



Council agenda

Date: Wednesday 18 May 2022

Time: 4.00 pm

Venue: The Oculus, Buckinghamshire Council, Gatehouse Road, Aylesbury HP19 8FF

Membership:

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Health & Adult Social Care Select Committee
Transport, Environment & Climate Change Select Committee
Audit & Governance Committee
High Wycombe Town Committee
Licensing Committee
Pension Fund Committee
Standards and General Purposes Committee

Central Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee
East Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee
North Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee
South Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee
West Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee
Strategic Sites Committee

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Minutes

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 27 APRIL 2022 IN THE OCULUS, THE GATEWAY, AYLESBURY, COMMENCING AT 4.00 PM AND CONCLUDING AT 7.56 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT

Z Mohammed (Chairman of the Council), D Dhillon (Vice-Chairman of the Council), A Alam, M Angell, D Anthony, M Ayub, R Bagge, D Barnes, S Barrett, P Bass, K Bates, J Baum, P Birchley, D Blamires, M Bracken, C Branston, S Broadbent, N Brown, S Bowles, P Brazier, T Broom, T Butcher, M Caffrey, R Carington, D Carroll, B Chapple OBE, S Chapple, S Chhokar, J Chilver, L Clarke OBE, A Collingwood, M Collins, P Cooper, C Cornell, A Cranmer, I Darby, T Dixon, T Egleton, C Etholen, P Fealey, M Flys, R Gaster, E Gemmell, P Gomm, D Goss, S Guy, G Hall, M Harker OBE, C Harriss, D Hayday, O Hayday, C Heap, T Hogg, G Hollis, A Hussain, I Hussain, M Hussain, M Hussain, N Hussain, T Hussain, P Irwin, S James, D Johncock, C Jones, J Jordan, S Kayani, P Kelly, R Khan, D King, M Knight, S Lambert, J MacBean, Cllr A Macpherson, I Macpherson, F Mahon, N Marshall, P Martin, R Matthews, Dr W Matthews, H Mordue, S Morgan, N Naylor, J Ng, R Newcombe, C Oliver, A Osibogun, A Poland-Goodyer, C Poll, S Raja, W Raja, M Rand, S Rouse, G Smith, L Smith BEM, M Smith, N Southworth, M Stannard, P Strachan, R Stuchbury, D Summers, M Tett, N Thomas, D Thompson, D Town, J Towns, A Turner, P Turner, G Wadhwa, A Waite, H Wallace, L Walsh, M Walsh, J Ward, J Wassell, J Waters, D Watson, A Wheelhouse, W Whyte, G Williams, S Wilson, M Winn, A Wood and K Wood

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Lady Howe (Lord Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire)

Agenda Item

1 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors S Adoh, K Ashman, M Baldwin, A Baughan, A Bond, Q Chaudhry, A Christensen, E Culverhouse, M Dormer, P Drayton, M Fayyaz, T Green, P Griffin, G Harris, T Hunter-Watts, Mahboob Hussain, C Jackson, N Rana, G Sandy, Sir B Stanier, and L Sullivan. Apologies were also received from Ms D Brock, High Sheriff of Buckinghamshire.

1A MR TONY MOGFORD AND MR JOHN COLE

Tribute was paid to two past councillors, Mr Tony Mogford and Mr John Cole, who had recently passed away. The Chairman recorded sincere condolences to both families on their sad losses.

Mr Mogford had served on the Aylesbury Rural District Council and also been a Member of Aylesbury Vale District Council from 1974 to 1982, representing the Wendover Ward, and a County Council Member from 1970 to 1985 representing Aylesbury Rural No.5 (Wendover) Division.

Mr Mogford had been the first ever Chairman of Aylesbury Vale District Council in 1974-76. For 35 years he had been chairman of Wendover Community Trust (now the Lionel Abel Smith Trust). In 1999 he had received the MBE for education, and work in the community of Buckinghamshire.

Mr John Cole had been a Member of Aylesbury Vale District Council from 1999 to 2003 representing the Wendover Ward, who during his time on the Council sat on the Development, Economic Development and Environment Scrutiny Committee.

Members then observed a minute`s silence in memory of Tony Mogford and John Cole.

2 MINUTES

Councillor S Wilson stated that the previous minutes in respect of item 9, Capital Investment Strategy, did not mention some of the points he had raised during the debate. Councillor Wilson had highlighted to the Cabinet Member the need to understand the assumptions made behind Growth and democratic changes in Buckinghamshire as noted in section 2.2 of the relevant report. Councillor Wilson stated he had also mentioned that most of the forecast growth from 551,000 to 567,000 in 2033 would take place in the Aylesbury area. The current Local Plan indicated housing growth of 46,500 and an estimated population increase from 567,000 to 638,000 which he believed to be inaccurate figures on which to base the Capital Investment Strategy.

RESOLVED –

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 23 February 2022 be approved as a correct record subject to the above change.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor R Carington declared a personal interest in agenda item 13, specifically the notice of motion on food poverty, as a trustee of the Buckinghamshire Food Partnership.

Councillor T Dixon declared a personal interest in agenda item 13, specifically the notice of motion on food poverty, as a trustee of the Aylesbury Food Bank.

Councillor S Raja declared a personal interest in agenda item 13, specifically the notice of motion on food poverty, as a trustee of the One Can Trust.

4 CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE

The Chairman welcomed the appointment in April 2022 of the new High Sheriff of Buckinghamshire, Ms D Brock, succeeding the previous High Sheriff, Mr G Anson. The Chairman wished Ms Brock well in the role. The Chairman reported that he had continued to be involved with the Council's tree planting initiatives and in March had attended Billett Fields, Black Park along with Councillors Harriss, Strachan, Jordan and Matthews on a day where 500 trees had been planted. Over 3,500 had been planted on that site in total.

The Chairman advised that the Chairman's church service had been held in Hambleden on 6 March and had been very well attended. The Chairman placed his thanks on record to the Reverend for allowing the event to happen and to all those who had attended.

The end of year Chairman's reception was scheduled for 9 May and invites for the event had been issued, the Chairman welcomed Members to attend where possible.

The Chairman also reported that he had been given a tour of the Princes Centre, in Princes Risborough, and recognized the hard work of staff and volunteers in making the centre, which looked after elderly residents and adults with learning difficulties and mental health issues, the great place it had become.

5 PETITIONS

There were none.

6 CORPORATE PLAN REFRESH

Buckinghamshire Council's Corporate Plan set out what the Council wanted to achieve and how this would be done, addressing the challenges faced and harnessing opportunities as they presented themselves.

The current plan had been approved in February 2020. A light-touch review of it had been undertaken to reflect key events and changes in priorities since the drafting of the plan in 2019/20. The revised plan reflected the impact of the pandemic on the Council's priorities, together with other key developments such as new national legislation.

The Leader introduced a draft of the refreshed Corporate Plan that could be seen attached at Appendix 1 to the Council report. The plan was intended to cover the period until 2025, in accordance with the current Council term, and would continue to be subject to an annual refresh. The review and refresh also accorded with recommendation 1 of the 2022 Budget Scrutiny Inquiry to review the Corporate Plan prior to the end of the financial year.

During the debate, Members highlighted the following points:

- Members supported the Corporate Plan refresh and encouraged wider engagement with members on future refreshes of the plan to ensure it covered all areas adequately.
- it was suggested that the refresh of the Corporate Plan would have been beneficial for members of the Budget Scrutiny Inquiry Group to have seen prior to the undertaking of the budget scrutiny exercise. The national uncertainties and pressures residents faced including high inflation were raised and a member expressed dissatisfaction with the way population figures had to be calculated for different strategies of the Council which meant that figures could appear inconsistent across published documents.
- that they welcomed close working with Town and Parish Councils and requested more detail as to how this would happen.
- The Leader highlighted that the Corporate Plan was a living document that would continue to evolve and reflect the economy and challenges Buckinghamshire faced as it continued the journey out of the covid pandemic. There were detailed metrics that underpinned each of the action plans within the Corporate Plan and Town and Parish Councils were recognised as key partners who the council would continue to work closely with.

The Leader moved the recommendation to adopt the Corporate Plan for the period 2020-25. This was seconded by Councillor D Barnes.

RESOLVED –

That the refreshed Corporate Plan for the period 2020-25 be ADOPTED.

7 HOMELESSNESS STRATEGY

The Transitional Arrangements No.2 Regulations 2008 required a new Buckinghamshire Council Homelessness Strategy to be in place by 1 April 2022. Following delays arising from the pandemic and service restructure, work had been undertaken to develop a new draft strategy for consideration and adoption. The Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities had been updated and notified of the timetable for adopting the Strategy by the end of April 2022.

The Cabinet Member for Housing, Homelessness and Regulatory Services reported that the Strategy would replace the existing legacy Councils Strategies. A series of stakeholder events had been held during November and December. A draft of the Strategy had been considered by Cabinet in February 2022 and had then been subject to a public consultation process from 21 February to 21 March. The consultation had generated a total of 28 responses, which had shown a very high and consistent level of support for the draft strategy.

Following the completion of the public consultation exercise, the Council had reviewed the draft Strategy document and made a small number of amendments and additions to it. No changes had been made to the key themes and priorities. A small number of areas had been expanded to provide clarification in response to feedback and a small number of additional actions had been included in the Action Plan to provide more details and reflect comments received during the consultation.

A copy of the Buckinghamshire Council Homelessness Strategy 2022-2025 was included with the agenda, and comprised of the following sections:

Appendix 1 – A strategy document setting out key findings and the high level priorities and action plan going forward.

Appendix 2 – An evidence base showing the current position including key information on housing and homelessness in Buckinghamshire and emerging themes and challenges. This document also includes a summary of the stakeholder consultation exercise that took place to support preparation of the strategy

The Strategy had been assembled to provide an overview of the current and future homelessness situation in Buckinghamshire and high level priorities and actions for the next three years 2022 – 2025. It would be reviewed annually to ensure that it was fit for purpose. Once adopted, the Council would move forward in updating and revising its existing Homelessness Service Operational Action Plans which sat beneath the Strategy and set out the detail of how the Council and its partners would operationally deliver the priorities in the strategy.

During the debate, points highlighted included:

- that partners had been widely consulted on the strategy. Thanks were expressed to those Members who had attended the Members forum on housing and homelessness and who had made comments which had helped inform the strategy. The figures in the report highlighted the issues Buckinghamshire faced and all those involved with the rough sleepers initiative were applauded for the significant work undertaken since Buckinghamshire became a unitary authority. During 2019/20, an 86% decrease in rough sleepers in Buckinghamshire was seen, which was the second highest in the country. The importance of addressing housing and homelessness was emphasised and it was recognised that there remained work to do.
- the importance of early intervention in preventing homelessness was stressed. Thanks were paid to the housing officer team for their ongoing work in supporting residents.

Some disappointment was expressed that only 28 responses had been received to the consultation. It was suggested that a wider campaign to encourage responses would be useful in future on significant strategies such as this.

- Members placed on record their thanks to the housing officer team who had provided exemplary support to residents.
- Members were advised that in adopting the strategy, priorities could regularly be revisited and adjusted as necessary to inform the actions taken on the ground.

Councillor Naylor moved the recommendation to adopt the Buckinghamshire Council Homelessness Strategy for the period 2022-25. This was seconded by Councillor M Winn.

RESOLVED –

That the Buckinghamshire Council Homelessness Strategy 2022-2025 be ADOPTED.

8 ELECTORAL REVIEW OF BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) had held a consultation on the second stage of the electoral review of Buckinghamshire Council seeking views on a pattern of wards that should apply from the 2025 local election.

This followed the previous consultation on ‘council size’ by the LGBCE. The Commission was minded to recommend a membership of 98 councillors so proposals were therefore being sought on a pattern of Wards equivalent (so far as possible) to that number of Councillors. As the ‘council size’ was determined at an earlier stage of the Commission’s process, this question could not be re-opened.

While the second stage of the consultation had run until 4 April the LGBCE had confirmed that it would be willing for full Council to formally to approve a submission at its scheduled meeting on 27 April. However, the LGBCE had requested a draft proposal by the end of 4 April and as delegated by Council, a draft submission was made to the Commission by the Standards & General Purposes Committee on 30 March 2022. The draft submission was included as Appendix 1 to this Council report. The Committee had recommended to Council to endorse the draft submission as the Council’s formal submission.

In arriving at a draft submission, the Committee had been supported by a cross-party Electoral Review Working Group of the Committee. The Group met twice during February and March to work up the broad set of draft proposals for consideration by the Committee. The draft proposal was agreed by Committee on 17 March. Prior to this, the LGBCE had been invited to deliver briefings to all Buckinghamshire Councillors, and to Parish and Town Councils.

The next formal phase of the review would be the consultation by the Commission on its proposed way forward. If Recommendation 2 was approved by Council, the Committee would intend that the Electoral Review Working Group would continue throughout the next phases of the review to advise the Committee.

In arriving at its draft submission, the Committee had regard to the LGBCE’s published guidance and the three statutory criteria for determining a pattern of wards, namely:

- (i) Delivering electoral equality for local voters - given the total forecast electorate of 443,064 by 2027, the average number of electors per councillor, for this review, is 1 councillor per 4,521 electors. The Committee had therefore sought to keep within +/- 10% of that notional figure.
- (ii) Reflecting the interests and identities of local communities.

(iii) Promoting effective and convenient local government.

The Committee had proposed a pattern of 50 Wards based, largely, on two-member representation for each Ward, achieving 98 councillors overall. The draft submission was at Appendix 1. This gave a list of proposed wards and their names together with maps showing them, plus the underlying electorate data.

The Committee had been mindful that 'one size' did not fit all which had resulted in a proposal that includes a mix of one- and two-member representation per ward. In certain cases, the existing Ward structures had not been sustainable, due to factors such as projected development and electorate forecasts up to 2027. As such, the proposals include several suggested changes to boundaries, having regard to community identity and effective governance although many existing Ward arrangements had also been kept where they already reflected good community identity. Changes were marked accordingly in the Annex to this report.

The Committee was aware that there were a small number of areas where further detailed work on certain boundaries was potentially necessary to achieve better community identity. These would be considered further in more detail in the next phases of the review, alongside the Commission. The Committee had been mindful that Buckinghamshire was also a member-led authority which saw its democratic relationship with the electorate and local communities as pivotal to Buckinghamshire's future.

The Committee had considered it important for the Wards to have sufficient Member resilience to sustain this community-based approach and to support the continued operation of the 16 innovative Community Boards. This had included being mindful that the Council's experience of multi-member wards, since the inception of the Council, had been broadly positive, with certain geographies and community dynamics particularly benefitting from this collaborative approach, regardless of political affiliation. As such, having reviewed the basis of the wards and the communities within them, the Committee had felt it right to continue this, where appropriate, based on consolidating community identity and governance.

During the debate, points highlighted included:

- Members paid thanks to officers and Members for all their work in reaching this stage.
- that the review should not have used the current warding arrangements as its starting point and should have started afresh recognising communities and their differences.
- that Wexham was geographically quite different to Denham. Residents had concerns they would not be as well represented as they were presently by being paired with Stoke Poges.
- objections were raised by Members to the proposed arrangements for Booker, Castlefield and Cressex wards which it was felt had been separated without reflecting feedback from local members, the local geography and the wants of the community.
- an issue was raised over the population growth numbers that had been used to aid the formation of ward boundaries. It was stated that the implied growth of 32,000 electors between 2022 and 2027 did not reflect the figures contained within the Corporate Plan, although the numbers published by the Boundary Commission, which had been provided by the Council followed guidance, which set out strict criteria.
- it was emphasised that the second phase of the review was a two stage consultation, the first being on general warding patterns and the second to look at the details of where boundaries lie. The Standards & General Purposes Committee was open to submissions from Members and to holding conversations in an effort to reach a position where the majority were content with the proposals.

Councillor T Broom moved the three recommendations as noted in the report. These were seconded by Councillor B Chapple OBE.

Councillor J Wassell proposed a recorded vote be taken, for which the threshold was met.

The vote was recorded as follows:

FOR (93): Councillors Alam, Angell, Anthony, Ayub, Bagge, Barnes, Barrett, Bass, Baum, Birchley, Blamires, Bracken, Branston, Brazier, Broadbent, Broom, Brown, Butcher, Caffrey, Carington, Carroll, B Chapple OBE, S Chapple, Chhokar, Chilver, Clarke OBE, Collins, Cornell, Cranmer, Darby, Dhillon, Egleton, Etholen, Fealey, Flys, Gaster, Gomm, Goss, Hall, Harker OBE, Harriss, Heap, A Hussain, Maz Hussain, Irwin, Johncock, Jones, Jordan, Kelly, King, MacBean, A Macpherson, I Macpherson, Mahon, Marshall, Martin, R Matthews, W Matthews, Mohammed, Mordue, Naylor, Newcombe, Ng, Oliver, Osibogun, Poll, Sarfaraz Raja, Rand, Rouse, L Smith BEM, Southworth, Stannard, Strachan, Summers, Tett, Thomas, Thompson, Town, Towns, A Turner, P Turner, Waite, Wallace, L Walsh, M Walsh, Ward, Waters, Watson, Whyte, Williams, Winn, A Wood and K Wood.

AGAINST (25): Councillors Bates, Cooper, Dixon, Gemmell, Guy, D Hayday, O Hayday, I Hussain, Majid Hussain, N Hussain, T Hussain, James, Kayani, Knight, Lambert, Morgan, Poland-Goodyer, W Raja, G Smith, M Smith, Stuchbury, Wadhwa, Wassell, Wheelhouse and Wilson

ABSTAIN (1): Councillor Hogg

RESOLVED –

- (1) That the final submission to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England on the future pattern of wards for Buckinghamshire Council be APPROVED, based on the draft submission at Appendix 1 from the Standards and General Purposes Committee.**
- (2) That authority be delegated to the Standards & General Purposes Committee for agreeing with the Local Government Boundary Commission for England the detail of the precise location of boundaries arising from the Council's proposal, consistent with achieving the overall terms of the final submission.**
- (3) That the Standards and General Purposes Committee be asked to report back to Council with any recommendations arising from any response or proposal from the Commission which would otherwise be inconsistent with the Council's submission.**

Note: Councillors Collingwood, Hollis and R Khan were not present at the time of the recorded vote.

9 REVIEW OF THE CONSTITUTION

Under section 9P of the Local Government Act 2000 the Council was required to prepare and keep up to date a Constitution containing the standing orders of the Council and such other information as was required or was desirable. On 27 February 2020 Buckinghamshire Council Shadow Authority had adopted the Buckinghamshire Council Constitution to have effect from 1 April 2020. The constitution had been reviewed in April 2021.

The power to change the Constitution was reserved to full Council via recommendation from the Standards and General Purposes Committee. The Monitoring Officer also had delegated authority to make amendments to ensure the Council conducted itself lawfully, and to make

minor amendments where appropriate.

A Constitution Members Working Group consisting of the Chairmen and Vice-chairmen of both the Audit and Governance Committee and the Standards and General Purposes Committee had met a number of times to consider proposed changes and provide initial comments to help inform the review of the Constitution as required by full Council. Feedback from appropriate members and officers to the proposals had also been obtained. The proposals for changes to the Constitution (Appendix 1 to the Council report) had been submitted to the Audit and Governance Committee on 22 March 2022 and then the Standards and General Purposes Committee on 14 April 2022. The appendix also included comments made in relation to the proposals.

The changes were set out in principle in Appendix 1 to allow drafting of the proposed changes to take account of member feedback, further legal input or ensure other affected parts of the Constitution can be amended accordingly.

During the debate, points highlighted included:

- The incorporation of Community Boards Terms of Reference into the Constitution which would reflect the current best practices from their first two years of operation. It was raised that the sixteen boards all operated in slightly different ways so the Terms of Reference would provide a base set of rules and regulations which the Constitution Members Working Group would review prior to approval.
- There was a concern raised around Members being permitted to ask only one question of Cabinet within the Cabinet procedure rules as this was not conducive to holding Cabinet Members to account.
- There was a further concern around permitting the Chairman of the Council to remove items from the agenda as this could affect the level of democracy in meetings, although it was clarified that this would be in special circumstances, such as when a meeting ran significantly over time.
- Council was reminded that the Constitution Members Working Group would meet to review all officer wording prior to any change being put forward to the Monitoring Officer for inclusion in the Constitution.

Councillor T Broom moved the three recommendations as noted in the report. These were seconded by Councillor R Newcombe.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That the changes to the Constitution be APPROVED, as detailed at Appendix 1 to the Council report.**
- (2) That authority be delegated to the Monitoring Officer to determine the final amendments in relation to any ‘in principal’ proposals which are adopted with the approval of the Constitution Members Working Group.**
- (3) That authority be delegated to the Monitoring Officer to amend the Constitution with the adopted proposals and the final amendments of ‘in principle’ proposals together with any associated necessary incidental amendments.**

10 SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT

Members considered the Annual reports authored by each of the 6 Chairmen of the Select Committees which reflected on the work and the outcomes achieved over the past year. The reports detailed and examined the role and the key areas of work undertaken by each of the Select Committees together with its future programmes of work. The information was provided

at Appendix 1 to the Council report.

The six Select Committees the Council operated were Children's and Education, Communities and Localism, Finance and Resources, Growth, Infrastructure and Housing, Health and Adult Social Care and Transport, Environment and Climate Change. In addition to reviewing key areas of work at each of their meetings, Committees responded to consultations, questioned external partners, and held a number of inquiries and rapid reviews to help drive improvements. These included the Budget Scrutiny inquiry, an ongoing inquiry in to primary care networks across Buckinghamshire and rapid reviews in to Community Boards, Member engagement in planning and Social Worker recruitment and retention.

Councillor R Bagge, Chairman of the Finance and Resources Committee presented the report and commented that the Council operated a very robust scrutiny framework holding the Executive to account and that the process at Buckinghamshire was highly regarded by other councils, and by the LGA. He took the opportunity to express his thanks to the Cabinet Members and officers for their time and for answering, often challenging questions regarding the scrutiny function.

RESOLVED –

That the Annual Report of the Select Committees for 2021-2022 be noted.

11 AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE ANNUAL REPORT

Councillor R Newcombe, Chairman of the Audit and Governance Committee introduced the annual report prepared to inform the Council of the work carried out by the Council's Audit and Governance Committee during the 2021/22 financial year. The content and presentation of this report met the requirements of the CIPFA Audit Committees Guidance 2018 to report to full Council on a regular basis on the Committee's performance in relation to the terms of reference and the effectiveness of the Committee in meeting its purpose.

The report included information:

- That the Committee had met six times during the year.
- That the Risk Management Group, a sub-group of the Audit and Governance Committee, had met seven times during the financial year to review the strategic and key directorate risks facing the authority and the internal controls and governance in place to manage those risks to demonstrate how risk management is embedded within Services.
- On the Committee's Work Programme which sought to look at levels of risk and the priorities of the Council in then approving the programme audit and assurance work undertaken in the highest risk areas. For example, the Audit Manager had continued leading on the assurance arrangements over the Covid-19 grants received by Buckinghamshire Council, and the Investigations Team have assisted with the controls over the payments of business grants.
- That throughout the year, the Committee had continued to receive valued professional reports, support and advice from Corporate Finance, Treasury Management, Risk Management, Procurement, Internal Audit and from our External Auditors.
- That the Committee was responsible for approving and monitoring the Council's Whistleblowing Policy, Anti-Fraud and Corruption Policy and Money Laundering Policy, as well as approving the Council's Financial Statements and Annual Governance Statement.
- That the Committee approved the terms of reference for Internal Audit (Internal Audit Charter), the Business Assurance Strategy including the Annual Internal Audit Plan, and the Counter Fraud Plan.
- That the Committee provided challenge to the external auditors to ensure the Council was receiving value for money. There had been increased requirements put on external auditors

by the Financial Reporting on Council in recent years following some failures within both the public and private sector which had compounded the delay. This had been part of that reason that only 9% of authorities across the country completed their accounts by the due date.

- That during 2021/22 the Committee had considered a motion, referred by full Council, relating the Climate Change risk management. It had been agreed by the committee that the Council had already acknowledged the importance of climate change and that the Strategic Risk Register already reflected the risks to the Council's responsibilities associated with climate change.
- That the Committee undertook the scrutiny role for the development of the Treasury Management strategy prior to its presentation to Council for approval. It received mid-term and annual reports on the extent of compliance with the approved Treasury Management strategy and an analysis of the performance against the targets set. During the year it recommended the Treasury Management strategy and performance monitoring reports for Council approval.

Councillor Newcombe reported that the Annual Statement of Accounts 2020/21 had not yet been completely audited for reasons as detailed in the report, although in addition to these reasons, there was very recently an additional national issue concerning highways issues which meant that auditors were unwilling to sign off any further statements of accounts until the issue was resolved. The earliest this was now expected would be June.

Councillor Newcombe placed on record his thanks to the Chief Auditor and the Business Assurance team, highlighting the opinion of CIPFA that highlighted the good practice of the internal audit service in establishing practices as part of the formation of a new authority alongside the issues that arose as a result of Covid.

Following comments raised, it was clarified that the Councils statement of accounts were not linked to any published 'rich lists' and Councillor Newcombe agreed that Community Boards should be internally audited at the earliest opportunity as they were a new concept, with funding responsibilities.

RESOLVED –

That the Audit and Governance Committee Annual Report be NOTED.

12 REPORTS FROM CABINET MEMBERS

Members received reports from Cabinet Members. There was an opportunity for members to ask questions of individual Cabinet Members about matters and issues affecting their portfolios.

Leader of the Council, Councillor Martin Tett

Members paid tribute to the work of the Leader, Chief Executive and Officers for their work in making the Helping Hand for Ukraine project such a success. The response was said to have been outstanding and the Council was an exemplar in its efforts to welcome refugees and support Ukraine.

The Leader thanked the officer team for their fantastic work, this included the Chief Executive who chaired weekly meetings with the Council's important partners. Homes of those welcoming refugees were being fully inspected, relevant checks were undertaken, detailed welcome packs in English, Ukrainian and Russian had been made available, and refugees were being supported in accessing bank accounts, schooling and English language classes. Many of the Ukrainians already in Buckinghamshire were very keen on entering employment and links were made with

Buckinghamshire Business First to liaise with local employers and support as best they can.

Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Environment, Councillor Peter Strachan

Councillor Strachan received questions on Wycombe bin collections and green waste charge and carbon reduction.

Members were advised that the collection routes had been revised to provide a more agile, efficient system. The new rounds would commence in May and those residents who would be affected had been informed. The Cabinet Member confirmed that residents would be made fully aware of green waste charges being introduced and agreed to report back to an individual Member around the legality of introducing charges within the Wycombe waste contract that was entered prior to the unitary authority coming in to being.

Councillor Strachan also invited a Member to contact him with any query relating to the last report of the IPCC and how this impacted Buckinghamshire.

Cabinet Member for Communities, Councillor Steve Bowles

Councillor A Hussain, Deputy Cabinet Member for Community Safety presented the report in Councillor Bowles absence and received questions on the voluntary sector grants member working group and the household support fund.

Councillor Hussain agreed that either he or Councillor Bowles would contact an individual Member to advise of the progress on the formation of the cross party voluntary sector grants member working group.

The Leader responded in relation to the household support fund explaining that a report would be presented to Cabinet, it was anticipated that the expected £2.4m would be received by the Council relatively quickly and would be of great support to residents in significant financial difficulty. The Leader was confident that all of these funds would be used by the set deadline of 30 September 2022.

Cabinet Member for Culture and Leisure, Councillor Clive Harriss

Councillor Harriss received questions and comments on the potential for a Bernwood to Oxfordshire cycleway, the Playing Pitch Strategy, Court Garden Leisure Centre, and trees planted in Buckingham.

The Cabinet Member advised that it remained an aspiration to have a cycleway running to Haddenham and Thame Parkway train station and engineers had been instructed to look at the best possible route so that the Council can speak to landowners and move it forward. There also needed to be agreement from Oxfordshire County Council due to the route going through the county.

It was confirmed that the Playing Pitch Strategy looked at the entirety of Buckinghamshire so where there were some areas short of football pitch provision, other areas were oversupplied. The Deputy Cabinet Member for Culture and Leisure advised that there would be liaison with Aylesbury Town Council and cross party Members to agree the best way forward and the strategy would be shared as soon as available.

The Cabinet Member advised that he would look into the issue raised of ridges along the floor of the newly refurbished swimming pool at Court Garden and report back to the local Ward Member.

Councillor Harriss shared the disappointment of Members at tree vandalism in Buckingham and stated that where trees were lost, the Council would look to replace them and to take steps to address the vandalism.

Cabinet Member for Education and Children's Services, Councillor Anita Cranmer

Councillor Cranmer reported that the Council remained very involved with Ofsted and expected a further report on 29 April 2022 for which a series of Members briefings had been arranged. This report was in relation to a local area Ofsted care and quality inspection, which involved the Council and its partners. Councillor Cranmer received questions on secondary school provision in Burnham, CAMHS waiting lists, school inspection numbers, and home to school transport for Ukrainian children.

In relation to the possibility of a new non selective school in Burnham which did not discriminate against local children, Councillor Cranmer explained that the situation was out of the Councils hands as it was the Department for Education that had previously closed the school in Burnham, and they would not authorise the Council to open a school in the area due to insufficient numbers. The Council had plans but required funding to progress these in the future.

Councillor Cranmer invited an individual Member to follow up his question on CAMHS waiting lists following the meeting.

It was noted that school inspections were reported as having 17 published, although the breakdown of results did not total 17 within the written report, the Cabinet Member reported that more school inspections had taken place since the report and she would provide an up to date picture to interested Members.

The Cabinet Member emphasised that every Ukrainian child would get a place in school, with the best efforts being made to ensure the school was either the same as the host families children or geographically very close to where they were residing. If schools had to be opened in village halls or other locations this would be done. The transport issues were recognised as often hosts could not provide transport. At present the Council could not offer support where schools were far from host homes. Some areas were attempting to raise funds for community buses but they must be in possession of the appropriate licence.

Cabinet Member for Finance, Resources, Property and Assets, Councillor John Chilver

Councillor Chilver received questions and comments on the highways around Green Park Activity, Broom Hill engine shed, Grange Farm and apprenticeships.

The Cabinet Member advised that new accommodation blocks were long overdue at Green Park and the new blocks would provide excellent facilities for young people. Councillor Chilver agreed to speak with the tenants about students using safer routes when walking on the nearby roads in the interim and he would liaise with the appropriate teams in the Council around longer term plans.

The Cabinet Member spoke positively of the completion of the Broom Hill engine shed site and advised that there had been a good deal of interest and that he was confident good paying tenants would be found.

It was confirmed that Grange Farm was on the market through Carter Jonas to seek a new tenant who would bring the site into good order, if Members knew of any interested party they were invited to send details through to Councillor Chilver who would forward them on appropriately.

Councillor Chilver reassured Members that the Council would continue to support those wanting to get into work and education and spoke highly of the Kick Start scheme which had a good conversion rate to full time staff.

Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing, Councillor Angela Macpherson

Local Members paid thanks to the Cabinet Member for co-ordination of agencies and managing the difficult situation in relation to the recent tragedy in Bourne End. Councillor A Macpherson thanked the officers for their work and advised that whilst the police investigation was ongoing the Council continued to work closely with all parties.

In response to a query about care homes receiving negative Care & Quality Commission reports, the Cabinet Member reassured Members that Adult Social Care took all reports of poor quality and safeguarding concerns in settings very seriously. Monthly surveillance meetings were held with all partners to address concerns including the Care & Quality Commission, and where required action plans were developed and if necessary the Council would discontinue placements of Council funded residents.

Cabinet Member for Housing, Homelessness and Regulatory Services, Councillor Nick Naylor

Councillor Naylor received questions on the previous injunction in Wycombe to protect green open spaces from Gypsy and Traveller incursions and social housing.

The Cabinet Member advised that there were no plans to re-enter the injunction in Wycombe at this time, however he would look into this and report back to the relevant Member.

Councillor Naylor confirmed that the Affordable Housing Position Statement would be presented to Cabinet on 10 May, and invited Members to send him queries they had on this matter.

Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Planning and Regeneration, Councillor Gareth Williams

Councillor Williams placed on record his congratulations to the Planning Enforcement team who had the second best enforcement stats nationally outside of London. Significant improvements on staffing recruitment had been made, with people keen to join the Council. As a result, planning applications were being determined quicker. Consultants and agency staff would continue in contracts to keep supporting the Council getting through the backlog of applications. Good feedback on Member Surgeries had been received on strategic sites bringing members, developers and planning officers together and it was hoped these would be rolled out more widely across the county.

In response to questions raised, Councillor Williams advised that the planning service was looking at various methods of calculating housing need for the Local Plan and close working with MPs and others was ongoing to ensure the correct number for the area. The Cabinet Member also advised Members that they would have the opportunity to be involved with the oversight of the local plan. Member Briefings would be held more frequently as the plan progressed and it would be subject to scrutiny and oversight from the cross party Growth, Infrastructure and Housing Select Committee. There was a high level of engagement with the community and partners and the Council was committed to proper consultation on all potential site opportunities.

Cabinet Member for Transport, Councillor Steve Broadbent

Councillor Broadbent received questions on the A418 road, street lighting, and Network Rail underpasses.

The Cabinet Member sympathised with residents of Wing residing by the A418, which was a key part of the strategic road network designed to take significant HGV movements. Improvements to East West connectivity were being looked at which may alleviate the problem. England's Economic Heartland had recently published their transport strategy and the Oxford to Milton Keynes route, included this corridor which could lead to improvements. At present however, there were no active plans or funding to deliver alternative routes around Wing.

Councillor Broadbent advised that work continued on the roll out of street lighting replacement columns and LED lighting and emphasised the importance of illuminating highways and where in place, bollards.

Members were invited to contact the Cabinet Member if they were aware of underpasses that were the responsibility of Network Rail that were being left unmaintained, so that he could make appropriate representations to Network Rail.

13 NOTICES OF MOTION

(i) Food Poverty

The original motion was proposed by Councillor Melanie Smith and seconded by Councillor Robin Stuchbury as set out below.

“This Council believes that no family or child living in a fair society should rely on food banks to offset low income and economic hardship. These views are shared throughout the local authority and elected members.

Council calls on Cabinet to use its influence with national government to gain additional funding to implement the 14 recommendations of the National Food Strategy of July 2021, and to urgently establish a task and finish group with a cross-portfolio brief and including cross party members to analyse the current situation and to make recommendations of action to mitigate any worsening of circumstances for our residents.

As part of the task and finish group Cabinet should ensure:

- that a named cabinet member is assigned to lead on this study.
- the cabinet member receives the support and resources to complete the task.
- the cabinet member provides regular updates to all members on progress.
- the group produce a report detailing their findings and making recommendations for action.
- the report is completed in 3 months including recommendations for action and details of costings.
- the report is disseminated to all members.
- as part of the follow up, local members are consulted about the next steps.”

An amendment to the motion was proposed by Councillor M Tett, seconded by Councillor G Williams, and accepted by the proposer and seconder of the original motion. The amendment was then put to the meeting as the substantive motion. The wording of the amendment was:

“This Council believes that no family or child living in a fair society should rely on food banks to offset low income and economic hardship. These views are shared throughout the local

authority and elected members.

Council calls on Cabinet to:

- use its influence with national government to **ask them to consider** ~~gain additional funding to implement~~ the 14 recommendations of the National Food Strategy of July 2021, **whilst recognising that their full implementation are issues for national, not local government and would require a significant extra financial expenditure which would need to be funded.**
- recognise and congratulate the Government on its many initiatives towards supporting local Buckinghamshire people during the current cost of living pressures. These include:
 - Raising the national Minimum Wage
 - Increasing taper relief so that working people on Universal Credit can retain more of their additional income
 - Reducing Fuel Duty on petrol and diesel
 - Raising the threshold at which people start paying National Insurance
 - Providing £150 per household in Bands A to D to help towards increased energy costs
 - Providing Buckinghamshire Council with £2.4m for additional Household Support. This will enable us to help with food, energy, water bills, other essential costs and in exceptional circumstances, rent.
 - Providing Buckinghamshire Council with an extra £1.2 government grant. This will enable us to pay £150 to households in Bands E-H that either have a qualifying benefit or who have a severe mental impairment. This is an additional 3,100 households. Lastly, we will pay an additional £25 per household who are on a qualifying benefit.
- ~~and to urgently establish~~ continue work on its 'Levelling Up' policy within Buckinghamshire. This to include access to healthy food for low income households. ~~a task and finish group with a cross portfolio brief and including cross party members to~~ **Cabinet should** analyse the current situation and ~~to~~ make recommendations ~~of a~~ **as to how long term changes to the opportunities and aspirations of local people can be made, and in particular to facilitate the creation and securing of well-paid employment in Buckinghamshire's economy.** ~~action to mitigate any worsening of circumstances for our residents.~~

~~As part of the task and finish group~~ Cabinet should ensure:

- that **the Leader continues to have oversight of the development of the Levelling Up policy** ~~a named cabinet member is assigned to lead on this study~~
- the ~~cabinet member~~ **project** receives the support and resources to complete the task
- the ~~cabinet member~~ **Leader reports back to Cabinet** ~~provides regular updates to all members~~ on progress
- the ~~group~~ **study** produces a report detailing ~~their~~ **the** findings and ~~making~~ **makes** recommendations for action
- the report is completed in 3 months including recommendations for action and details of costings. **The recommendations to be within the current resources approved by council in its Budget.**
- the report is ~~disseminated~~ **published** to all members

- as part of the follow up, local members are consulted, **as is routine, on recommendations that affect their Wards. about the next steps**"

Speaking to the motion, and in acceptance of the amendment, Councillor M Smith spoke of the Sheffield University study which noted High Wycombe as one of the most deprived in the country in relation to food poverty and the striking local and national figures relating to food deprivation. Aylesbury also had a significant issue with food poverty and it was expected that this would become worse as the cost of living crisis, and energy price hikes worsened. Councillor M Smith highlighted that a significant amount of applications to the Household Support Fund had not been approved and said that it should not take emergency funding to feed residents in need. Councillor M Smith emphasised that every child should have access to healthy, affordable food and recognised that nutritional meals were vital to development. The amendments to the motion were accepted to ensure something meaningful was done for the residents of Buckinghamshire.

The Leader stressed the importance of all Members coming together to put residents first and support those most disadvantaged within the community. He spoke of the Council being one of the first in the country to start rolling out Council Tax refunds for those in Council tax bands A to D. The Council also had access to a discretionary fund to support those in Council tax bands E to H and who were entitled to help. Attention was drawn to the Council's Helping Hand scheme, staffed by dedicated officers who support residents, work with food banks, community fridges and community cafes as well as to the significant financial support to supplement schemes provided by national government. The Leader also spoke highly of the Financial Insecurity Partnership in Buckinghamshire which helped people who were struggling with managing benefits, debt management and gaining employment skills.

During the debate, Members raised a number of issues, all supporting the motion. Comments raised included:

- Highlighting the excellent work of food banks and their staff in Buckinghamshire
- Paying tribute to teaching staff who supplied food to children in need
- Recognising community projects providing hot meals
- Being cautious of figures quoted in national statistics
- Food costs potentially significantly increasing further
- Encouraging engagement with Members who had significant experience of working within the food industry
- The importance of separating out national and local issues and focusing on what the Council could do to help residents
- The work Buckinghamshire Council already does, including the Financial Insecurity Partnership, Bucks Food Partnership, Helping Hands scheme and the excellent work on data provided by the Public Health team.

In seconding the motion, Councillor Stuchbury spoke of the importance of ensuring every child in Buckinghamshire would not go hungry.

It was proposed by Councillor M Smith, and seconded by Councillor R Stuchbury that the substantive motion be put to a vote, which was **CARRIED**.

RESOLVED -

That full Council call on Cabinet to:

- (1) Use its influence with national government to ask them to consider the 14 recommendations of the National Food Strategy of July 2021, whilst recognising that

their full implementation are issues for national, not local government and would require a significant extra financial expenditure which would need to be funded.

- (2) Recognise and congratulate the Government on its many initiatives towards supporting local Buckinghamshire people during the current cost of living pressures.
- (3) Continue work on its 'Levelling Up' policy within Buckinghamshire. This to include access to healthy food for low income households. Cabinet should analyse the current situation and make recommendations as to how long term changes to the opportunities and aspirations of local people can be made, and in particular to facilitate the creation and securing of well-paid employment in Buckinghamshire's economy.
- (4) Ensure:
 - (a) that the Leader continues to have oversight of the development of the Levelling Up policy
 - (b) the project receives the support and resources to complete the task
 - (c) the Leader reports back to Cabinet progress
 - (d) the study produces a report detailing the findings and makes recommendations for action
 - (e) the report is completed in 3 months including recommendations for action and details of costings. The recommendations to be within the current resources approved by council in its Budget.
 - (f) the report is published to all members
 - (g) as part of the follow up, local members are consulted, as is routine, on recommendations that affect their Wards.

(ii) Mobilise community investments to tackle climate change

The motion was proposed by Councillor Steven Lambert and seconded by Councillor Ed Gemmell

"Full Council notes:

1. That this council noted that climate change is a global emergency following a Motion to Council.
2. The motion committed the Council to achieve net zero carbon impact by 2050.
3. The council has been progressing a package of low carbon opportunities arising from the Carbon Audit report, such as tree planting and reviewing carbon emissions among other things.
4. A new low risk model called Community Municipal Investments [CMI] has been developed by Leeds University and Abundance Investments platform with UK Government and EU support. This concept had the support of several local authorities including Bristol City Council.
5. This model of green bonds with a local authority guarantee is proven to mobilise local and other investment and channels local savings into local projects with low risk and a modest return to investors [2] and after the first issue further calls can be automated.
6. This Council notes that the Local Government Association presents it as a model for mobilising widespread private investment to decarbonise localities.

Full Council believes:

1. That offering local savers and other ethical investors a way to support the County's journey to carbon neutrality mobilises community engagement in the process of change, attracts significant sums for named projects, and should be developed.
2. That offering security and a modest rate of interest through municipal bonds is an established way to develop local infrastructure .
3. That CMIs can help us amass funds on a regular basis develop a series of practical

projects for a low carbon transition now in partnership with others which will be popular with local savers. This mobilises capital that could otherwise leave the County.

4. The Cabinet should prioritise CMIs as part of the package of investments that will create positive economic opportunities and carbon neutrality while building community wealth.
5. Buckinghamshire should join the other pioneering Councils of CMI in developing local opportunities for local investors.

Full Council resolves:

1. To call on the Leader and Cabinet to begin development of Community Municipal Investments for the County.
2. That the Council promotes CMI as a way residents and institutions can be engaged and actively involved in contributing to a zero carbon city.
3. Requests Officers to identify carbon saving projects suited to CMI investment in conjunction with local government, business and community partners in Buckinghamshire.”

An amendment to the motion was proposed by Councillor M Tett, seconded by Councillor J Chilver, and accepted by the proposer and seconder of the original motion. The amendment was then put to the meeting as the substantive motion. The wording of the amendment was:

“Full Council notes:

1. That this council noted that climate change is a global emergency following a Motion to Council
2. The motion committed the Council to achieve net zero carbon impact by 2050
3. The council has been progressing a package of low carbon opportunities arising from the Carbon Audit report, such as tree planting and reviewing carbon emissions among other things.
4. A new low risk model called Community Municipal Investments [CMI] has been developed by Leeds University and Abundance Investments platform with UK Government and EU support. This concept had the support of several local authorities including Bristol City Council.
5. This model of green bonds with a local authority guarantee is proven to mobilise local and other investment and channels local savings into local projects with low risk and a modest return to investors [2] and after the first issue further calls can be automated.
6. This Council notes that the Local Government Association presents it as a model for mobilising widespread private investment to decarbonise localities.
- 7. That full council passed the council’s forward Capital programme at its last meeting and all future investments must be within those authorised by full council and have a business case that meets current council policy.**

Full Council believes:

1. That offering local savers and other ethical investors a way to support the County’s journey to carbon neutrality mobilises community engagement in the process of change, attracts significant sums for named projects, and ~~should~~ **may** be developed **where appropriate**.
2. That offering security and a modest rate of interest through municipal bonds is an established way to develop local infrastructure.
3. That CMIs can **complement existing PWLB borrowing to** help us amass funds ~~on a regular~~

~~basis as required to deliver existing planned~~ develop a series of practical projects for a low carbon transition now in partnership with others which will be popular with local savers. This mobilises capital that could otherwise leave the County.

4. The Cabinet should ~~prioritise~~ **consider** CMI as part of the package of investments **alongside PWLB loans** that will create positive economic opportunities and carbon neutrality while building community wealth.

5. Buckinghamshire should join the other pioneering Councils of CMI in ~~developing~~ **exploring existing planned** local opportunities for local investors.

Full Council resolves:

1. To call on the Leader and Cabinet to ~~begin development~~ **consider where there may be opportunities for** of Community Municipal Investments for the County.

2. That, **where appropriate**, the Council promotes CMI as a way residents and institutions can be engaged and actively involved in contributing to a zero carbon ~~city~~ **county**.

3. Requests Officers to ~~identify~~ **consider whether there are any existing planned Buckinghamshire Council** carbon saving projects suited to CMI investment in conjunction with local government, business and community partners in Buckinghamshire.”

Speaking to the motion, and in acceptance of the amendment, Councillor S Lambert advised Council of a number of other local authorities who already utilised CMIs to good effect and the range of opportunities these presented to Buckinghamshire. Councillor Lambert urged Members to consider the removal of the words ‘existing’ and ‘planned’ from items 3, 4 and 5 of the amendment to avoid restricting the Council on its potential actions, however the amendment in full was accepted by the proposer and seconder as issued with the supplementary agenda.

During the debate, Members raised a number of issues, the majority in support of the substantive motion. Comments raised included:

- Recognising the innovative way of investing and tackling climate change
- Concerns around the Council borrowing additional money, particularly in the face of rising inflation
- Approving the motion would allow the Council to deliver additional projects that could have a significant positive impact on residents
- The Council’s duty to taxpayers to minimise borrowing costs and to keep external costs low
- Capital and revenue budgets had been approved for the financial year as had the Treasury Management Strategy which set out rules and guidelines for borrowing. Costs of administering the scheme also needed to be considered
- Prudent financial management distinguished Buckinghamshire Council from other local authorities.
- Appropriate checks and safeguards remained vital.

In seconding the motion, Councillor Gemmell highlighted that the Council could set its own interest rate and needed to take action to address climate change now. He encouraged exploring all opportunities to push climate change back and this provided an extra tool to support the Council in doing so, would potentially save the Council money and through obtaining community involvement, could help inspire the Climate Change and Air Quality Strategy of the Council.

Councillor Lambert concluded by highlighting concerns that the budget relied on borrowing to be balanced in its latter years and that the use of CMIs could assist the Council in addressing financial challenges.

It was proposed by Councillor S Lambert, and seconded by Councillor E Gemmell that the substantive motion be put to a vote, which was **CARRIED**.

RESOLVED -

- (1) That Full Council call on the Leader and Cabinet to consider where there may be opportunities for Community Municipal Investments for the County.
- (2) That, where appropriate, the Council promotes CMI as a way residents and institutions can be engaged and actively involved in contributing to a zero carbon county.
- (3) That Officers be requested to consider whether there are any existing planned Buckinghamshire Council carbon saving projects suited to CMI investment in conjunction with local government, business and community partners in Buckinghamshire.

14 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FROM MEMBERS

The written responses to questions from Members, published as a supplement to the agenda were noted.

15 REPORT FOR INFORMATION - KEY DECISIONS REPORT

A list of decisions taken by Cabinet Members since the last Full Council meeting on 25 February 2022 were received and noted.

16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next full Council meeting was scheduled to take place on Wednesday 20 July 2022 at 4pm. The annual meeting of Council would be taking place on Wednesday 18th May 2022 at 4pm.



Report to full Council

Date:	18 May 2022
Title:	Report from Leader of the Council
Relevant councillor(s):	Leader of the Council
Author and/or contact officer:	Sarah Ashmead, Deputy Chief Executive
Recommendations:	Council is asked to note the appointments made by the Leader for the municipal year 2022/23 to Cabinet Member and Deputy Cabinet Member positions.

1. Content of report

- 1.1 Part E of the Council's Constitution deals with the role of Cabinet and Cabinet arrangements.
- 1.2 The Cabinet will consist of the Leader, together with such number of Elected Members of the council he may appoint to the Cabinet. Up to two of those Members can be appointed as Deputy Leaders.
- 1.3 The Leader may appoint a number of non-Cabinet Members as Deputy Cabinet Members (not exceeding the number of Cabinet Members) to advise and assist in the discharge of the duties within their portfolios.
- 1.4 The Constitution provides that the Leader will report to the annual meeting of the Council about Cabinet Member appointments.
- 1.5 The Leader will make a verbal announcement of appointments at the Council meeting, and a schedule of appointments for 2022/23 will be published following the meeting.

2. Background papers

- 2.1 None.

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Report to Full Council

Date: 18 May 2022

Title: Committee Appointments and Proportionality, Substitutions, and Appointments to Partnerships and Outside Bodies

Author and/or contact officer: Sarah Ashmead, Monitoring Officer

Ward(s) affected: All

Recommendations: That the Council: -

1. Approves the allocation of seats on council committees to political groups at Appendix 1; (Appendix 2 with the nominations by political groups to council committees will be published at the meeting of the Council).
2. Delegates authority to the Monitoring Officer, upon the written confirmation of a Group Leader, to vary their nomination on a given Committee and to make the appropriate amendments to membership (and notify all Members / Chairman of the appropriate Committee of the change).
3. Agrees that all Councillors may act as potential substitutes on committees, and delegates authority to the Monitoring Officer, upon the written confirmation of a Group Leader, to agree lists of proposed substitute nominations.
4. Notes the appointments made by the Leader for the municipal year 2022/23 of the chairmen of the Community Board (Appendix 3 with the appointments will be published at the meeting of the Council).
5. Delegates authority to the Leader, subject to any proportionality requirements, to approve the appointment of councillors to partnerships and outside bodies for 2022/2023.

Background

- 1.1 This report seeks approval to the proportionality arrangements for committees of

Buckinghamshire Council established in the constitution as follows:

- Strategic Sites Committee and the Area Planning Committees
- Licensing Committee
- the Pensions Fund Committee
- the Senior Appointments and Pay Committee
- the Standards and General Purposes Committee
- the Audit and Governance Committee
- the Select Committees

1.2 The report also deals with:

- the process for confirming lists of proposed substitute nominations for Committees.
- the appointments made by the Leader for the municipal year 2022/23 of the chairmen of the Community Boards.
- the process for approving the appointment of councillors to partnerships and outside bodies for 2022/2023.

Political Proportionality

1.3 The distribution of seats on Committees is governed by Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990, which require the allocation to accord with the rules on proportionality. The Regulations state that seats on Committees must be allocated to each political group in the same proportion to the number of seats held by each of those groups on the Council (rules of aggregation as well as being in the correct proportions on each Committee individually, in so far as this may be practicable).

1.4 Currently, the seat covering the Bernwood Ward is vacant following the resignation of Councillor Cameron Branston on the 9 May 2022.

1.5 The political balance of the Council is currently 112 Conservatives, 15 Liberal Democrats, 6 Wycombe Independents, 6 Independents, 4 Labour, 2 Independent Network and 1 Green Party. There are 3 political groups comprising 112 (The Conservative Group), 21 (The Alliance Grouping) and 13 (IMPACT Alliance) Members.

There are no ungrouped members. Following the agreement of all political groups the final allocations proposed is listed in Appendix 1.

- 1.6 The allocation of total seats in line with political proportionality is as set out in Table 1 below.

Table 1 – Total Seats

Political Group	Seats on Council	% of whole	Seats actual	Seats rounded
Conservative	112	76.7%	164.93	165
Alliance Grouping	21	14.4%	30.93	31
IMPACT Alliance	13	8.9%	19.14	19
Total	146	100%	215	215

- 1.7 The initial allocation of seats to committees in line with political proportionality (before adjustments) is as set out in Table 2 and 3 below.

Table 2 – Initial calculations before adjustments

Committees	No	Conservative		Alliance Grouping		IMPACT Alliance	
		Strict	Rounded	Strict	Rounded	Strict	Rounded
Pension Fund	7	5.370	5	1.007	1	0.623	1
Senior Appointments	7	5.370	5	1.007	1	0.623	1
Strategic Sites	12	9.205	9	1.726	2	1.068	1
Audit & Governance	12	9.205	9	1.726	2	1.068	1
Standards	14	10.740	11	2.014	2	1.247	1
Licensing	15	11.507	12	2.158	2	1.336	1
Area Planning North	12	9.205	9	1.726	2	1.068	1
Area Planning East	12	9.205	9	1.726	2	1.068	1
Area Planning West	12	9.205	9	1.726	2	1.068	1
Area Planning Central	12	9.205	9	1.726	2	1.068	1
Area Planning South	10	7.671	8	1.438	1	0.890	1
Select Committee – Health & Adult Social Care	15	11.507	12	2.158	2	1.336	1

Select Committee - Children & Education	15	11.507	12	2.158	2	1.336	1
Select Committee - Transport, Environment & Climate Change	15	11.507	12	2.158	2	1.336	1
Select Committee – Communities & Localism	15	11.507	12	2.158	2	1.336	1
Select Committee - Growth, Infrastructure & Housing	15	11.507	12	2.158	2	1.336	1
Select Committee – Finance & Resources	15	11.507	12	2.158	2	1.336	1
Aggregate	215	164.932	167	30.925	31	19.144	17
Adjustment required			-2		0		2

Table 3- Initial allocations of seats on other committees and outside bodies

Committee	Size	Conservative	Alliance Grouping	IMPACT Alliance	Remainder
Buckinghamshire & Milton Keynes Fire Authority	12	9	2	1	0
BOB (Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West) Joint Health Scrutiny and Overview Committee	6	5	1	1	-1
Chilterns Conservation Board	5	4	1	0	0

Note – The Buckinghamshire & Milton Keynes Fire Authority agreed to increase the Buckinghamshire Council representation from 11 to 12 for the municipal year 2022-23 at its meeting on 16 February 2022.

Table 4 – Committee size & model allocation of seats by Group

Size	Conservative	Alliance Grouping	IMPACT Alliance	Remainder
3	2	0	0	1
4	3	1	0	0
5	4	1	0	0
6	5	1	1	-1
7	5	1	1	0
8	6	1	1	0
9	7	1	1	0
10	8	1	1	0
11	8	2	1	0
12	9	2	1	0
13	10	2	1	0
14	11	2	1	0
15	12	2	1	0
16	12	2	1	1

Appointments

- 1.8 Group Leaders have appointed members to the committees according to these proportionality arrangements (Appendix 2 – paper to follow).
- 1.9 In the case of Community Boards, Buckinghamshire Council councillors from the respective area are eligible to be members of the Boards. Details of Board membership is included on the Council’s website.
- 1.10 The Leader will make a verbal announcement of the appointments of the Chairmen of the 16 Community Boards. A schedule of appointments for 2022/23 will be published following the meeting (Appendix 3 – paper to follow).
- 1.11 In the case of the High Wycombe Town Committee, all Buckinghamshire Council councillors from the unparished area are appointed as members of the Committee (see Appendix 4).

Substitutes

- 1.12 The appointment of substitute Members on Committees and Sub-Committees is dealt with in the Committee Procedure Rules of the Constitution at paragraphs 2.76 to 2.80.

1.13 While all Members may act as potential substitutes onto Committees, subject to requirements within the Constitution (e.g. the Audit and Governance Committee, Standards and General Purposes Committee and the Pension Fund Committee do not permit substitutes; in order to be eligible to sit as substitutes on regulatory or administrative committees or panels or staff appointments or disciplinary bodies established by the Council, councillors must have received formal training in relevant procedures and the law), it is proposed that authority is delegated to the Monitoring Officer, upon the written confirmation of a Group Leader, to agree lists of proposed substitute nominations.

Appointment of Councillors to Partnerships and Outside Bodies

1.14 The Council is responsible for appointing members to a range of partnerships and outside bodies.

1.15 Following consultation with external bodies, the Council has established a schedule of partnerships and outside bodies to which Buckinghamshire Council is responsible for making appointments. These include national, regional, countywide and local bodies and partnerships. In some cases, these are strategic organisations where Members can shape and influence policy affecting Buckinghamshire. In others, the role of the appointed Member is important in promoting the relationship with the Council. The schedule identifies the number of places that the Council can appoint to in each case.

1.16 It is proposed that following further consideration which includes the appointment of Cabinet Members and Deputy Cabinet Members, authority is delegated to the Leader to approve the appointment of councillors to partnerships and outside bodies for 2022/2023.

1.17 Where political proportionality applies, consultation would take place with the relevant Group Leader(s). In 2022/23, this applies to the Chiltern Conservation Board.

Legal and financial implications

1.18 The legal implications are as detailed within the body of the report.

1.19 Appointments to Partnerships and Outside Bodies – No allowances are payable by the Council for appointment to these bodies and therefore no financial implications have been identified.

Consultation and communication

1.20 Consultation on the proportionality and appointments has taken place with the Group Leaders

Appendix 1 – Allocation of Seats on Committees to Political Groups

Attached

Appendix 2 – Nominations by Political Groups to Council Committees

“To follow”

Appendix 3 – Appointments made by the Leader for the municipal year 2022/23 of the chairmen of the Community Boards

“To follow”

Appendix 4 - High Wycombe Town Committee

Membership of the High Wycombe Town Committee is not determined according to proportionality arrangements and consists of those Members representing the following wards: Abbey; Booker, Cressex and Castlefield; Downley; Ryemead and Micklefield; Terriers and Amersham Hill; Totteridge and Bowerdean; Tylers Green and Loudwater; West Wycombe

Arman Alam (Con)
Marcus Angell (Con)
Mohammed Ayub (Con)
Steven Barrett (Con)
Karen Bates (Lab)
Andrea Baughan (Wycombe Independent)
Lesley Clarke OBE (Con)
Tony Green (Con)
Steve Guy (Wycombe Independent)
Darren Hayday (Independent Network)
Orsolya Hayday (Independent Network)
Arif Hussain (Con)
Imran Hussain (Wycombe Independent)
Majid Hussain (Lab)
Maz Hussain (Con)
Mahboob Hussain JP (Con)
Matt Knight (Wycombe Independent)
Sarfraz Khan Raja (Con)
Nabeela Rana (Wycombe Independent)
Melanie Smith (Lab)
Nathan Thomas (Con)
Paul Turner (Con)
Julia Wassell (Wycombe Independent)
Katrina Wood (Con)

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Final allocations of Seats (figures in bold indicate where adjustments have been made)

Committee	Size	Conservative	Alliance Grouping	IMPACT Alliance
Pension Fund	7	5	1	1
Senior Appointments	7	5	1	1
Strategic Sites	12	9	2	1
Audit & Governance	12	9	2	1
Standards	14	11	2	1
Licensing	15	12	2	1
Area Planning North	12	9	2	1
Area Planning East	12	9	2	1
Area Planning West	12	9	3*	0*
Area Planning Central	12	9	2	1
Area Planning South	10	8	0 (1)	2 (1)
Select Committee – Health & Adult Social Care	15	12	2	1
Select Committee - Children & Education	15	11 (12)	2	2 (1)
Select Committee - Transport, Environment & Climate Change	15	12	2	1
Select Committee – Communities & Localism	15	11 (12)	2	2 (1)
Select Committee - Growth, Infrastructure & Housing	15	12	2	1
Select Committee – Finance & Resources	15	12	2	1
Total	215	165 (167)	31	19 (17)

* By mutual agreement between Group Leaders, one of the Alliance Grouping seats on Area Planning West will be taken up by the IMPACT Alliance

Figures in brackets show the original calculated proportionality seats. Due to rounding, this results in an over-allocation for the Conservative Group of 2 seats and an under-allocation of 2 seats for the IMPACT Alliance Group. Figures in bold indicate where committee seats have been manually adjusted with the agreement of Group Leaders in order to arrive at the correct committee seat entitlements for Groups overall.

Final allocation of seats on other committees and outside bodies

Committee	Size	Conservative	Alliance Grouping	IMPACT Alliance
Buckinghamshire & Milton Keynes Fire Authority	12	9	2	1
BOB (Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West) Joint Health Scrutiny and Overview Committee	6	5	1	0 (1)
Chilterns Conservation Board	5	4	1	0

Figures in brackets show the original calculated proportionality seats. The proportionality calculations result in an over-allocation of one seat to the BOB Joint Health Scrutiny and Overview Committee – in this case, the most marginal (IMPACT Alliance) seat is lost.



Report to full Council

Date:	18 May 2022
Title:	Select Committee Structure
Relevant councillor(s):	All
Author and/or contact officer:	Rachael Shimmin, Chief Executive
Recommendations:	Council is asked to agree the proposed structure and remit for Select Committees for the municipal year 2022/23 in order to discharge the Council's statutory overview and scrutiny functions.

1. Content of report

- 1.1 In accordance with the Council's Constitution (Part G), this report sets out the proposed structure of Select Committees for the forthcoming year. No changes are envisaged to the remits and number of the Council's Select Committees.
- 1.2 The Council will appoint six Select Committees to discharge the Council's statutory overview and scrutiny functions, each of which will comprise 15 Members. These shall be known as:
- (i) Children's and Education Select Committee
 - (ii) Communities and Localism Select Committee
 - (iii) Finance and Resources Select Committee
 - (iv) Growth, Infrastructure and Housing Select Committee
 - (v) Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee
 - (vi) Transport, Environment and Climate Change Select Committee
- 1.3 Each Select Committee is anticipated to meet at least five times a year, in accordance with current practice. Formal meetings of Select Committees will be public meetings (except under specific confidential circumstances as set out in the Local Government Act 1972). Each Select Committee has the power to undertake scrutiny inquiries, to investigate issues and make recommendations to decision-makers for change in relation to areas within their remit. Evidence for these inquiries

may be taken at Select Committee meetings or through additional informal inquiry sessions.

- 1.4 In addition to the general functions of the Select Committees set out in the Council's Constitution, the broad remits of the six Select Committees are set out in the table below. This information is intended as an indicative guide to the remits of the Select Committees, recognising that a number of potential topics could span at least one Select Committee.
- 1.5 Where the lead responsibility for scrutiny is unclear the relevant Chairmen, in consultation with the Scrutiny Manager, will agree how best to take forward the work, including agreeing one Select Committee to take lead responsibility for approving the set-up of any inquiry and monitoring implementation of agreed recommendations.
- 1.6 In addition to the six Select Committees, full Council agreed on 21 April 2021 that the Council would participate in the joint health scrutiny committee for Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West Integrated Care System. Details can be accessed [here](#).

Select Committee Remits

Children's and Education Select Committee

The Children's and Education Select Committee holds decision makers to account for improving outcomes and services for children and young people in Buckinghamshire.

This will include, but not exclusively, responsibility for scrutinising issues in relation to:

- Early Help
- Education – including early years, schools and further education
- Special Educational Needs & Disability (SEND)
- Adult learning
- Children's safeguarding
- Help and Protection
- Looked After Children
- Adoption and Fostering
- Leaving Care
- Youth Offending
- Youth provision

* This Committee shall act as the designated Committee responsible for the scrutiny of Education matters.

Communities and Localism Select Committee

The Communities and Localism Select Committee holds decision makers to account for improving outcomes and services for Buckinghamshire in relation to locality working, cultural, sport and leisure and regulatory services.

This will include, but not exclusively, responsibility for scrutinising issues in relation to:

- Community Safety
- Community Boards
- Town and Parish Council relationships
- Community and Voluntary sector engagement
- Leisure Centres
- Libraries
- Cultural Strategy
- Arts development
- Heritage, Museums and Archives
- Tourism
- Country Parks, Parks and Play Areas
- Business Continuity

* This Committee shall act as the designated Crime and Disorder Committee.

Finance and Resources Select Committee

The Finance and Resources Select Committee holds decision makers to account for improving outcomes and services for Buckinghamshire with a focus on delivering value for money.

This will include, but not exclusively, responsibility for scrutinising issues in relation to:

- Customer Service
- Financial Strategy
- Property and Assets
- Capital Programme
- Revenues and Benefits
- ICT Strategy & Operations
- Staff Health and Wellbeing
- Better Buckinghamshire programme

This Committee will undertake the annual budget scrutiny inquiry, which may involve inviting the Chairmen of the other Select Committees to participate. The

Executive's draft budget is automatically referred for scrutiny as part of the annual budget setting process.

Growth, Infrastructure and Housing Select Committee

The Growth, Infrastructure and Housing Select Committee holds decision makers to account for improving outcomes and services for Buckinghamshire, with a focus on the development of Buckinghamshire the place.

This will include, but not exclusively, responsibility for scrutinising issues in relation to:

- Strategic Infrastructure Projects
- HS2
- East West Rail
- Major Highways Projects
- Development Management
- Building Control
- Planning Enforcement
- Local Plan
- Town Centre Regeneration
- Economic Development
- Skills & Employability
- Homelessness
- Housing partnerships
- Affordable Housing
- Regulatory services

Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee

The Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee holds decision makers account for improving outcomes and services for Buckinghamshire with a particular focus on health and adult services.

This will include, but not exclusively, responsibility for scrutinising issues in relation to:

- Public Health
- Safeguarding
- Older People
- Mental Health

- Learning Disabilities
- Physical and Sensory Disabilities
- Health and Social Care Commissioning
- Prevention
- NHS Services
- GPs and Medical Centres
- Dental Practices

* In accordance with the Constitution, this Committee shall act as the designated Committee responsible for the scrutiny of health matters holding external health partners to account.

Transport, Environment and Climate Change Select Committee

The Transport, Environment and Climate Change Select Committee holds decision makers to account for improving outcomes and services for Buckinghamshire with a focus on some of the key operational services delivered across the county.

This will include, but not exclusively, responsibility for scrutinising issues in relation to:

- Transport Strategy
- Highways Maintenance
- Home to School Transport
- Public Transport
- Parking Operations and Strategy
- Environmental Strategy and Climate Change
- Energy and Resources
- Strategic Flood Management
- Sustainable Transport
- Waste and Recycling Strategy
- Fly tipping
- Rights of Way

Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire, Reading, West Berkshire, Wokingham)

The Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee operates formally as a mandatory joint committee i.e. where the councils have been required under Regulation 30 (5) Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Well-being Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013 to appoint a joint committee for the purposes of providing independent scrutiny to activities delivered at system level (as detailed in the Committee's terms of reference) by the Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West Integrated Care System.

The purpose of the mandatory JHOSC across Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire, Reading, West Berkshire, Wokingham is to:

- a. make comments on the proposal consulted on
- b. require the provision of information about the proposal
- c. gather evidence from key stakeholders, including members of the public
- d. require the member or employee of the relevant health service to attend before it to answer questions in connection with the consultation.
- e. Refer to the Secretary of State only on where it is not satisfied that:
 - consultation on any proposal for a substantial change or development has been adequate in relation to content or time allowed (NB. The referral power in these contexts only relates to the consultation with the local authorities, and not consultation with other stakeholders)
 - the proposal would not be in the interests of the health service in the area
 - a decision has been taken without consultation and it is not satisfied that the reasons given for not carrying out consultation are adequate.

2. Background papers

2.1 None.

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Report to Full Council

Date:	18 th May 2022
Title:	Buckinghamshire Council Annual Report 2021-22
Cabinet Member(s):	Councillor Martin Tett, Leader
Contact officer:	Gail Hudson – gail.hudson@buckinghamshire.gov.uk
Ward(s) affected:	All
Recommendations:	To note the achievements of the Council in 2021-22 against the objectives outlined in the Buckinghamshire Council Corporate Plan 2020-25
Reason for decision:	N/A

1. Executive summary

- 1.1 This report provides the background to the development of Buckinghamshire Council's annual report 2021-2022 which notes the achievements of the organisation against the objectives.

2. Content of report

- 2.1 Buckinghamshire Council's Corporate Plan sets out what the Council wants to achieve and how we will do it, addressing the challenges we face and harnessing opportunities as they present themselves. On 1st April 2020 the new Buckinghamshire Council was created and the agreed Corporate Plan for 2020-2025 came into effect, this plan was refreshed in April 2022.
- 2.2 The Annual Report highlights achievements across the authority which will contribute to the delivery of our key priorities outlined in the Corporate Plan:
- Strengthening our communities

- Protecting the vulnerable
- Improving our environment
- Increasing prosperity

2.3 The draft Buckinghamshire Council Annual Report 2021-22 is attached as Appendix 1.

3. Other options considered

3.1 Not to draft an annual report – does not provide an opportunity to reflect and share publicly the scale of work delivered over the last year.

4. Legal and financial implications

4.1 No legal or financial implications are anticipated.

5. Corporate implications

5.1 The Corporate Plan is a council's main strategic business planning document, establishing a golden thread between the Council's priorities, as set out by elected Members, and the activities which will be undertaken to deliver the organisation's agreed outcomes. As a public document, the Corporate Plan also helps communicate to staff, partners and residents, a clear concise narrative of strategic intent.

6. Local councillors & community boards consultation & views

6.1 The report reflects the council's corporate priorities agreed by Cabinet.

6.2 Feedback from Cabinet Members has been sought in the drafting of this report.

7. Communication, engagement & further consultation

7.1 Not applicable at this stage.

8. Next steps and review

8.1 Once approved, the report will be published on our website and will accompany the refreshed Corporate Plan.

9. Background papers

9.1 The Buckinghamshire Council Corporate Plan.

10. Your questions and views (for key decisions)

- 10.1 If you have any questions about the matters contained in this report, please contact the author of this report. If you have any views that you would like the cabinet member to consider, please inform the democratic services team. This can be done by telephone or email gail.hudson@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

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Buckinghamshire Council Annual Report 2021/22

Foreword

It's twelve months on from our first Annual Report - twelve months of living under the shadow of a global pandemic and the challenges it brought and continues to bring, I continue to be extremely proud of the resilience of our residents, partners, and staff, who continue to rise to the challenge of delivering services and supporting residents in unprecedented times. This annual report reflects the achievements of Buckinghamshire Council against our Corporate Plan, which outlines our ambitions and priorities.

We are committed to making Buckinghamshire the best place to live, raise a family, work, and do business. We want our county to be a place everyone can be proud of, with excellent services, thriving businesses and outstanding public spaces for everyone. We want our residents, regardless of background, to have access to great opportunities, living healthy, successful lives and ageing well with independence.

As a council, all Members have played a key role in the delivery of our achievements for our residents, communities and businesses over the last year.

We can look back and be proud of what we have achieved; the challenges of the pandemic will certainly remain with us over the coming months and beyond, but we have a unique opportunity to build on our successes. Buckinghamshire's Strategic Vision for 2050 will help deliver many of these ambitions which will not only benefit our residents but also the wider economy.

I am pleased to be able to reflect in this report how we have continued to develop and grow as a new council and on the many achievements we have collectively made.

Martin Tett
Leader, Buckinghamshire Council



Buckinghamshire Council Cabinet Members



Angela Macpherson
Deputy Leader and
Health & Wellbeing



Martin Tett
Leader



Gareth Williams
Deputy Leader and
Planning & Regeneration



Steve Bowles
Communities



Nick Naylor
Housing,
Homelessness
& Regulatory
Services



John Chilver
Finance,
Resources,
Property &
Assets



Anita Cranmer
Education &
Children Service



Steve Broadbent
Transport



Peter Strachan
Climate Change
and Environment



Clive Harriss
Culture & Leisure

Our Key Priorities

Buckinghamshire Council's Corporate Plan for 2020-25 sets out the key activities the Council planned to undertake over that period to achieve its strategic objectives and vision.

Supporting this plan will be a number of strategies and policies which will detail how we will deliver our ambitions and priorities.

This annual report shows what was achieved during 2021/22 under the following priority headings:

1. Strengthening our communities
2. Protecting the vulnerable
3. Improving our environment
4. Increasing prosperity

We have also included information around our achievements with regards to our people and internal developments.





Strengthening our communities

People in Buckinghamshire are living longer and healthier lives, with health outcomes better than the national average. We have strong communities and a thriving, dedicated not for profit sector.

Buckinghamshire is a healthy and inclusive place to live, work and visit but we have a number of challenges. These include building more affordable homes now and for future generations, providing extra help and support for an increasingly older population and improving the health of people who live in the more deprived areas of Buckinghamshire.

We also face the challenge of supporting our communities and residents to recover safely from the coronavirus pandemic.





Strengthening our communities

Our achievements this year

Community boards have delivered

415 projects

total committed budget of £3,789,513

Achieved total contributions of **£2,140,033** for every

£+£ £1 of Community Board funding we secured £0.71 in match funding

Delivered **112 Community Board**

projects with an environmental focus, totalling £683,000, including:

Tree planting, woodland activities, forest schools and 'Go Green' initiatives not only tackling environmental issues, also addressing mental health and providing new skills

Improvements to parks, green spaces creating new communal areas and community gardens

Delivered

29 Community Board

projects with an economic recovery focus, totalling £172,000



Supporting people to access training or employment, support for setting up a new business, and providing financial advice and support

Supporting shops and businesses in our town and villages with shop local campaigns



Launched a new searchable Bucks Online Directory with 3,000 community groups & organisations, making it easy for residents and professionals to find local activities and support



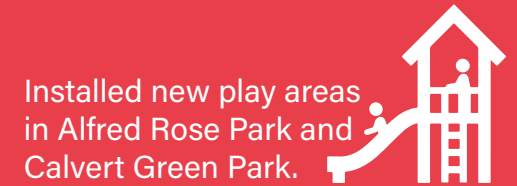
Opened the **Chilterns Lifestyle Centre in Amersham**

(72k visits in January & c110k visits in the first 8 weeks)

Completed the new swimming pool at Chalfont Leisure Centre



Opened a **new 3G pitch** at Aqua Vale Leisure Centre in Aylesbury



Installed new play areas in Alfred Rose Park and Calvert Green Park. Multi Use Games Areas resurfaced at Bedgrove Park, Oakfield Road Park and Calvert Green Park

Opened new Boathouse Café at The Rye Park in High Wycombe following a **£334k revamp** completed in partnership with High Wycombe Town Committee



Delivered a successful WhizzFizzFest arts and literary festival



Rolled out the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme

Since May 2021

supported **3,420** Aylesbury & Wycombe residents to get more active through our Active Communities pilot and introduced **nine** Active Park Walks

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Active Communities Pilot Project,

a community-based approach that engages with local people and various assets within a community

Active Movement Project is underway in High Wycombe and Aylesbury.

This research project aims to

reduce sedentary behaviour  &  increase physical activity levels

among children aged 4-11 years old as well as adults who have contact with those children within the wider community



The government's **Wellbeing for Education Return** programme was successfully cascaded across all schools in the county. Providing additional mental health and emotional well-being support to our family of schools, including direct support to school staff and headteachers

Held the first ever

Open Weekend in partnership with Buckinghamshire Culture, in July 2021 with over **75 creative events & activities** across Buckinghamshire

Launched partnership with Action4Youth in High Wycombe Library;



circa 800 young people have registered as members



Launched the Blue Light Project (BLP) with One Recovery Bucks, which is an initiative developed by Alcohol Change UK to develop alternative approaches and care pathways for treatment resistant drinkers who place a burden on public services

Relaunched the Civilian Military Partnership Board 


Some **500 nominations** were received for the **Proud of Bucks Awards**.  Presentations and events have been held celebrating these achievements



Supported the Covid response across Buckinghamshire:

over **400,000** boxes of lateral flow tests have been distributed; **17,568** phone calls made to provide support and advice to residents with Covid; **1840** tests and Trace £500 support payments made and a further **836** discretionary payments; **100+** volunteers supported surge testing across the County

Over 600 days

of patrols carried out by Street Wardens dealing with 1637 incidents/ campaigns/ matters 



Over 340 "Friends Against Scams" were trained during 2021 to help protect their local communities from scams and fraud



Protecting the vulnerable

While most people in Buckinghamshire live independent and healthy lives, some need extra support and protection. We know that the number of children and adults who need this extra help is increasing and the impending social care reforms, set out in the 'People at the Heart of Care' White Paper will have significant impacts for us as an authority. There are also rising numbers of people with mental health difficulties, special educational needs, disabilities and complex needs.

Progress
We want to give everyone the best chances in life, so that – together with their families and carers - they are resilient and can identify their own solutions. We will continue to work with our partners and communities to innovate and improve our offer, helping people recover from illness sooner, promoting fostering, reducing social isolation and loneliness, and supporting our most vulnerable residents.

Our goal is to reduce inequalities and give everyone the support and skills they need to live independent, happy and fulfilling lives.





Protecting the vulnerable

Our achievements this year

Launched a new

Domestic Abuse Partnership Board

on 6th October 2021 in line with new statutory duties contained with the Domestic Abuse Act 2021



Welcomed five Afghan families as part of the Home Office's Afghan Resettlement Programme and are on track to resettle 10 families in the first year and 30 long term

Over 5,500 requests for support have been received by the **Helping Hand** team

with over **50%** of these received between Jan and March 2022

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Hosted Buckinghamshire Domestic Homicide Review Learning Event with male victims of domestic abuse



helping hand

Working with the VCS sector the **Helping Hand** team have successfully utilised just under **£3.5 million** of grant funding, provided through the Local Support Grant and Household Support Fund, to support financially vulnerable families

Live Well Stay Well has supported **1,600 residents** to quit smoking since 2018. The average quit success rate across the four years is 52 %



Established the Financial Insecurities Partnership in April 2021 with partners from the Voluntary & community Sector (VCS), including MIND, Carers Bucks, Connections, and local Housing Associations



The Family and Carer Support Service in One Recovery Bucks has provided **228** family group support interventions and **1,650** family one to one interventions

Worked with the community & health partners to deliver **110 outreach Covid-19 vaccination clinics** in community venues & faith settings



The **Helping Hand** service (utilising Government Funds) have provided **just over 60,706** holiday food vouchers support via schools and early years settings to families with children eligible for pupil premium, early years' pupil premium or 2-year-old funded free education places

In partnership with Carers Bucks we identified and supported **1299** new carers and invested **£150,000** to enable carers to attend vaccination appointments & purchase Personal Protective Equipment





Redesigned and updated Care Advice Bucks webpages with the help of residents



Improved online services making it easier for residents & professionals to raise welfare and safeguarding concerns

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Launched the new hospital discharge pathway between Adult Social Care & Buckinghamshire Health Trust



Commissioned a Home from Hospital service which supported 843 people to return home after a hospital admission (Apr-Dec 21)

Supported

1600 hospital discharges

with over **80%** of individuals going straight home from hospital with a package of care

Launched 'community cafes' which provide 60 face-to-face appointments each week for residents to speak with adult social care workers and with other agencies. 343 residents have been helped to date



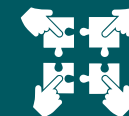
Delivered the supported housing project at Ardenham House, Aylesbury (with Hightown Housing Association) providing accommodation for **9 rough sleepers with high support needs** and a further **7 properties** (with Harrow Churches Housing Association) providing move-on accommodation for rough sleepers



Successfully bid for Government Rough Sleeper Accommodation Programme funding to deliver a further **18 units of accommodation** for former rough sleepers in partnership with YMCA and Vale of Aylesbury Housing Trust (due to be delivered in 22/23)

Provided specialist weight management services **in areas with the highest rates of diabetes** to help make it easier for people who want to lose weight

Collaborated with Buckinghamshire Healthcare Trust and Stoke Mandeville Stadium to create a temporary **"Intermediate Care Centre"** with a Transfer of Care hub at Olympic Lodge to help people get out of hospital



Created a collaborative multi-agency hub in our Early Resolution and Safeguarding Service (including Women's Aid, One Recovery Bucks, and the ambulance service)



Children's Services in Buckinghamshire are no longer judged to be 'Inadequate'

Between 1 January and 31 December 2021,

82%

of Education, Health and Care Plans were issued within **20 weeks** (compared to 75% in 2020)

Launched a range of community projects to prevent male suicide particularly targeted at those areas most at risk



Between 1 January and 31 December 2021 approved 15 new foster carers (25 placements) & 14 new adopters approved



As of 31 December 2021, **98.6%** of early years providers were rated **good or above by Ofsted**

As of 31 December 2021, **89.3%** of schools were rated **good or above by Ofsted**

90% of families referred through Family Support Service had a planned outcome (1 January – 31 December 2021) with **95%** of initial Family Support Plans completed within 31 working days (1 January – 31 December 2021)



We launched our first ever Buckinghamshire Adult Safeguarding campaign with our partners **See Something, Say Something, Do Something**



76% of care leavers aged 19-21 are in Employment, Education or Training

During 2021, all 4 of our in-house children's homes were inspected by Ofsted.

All achieved a rating of 'Good' with one having features of 'Outstanding'



Buckinghamshire Family Information Service won the National award for the Best Promotion of Two-Year-Old Funding



Since April 2021, **180 partners across the council, VCSE and the NHS** have received Making Every Contact Counts training, helping them to support residents improve their health and wellbeing



Public health worked closely with NHS colleagues to target and provide vaccine outreach clinics to communities with low vaccine update or those at greater risk of Covid-19

Launched our **Adults & Health Careers Advice Service** to ensure our workforce is equipped with the right information and tools to support their learning and development



Launched our second cohort of Health and Social Care Cadets, through which local students gain experience with service users and understand the different areas and roles within social work. The programme supports career progression into health and social care



In 2021 our Trading Standards team saved vulnerable consumers in Buckinghamshire over £800,000 through their interventions.

One of the ways they did this was installing call blockers in the homes of vulnerable people being plagued by fraudulent scam calls. In 2021 the call blockers stopped over 24,000 scam and nuisance calls. Each £1 spent on call blockers saves vulnerable residents £32

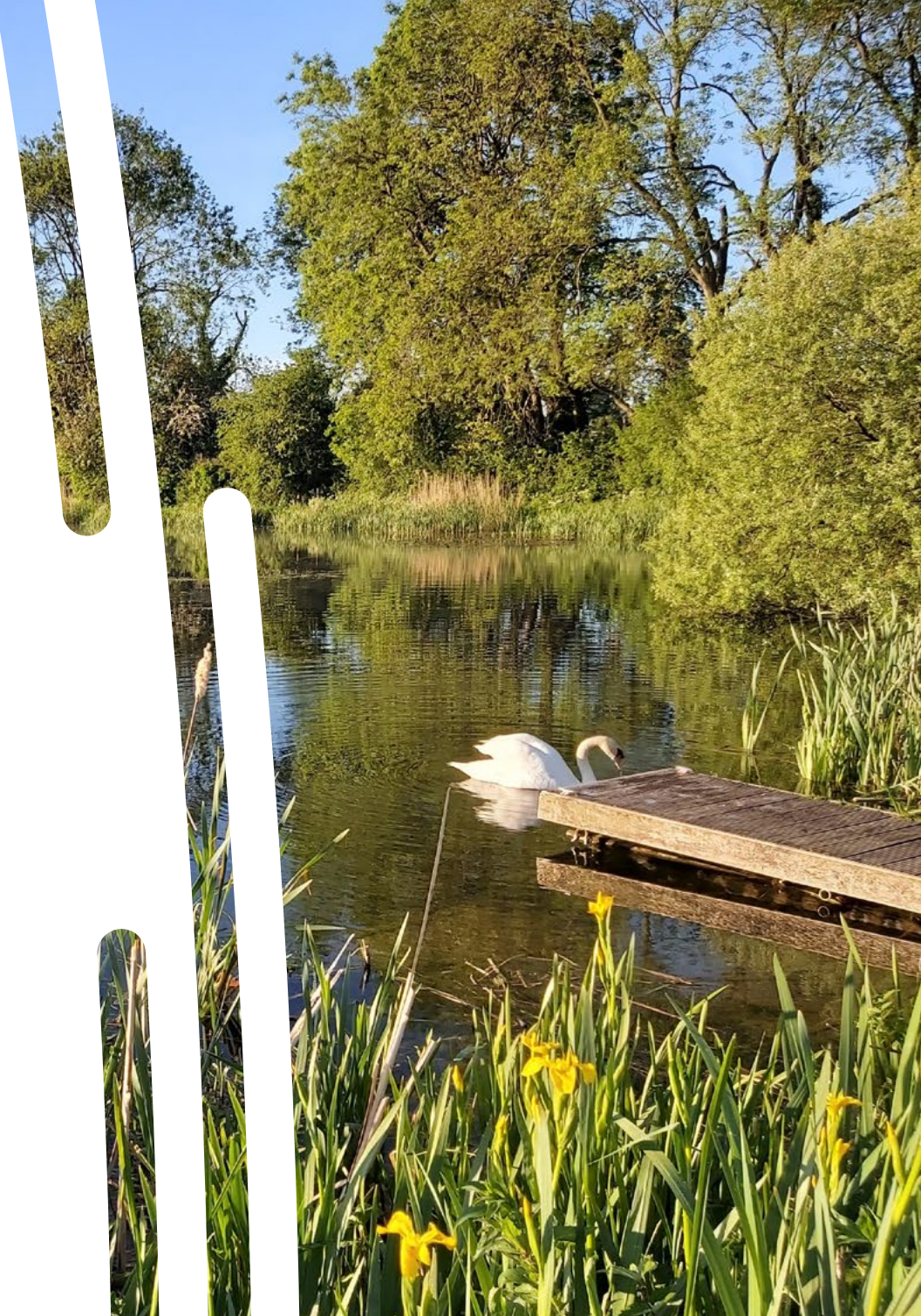


Improving our environment

Buckinghamshire is a beautiful county and our stunning natural and historic landscape is valued by all. Over a quarter of our county is within the Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and a third is covered by the Metropolitan Green Belt.

Protection of the county's beautiful countryside, including areas of outstanding natural beauty and green belt will be achieved through the 'Brown before Green' principle.

We know we have to deliver more homes and associated infrastructure for our growing population. By managing growth sensibly and responsibly, we can protect and enhance our natural environment and the benefits it brings. Aylesbury Garden Town is an exciting example: putting green spaces and natural environments at the heart of future development.





Improving our environment

Our achievements this year



Adoption of Climate Change & Air Quality Strategy

First trees planted in February 2022 towards the target of planting 543k trees. Over 4,542 trees being planted by end of March 2022



(QGC - Queen's Green Canopy, agricultural estate & LATF - Local Authority Treescapes Fund)

Each School and care home has been offered a free tree as part of our support for the Queen's Green Canopy

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63 schools in Buckinghamshire have been awarded **Modeshift STARS** accreditation in recognition of their work promoting sustainable travel in 20/21

This year's survey of the Rights of Way network showed 75% of the paths easy to use, 94% of structures were accessible and 94% of direction signage at roadside was in place



One of the first councils to trail a pioneering electric car club with innovative induction charging

Pilots held at three locations to test the implementation of **Moving Traffic Offences** and a public consultation held with a view to being one of the first Council's to introduce these restrictions outside of London



Haydon Hill Cycleway extension opened in August 21 to provide a continuous off-road link between Haydon Hill, Aylesbury Parkway Station and onto the Waddesdon Greenway – another step forward to fulfilling Buckinghamshire's aspiration for creating a continuous cycleway running north-south across the county

Successful mobilisation of Veolia delivering waste services in the former South Bucks area, with new vehicles introduced in November 2021



Successfully bid into the Government's Air Quality Grant for **£578k** to upcycle our first refuse collection vehicle to electric

We have delivered an overall carriageway, footway, drainage and structures capital programme of

£34M
this year



Invested £4m in drain and gullies work programme to clean each of the 85,000 gullies in Buckinghamshire at least once and repair those that needed it

£500k traffic signals maintenance grant secured from DfT (Department for Transport) toward refurbishment of the Walton Street Gyratory, Aylesbury



Bus Service Improvement Plan completed and submitted within 9 months, introducing 60 Real Time Bus Displays to provide passengers with live information on how full the buses are

Improvements to Aylesbury Bus Station including refurbishment of the toilets, improvements to electronic information displays and audio systems and upgraded lighting



Buckinghamshire's first Bee Friendly Bus Shelter with a living green roof installed on Bicester Road, Aylesbury



Introduced a new online spare seat application process that has enabled parents to have better information on the availability of paid for seats on Council run buses before they apply. **This has improved the success rate for parents to secure seats from about 50% in 2020 to 84% for September 2021**



The introduction in September 2021 of 14 new commercial school bus routes which run independently of the Council, enabling parents to buy tickets directly from bus operators and ensuring that vital home to school transport options were sustained



In May 2021 we launched an online SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disability) home to school transport application form

Personal Transport Budgets launched as an alternative option for SEND students, giving over **360 families so far** freedom and flexibility to make their own transport arrangements and supporting children's independence

Launched 'Adopt a Patch' in our country parks, with over 300 bags of rubbish collected by our dedicated volunteers to date



Took part in the Keep Britain Tidy Great British Spring Clean and undertook additional litter and cleansing campaigns called Big Bucks Tidy Up which accounted for nearly 3000 miles of additional mechanical sweeping and over 2000 hours of additional litter picking and detritus removal across Buckinghamshire

6 Green Flag Awards for our Parks



Heartlands in Buckingham, Bedgrove Park and Vale Park in Aylesbury, the Rye and Hughenden Park in High Wycombe, and Higginson Park in Marlow

Greatmoor waste facility continues to generate enough energy to meet the needs of 40,000 households



The facility reduces the mileage for Council refuse vehicles - some 139,000 miles

A survey in June 2021 indicates that 99% of respondents visiting our Housing Recycling Centres are satisfied with the service overall and 100% felt safe when visiting the sites during the pandemic



First 'pop-up Repair Café' held in February to teach people how to repair rather than throw away



Continuing to work with the property supply chain and supporting customers and partners. Embracing new ways of working to maintain delivery of key Council construction projects through 2021, despite COVID and other challenges

Implemented the Wilder Road Verges pilot to encourage wildflower establishment at 13 roadside sites across Buckinghamshire



First Council in the UK to accept BRITA water filters at our Household Recycling Centres



Won 'Best Local Authority Recycling Initiative' for our innovative Zero Waste Map at the Awards for Excellence in Recycling and Waste Management in July 2021



We have been **leading on national digital planning reforms** - Back Office Planning System and Reducing Invalid Planning

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Applications - and received praise from Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities

We **hosted the COP 26 Regional Roadshow** - Green Wheels in Motion highlighting a range of technologies and innovative approaches to decarbonising transport emissions being developed or deployed in Buckinghamshire



GREEN WHEELS IN MOTION



Installed our largest solar panel array with 150kW of generating capacity at the new Chiltern Lifestyle Centre

The Planning Service won awards at LABC Building Excellence Awards 2021 Central Region for Best Individual New Home, Best Medium Volume New Housing Development and Best Residential Site Manager



We continue to operate a zero-tolerance approach to fly tipping. As of March 22: 98 cases have been fully investigated, 50 suspects reported for prosecution, 48 Fixed Penalty Notices issued, and we have seized and disposed of two commercial fly tippers vehicles

This year, our planning team have issued **141 formal enforcement notices** making us one of the leading authorities outside London in issuing these notices, and keeping to our manifesto promise to be tough on planning infringements. In addition, this year, the team has also closed **2,683** individual enforcement cases

Delivered a demonstrable improvement in progress of complex planning cases - Year on year increase in the number of formal notices issued and better overall case management whilst maintaining a no-nonsense approach to enforcement



We have continued our robust and proportionate approach to unauthorised encampments. Across the last three years there has been a steady decline in encampments - **from 38 in 19/20, 18 in 20/21 and 14 in 21/22**

Bierton Crematorium listed as RIBA South Award Winner



Continue to lobby HS2 and EWR to agree improved processes for example an improved process for road repairs in Bucks

Two new marshals appointed to monitor contractor activity on the ground, provide a presence and reassurance for local communities regarding work on the public highway and respond to enquiries and complaints



First 8 schemes approved to receive funding from our HS2 Road Safety Fund.

Tranche 2 application window now open (closes 31 May 2022) and seeking applications from a pot of £1.6m

Brought the total value of funding secured via Green Homes Grant Local Authority Delivery programme to **over £7m**, to support domestic energy efficiency



Increasing prosperity

Buckinghamshire is a prosperous county and a successful place to do business, contributing £184.8 billion to the UK economy and ranked as the fourth most productive area in England.

The county has low unemployment, higher than average household incomes, and boasts world-leading sectors. From Pinewood Studios in the south to Silverstone in the north, Buckinghamshire is a great success story.

We are also well placed to take advantage of emerging opportunities because of our proximity to London and Heathrow, and our location in the middle of a leading economic area with global strengths in science, technology, and high-value manufacturing.

However, the Covid-19 pandemic has impacted this and the national trend shows that high levels of productivity and growth are beginning to slow, and levels of unemployment are rising. Our High Streets have been badly affected and are still facing challenges, including the change in retail habits with increased online demand and falling footfall in Town Centres. and action is needed now to ensure our economy remains fit for the future.





Increasing prosperity

Our achievements this year



Buckinghamshire Strategic Vision adopted by partners of the Buckinghamshire Growth Board

£15m Future High Streets

Funding programmed for delivery, including £3m direct investment from the Council – unlocking a 3 year regeneration and public realm scheme for great economic and social recovery outcomes of the town centre.



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Just under £1million of Reopening High Streets Safely and Welcome Back Funding invested in towns and villages across Bucks to support high streets during lockdown(s)



Creation of the new Buckinghamshire Film Office and Film Officer appointed.

The Film Office will maximise economic and social benefits to the county through increased inward spend, employment opportunities and a boost to tourism while minimising disruption from filming



This year has seen an acceleration in activity in Property, working on major land deals, disposals acquisitions, and developments which, over the next 3 to 4 years, will realise additional income for the council of more than £5.3m in ongoing revenue and £75m in Capital Receipts, which will be reinvested to support Council priorities

New Taxi and Private Hire Licensing Policy implemented in September 2021, harmonising requirements for the licensed trade and for users across the Buckinghamshire Council area



Launched our new Occupational Therapy Apprenticeship and Post Graduate Social Work Degree programs

Overall, Attainment 8* scores for 2021 are above both statistical neighbour and national averages.



**Attainment 8 is a measure of a pupil's average grade across a set suite of eight subjects including English and maths and is one of two ways of measuring how well children do in key stage 4*



Held the first ever Buckinghamshire Council Jobs and Apprenticeships fair in Chesham, led by Chesham

Community Board with over 30 employers exhibiting opportunities and over 700 attendees

Working with Social Care Institute of Excellence (SCIE) we are bringing best practice models such as the Named Worker into Adult Social Care in Buckinghamshire, gaining national recognition





Through our capital schools programme, we completed construction of the new

Kingsbrook Primary, Amersham, Holmer Green and Buckingham Schools – as well as the topping out of Kingsbrook Secondary

190 employees

on apprenticeship programmes across the Council and our maintained schools

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Successfully **set-up the Kickstart programme** for Buckinghamshire Council, recruiting 39 Kickstarters to the organisation, 5 of which have been offered full-time posts with the Council



Over £950,000 top up vouchers committed to improve broadband in rural areas funded through getting building fund



Delivered a successful strategic funding bid for the Community Renewal Fund

for two Buckinghamshire projects, NDSA mentoring into employment £38,830 and BBF build back better for the tourism and hospitality sector **£713,971**



The Council has continued to support local businesses negatively impacted by Covid and has paid £3.2 million to 866 business under the Omicron Hospitality and Leisure Grant (OHLG). The main benefactors of this grant are restaurants, cafes and public houses

The Additional Restrictions Grant has seen over **£22 million** re invested to support recovery of vital businesses across Buckinghamshire. **Nearly £1 million** allocated for activities that help recovery of our town centres has been invested across Buckinghamshire town centres. We have worked with a range of partners including Community Boards



The Covid Additional Relief Fund (CARF) application process has been set up.

This is mainly for secondary hospitality businesses which were not eligible for the expanded retail relief.

The Economic Growth and Regeneration Team continue to monitor employment levels across the county.

Covid and lockdowns caused many employers to lay people off due to business closures. This has prompted many people to reconsider the sector they work in or re-evaluate the skills they have.



Our Trading Standards and Environmental Health teams continue to support businesses with advice on regulatory matters, working closely together where relevant

Building, leading and managing the organisation

Our achievements this year

Major retendering programme for all school transport contracts completed with an **annual saving** from the exercise **estimated at**

£3.14m

Won Young local authority of the year



Established and piloted a **reasonable adjustments toolkit** which provides a consistent process for staff with disabilities or long-term conditions to request reasonable adjustments to the workplace, e.g. software/chairs to enable them work to the best their abilities

Invested in our staff through our 'Being a Buckinghamshire Manager' development programme. 190 employees on apprenticeship programmes across the Council and our maintained schools

Ran a **blind recruitment trial** - a trial which removes any identifying factors from applications to reduce the risk of bias in recruitment

Agreed on a reverse mentoring scheme



- an equalities initiative for senior members of staff to shadow junior staff members from underrepresented groups

Established an internal EqIA (Equality Impact Assessment) register



Over 5000

training places were provided to staff on to train them on the new social care case management recording system launched in 2021



We have successfully completed the first phase of our Revenue and Benefits improvement plan moving Aylesbury and Wycombe onto a new system and this will be followed by Chiltern and South Bucks in Summer 2022



Awarded bronze ENEI (Employers Network for Equality & Inclusion)
Shortlisted for Municipal Journal - Local Authority of the Year and Senior Leadership Team award

15% more FOI requests

responded to within 20 days

15% more complaints

responded to within 20 days

25% fewer complaints

progressing to stage 2

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Subject Access Requests processed



The new Buckinghamshire Council website, replacing the legacy district and county council websites **has grown over the last 12 months** from less than 400 pages to more than 1200, providing the residents of Buckinghamshire with a better, more co-ordinated online experience. We remain on track to have all information migrated to the new website by Christmas 2022

In the same time period we have also removed more than 3,500 pages of legacy or duplicated content.



Whilst we do this, we are taking the opportunity to simplify and provide more accessible content for all visitors to the website, an initiative that continues to see us achieve consistently high levels of accessibility and readability



We have also launched several new areas of the site, including a simplified planning section and a greatly enhanced reporting process for areas such as road defects, parking and licensing applications



Monitored, reported and managed performance across the organisation via a suite of 115 KPI's reported quarterly to Cabinet. At the end of Q3, 69% of these were Green

240 public committee meetings
from 1/4/21 to today



Delivered the **Better Buckinghamshire programme** to modernise services and realise the benefits of becoming a Unitary Council, at the end of Q3, all reviews were on track with expected timescales



Achieved revenue budget savings of

£12.9m in 2021

Grown our digital communication channel audiences, to complement non-digital channels, and maintained newsletter open rates



In our staff survey:

72% average staff engagement score (ahead of external benchmark which is 65%)

77% of staff said they're happy to be working for Buckinghamshire Council (ahead of external benchmark which is 67%)

86% of staff said they have a positive working relationship with their manager



Mental Health and Physical Health Networks have over 40 members, with colleagues actively engaged in activities such as leading virtual workouts on Teams, walk and talks, and podcasts and 'Tea Break Talks' sharing experiences and discussing mental health

The average number of attendees to our staff briefings in 2021 was **1,178 colleagues.**

We held **23 staff briefings** in 2021.

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Our four equalities networks continue to support our equality, diversity and inclusion agenda, delivering the internal awareness campaigns to celebrate equalities, including LGBT+ History Month, Carers Rights Day, Black History Month and Autism Awareness Week.



Our residents newsletter is sent electronically to just over 200,000 people. In 2021 we sent 18 newsletters. Regularly opened by 40-50% of recipients.

Consolidation of multiple systems

- Single network – due May 2022
- Single Customer relationship management system – due to be phased in from June 2022 subject to business case and procurement
- Single reporting tool for potholes - FixMyStreet now single system to report and log these
- Planning System – project in progress
- Information governance system – implemented Feb 2022

Business process re-engineering

- reviewing and simplifying the Council's Incident Management Process; creating efficiency in the Archives service by reviewing the process for managing payments and invoicing



Replacement of multiple legacy council policies with a single BC policy – including the Buckinghamshire Council Taxi and Private Hire Licensing Policy



Strengthening partnership working – including reshaping the structure and operating model of the Community Safety service

Single staffing structures

- the number of posts deleted through reviews to date is 56, and 19 of these were in tiers 1-3



Using technology and digital approaches to create efficiency – including using digital forms in Revenues and Benefits which integrate directly into the back-end system

Maximising the use of data – integrating datasets to develop a better understanding of our vulnerable residents



The next chapter

We have 410,262 Local Government electors registered at 1 December 2021 and 393,948 Parliamentary electors registered at 1 December 2021, following the elections in May 2021 our 147 elected members continue to help us deliver the strategic ambitions of the authority.

Our reflections on the lessons learned from the pandemic and the lasting effects of the pandemic continue to help us shape our services around people and communities. We continue to collaborate with strategic partners, businesses, and residents as the strength in this is still as relevant as it was at the height of the pandemic.

As a Council, we have a lot of experience from our Afghan resettlement programme and recognise the trauma that families displaced by these sad events have endured. This experience has proved very valuable in co-ordinating our response to the Ukraine crisis, enabling us to lead the way in responding to this crisis and supporting people displaced from their own homes and country under traumatic circumstances.

Our local strategic partnership places us in the best possible position across the whole of Buckinghamshire to co-ordinate a strong response to whatever scenario presents. It means we have representatives from accommodation, education, health, safeguarding and other services and partners all aligned to support any arrivals as best we can. Ensuring targeted wrap around support which will be critical to ensuring that refugees are facilitated to set up a new life here in Buckinghamshire.

Together we are evolving, and our longer-term Strategic Vision and Recovery & Growth Proposal will help us maximise the benefits of our new unitary status. We have the advantage of strong local alignment and the most coterminous county structure in England as all our key partner organisations share our county geography. We can utilise our economic assets and governance strengths with a combination of direct project investment, broader investment funds, and specific freedoms and flexibilities that would enable us to deliver services more efficiently and effectively.

We will make sure Buckinghamshire grows as a thriving, resilient and successful county. By listening to local voices, offering local choices, and delivering local action, Buckinghamshire Council will continue to deliver on its ambitions and priorities to make **Buckinghamshire the best place in which to live, raise a family, work, and do business.**



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Report to Full Cabinet

Date:	18 May 2022
Title:	Community Boards Annual Report 2021-2022
Cabinet Member(s):	Steve Bowles, Cabinet Member for Communities
Contact officer:	Roger Goodes
Ward(s) affected:	All
Recommendations:	To note the achievements of the Community Boards in 2021-2022
Reason for decision:	N/A

1. Executive summary

- 1.1 This report provides the background on the progression and performance of the Community Boards during 2021-2022 and highlights the achievements of the Boards. The report will be considered at Council in May.

2. Community Boards 2021-22

- 2.1 This is the second year of the Community Boards and building on their successes in year 1 this report highlights their achievements during 2021-2022.
- 2.2 A draft of the Community Board Annual Report 2021-2022 is attached at Appendix A.

3. Other options considered

- 3.1 Not to produce an annual report. This option doesn't provide the opportunity to reflect and share publicly the work that has been achieved over the last year.

4. Legal and financial implications

- 4.1 No legal or financial implications are anticipated.

5. Corporate implications

- 5.1 The Community Board Annual Report highlights their achievements which supports the Council's priorities and delivers the organisations agreed outcomes. As a public document, the Annual Report also helps communicate to members, staff, partners and residents, a clear concise narrative of how the Boards have achieved this.

6. Local councillors & community boards consultation & views

- 6.1 Councillors as members of the Community Boards are consulted on the projects and activity of the boards before these are agreed.

7. Communication, engagement & further consultation

- 7.1 The projects and achievements have been delivered following engagement through the Community Boards and have been communicated locally as appropriate.

8. Next steps and review

- 8.1 Once approved, the report will be published on the Community Board website pages.
- 8.2 An all Member briefing will be arranged after full Council to present the annual report and an update on the Community Boards.

9. Background papers

- 9.1 N/A

10. Your questions and views (for key decisions)

- 10.1 If you have any questions about the matters contained in this report please get in touch with the author of this report. If you have any views that you would like the cabinet member to consider please inform the democratic services team.



Community
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Community Boards
Annual Report
April 2022

Appendix



Cllr Steve Bowles

Cabinet Member for
Communities

The Community Boards have come to the end of a successful second year despite still living with the effects of Covid, they have continued to make their mark in Buckinghamshire’s communities. The Boards have made great progress in the Council’s ambition to strengthen local connections and work with our communities on local issues. We have continued to build a passionate and committed team around each Board with a Chairman, Vice Chairman and dedicated Community Board Co-ordinator as the driving force behind knowing our communities well. The real success has been in these improved and new relationships bringing together local people, town and parish councils, communities, organisations and businesses with a shared ambition to improve where they live or work.

Our priorities this year were focused on supporting the Council and community to improve the environment and support economic recovery as a result of the pandemic. Alongside this the priorities across the 16 Boards included supporting young people, improving health and wellbeing, improving roads and paths and improving community spaces and places.

Community Boards proactively collaborated with local partners to develop project ideas and initiatives to address key priorities spanning multiple boards to achieve impact at scale. This included support for individuals wanting to set up their own business, dementia awareness training, mental health first aid for schools, counselling for victims of domestic abuse, environment projects and mentoring for young people. They have also made funding available to communities for creative and cultural projects - supporting the commemoration of the Queen’s Jubilee through the Queen’s Green Canopy and local celebrations, the Big Bucks Tidy Up and promoting community vaccination pop up clinics.

Creative conversations and local engagement has been a critical focus for the Boards, and with the relaxing of Covid-19 restrictions towards the end of the year, we have embraced the opportunity for face-to-face engagement, events and activities – which have been well received and well attended in the community.

The value of the Community Boards is being able to listen and respond to local needs and as a Council we are committed to working with partners and communities, having community conversations on what's important, providing opportunities to listen, feedback and identify local action and community initiatives that will improve the lives of everyone who lives and works in Buckinghamshire. This year we have begun to see the impact of these community partnerships with some 415 community projects supported through £3.8m funding. The effort, dedication and passion from all involved is inspiring and it's our collective efforts that have made this possible.

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Some 500 nominations were received across the Boards for the Proud of Bucks Awards; presentations and events have and are being held celebrating these achievements.

The Council's dedication to Community Boards remains exemplar with strong support from services across the Council to provide resource and guidance helping the Boards deliver on their priorities. My thanks go to all the Chairmen, Vice-Chairmen, Board Members, Community Board Co-ordinators and the many others who have helped the Boards for their hard work and dedication which has ensured we have had such a successful year.



Community Boards

Community Boards 2021-2022

415 total number of projects supported

Key themes 2021-2022:

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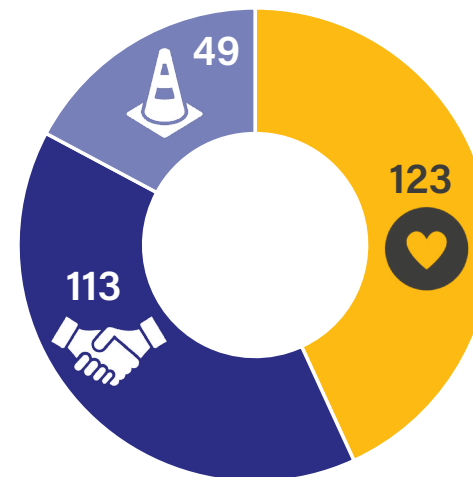
£3.8m

Total budget allocated to projects 2021-2022

71%

Of projects had contributory funding (totalling £2.1m)

Projects with strategic partners:



£702,872

Voluntary and Community Sector

£716,945

Town and Parish Council

£813,131

Transport for Buckinghamshire

Community Board Chairmen 2021-2022



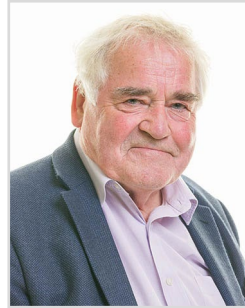
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Amersham
& Villages



Mark Winn
Aylesbury



Jonathan Waters
Beaconsfield &
Chepping Wye



David Anthony
Beeches



Howard Mordue
Buckingham
& Villages



Patricia Birchley
Chesham
& Villages



Santokh Chhokar
Denham,
Gerrards Cross,
& Chalfonts



Ashley Waite
Haddenham
& Waddesdon



Arif Hussain
High Wycombe



Peter Martin
Missendens



Gary Hall
North West
Chilterns



Dominic Barnes
South West
Chilterns



Mike Collins
Wendover
& Villages



Wendy Matthews
Wexham &
The Ivers



Ashley Bond
Wing & Ivinghoe



Jilly Jordan
Winslow &
Villages

Improving the Environment

112

Projects supported improving the environment

£683k

Was allocated to environment projects...

18%

Of the total **Community Boards** 2021-2022 budget



£181k
in North Boards

£250k
in Central Boards

£252k
in South Boards

Featured projects

- The Greener Padbury project, supported by the **Winslow and Villages Community Board**, improved biodiversity in Padbury through a woodland management plan, forest school activities, and village engagement.
- **The Buckingham Community Board** provided funding to Buckingham Canal Society for the installation of wi-fi enabled, solar powered wildlife cameras to live stream wildlife at Bourton Meadow.
- Youth Concern and Chiltern Rangers received funding support from **Aylesbury Community Board** for their "Greening Up" project, to improve the area outside Youth Concern's building for the community.
- In partnership with Lindengate Horticultural Mental Health charity and Berks, Bucks and Oxon Wildlife Trust (BBOWT), micro grants were given for "Wild Aylesbury Vale", local community projects that enhance the local environment and encourage wildlife in the **Haddenham and Waddesdon** area.

Improving the Environment

Featured projects

- Trinity Road Quietway installation of decorative planters to allow pedestrians and cyclists to commute safely through this area. Initially implemented through Active Travel initiative, and fully supported by the **South West Chilterns Community Board**.
- Supported by the **Beaconsfield and Chepping Wye Community Board**, seven residents of Sandelswood End and Howe Drive, Beaconsfield, were constituted in July 2021 as The Knotty Greening Team to facilitate the planting of 70 trees along both roads to improve air quality, reduce pollution and help locally mitigate climate change by drawing down atmospheric carbon.
- The Refresh project was supported by **multiple boards in the South Bucks** region to create a 'reduce, re-use, repair' upcycling hub in High Wycombe.
- Chiltern Rangers were awarded funding by the **Beaconsfield & Chepping Wye Community Board** to support local schools and young people to encourage and educate supporting the local environment. Hazlemere CofE School created a sensory and prayer garden.



Trinity Road Quietway

Improving the Environment

Featured projects

- £15,000 was awarded from the **Amersham and Villages Board** to improve the Little Chalfont Nature Park.
- **Chesham and Villages Board** supported a local primary school's Green Week, linking in local environment groups and hosting a COP26-style conference for the primary school children!
- **Missendens Board** funded a Bee Garden Competition, encouraging school children to design bee and bug friendly gardens.
- **North West Chilterns Board** have funded solar panels for Princes Centre and Stokenchurch Guide and Scout HQ.
- **Wendover Board** has supported Leaky Homes Roadshow where a thermal-camera can detect heat loss in a home and offer recommendations to be more energy efficient.



Sensory and prayer garden, Hazlemere CofE School

Supporting Economic Recovery

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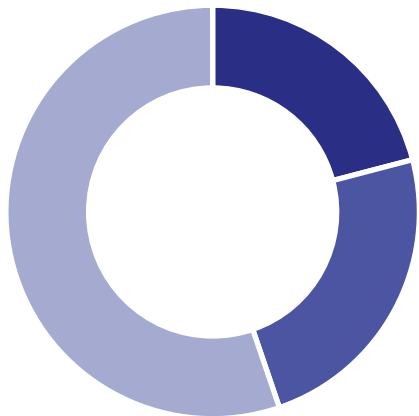
Projects supported economic recovery

£172k

Was allocated to economic recovery projects...

5%

Of the total **Community Boards** 2021-2022 budget



£36k

in North Boards

£41k

in Central Boards

£95k

in South Boards

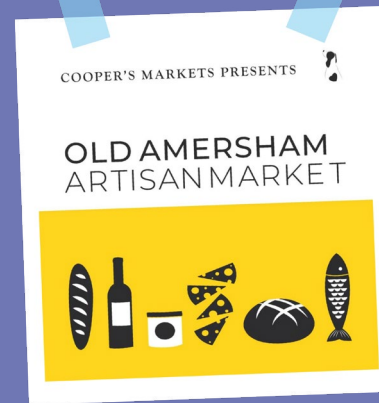
Featured projects

- In March, the Buckinghamshire Council Jobs and Apprenticeships Fair was held at the Elgiva Theatre in Chesham, organised with support from Chesham Town Council with funding support from **Chesham and Villages Community Board**. This event was open to anyone looking for new career opportunities, and featured many local employers.
- **Amersham and Villages Board** and Old Amersham Revitalisation Group supported Cooper's Markets this year to bring a monthly Artisan Food and Drink market to the town, bringing footfall to the high street and supporting local businesses.
- Funding was allocated by numerous boards for the Bucks Business First Be Your Own Boss Project to support individuals to start up new small businesses in the local community.

Supporting Economic Recovery

Featured projects

- **Buckingham and Villages Board** supported improvements to Buckingham Town Centre by allocating funding towards a digital notice board.
- **Wexham and The Ivers Board** allocated funding to The Ivers Training Hub - a facility where residents and local businesses can gain access to the internet and training and learning resources to support them build skillsets. This has been particularly helpful to those who are looking for employment.
- In **Denham, Gerrards Cross and Chalfonts Board** the purchase of a Community Fridge was made possible. Local supermarkets donate surplus food, which will then be redistributed to the public - benefitting local people who are struggling financially to access nutritious healthy food.



Jobs and apprenticeships fair, Elgiva Theatre

Old Amersham, Artisan Market



Improving highways and transport

63

Projects funded improving highways and transport

£931k

Was allocated to projects to improve highways and transport

25%

Of the total **Community Boards** 2021-2022 budget



£371k
in North Boards

£151k
in Central Boards

£409k
in South Boards

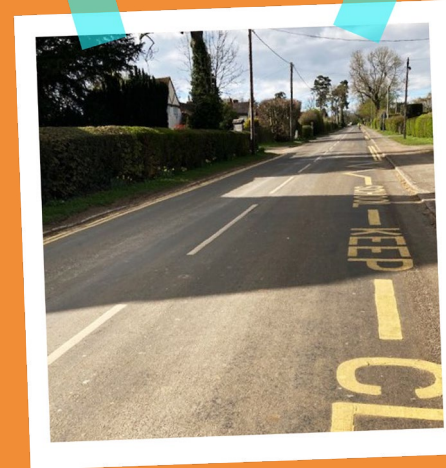
Project spotlight projects

- The Aylesbury North Parking Scheme, supported by the **Aylesbury Community Board**, seeks to address parking issues on residential roads in the north of Aylesbury.
- The **Haddenham and Waddesdon Community Board** supported the Kingswood Traffic Calming project to address concerns with speeding traffic on the A41 through Kingswood through the introduction of road surfacing, markings and signage.
- The **Wendover and Villages Community Board** allocated funding towards the Buckland Wharf Chevron Sign and Bollards project, to slow approaching traffic and prevent verge parking on Buckland Road, Wendover.
- The Blackpond Lane Footway Extension project seeks to provide a safe walking route to Farnham Common village centre and was supported by the **Beeches Community Board**.

Improving highways and transport

Featured projects

- The **Wing and Ivinghoe Community Board** collaborated with several Parish Councils to buy 12 Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) to encourage drivers to keep to the 30-mph speed limit on village roads. A training event for parishes was also held with the manufacturer, Truvelo, in March 2022.
- Rumble strips were installed in Weston Turville in Turville Brook End with funding from the **Wendover and Villages Community Board**. The aim of the project is to address concerns with speeding and slow traffic on the entrance to the village.
- **Denham, Gerrards Cross and Chalfonts Community Board** partnered with Denham Parish Council to fund a new parking layby adjacent to King George's Field.
- The **High Wycombe Community Board** has agreed to fund the installation of bollards in Hillview Road, Leas Close/Hollis Road, Sheraton Drive/Arnison Avenue and Chippendale Close to address issues with antisocial and unsafe parking.
- **North West Chilterns Community Board** supported Lacey Green Parish Council to fund new lining work on Main Road, Lacey Green.



Supporting young people

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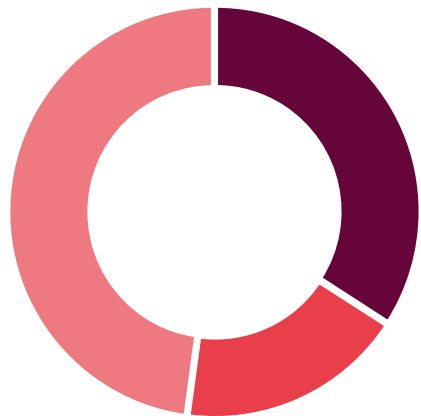
Projects were created for young people

£211k

Was allocated to projects with young people

6%

Of the total **Community Boards** 2021-2022 budget



£72k
in North Boards

£38k
in Central Boards

£101k
in South Boards

Featured projects

- Lindengate's 'Planted' programme for 13-15 year olds was supported by the **Wendover and Villages Community Board**, which is offered to young people aged between 13-15 years who are facing mental health challenges and feel like they have nowhere to go. The course helps them connect with nature and creativity, to gain a sense of achievement, purpose, and resilience.
- The Aylesbury Youth Views Project was designed to involve young people directly in a research project to inform **Aylesbury Community Board's** work supporting young people, and to better understand their concerns and needs. The project offered the opportunity to engage with a wide range of young people, including those from vulnerable groups. The project was born out of the Board's 'Enhancing the Lives of our Youth' action subgroup, designed to help young people thrive in their community.

Improving health and wellbeing

72

Projects supported health and wellbeing

£261k

Was allocated to projects to improve health and wellbeing

7%

Of the total **Community Boards** 2021-2022 budget



£31k

in North Boards

£97k

in Central Boards

£133k

in South Boards

Featured projects

- In November the Community Engagement Development team and Aylesbury Community Board, Aylesbury Town Council and The Grange School delivered a Health and Wellbeing day for students in years 11, 12, and 13 of The Grange School.
- 24 partners attended on the day to talk to students about the services they offer, and how to get involved, including Lindengate, Thames Valley Police, Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services, Oxford Health, Samaritans, LEAP, Active Communities, Sustainable Aylesbury, Switch Bucks, Women's Aid and lots more.

Featured projects

The **High Wycombe Community Board** Health and Wellbeing working group supported numerous local projects including:

- The Junction is a multi service drop-in youth centre delivered by Action4Youth at High Wycombe Library. Working in partnership with ten other organisations The Junction offers free sessions and activities for young people aged 12-18 years (up to 25 SEND).
- Youth Enquiry Service (YES) is a signposting and support service for young homeless people. YES volunteers are trained to support young people and partner organisations navigate their way through information and support services.
- In partnership with Chilterns Samaritans Suicide Prevention Awareness advertising wraps have been installed on the gate lines at High Wycombe train station, with Samaritan's messages and contact information.

- In partnership with Transitions UK and other local partners, including local housing associations Paradigm and Red Kite, a pilot was launched for mentoring and support for young people who are either at risk of offending or exploitation, or who want to change direction following offending.



advertising wraps at High Wycombe train station

Health and wellbeing

Featured projects

- The Winslow Wheelchair Car Service supports any person, adult or child using a wheelchair, living in **Winslow and surrounding villages**, with transportation needs in a specialised vehicle.
- The Defibrillator project is a collaborative effort between Amersham Youth, the Tree House Project, Dr Challoner's schools, the Amersham School, and **Amersham Community Board** to install defibrillators in public spaces as well as providing training to volunteers
- **Beeches, South West Chilterns, and Beaconsfield and Chepping Wye Boards** ran a dementia awareness tour in partnership with Training 2 Care, which simulates an experience of what dementia is like, as well as tips to make their work or environment really improve the lives of people with dementia.
- The Emergency Winter Accommodation provided drop-in sessions and accommodation to rough sleepers in the **High Wycombe, South West Chilterns, North West Chilterns, Missendens, Beeches, Wexham and The Ivers, Amersham, and Chesham** board areas.



Dementia awareness tour

The Defibrillator project, Amersham



Emergency Winter Accommodation



Community facilities and assets

107

Projects improved community facilities and assets

£817k

Was allocated to improve **community facilities and assets**

22%

Of the total **Community Boards** 2021-2022 budget



£335k
in North Boards

£246k
in Central Boards

£236k
in South Boards

Featured projects

- **Amersham Community Board**
Supporting the development of the Scout Hut in Amersham. The facility will increase provision for young people and provide an excellent space for community groups and other activities.
- Funding was provided by **Haddenham and Waddesdon Community Board** to replace the playground equipment at Ashendon Playing Fields. The old equipment, installed in 1999, had reached the end of its useful life and has no provision for children with disabilities. The funding will pay for new, specially designed, fully accessible equipment.

Community facilities and assets

Featured projects

- Funding was provided by the **North West Chilterns Community Board** for additional outdoor gym equipment in St Dunstan's Park, Monks Risborough. The new hydraulic gym units, which basically replicate the type of resistant equipment you would find in an indoor gym, is a great way for residents to stay fit in the great outdoors.
- The **Wexham and The Ivers Community Board** provided funding to Richings Players to purchase items for staging, a new floor cloth to go on the stage, and new tools to be used during set building. The improvements will help the Players build up their workshops with new younger members, boosting their confidence and inspiring them to get involved in the arts.
- **Winslow and Villages Community Board** funded work to complete and restore the rear area of the Scout Guide Headquarters at Great Horwood, providing proper paving, fencing, and raising the crown of the ash tree to provide a free and safe open space for young people and storage space for activity equipment.

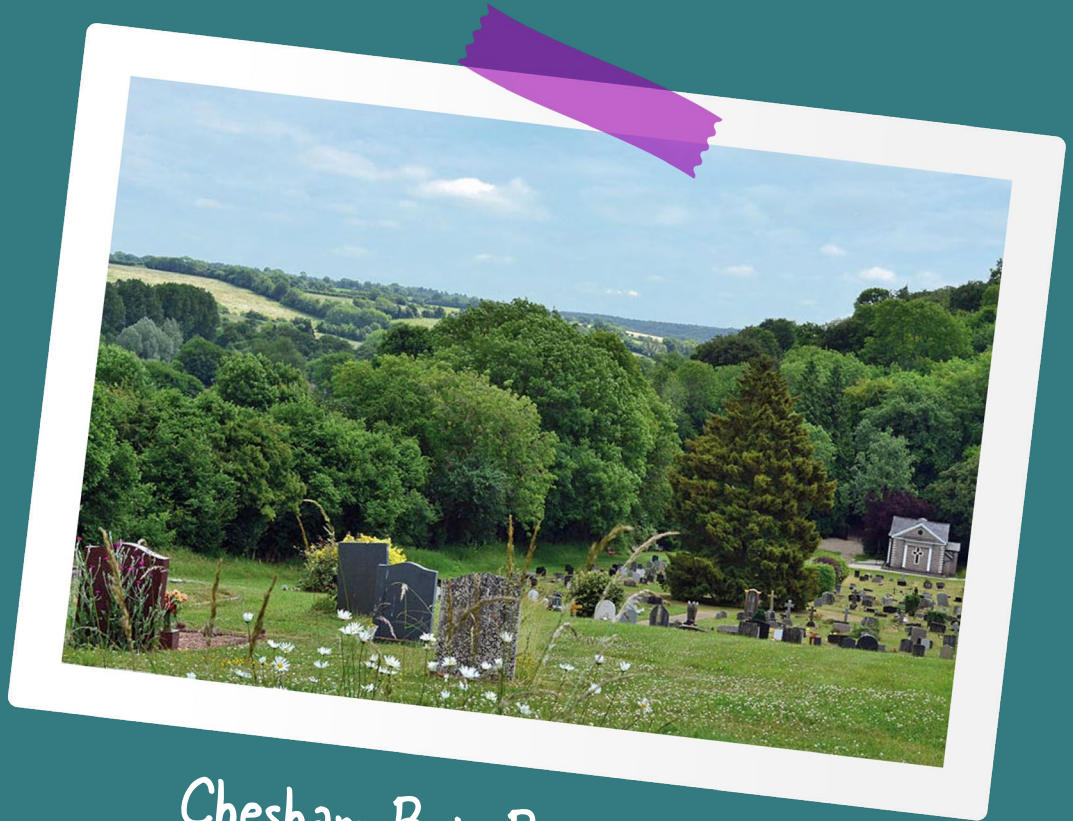


St Dunstan's Park, Monks Risborough

Community facilities and assets

Featured projects

- **High Wycombe Community Board** has provided funding to Empower to Cook CIC to open and kit out a community kitchen. The organisation seeks out positive ways to address food poverty, working in schools, with community groups, and individuals. The community kitchen will provide a space for High Wycombe residents to learn and develop their cooking skills affordably and sustainably.
- **Chesham and Villages Community Board** provided funding to Chesham Bois Burial Ground to support ongoing work to expand the community's knowledge of, and pride in, the site's heritage and the wildlife it supports. They hope to encourage more visitors of all ages, widening access to green space, and promote physical activity with mental health benefits for all.



Chesham Bois Burial Ground

The Proud of Bucks Awards



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Nominations

43

Winners

48

Commended

Categories 2021-2022

- Best Adult Contribution
- Best Young Person Contribution
- Best Community Group Contribution

The Proud of Bucks Community Awards 2021, sponsored by The Clare Foundation, took a more local focus in their second year, providing the opportunity for each Community Board to celebrate those who go the extra mile for their community.

The Awards recognise and applaud the people in Buckinghamshire's communities who have made a positive impact in their local area. Over 500 nominations were received from across the county, all shining a light on amazing individuals, groups and organisations.

The judging of these awards was tough with such inspirational accounts of how people continue to go above and beyond in each of the categories. It was fantastic to celebrate the carefully selected local individuals, groups and organisations across the county for their outstanding community contribution.

The Proud of Bucks Awards



WINNER
Dementia Action, Marlow



WINNER
Daniel and Margriet Crump
Beaconsfield



HIGHLY COMMENDED
Simon Parry, Amersham



Highly Commended
Linda Fedoriv, Winslow



WINNER
Good Neighbour Scheme, Beeches



WINNER
Chiltern New Shoots

As the Community Boards continue to make a positive impact locally by being well known and regarded as the place to take action on local issues, it is important to build on this success, maintain momentum, build on good practice and their positive reputations.

A Member Task and Finish Group and Select Committee reviews have helped identify areas of improvement and been placed into an improvement plan for the next 12 months and beyond. Advances have already been made to the funding process and revised funding criteria has been introduced to allow Boards to deliver projects which meet both the Council and local Board priorities. A new Community Board structure, giving dedicated Community Board leadership and support, will come into effect in June.

Projects will need to deliver value for money and it is right and proper that contributory funding is a mandatory requirement for all projects over £1000. For small organisations there will be a discretionary small grants process available which will be determined by each Board. It is important projects are evaluated to understand the benefits they bring to the communities, but also for learning and improvements across all areas of funding.

Board Chairmen will have the flexibility to determine how their Board operates, their meeting frequency and agendas and how to tackle specific pieces of work – such as using task & finish/action groups. Council services will move to support those local priorities and better use will be made of all available Council resources to support the Boards and their priorities. There will also be a focus on achievements of the Boards through improved communications, social media and branding of projects.

The ambition is for each Community Board to drive and deliver for their local communities, to become the place shapers, working with partners, local organisations and groups; to deliver what is right for their communities, but within a framework which is flexible and agile. Next year will see a bigger focus on community engagement, local participation and developing community initiatives from the ground up supported by Board funding.

2022-2023 will further build and improve on the excellent Community Board work undertaken so far, really making sure they are the local face of the Council and delivering for the people of Buckinghamshire.

Appendix 1 – Funding Summary 2021-2022

Community Board	2021-2022 Budget allocation	Committed funds 31 Mar' 2022
Aylesbury	£403,897	£403,123
Beaconsfield and Chepping Wye	£217,822	£217,653
Denham, Gerrards Cross and Chalfonts	£222,702	£214,467
Haddenham and Waddesdon	£270,347	£264,610
High Wycombe	£463,813	£462,394
Chesham and Villages	£216,699	£216,501
Beeches	£195,757	£141,229
North West Chilterns	£244,096	£244,096
Wing and Ivinghoe	£193,128	£193,091

Community Board	2021-2022 Budget allocation	Committed funds 31 Mar' 2022
Wexham and the Ivers	£176,427	£175,688
Winslow and Villages	£211,482	£210,258
Missendens	£151,328	£151,302
Amersham and Villages	£174,907	£174,831
South West Chilterns	£238,930	£203,763
Wendover and Villages	£290,466	£290,435
Buckingham and Villages	£228,200	£226,072
Community Boards marketing and communications	£32,000	£19,000
Totals	£3,900,001	£3,789,513

**List of Community Board projects delivered
or committed to in 2021-2022**

Community Board Funding Summaries – 2021/2022

Amersham and Villages		
<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Funding Amount (Contributory Funding Amount)</u>
Town Council Seed for Bees	This project provides school children a packet of seeds to plant for bee conservation.	£800
Youth Summer Team	To provide young people in Amersham with a regular and constant presence to feel safe and enjoy public spaces in the town.	£4,600 (+£500)
Museum Shopping Before Plastic	Research on how locals sustainably shopped in the past and draw comparisons between growing locally, reducing waste etc with current initiatives	£1,734 (+£9,100)
Chesham Bois Burial Ground	Refurbishing the Burial Ground and upgrading the amenities for not only funeral goers but the wider public also.	£5,625 (+£5,625)
Youth Club Renovations	To make the Youth Club fit for purpose, making it more modern and inviting for young people to use.	£2,100 (+£2,000)
Wellbeing Walks for Young Adults with Autism	Using the natural space of the museum to support wellbeing of young adults with autism	£3,000 (+£2,500)
St Mary's School pond project & gardening equipment	Restore pond area to provide students with work experience, provide a habitat for local wildlife	£1,458
Gardening Tools – Little Chalfont Primary School	Plants and tools that go towards construction of an edible garden.	£1,632.35 (+£4,614.69)
Community Pond	Stoney Dean working to be more sustainable and increase wildflower areas and add solar panels.	£3,300 (+£2,850)
Santa's Grotto	Amersham Kids Together bring a Santa's grotto to Amersham.	£3,500 (+£1,640)
Radio Christmas FM	Christmas Radio run every December in Amersham	£2,000 (+£8,000)
MVAS	Purchase of four MVAS units to monitor speeding in Little Chalfont.	£2,500 (+£2,500)
No Parking Sign	No Parking sign outside Chesham Bois school, to make it safer to drop of children	£250
Coleshill Common BioBlitz	A snapshot of the variety of life found in Coleshill, encouraging further participation.	£700 (+£300)
Early Years Environmental Area	Transforming derelict area of school into a wildlife hub for young people in KS1 to learn and grow.	£1,900 (+£600)
Memorial Garden Fountain	Replace the fountain in Amersham Memorial Garden.	£3,500 (+£3500)

Dementia Café	Memory Café in little Chalfont working towards a Dementia Friendly Alliance	£1,200 (+£2,400)
Coleshill Common Noticeboard	Installation of community noticeboard outside village church	£1,420 (+£200)
Little Chalfont Nature Park Path	Improvements to the nature park to ensure accessibility for everyone	£15,000 (+£70,000)
Coleshill Common Picnic Bench	Picnic Bench to encourage locals to spend time at the common	£448 (+£50)
Cue34 Theatre “In-tune” Project	A play showcasing the experience of loneliness	£1,861 (+£3,662)
Amersham Youth Sports Club	Hire of sports hall and fitness coaches for regular sessions with young people	£3,024 (+£3,840)
Amersham Martyrs play	Play on the story of Tudor Amersham and persecution of people based on religion	£240 (+£4,472)
Old Hanging Wood – Explore the Woods	Opportunity to increase physical and mental wellbeing for villagers of all ages.	£1,430 (+4,862)
Commemorative Benches	2022 Jubilee commemorative benches, in Old Amersham, Coleshill, Little Chalfont, Amersham on the Hill and Chesham Bois	£6,500
Amersham on the Hill Town map	Amersham Action Group creating a map to help visitors and locals alike aware of all that Amersham on the Hill has to offer.	£1,500 (+£3,000)
Dr Challoner’s Grammar – School Crossing	20mph flashing signs during school start and end times.	£6,750
Old Amersham Artisan Market	Support to run a monthly market in Amersham Town	£5,000 (+£1,000)
Health & Wellbeing with Treehouse Amersham	Working along side students and voluntary groups to train in using defibrillators and other first aid essentials	£15,000 (TBC)
St George’s Parking Bollards	Bollards to stop dangerous parking close to St George’s School	£20,000 (TBC)

Aylesbury		
<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Funding Amount (Contributory Funding Amount)</u>
Buckinghamshire Business First - Be Your Own Boss (BYOB)	Offering 12 spaces to local business owners to learn how to run their own business successfully	£3,000
Youth Worker Seed Funding	Hiring of 2 experienced youth workers for Aylesbury Youth Club to run weekly sessions for up to 30 young people.	£2,500 (+£4,500)
Greening Up Youth Concern and Chiltern Rangers	Youth Concern partner with Chiltern Rangers to create a vibrant multi-purpose outdoor space for Youth Concern’s current and future vulnerable 13–25-year-olds	£9,378.12 (+£1,000)
Festival of Lights	Event for the community, local businesses, and volunteers to gain skills and share experiences.	£1,275 (+£20,000)

Community Events Projector	Purchase of a projector and stand to use in community events	£410
Womble Wagon	Purchase of a fully electric van for the Aylesbury Wombles to carry all their litter picking equipment	£6,000 (£1,000)
Outside In	Installation of a multifunctional man-made green space, including a living wall and an upcycled mural created by young people.	£11,600 (+£1,000)
Doorways Drama	SEND club that explores musical theatre and performing arts	£1,000
Junction Protection Marking Scheme	34 sites in which road safety markings will be painted close to junctions to mitigate parking problems	£42,514.86
Aylesbury North Parking Scheme	Address parking problems in the north of Aylesbury	£75,897.03
Aylesbury Dropped Kerbs	10 pairs of dropped kerbs to increase accessibility for pedestrians.	£75,166.20
Aylesbury Outdoor Fitness Parks	Installation of outdoor gyms in Buckingham Park and Coldharbour linked together by a 5km running/walking route	£50,000

Beaconsfield & Chepping Wye		
<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Funding Amount (Contributory Funding Amount)</u>
Knotty Green Allotments	Community stand and noticeboard to inform locals of the events at the allotments and encourage sustainable practices	£650
Halls Corner	Extending existing yellow lines on road	£16,020
Highlands & Greenlands	Installation of double yellow lines on junction and road	£18,054
Fassetts Road	Installation of gates of alleyway of Fassetts road	£5,075
Ashley Drive	Feasibility Study into parking at the recreational ground of Ashley Drive	£4,970
Seeley's Estate & Knotty Green	1hr parking restriction at midday	£3,949
Hazlemere Crossroads Feasibility Study	Feasibility study into pedestrian safety	£5,545
Lakes Lane	Resident Parking Permit Scheme	£4,995
The Common now	Extending of existing yellow lines on road	£14,796
Knotty Green feasibility study	Study into a pedestrian crossing	£6,686
New Minibus	Purchase of a new minibus for Age Concern to transport elderly people from their home to a day centre and back again.	£5,000 (+£46,000)

Knotty Greening	Facilitation of 73 trees to be planted along road verges	£16,146 (+£6,920)
Community Speed Watch Signs	Led by Thames Valley Police, encouraging residents to report on speed monitoring in their community	£1,057.66 (+£500)
Bee Squared Project	Re-wild small areas of land for insects by providing seed packets to each household in the community board area	£6,500
Tuesday and Friday Youth clubs	Church youth clubs to provide a safe place for young people to spend time and have fun.	£3,187 (+£500)
The Dove Café	Alleviate social isolation and loneliness by creating a community serving café in the rear of St Thomas' church.	£9,500 + (£240,000)
Beaconsfield Festival of Lights	Largest regular community event in Beaconsfield, with a lantern procession, music and dance acts, carol singing etc.	£2,000 (TBC)
Fennels Way/Swains Lane	Alteration to the junction as has been deemed extremely dangerous by residents	£17,000 (+£148.02)
Horseshoe Crescent/White Hart Meadow	Consultation and implementation of parking permits for residents	£17,836

Beeches		
<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Funding Amount (Contributory Funding Amount)</u>
Wake Up Wednesday	To encourage young people to become more integrated with their community and mix with other pupils of various ages	£1,100
Templewood Lane Dropped Kerbs	To improve road safety on junction of Templewood Lane and the A355	£7,615
Blackpond Lane Footway Extension	Implement a continuous footway in Farnham common	£46,717.31
Stoke Poges Dementia Friendly Gentle Exercise Class	Class that offers progressive fitness development over 6 months, to encourage people into exercise and prevent falls.	£3,091
Eco Church	Erection of bird and bat boxes in the churchyard	£240
Hope Café	Café in a church to welcome those in stages of loss and bereavement	£2,500 (+£36)
Burnham Grammar School Community Access Project	Use of the facilities in the grammar school for community groups and organisations as well as making it more eco-friendly and energy efficient.	£24,812 (+£6,239)
Almost the Donkey Derby	Large community event running for over 30 years, regularly attracted thousands at the Spring School Holiday	£3,000 (+£5,500)

Buckingham and Villages		
<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Funding Amount (Contributory Funding Amount)</u>
Flood crisis funding – Buckingham Athletic Sports and Social Club	Replace equipment that was destroyed during a flood	£1,230
Wildlife Cameras	Wildlife cameras for Buckingham Canal at Bourton Meadow	£2,950 (+£750)
Park & Gym Equipment	Outdoor gym facility and refurbishment and upgrade of existing children’s playground facility	£8,000 (+£53,328)
Buckingham Youth Club Summer Holiday Trips	Funding for the running of 3 summer trips over the summer holiday	£2,220 (£710)
Support Group for Bereaved Parents	Venue hire for a support group to run bereavement sessions for local parents	£216 (+£340)
East Claydon Mobile Vehicle Activated Sign	Funding for the purchase of an MVAS for East Claydon	£2,327.30
East & Boltoph Claydon Park Refurb	Refurbishment of the playground	£2,699.55
Pavilion Floor	Replacing of the Pavilion floor and the Sir Henry Moore Field in Thornborough	£5,072 (+£495.90)
Turweston Village Hall Refurbishment	Upgrading and Repair of village hall in Turweston to make it more accessible and sustainable for the future.	£10,000 (+£20,000)
Holding Back the Waters	Clearing and Dredging of pond in Thornborough to further protect from floods	£4,070
East Claydon PC St Mary’s Road Junction Feasibility Study	Study for the appraisal of potential solutions to improve visibility at the junction	£4,855.29
Thornborough PC Sports Pavilion Parking	Installation of grasscrete to prevent slipping hazards in car park	£33,170.92 (+£1,320)
Buckingham School Footpath & Emergency Access	Installation of dropped kerbs, emergency access, keep clear road markings and associated signage	£19,439.97
Tingewick PC – Water Stratford Road pavement extension	Extension of the pavement to the recreation ground as an obligation before further improvements can be made to the recreation ground itself	£32,463.26 (+£32,463.26)
Cornwalls Meadow Tree Planting	Enhance the Cornwalls Meadow Car park by planting trees	£1,437.27
Akeley Community Speedwatch	Purchase of equipment to enable members of the community to be involved with the Speedwatch	£215
Twyford Community Speedwatch	To facilitate the start-up of community speedwatch group in twyford in association with TVP	£1,717.27
Lace Hill fruit Trees	Fruit Tree planting in lace hill for the benefit of residents and pupils	£954.67

Urban Harvest Walk	Approaching increasing awareness of food growing in public green spaces	£2,940
Maids Moreton Parish Council Events Equipment	Purchase of 2 gazebos to facilitate community events such as the Queen's Jubilee	£1,058.23
Thornborough Streetlight Upgrade	Replacing bulbs with LED lights to reduce emissions and energy bills	£11,982.70 (+£310.10)
Town Centre Digital Freestanding Noticeboard	Remotely controlled noticeboard showing information on upcoming community events, promoting local businesses and messages from town and unitary council.	£7,500
Family & Friends seating area	Refurbishing of a Children's play area along with the recreational field and a wildlife area	£3,380
Outdoor Gym Equipment	External Table Tennis table and external adult gym equipment for the Dadford playing field.	£6,600 (+£2,400)
Environment Action Group – Flood Mobile	Vehicle hire, consultancy, and transport funding for the flood mobile, providing locals with advice on flood defence	£5,700
Buckingham Town Centre Improvements	Procuring of additional resources to carry out consultations, project development and delivery.	£21,651

Chesham and Villages		
<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Funding Amount (Contributory Funding Amount)</u>
Bucks Open Weekend	4-day programme of creative and cultural activities themed to stories	£1,140 (+£1,000)
Chess Valley Barbershop Singers	Small grant for a men's singing group aimed at tackling mental health and reducing social isolation	£1,800
4x VAS sites, Feasibility Study	Feasibility study to consider 4 x Vas in Chartridge Lane, Hivings Hill, Botley Road, Chesham and Kings Ash in The Lee	£3,320
Silver Sunday Afternoon Tea	Hosting an event for the national day for older people, including afternoon tea and ukulele band	£200
Be Your Own Boss	Funding to offer the places of local business owners to receive a course on how to better run a successful business	£3,000
Jobs and Apprenticeships Fair	Fair held by Chesham Town council at the Elgiva theatre to help employers and job seekers connect with each other	£3,200
Community Winter Show	Original play from the theatre shed offering members and the community to write their own roles	£6920 (+£3,800)
Chenies Footpath Feasibility Study	Study into a footpath to make bus stop more accessible to pedestrians	£4,904

ComuniTree Project	Planting of 100-200 trees across Chesham over 18 months	£5000 (+£12,004)
Christmas Event for vulnerable families	Two Christmas feasts, that will incorporate a sit down three course hot meal, scratch nativity play with children, young people and parents all involved, games, and Christmas gifts for all the family	£1,500 (+£4,000)
Chesham Digital Museum	Creation of a website to raise engagement and promotion for a sustainable future	£1,000 (+£14,150)
Decarbonisation feasibility study	Assessment of the potential for energy use reduction and decarbonisation within several town council owned sites in Chesham.	£680
Animation skills project	Helping young people with and without disabilities through performing arts	£2,500 (+£600)
The Communi-Tree project	Funding of further tree purchases	£10,000 (+£10,000)
Chesham High Street Permanent pedestrian study	After a successful trial run with residents and businesses, changes would like to be made permanent	£15,000 (+£15,000)
Skottowes pond regeneration	Improving the condition of the pond to increase fish welfare	£20,000 (+£20,000)
Walking and Cycling infrastructure Improvements Active Travel Chesham	To improve walking and cycling facilities as a response to making Chesham and surrounding areas more sustainable	£20,000 (+£5,000)
Nashleigh Hill Playground Revitalisation	Redevelopment and regeneration of playground, which was previously run-down, outdated and broken.	£25,000 (+£75,000)
Chesham Sings	Celebration of a wide range of singing styles in Chesham area whilst bringing an entertaining show for the community.	£2,000 (+£2,000)
Pavilion: Accessible Facilities and Access	Update of the interior of the pavilion hall, including toilets and changing rooms. As well as installing disabled access to the pavilion.	£6,540 (+£38,460)
Pond Park Tree Planting	Tree planting for Pond Park	£3,500
Bench and Picnic table project	Replacement of benches and picnic tables in an allotment area	£5,940
Community Group – Covid Recovery	Re-establishment of 2 community groups that need financial support to continue	£5,000
Defibrillator	Defibrillator to be installed at Greenway Parade of Shops	£1,500 (+£300)
Walkers are Welcome	Design and print of maps to help residents on their walking routes and gain information of their local area	£4,400 (+£493)
Leaky Homes Roadshow - Chesham	Provide an insight for homeowners into heat loss by showing them in infrared representation	£1,710 (+£480)

<u>Denham, Gerrards Cross and the Chalfonts</u>		
<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Funding Amount (Contributory Funding Amount)</u>
Bowstridge Recreation Ground Defibrillator	The installation of a defibrillator at the Bowstridge Lane Recreation Ground, along with training as to how it should be used.	£1,600
Wildflowers for Gerrards Cross	Planting of wildflowers on very visual locations, part of the Commons East & West, The Camp and a grass verge at an entry point to GX from Denham.	£2,486
Seer Green Baptist Church Defibrillator	The installation of a defibrillator for public use in the Car Park of the Seer Green Baptist Church.	£1,337
St. Peter Memorial Garden -Wildflower Meadow	Developing a new memorial garden for public access and enjoyment.	£7,000 (+£3,000)
Trees of Hope	The planting of three disease-resistant Elm trees, along with two benches and the purchase of wildflowers.	£2,670
A413 Speed Tubes	Speed tubes.	£1,385
Bike Racks	Install a cycle rack in Chalfont St Peter village centre.	£1,425
Community Fridge	To reduce food waste and ensure everyone has access to fresh food. The fridge will be open 2-3 times a week and will be run by both paid staff and volunteers.	£16,377
Cheapside Lane TRO	To make it illegal for U-turns to be performed at the junction of Oxford Road and Cheapside Lane.	£5,980 (+£2,990)
Fulmer Common Road Verge	To upgrade the verge next to Fulmer Common Road to a hard-standing verge.	£78,817 (+£25,000)
Oxford Road Pedestrian Island Upgrade	Oxford Road Pedestrian Island Upgrade.	£44,543 (Inc. £35,884 for S106)
Big Biodiversity Battle	This project is intended to offer a degree of mitigation for the pressures on our natural environment and impacts upon the natural world.	£40,523 (+£21,735)
High Denham Footpath	Repair of footpath.	£8,284 (+£8,000)
Counselling for Job Seekers	To aid those who have – mainly through the impact of Covid 19 – found themselves in the position of seeking jobs.	£1,080
Kitchen Refurbishment – Jordons Village Hall	Refurbishment of the kitchen with new units, work surfaces, flooring and tiling	£2,500 (+£11,797)
Bench	Installation of a bench on the perimeter of the recreation ground.	£903
Literary Festival	Literary Festival to stimulate people's love of the written word and to increase visitor ship to the villages.	£7,250 (+£5,750)

Bike Racks	Installation of bike racks on King George's Field to make it into more of a bicycle hub.	£485
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Haddenham & Waddesdon		
<u>Project</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Funding Amount (Contributory Funding Amount)</u>
Kingswood Traffic Calming	Traffic calming on the A41 in the village of Kingswood.	£35,802
Chearsley Junction Realignment	A second phase to Chearsley Junction will provide improvements to the safety of the junction.	£9,857
Brill Playground Refurbishment	Remedial work as required on equipment for all ages.	£10,000 (+£127,954)
Bernwode Community Bus - Reconnection Project	A second Bernwode Community bus to work alongside Bernie Combined with a Covid Reconnection Project.	£29,000 (+£4,976)
Enhancing the Green (Micro Grant)	Part of the Wild Aylesbury Vale Project	£500
Waddesdon Nature Recovery Network	Part of the Wild Aylesbury Vale Project	£500
Shabbington Nature Recovery Network	Part of the Wild Aylesbury Vale Project	£500
Quainton Sports Field Project	Part of the Wild Aylesbury Vale Project	£500
Marsh Gibbon Wildlife Hub	Part of the Wild Aylesbury Vale Project	£500
Cuddington Wildflower and Wildlife	Part of the Wild Aylesbury Vale Project	£500
Boughton's Peace Wildlife	Part of the Wild Aylesbury Vale Project	£500
Restoration of Stockwell Pond	The project will restore the pond for future generations to enjoy.	£8,000
Working with the Community	To provide more rest areas, particularly for older or less mobile members of the community who are out walking.	£1,000 (+£90)
Ashendon Traffic Calming Speed Indicator Device	To provide a speed indicator device to be moved between the 3 main locations into the village.	£4,960
Ashendon Playing Fields Accessible Play Equipment	To replace the existing equipment with specially designed fully accessible equipment.	£20,000 (+£74,924)
Waddesdon Wombles	To purchase litter picking equipment.	£1,000
Waddesdon Greenway Extension Project	Funding to cover design and planning activities for the extension of the Greenway.	£20,000
Book Swap Project	To purchase an all weather book shed for the volunteer book club.	£454

Stone with Bishopstone and Hartwell Parish Council Speed Reduction Project	Purchase of two speed indicator devices.	£3,940 (+£3,930)
Cuddington Speed Reduction Project	Purchase of two moveable speed indicator devices.	£3,675 (+£1,675)
Kingsey Speed Reduction Project	Purchase two vehicle activated signs.	£8,286
Café in the Park Project	Kitchen Equipment.	£1,230
Plant a Tree for the Jubilee	The purchase and planting of a mature specimen tree on Cuddington Playing Fields for the Queens Green Canopy project.	£2,943 (+£500)
Roman Park MUGA	The Parish Council is undertaking the development of land it received from the developers of Berryfields at Roman Park.	£25,000
Haddenham Repair Café	Seed funding for repair café.	£2,220 (+£1,760)
Playing Field Signage	Grendon Underwood School Sign for playing field.	£444
I'd Like to Borrow - Library of Things	A Library of Things is a collection of objects or which is stored and loaned out to individuals or community groups.	£10,000 (+£6,000)
Dinton playground extension	To extend the playground area to include a trail area.	£16,000 (+£2,000)
Dinton Orchard	To purchase apple and pear trees to create an orchard.	£1,100
Community Board Youth Project	To work with local schools to provide youth engagement.	£3,297

High Wycombe		
<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Funding Amount (Contributory Funding Amount)</u>
Safety Net Project	An initiative which will provide a package of holistic support for disadvantaged young people, initially in High Wycombe.	£40,000 (+£185,000)
Community Friendly Fridge	To support the service for the next 6 months due to the high demand for the food parcel scheme they started in response to the pandemic.	£1,298
Radio Ramadan	10 public health Covid-19 related messages which will be recorded as adverts and broadcast regularly on Radio Ramadan.	£3,000
Women Centred Open Door Project	Promote and deliver soft launch for Women Centred Open Door Project in High Wycombe.	£2,000

Signposting Service	To provide a service to young homeless people to find the most appropriate source help and support for their particular circumstances.	£10,000
Back Together Project	A programme of activities and workshops for schools which aims to help young people following the negative impact lockdown has had on mental health.	£7,000 (+£3,000)
High Wycombe Youth Library	To transform the youth service offer for 12-18 (up to 25 with SEND) at High Wycombe Library by working in partnership with Action4Youth to create a drop in 'youth club'.	£20,000 (+£20,000)
High Wycombe Community & Environmental Improvement Project	This is a multi-pronged project which aims to address key environmental and social issues through community engagement in three mini projects in High Wycombe.	£49,100 (+£56,000)
Hilltop Community Centre	To improve and extend the outdated and undersized community kitchen at Hilltop Community Centre.	£8,723
Sowing the Seeds to a Net Zero Carbon	7-month long pilot project which proposes to bring three communities in Buckinghamshire together by learning how to grow native trees from locally collected seeds, harvested from local woods.	£4,800 (+£350)
Bassetsbury Lane & Chestnut Avenue Feasibility Study	Feasibility Study.	£4,773
Micklefield Road Feasibility Study	Feasibility Study.	£6,875
Hillview Road Bollards	Bollards on Hillview Road.	£12,658
Leas Close/Hollis Road Bollards	Bollards on Leas Close/Hollis Road.	£12,657
Sheraton Drive/Arnison Avenue Bollards	Bollards on Sheraton Drive/Arnison Avenue.	£13,586
Parsonage Close Dropped Kerbs	Dropped kerbs on Parsonage Close.	£8,999
Chippendale Close Bollards	Bollards on Chippendale Close.	£12,697
The Aspire Youth Offending Project	To provide support for four Young People (YP) in the High Wycombe area who are at risk of offending/reoffending.	£4,000 (+£5,079)
The Hive Fencing	Installation of railings with electric automated entry/exit vehicular gates and pedestrian gates at The Hive community facility.	£18,000 (+£12,000)
Freshers and Graduation Events	To deliver Freshers and Graduation Week events in High Wycombe in partnership with Bucks New University.	£3,000 (+£11,000)

Emergency Winter Accommodation	Drop-in sessions and emergency winter accommodation for those people who will be facing sleeping rough following the end of the 'Everyone In' initiative.	£8,134
Community and Wellbeing Kitchen Fit-out	Empower to Cook CIC has identified a clear demand for a space where local High Wycombe residents can learn and develop their cooking skills.	£13,182 (+£38,000)
Urban Harvest Wycombe	Urban Harvest is a new approach to making more people aware of the food growing in their backyards and in public spaces.	£7,338 (+£720)
Addiction - Families need support too - Critical Winter Cover	To provide confidential, non-judgmental, caring, practical and free support to High Wycombe families who have been badly affected through the substance misuse of a loved one.	£5,000 (+£5,000)
Next Steps and Feed Me	To deliver an early years provision for local residents with the aim of supporting those in the community who have young babies and toddlers.	£10,000 (+£3,000)
Lighthouse Cressex	Lighthouse Cressex delivers a fun week-long holiday programme for children.	£1,500 (+£10,100)
New Road Pedestrian Cross Feasibility Study	Feasibility study	£9,165
Bookerhill Road Feasibility Study	Feasibility study.	£4,140
Hicks Farm Rise Traffic Calming	Traffic calming on Hicks Farm Rise.	£29,907 (+£7,000)
Wycombe Sound Radio	To assist the radio station with running costs as a large percentage of its income is from advertising and sponsorship which has dried up with the lockdown.	£3,000
Tom Burts Hill	This environmental project involved work on both ends of Tom Burts Hill: Loakes Road/Nurses Accommodation footpath and the Carver Hill Road/Bridle Gate/West End Street footpath.	£10,777 (+£3,650)

Missendens		
<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Funding Amount (Contributory Funding Amount)</u>
MVAS Road Safety Scheme	Purchase of an MVAS near Little Missenden Infant School to increase safety around the school.	£5,184 (+£5,184)
Eco Board	The 'eco-literacy board' board has been proposed as an installation to help promote eco-literacy in the area.	£206 (+£206)

Train the Trainer	Missenden Walled Garden charity would like to implement a bespoke, 'Train the Trainer model' to provide a sustainable training model.	£7,770 (+£6,000)
Bee Friendly Garden Competition	The project will engage school-aged children to create designs for a bee / bug friendly school garden.	£4,460
Holmer Green Junior School Association	Portaloos for the community Fireworks.	£470.00
Training	The youth club want to offer training and classes for the following: first aid, health & safety, safeguarding, self-harm, personal safety, and street dance to their volunteers and young people.	£6,450 (+£550)
Solar Generator	Solar generator for Holmer Green Village society to avoid negative impacts on the environment from diesel and petrol generators	£669.99
Changing Room Refurbishment	Increase participation in sport for the local community by refurbishing facilities to encourage young people and females to participate in sport.	£3000 (+£23,200)
Fruit Tree Pruning Courses	Pruning of existing fruit trees to further the orchard which has involved the community including those with autism	£1,110 (+£600)
Youth Survey	Young people and families in the Missendens area to be consulted with on issues in their local communities along with a report of results	£7,500
Community Health Project	to encourage the village to make healthier life-choices, including mental health and wellbeing, by integrating the wider community to include addressing health concerns	£8,640
Great Missenden Public Realm Project	Improvement of the public realm areas in great Missenden, linked to building works around Stadium approach	£1,000 (+£188)
Contribution for Jubilee Celebration Events	Support for Great Missenden to have a Queen's jubilee event	£1,000 (+£2,000)
Contribution for Jubilee Celebration Events	Support for Little Missenden to have a Queen's jubilee event	£1,000 (+£6,000)
Great Missenden Village Centre Improvements	Installation of new seating areas, bike racks and a notice board in the Village centre	£24,248 (+£4,556)
Bollards – Church Street, Gt. Missenden	Bollards to prevent parking on grass verges and subsequently damaging the land	£7,927.47
Lunch Club Minibus	Funding for a minibus for age concern to transport elderly members to and from events	£2,730
Chiller for Village Community Shop	Replacement of an old chiller which will help the village shop stay open and continue to serve the community	£5,000

North West Chilterns		
<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Funding Amount (Contributory Funding Amount)</u>
Outdoor Gym Equipment	Installation of outdoor gym equipment in monks Risborough park	£5,000 (+£3,500)
Resurfacing of Upper Icknield Way	Resurfacing of the National Ridgeway Trail	£9,650 (+£3,220)
B482 Feasibility Study & speed Limit Assessment	Feasibility study	£2,511.14 (+£2,511.14)
Play Café	A safe place for parents and guardians of the community to gather and build relationships	£5,068.33 (+£2,280)
Christmas Lights Switch on Event/Day	Event to support local organisations, charities and schools in raising their profile and gaining support	£4,505
Repair to Community Noticeboards Naphill Common	Repairing of 5 noticeboards in Naphill Common	£678 (+£678)
Ellesborough Playing Field Improvement	Putting matting down on the field to allow vehicles to use as parking without damaging the turf or causing traffic problems by parking on the road	£5,615.25 (+£500)
Longwick cum Ilmer – Toll Bar Corner Longwick Junction Improvement	30mph signs replaced with yellow backed signs and installation of an “Advanced Give Way” sign	£5,838.82 (+£5,838.82)
Bird population and Conservation	To increase bird population, particularly owls within the Chilterns whilst educating the community on wildlife	£4,080 (+£120)
Radnage Village Hall Driveway	Resurfacing of driveway to fill potholes and lower kerbstones to allow cars better access	£6,900 (+£6,900)
Football Equipment	Procurement of a set of full-sized goals with wheels along with a marquee	£7,045.69 (+£100)
Solar Panel Installation	Solar Panels for Stokenchurch Scout and Guide HQ as they work to becoming NetZero	£8,640 (+£8,640)
Event Equipment	Funding for a number of foldable tables and chairs to use in Askett Society Village Events	£865 (+£2,014)
Marketing and Promoting Local	Recovery and Rebuilding of the economy through promotion of local businesses	£11,070 (+£2,872)
Installation of Automatic Door	Installation of automatic doors as to make it easier for elderly and disabled persons to access	£2,000 (+£580)
Installation of Solar Panels	Installation of solar panels as to work towards being carbon neutral	£10,650 (+£10,650)
Allotment Expansion at Bar Lane and Cadesden Road	To create new allotments on existing sites and to improve access and availability due to increasing demand	£17,759.20 (+£2,00)
New Play Equipment	New and improved playground equipment for Great and Little Kimble	£2,000 (+£14,266)

Knife Crime Project	Creation of 4 films about knife crime by junior filmmakers	£7,976.84 (+£4,000)
Club Refurbishment	Refurbishment of internal clubhouse environment including ceiling, floor and furniture	£895 (+£1,893.64)

South West Chilterns		
<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Funding Amount (Contributory Funding Amount)</u>
Christmas Evening	Christmas event in South West Chiltern's area	£675 (+£675)
Community Fete	Fete to provide some positivity to the residents in light of the pandemic.	£3,000
Rugby Tots	A rugby club for younger children to have fun, engage and listen and learn new skills as well as staying active and making connections	£1,000 (£330)
Festival of Music	Chiltern Arts Music Festival have themed this year musical resonance or musical connotations which seems even more relevant following a pandemic	£2,000 (+£850)
Golden Years Free Information Day	Free event offering information about services and benefits that are available to the elderly community	£1,127 (+£540)
Christmas Fun Night	Children's Christmas light switch-on as the result of a village competition to design a new light	£1,766 (+£4,025)
Releaf Project	Planting of 20 street trees, specifically targeting areas with less trees in Marlow	£7,000 (+£7,000)
Economic Regeneration Leaflet for rural Chiltern villages, Hambleden Valley	To produce a leaflet in respect of Economic Regeneration and Recovery for the parish of Hambleden and the surrounding Chiltern Villages.	£574 (+£156)
Provision of Sandbags - Medmenham Parish Council	Purchase of sandbags to aid in flood defence in high-risk areas	£1,135
Enhanced Marlow Market	Increasing footfall in Marlow with creation of a fortnightly Saturday Market	£1,150
Solar4Schools	Installation of 30kwp of solar panels on school to help reduce its carbon footprint	£15,000 (+£10,000)
Website Creation	Website for an all-female singing group (Harmony Belles) based in Marlow	£1,470 (+£714)
Marlow Christmas Lights	Installation of Christmas lights in marrow town centre along with pre-lit trees and a 30ft tree	£5,000 (+£18,750)
Thermal Imaging Cameral	Thermal camera to demonstrate to residents how inefficient their homes are and how much heat they are losing	£1,000
Trinity Road Quiet Way	To encourage cycling and walking	£12,000

A4094 Wycombe Lane School Wig-Wags	School Wig-Wags	£15,877.52
Extension of 40mph Restrictions A4155	Extension of 40mph restriction through Medmenham village	£22,534.18 (+£5,000)
South West Chilterns Parking Review	Parking Review	£29,733.74
Wet Room Project	Turning a bathroom into a fit-for-purpose wet room facility to provide a high standard of personal care	£5,500 (+£300)
Jubilee Project	Museum to have a community focussed event for the queen's jubilee	£2,700 (+£300)
Hambleden Cinema Equipment	Accessibility provisions added to the cinema to bring entertainment and social connections to the community	£8,392.80 (+£1,800)
Breakfast Club Project	Breakfast club allowing children to have a healthy breakfast in a safe and secure environment before school	£999 (+£3,108)
Yurt Project	Giving the opportunity for children to spend a fortnightly morning/afternoon outside learning from a specialist outdoor learning teacher	£9,655 (+£9,000)
Cycle Racks	Installing cycle racks in car parks to provide more active travel options and to promote activeness	£530.80 (+£500)

Wendover and Villages		
<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Funding Amount (Contributory Funding Amount)</u>
Wendover Youth Summer Programme	To run outreach sessions for 10–17-year-olds during summer holidays, with 2-hour sessions including activities such as football, dodgeball and table tennis amongst others	£887 (+£25)
Halton Community Events	Events to actively engage with the community and strengthen/build a community bond in Halton	£1,800
War Memorial Restoration	Restoration of War Memorial	£800
Rhubarb Café Equipment	Funding of a crock pot, soup bowls, hot water run and cutlery for community café in Aston Clinton	£250
Wildbelt Project	Improve biodiversity in the Chilterns by facilitating a sustainable approach to nature recovery	£30,000 (+£30,000)
Buckland Community Orchard	Funding for the planting of donated trees to create an orchard for the community to enjoy as well as increase wildlife	£1,750

Buckland Wharf, Buckland Road, Wendover Chevron Sign and Bollards	Installation of bollards and chevron signs to stop parking on verge and blocking pedestrians	£12,930.54
Lower Icknield Way, Buckland Traffic Calming	Traffic calming	£5,368.70 (+£2,000)
Stablebridge Road 30mph speed limit	30mph speed limit reduction	£19,727.45
Burcott Lane, Double Yellow Lines	Parking issues near junction causing road safety issues, double yellow lines being painted will mitigate this	£6,152.74
MVAS Halton	Purchase of an MVAS in Halton to warn drivers of their speeds and provide accurate data on numbers of cars using the route	£4,075
Wendover Canal Path Upgrade	Wendover canal path upgrade, phase 4 of upgrading to the path which has also received funding from the HS2 review group	£25,000 (£+341,500)
Wendover Skate Park	Building of a bespoke accessible skatepark in Ashbrook Park	£25,000
ENGAGE - Youth Festivals and Workshops	Running of 2 youth festivals, followed by workshops providing opportunities for young people to engage in activities and be signposted to further community engagement.	£10,000
Community Spirit - Electricity for Xmas Tree	Provision of electricity to allow the Christmas tree to be erected	£1,950 (+£3,500)
Ecological Survey for Community Orchard	Suitability study on parish land to see if it would be eligible for a community orchard	£1,876
Grown@Kingsbrook Community Orchard	making a plot available in the new allotments for a Community Garden, encouraging people to learn more about the nature around them	£5,000 (+£5,122.87)
Litter Bins	Litter Bins, to reduce littering habits and clean up community areas	£2,855 (+£2,855)
Bee Squared	Wildflower seeds to be delivered to every resident within the Community Board area along with leaflets and videos for educational purposes	£5,575
EV Charging	EV charging pilot within Wendover	£22,550
Outdoor Activities with green spaces	Outdoor equipment for local residents to encourage health and wellbeing and active lifestyles	£10,000 (+£10,000)
Energy Efficient Drive (Weston Turville)	Commissioning of a number of representative or generic energy efficiency surveys of a number of common house types within the village	£3,504

Wexham and the Ivers		
<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Funding Amount (Contributory Funding Amount)</u>
Performance Equipment	Acquire equipment necessary for the continuation of a group's performances..	£2,250
Community Theatre Project	Rehearsal space and 2 fully funded places for local children at Triple Threat Performing Arts.	£980
The Ivers Training Hub	Provide local residents and businesses with a facility where they can have access to the internet, learning resources and training that will allow them to build and develop their skill set.	£11,842 (+£5,370)
Sports Equipment	funding to assist buying the teams football kits, goals and training equipment for Delaford Colts FC.	£5,000
Scout Hut Outdoor Restoration	Provide separate areas for activities and enable groups to undertake a range of activities developing skills.	£25,000 (+£16,000)
Senior Coffee Morning	Coffee morning for seniors in Iver, attended by up to 30 residents.	£3,000
Churchyard Equipment	Purchase of equipment to provide community events in the Churchyard space.	£1,411.97
IVJS Support Room	To provide a safe and relaxed environment for all members of the school community to receive the support they need.	£2,395 (+£7,285.86)
Improvements to Village Hall Car Park	make improvements to the Iver Heath Village Hall Carpark to make it more accessible and safer..	£9,350 (+£6,000)
Defibrillator Case	A case to hold a defibrillator for Iver Community Association.	£514.80
Reducing the Environmental Impact of Community Facilities	Replacement of Gas boilers to reduce carbon emissions.	£3,330
Buddy Benches	3 benches in community areas to encourage those that are feeling lonely to venture out and meet people.	£1,650 (+£780)
Social Isolation Project	To combat social isolation by providing a tea party and one-to-one coffee breaks.	£1,150
Dementia Friendly Exercise Classes	A class that will offer a progressive fitness development routine over the 6-month period.	£3,091
Hardings Row Disabled Access	Disabled access to a nature reserve in Iver Heath.	£8,744.51 (+£3,095)
Activity Sessions	The Ivers Hive is a who's aim is to relieve social isolation and poverty of local families in need through activity sessions.	£5,000

Shopping Parade Tree & Residents Gard Access - Additional Funding	Replanting of tree outside and complete removal of stump along with pavement repairs	£240
Floodlighting	upgrading of facilities at Iver Health Bowls Club making floodlights more environmentally friendly	£9,000 (+£1,334.20)
New Entrance Doors	Improve the insulation and security of village hall door	£6,771 (+£2,000)
George Green Football Club Storage	Installation of a new storage shed for the football club	£4,846
Queens Platinum Jubilee	Wexham Jubilee participation, providing multiple events for the community	£4,000
Sports Equipment	Refresh all sports equipment across club that has depleted after many years	£3,550
Kingfisher Garden Improvements	Safety management and planting in the gardens to enhance for residents	£936
Wildflower Verges	Improve visual appearance and air quality to areas in the parish	£5,850
Iver Heath Public Notice Boards	Existing notice boards to be replaced with proprietary products which will make their use easier for residents	£3,250 (+£750)
Groundwork South	Repair of bridge to connect to meadow and offer a view of the new wildlife area for the community	£1,500
Production Post Covid	Purchase of items for staging (paint & wood), replace the cyclorama that is used at the back of stage to project onto, procure a new floor cloth to go on the stage to enable theatre to run workshops	£2,600 (+£900)
Circular Walks Green Enhancement	Enhancement of green spaces and improving the environment of Wexham and The Ivers	£21,000

Wing & Ivinghoe		
<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Funding Amount (Contributory Funding Amount)</u>
Community Commemorative Benches	Purchase of 2 commemorative benches.	£895 (+£1,555)
Overstone School Pool Feasibility Study	Feasibility study for new pool and access for the community to use more widely.	£2,500
Double Yellow Lines	Double yellow lines	£8,752 (+£4,376)
Ivinghoe Lawn Restoration	Restoration of lawn.	£2,000 (+£2,000)
Footpath Access - Playpark	Refurbishment of a footpath from Silver Street in Cublington to the children's playground.	£5,065
Information Board – Local Walks	Display board to be placed on the village green detailing local walks, public footways, and historical facts.	£300 (+£300)

Marsworth Foodbank	Funding for foodbank	£1,860 (+£480)
Road Widening Scheme	Hardwick Road Widening	£5,880 (+£4,200)
Wingrave with Rowsham WILD	Increasing biodiversity in the village and surrounding areas	£400 (+£400)
Slapton Active	Improvements to Slapton Recreation Ground including new table tennis table, fitness equipment and accessible footpath.	£14,682 (+£16,775)
Ivinghoe Aston Accessible Footway	Accessible footpath so that there is a safe route for people of all abilities when using the local play area.	£14,843 ((+£14,844)
Westfield Road Local Wildlife Site Information & Awareness Boards	Walk and Wildlife Signs.	£2,500 (+£1,000)
Defibrillator cabinet	Defibrillator Casing.	£385 (+£390)
Watermead Lake Walkway	Watermead Boardwalk.	£40,713 (+£46,742)
Long Spinney and Accessible and Sensory additions to Recreation Improvement Project	Long Spinney Maintenance and Recreation Ground Improvements.	£4,470 (+£992)
TruSign 30CR x 12 and 1 x Training	TruSign 30CR x 12 and 1 x Training	£40,350 (+£19,770)

Winslow & Villages		
<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Funding Amount (Contributory Funding Amount)</u>
Refurbishment of rear area of Great Horwood Scout guide	Restore the rear area of our Scout Guide Headquarters by providing proper paving and fencing to the common boundary.	£2,799
Stoke Hammond Community Centre Improvements	Repair of potholes and pavement and better mobility access for disabled visitors.	£7,200 (+£7,200)
Hammond Park Tractor and Mower	Purchase of a tractor and set of three gang mowers for the large field in Hammond Park.	£6,000 (+£3,000)
Padbury Playground Reburishment	Maintenance to existing items of equipment and to replacement of two redundant items of equipment.	£8,000 (+£2,050)
Stewkley Cooking Project	Cooking and nutrition lessons for families who find it difficult to budget for healthier options and teach families the benefit of healthy eating.	£500
St Michael's C of E School Stewkley Forest School	Create a second area to the Secret Garden that was established in 2020.	£4,000
Beachampton Traffic Calming	Introduction of traffic calming features on Main Street, Beachampton due to the speeding issues.	£4,702

Little Horwood MUGA	To rejuvenate the MUGA by cleaning and repairing the surface.	£4,000 (+£1,699)
Whaddon Allotment Gardens	Provision of water supply to Whaddon Allotment Gardens.	£2,325 (+£2,325)

Multiboard Projects		
<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Funding Amount (Contributory Funding Amount)</u>
Action4Youth Aylesbury Mentoring Project <i>(Covered by 5 board areas: Aylesbury/ Buckingham & Villages/ Winslow & Villages/Wing & Ivinghoe/Wendover)</i>	Pilot for a 12 month 1:1 mentoring project aged 11-17 years from the Aylesbury Vale area.	£41,913.80
Buckinghamshire Business First - Be Your Own Boss (BYOB) <i>(Covered by 3 board areas: Aylesbury/ Chesham & Villages/North West Chilterns)</i>	Assisting with setting up a new business - ie. people 'becoming their own boss' following the Covid 19 pandemic.	£9,000
Mental Health First Aider Project <i>(Covered by 15 board areas: Amersham/ Aylesbury/Beaconsfield & Chepping Wye/Beeches/ Buckingham & Villages/Chesham/ Haddenham & Waddesdon/Missendens/ North West Chilterns/South West Chilterns/Wendover/ Wexham & the Ivers/ Wing & Ivinghoe/ Winslow & Villages/ High Wycombe)</i>	Mental Health First Aid training to school staff, to enable them to support the mental wellbeing of young people.	£36,185
Leaky Home Roadshow <i>(Covered by 3 board areas: Chesham & Villages/ North West Chilterns/Wendover)</i>	The Leaky Homes Roadshow is a campaign to give insight for homeowners into heat loss from their homes.	£3,400 (+£1,400)
Funding towards a Therapist	Free therapy for children with additional needs, that impacts participation in everyday activities.	£36,240

<i>(Covered by 2 boards: North West Chilterns/ High Wycombe)</i>		
Food Vouchers, Hardship and Access Fund <i>(Covered by 2 board areas: North West Chilterns/ High Wycombe)</i>	Food vouchers to assist asylum seekers.	£6,000 (+£10,670)
Refresh Project <i>(Covered by 6 board areas: High Wycombe/Beaconsfield & Chepping Wye/South West Chiltern/North West Chiltern/Beeches)</i>	The Refresh project is looking to create a 'reduce, reuse, repair' upcycling 'hub' in the High Wycombe Town Centre	£30,051 (+£48,000)
Dementia Friendly Tour Bus <i>(Covered by 3 board areas: South West Chiltern/Beaconsfield & Chepping Wye/ Beeches)</i>	A mobile virtual dementia bus experience to demonstrate what living with or caring for someone with Dementia might be like.	£,1920 (+£360)
Sowing the Seeds to a Net Zero Carbon <i>(Covered by 2 board areas: High Wycombe/ Beaconsfield & Chepping Wye)</i>	Pilot project learning how to grow native trees from locally collected seeds, harvested from local woods.	£9,600 (+£1,400)
KS1 Mental Health Project <i>(Covered by 4 board areas: Amersham/ Beeches/Denham & Gerrards Cross/Wexham & the Ivers)</i>	Early Years and Key Stage 1 mental health awareness project.	£30,360
Interactive Dementia Awareness Project <i>(Covered by 2 board areas: South West Chilterns/Beeches)</i>	A mobile virtual dementia bus experience to demonstrate what living with or caring for someone with Dementia might be like.	£2,112 (+£672)
CHAT - Respite care <i>(Covered by 8 board areas: Aylesbury/ Amersham/Beeches/ Buckingham & Villages/ Haddenham & Waddesdon/Winslow & Villages/South West Chilterns/Wendover)</i>	Respite care grants for SEND children.	£20,800



Report to Full Council

Date:	18 May 2022
Title:	Proposed Calendar of Meetings for Buckinghamshire Council 2022/2023
Author and/or contact officer:	Nick Graham, Service Director for Legal and Democratic Services – nick.graham@buckinghamshire.gov.uk
Recommendations:	That the Council approve the proposed calendar of meetings for Buckinghamshire Council from May 2022.
Reason for decision:	To approve the Schedule of Meetings for the year 2022 to 2023.

1. Executive summary

- 1.1 The Constitution states that at its Annual Meeting (in May) the Council will approve its planned Calendar of Business and Schedule of Meetings but nothing prevents changes being made to the Calendar of Business and Schedule of Meetings during the following 12 months.
- 1.2 Following consultation with Officers and Members a proposed calendar of meetings for Buckinghamshire Council from May 2022 has been created and is attached as Appendix 1.
- 1.3 The provisional dates have been included on the Council's website. Following approval at Annual Council the dates will be amended to confirmed.

2. Other options considered

- 2.1 Report for noting only.

3. Next steps and review

- 3.1 The agreed calendar of meetings will be available on the Council's website at <https://buckinghamshire.moderngov.co.uk/mgCalendarMonthView.aspx?GL=1&bcr=1>

4. Background papers

- 4.1 None.

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May 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 MAY BANK HOLIDAY	3 East Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (6.30pm)	4 Pay and Appointments (12.30-2pm) North Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (2.30pm) Beaconsfield & Chepping Wye Community Board (7:00pm)	5	6
9	10 Cabinet (10am) South Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (2.30pm)	11 Audit and Governance (10am)	12 Strategic Sites Committee (2pm, the Oculus)	13
16	17	18 <u>Council (4pm)</u>	19 Wendover and Villages Community Board (7pm)	20
23	24	25 Central Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (2.30pm) West Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (6.30pm)	26 Health and Wellbeing Board (2pm, the Oculus)	27
30 Summer half term 2022	31 East Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (6.30pm)			

June 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 North Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (2.30pm)	2 Spring Bank Holiday	3 Platinum Jubilee bank
6	7 Cabinet (10am) South Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (2.30pm)	8 Central Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (2.30pm) Pay and Appointments (14:00-16:00)	9 Strategic Sites Committee (2pm, the Oculus) Corporate Parenting Panel (4:30pm)	10
13	14	15 Licensing Committee (6:30pm)	16 Transport, Environment & Climate Change SC (10am) Children's & Education SC (2pm)	17
20	21 East Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (6.30pm) High Wycombe Town Committee (7pm)	22 West Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (6.30pm)	23	24
27	28 LGA Conference	29 Buckinghamshire Shareholder Committee (10am) North Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (2.30pm)	30 Health and Adult Social Care SC (10am) Communities & Localism SC (2pm)	

July 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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4	5 South Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (2.30pm)	6 Pay and Appointments (11:00-13:00) Central Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (2.30pm) Buckingham & Villages Community Board, (6:30pm)	7 Strategic Sites Committee (2pm, the Oculus) Pensions Fund Committee (2pm) Winslow & Villages Community Board (6:30pm)	8
11	12 Cabinet (10am) Aylesbury Community Board (6:00pm) Missendens Community Board (3:30pm)	13 Buckinghamshire Local Access Forum (10am) South West Chilterns Community Board (6:30pm)	14 Growth, Infrastructure & Housing SC (10am) Standards and General Purposes Committee (2pm) Denham, Gerrards Cross & Chalfonts Community Board (6:30pm)	15
18	19 East Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (6.30pm)	20 <u>Council (4pm)</u>	21 Licensing Committee (6:30pm)	22 Summer holiday 2022
25 High Wycombe Community Board (6:30pm)	26 Beeches Community Board (6pm)	27 North Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (2.30pm) West Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (6.30pm) North West Chilterns Community Board (6:30pm)	28 Audit and Governance (10am) Corporate Parenting Panel (4:30pm) Finance & Resources SC (2pm) Amersham & Villages Community Board (6:30pm) Chesham & Villages Community Board (6:00pm)	29

August 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	2 South Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (2.30pm)	3 Central Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (2.30pm)	4 Strategic Sites Committee (2pm, the Oculus)	5
8	9	10 Wing & Ivinghoe Community Board, 6:30pm	11	12
15	16 East Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (6.30pm)	17	18	19
22	23	24 North Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (2.30pm) West Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (6.30pm)	25	26
29 Summer Bank Holiday	30 South Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (2.30pm)	31 Central Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (2.30pm)		

September 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 Strategic Sites Committee (2pm, the Oculus)	2
5 Licensing Committee (6:30pm)	6	7	8 Transport, Environment & Climate Change SC (10am) Children's & Education SC(2pm)	9
12 Cabinet (10am) East Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (6.30pm)	13	14 North Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (2.30pm)	15 Corporate Parenting Panel (4:30pm)	16
19 High Wycombe Town Committee (7pm)	20	21 <u>Council (4pm)</u>	22 Health and Adult Social Care SC (10am) Bucks and Surrey Joint Trading Standards (10am) Finance & Resources SC (2pm) Health and wellbeing Board (2-4pm) Oculus	23
26 Audit and Governance (10am) South Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (2.30pm) Haddenham & Waddesdon Community Board 6:30pm	27	28 Central Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (2.30pm) West Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (6.30pm)	29 Buckinghamshire Historic Environmental Forum (2pm) Pensions Fund Committee (2pm) Strategic Sites Committee (2pm, the Oculus)	30

October 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3	4	5 Buckingham & Villages Community Board (6:30pm)	6 Growth, Infrastructure & Housing SC (10am) Communities & Localism SC (2pm) Winslow & Villages Community Board, (6:30pm)	7
10	11 Cabinet (10am) East Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (6.30pm)	12 Buckinghamshire Shareholder Committee (10am) Pay and Appointments (13:00-15:00) Beaconsfield & Chepping Wye Community Board (7:00pm)	13	14
17	18 South Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (2.30pm)	19 North Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (2.30pm)	20 Standards and General Purposes Committee (2pm) Aylesbury Community Board (6:00pm) Missendens Community Board (3:30pm)	21
24 Autumn Half Term Holidays	25	26 Central Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (2.30pm) West Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (6.30pm) Denham, Gerrards Cross & Chalfonts Community Board (6:30pm)	27 Strategic Sites Committee (2pm, the Oculus) Chesham & Villages Community Board (6:00pm)	28
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November 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 Lord Lieutenant annual award North West Chilterns Community Board, (6:30pm)	2 Buckinghamshire Local Access Forum (10am) High Wycombe Community Board, (6:30pm) Wexham & The Ivers Community Board, (7pm)	3 Transport, Environment & Climate Change SC (10am) Children's & Education SC (2pm)	4
7	8 East Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (6.30pm)	9 Pay and Appointments (13:00-15:00) Licensing Committee (6:30pm)	10 Haddenham & Waddesdon Community Board (6:30pm)	11
14	15 Cabinet (10am) South Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (2.30pm) Beeches Community Board (6pm)	16 North Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (2.30pm) South West Chilterns Community Board (6:30pm)	17 Health and Adult Social Care SC (10am) Communities & Localism SC (2pm)	18
21	22 High Wycombe Town Committee (7pm)	23 Audit and Governance (10am) Central Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (2.30pm) West Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (6.30pm) Wing & Ivinghoe Community Board, (6:30pm)	24 Pensions Fund Committee (2pm) Strategic Sites Committee (2pm, the Oculus) Corporate Parenting Panel (4:30pm)	25
28	29	30 <u>Council (4pm)</u>		

December 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 Growth, Infrastructure & Housing SC (10am) Finance & Resources SC (2pm)	2
5	6 Cabinet (10am) East Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (6.30pm)	7	8 Standards and General Purposes Committee (2pm)	9
12	13 South Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (2.30pm)	14 Pay and Appointments (14:00-16:00) North Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (2.30pm)	15 Health and wellbeing Board (2-4pm)	16
19	20	21 Winter Holidays Central Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (2.30pm) West Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (6.30pm)	22 Strategic Sites Committee (2pm, the Oculus)	23
26 Boxing Day	27 Christmas Day (substitute day)	28	29	30

January 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 New Year's Day	3 East Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (6.30pm)	4	5 Cabinet (10am)	6
9 Budget Scrutiny Week (provisional)	10 South Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (2.30pm)	11 Buckinghamshire Shareholder Committee (10am) North Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (2.30pm)	12	13
16	17 High Wycombe Town Committee (7pm)	18 Central Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (2.30pm)	19 Strategic Sites Committee (2pm, the Oculus) Corporate Parenting Panel (4:30pm)	20
23	24	25 West Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (6.30pm) Beaconsfield & Chepping Wye Community Board (7pm)	26 Transport, Environment & Climate Change SC(10am) Children's & Education SC (2pm) Chesham & Villages Community Board (6:00pm) Denham, Gerrards Cross & Chalfonts Community Board (6:30pm) Missendens Community Board (3:30pm)	27
30	31 East Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (6.30pm)			

February 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 Audit and Governance (10am) Licensing Committee (6:30pm)	2 Buckingham & Villages Community Board (6:30pm)	3
6	7 South Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (2.30pm) North West Chilterns Community Board, (6:30pm)	8 North Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (2.30pm) South West Chilterns Community Board, (6:30pm) Wexham & The Ivers Community Board (7pm)	9 Health and Adult Social Care SC (10am) Communities & Localism SC (2pm) Haddenham & Waddesdon Community Board (6:30pm) Winslow & Villages Community Board, (6:30pm)	10
13 Spring Half Term Holidays	14 Cabinet (10am)	15 Pay and Appointments (10:00-12:00) Central Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (2.30pm) West Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (6.30pm) Wing & Ivinghoe Community Board, (6:30pm)	16 Strategic Sites Committee (2pm, the Oculus) Aylesbury Community Board (6:00pm)	17
20	21	22 <u>Council (4pm)</u>	23 Growth, Infrastructure & Housing SC (10am) Finance & Resources SC (2pm)	24
27	28 East Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (6.30pm)			

March 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1	2	3
6	7 South Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (2.30pm)	8 North Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (2.30pm) High Wycombe Community Board, 6:30pm	9	10
13	14 High Wycombe Town Committee (7pm)	15 Central Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (2.30pm) West Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (6.30pm)	16 Strategic Sites Committee (2pm, the Oculus) Corporate Parenting Panel (4:30pm)	17
20	21 Cabinet (10am) Pensions Fund Committee (2pm) Paralympic Room	22 Pay and Appointments (14:00-16:00)	23 Transport, Environment, & Climate Change SC (10am) Children's and Education SC (2pm)	24
27	28 East Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (6.30pm)	29 Audit and Governance (10am)	30 Health and wellbeing Board (2-4pm) Oculus	31

April 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 Spring Holidays	4 South Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (2.30pm)	5 North Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (2.30pm)	6 Growth, Infrastructure & Housing SC (10am) Finance & Resources SC (2pm)	7 Good Friday
10	11 Cabinet (10am) Licensing Committee (6:30pm)	12 Pay and Appointments (10:00-12:00) Central Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (2.30pm) West Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (6.30pm)	13 Standards and General Purposes Committee (2pm) Strategic Sites Committee (2pm, the Oculus)	14
17	18 Buckinghamshire Shareholder Committee (10am)	19	20 Health and Adult Social Care SC(10am) Communities & Localism SC (2pm)	21
24	25 East Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (6.30pm)	26 <u>Council (4pm)</u>	27 Pensions Fund (2pm)	28

MAY 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 MAY BANK HOLIDAY	2 Senior Appointments and Pay Committee meeting (10:00-12:00) South Buckinghamshire Area Planning	3 North Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (2.30pm)	4	5
8	9 Cabinet (10am)	10 Audit and Governance (10am) West Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (6.30pm)	11 Strategic Sites Committee (2pm, the Oculus)	12
15	16	17 <u>Council (4pm)</u>	18	19
22	23	24 Central Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (2.30pm)	25	26
29 MAY BANK HOLIDAY	30 East Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (6.30pm)	31		

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Leader Decisions Taken

Information on decisions taken by the Leader since the last full Council agenda. For an up-to-date list of decisions taken and forthcoming decisions, please refer to the Council's website – <https://buckinghamshire.moderngov.co.uk/>

13 Apr 2022

TR06.22 - Various schemes relating to planning conditions (from November 2021 consultation)

The Leader **APPROVED** the making of the following orders as advertised during the Statutory Consultation exception of:

- i. The speed reduction on Tingewick Road Area of Buckingham, as the decision will be deferred until after further discussion with the Police.
- ii. The withdrawal of the proposed Permit Parking restrictions on Hughenden Boulevard in High Wycombe as there was insufficient support.
- iii. The parking restrictions along Asheridge Road which are now reduced from 43m to 33m in length either side of the bellmouths, except for the northern markings opposite Darvell Drive which are reduced down to 30m
 - The Buckinghamshire Council (Prohibition of Waiting, Loading and Stopping) and (On-Street Parking Places) Order 2021
 - The Buckinghamshire Council (Traffic Movement) Order 2021
 - The Buckinghamshire Council (Speed Limit) Order 2021

AGREED That responders to the Statutory Consultation be informed of the Decision

Note – point iii above is an amendment to the recommendations in the report

26 Apr 2022

TR05.22 - Places of Natural Beauty Parking (from November 2021 consultation)

The Leader:

- a. **APPROVED** the making of all four of the Traffic Regulation Orders (TRO) for the scheme outlined in this report.
- b. **AGREED** that responders to the Statutory Consultation be informed of the Decision
- c. **AGREED** The TRO be made as advertised during the statutory consultation subject to the following amendments in relation to “The Buckinghamshire Council (Prohibition of Waiting, Loading and Stopping) and (On-street Parking Places) Order 2021:

Ferry Lane, Medmenham

To reduce the no waiting restriction on the west side of Ferry Lane near the river by 20 metres.

Green Lane, Farnham Common

Withdraw the permit holder restriction as there was insufficient support from the householders.

Lord Mayors Drive, Burnham Beeches

To withdraw the restrictions to the edge of the public highway

Blackpond Lane, Farnham Common

No restrictions to be introduced

Hill Place, Farnham Common

No restrictions to be introduced

Please note that the withdrawal of restrictions at Blackpond Lane and Hill Place, Farnham Common are additional amendments to the recommendations in the report.

27 Apr 2022

TR15.22 - Emerald Way Improvements Scheme

The Leader:

NOTED the results of the public consultation.

AGREED to delegate authority to the Head of Highways Infrastructure Projects to complete detailed design following public feedback.

AGREED to delegate authority to the Head of Highways Infrastructure Projects to proceed with the construction of the Emerald Way improvements.

APPROVED the conversion of the footway/s into a cycle track as set out in Appendix A.

AGREED that the Service Director for Strategic Transport and Infrastructure is delegated to approve contractual commitments of up to the value of the released budget of £1,398,400 to deliver the Emerald Way Improvements project

5 May 2022

L06.21 - Buckinghamshire Council Coat of Arms

The Leader:

AGREED to the design of a new Coat of Arms for Buckinghamshire Council

The new design will be agreed by a small design panel consisting of the Chairman and the former leaders of the legacy councils.

A one-off fee of £17,240 is payable.

5 May 2022

TR14.22 - High Wycombe Junction Protection Restrictions

The Leader:

- a. **AUTHORISED the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) for the scheme outlined in this report. Noting that it is different to the one that was advertised as part of the Statutory Consultation process.**
- b. **AGREED that the Traffic Regulation Order be made as advertised at Statutory Consultation but with the following amendment:**
 - ***Not to implement the proposed extension of No Waiting at Any Time Restrictions (Double Yellow Lines) on the westbound carriageway of Warren Wood Drive shown in mapping tile HD61.***
- c. **AGREED that responders to the Statutory Consultation be informed of the Leader's Decision.**

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