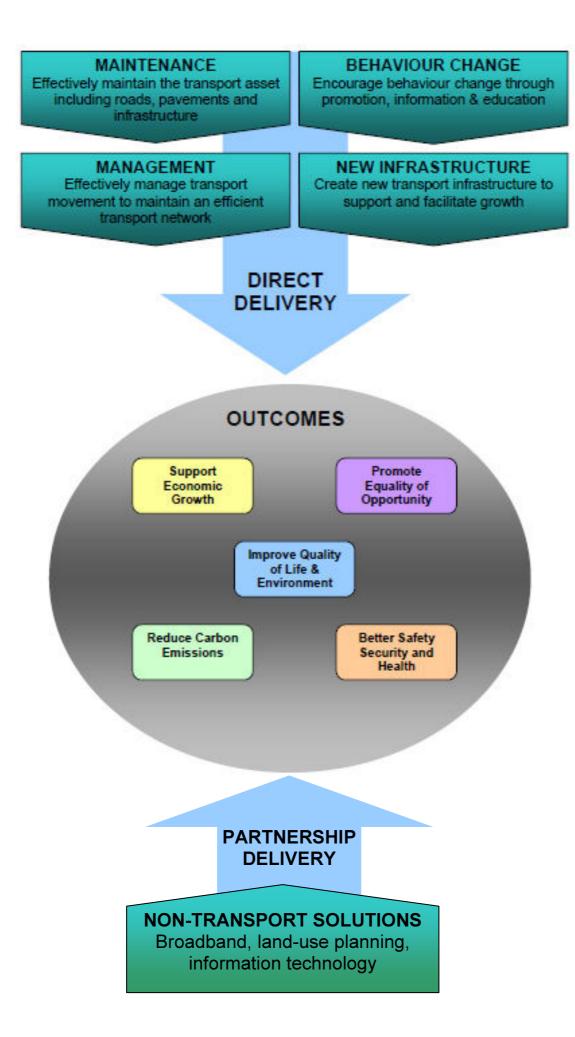
- Reduce the need to travel
- Increase the proportion of people travelling by low emission modes of transport
- Reduce carbon emissions associated with transport infrastructure

Improve Quality of Life & Environment

- o Protect, improve and maintain the local environment
- Enhance community cohesion by improving connections
- o Improve the journey experience for all transport users

Better Safety Security and Health

- \circ $\,$ Reduce the risk of death or injury due to transport incidents and collisions $\,$
- o Improve health through encouraging and enabling physically active travel
- o Reduce the negative impact of poor air quality
- Reduce crime, fear of crime and anti-social behaviour on the transport network



Upcoming Engagement

ACTIVITY	DATE
12 week public consultation	Aug-Oct, 2010
4 Transport Symposia	September – October 2010
LAF/LCP Response Opportunities	August – October 2010
Final Draft LTP3 development	Nov-Dec, 2010
Project Governance Board and Cabinet Approval – Final Draft LTP3	Jan-Feb 2011
Printing	March 2011
LTP3 Published	April 1st 2011

- Consultation booklet
 - LTP3 summary
 - Topic Papers for our approach to key Priorities
 - Our Strategic approach in your Local Transport Planning Area
- Via Legal and Democratic Services Officers (Maureen Keyworth) you will receive a link to your online booklet when Full Public Consultation is launched.
- Parish Councils are encouraged to respond on behalf of their area and/or encourage members of the Public to respond
- Parish Councils are encourage to include article in Parish newsletter/website (please contact Ed Gurney)
- South Bucks Transport Symposium September/October 2010

Once the Plan is launched...

• Transport for Buckinghamshire intend to continue work with LAFs to discuss Local Priorities and Local Health Checks so that LAFs can work with TfB to influence Implementation Plan