

SOUTH BUCKS DISTRICT COUNCIL – HEALTHY COMMUNITIES UPDATE – PAG 30/09/19

| SUBJECT | UPDATE | | | | | | |
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| Homelessness | <u>Number of Households in Temporary Accommodation 2019/20 (Monthly Snapshot)</u> | | | | | | |
| | Accommodation | Date | | | | | |
| | | 1/4/19 | 1/5/19 | 1/6/19 | 1/7/19 | 1/8/19 | 22/8/19 |
| | Nightly Booked (B&B) | 12 | 13 | 14 | 10 | 9 | 5 |
| | Nightly Booked (Self contained) | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| | Walters Court (Bucks HA) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| | Private Sector Leasing Scheme | 20 | 22 | 26 | 26 | 14 | 18 |
| | Paradigm – General | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | L&Q – General | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| | Bucks Housing Association (Other units) | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| Total | 48 | 50 | 54 | 48 | 35 | 39 | |
| | <p>The period of July and August saw significant turnover within the temporary accommodation units due to the completion of both the new temporary accommodation units at 1-12 Walters Court and the new affordable rented homes on the Denham Media Park development. This has helped to reduce the number of households that SBDC is placing in nightly booked temporary accommodation. As a comparison, at 1/4/18 SBDC had 36 households in nightly booked units and this had reduced to 10 households at 22/8/19.</p> <p>The new units at 1-12 Walters Court were completed and leased to Bucks HA with effect from 12/8/19. Lettings commenced during that week with the flats being occupied in phases over subsequent weeks. At the time of writing, the two flats in the adjacent property 801 Bath Road have been completed and due to be available as temporary accommodation shortly.</p> | | | | | | |

| | <p>Homelessness General</p> <p>There were indications that SBDC was seeing an upturn in homelessness applications during the first months of 2019/20 with a knock on impact on demand for temporary accommodation. However, overall the number of applications for assistance has remained steady and broadly similar to last year, 2018/19. It is possible that 2019/20 will see increased demand for local authority homelessness services as the measures introduced last year by the Homelessness Reduction Act start to become more established (backed up by Court decisions nationally setting down legal precedents etc.)</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| <p>Bucks Home Choice</p> | <p>During the first 5 months of 2019/20 (01/04/2018 to 22/08/2019) social housing lettings in South Bucks via the Bucks Home Choice scheme were as follows:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="430 667 2042 991"> <thead> <tr> <th>Property Type</th> <th>Number of Lettings</th> <th>Average Wait for Applicants</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Sheltered Accommodation</td> <td>3</td> <td>10 months</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1 bedroom flat</td> <td>32</td> <td>16 months</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2 bedroom flat/maisonette</td> <td>39</td> <td>11 months</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2 bedroom house</td> <td>5</td> <td>16 months</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3 bedroom flat/maisonette</td> <td>1</td> <td>5 months</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3 bedroom house</td> <td>5</td> <td>15 months</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4 bedroom house</td> <td>1</td> <td>5</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>The number of letting during this period was significantly boosted by the first phase of lettings by L&Q of the affordable rented units in the Denham Media Park development.</p> | Property Type | Number of Lettings | Average Wait for Applicants | Sheltered Accommodation | 3 | 10 months | 1 bedroom flat | 32 | 16 months | 2 bedroom flat/maisonette | 39 | 11 months | 2 bedroom house | 5 | 16 months | 3 bedroom flat/maisonette | 1 | 5 months | 3 bedroom house | 5 | 15 months | 4 bedroom house | 1 | 5 |
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| 4 bedroom house | 1 | 5 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>Housing Standards</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SBDC has a total of 32 licensed HMOs and a further 11 licensable HMOs where applications are being processed or pending (as 22/8/19). - During the first quarter of 2019/20 17 DFG (Disabled Facilities Grant) funded adaptations works were completed for clients in South Bucks. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| | <p>-SBDC and the other three district councils have jointly commissioned Community Impact Bucks to deliver a Handy Helpers scheme as a one year pilot. The scheme is delivering deliver minor repairs, adaptations and help with day to day tasks to elderly and vulnerable residents across the county.</p> |
| <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) The first phase of 30 affordable rented flats were advertised and let via Bucks Home Choice in April 2019. The second phase of 33 affordable rented units are being advertised and let during August/September 2019. - <u>L&Q Former Sheltered Schemes</u> – Planning applications submitted and ongoing for Mead House site (Iver Heath), Tower House (Iver), Verdon Court (Farnham Royal) and Bolds Court (Stoke Poges). in May 2018 and still pending. - <u>Bath Road</u> – The units at 1-12 Walters Court have been completed and have been leased to Bucks Housing Associations from 12th August 2019. The flats are being let in phases. The two flats at 801 Bath Road are nearing completion. - <u>GX Police Station Site</u> – Development is ongoing including 14 affordable homes |
| <p>Licensing</p> | <p>As a shared service the following activity is recorded across the two councils</p> |

| LICENSING SERVICE UPDATE/HIGHLIGHT REPORT | |
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| DATE – August 2019 | |
| PRIVATE HIRE AND HACKNEY LICENCES | |
| CHILTERN | SOUTH BUCKS |
| <p>Current licence numbers</p> <p>Hackney Carriage Vehicles = 147</p> <p>Private Hire Vehicles = 143</p> <p>Hackney Carriage Drivers = 128</p> <p>Private Hire Drivers = 136</p> <p>Dual Drivers = 54</p> <p>Private Hire Operators = 41</p> <p>Compliance Operations</p> <p>Late night/weekend = 2</p> <p>Daytime rank checks = 1</p> <p>Routine vehicle spot checks = 7</p> <p>Enforcement Actions</p> <p>Applications refused = 1</p> <p>Currently suspended = 9</p> <p>Recent revocations = 0</p> <p>Penalty notices issued = 5</p> | <p>Current licence numbers</p> <p>Hackney Carriage Vehicles = 81</p> <p>Private Hire Vehicles = 80</p> <p>Hackney Carriage Drivers = 53</p> <p>Private Hire Drivers = 88</p> <p>Dual Drivers = 39</p> <p>Private Hire Operators = 29</p> <p>Compliance Operations</p> <p>Late night/weekend = 2</p> <p>Daytime rank checks = 0</p> <p>Routine vehicle spot checks = 5</p> <p>Enforcement Actions</p> <p>Applications refused = 0</p> <p>Currently suspended = 8</p> <p>Recent revocations = 1</p> <p>Penalty notices issued = 3</p> <p>Pending prosecution currently with legal – Unlicensed driver and vehicle carrying out a school contract.</p> |
| LICENSING ACT 2003 | |
| CHILTERN | SOUTH BUCKS |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Penn Fest took place with no major issues identified on the day with no Licensing related complaints received. Officers were in attendance throughout the event and took part in partnership compliance checks with WDC taxi licensing. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revolutions in Beaconsfield variation received and issued. Joint meetings with the applicant and TVP took place and proportionate conditions have been imposed to promote the licensing objectives. |
| OTHER | |
| <p>Statutory betting shop inspections completed by Officers.</p> <p>Applications processed within PI timeframes (cumulative) = 98.9%.</p> | |

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| <p>Environmental Health</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contribution to the SBDC response on the planning and environmental (technical) issues arising from Heathrow Airport's recent consultation, to minimise the impact of the development on the communities and businesses of South Bucks. • Responded to S61 applications and meeting requests by HS2 contractors. • Monitoring work plans for HS2 South Portal Compound • EH Food officers continue to monitor compliance and working with businesses on food safety matters. • Continuing and very active work on the unitary programme including fees, budgets, policy and legal aspects as per the regulatory work stream. • Work on the Civil Contingency unitary work stream- Interim Civil Contingencies Policy developed and agreed by Unitary Resources Board. • EH 'Meet and Greet' is being held on the Thursday 5th Sept 12-2:00pm to informally update Council staff on team activities. • Noise App- Number of Users: 509 Applied 401 Approved 108 invalid (eg. Have not provided address, are not in our area, signed up more than once) , 37 cases under investigation , 246 resolved/completed and closed , 19 Pending first response has been sent awaiting more information or recording to escalate or close • Updates undertaken on corporate health & safety policies, emergency plans and joint training undertaken with other districts and BCC. • Undertaking EU Exit planning and working with BCC Task & Finish Group to identify latest requirements. |
| <p>Unauthorised Encampments (UAE)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gypsies and Travellers are protected from discrimination by the Equalities Act 2010 and the Human Rights Act 1998, together with all ethnic groups who have a particular culture, language or values • Through the MOU, support continues to be provided by Thames Valley Police and Bucks County Council in raising awareness with landowners and in supporting landowners to arrange Bailiffs and to assist the Council in removal of UAE from Council owned land. • The Council has monitored the impact of Unauthorised Encampments in South Bucks. The majority of these being on private land not under the control of the Council. The landowner being the responsible person to arrange removal of such sites. Failure to do so would require action under planning legislation. • BCC has intervened in 8 sites in 2018/19 and 4 sites (Inclusive Iver Rec) from April 2019 to date • SBDC waste team has over the last 2 years cleared two council owned sites (Evreham and Broadway car parks) following incursions at a cost c£4,000 |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Council can use its own Bailiffs to remove UAE for its land or could continue to use the services of the County Council for which there is no charge. • Members have expressed a view to explore the use of by-laws to prohibit UAE on Council land. Legal advice is that this is not currently a possibility as Bylaws are made when existing legislation does not afford the protections necessary. The Government review of the legislation is pending and Councils are encouraged to provide sufficient accommodation and use the available powers. • Partnership work is taking place amongst all Bucks authorities to see if there is any scope to identify a tolerated temporary site(s) somewhere in Bucks to support the move on of unauthorised encampments', this work may be further addressed after vesting day . • The Council has considered the use of injunctions to prevent Unauthorised Encampments on land at the November 2018 meeting of the HC PAG. It was agreed not to proceed at that time. WDC have since applied for and tested an injunction for over 100 sites it owns. The partnership has agreed to take a watching brief on the impact of the injunction and to consider if a county wide injunction is practicable. This is a matter that will be progressed further after vesting day. • A risk assessment of land the council owns is being undertaken and some works have been completed to protect open space land as far as practicable. • Officers are of the opinion that the current partnership agreement with TVP and BCC continues to work effectively at minimal cost to South Bucks District Council and that evidence is gathered to assess the impact of unauthorised Encampments on Council owned land. |
| <p>Community Safety</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Burglary dwelling had increased by 46.4% at the end of July 2019. 101 burglaries during 2019-20 compared to 69 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. • Violence against a person had decreased by 9.1% at the end of July 2019. 451 offences during 2019-20 compared to 496 the previous year. • Safe Place Scheme has been refreshed across the District. • NHW leaflet drops have taken place across the Ivers and Denham with a positive interest in setting up new schemes. |

| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operation Gauntlet continued to raise awareness – a multi-agency response to tackle phone scams and fraud in partnership with TVP, Community Safety, Trading Standards and Natwest (Friends Against Scams) Local groups and care homes visited to raise awareness of the scams. • Now Co-lead on the Community Safety workstream. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| <p>Community and Leisure</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small grants launched 18 valid applications as of 29th August, deadline extended to 30th September and form simplified • • GLL Community Engagement Programme - going from strength to strength. Activities include 01/04/19 – 31/07/19) <table border="1" data-bbox="432 671 1319 1281"> <thead> <tr> <th>Activity</th> <th>Location</th> <th>Number of visits</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Active Bucks</td> <td>District Wide</td> <td>1,073</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Basketball</td> <td>Evreham Sports Centre</td> <td>47</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Gentle Exercise</td> <td>L&Q care home</td> <td>198</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Netball</td> <td>Beacon Centre</td> <td>138</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Netball</td> <td>Evreham Centre</td> <td>75</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pickleball</td> <td>Beacon Centre</td> <td>107</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pilates</td> <td>Evreham</td> <td>106</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Table tennis</td> <td>Beacon</td> <td>129</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Table tennis</td> <td>Evreham</td> <td>60</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tai Chi</td> <td>Burnham</td> <td>210</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Walking football</td> <td>Beacon Centre</td> <td>177</td> </tr> <tr> <td>walking netball</td> <td>Beacon</td> <td>83</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Zumba</td> <td>Stoke Poges</td> <td>56</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Zumba</td> <td>Evreham</td> <td>75</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Simply Walks programme – Contribution of £1,000 towards the Simply Walks Programme in South Bucks. There are 20 walks available in South Bucks, quarter 1 (April – June) attracted 1,804 visits. | Activity | Location | Number of visits | Active Bucks | District Wide | 1,073 | Basketball | Evreham Sports Centre | 47 | Gentle Exercise | L&Q care home | 198 | Netball | Beacon Centre | 138 | Netball | Evreham Centre | 75 | Pickleball | Beacon Centre | 107 | Pilates | Evreham | 106 | Table tennis | Beacon | 129 | Table tennis | Evreham | 60 | Tai Chi | Burnham | 210 | Walking football | Beacon Centre | 177 | walking netball | Beacon | 83 | Zumba | Stoke Poges | 56 | Zumba | Evreham | 75 |
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| Basketball | Evreham Sports Centre | 47 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Gentle Exercise | L&Q care home | 198 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Netball | Beacon Centre | 138 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Netball | Evreham Centre | 75 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Pickleball | Beacon Centre | 107 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Pilates | Evreham | 106 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Table tennis | Beacon | 129 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Table tennis | Evreham | 60 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tai Chi | Burnham | 210 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Walking football | Beacon Centre | 177 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| walking netball | Beacon | 83 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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- **Summer RDA Camp** – Supported a holiday programme for children with disabilities at South Bucks Riding for the Disabled Association. SBDC supplemented the cost of the session, to date 28 sessions have been booked at a cost of £112 to SBDC.
- **South Bucks Community Grants** - Currently open to applications, each ward member is allocated £1,096 to spend in their wards. Applications are open until 1st September. More detail will be provided at the next meeting.
- **Silver Sunday** – small grants scheme open to community groups / Town & Parish Councils. The scheme aims to encourage communities to come together and give new opportunities for our elderly residents to leave the house, keep their minds and bodies and connect with the communities and generations around them. Applicants can apply for funding of up to £150 per project.
- **The Great Together** - The new Connected Communities Small Grants Scheme, offered grants of up to £150 to support local community events that help prevent social isolation or allow neighbours to get to know one another better. Dorney Parish Council, Dorney Playground Group, Friends of Holtspur Park, 1st Holtspur Scouts and Holtspur Senior Citizens Club were all supported through this fund.
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- **Iver Community Library** - A contribution of £31.99 was made to Iver Community Library as payment for the printing costs assigned with the Youth Activities event which took place on 23rd May 2019. This event was well attended and strengthened links between a number of local organisations, Iver Heath Junior school and the library showcasing what activities young people can access to stay healthier and more connected to their local community.
- **Burnham Youth** - Supported the club with a contribution of £500 towards specialist equipment such as dies and acrylic stamps. This enabled them to continue to run an Arts and Crafts greetings Card project. This project increases skills and makes it possible for the most reluctant child to be creative with pleasing results which supports to build up their confidence proving that arts and crafts can be enjoyed by all. The Youth leader is committed to this project and aims to sell and raise funds for the Centre this year through the sale of Christmas cards. Another outcome of this project would be the desire to take this craft activity into the wider community connecting with older people's groups to create craft based items using the skills the young people have learnt.
- **Raising the Flag** - Monday 24th June 2019 the Joint Councils held a 'Raising the Flag' ceremony. This was open to all CDC and SBDC staff, Members and colleagues from Bucks County Council, Royal British Legion and Thames Valley Police. The ceremony paid tribute to the British Armed Forces community during Armed Forces week. Service Personnel from RAF Wycombe in particular, Group Captain S Harris who spoke about the value of Armed Forces day

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| | <p>to service personnel and the importance of strengthen links with the local community. The ceremony was closed with a national initiative, #Salute Our Forces.</p> |
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