

# *Chiltern and South Bucks Strategic Partnership*



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Dear Councillor

## CHILTERN AND SOUTH BUCKS STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

The next meeting of the Chiltern and South Bucks Strategic Partnership will be held as follows:

DATE: THURSDAY, 25TH JULY, 2013

TIME: 6.00 PM

VENUE: COUNCIL CHAMBER, CAPSWOOD, OXFORD ROAD, DENHAM, UB9 4LH

Yours faithfully

J.A. BURNES

**DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES**

To: Members of the Chiltern and South Bucks Strategic Partnership



INVESTOR IN PEOPLE

Chief Executive: Alan Goodrum  
Directors: Jim Burness (Resources) Bob Smith (Services)



# CHILTERN AND SOUTH BUCKS STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

## Declarations of Interest

Any Member of the Partnership attending the meeting is reminded of the requirement to declare if he/she has a personal interest in any item of business, as defined in the Code of Conduct. If that interest is a prejudicial interest as defined in the Code the Member should also withdraw from the meeting.

## A G E N D A

(Pages)

1. **Welcome and Apologies**
2. **Establishing the Chiltern and South Bucks Strategic Partnership and Steering Group - Terms of Reference**

To receive a report from Rachel Prance, Principal Officer for Policy, Performance & Communications, South Bucks and Chiltern District Council. (1 - 2)

*Appendix A* (3 - 6)  
*Appendix B* (7 - 12)  
*Appendix C* (13 - 14)  
*Appendix D* (15 - 16)
3. **Electoral Review in South Bucks**

To receive a presentation by Richard Buck, Review Manager, The Local Government Boundary Commission for England.
4. **Housing and Affordable Housing**

To receive a presentation by Michael Veryard, Principal Housing Officer, Chiltern District Council, Tony Peak, Housing Manager, South Bucks District Council, Alison Hadden, Chief Executive, Paradigm Housing and Melanie Williamson or David Montague London & Quadrant Housing Trust (L&Q).
5. **Families First**

To receive a presentation by Joy Shakespeare, Programme Lead for the Families First, Buckinghamshire County Council.
6. **Refreshing and Delivering the Joint Sustainable Community Strategy**

To receive a report from Alan Goodrum, Chief Executive, South Bucks and Chiltern District Council and Rachel Prance, Principal Officer for Policy, Performance & Communications, South Bucks and Chiltern District Council. (17 - 18)

7. **Annual Partnership Reports**
- To receive the Annual Partnership Reports from Rachel Prance, Principal Officer for Policy, Performance & Communications, South Bucks and Chiltern District Council. (19 - 42)
8. **Bucks Strategic Funding**
- To receive a report from Rachel Prance, Principal Officer for Policy, Performance & Communications, South Bucks and Chiltern District Council. (43 - 44)
- Appendix* (45 - 50)
9. **Forward Plan**
- To receive the Forward Plan for the Chiltern and South Bucks Strategic Partnership. (51 - 52)
10. **Any other Business**
11. **Date of the next meeting**
- A date to be agreed for October 2013.

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<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>Establishing the Chiltern and South Bucks Strategic Partnership and Steering Group – Terms of Reference</b>
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### **1. Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1 To seek approval for the draft Terms of Reference of the Chiltern and South Bucks Strategic Partnership and the Chiltern and South Bucks Strategic Partnership Steering Group.

### **2. Partnership Terms of Reference**

- 2.1 The Terms of Reference is the document which frames and guides the work of the Partnership and it is therefore important that all members are happy with it and feel that it reflects their intentions.
- 2.2 The Terms of Reference could be reviewed after a year of operation. The draft is attached as Appendix A
- 2.3 The full list of members for the Chiltern and South Bucks Strategic Partnership is attached as Appendix C.

### **3. Steering Group**

- 3.1 In the joint report which proposed the setting up of a merged Chiltern and South Bucks Partnership, it was suggested and accepted that there should be a separate Steering Group, reporting to the main Partnership.
- 3.2 The Steering Group's separate Terms of Reference have been drafted and are attached as Appendix B. Our role as the Steering Group is to work to drive forward partnership issues and concerns.
- 3.3 Minimum membership of the Steering Group has been suggested as follows, with a full list attached as Appendix D:
- Voluntary Sector – including youth services
  - Parishes – two from each district
  - Buckinghamshire County Council
  - BFRS
  - Police
  - Health
  - Housing Provider
  - The two Councils
  - Private Sector

### **4. Resource and Other Policy Implications**

- 4.1 The District Councils will administer the Partnership but all Partners are encouraged to input reports and prepare and place items on the agenda. It is not anticipated that any additional resources will be required.

### **5. Recommendations**

- 5.1 The steering group recommends that the Partnership's terms of reference and membership list are approved by the Partnership.

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**6. Officer Contact info**

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<b>Background Papers:</b>	Report to Chiltern Community Partnership on 7 <sup>th</sup> March 2013 and to the South Bucks Partnership on 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2013.

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**Appendix A: Draft Terms of Reference for the Chiltern and South Bucks Strategic Partnership.**

*'Our vision is to enhance Chiltern and South Bucks as desirable places to live, work and visit'*

**1. The key aim is to coordinate and increase the effectiveness of public services.**

This will be achieved by:

- 1.1 Identifying the needs and aspirations of local communities, reconciling competing interests where necessary whilst recognising the value of diversity.
- 2.1 Assisting Councillors to engage with their communities and with local views and so be enabled to balance priorities and co-ordinate shared functions.
- 3.1 Developing a joint Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS), based on identified needs and priorities, and regularly reviewing this strategy.
- 4.1 Shaping and steering the strategic commissioning of local services, jointly where possible, to deliver better effectiveness and economies of scale both across the district and in localities, turning the long-term vision set out in the SCS into reality.
- 5.1 Taking part in the consideration of strategic highways matters within the districts.
- 6.1 Co-ordinating community consultation and putting in place a continuing process of planned engagement and involvement for the public.
- 7.1 Formulating shared views on local issues of mutual interest and concern, responding to relevant consultations and identifying areas of concern with service delivery and flexibility to help diverse groups of users.
- 8.1 Linking appropriately with any relevant neighbourhood forums operating within the District.
- 9.1 Establishing a shared understanding of the totality of resources across the partnership, creatively maximising capacity to deliver effectively across partners.

**2. Membership**

- 2.1 Each representative will have one vote.
- 2.2 Voting members will consist of the Steering Group in addition to the following:
  - Eight County Councillors, four elected Members from each District.
  - Eight District Councillors, four elected members from each District.
  - One representative from each Parish / Town Council.
  - Thames Valley Chamber of Commerce (South Bucks District).
  - One representative from Arqiva.
- 2.3 Membership of the Steering Group will consist of:
  - Two District Officers.
  - Two County Council Officers.
  - Four Parish Representatives, two from each District, but note there will be one vote per Parish or Town Council in total.
  - Two faith and cultural representatives.
  - One representative from each of the following areas / organisations:
    - Action4Youth
    - Amersham and Wycombe College
    - Bucks Business First
    - Bucks Fire and Rescue
    - Clinical Commissioning Group
    - Citizens Advice Bureau

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- Community Impact Bucks
  - Department for Communities and Local Government
  - Federation of Small Businesses
  - Leisure Centres
  - L and Q London Housing Association
  - Paradigm Housing
  - Thames Valley Police.
- 2.4 Other interested parties from within the Districts' voluntary, community and private sectors may attend the wider partnership meeting and convey their views.
- 3. Reporting and Minutes**
- 3.1 Formal agendas and minutes will be issued and it is the responsibility of each organisation's representatives at the meeting to ensure that they use these to report back to their organisation, to maintain information flows.
- 3.2 Whilst agendas will be prepared by the District Councils, every Parish/Town Council and all other members will be invited to submit items for the agenda and any item which is so submitted will be guaranteed to be placed on the agenda, unless an agreement is reached with the proposer that the item is no longer required.
- 3.3 In the event of specific issues being the subject of investigation, sub-groups drawn from the membership may be set up, where agreed by the membership.
- 4. Frequency, Date and Timings of Meetings**
- 4.1 Timing and dates of meetings will be agreed by this body, the assumption being that meetings will be held twice per year.
- 5. Chairing**
- 5.1 The Chairman should normally, although not exclusively, be the Leader of a District Councillor. The right to nominate the Chairman will rest with the Districts. The position of Vice-Chairman will be agreed by the meeting.
- 6. Decision Making**
- 6.1 Each member, as listed in 2.2 and 2.3 above, will have equal voting rights.
- 6.2 However, in the case of any monetary budgets which may have been allocated to the Partnership, the Partnership will advise on, rather than control those allocations, with the final decision being made by the provider of the funds.
- 6.3 Whilst it would be inappropriate for a formal vote to take place in relation to those sums, the Chairman will ensure that the views of this body are conveyed to the appropriate Council or other organisation.
- 6.4 The main business of the Partnership will be undertaken by the Steering Group, which will have full delegated authority as set out in their Terms of Reference.
- 7. Public Attendance and Questions**
- 7.1 The public and press shall be invited to attend all meetings unless the business is defined as confidential under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act.
- 7.2 The public and Members of the Partnership shall be invited to submit questions and such questions should be notified in writing or by electronic mail to the contact shown on each agenda as early as possible before the meeting and in the case of the public, no later than



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noon two working days before the meeting and for Members, no later than noon one working day before the meeting.

- 7.3 Questions must be about matters which affect the district area or its residents and must not be defamatory, frivolous or offensive. They must not relate to any existing or proposed application, permission, licence, consent, benefit, grant or enforcement action. Similarly any question which requires the disclosure of confidential or exempt information will not be accepted.
- 7.4 Decisions on the acceptability of questions will rest with the Chief Executive of Chiltern and South Bucks District Councils.
- 7.5 No one person may submit more than three questions to each meeting and where several questions relate to the same topic these may be combined. Questions will be answered at the meeting or in writing if the questioner cannot be present. No discussion will take place on questions unless invited by the Chairman. Consideration of questions will normally be expected to last for a maximum of half an hour at each meeting.

## **8. Petitions**

- 8.1 Members of the public will be entitled to submit petitions but these will be sent to the body which has responsibility for that area of work rather than to the Partnership.

## **9. Codes of Conduct**

- 9.1 Each Councillor shall be subject to the Codes of Conduct adopted by their own Council and these will apply to Partnership meetings, including notification of interests. Other non-councillor members are asked to give notification of interests in the same way to ensure consistency and transparency.

## **10. Review and Monitoring**

- 10.1 The effective operation of this body will be reviewed as necessary by the wider Partnership in April 2014 and thereafter as agreed by the partners.



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**Appendix B: Draft Terms of Reference for the Chiltern and South Bucks Strategic Partnership Steering Group.**

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**1. Background**

- 1.1 Local Strategic Partnerships are a collection of organisations or representatives from the public, private, voluntary and community sectors that voluntarily come together to work in partnership, first introduced in the Local Government Act 2000.
- 1.2 In July 2008, the role for Local Strategic Partnerships was enhanced to take responsibility for identifying needs of communities, co-ordinating engagement activities of partners, developing a Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS).
- 1.3 To fulfil this role, joint working through Local Strategic Partnerships has tended to happen at three levels:
  - **Strategic:** to build consensus on how partners would like to see their area change over the next 10-20 years, discuss concerns and agree common goals and priorities
  - **Board:** using the vision to allocate resources, set targets and oversee performance
  - **Operational:** sub-groups manage performance and shape service delivery to meet the agreed goals
- 1.4 Whilst the Coalition Government has removed the statutory requirement to have a local partnership, the success of the Chiltern and South Bucks Partnerships has generated the desire to continue to work together for the good of the communities.
- 1.5 The Partnership believes that in a time of reduced spending, it is even more important to work together to reduce overlaps and find ways to deliver more for less. With that in mind and following a period of consultation, the Partnerships agreed to merge to reduce the resources needed to administer both Partnerships and remove duplication, with effect from April 2013.
- 1.6 The partnership continues to exist with the key aim to coordinate and increase the effectiveness of public services. This will be done by the development of a common set of priorities for the Districts and a framework within which to address them.
- 1.7 The partnership encourages membership from organisations who seek to improve the quality of life in the District and are prepared to work collaboratively and respectfully with other members of the partnership.
- 1.8 The steering group has full delegated authority to take the leadership for this partnership and works in consultation and collaboration with the wider membership.

**2 Membership of the steering group**

- 2.1 The steering group includes representatives from the main organisations which influence life in Chiltern and South Bucks and people who represent Chiltern's and South Bucks' communities.
- 2.2 The size of the steering group needs to be large enough to include the influential organisations and representatives of Chiltern's and South Bucks' communities but not so large that it can't conduct effective meetings and discussion.
- 2.3 New members can be proposed by any member of the steering group and this will require a discussion item at a steering group meeting, support from the Chairman, plus majority agreement by the group. Factors considered in determining membership will be:
  - the balance of interests represented
  - commitment shown by the potential member

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- the potential member's influence and/or representation of the community.
- 2.4 Attendees are expected to attend 70% of meetings and send substitutes in their absence. Substitutes should be briefed on the meeting and feed back to the member who couldn't attend.
- 3. Aims of the group**
- 3.1 To represent and advance the interests of Chiltern's and South Bucks' communities.
- 3.2 To develop and periodically review the Chiltern and South Bucks Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS), ensuring it is based on evidence and wide stakeholder engagement.
- 3.3 To develop and encourage leadership by individuals and partnerships on the outcomes in the community strategy.
- 3.4 To consider and address issues of a strategic nature pertinent to the delivery of the community strategy.
- 3.5 To share information and keep partners informed of issues which affect them.
- 4. Working approach**
- 4.1 To encourage individuals and partnerships to lead on the themes in the SCS and provide regular progress updates back to the Steering Group.
- 4.2 To focus work on areas where there is underperformance or gaps in delivery.
- 4.3 To consider strategies and programmes of work and ensure they address the needs of Chiltern's and South Bucks' communities and complement other strategies.
- 4.4 Members of the group are encouraged to table issues relevant to the community strategy and suggest actions for partners to undertake. These kinds of items must be given adequate preparation by those tabling the items. The steering group must give these items due consideration.
- 4.5 The steering group will review its approach on an annual basis.
- 5. Behaviour and values**
- 5.1 Members of the steering group should conduct themselves with mutual respect for each other and for guests at meetings.
- 5.2 All members will have equal opportunity to voice and advance their views.
- 5.3 The spirit of the group is that of mutual support and constructive collaboration.
- 5.4 Steering Group members are expected to abide by the code of conduct of their organisation of their constituent organisation and the seven principles of public life (see section 6).
- 6. The Seven Principles Of Public Life (see 5.4)**
- 6.1 SELFLESSNESS**  
Holders of public office should act solely in terms of the public interest. They should not do so in order to gain financial or other material benefits for themselves, their family, or their friends.
- 6.2 INTEGRITY**  
Holders of public office should not place themselves under any financial or other obligation to outside individuals or organisations that might seek to influence them in the performance of their official duties.
- 6.3 OBJECTIVITY**

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In carrying out public business, including making public appointments, awarding contracts, or recommending individuals for rewards and benefits, holders of public office should make choices on merit.

#### **6.4 ACCOUNTABILITY**

Holders of public office are accountable for their decisions and actions to the public and must submit themselves to whatever scrutiny is appropriate to their office.

#### **6.5 OPENNESS**

Holders of public office should be as open as possible about all the decisions and actions that they take. They should give reasons for their decisions and restrict information only when the wider public interest clearly demands.

#### **6.6 HONESTY**

Holders of public office have a duty to declare any private interests relating to their public duties and to take steps to resolve any conflicts arising in a way that protects the public interest.

#### **6.7 LEADERSHIP**

Holders of public office should promote and support these principles by leadership and example.

### **7. Chairmanship**

7.1 Chairmanship should be reviewed at intervals not exceeding four years.

7.2 Chairmanship of the steering group shall be by one of the two district council Leaders or their nominee.

7.3 The chairmanship should:

- encourage respect and motivation
- ensure all members of the group are heard
- ensure the group adheres to its terms of reference
- take a casting vote when necessary.

7.4 In the absence of the Chairman, the chairing of that meeting will be appointed by the attending steering group members at that particular meeting.

### **8. Frequency of meetings**

8.1 The frequency of meetings is determined by the Chairman in consultation with the steering group, it is expected that the maximum number of meetings per year will be 6.

### **9. Engagement with the wider membership**

9.1 It is important that the steering group engages with the wider partnership in order to better understand the District, inform our partners and develop wider collaboration.

9.2 The steering group undertakes the following steps to engage the wider partnership:

9.2.1 To hold Chiltern and South Bucks Strategic Partnership conferences at least twice per year, in a workshop style to ensure the Steering Group are aware of trends and issues in the Districts.

9.2.2 To convene additional partnership meetings as required for workshops and briefings, should there be real business to discuss which cannot wait until the next scheduled conference.

9.2.3 To ensure the wider partnership is fully consulted on the review of the SCS.

9.2.4 To ensure there is a mechanism for the wider partnership to raise strategic issues with the steering group. This can be done by contacting a member of the steering group. The issue will then be brought to the attention of the steering group for consideration.

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- 9.2.5 To ensure that Chiltern and South Bucks websites hold relevant information to help the wider partners to be engaged with the work of the partnership.
- 9.3 Additionally, contact details of all members of the steering group, a forward plan of steering group meetings together with the issues they will consider at each meeting and the minutes of previous meetings with presentations, will all be available on request.

## **10. Engagement with elected members**

- 10.1 Councillors on the steering group will feed back to their fellow councillors on the work of the group.
- 10.2 Minutes of steering group meetings will be tabled as information items at Chiltern and South Bucks District Council Cabinet meetings at least twice a year.
- 10.3 Councillors will be consulted on the SCS.

## **11. Review of the Sustainable Community Strategy**

- 11.1 The steering group is responsible for the development, review and revision of the SCS.
- 11.2 Key points in the review are:
- Reviewed regularly and revised every three to four years
  - Changes should be evidence based
  - Wide stakeholder engagement to be obtained
- 11.3 The strategy should include:
- An overview of the Chiltern and South Bucks Districts (story of place)
  - A vision for the Districts
  - Outcomes for the Districts.

## **12. Thematic leads and progress updates**

- 12.1 To progress delivery of the SCS, the steering group encourages leadership by individuals and partnerships to support delivery of the themes.
- 12.2 Thematic leads are encouraged to develop their own role and an approach which suits them and related partnerships. Leads are asked to provide regular / scheduled updates on progress.

## **13. Partnership Communication Strategy**

- 13.1 An important element of the Partnership is to promote knowledge and effective communications across the wider member group.
- 13.2 The steering group members undertake to share information where possible on their contribution to the SCS and to ensure that this information is disseminated appropriately across the wider group.
- 13.3 Any wider group member may pass relevant communications to the steering group for sharing with the wider group, where it is relevant to the delivery of the SCS or relates to partnership concerns.

## **14. Partnership Consultation Strategy**

- 14.1 The Steering Group will consider how frequently to and how to consult with the people of Chiltern and South Bucks.

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- 14.2 At a minimum, the Steering Group will ensure that consultation underpins any major review of the SCS.
  - 14.3 Steering Group members undertake to work together to ensure that identified consultation is undertaken in the most inclusive and cost-effective way.
  - 14.4 Each Steering Group member organisation undertakes to feedback relevant information from their own organisation's consultation, where it is relevant to the SCS or is of interest to the Partnership.
  - 14.5 Where possible, whenever any individual Steering Group member organisation is undertaking consultation within the Districts, they will attempt to gather feedback of use to the Partnership.
  - 14.6 The Partnership may, from time to time, require that consultation is conducted on Partnership concerns. In consideration of this, the Steering Group will canvass the views of the wider group as to who should be consulted. The steering group will additionally consider if, due to the wide representation of the group itself, that consultation with the wider group may, in some circumstances, act as the consultation.





**Appendix C: Membership of the Chiltern and South Bucks Strategic Partnership.**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organisations</b>
Alan Goodrum	Chief Executive, Chiltern and South Bucks District Councils
Bob Smith	Director of Services, Chiltern and South Bucks District Councils
Jim Burness	Director of Resources, Chiltern and South Bucks District Councils
Rachel Prance	Principal Officer, Policy, Performance and Communications, Chiltern and South Bucks District Councils
Cllr Nick Rose	Cabinet Leader, Chiltern District Council
Cllr Adrian Busby	Cabinet Leader, South Bucks District Council
Cllr Mimi Harker	Councillor, Chiltern District Council
Cllr Jonathan Rush	Councillor, Chiltern District Council
Cllr Jeremy Ryman	Councillor, Chiltern District Council
Cllr Anita Cranmer	Councillor, South Bucks District Council
Cllr Nick Naylor	Councillor, South Bucks District Council
Cllr the Earl of Stockton	Councillor, South Bucks District Council
Cllr Alan Walters	Councillor, South Bucks District Council
Cllr David Martin	Councillor, Bucks County Council (Chiltern)
Cllr Mark Shaw	Councillor, Bucks County Council (Chiltern)
Cllr David Schofield	Councillor, Bucks County Council (Chiltern)
Cllr Tim Butcher	Councillor, Bucks County Council (Chiltern)
Cllr Dev Dhillon	Councillor, Bucks County Council (South Bucks)
Cllr Roger Reed	Councillor, Bucks County Council (South Bucks)
Cllr Ruth Vigor-Hedderly	Councillor, Bucks County Council (South Bucks)
Gillian Hibberd	Bucks County Council Resources & Business Transformation
Christine Gardner	Bucks County Council Chiltern Area Co-ordinator, Localities
Emma Hildreth	Bucks County Council South Bucks Area Co-ordinator, Localities
George Eykyn	Department for Communities and Local Government
Via Parish Clerks	Parish/Town Councils Representatives (Chiltern – one from each)
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Calum Bell	Bucks Fire and Rescue
Nicola Lester	Clinical Commissioning Group, NHS
Steve Hockin	Thames Valley Police
Inspector Bhupinder Rai	Thames Valley Police
Vivien Salisbury	Action4Youth.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organisations</b>
Angus Blackwood	Arqiva
Felix Adenaike	Amersham and Wycombe College (temporary)
Rupert Waters	Bucks Business First
Chairmen	Chiltern Revitalisation Groups – contact is David Gardner at CDC
Marion Seneschall Liz Wright	Citizens Advice Bureau – will alternate attendance, Liz Wright at Chiltern offices, Marion Seneschall at South Bucks offices.
Diane Rutter	Community Impact Bucks
Rev Bill Jackson	Faith Representative
Parvinder Matheru	Faith representative plus wider cultural issues within the Sikh, Hindu and Muslim communities.
John Amatt	Leisure Centres (GLL)
Linda Walton	Federation of Small Businesses - Chiltern
Melanie Williamson	L and Q London Housing Association - Community Investment Officer
Alison Hadden	Paradigm Housing
Alastair Pike	Thames Valley Chamber of Commerce – South Bucks

**Appendix D: Membership of the Chiltern and South Bucks Strategic Partnership Steering Group.**

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Rachel Prance	Principal Officer Policy, Performance and Communications, Chiltern and South Bucks District Councils
Gillian Hibberd	Bucks County Council, Resources & Business Transformation
Christine Gardner	Bucks County Council Chiltern Area Co-ordinator, Localities
Emma Hildreth	Bucks County Council South Bucks Area Co-ordinator, Localities
George Eykyn	Department for Communities and Local Government
Bill Richards	Parish Representative (Chiltern – Chesham Town Council Clerk)
TBA	Parish Representative (Chiltern)
Cllr Janet Simmonds	Parish Representative (South Bucks – Beaconsfield Town Council)
TBA	Parish Representative (South Bucks)
Tony Thompson	Bucks Fire and Rescue – Tony Thompson, Amersham Station Commander
Nicola Lester	Clinical Commissioning Group, NHS
Steve Hockin	Thames Valley Police
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Alison Hadden	Paradigm Housing



<b>Subject</b>	<b>Joint Sustainable Community Strategy Proposal</b>
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## **1 Purpose of this Report**

- 1.1 To provide an update on the Steering Group's proposal for a joint Sustainable Community Strategy.

## **2 Recommendations**

- 2.1 The Partnership is asked to note this report.

## **3 Background**

- 3.1 Each District has a current Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS), delivered by the Chiltern Community Partnership and the South Bucks Partnership respectively in 2009. These strategies set out a vision for each district, identifying each Local Strategic Partnership's long-term aims. The strategies sit at the apex of all strategic and service plans across each district, enabling the promotion of this long term vision for improving our economic, environmental and social wellbeing.
- 3.2 In the run-up to the publication of Chiltern and South Bucks Strategic Partnership's SCSs in 2009, both Partnerships worked collectively with the other three Buckinghamshire Partnerships to develop a family of five SCSs (covering the four District and County Partnerships). These strategies share the same layout, sections and themes. Within each theme, they share headline sub-aims with actions below this level being tailored, where needed, to meet the specific needs of the area covered. They were based on extensive consultation within the communities and with wider partners to reflect the collective needs, concerns and hopes for the future of each District.
- 3.3 As the strategies were developed during 2008 and the early part of 2009, some of the information contained within them is now outdated and new challenges have emerged.

## **4. Way forward:**

- 4.1 With the merger of the South Bucks and Chiltern Community Partnership, the Steering Group have recognised the need to have one overarching Sustainable Community Strategy to avoid confusion, bring the strategy up to date and to ensure that all partners are working towards the same, joint, agreed aims, towards a common vision. A main area of responsibility for the shared partnership Steering Group will be to guide this work and work together to support its delivery.
- 4.2 Having compared both SCSs and having discussed the need for one joint SCS during the June 2013 meeting of the steering group, the most appropriate way forward was agreed that a draft of the new joint Sustainable Community Strategy be presented to the Partnership at the next meeting, likely to be scheduled during October 2013, following review by the Steering Group in September 2013.
- 4.3 To support this draft, all Parish and Town Councils were consulted via their Clerks, together with each theme lead and stakeholders, on the challenges and aims for the new joint SCS. The request was sent on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2013, to provide feedback by 12<sup>th</sup> July (with some parties to send by 17<sup>th</sup> July due to timing of Parish Council meetings). The District Councils will update the "story of place" from 2009 to 2013.

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<b>Background Papers:</b>	None



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# South Bucks Partnership Annual Report 2013



This will be the fourth and last South Bucks Partnership Annual report, as we are in the process of merging with the Chiltern Community Partnership as part of the Chiltern District and South Bucks District Councils' programme to develop shared services. This will generate cost savings as well as reducing duplication and the number of Partnership meetings our public sector partners will have to attend. We hope that the new, merged partnership will have a broader range of perspectives and be stronger and more influential. With continued public spending cuts, this is one example of how we are working hard with our partners to make a difference at the lowest possible cost.

At the start of the year, we had committed a small amount of grant funding to fourteen youth related projects, most of which are now completed. You will find out more about the impact of these projects within this report, from reducing the incidents of anti-social behaviour to developing skills in young people who are not in employment, education or training (NEETS) to enable them to find employment.

During 2012, we played host to the 2012 Games, which were very successful. As a result, Dorney Lake has been added as a venue to the World Cup Regatta Schedule from 2013, having come top of the visitor satisfaction rating for all Games venues, at 97% satisfied. Cultural events were also successful with 400 people attending a theatre performance in Burnham and the Lord Desborough exhibition being well attended. Local businesses which chose to become involved reported robust business and 15,000 residents and 200 volunteers participated in the torch relays in Burnham, Denham and Dorney.

This all contributed to the delivery of the South Bucks Sustainable Community Strategy, based on a shared vision and your priorities. Whilst the Partnership is evolving, we will continue to work together to improve the lives of South Bucks people, making them safer, healthier, more prosperous and united. Together, we can make a difference.

**Cllr Adrian Busby**  
**Chairman of the South Bucks Partnership.**

**South Bucks Partnership** includes representatives from:

- All Parish/Town Councils
- County Council
- District Council
- Business and learning sector
- Voluntary and community sector
- Faith community
- Thames Valley Police
- Bucks Fire and Rescue

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We want to know your views on what the Partnership is trying to achieve. Thinking what is important to your community:

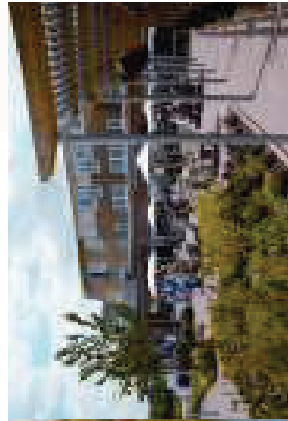
- Do you think we have got the right vision for the future?
- Are there any other areas that we should be considering?
- What are your views on the priorities we have set for the coming year?

## Sustainable Community Strategy 2009–2026

The Sustainable Community Strategy was published by the South Bucks Partnership in 2009 and sets out the long-term aspirations and vision of the community in South Bucks. It was founded on town and parish appraisals, together with individual consultations and input from all the public sector organisations operating in South Bucks, the voluntary and community sector, business and representatives from the faith community. The vision directly influences the work of partner organisations such as the police, local councils, community and voluntary organisations and fire and health services so that all can work effectively together for the benefit of residents. It is summarised below.

South Bucks will be a place with:

- ◆ A prosperous and diverse economy, with more people choosing to live and work locally;
- ◆ Green space, thriving and attractive towns and villages, where our heritage is protected and more affordable homes are available to help meet community needs;
- ◆ A sustainable environment where people take pride in their community and live low carbon lives;
- ◆ Lower levels of crime and anti-social behaviour, where the police are an active part of the community and people are knowledgeable about how to prevent crime;
- ◆ Good health which is enjoyed by all including those in deprived groups and where people take responsibility for their own well-being;



# Our Aims

The Sustainable Community Strategy has five aims which are the result of consultation with South Bucks people. These form the main themes within the strategy - see pages 7 to 11 for our priorities and achievements by theme.

## Thriving Economy

lifelong enterprise, the entrepreneurial heart of Britain



## Sustainable Environment

protecting our heritage, protecting our future



## Safe Communities

being safe, feeling safe



## Health and Well-Being

healthier, happier and longer lives

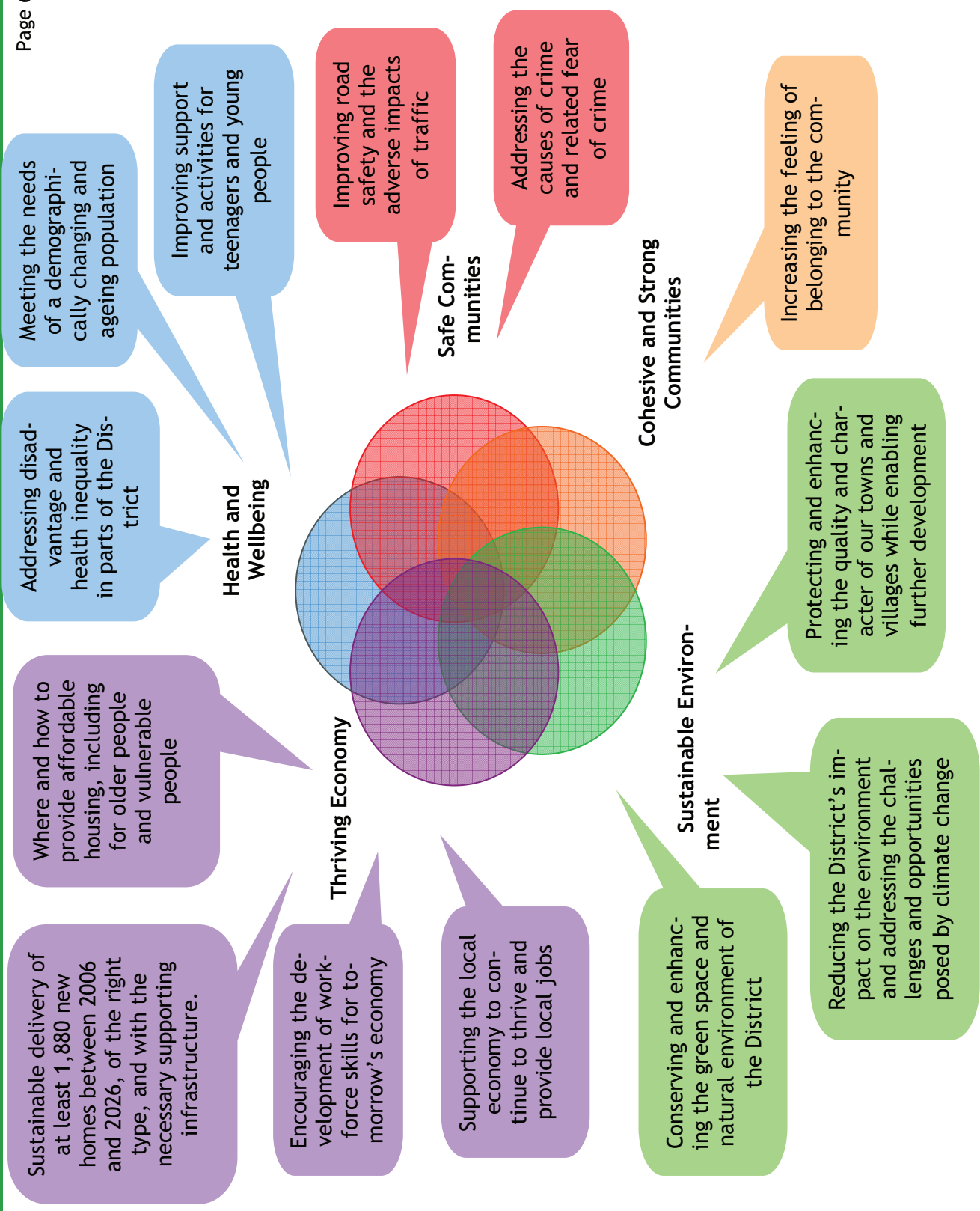


## Cohesive and Strong Communities

strong, confident and active communities



# Summary of Key Challenges



# Aim 1: Thriving Economy

## Some of last year's achievements:

- ◆ Partners worked together to improve signposting on the South Bucks District Council's business pages, <http://www.southbucks.gov.uk/business/default.aspx>.
- ◆ A leaflet was developed to inform people about Welfare Reforms and their impacts and those affected by housing benefit changes were identified and written to.
- ◆ Dorney lake was top of the visitor satisfaction rating of all Games 2012 venues, at 97%.
- ◆ 80% of Games spectators used public transport, with walk-ups to the northern gate increasing business in Dorney Village.
- ◆ Out of 300,00 Games visitors to Dorney Lake, there were only 5 arrests, all for ticket-touting.
- ◆ 15,000 residents and 200 volunteers participated in torch relays within South Bucks.
- ◆ Dorney Lake has been added to the World Cup Regatta schedule, from 2013.
- ◆ A series of cultural events complemented the Games, including a theatre performance in Burnham, the Lord Desborough exhibition in Taplow Court and Langley Park joining in the national bandstand marathon.

- ◆ A 2012 Games archive has been set up: [www.dorneygamesarchive.com](http://www.dorneygamesarchive.com).
- ◆ Work continued to expand superfast broadband across the District in Beaconsfield, Burnham, Denham, Farnham Common, Gerrards Cross and Iver.

## Our priorities:

- ◆ Ensure local businesses and families know where to find support during times of growth and in difficult times
- ◆ Advise local businesses on environmental, safety and health issues
- ◆ Encourage understanding between educational institutions and employers on the skills required both now and in the future
- ◆ Raise the qualifications and skills levels within education and employment including the basic literacy and numeracy skills of those entering the workforce for the first time



- ◆ Support delivery of more affordable housing of a type that meets the needs of local people entering the housing market, families and an ageing population
- ◆ Retain employment land
- ◆ Encourage appropriate development to support the community
- ◆ Carefully plan infrastructure to meet community needs whilst being sensitive to the environment
- ◆ Seek contributions from developers towards new infrastructure
- ◆ Maintain essential services within our high streets and town and village centres
- ◆ Attract appropriate inward investment and support new business start-ups.

## Aim 2: Sustainable Environment

### Some of last year's achievements:

- ◆ The Community Energy Champions programme was launched with 43 champions across Bucks trained on energy efficiency. They have raised awareness within businesses, schools and neighbourhoods.
- ◆ Bucks Business First launched a new service in January to provide online and telephone advice to businesses, signposting them to carbon saving sites. It includes an online tool to help make energy cost savings: [www.bbf.uk.com/bsl](http://www.bbf.uk.com/bsl) and select "utilities".
- ◆ The Low Carbon Chilterns Co-operative, formerly based in Chiltern District, has widened their area of operation across South Bucks. The Co-operative helps community organisations access help, support and grant funding to reduce energy costs.
- ◆ The Green Deal was launched nationally in January, with South Bucks District Council becoming a founding member of the Green Deal Together Community Interest Company within the Thames Valley, providing local, trusted advice, support and implementation of energy efficiencies to both homes and businesses across South Bucks: [http://www.southbucks.gov.uk/environment\\_planning/sustainability/green\\_deal.aspx](http://www.southbucks.gov.uk/environment_planning/sustainability/green_deal.aspx)
- ◆ Funding granted to the Burnham Youth Club gardening project transformed some derelict land into a garden. The young people planted, harvested and cooked their own produce.

- ◆ The Home Energy Efficiency Act (HEFA) 1995 has been strengthened, leading to a South Bucks and Chiltern Joint Action Plan. The Plan sets out how a 30% improvement on home energy efficiency can be achieved across the Districts on a two-year rolling basis.

### Our priorities:

- ◆ Reduce carbon emissions and greenhouse gases in the District and adapt to the impacts of climate change
- ◆ Promote energy saving including the use of alternative fuels and forms of transport and improve energy efficiency of existing buildings, especially for vulnerable occupants, in light of rising energy costs
- ◆ Reduce our consumption of resources through purchasing decisions, improved monitoring and reduced energy use
- ◆ Keep public places clean and tidy
- ◆ Minimise air pollution, including enabling home working through improved technology



## Aim 3: Safe Communities

### Some of last year's achievements:

- ◆ Funding was granted to 3 youth projects specifically targeted at reducing anti-social behaviour (ASB): Beaconsfield Youth Club Aspirational Speakers, Wake-up Wednesdays and AddAction Friday Nights. All three provide places for young people to meet, with youth workers present to provide support. About 150 young people have benefitted and antisocial behaviour has reduced as a result.
- ◆ A non-contact boxing club and mountain bike programmes were also used to reduce ASB.
- ◆ Three further youth projects targeted reducing the numbers of young people not in employment, education or training by giving them support, skills and training to make them more employable. Growing Enterprises, Burnham Upper School vehicle technology course and mobile van events helped over 200 young people, with 16 achieving workplace qualifications in the first year of the projects.
- ◆ Mobile CCTV and property marking kits continue to be used in the fight against crime, with victims being offered funded security investments and other support to reduce further victimisation.
- ◆ The integrated offender management programme continues to reduce repeat offending in the area.
- ◆ Press releases and social media are being used to inform and educate residents on crime prevention.



### Our priorities:

- ◆ Reduce the impact of anti-social behaviour in our community
- ◆ Reduce serious acquisitive crime
- ◆ Continue to tackle the root causes of crime including working borders to reduce offenders travelling into South Bucks from other areas
- ◆ Maintain police resources to match provision in the rest of Buckinghamshire
- ◆ Help local people to feel safe by encouraging responsible and positive reporting of crime in the local media
- ◆ In partnership with local residents and businesses, clean up the environmental impacts of crime, such as graffiti
- ◆ Empower local people to reduce their risk of becoming a victim and encourage community involvement
- ◆ Support victims of crime
- ◆ Increase public confidence by ensuring residents know what is being done to reduce crime and disorder
- ◆ Reduce drug, alcohol and substance misuse
- ◆ Improve Road Safety
- ◆ Ensure the safety of young people and vulnerable adults
- ◆ Continue to link up Agency support via the Home Safety Check initiative
- ◆ Reduce the risk of death or injury from domestic fires and promote fire safety
- ◆ Design developments to minimise opportunities for crime

## Aim 4: Health and Well-being

### Some of last year's achievements:

- ◆ A small amount of funding helped to kick start 14 youth projects, some of which have been detailed under other themes. Four of the projects specifically target health and wellbeing: CPR training for Scouts, Malthouse Square Recreation Ground 5-a-side goal posts, a BMX skate park in Beaconsfield and a youth tennis project in Dorney. As well as encouraging healthy activities, these projects provide a place for young people to go to and something for them to do, which in turn has also had a positive effect on anti-social behaviour.
- ◆ The Families First Project, led by Bucks County Council, continued to identify and work with families with complex needs.
- ◆ Free access to healthy activities continues for those in poverty, such as holiday programmes for young people, simply walks and Nexus health club free pass.
- ◆ A Health and Wellbeing event was held in Iver in November 2012, providing a local one-stop shop to support and advise people on health issues.
- ◆ The NHS Health Check— a cardiovascular risk screening programme—continues to be rolled out across GP practices in South Bucks. In the first 6 months of the year, 17,000 people were invited to participate, with 10,000 attending. It involves a blood test, risk calculation and healthy lifestyle support and advice.

### Our priorities:

- ◆ Improve mental health
- ◆ Reduce obesity, particularly in young people
- ◆ Protect and enhance areas of recreational open space
- ◆ Increase participation in cultural and sporting activities through businesses, schools, leisure and community organisations by using the 2012 countdown to inspire communities
- ◆ Maintain health and safety standards in workplaces and food outlets
- ◆ Reduce the number of smokers and enforce the law that bans smoking in public buildings
- ◆ Reduce the number of high risk and increasing risk drinkers
- ◆ Reduce health inequalities and ensure comprehensive information on support and services is available to everyone, particularly the very hard to reach groups
- ◆ Help older people stay in their homes for longer
- ◆ Improve the health of the elderly in sheltered accommodation through exercise
- ◆ Secure the provision of more specialist accommodation for the elderly



- ◆ Improve affordable warmth
- ◆ Promote IT skills for older people to enable them to access self help and shop online
- ◆ Secure the provision of more positive activities for young people whilst minimising any adverse impact of the changes in youth provision.
- ◆ Close the gap between the most advantaged and disadvantaged young people
- ◆ Work more closely with relevant agencies to improve help for those at risk of homelessness
- ◆ Find the right accommodation for those with special needs
- ◆ Improve accessibility of services and support for all residents
- ◆ Target services tailored to meet the needs of individuals and look for opportunities to bring services together and reduce social isolation particularly in rural areas
- ◆ Improve rural transport and access to services
- ◆ Improve access to recreational opportunities, particularly for hard to reach groups



## Aim 5: Cohesive and Strong Communities

### Some of last year's achievements:

- ◆ Three of the youth projects part funded by the partnership supported community groups to expand what they are offering within the community: funding to support the set-up of 1st Stoke Poges Rainbows, Latimer Minster Market Garden and 1st Iver Scout kitchen overhaul. More than 180 young people have benefitted from these projects so far.
- ◆ A one-stop shop, <http://www.bucksconnect.org.uk/> was launched in April 2012 to improve signposting to services available across Bucks.
- ◆ A volunteering event was held in Beaconsfield in May, led by Community Impact Bucks and Bucks County Council, to help remove the barriers to volunteering. Surveys were undertaken and analysed and feedback was given to organisations seeking volunteers.
- ◆ An event in Fulmer on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2012 was used as a pilot to increase volunteering. Letters were sent to residents inviting them to attend to find out how to volunteer. 7 volunteers signed up on the day. A best practice volunteering guide building on this pilot and the good work carried out by Community Impact Bucks is underway.
- ◆ Plans are in place to apply for funding to enable the roll-out of the successful pilot community



transport hub in Chiltern to be rolled out to South Bucks.

- ◆ Worked with One Can Trust to develop and roll out food bank model to support rural communities, rather than residents required to visit main towns to collect food parcels.

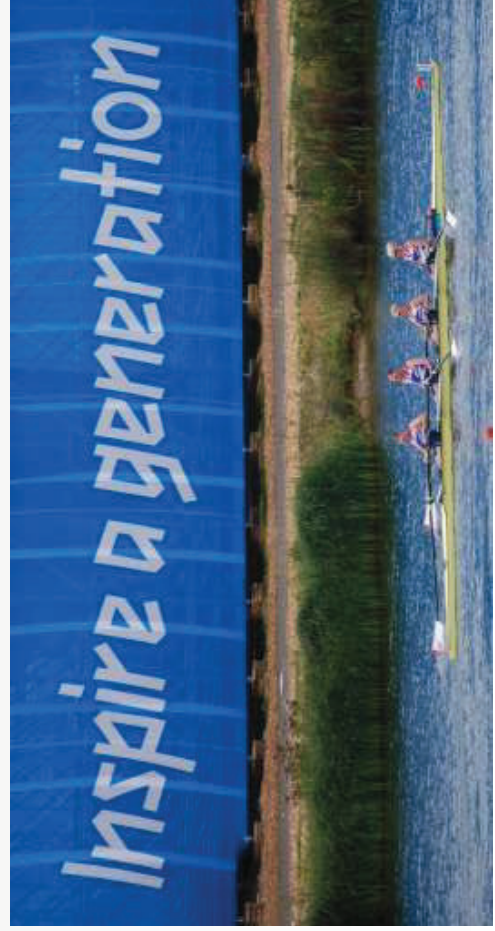
### Our priorities:

- ◆ Support a thriving community and voluntary sector to enable active and cohesive communities through:
  - Increasing community participation and volunteering
  - Encourage employees of local businesses to volunteer
- ◆ Recognise and support good community leaders (including elected representatives)
- ◆ Encourage people, including the young, to have a say in decision-making and find local solutions to community issues
- ◆ Improve community spirit (for example increased contact and understanding between people from different parts of the community)
- ◆ Promote and support community and local events, and community information with focal points such as post offices, village halls, libraries
- ◆ Reduce social isolation particularly for older people and in rural areas
- ◆ Whole life-cycle support to enable people to be supported at different stages of their lives
- ◆ Tackle inequalities through better engagement with vulnerable and ethnic groups, including disabled people
- ◆ Ensure information about all services (statutory, community and voluntary) is well publicised and residents know what support is available.

## Our Priorities for 2013–2014

At the end of 2012/13, Partners agreed to trial a way forward by merging the South Bucks Partnership with the Chiltern Community Partnership to generate cost savings and reduce duplication as well as aiming to build a stronger and more influential partnership for both Districts. During the early part of 2013/14, Partners agreed representation at the new, merged Local Strategic Partnership and Steering Group. The plan is to hold 3 to 4 Steering Group meetings and 2 to 3 Partnership meetings per year. Early priorities were identified as follows:

- Agree membership and Terms of Reference for the new merged groups.
- Forge links with the Community Partnership, Local Enterprise Partnership and other relevant groups.
- Develop a refreshed, combined Sustainable Community Strategy setting out the aims of the Partnership to 2026.
- Keep a watching brief on the impact of Welfare Reform, housing and affordable housing and the Bucks-wide Families First project.



## Performance Management

The South Bucks Partnership Implementation Group monitors achievement against the South Bucks Sustainable Community Strategy and reports back to the South Bucks Partnership.

A regular self-assessment is undertaken of the performance of the South Bucks Partnership to look for opportunities to improve the way the partnership operates.

When working in partnership it is extremely important to be able to trust the quality of data from all partners, therefore a data quality protocol was established for this purpose. All organisations have their own individual data quality strategies and policies, and all local authorities within Buckinghamshire have signed up to the same data quality framework to ensure a consistent approach to data quality across the county.

To maintain focus on partnership performance, a small number of indicators available at South Bucks level have been chosen for the performance table at the end of this section, where they are the result of partnership working.



# Performance Tables 2012/13

Key: Have we improved compared to 2011/12? ↑=Better, ↔=Same, ↓=Worse. / Are we on target? ✓=Exceeded it, □=Within 10%, ✗=Missed it												
Code	Performance Indicator	2011/12 Value	Annual Target 2011/12	Current Performance			Future Targets					Latest Notes
				Actual 2012/13	Target 2012/13	Have we improved?	Are we on target?	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16		
<b>Thriving Economy</b>												
NI 155	Number of affordable homes delivered (gross)	33	35	36	30	↑	✓	24	23	23	23	
<b>Sustainable Environment</b>												
HS1	Households receiving heating/insulation improvements (per quarter)	227	8	143	9	↓	✓	9	50	50	50	
NI 192	Percentage of household waste sent for reuse, recycling and composting (Cumulative)	33.49%	34.00%	32.48%	34.50%	↓	□	35.00%	40.00%	40.00%	50.00%	
NI 195a	Street cleanliness indicator (Levels of Litter)	1.50%	3.00%	1.00%	3.00%	↑	✓	3.00%	3.00%	3.00%	3.00%	
NI 195b	Street cleanliness indicator (Levels of Detritus)	4.25%	5.00%	3.00%	5.00%	↑	✓	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%	
NI 195c	Street cleanliness indicator (Levels of Graffiti)	0.00%	2.00%	0.00%	2.00%	↔	✓	2.00%	2.00%	2.00%	2.00%	
NI 195d	Street cleanliness indicator (Levels of Fly-posting)	0.00%	1.00%	0.00%	1.00%	↔	✓	1.00%	1.00%	1.00%	1.00%	
NI 196	Improved street and environmental cleanliness - fly tipping	2	2	2	2	↔	✓	2	2	2	2	

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<b>Safe Communities</b>											
NI 15	Serious violent crime rate	0.17	0.25	2.79	Not Set		-	2% reduction on EOY figure	t.b.a.	t.b.a.	PI change - police recording more types of violent crime now included in this performance figure
NI 16	Serious acquisitive crime rate	16.97	18	15.63	16.12			2% reduction on EOY figure	t.b.a.	t.b.a.	
NI 16a	Domestic burglaries per 1,000 households	14.1		11.88	Not set		-	2% reduction on EOY figure	t.b.a.	t.b.a.	
NI 16b	Robberies per 1,000 Population	0.5		0.6	Not set		-	2% reduction on EOY figure	t.b.a.	t.b.a.	
NI 16c	Theft of vehicle incidents per 1000 population	1.6		1.5	Not set		-	2% reduction on EOY figure	t.b.a.	t.b.a.	
NI 16d	Theft from vehicle incidents per 1000 population	8.85		8.61	Not set		-	2% reduction on EOY figure	t.b.a.	t.b.a.	
<b>Health and Well-being</b>											
C&YS 01s	Number of young people taking part in sports development programmes (4 monthly)	1,960	1,500	2,847	1,800			1,800	1,800	1,900	
NI 181	Time taken to process Housing Benefit/Council Tax Benefit new claims and change events	8.8	13	10.1	12.5			12.5	12.5	12.5	
<b>Cohesive and Strong Communities</b>											
ES1a	% of canvass forms returned	99%	96%	99%	96%			96%	90%	90%	

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## **1 Purpose of this Report**

- 1.1 This report aims to provide an update of the Chiltern Community Partnership's achievements and actions for 2012/13.

## **2 Background**

- 2.1 The Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) was published in 2009 and was developed after an in-depth consultation with residents, local businesses, voluntary organisation and local stakeholders. The SCS depicts the challenges and priorities shared by the partnership.
- 2.2 The SCS centres on five main themes which were identified during the consultation period. The five main themes are:
- 2.1.1 Thriving Economy – 'Lifelong enterprise, the entrepreneurial heart of Britain'
  - 2.1.2 Sustainable Environment – 'Protecting our heritage, protecting our future'
  - 2.1.3 Safe Communities – 'Being safe, feeling safe'
  - 2.1.4 Health and Wellbeing – 'Healthier, happier and longer lives'
  - 2.1.5 Cohesive and Strong Communities – 'Strong, confident and active communities'
- 2.3 Since the SCS was published in 2009 the Chiltern Community Partnership has been working to implement the SCS in Chiltern and to make sure that we continue to have an exceptionally high quality of life in the faces of changes impacting the District.

## **3 Achievements**

- 3.1 This section of the report will look at the five main themes in the SCS and discuss what the Partnership has achieved in the last year.

### **3.2 Thriving Economy**

- 3.2.1 This year the thriving economy theme has concentrated on two main aims within this theme. The first is increasing access to affordable housing within Chiltern; the second was to help promote innovation and enterprise.
- 3.2.2 The Chiltern Community Partnership has this year worked closely with the Local Enterprise Partnership and Bucks Business First. Bucks Business First have strong ties with the business community in Chiltern with membership from 134 businesses. The Chiltern Community Partnership worked to encourage Bucks Business First to support the work being done with the Amersham and Wycombe College to promote entrepreneurship among young people at the Amersham and Wycombe College.
- 3.2.3 Increasing affordable housing within Chiltern was a key aim identified in the thriving economy section of the SCS. During 2012/13 there were 102 affordable homes delivered within Chiltern, this was well above the target of 25 affordable homes. All affordable homes delivered in this period were new builds. There were a total of 88 Affordable Housing Units at Turners Field in Little Chalfont, 4 affordable properties for rent at Brandon Mead in Chesham and 10 social rented dwellings in Chesham.
- 3.2.4 The Chiltern Community Partnership also took part in a housing summit this year. The housing summit aimed to raise awareness of the importance of having affordable housing.

The partnership includes a variety of different organisations all have very different background and all benefitted from attending the housing summit.

### **3.3 Sustainable Environment**

- 3.3.1 This theme mainly consists of four aims for Chiltern. These are tackling climate change, enhancing and protecting the local environment, reducing waste and increasing recycling and maintaining the transport network.
- 3.3.2 One of the key aims under sustainable environment was to lower the carbon footprint within Chiltern. The carbon emissions in the Chiltern District overall have reduced by 27% since 2009.
- 3.3.3 The Council has also been keen to lead by example and has upgraded all lighting in the council office to more energy efficient lighting as well as installing solar panels at the Council offices, the Chesham Leisure Centre, and Amersham Multi-Storey Car Park. The Council have also purchased an electric car which is used by officers on work assignments.
- 3.3.4 The Chiltern Community Partnership have worked with Low Carbon Chiltern Co-operative. This is an organisation that was set up in 2011 with a grant of £37,000 from the Department of the Environment and covers Amersham, Chesham, Chalfont St Peter and Jordans. The organisation aims to help communities reduce their carbon emissions by suggesting where improvements can be made that would reduce energy bills, improve the level of comfort to users and raise awareness.
- 3.3.5 The first project tackled by the Low Carbon Chiltern Co-operative was the Amersham Youth Club. They were able to advise on improvements that generated a 5.5% return on investment. A further grant of £30k was received from the Bucks County Council “Big Society Fund”. The funding was used by Low Carbon Chiltern Co-operative to implement a further 8 community projects including a “Low cost, no cost” workshop in March 2013 for the managers of community buildings in the Chilterns to discuss energy bills, energy purchasing and energy improvements that can be carried out at minimal cost.
- 3.3.6 The Partnership recommended groups for Low Carbon Chiltern Co-operative to contact which could potentially support their work with the community in the future including developing links with Bucks Community Foundation and Community Impact Bucks.

### **3.4 Safer Communities**

- 3.4.1 The safer communities section of the SCS has concentrated on four areas. The four areas are: reduce crime and anti-social behaviour, reduce the fear of crime, reduce the harms caused by alcohol and drugs, and improving the safety of local people.
- 3.4.2 The Chiltern Community Partnership have received regular updates on crime statistics and initiatives being taken by the Thames Valley Police. Generally crime within the Thames Valley area has been slowly reducing over the last few years. Between 1<sup>st</sup> April 2012 and 31 March 2013 there was a 6.9% decrease in all crime as well as a 6.3% decrease in burglary and a 11% decrease in theft from vehicles. There has been a 6.3% reduction in the percentage of burglaries from dwellings in Chiltern in 2012/13 when compared to the same period last year. This has exceeded the council’s performance indicator target of a 5% reduction.
- 3.4.3 Violence was also at low levels at less than 2 incidents per day. The council performance indicator for the percentage of reduction in violent offences for 2012/13 did not meet the target of a 5% reduction. Although the annual 2012/13 figure shows a 0.9% increase there



has in fact only been an increase of 5 incidents compared to the same period last year. It must be taken into account that while the Police are committed to reducing violence against the person, the Police continue to encourage the reporting of domestic violence which increases the recorded figures.

3.4.4 The Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes Fire Authority have also used the Community Safety Newsletter to help encourage residents understand the importance of having a fire alarm within the home and testing it regularly.

3.4.5 There continues to be low levels of graffiti, and litter on the streets within Chiltern. Maintaining a clean environment within Chiltern is important in helping members of the public feel safe. If an environment is clean and looks more appealing it will feel safer helping reduce the fear of crime.

### **3.5 Health and Wellbeing**

3.5.1 The health and wellbeing section within the SCS highlights the partnerships aims to help reduce health inequalities, help the elderly, children and young people, reduce homelessness, and create well connected communities.

3.5.2 This year the Chiltern Community Partnership worked with Bucks County Council to help with the implementation of the Families First initiative in Chiltern. Families First is a multi-agency approach to work with problem families. The programme will target families who have complex issues such as emotional and physical health problems; domestic violence or isolation. The programme aims to save money in the long run by encouraging a much more efficient use of funds and a preventative approach.

3.5.3 Chesham within Chiltern has been chosen as one of the areas within Buckinghamshire to pilot the ambitious multi-partner programme. The results from Chesham will be compared to schemes elsewhere and the programme will be re-evaluated. The Chiltern Community Partnership has been very supportive in implementing the scheme and have been kept up to date by Bucks County Council.

3.5.4 This year 4,552 people attended all sports zone activities compared to 6,647 in the previous year. This is due to the fact that the work being done by GLL outreach this year now includes targeting older people as well as young people and children. Although there are overall less people attending sport zone activities the number of people attending from the hard to reach areas that are being targeted are high.

3.5.5 Chiltern Community Partnership have also received updates about the changes to the benefit system. The changes are due to be put into place in October 2013. The partnership learned that the welfare reforms could mean that 300 families within Chiltern will be negatively affected by the reform, as well as the fact that the outcome from the reforms would mean more homelessness and the need for help with financial management.

3.5.6 The council has also continued to process all new claims for Housing Benefits in 16 days which is above the council target of 20 days and any change of circumstances for benefits are processed within 3.42 days below the national average of 12 days and the council target of 5 days.

3.5.7 As mentioned above preventing homelessness will be an important aim once the welfare reforms are implemented. The council currently has been above target for the number of homelessness cases prevented for the last 4 consecutive years. Between April 2012 and March 2013 144 cases of homeless were prevented by the housing team at Chiltern District Council.

### **3.6 Cohesive and Strong Communities**

- 3.6.1 The Cohesive and Strong Communities sections in the SCS includes areas such as sustain and grow a thriving voluntary and community sector, increasing confidence in the communities, helping all communities get on well together, and reducing levels of disadvantage.
- 3.6.2 The Chiltern Community Partnership have been kept up to date with the Local Area Forums restructure that took place in 2012. The partnership has also been keen to work with Local Area Forums in the future. The Local Area Forum is seen as an opportunity for local people to have their say and influence decision-making.
- 3.6.3 The Partnership also received an update from Bucks County Council on Prevention Matters. Prevention Matters is a model which is aimed at addressing the growing challenges of increased demand on health and social care support contrasted with the decrease of spending. The prevention programme would be aimed at medium need group. The Partnership provided some valuable feedback on which partner's would find it beneficial for the community if they were kept informed.
- 3.6.4 Lastly, the results from the 2011 Census have been released by the Office for National Statistics this year. Due to the breadth and depth of the 2011 Census results the information is being released in phases. The Partnership has received an update of the current statistical information that has been released. It is hoped that the information from the 2011 Census could be beneficial in identifying any drastic changes in Chiltern that we may need to take into account.

### **4. Future of the Chiltern Community Partnership**

- 4.1 One of the main topics which the Partnership has dealt with this year has been the decision to merge the Chiltern Community Partnership and the South Bucks Partnership.
- 4.2 Chiltern District Council and South Bucks District Council carried out a consultation with partners to consider the integration of the two partnerships (the Chiltern Community Partnership and the South Bucks Partnership). An email formally asking for feedback was sent out on 30<sup>th</sup> October 2012. The consultation ended on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2013 with a total of 20 responses received the majority were in favour (13 with 7 against).
- 4.3 Organisations such as Thames Valley Police, the NHS and Bucks Fire and Rescue Service felt it would be useful to have a joint partnership as the organisations already covered both areas. These organisations could see the benefits of joining up on both time and strategic level. However the main concerns for those against the merger related to the different styles of the two partnerships currently, the loss of local identity and focus and for South Bucks Parish and Town Councils perceiving less involvement.
- 4.4 The South Bucks Partnership currently had four large plenary meetings a year attended by all Town and Parish Councils whereas the Chiltern Community Partnership had a smaller steering group. It was considered that the way forward might be to include the best of both, retaining the larger meetings for all but also the smaller meetings which were considered more effective for driving decisions.
- 4.5 In April 2013 the Chiltern Community Partnership merged with the South Bucks Partnership. The merger led to a new steering group being established, the joint Chiltern and South Bucks Strategic Partnership steering group. The steering group includes representation from the following organisations:

- Voluntary Sector (including youth services)
- Parishes (two representatives from each district)
- Bucks Fire and Rescue Service
- Police
- Health
- Housing Provider
- The two Councils
- Private Sectors

4.6 There will also be two evening plenary sessions taking place each year which will allow for the steering group to report back to the wider partnership on any important issues or points of discussion. All parishes and town councils and interested organisations would be invited. The wider partnership meetings will be a great opportunity for involvement from parish and town councils.

4.7 As we now have a new joint Chiltern and South Bucks Strategic Partnership, this will be the last end of year report for the Chiltern Community Partnership.

## 5 Further information

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## 2012/13 Partnership Performance Indicators

Key: Have we improved compared to 2011/12? ↑=Better, ↔=Same, ↓=Worse /Are we on target? ✓=Met it, ◻=Within target, ✗=Missed it											
Code	Performance Indicator	2011/12 Value	Current Performance				Future Targets			Latest Notes	
			Annual Target 2011/12	Actual 2012/13	Target 2012/13	Have we improved?	Are we on target?	2013/14	2014/15		2015/16
<b>Thriving Economy</b>											
SER NI 155	Number of affordable homes delivered (gross)	29	29	102	25	↑	✓	25	33	33	All of the affordable homes delivered in 2012/13 were new builds
<b>Sustainable Environment</b>											
SER 006	Reduce fuel poverty: Number of households receiving heating and insulation improvements per year	233	200	19	150	↓	✗	50	50	50	The target was not achieved this year due to national changes to the Warm Front Grant and Utility Schemes, pending the introduction of the Green Deal.
SER NI 192	Percentage of household waste sent for reuse, recycling and composting	47.18%	50%	46.10%	50.00%	↓	◻	N/A	N/A	N/A	Below target due to light weighting of packaging, poor weather for green waste production.
SER NI 195a	Improved street and environmental cleanliness - Litter	3%	6%	1%	6%	↑	✓	N/A	N/A	N/A	
SER NI 195b	Improved street and environmental cleanliness - Detritus	6%	18%	9%	10%	↓	✓	N/A	N/A	N/A	
SER NI 195c	Improved street and environmental cleanliness - Graffiti	0%	0%	0%	0%	↔	✓	N/A	N/A	N/A	
SER NI 195d	Improved street and environmental cleanliness - Fly-posting	0%	0%	0%	0%	↔	✓	N/A	N/A	N/A	
SER NI 196	Improved street and environmental cleanliness – fly tipping (1= very effective 4= poor)	2	1	T.B.C	1	-	-	N/A	N/A	N/A	Figures not yet available.

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<b>Safer Communities</b>											
SER VIO	Percentage reduction in violent offences against a person [from 2011/12 baseline 672]	N/A	N/A	-0.9	5	↓	✗	5	5	5	There has only been an increase of 5 incidents during the period.
SER BFD	Percentage reduction in burglaries from dwellings [from 2011/12 baseline 317]	N/A	N/A	6.3	5	↑	✓	5	5	5	
<b>Health and Well-being</b>											
OPIPE 43	Total attendance at all sports zone activities	6,647	Not Set	1,388	Not Set	↓	Not Set	Not Set	Not Set	Not Set	
RES BV78a	Speed of processing - new HB/CTB claims	12.3	20	14.64	20	↓	✓	18	18	18	
RES BV78b	Speed of processing - changes of circumstances for HB/CTB claims	4.28	5	3.42	5	↑	✓	5	5	5	
<b>Cohesive and Strong Communities</b>											
CEx 8	The percentage response to the annual canvas	93.98%	94%	96.11%	94%	↑	✓	94%	94%	94%	

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<b>Subject</b>	<b>Bucks Strategic Partnership Fund</b>
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## 1 Purpose of this Report

- 1.1 To update the Partnership on the Bucks Strategic Partnership Fund.

## 2 Recommendations

- 2.1 The Partnership is asked to note this report.

## 3 Background

- 3.1 Bucks Strategic Partnership Implementation Group (BSPIG) was allocated £400,000 by central government in 2009. £200,000 was to be used for the countywide fund, which would focus on addressing the effects of the economic downturn in Buckinghamshire. The remaining £200,000 was to be used for the Bucks Strategic Partnership Fund. This fund was divided equally between the four districts in Buckinghamshire (Aylesbury Vale, Chiltern, Wycombe and South Bucks.)
- 3.2 Each district was allocated £50,000; the funding could only be spent in the allocated district and needed to be used to help Local Strategic Partnerships (LSPs) to implement their Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS).

## 4. Surplus funding

- 4.1 The South Bucks Partnership successfully allocated the Bucks Strategic Partnership Fund of £50,000 by April 2011, after the allocation, £10,273 of unspent surplus funds were returned to the fund. The surplus money was used to help kick- start youth projects within South Bucks.
- 4.2 The Chiltern Community Partnership only allocated £28,653 of the £50,000. Chiltern currently has a surplus of £21,347. The surplus funding needs to be spent within the District it was originally allocated to. This means that the £21,347 can only be spent within Chiltern to help deliver the Chiltern SCS.

## 5. The joint working group:

- 5.1 The Steering group have set up a separate Chiltern working group to help manage the surplus fund. The working group includes a mixture of representatives from the voluntary and community sectors as well as officers from Chiltern District Council.

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<b>Background Papers:</b>	None





<b>Subject</b>	<b>Bucks Strategic Partnership Fund Appendix A</b>
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**1. Allocation of Bucks Strategic Partnership Funding by Chiltern and South Bucks Strategic Partnerships (also referred to as Innovation Fund by South Bucks Partnership).**

1.1 Funds allocated by Chiltern Community Partnership to date:

<b>Project</b>	<b>Value Spent</b>
At the Edge	£9,882
YES – 12 Steps to Success	£5,615
Operation Guillotine	£6,000
Zap Carbon	£7,156
<b>Total Spent</b>	<b>£28,653</b>
Funding Total	£50,000
<b>Surplus Funding</b>	<b>£21,347</b>

1.2 Funds allocated by South Bucks during phase 1:

<b>Project</b>	<b>Value Spent</b>
Zap Carbon	£4,833
Expand Home Safety Checks	£10,000
Safety4Schools	£2,500
Energy Audits	£196
Fresh Start III	£1,500
All age fitness path	£5,000
2012 Accommodation Support	£1,500
Good Neighbour Scheme	£5,000
Iver Heath Drugs Project	£5,000
Vulnerable People's Charity Leaflet	£2,800
Think! Burnham Cycling Awareness and Eco Week	£1,500
<b>Total Spent</b>	<b>£39,829</b>
Funding Total	£50,000
<b>Surplus Funding</b>	<b>£10,171</b>

1.3 Funds allocated by South Bucks during phase 2, which completed the allocation:

<b>Project</b>	<b>Value Spent</b>
Burnham Youth Club Gardening Project	£551
CPR Training for Scout Group	£371
Malthouse Square Recreation Ground 5-a-side goal post	£906
Growing Enterprise	£1,000
Burnham Upper School Vehicle Technology Course	£1,000
1 <sup>st</sup> Iver Scout kitchen overhaul	£300
BMX trail and skate park	£1,000
Youth Tennis Project	£880
Latimer Minster Market Garden	£999
Mobile Van Events	£540
Beaconsfield Youth Club Aspiration Speakers	£500

Project	Value Spent
Wake Up Wednesdays	£929
AddAction Friday Night Project	£995
1 <sup>st</sup> Stoke Poges Rainbows	£200
<b>Total Spent</b>	<b>£10,171</b>

## 2 Project Summaries

- 5.1 The projects that successfully received funding from either Chiltern or South Bucks were asked to give regular updates as to how the projects were developing. Below are short summaries on how successful each project was after receiving the funding.
- 5.2 The following four project summaries had been granted funding from the Bucks Strategic Partnership Fund by Chiltern.
- 5.2.1 At the Edge was a project aimed at engaging with groups of disconnected young people (many of Black and Asian Minority Ethnicity - BME) in Chesham. The project ran weekly football sessions and hosted a show at the Elgiva Theatre in Chesham called, Mr Equality's Amazing Story Circus. During the year that the project was running there was a significant reduction in anti-social behaviour in Chesham. The project also reduced the number of young people hanging around street corners which helped reduce the fear of crime.
- 5.2.2 YES - 12 Steps to Success was a programme designed to help young people in Chesham learn entrepreneurial skills, develop business plans, provide workshops and peer mentoring. All the delegates that took part in the project felt they had learned a great deal about business. They all had much higher levels of confidence and self-belief, and were motivated in putting into practice their plans to start up their own businesses.
- 5.2.3 The £6,000 provided for Thames Valley Police to support Operation Guillotine was match funded by Thames Valley Police. The aim of the project was to reduce acquisitive crime by increasing the number of highly visible patrols to target the places and people impacting most on serious acquisitive crime. The results were very encouraging and are evidenced with significant reductions in crime both during the operations and for the 2-4 weeks after.
- 5.2.4 ZapCarbon project was a carbon contest aiming to reduce electricity usage and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions across the District. This project was jointly run by South Bucks and Chiltern District Council and was match-funded by Bucks County Council. 500 households took part, 20% of competitors reduced their energy usage by 20%. Projected carbon savings from the competition itself are 109,500kg of CO<sub>2</sub> per year, with more to come as energy saving measures taken such as improved insulation kick in. Over 4,600 visits were made to the website, with more than 2,245 suggested energy saving actions registered.
- 5.3 As well as helping fund the ZapCarbon project mentioned above, which returned £5,167 to the fund, South Bucks approved funding for the ten projects mentioned below:
- 5.3.1 Expand Home Safety Checks linked home safety and energy saving; the purpose of the scheme was to help vulnerable people out of fuel poverty and reduce CO<sub>2</sub> across the area. This scheme was extremely successful with 1,685 checks during 2010/11 financial year resulting in 823 referrals.

- 5.3.2 The Schools 4 Safety project targeted local secondary schools in Burnham and Chalfont, the scheme aimed to positively engage with children and families to reduce anti-social behaviour and low level arson in the area through educational and diversionary activities. 20 pupils took part in the SPARX course which ran for 6-8 weeks which provides students with a national qualification on completion, certified by ASDAN. £5,000 was returned to the fund.
- 5.3.3 Energy Audits project was a training workshop run for the Local Strategic Partners in Bucks on local energy audits. The aim of the workshop was to steer partners to information on funding for this type of work and raise climate change awareness amongst the organisations in the partnership. There were 29 attendees, including representatives from Thames Valley Police, the NHS, Paradigm Housing, the voluntary sector and South Bucks Council. £4 was returned to the fund.
- 5.3.4 Fresh Start III was a project that hosted an information provision event for those facing challenges at work. The project aimed to help people who had been unemployed, or facing possible unemployment as well as those seeking to retrain or set up their own businesses. The event also provided information on promoting local opportunities such as those generated by the Olympics. The event was very successful with more than 100 people attending.
- 5.3.5 Beaconsfield All Age Fitness Park received partial funding to build an area that incorporate landscaping, seating and exercise facilities that would be easily accessible for older people with mobility problems. The total cost was £30,000; however £5,000 was allocated subject to raising the additional funds elsewhere, which the project successfully did. The park was built in June 2012 and is used by all age groups and helps people stay healthy.
- 5.3.6 The 2012 Accommodation Support project aimed to provide residents and businesses in South Bucks with information on providing accommodation services for the 2012 Games and World Rowing Championships in 2011. The project held two workshops; the first was for businesses and local accommodation providers. The second workshop mainly discussed 'homestay' & volunteering advice. Both of the workshops were very well attended.
- 5.3.7 The money allocated for the Good Neighbour Scheme helped develop, launch and support the scheme in Iver, Wexham and Burnham. The project aimed to assist individuals with vulnerabilities by linking them up with volunteer to help them. Unfortunately the Iver and Wexham scheme has been closed down as the request from individuals could not be accommodated. The Burnham scheme was doing very well and has been used as a springboard to other areas, such as further schemes set up in Gerrards Cross and Stoke Poges.
- 5.3.8 The Iver Heath Drugs project was a multi-agency approach and aimed to use the funding to tackle the significant increase in racist graffiti and anti-social behaviour by a group of young people in Iver. The project ran from October 2010 to September 2011. The project received a further £5,000 from the Local Area Forum and £8,000 for an inter-racial football project. The project achieved a 90% reduction in anti-social behaviour and race-related crimes between October 2010 and May 2011 compared to the same period in the previous year.
- 5.3.9 The Vulnerable People's Charity Leaflet project aimed to develop and distribute a leaflet signposting the key charities offering help to local vulnerable people. The leaflet was sent out with Council Tax Bills and Exemption Notices and reached every occupied household within South Bucks. The leaflet was also available via

partners and at GP's surgeries. The Cohesion Forum have stated that a considerable number of enquiries came through as a result of the leaflet.

5.3.10 Think! Burnham Cycling Awareness and Eco Week project. The project aimed to encourage people to cycle and be more eco-friendly. Events throughout the week attracted varying numbers of attendees, with more than 200 people turning out for the sheep drive down to 20 for refreshments in the library. They included talks ranging from keeping chickens to greening your business for free. Of those who provided feedback, all rated the event as excellent or good and all wished to participate in similar events in the future. There are plans to hold this event annually from now on.

5.4 The following fourteen youth projects received payments from the surplus funding that was returned to South Bucks after the original allocations, during phase 2:

5.4.1 Burnham Youth Club received funding to transform some derelict land, adjacent to and owned by the Youth Centre, into a garden. The project allowed 10 young people to commit to something long term which gave them valuable work experience and help them learn new skills. The team were able to plant fruit and vegetables as well as flowers in the new garden. The garden is now established and the project will carry on from spring, subject to new volunteers with gardening expertise coming forward.

5.4.2 The Scout Group received funding to purchase two CPR dummies to help improve CPR training. The CPR dummies have been delivered and training commenced with 30 scouts out of 90 being trained by September 2012. The CPR dummies are being used by the cubs and guides for training. The scouts found it much easier to be trained using the dummies and found it more interesting. The dummies enable regular meaningful training to be provided in this important area of first aid knowledge. Plans are in place for the Scout Troop to have CPR training at least once per year, and this will also be offered to the cubs and guides.

5.4.3 The Malthouse Square Recreation Ground 5-a-side goal post bid linked in with the All-Age Fitness Park project (please refer to point 5.3.5). The project required funding to install a pair of stainless steel 5-a-side goal posts to Malthouse Square to complement the fitness park and play area. Payment was made in April 2012 and the posts were installed in early summer 2012. The equipment has been received and is well used.

5.4.4 Growing Enterprise was a connexions project enabling 8 to 10 young people in South Bucks to gain accredited ASDAN qualifications and work experience. The project provided young people with 2 allotments, and equipment including a shed to store it in, seeds, fertiliser, refreshments, etc. The plot was prepared in June, equipment, seeds and plants purchased in July and young people are being recruited on an ongoing basis, with 8 attending regularly, 3 of whom are NEET (not in employment, education or training) and have learning difficulties. So far, the young people have been involved in discussions on health and safety, preparations, laying out, planting and harvesting. The first year was successful despite setbacks faced, such as when the equipment shed was vandalised and a volunteer broke his arm and could not participate for some time.

5.4.5 The funding given to Burnham Upper School Vehicle Technology Course helped deliver recognised motor vehicle courses at Burnham Upper School to provide vocational training to a group of students who were not academic and were disengaged from school. 63 students benefitted from the funding, the course

became so popular that Burnham school has taken the course in-house and employs one of the tutors. The assets purchased by the funding will continue to be used in the future.

- 5.4.6 1<sup>st</sup> Iver Scout group was awarded funding to equip a new kitchen in the refurbished Scout HQ. The funding helped pay for equipment such as pans, utensils, as well as paint for the walls and new flooring. The kitchen is being used by over 60 Beavers, Cubs and Scouts who benefit in developing home economic skills. Renovations are well underway with all electrical work now completed, a new refrigerator and oven installed.
- 5.4.7 BMX Trail and Skate Park bid was put forward by Beaconsfield Old Town Residents' Association with the aim was to build a BMX trail and Skate Park in Beaconsfield. The project is supported by all ages within the community and also Thames Valley Police who believe it will help to reduce anti-social behaviour and low level crime in the area. The money received helped fund the initial site survey, planning permission and initial design work by a BMX specialist, all of which enabled other funding to be obtained for the development work. A committee of 12 people (including 6 young people) has been set up to investigate other funding opportunities to develop the project. The committee believes that the Skate Park project and young people's involvement in it has made a major contribution to the reduction in anti-social behaviour in Beaconsfield Old Town, down from 37 reported incidents in 2011 to 16 in 2012.
- 5.4.8 Youth Tennis Project received funding to part fund a tennis/football rebound wall and equipment within the existing tennis court area in Dorney Reach. The local Youth Club and tennis Committee have worked together with young people and residents in the area to resolve complaints about young people using the tennis court for football without permission. It is believed this will give young people a place to go to and will channel their energies in a constructive manner. The equipment was installed in early 2013. The joint work on this project has reduced the tensions between the tennis club/residents and young people. There have been negotiations with the tennis club to continue this work and create access for the children to enjoy an all-weather, multifunctional pitch.
- 5.4.9 Latimer Minister Market Garden received funding in September 2012 to build and prepare 5 raised beds ready for planting within a new Market Garden. The garden is serviced by young people who are unemployed or ex-offenders and is open for schools and families to visit. During 2012, there were visits from 4 schools, and 2000 family visitors. 100 young volunteers also gained experience in working at the garden.
- 5.4.10 Mobile Van Events received funding from South Bucks to expand equipment in a mobile van which is used as an outreach service for young people who cannot get to a Connexions centre. The equipment purchased included a flip screen video camera, TV, DVD, Wii console, games and prizes. This will enable careers guidance interviews, CV writing, interview techniques and signposting to college courses, training, job vacancies and drugs and alcohol advice, so supporting vulnerable young people. The addition of the equipment allowed the mobile van to attract more young people to the vans and Connexions have undertaken to visit the District at least 6 to 12 times per year over 3 years.
- 5.4.11 Beaconsfield Youth Club Aspirational Speakers received funding to encourage club members to lead healthier lives. The project included discussions on sexual health, drugs and alcohol use and helped the members develop aspirations for their future.

Since receiving the funding the youth club has held six sessions (one graffiti art session, 3 workshops on documentary making and 2 sessions culminating in a visit from X factor winners 'LittleMix'), involving 90 young people. The sessions helped the young people develop a range of new skills and increase their confidence.

- 5.4.12 Wake up Wednesdays was a pilot project funded and run over two terms between June and October 2012. The project had a youth worker who met with young people between 7.00am and 9.00am on Wednesday mornings during term time, while the young people were on their way to local schools. Between 40 and 60 young people engaged in conversations with the volunteers every week discussing areas such as coursework projects, exam stress, illness and help with relationships with parents. This activity continues to offer a valuable, consistent presence for the students and teenagers coming through the Lent Rise area.
- 5.4.13 AddAction Friday Night Project aimed to provide a free film night on a Friday for young people aged between 12 and 18 years old. The aim was to provide diversionary activities for young people to reduce anti-social behaviour in Beaconsfield Old Town, which peaks on a Friday evening. The original take up of the scheme was slow so a Church Youth Worker went out and engaged with target groups. The project had a peak of 17 in numbers and averaged 13 young people per week. Young people engaged with the workers and built up trust. The project has been so successful that it restarted in 2013. The format of the project has changed slightly. The venue now acts as drop-in centre with the staff providing confidential support with health related matters.
- 5.4.14 The 1<sup>st</sup> Stoke Poges Rainbows received funding to extend the existing Bownies/ Girl Guides provision for aged 5 to 7. The funds were paid in September 2012 and were used to purchase an all weather gazebo and craft materials to enable the children to learn through play and to socialise with their peers in a safe environment. Twenty children were originally waitlisted, with 8 actually starting, increasing to 12. The project has been very successful.

**Forward plan for the Chiltern and South Bucks Strategic Partnerships**

Discussion items still to be allocated to the forward plan.

- Social isolation/ loneliness
- Overview of voluntary sector

Dates and venue	Items and lead partnership officer
<p><b>October</b> Chiltern DC Council Chamber</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Economic Growth - Richard Harrington Chief Executive of LEP</li> <li>• NHS changes and healthcare – Chiltern Clinical Commissioning Group</li> <li>• Joint Sustainable Community Strategy – Rachel Prance, Principal Officer, Policy, Performance &amp; Communications, South Bucks and Chiltern District Councils.</li> </ul>

