

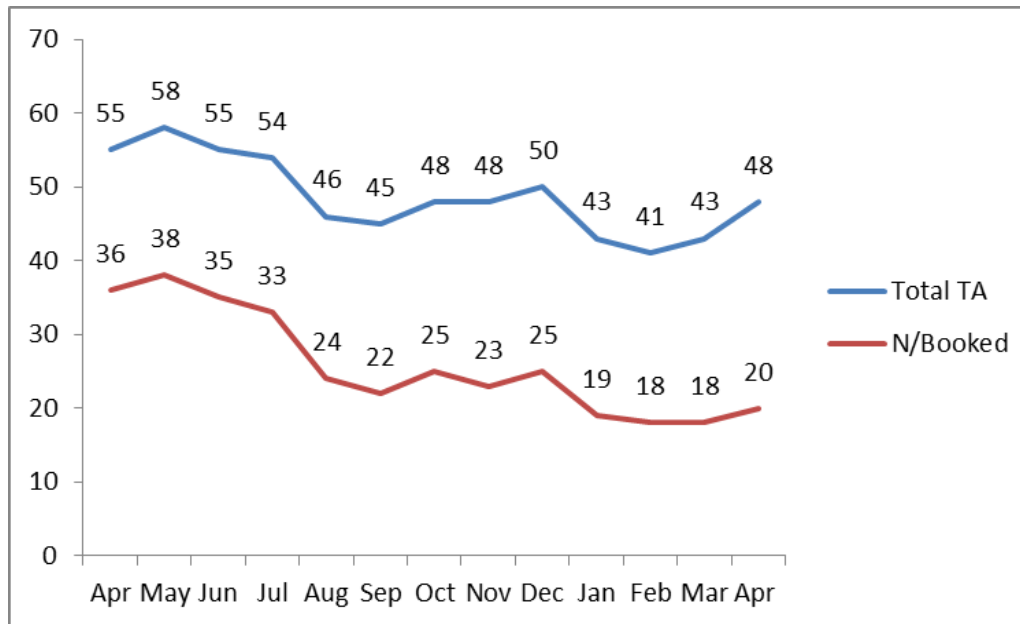
SOUTH BUCKS DISTRICT COUNCIL – HEALTHY COMMUNITIES UPDATE – 4 JUNE 2019

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Overview of numbers in Temporary Accommodation in 2018/19

The graph below summarises the monthly snapshot of the numbers in temporary accommodation between 1/4/18 and 1/4/19. The top line is the total number of households in TA and the bottom line is the number of those households who were in nightly booked TA (e.g. B&B)

SBDC – Number of Households in Temporary Accommodation 2018/19



The graph highlights that the overall number of households in TA has remained fairly steady during 2018/19 with a slight reduction (12%) at the end of the year compared to 1/4/18. It also shows that there has been a significant reduction in the use of nightly booked accommodation with a drop of 44% at the end of the year compared to 1/4/18. It should also be noted that these reductions go against the national picture whereby 6 out of 10 councils have reported an increased use of temporary accommodation during 2018/19 following the implementation of the Homelessness Reduction Act 2017 (LGA research).

Table 1 and the graph show the upturn in numbers in TA at the end of 2018/19. This indicates that there continues to be pressure on temporary accommodation and we are potentially starting to see the longer term impact of the Homelessness Reduction Act 2017 on our homelessness services. If this increase continues then it will be offset by the completion of the new temporary accommodation units at Bath Road (1-12 Walters Court and 2 x flats in 801 Bath Road) which will allow us to offer the new units to households who are in nightly booked TA.

The final budget closedown figures for 2018/19 show a net annual cost to SBDC of £237887 against a budget £269,970

Homelessness General

The year 2018/19 was the first year of implementing the new provisions of the Homelessness Reduction Act (which came into force in April 2018). During the year, SBDC received 107 applications for homelessness assistance which triggered either the statutory homelessness prevention or relief duty. This is broadly the same as the level of homelessness applications that triggered a statutory duty under the old powers in the previous year 2017/18. This indicates that SBDC did not see the same upturn in homelessness applications that other councils reported after the new Act came into force.

Bucks Home Choice

During 2018/19 (01/04/2018 to 31/03/2019) social housing lettings in South Bucks via the Bucks Home Choice scheme were as follows:

Type / Size	No. of Lets	Average wait
<u>Sheltered accomm.</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>11 months</u>
<u>Studio general needs</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3 months</u>
<u>1-bed general needs</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>13 months</u>
<u>2-bed flat or maisonette</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>11 months</u>
<u>2-bed house</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>20 months</u>
<u>3-bed flat or maisonette</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>16 months</u>

<p>Housing Enabling and Affordable Housing</p>	<p>Main schemes ongoing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>Denham Film Studios</u> - 63 flats for affordable rent and 27 for shared ownership (L&Q) 30 of the affordable rented flats were advertised for letting via Bucks Home Choice in April 2019 .. The remaining affordable rented flats are due to be advertised during the summer. - <u>Mill Lane, Taplow</u> - 40 flats for affordable rent and 20 for shared ownership All of the 40 affordable rent units have been let with priority being given to those aged 55+ in accordance with the terms of the Section 106 Agreement. <p><u>L&Q Former Sheltered Schemes</u> –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Planning applications submitted for Mead House site (Iver Heath) in May 2018 and still pending. - Initial Planning Application submitted for Tower House site (Iver) in April and subsequently withdrawn. New application has been submitted following resident consultation event on new proposals. - Planning application submitted for Verdon Court - Planning applications still to be submitted for Bolds Court and Colston Court sites - <u>Bath Road</u> – Scheduled completion in June 2019. Regular liaison meetings are taking place with Bucks HA - <u>GX Police Station Site</u> – Development is underway and Council has approved planning application that was submitted for the approval of details relating to condition 17 (affordable housing) of the planning permission. <p>-</p>																	
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	<p>Compliance Operations</p> <p>Late night/weekend = 1 Daytime train station checks = 1 (Gerrards Cross) Routine vehicle spot checks = 5</p> <p>Enforcement Actions</p> <p>Applications refused = 0 Currently suspended = 6 Recent revocations = 0 Penalty notices issued = 1</p> <hr/> <p>LICENSING ACT 2003</p> <p>No cases or applications to report.</p>	
<p>Iver Air Quality Update</p>	<p>An officers steering group was held in early May and as a result a draft action plan was written. The main focus of the plan is to reduce the number of HGVs travelling through Iver as well as removing parked cars from the high street which causes bottlenecks and also makes walking and cycling difficult. Other actions also include better cycling and walking routes as well as raising awareness of where they are and better public transport especially buses.</p> <p>Whilst it was agreed that schemes that would take the HGVs out of the village, such as the relief road would be ideal, these would be costly and would be many years before they would be in place. Therefore consideration was given to the provision of off street parking and introduction of parking restrictions on Iver High Street as well as introducing a 20MPH speed limit. This was consulted upon by BCC as part of the Iver Traffic and Transport Study. However it was not delivered as a scheme that would improve air quality. I have approached BCC with the possibility of setting up a temporary scheme to identify reduction in emissions. However we are reliant on the cooperation of quite a few department and private companies to make this work, these include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bucks CC Transport (Have been approached) • Thames Valley Police – speed restriction (not discussed) 	

- Private business with car parks (not discussed)
- Estates and Car Parking (not discussed)

We are to approach Heathrow and discuss bus provision, shuttle bus for airport staff. The introduction of parking restrictions in Ritchings Park is likely to see an improvement in bus service there.

A number of walking routes were identified as having potential to be upgraded to a shared cycle/footpath. These will be taken to BCC.

There was enthusiasm for having a CAZ. However careful consideration needs to be given to the cost of running a clean air zone or Low emission Zone. There was particular concern that the Slough CAZ would have an adverse effect on Iver. However there is a possibility that it could have a beneficial effect. It is key that SBDC are involved in the feasibility study for setting up a CAZ in Slough.

Other soft measures would also be included in the action plan. It was agreed that the action plan could also be seen as an opportunity to improve the public realm of the village.

Air Quality Grant

Lot 1 – Feasibility Study,

The application was rejected as it did not demonstrate a reduction in emissions over 2 years. Otherwise the report evaluation was good.

LOT 2 – Sensor Trial

This was a joint application led by SBDC with Slough, Heathrow and Ricardo E&E. £130,000 was awarded. The plan is to monitor air pollution on transects from the perimeter of the airport out towards the villages. There is also plans to use the sensors to monitor the efficacy of certain projects in and out of the airport such as Clean Air Day and potentially parking restrictions.

For further information please contact Cerys Williams Cerys.Williams@chilternandsouthbucks.gov.uk

<p>EH – Business Support & Public Protection</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Freemantle Trust fined £33,000 with cost of £8,900 and victim surcharge of £125 for poor hygiene standards at Lent Rise House • Chilli and Grill mobile, Beaconsfield was prohibited from trading due to poor food hygiene standards. This was confirmed by a Magistrates Court and the Council was awarded £5000 costs. Summons laid to prosecute the proprietor for poor hygiene standards • The Noise App continues to be used by residents. Across the shared service since March 2018, 18% of our logged noise complaints were via the noise app. <p>Numbers of Users: 334 have applied for the noise app , 261 have been approved , 73 invalid (eg. have not provided address, are not in our area, have signed up more than once) 16 cases under investigation , 142 resolved /completed and/or closed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Khalsa school noise management plan being complied with • Round Coppice Farm currently not in use, awaiting confirmation from BCC as to Safeguarding matters.
<p>EH - Strategic Environment and Sustainability</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extensive work on Heathrow expansion, supporting the planning policy team in our environmental themes of flooding, contaminated land, air quality, climate change and energy. Attendance of Heathrow West Stage One Public Consultation Drop In. attendance of Independent Parallel Approaches (IPA) workshop. EQIA (Equalities Impact Assessment) Workshop with HSPG • HS2 meetings on noise and viaduct structures including visual implications. Joint site visits with the sub-contractors, Colne Valley Viaduct Noise barrier options, Site visit - Denham Waterski Club • Member stakeholder event on air quality action plan taken place in Iver with recommendations to be brought to the attention of wider stakeholders before coming back to the HC PAG. • Joint award of funding exceeding £100,000 with Spelthorne to trial Electronic Diffusion Tubes and Vaisala Multi Pollutant sensors. • Work on the Civil Contingency unitary workstream. PID approved by CIG/Resources Board, setting the deliverables to be achieved and be 'safe and legal' from 1st April 2020.
<p>Community Safety</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Burglary dwelling had increased by 4.4% at the end of the financial year. 284 burglaries in 2018-19 compared to 272 the previous year. The Community Safety team worked closely with TVP Neighbourhood team offering crime reduction advice via local newsletters, stands at events and supporting police activity.. • Operation Gauntlet launched – a multi-agency response to tackle phone scams and fraud in partnership with TVP,

	<p>Community Safety, Trading Standards and Natwest (Friends Against Scams) Local groups and care homes visited to raise awareness of the scams.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with BCC and other Districts to submit PID for the Community Safety workstream.
<p>Community and Leisure</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GLL Community Engagement Programme - going from strength to strength. Activities include Netball Beacon 164 visits, Netball Evreham - 128 visits, Walking football Beacon - 184 visits, Walking netball Beacon - 96 visits, table tennis Beacon - 124 visits, Trampolining Evreham and Beacon - 188 visits, Pickleball Beacon - 92 visits, Junior Playball Beacon - 128 visits, Junior Basketball Beaconsfield school - 324 visits, L&Q care homes gentle exercise - 260 visits, Tai Chi Burnham - 268 visits, Active Bucks - 1376 visits (yoga/pilates (304, walking football 136, outside fitness 92 , tai chi 216, playball 129, table tennis 124), Zumba Evreham - 496 visits, Pilates Evreham - 64 visits, This girl can sports festival Evreham - 95 visits • <u>Beaconsfield Community Bus</u>- Awarded £1, 500- to Beaconsfield Town Council. The Beaconsfield community Bus purpose is to deliver mobility and independence for its residents helping reduce social isolation. Launched in February 2019 - 6 month trial period. the project is also working with St Marys Church, Social Isolation Project (Better connected Beaconsfield) and the Beaconsfield Advisory Centre who will provide a telephone answering service. • <u>Holtspur Youth Club</u>- Funded PAT testing equipment and for two volunteers in the club to be trained and certified to carry out the tests.- This has allowed the youth club to meet all legal requirements on an ongoing basis without having to regularly employ expensive electrical contractors and loan the equipment to other local community group. • <u>Dementia- Friendly Golf and Discounted golf scheme for people with a dementia diagnosis and their carers-</u>. The South Buckinghamshire Golf Course, offering free dementia-friendly golf taster session and ongoing discounted sessions so that residents with dementia can enjoy golf in a supportive and safe environment tailored to their needs. The club's staff have all undertaken dementia friendly training and the grant awarded by SBDC enables both carers and dementia suffers to play golf in an affordable and safe environment. • Dementia Virtual Tour Bus Training- Awarded £900 – Outcomes: trained 36 people (Community groups- Iver GNS, care home employees , GLL, Leap Chiltern & South Bucks Customer service staff) – raised awareness giving confidence to adapt own working environments to become more inclusive in the delivery of services.

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Friends and Neighbours Group</u> – Awarded £750.00 as contribution towards integrated equipment to build on intergenerational work, particular with the National Autistics Society. “FaNs is for the older residents in full time care and enables them to link with the wider community and enjoy a range of social activities. FaNs is run by the care home residents, which helps facilitate them maintain their well-being and independence. Activities have included a canal trip, swimming sessions and social activities at local leisure centres.• Chairman’s Volunteer Awards – Community awards event hosted by Councillor Matthews at SBDC Council Offices that celebrated local volunteers who have made an outstanding contribution to their local community.• Older People’s Guides - Beaconsfield and Gerrards Cross. The whole of South Bucks is covered |
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