



INFORMATION SHEET

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Buckinghamshire County Council Devolved Services Update

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Background

At the meeting of the High Wycombe Town Committee on 10 June 2014 Members requested that proposals by Buckinghamshire County Council to devolve further services to Town and Parish Councils be added to the Committee's work programme.

The attached report from Buckinghamshire County Council provides an update in relation to the unparished area of High Wycombe.

A Contact Name is shown above and Members are asked to contact that person if they have any queries etc.

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Report to High Wycombe Town Committee

Title: DEVOLVED SERVICES UPDATE

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Wards affected: High Wycombe Town unparished

Summary

Buckinghamshire County Council is offering town and parish councils the opportunity to take on a set of urban transport services, and providing some set up costs and the full ongoing budget to do this.

The offer was presented at the Parish Councils Conference on May 27th, where parishes had the opportunity to ask questions and discuss the proposal. Work is continuing with the clusters of town/parish councils and Wycombe district to identify the best delivery model for each.

This is a very exciting opportunity for an innovative delivery system; it has been thought through in great detail and provides the best solution in light of reducing finances. The first tranche of clusters who take up devolved service delivery will aim to be operating as soon as April 2015.

For the unparished area of High Wycombe the County Councillors considered a range of proposals and have taken the decision to remain with TfB and their contractors Ringway Jacobs in the delivery of these services across the town.

Members of the High Wycombe Town Committee will have the opportunity to update themselves on the progress of the countywide programme at High Wycombe Local Community Partnership meetings.

Report ends

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