



Council agenda

Date: Wednesday 17 May 2023

Time: 4.00 pm

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

Membership:

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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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Council minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 26 April 2023 in The Oculus, Buckinghamshire Council, Gatehouse Road, Aylesbury HP19 8FF, commencing at 4.00 pm and concluding at 7.41 pm.

Members present

D Dhillon, P Birchley, A Alam, K Ashman, M Ayub, R Bagge, M Baldwin, D Barnes, S Barrett, P Bass, K Bates, A Baughan, J Baum, A Bond, M Bracken, S Broadbent, S Bowles, P Brazier, T Broom, T Butcher, M Caffrey, D Carroll, B Chapple OBE, S Chapple, Q Chaudhry, S Chhokar, J Chilver, A Christensen, L Clarke OBE, A Collingwood, M Collins, P Cooper, C Cornell, A Cranmer, E Culverhouse, I Darby, T Dixon, M Dormer, P Drayton, T Egleton, C Etholen, P Fealey, M Flys, M Fayyaz, R Gaster, E Gemmell, P Gomm, D Goss, T Green, S Guy, G Hall, G Harris, M Harker OBE, C Harriss, D Hayday, O Hayday, C Heap, T Hogg, G Hollis, T Hunter-Watts, A Hussain, I Hussain, M Hussain, M Hussain, N Hussain, T Hussain, D Johncock, C Jones, J Jordan, S Kayani, D King, M Knight, S Lewin, J MacBean, Cllr A Macpherson, I Macpherson, F Mahon, N Marshall, R Matthews, Dr W Matthews, Z Mohammed, H Mordue, S Morgan, J Ng, R Newcombe, C Oliver, A Osibogun, A Poland-Goodyer, C Poll, W Raja, N Rana, M Rand, S Rouse, G Sandy, G Smith, L Smith BEM, M Smith, P Strachan, R Stuchbury, D Summers, M Tett, N Thomas, D Thompson, D Town, J Towns, M Turner, P Turner, G Wadhwa, A Waite, H Wallace, L Walsh, M Walsh, J Ward, J Waters, D Watson, A Wheelhouse, W Whyte, G Williams, M Winn and A Wood.

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1 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors S Adoh, D Anthony, D Blamires, N Brown, R Carington, R Gaffney, P Griffin, Mahboob Hussain JP, P Irwin, C Jackson, S James, P Kelly, R Khan BEM, S Lambert, P Martin, N Naylor, J Rush, S Raja, N Southworth, Sir Beville Stanier, M Stannard, L Sullivan, A Turner, J Wassell, S Wilson and K Wood. Apologies were also received from Lady Howe, Lord Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire, and Dame A Limb DBE DL, the High Sheriff of Buckinghamshire.

2 Minutes

RESOLVED –

That the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 22 February 2023 be approved as a correct record.

3 Declarations of Interest

There were none.

4 Chairman's Update

The Chairman detailed events that he had attended since the last Council meeting which had included a Family Drug and Alcohol seminar, 1st anniversary event on the invasion of Ukraine, Milton Keynes Mayor Civic Service and Awards ceremony, Bucks New University Chancellor day, High Sheriff Justice dinner, Gerrards Cross Town Civic Service, a number of citizenship ceremonies, Marlow Rugby Club concert featuring the Chiltern Music Academy, Buckinghamshire Council Annual Civic Service (High Wycombe), Aylesbury concert band, new High Sheriff of Buckinghamshire declaration of office event, a meeting with Honorary Alderman John Savage, Holi Festival (Aylesbury), Annual Scouts dinner, his Chairman's reception at The Gateway, Aston Clinton Community Centre opening ceremony, Amersham Community Board engagement event, Aylesbury Town Council St George's Day parade, and a British Empire Medal investiture ceremony. Mention was also made of the pin badges provided to Members that it was hoped they would wear with pride in the community.

The Vice Chairman of the Council also detailed events she had attended since the last Council meeting which included a number of citizenship ceremonies, the Chairman's Annual Civic Service in High Wycombe, the Chairman's reception at the Gateway, and in a private capacity the ceremony for the opening of the Aston Clinton Community Centre.

5 Petitions

There were none.

6 Presentation from the Buckinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service, Chief Fire Officer

Jason Thelwell, the Chief Fire Officer and Chief Executive of Bucks Fire and Rescue Service was in attendance to present to Members on the work of the Fire Service. Mr Thelwell was introduced by Councillor Rouse, Chairman of the Bucks Milton Keynes Fire Authority (BMKFA), who provided some context to the presentation. The BMKFA had set three priorities for the Fire Service over the last year, namely:

- To increase the whole establishment of the Service, thanks to additional funding obtained when Cllr L Clarke was Chairman of the BMKFA.
- To ensure that it moved to a sustainable financial footing, to enable it to invest and continue to transform the Service for the benefit of residents in Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes.
- To demonstrate continued improvement in the protection and service provided to residents. This included addresses the areas of improvement that HM Inspectorate had set out in 2021.

The following key points were highlighted during the presentation:

- The Vision – making Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes the safest areas in England in which to live, work and travel.
- Incidents attended in Buckinghamshire (excluding co-responders) in 2022/23.

- Data on accidental dwelling fires per 1,000 dwellings, which was significantly below the England average.
- Data and information on fire related fatalities and injuries at accidental dwelling fires.
- Data on the Home Fire Safety Visits (HFSV) undertaken.
- Information on road traffic accidents attended.
- Information on the workforce, noting that it was the intention to have a wholetime strength of 300 staff within the next 2 months.
- Financial Information on the precept flexibility (which had allowed for a £5 per year increase in Council tax for a Band D property), Urban Search and Rescue team (USAR) team funding (which thanks to local MPs lobbying the Minister had seen funding agreed for the next 2 years with an additional bid made to the Treasury), on pay inflation and future issues which included that a White Paper for reform of the Fire Service was 'imminent', looking at the culture of the Fire Service, and on collaboration across the Thames Valley.

Thanks were expressed by Members for the hard work of the Fire Service and its staff for all that they did to protect and keep the public safe. Details of the question / answer session to the Chief Fire Officer and Councillor Rouse were as follows:

- (i) That the increase in Council tax would raise an additional £2-3m that would help to recruit more staff.
- (ii) Details were provided of how the Fire Service had responded to austerity and a reduction in staff numbers from 2010. Largely due to the positive approach, flexibility and different working practices adopted by staff, it had been possible to maintain the number of Fire Engines that the Service operated.
- (iii) Details were provided on apprenticeships that were offered in all departments of the Fire Service.
- (iv) That the Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes Fire Service had one of the lowest precepts in the country (3rd or 4th lowest out of over 45 Fire Services).
- (v) That while the Fire Service regularly held exercises with HS2, e.g. for the USAR team to be able to respond to fire/safety emergencies in the long rail tunnels being built through the Chilterns, however, no additional funding was provided by HS2.
- (vi) That the Fire Service would be updating the Community Risk Management Plan to be able to respond to events such as 19 July last year (hottest day of the year) and was investing in equipment to be able to respond to events such as fighting wildfires.
- (vii) Information was provided on what the Fire Service was doing to identify and root out bullying, harassment, intimidation and other poor workplace practices and behaviours, including what was being done to respond to the recent HM Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services report. Anyone who had an issue was advised to report it to the Fire Service. The Deputy Chief Fire Officer had been fortnightly meetings over the past 5 years with the Head of HR to discuss every grievance and disciplinary issue that had been raised. If instances of bullying and harassment were found then staff

would be sacked, as had happened in the past, as it was stated that there was no place for such behaviours in the modern Fire Service or in any workplace. Enhanced DBS checks were also made of all front-line staff, including fire fighters, which had resulted in some applications to join the Fire Service being rejected, or information reported to other Fire Services if it was felt that was required.

- (viii) That the public should contact their local Fire Station or Aylesbury if they were aware of a vulnerable resident who they believe would benefit from a HFSV.
- (ix) That it was likely that the White Paper would raise issues such as operational independence, a College of Fire for the advancement of staff and a Fire Standards Board to raise standards within Services, which were all seen as positive measures.
- (x) Councillor Rouse commented on a likely proposal in the White Paper for oversight of Fire Services to move from local Fire Authorities to Police and Crime Commissioners. The Fire Authority and the LGA had both responded to a consultation that the case for this change was not strong enough, and that oversight should remain locally with Fire Authorities.

The Chairman expressed thanks to the Chief Fire Officer for his presentation and responding to Members' questions. The Chief Fire Officer thanked Members for their continued support for the work of the Fire Service and his staff.

7 Electoral Review - response to consultation on four Wards in South Buckinghamshire

Council received a report that explained that it had been expected that, on 28 February 2023, the Local Government Boundary Commission would publish its final proposals for the pattern of wards for Buckinghamshire Council. Instead, the Commission had launched a limited further consultation on revised proposals for four wards in the south-east of the county. These amendments were made by the Commission in response to a significant number of objections to their previous proposals in this area. The Commission believed the revisions achieved the best balance of their criteria: community identity, acceptable electoral variance, effective local government and their wish to minimise the number of parishes that would be split across Buckinghamshire wards.

The Commission had not indicated what position it had taken on the remainder of the county. Instead, it now intended to publish the final recommendations on all wards on 30 May. The further consultation had officially ended on 11 April but the Commission had given the Council an extension to 26 April to enable it to consider the matter.

As in previous stages, the Standards and General Purposes Committee had received recommendations from the cross-party Electoral Review Working Group formed under the Committee. Drop-in sessions for Ward members had been arranged with

the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Working Group. The Working Group recommended acceptance of the Commission's proposals. On 13 April, the Committee had agreed likewise and this was the recommendation now before Council.

Annex 1 summarised the key changes envisaged by the Commission, that were:

- A. To reverse the proposed extension of Chalfont St Peter southwards into Gerrards Cross Parish: based on "strong community-based evidence"
- B. Consequently, to reduce the number of Chalfont St Peter councillors by one: to achieve acceptable electoral variance for that ward (10%)
- C. To restore New Denham from Iver to Gerrards Cross & Denham: based on feedback that there were no "strong community or geographic links" between New Denham and Iver Parish. (The revision now aligns with this Council's original submission)
- D. To place Hedgerley and Fulmer within Farnhams & Stoke Poges: restoring Denham wholly to Gerrards Cross & Denham would result in that ward being out of variance; however, placing Fulmer & Hedgerley within the Farnhams & Stoke Poges Ward would achieve balance for both wards but would do so by expanding the latter from two members to three.
- E. To pluralise 'Farnham' to demonstrate that both Farnham Royal and Farnham Common are included in the name "Farnhams & Stoke Poges".

These changes would result in one fewer councillor overall, 97 instead of the previously proposed 98. The Commission had indicated, throughout the review, that the "98" number may marginally increase or decrease depending on the final balance of criteria for each Ward.

It was notable, from A-E of the proposed changes, that the revised proposals were interlocked, with a decision for one Ward having some impact on another. This demonstrated the consideration at the heart of an electoral review: achieving a balance of the relevant criteria for each ward and for its neighbours.

The Commission considered their revisions achieve a working balance of the criteria: only one Ward would exceed the variance, others coming well within it or at the acceptable limit of it; only one parish (Chalfont St Peter) would cross a Buckinghamshire Ward boundary; and each reflected an acceptable balance of community identity.

During the debate, points highlighted included:

- One Councillor stated that the proposals would negatively impact the strong links between Fulmer and Gerrards Cross and cause harm to community cohesion and effective governance, although it was commented that the Ward boundaries were 'soft' boundaries for the purposes of electoral representation and would not stop communities from across the boundary from continuing to work with each other.
- That it was unfortunate that the latest consultation would mean there were 97

rather than 98 Councillors representing the Council from 2025, although it was highlighted that the Commission had stated that the final Councillor numbers would possibly be 98 but could be plus/minus one Councillor number depending on the outcomes of the Warding arrangements.

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

RESOLVED –

(1) That the Council’s response to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England further consultation on warding arrangements be APPROVED, as summarized at paragraph 2.3 and in Annex 1 of the Council report, and as recommended by the Standards and General Purposes Committee.

(2) That the Service Director for Legal and Democratic Services be authorized to submit the response to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England on behalf of the Council.

8 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.

Councillor M Harker OBE, Chairman of the Communities and Localism Select Committee presented the report and highlighted a number of pieces of scrutiny work undertaken over the last year:

- The Communities and Localism SC and the Growth, Infrastructure and Housing SC held a joint meeting to look at the visitor economy.
- The Transport, Environment and Climate Change (TECC) SC and the Communities and Localism SC both held meetings where HS2 and East West Rail were held to account. The Communities and Localism SC had specifically looked at community engagement aspects, whilst the TECC SC continued to play a role in monitoring the projects.
- A comprehensive budget scrutiny exercise had been undertaken in January, making 9 recommendations to Cabinet on the budget.
- The Children’s and Education SC had undertaken a review of SEND pathways, including talking to various stakeholders.

- The Health and Adult Social Care SC had recently completed a review looking at the dementia journey in Buckinghamshire.
- The review of pollution in rivers and chalk streams undertaken by the TECC SC last year had been recognised by the Centre for Governance and Scrutiny as an exemplar piece of work.

It was also 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. The Member took the opportunity to express her 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 2022-2023 be noted.

9 Reports from Cabinet Members

This 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

The Leader reported that as well as the additional £5m released from General Fund Reserves for 2023/24 Highways road maintenance at the budget meeting, the Government had also now provided £2.3m for highways road maintenance. The Leader had written to the Government to lobby for further funding for road maintenance and had also lobbied local MPs. The Government had responded that they were in constant dialogue with the Treasury about the issue of funding for roads but there were no imminent plans to increase funding.

The Leader received comments and questions on highways road maintenance, levelling up, remuneration for teaching staff and on how the Council might generate additional income in the future. Members were informed:

- That it was a priority for the Council to deploy the additional £7.3m funding this year for additional highways road maintenance.
- That the 3 main priority areas for levelling up were central Aylesbury, central Wycombe, and parts of Chesham. This was led by the Place Based partnership that was chaired by the Chief Executive.
- That the money available for levelling up was as agreed at the budget meeting, although it would be important to leverage use of the funds to ensure that maximum benefits were achieved from that money.
- That the funding for teaching assistants was entirely done through schools, many of which were now academies, and it was up to them to determine what they paid staff from the funding provided from central Government.
- That a Member working party was being established to look at ideas for the Council to generate new income streams.

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

The Cabinet Member received comments and questions on assisting young people, support for Head Teachers, waiting times for autism diagnoses, SEND provision, schools funding and on children's homes. Members were informed:

- On the ways that local Members could assist young people in their areas with issues such as employment opportunities and upskilling themselves, which would include introducing a Member shadowing scheme, a new skills programme, and ensuring that local Members were able to be a conduit between the Council and local businesses and schools.
- That a skills / careers fair would be held at the Elgiva theatre, Chesham on 23 September. This would not only open up opportunities for young people but also for returners to work, re-skilling people, and for early retirees who might wish to come back to work.
- On what the Council was doing to support Head Teachers. This included increasing the number of educational psychologists employed from 12 to 20, who were available at all times to go in and advise head teachers and teaching staff with issues such as setting up counselling and trauma groups. The Council was also looking at what support could be provided from within local communities (collaborative working) and was ensuring that the Council maintained efforts to support families.
- That the Council would be working a lot more collaboratively with partners going forward to try to reduce waiting times for autism / ADHD diagnoses and had secured extra funding from partners to help deal with assessments and setting up treatments. An assurance had also been received that more staff would be recruited. An early help strategy would also assist in identifying issues earlier.
- Joint Care Quality Commission and Ofsted inspection of the local area SEND provision (in Scrutiny Annual Report) – it was confirmed that the Written Statement of Action (WSOA) had been submitted.
- On the work being done to recognise Bucks schools, teachers and everyone who worked in education in the county, which would include an inaugural School Awards held in June at Pinewood studios. There would be 12 award categories including new teacher of the year, teacher of the year, senior leadership head, health and wellbeing award, and a community award. Sponsorship had also been received from 12 sponsors to support the awards.
- That the Council was not able to provide additional monies to schools to assist for projects such as solar panels or heat pumps to help reduce energy costs. However, the Council would continue to lobby the DFE for extra funding for schools. Schools were also recommended to explore whether their local communities and Community Boards were able to support projects.
- That it was particularly pleasing that two of the children's homes set up by the Council had received an outstanding rating.
- That support could be provided to the Buckingham Town Council when they put together their next Neighbourhood Plan.

Cabinet Member for Culture and Leisure – Councillor Clive Harriss

The Cabinet Member received comments and questions on Little Marlow Lakes Country Park, Higginson Park, skills/training opportunities for prisoners and on the new Leisure Strategy. Members were informed:

- That there wasn't any particular update information to provide on the Officer Working party and the development of a viable business case for Little Marlow Lakes Country Park, although the CM would be happy to provide the Member with a written response.
- That the Member would be provided with information on when work would start to replace the play area in Higginson Park, Marlow.
- On what the Council was doing, primarily through the library service, to offer courses and skills training for prisoners.
- That a report on the pitch playing strategy and the new Leisure Strategy (Cabinet report) would both come forward in the next 3 months.

Cabinet Member for Transport – Councillor Steve Broadbent

The Cabinet Member (CM) received comments and questions on a wide range of transport related issues. Members were informed:

- That the pothole pro (specialist) machine was now out on the network fixing potholes.
- That the CM was aware of the pavement "disrepair" issue raised by a Member and that it had been assessed by two technicians. All pavement repairs were made in line with the Highways Safety inspection policy which helped prioritise where the £2m annual funding for footway schemes/repairs would take place.
- On the issues that had delayed a repair of lighting in St Marys Square, Aylesbury. The Member was asked to contact the Cabinet Member about the gully clearing issues in Kingsbury.
- That big improvements had been made to the 'Fix My Street' system including better messaging for people who had reported issues. It was possible that the improvements work had removed some duplicate reports and Members were asked to contact the Cabinet Member if they had a particular issue.
- On an update on the A4010, and that the Council was still waiting for DFT guidance on the scope of Local Transport Plan 5. The work of the North West Chilterns Community Board working group on a locally inspired transport strategy for that area was welcomed and would be helpful in shaping the overall future vision.
- Thanks were given for the work of the Council in relation to schemes to reduce traffic speeding in Rutland Avenue, Castlefield.
- That updates and enhancements done to the 'Fix My Street' system would hopefully improve and making messaging more accurate, e.g. rather than stating that a job was done, it would report when temporary fixes/repairs had been done, which would later be re-visited to do a permanent repair.
- That work on developing the Parking Strategy was ongoing.

- On the work of the parking enforcement teams, including that there were a number of unfilled vacancies.
- That the Council had received Government funding for the on-street vehicle charging trial in Wendover, that would happen this year. A complication was that channels cut into footpaths and using existing structures such as lamp posts or bollards required planning permission. Members were encouraged to inform the team of any sites that thought suitable for on-street charging. The Council's EV Charging Plan was focussed on putting points into publicly available spaces rather than workplaces timescales, although employers were also encouraged to provide workplace vehicle charging for their employees.
- On the recent closures of Eastern Street and Swan car park due to anti-social behaviour.
- That the CM empathised with the Member about utility companies putting up too many traffic lights in some areas (vicinity of Cressex Business Park was mentioned) which then led traffic gridlock. It was stated that one of the biggest reasons, apart from safety, for revoking permits was traffic management concerns. The Council continued to monitor utility companies to ensure they complied with permit conditions.
- That any assessments looking at 20 m.p.h. speed limits would be undertaken according to DFT guidelines. If it met the guidelines, had local support, and had the necessary funding then it could proceed. The information for any application would be gathered in accordance with the Council's policy so would not be impacted by the change of contractor from TFB to Buckinghamshire Transport.
- That the CM shared the concerns of the Member about increased vehicle movements through Buckinghamshire due to drivers trying to avoid the expanded ULEZ zone. The Mayor of London had failed to share any traffic modelling data of any impacts in response to requests. The CM had written to the mayor objecting to the financial burdens that the scheme would impose on the people of Buckinghamshire and the disproportionate impact on those on lower incomes. Independent studies had found that the scheme would have negligible impact on vehicle emissions in the Greater London area. The Leader of the Council also stated that the Council strongly opposed the introduction of the new scheme and that he had instructed Officers that the Mayor of London would not be permitted to put any of his signage on Buckinghamshire Council owned property.
- With an update on the Active Travel Plan for Buckingham.
- That he would ask whether a review of the salting route for Tingewick Road was necessary due to changed circumstances.
- That he would check for the Member on the priority of the road in Hazlemere for Civil Enforcement Officer visits.
- With an update on EV charging in Marlow and some of the future plans for the county.

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

The Cabinet Member received comments and questions on autism, the new CQC inspection regime and adult social care funding. Members were informed:

- That the integrated commissioning team were undertaking work looking at an all-age autism strategy, which would look at a partnership approach to working. The CM would be mindful on how Members could be best involved to input local knowledge to this work and the strategy.
- With an update on what the Council was doing to ensure that services were operating at a level that would comply with the new CQC assurance/inspection regime. An all-Member briefing in July would focus on informing Members on the CQC inspection regime.
- With an update on adult social care funding, including that it had been examined as part of the budget scrutiny process earlier in the year.

Cabinet Member for Planning and Regeneration – Councillor Peter Strachan

The Cabinet Member received comments and questions on local markets, the Buckinghamshire Local Plan, Neighbourhood Plans, Member call-ins and on 2 specific planning issues. Members were informed:

- The CM agreed that local markets had an important role to play in the post-Covid recovery and welcomed the news on the Gerrards Cross street market starting this month and that it would meet going forward on the 2nd Sunday of each month.
- That the Council's position was unchanged in using brown before green for developments. The Council was still waiting for future housing allocations information from Government and would continue to keep Members updated.
- With an update on the development of the Buckinghamshire Local Plan.
- That the Council was supportive of Parish Councils developing Neighbourhood Plans, which would help to protect them from speculative planning applications.
- That planning committee dates were place holders in the calendar of meetings, and it cost nothing to cancel a meeting if there was no business to transact. The CM would write to the Member with information about the number of Member call-ins that had been received.
- That if a Member wrote to him about a particular issue relating to hedgerows in Ickford that he would respond.
- That if a Member wrote to him with a specific issue relating to sewage and drainage provision for new developments that he would respond.

There were no questions for the Cabinet Member for Accessible Housing and Resources – Councillor John Chilver

Cabinet Member for Communities – Councillor Steve Bowles

The Cabinet Member received comments and questions on High Wycombe,

Community Board funding, the VCSE Resilience Fund, digital food vouchers, assets of community value and on the PSPO extension for Buckingham Town Centre. Members were informed:

- That the right time to consider any Community Governance Review relating to the unparished area in Wycombe could be following the local Government boundary review of Buckinghamshire that was currently being undertaken and would be known by the end of May 2023. It was stated that engagement with High Wycombe was often done through the High Wycombe Town Committee and the Community Board.
- That it would be appropriate for a Community Board to consider a grant application from a school for a project to help reduce energy costs.
- About the Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) Sector Resilience Fund that could provide support and award grants to organisations suffering from increased operating costs due to cost-of-living pressures, with additional priority given to organisations aiming to reduce inequalities amongst residents living in the most disadvantaged areas of the county.
- That if a Member wrote to him about an area in a part of High Wycombe that would benefit from the Helping Hands scheme that he would refer it to the relevant team.
- That if a Member wrote to him about digital food vouchers, i.e. how many used/redeemed and their effectiveness, then he would respond.
- That if a Member wrote to him about assets of community value and the Council's role in issues such as the sale of pubs/community shops closing in villages, then he would respond.
- That he would be responding to Buckingham Town Council in relation to the Public Space Protection Order extension for Buckingham Town Centre.

Cabinet Member for Homelessness and Regulatory Services – Councillor Mark Winn

The Cabinet Member updated Members on the actions being taken by the Council and the Environmental Health team regarding damp and mould in private rental and housing association accommodation. The team had dealt with 99 cases in 2021/22 which had risen to 211 cases in 2022/23. The EH team's plans for the forthcoming winter period would be discussed at a forthcoming Growth, Infrastructure and Housing Select Committee. The Cabinet Member received comments and questions on a wide range of issues. Members were informed:

- On what the Council was doing to ensure that taxi drivers were complying with the conditions of their licences and to ensure the safety of the general public travelling with them, particularly as they transported many vulnerable people.
- On the provision for the homeless in the Wycombe area, and that the Bridge Court development in Bridge Road (58 temporary places) would open very soon. An open day for Councillors to visit the development would be arranged.
- That the mention in his CM report of French travellers simply indicated where the people had travelled from. His report had also mentioned that the

- travellers had been very polite and had moved on quickly.
- On the current draft policy relating to licensed activities such as dog breeding and boarding kennels, and riding schools, and which set out the steps the Council would be taking to ensure that these businesses were run by fit and proper persons. Members and the public were encouraged to comment on the draft policy.
 - That it was initially planned to use both Bridge Road and Saunderton Lodge for temporary accommodation, but the Lodge would be closing at some point in the future. A scheme had come forward for the Star Blocks, Castlefield (owned by the Red Kite Housing Association) but been found to be unaffordable. The Council was waiting for further plans from the Housing Association.
 - That the majority of cases of damp / mould investigated by the Council related to housing association accommodation.
 - That the best way for people to report damp / mould issues to the Council was via the Environmental Health team. The CM asked for Members to let him know of instances where people may have been referred back to their local Councillor.
 - That one of the limiting factors of Bucks Home Choice was the lack of social housing. It was helpful if residents were as flexible as possible when offered social housing although it was appreciated this was not always possible. An update was provided on the work being done to provide more social housing, including that a Housing Strategy would be brought forward in the Summer.
 - That the CM report had been referred more to regulating street trading in public accessible areas than to cold calling premises.
 - On the once a weekly Registrar Service visits to Buckingham (held in the library), which had had to be discontinued during the pandemic. The Service was currently recruiting and was hopeful to reinstate the weekly visits to Buckingham later this year.

Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change – Councillor Gareth Williams

The Cabinet Member received comments and questions on tree planting, Bledlow Ridge HRC and on waste collections. Members were informed:

- That 145,000 trees had been planted by the Council in the last planting season, with this being done with a variety of partners including local groups and with the Forestry Commission. The CM also mentioned how local groups and the community could get involved to support tree planting efforts and that he was supportive of a Chalfont St Giles community orchard.
- That the Council was committed to establishing the Wing Wood with the Forestry Commission on a 51 hectare site, that would include planting 132K trees (109K already planted), a couple of ponds, a community orchard, hazel coppicing and some latticing.
- On the Bledlow Ridge Household Recycling Centre that had re-opened after being closed for 4 years. The HRC was working well and being used by local Bucks residents. Some of the biodiversity offsets built included 150 metres

- of hedging put in, in partnership with Chiltern Rangers.
- That if a Member wrote to the CM about a persistent problem with waste collections in non-standards areas that he would respond.
- On some of the actions that the Council was undertaking to protect mature / established trees including placing a TPO on an ancient woodland that was threatened by HS2. Mention was also made of recent action taken at Hazlemere forest. It was explained that TPOs were the legal mechanism, subject to satisfying certain requirements, used by the Council to protect trees.

10 Questions on Notice from Members

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

11 Report for information - Key Decisions Report

A list of decisions taken by Cabinet Members since the last Full Council meeting on 22 February 2023 were received and noted.

12 Date of Next Meeting

The next full Council meeting (Annual Council) would take place on Wednesday 17 May 2023 at 4pm.



Report to full Council

Date:	17 May 2023
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 2023/24 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 2023/24 will be published following the meeting.

2. Background papers

- 2.1 None.

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Report to Full Council

Date: 17 May 2023

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 details of the individual nominations by political groups to council committees will be published at the Council meeting).
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 or vary lists of proposed substitute nominations.
4. Notes the appointments made by the Leader for the municipal year 2023/24 of the chairmen of the Community Board (Appendix 3 with the appointments will be published at the Council meeting).
5. Approves the appointment of councillors to partnerships and outside bodies for 2023/24 (Appendix 5 – to be published at the Council meeting)

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 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 2023/24 of the chairmen of the Community Boards.

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 The most recent proportionality review was considered at the Council meeting on 22 February 2023. Proportionality is unchanged since that review.

1.5 The political balance of the Council is currently 112 Conservatives, 16 Liberal Democrats, 6 Independents, 6 Labour, 4 Wycombe Independents, 2 Independent Network and 1 Green Party. There are 3 political groups comprising 112 (The Conservative Group), 20 (The Alliance Grouping) and 15 (IMPACT Alliance) Members. There are no ungrouped members. Following the agreement of all political groups the final allocations proposed are 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	76.2%	163.81	164
Alliance Grouping	21	13.6%	29.25	29
IMPACT Alliance	13	10.2%	21.94	22
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	5.333	5	0.952	1	0.714	1
Senior Appointments	7	5.333	5	0.952	1	0.714	1
Strategic Sites	12	9.143	9	1.633	2	1.224	1
Audit & Governance	12	9.143	9	1.633	2	1.224	1
Standards	14	10.667	11	1.905	2	1.429	1
Licensing	15	11.429	11	2.041	2	1.531	2
Area Planning North	12	9.143	9	1.633	2	1.224	1
Area Planning East	12	9.143	9	1.633	2	1.224	1
Area Planning West	12	9.143	9	1.633	2	1.224	1
Area Planning Central	12	9.143	9	1.633	2	1.224	1
Area Planning South	10	7.619	8	1.361	1	1.020	1
Select Committee – Health & Adult Social Care	15	11.429	11	2.041	2	1.531	2
Select Committee - Children & Education	15	11.429	11	2.041	2	1.531	2

Select Committee - Transport, Environment & Climate Change	15	11.429	11	2.041	2	1.531	2
Select Committee – Communities & Localism	15	11.429	11	2.041	2	1.531	2
Select Committee - Growth, Infrastructure & Housing	15	11.429	11	2.041	2	1.531	2
Select Committee – Finance & Resources	15	11.429	11	2.041	2	1.531	2
Aggregate	215	163.810	160	29.252	31	21.939	24
Adjustment required			4		-2		-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 (9.14)	2 (1.63)	1 (1.22)	0
BOB (Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West) Joint Health Scrutiny and Overview Committee	6	5(4) (4.57)	1 (0.82)	1 (0.61)	-1*
Chilterns Conservation Board	5	4 (3.81)	1 (0.68)	1(0) (0.51)	-1*

* In the case of a remainder of -1, the most marginal seat is lost. Adjusted figures are shown in bold above.

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	1	-1
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	1	1	1
12	9	2	1	0
13	10	2	1	0
14	11	2	1	0
15	11	2	2	0
16	12	2	2	0

Appointments to Committees

- 1.8 Group Leaders have appointed members to the committees according to these proportionality arrangements (Appendix 2 – paper to be published at the Council meeting).
- 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. A schedule setting out the Leader’s appointments of Chairmen of the 16 Community Boards for 2023/24 will be published at the Council meeting.
- 1.10 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

- 1.11 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.
- 1.12 While all Members can substitute 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 or vary lists of proposed substitute nominations.

Appointment of Councillors to Partnerships and Outside Bodies

- 1.13 The Council is responsible for appointing members to a range of partnerships and outside bodies. 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 Leader is responsible for nominations to the appointments. Where political proportionality applies, nominations are made by the relevant Group Leader(s). In 2023/24, this applies to the Chiltern Conservation Board.
- 1.14 The Council is invited to approve the appointment of councillors to partnerships and outside bodies for 2023/2024 (Appendix 5 – to be published at the Council meeting).
- 1.15 The schedule of appointments will be kept under review during the year and the Leader will notify the Monitoring Officer of any changes that arise.

Legal and financial implications

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

Consultation and communication

- 1.17 Consultation on 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 be published at the Council meeting

Appendix 3 – Appointments made by the Leader for the municipal year 2023/24 of the chairmen of the Community Boards

To be published at the Council meeting

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 (Lab)
Lesley Clarke OBE (Con)
Tony Green (Con)
Steve Guy (Lab)
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)

Appendix 5 – Nominations to Partnerships and Outside Bodies

To be published at the Council meeting

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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	11	2	2
Area Planning North	12	9	2	1
Area Planning East	12	9	2	1
Area Planning West	12	9	2	1
Area Planning Central	12	9	2	1
Area Planning South	10	8	1*	1*
Select Committee – Health & Adult Social Care	15	12 (11)	2	1 (2)
Select Committee - Children & Education	15	11	2	2
Select Committee - Transport, Environment & Climate Change	15	12 (11)	1 (2)	2
Select Committee – Communities & Localism	15	11	2	2
Select Committee - Growth, Infrastructure & Housing	15	12 (11)	1 (2)	2
Select Committee – Finance & Resources	15	12 (11)	2	1 (2)
Total	215	164 (160)	29 (31)	22 (24)

* By mutual agreement between Group Leaders, the Alliance Grouping seat on Area Planning South will be taken up by the IMPACT Alliance

Figures in brackets show the original calculated proportionality seats. Due to rounding, this results in an under-allocation for the Conservative Group of 4 seats, an over-allocation of 2 seats for the Alliance Grouping, and an over-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 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	4 (5)	1	1
Chilterns Conservation Board	5	4	1	0 (1)

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 and Chiltern Conservation Board – in each case, the most marginal seat is lost (adjusted figures are shown in bold).



Report to full Council

Date:	17 May 2023
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 2023/24 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, 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 of this Committee are also included in the table below for information.

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 as 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 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 Council

Date:	17 May 2023
Title:	Buckinghamshire Council Annual Report 2022-23
Cabinet Member(s):	Councillor Martin Tett, Leader
Contact officer:	Rachel Bennett rachel.bennett@buckinghamshire.gov.uk
Ward(s) affected:	All
Recommendations:	To note the achievements of the Council in 2022-23 against the objectives outlined in the Buckinghamshire Council Corporate Plan 2020-25
Reason for decision:	N/A

1. Development of Annual Report

- 1.1 Buckinghamshire Council's Corporate Plan 2020-2025 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.
- 1.2 Each year we produce an annual report to highlight our achievements against the key priorities outlined in the Corporate Plan:
 - Strengthening our communities
 - Protecting the vulnerable
 - Improving our environment
 - Increasing prosperity
- 1.3 The draft Buckinghamshire Council Annual Report 2022-23 is attached as Appendix 1.

2. Other options considered

- 2.1 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.

3. Legal and financial implications

3.1 No legal or financial implications are anticipated.

4. Corporate implications

4.1 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.

5. Local councillors & community boards consultation & views

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

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

6. Communication, engagement & further consultation

6.1 Not applicable at this stage.

7. Next steps and review

7.1 The report will be published on our external website.

8. Background papers

8.1 [The Buckinghamshire Council Corporate Plan](#)

9. Your questions and views (for key decisions)

9.1 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 email democracy@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

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Buckinghamshire Council Annual Report 2022/23

Foreword

This year, as we mark our third anniversary as Buckinghamshire Council, I continue to marvel at how much we have achieved since becoming a unitary authority. We are continually improving our systems and services, supporting and empowering our communities, and responding to external conditions in a way that inspires hope and creates opportunity for all.

It remains an extraordinarily difficult time for local government as well as for the many differing and diverse communities, businesses, and sectors we serve. Cost-of-living and inflationary pressures alongside new and increasing demands on council services have dominated the past year, at a time when recovery from the covid-19 pandemic remains a priority.

As you'll read throughout this annual report, we are a council focussed on progress and improvement, yet we have demonstrated the ability to adapt to local and national challenges while harnessing opportunity as it arises. It means we can be a resilient, agile, and responsive council but still lay the foundations for future proposals that centre on building a county of which everyone can be proud.

In looking ahead to the future, we have taken a long view, beyond covid-19, to a regenerated county with jobs, vibrant communities in healthy, green spaces, local economic growth, fair distribution of opportunity and access, and public services fit to meet the challenges of the future. We have launched our Opportunity Bucks programme, developed place-based regeneration strategies, signed a new highways contract and undertaken key policy reviews. Our Corporate Plan and Buckinghamshire's Strategic Vision for 2050 continue to be our roadmap to a thriving, resilient, successful, connected, healthier, and inclusive Buckinghamshire.

As a Council, all Members have played a key role in the delivery of our achievements over the last year and we're delighted that this year, as a finalist for the prestigious LGC Council of the Year Award, these achievements have been recognised nationally.

I am pleased to be able to reflect in this report how we continue to develop and grow as a Council, how we continue to support our residents and how responsive we are, adapting to and embracing often difficult external factors – thanks to all the work we've done over the last twelve months, we can look forward to a stable and ambitious future.

Martin Tett
Leader, Buckinghamshire Council



Buckinghamshire Council Cabinet Members



Angela Macpherson
Deputy Leader and
Health & Wellbeing



Martin Tett
Leader



Gareth Williams
Deputy Leader and
Climate Change & Environment



Steve Bowles
Communities



Mark Winn
Homelessness
& Regulatory
Services



John Chilver
Accessible
Housing &
Resources



Anita Cranmer
Education &
Children Service



Steve Broadbent
Transport



Peter Strachan
Planning &
Regeneration



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 2022/23 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.





Challenges 2022/2023

There have been many great achievements throughout 2022/23, however, we have had to overcome a few challenges along the way. Some of these are new challenges arising from situations such as the war in Ukraine and inflationary pressures; whilst others remain challenges following the impact of the pandemic or more long term factors. Many we will need to continue to address and overcome in future years. These challenges have included:

Increased demand

- There is an increased demand for adult social care services and increasing complexity of care needs, for example Buckinghamshire's growth in demand is higher than other Local Authorities in the South-East. From 2020-21 to 2021-22 Buckinghamshire reported a 46% increase in people making contact for care needs compared to the regional average of 16% growth. (Comparative data for 2022-23 will be available in Nov).
- Challenges in the NHS translate into social care demand as a person's condition will usually deteriorate whilst waiting for health services and discharge from hospital.
- There is a growing demand for temporary accommodation and housing and homelessness services following the end of the pandemic related emergency accommodation provisions.
- The impact of the war in Ukraine and ongoing resettlement of eligible families from Afghanistan has led to an increase in refugees in the county which in turn has increased demand for housing across the county.
- The impact of housing growth places greater demand on services such as waste collection and household recycling centres.
- An increase in the number of referrals into children's social care where the primary concern is child and/or parent mental health difficulties

Infrastructure Pressures

- National infrastructure projects such as HS2 and East West Rail continue to have an impact in Buckinghamshire through increased traffic, damage to the highways network and environmental impacts.
- The very cold weather that started in December, continued into January/February. This combined with very wet conditions, led to unprecedented levels of defects being reported which placed added pressure on our highways teams.

Supply/Recruitment

- There are national shortages of skills in a number of professions which have led to difficulties recruiting and retaining staff for some services, including Children's and Adult Social Care, planning, teachers and teaching assistants and HGV drivers for waste collection. For example, the vacancy rate in Adult Social Care is typically over 35%. Staff shortages within the wider care sector also places significant constraints on the supply and stability of both home and residential care.

Impact of inflation

- Rising inflation is impacting the delivery of capital projects and programmes due to increase in cost of construction materials.
- More residents turning to the council for help and creating a pressure as resources have not increased to match demand.

Education and Skills

- The attainment gap between disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged pupils post pandemic remains a challenge.
- The pressure on schools and local authority resources to meet the increasing volume and complexity of pupils' needs.



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.

Our key delivery programme to achieve this is Opportunity Bucks – Succeeding for All, which will focus on 10 wards where residents are experiencing the most hardships, to design and deliver targeted interventions that support improvement in outcomes for our residents.



Opportunity Bucks Multiply bus in Aylesbury



Strengthening our communities

Our achievements this year



Opportunity Bucks Succeeding for All

launched, as a local response to the national Levelling Up agenda



71% of our care leavers in employment, education, and training compared to **57%** across the South East

Re-housed 1,541 households

into social housing tenancies via the Bucks Home Choice scheme in Mar 2022 - Apr 2023

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Joined the **Making Every Adult Matter** network to work intensively with people who are facing multiple disadvantages

A total of

29 additional units

of accommodation for rough sleepers encompassing high, medium and low support needs will be delivered



Completed 203 vital adaptations

as part of the Disabled Facilities programme between Apr 2022 and Mar 2023



Established a local crisis fund with local charity partner Heart of Bucks to provide further help to residents experiencing cost-of-living hardship. Raised in excess of

£190,000



50% reduction in rough sleeper count



(16 recorded in 2022 compared to 34 in 2019)



An additional **509** affordable homes were delivered via Registered Providers 2022-2023

Our **16 Community Boards** have continued to bring together local communities to tackle local issues



In the year 2022/2023,
they delivered 334 projects totalling some £1.7m.

Since their launch in 2020, **977 projects** have been delivered totalling **£5.7m**



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As of Jan 2023, each £1 of Community Board funding (community projects) has secured **£1.03 in contributory funding**



More than **397 nominations** received for our Proud of Bucks Awards, with **46 winners** and **48** commended recognising individuals, local groups and organisations

Launched our Town and Parish Council charter, working on **22 pilots** and **80** additional opportunities to devolve assets to town and parish councils



Successfully defended the Council's position to decline to sell a parcel of land adjacent the old railway line at Bourne End against a Right To Contest application

£420k invested in replacing and improving children's play spaces, with all new play areas including accessible play equipment



New interactive soft play and sensory area in **Chesham Leisure Centre** and new outdoor play facilities at the **Chilterns Lifestyle Centre** in Amersham



over 3,526,602 visits to our leisure centres in 2022/23, and lots of new activities to help people stay healthy



Over 60 activities hosted by our libraries in partnership with local community organisations to celebrate the **Platinum Jubilee**

497,766 visits to main cultural venues in Buckinghamshire in 2022-2023



Successful delivery of the Bucks History Festival



Delivered a successful **WhizzFizzFest** arts and literary festival



375,255 calls

handled through our customer service centre and

5,813 webchats

5,815,584 visits to our website,

23,420 face-to-face visits to our Council Access Points (CAPs)



89 consultation and engagement activities to date

(excludes those run by Transport for Buckinghamshire)



18,626 baby and young child checks

by Health Visitors in Buckinghamshire between Apr 2022 - Mar 2023



11,090 free NHS Health Checks

have been delivered to those aged **40-74**, which identifies early signs of stroke, kidney disease, heart disease, type 2 diabetes or dementia

Delivered **15** community housing events attended by over

750 Ukrainian guests

and their sponsors



Trained 20 volunteer cooking tutors to deliver targeted 5-week cookery courses to key community groups across Bucks



Supported residents to reduce their sedentary behaviour working with over 60 partners we engaged with **4,826 residents including 1200 children** through schools



72% of adults completing the weight management programme achieving a **3% weight loss** and **57%** achieving **5% weight loss**



Launched our Buckinghamshire Swan Envoys Scheme, a network of ambassadors who **help to inspire and encourage** others and promote Buckinghamshire



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.

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.



HAF December 2022



Protecting the vulnerable

Our achievements this year



helpinghand

The Helping Hand team through the Household Support Fund have delivered:

- **17,146** provisions of support to financially vulnerable households
- **82,939** digital food vouchers for eligible families during the school holidays

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Created 55 Welcoming Spaces, supporting local people to stay warm and well this winter

285 warm boxes

given out through our libraries



Under the Council Tax Energy Rebate Scheme, we have paid out **£19.2m** to over **137,254** Buckinghamshire households so far



Accommodated **15 families from Afghanistan** (March 2023) and as of Dec 2022, we have welcomed more than **1,600 Ukrainian guests** into the County

SIGN UP



Community Safety Officers, Street Wardens and Neighbourhood Policing teams carried out **55 visits** throughout Nov and Dec 2022 as part of the Ask for Angela campaign

16 days of action

held for white ribbon day



Launched the Bucks Domestic Abuse Partnership website providing information for victims and guidance for professionals

466 colleagues and partners have attended domestic abuse and violence against women and girls training



Recruited a further **186 Domestic Abuse Champions**

Satisfaction survey results show the proportion of people who are satisfied with their care and support

remains above average at 66%



Significantly reduced the number of adults waiting over 28 days to be allocated a social worker **by 56%, from 71 to 31**



Continuing our Adult Social Care annual reviews improvements, **5,712** people have been reviewed this year – an average of 109 per week compared to Regional (South-East) average of 102.

The number of people contacting adult social care for support has **increased by 65%** since 2020-21. Of these, in 2022/23, **over 92%**

were supported to **live independently** through advice and guidance, occupational therapy, reablement or telecare



Reduction in Occupational Therapy waiting list this year **from 758** people (Apr 2022) to **217** people (Mar 2023)

Significant improvements in the timeliness of triaging safeguarding concerns in adults, despite increasing demand. Performance



increased to 88% in Mar 2023, up from 43% in Apr 2022



44% of community clients receive direct payments compared to 27% in both England and the South-East (2021-2022)

Between Jan and Oct 2022, **520 new Education, Health and Care Plans** were issued (excluding exceptions) with 66% of these within 20 weeks, which is **above national benchmark of 60%**

There has been an **increase** in the number of adoptive families, **from 14** between April 2021 and March 2022 to **16** between April 2022 and March 2023



Management oversight on all open children's social care case records has increased from **66%** of cases in Apr 2022 to **74%** in March 2023

In Nov 2022, **70%** of the percentage of 19-21-year-olds who have left care were in education, employment or training, **compared to 57%** across the South East

The number of completed assessments in 45 working days increased by **15%** from **3,587** in 2021-2022 to **4,185** in 2022-2023



Increase in Initial Family Support Plans completed within 31 days **increased from 84%** at the end of April 2022 **to 95% March 2023**

Management oversight on open Family Support Service cases (in the Early Help service) **increased from 86% in Apr 2022 to 95% in March 2023**

From Apr 2022 to Mar 2023, Live Well Stay Well (LWSW) received **11,816** referrals compared to **10,221** for the previous year

During the same period, **1,105 adults** accessed a weight management service through the LWSW programme compared to **862** for the previous year

Nearly **14,000 children and young people** eligible for free school meals, early years pupil premium or 2-year-old funded early education are receiving additional support through the Household Support Grant in the form of supermarket vouchers for the school holidays



8,650 Home to School Transport passengers transported to school every day with over 458 families taking up personal transport budgets



Introduction of a further **4 new** commercial school bus routes which run independently of the Council



251 volunteers have led a programme of **70 Simply Walks** (mostly weekly) across Buckinghamshire, with more than **1,000 walkers** taking part each quarter (resulting in a footfall of approx. 26,000 over the year)!

Developed a Winter Readiness and Response Framework to plan and prepare for winter, working with **15 frontline services**



Public Health have supported the NHS to see over **180,000** people receive a **covid autumn booster** vaccine within Buckinghamshire. This is over **70% of over 50's** and over **85% of over 75's**



Launched the **Resilience Tool Kit** for residents on our website to provide advice to prepare for and respond to an emergency, including holding resilience workshops



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, a third is covered by the Metropolitan Green Belt and we have two National Trails (The Ridgeway and the Thames Path) running through the county.

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 must deliver more homes and associated infrastructure for our growing population. By managing growth sensibly and responsibly (including identifying appropriate surplus public sector property and actively developing this for market, affordable housing, and key worker housing), 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.



Heron at the Wendover Canal



Improving our environment

Our achievements this year



We are **on track** to reduce our carbon emissions by at least **75% by 2030**

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Nitrogen dioxide concentrations are lower than the 40µg/m³ (micrograms per cubic metre) annual mean in 2020 and 2021 across all monitoring locations in Buckinghamshire



Secured Government grants in excess of **£10.3m** to progress climate change projects

Continued the successful delivery of our **4-year £100m** improvement programme to our highways network



Continuing our gully clearing programme with over **85,000** gullies in the county to help mitigate the impact of highway flooding



Provided new cameras in fly tipping hotspots to combat cross border fly-tipping



Fly-tipping offenders have been ordered to pay **£83,794 in fines** and costs regarding dumping offences in Buckinghamshire in the year 2022-2023



We have completed **31** prosecutions, **20** Fixed Penalty Notices and **18** Simple Cautions for fly-tipping offences



Continuing to **hold to account** HS2 and EWR to seek mitigations for detrimental impacts including **remuneration for roads**

7,647 Highway related search requests in relation to the purchase of property or land completed in 2022-2023



Developed a new service model to transform the way we deliver the highways service

In 2022/2023 we completed **23,780** pothole repairs



Safe Drive Stay Alive

celebrated its 19th year in 2022 and has welcomed over 324,000 visitors since its first performances in 2006

Buckinghamshire Council has topped a league of **59 local authorities** who are members of the ModeShift STARS scheme – with the council having the **highest percentage of schools with a sustainable travel plan**

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Launched demand responsive transport pilot in High Wycombe delivering **25,000 trips** since the launch and is now exceeding **250 passengers** a day



Provided **467 Personal Transport Budgets** giving eligible young people with SEND and their families the flexibility to make travel arrangements to suit their needs



49 public bus routes subsidised with a **£2.05m** budget annually

Adopted our ambitious **Electric Vehicle Action Plan** to provide access to low emission vehicles



secured £667k funding to install charging points for **128 vehicles** in public car parks, resulting in an **increase of 30%** compared to Oct 2022

Bledlow Household Recycling Centre



opened in Jan 2023 to enable local residents to reuse, recycle and compost their waste at a more convenient location

2022 has seen a **34% increase** in the amount of waste sent for reuse via the South Bucks Hospice Reuse Shops

Over 1.16m visitors to the Country Parks in 2022-2023



Five Green Flag awards

for our parks: Heartlands in Buckingham, Vale Park and Bedgrove Park in Aylesbury, Higginson Park in Marlow and Hughenden Park in High Wycombe



4.4 out of 5

satisfaction rating from visitors to our main town and country parks

Finalists in national **Keep Britain Tidy awards** for Community Engagement, for the Litter Bug Trail and Waste Awareness Day events at Country Parks



62% of adults accessing a stop smoking service between Apr 2022 – Mar 2023 reported successfully quitting at four weeks compared to **55%** in 2021-2022

Since June 2020 **8.0 tonnes of produce** have been collected across 20 allotments through **Grow to Give** food donations



Buckinghamshire Council was **placed 5th nationally** for number of planning enforcement notices issued in 2021-2022, **the best in the country outside of London**

In 2022/2023 we have: issued **125** planning enforcement notices undertaken **1,730** investigations closed **1,707** cases




14,500 planning and related applications registered in 2022 (Second highest number of applications registered nationally in 2022)

33,800 trees planted by end of March 2023 with proposals for an **additional 132,000**



Extended e-scooter schemes by 18 months in Aylesbury, High Wycombe and Princes Risborough, **saving approx 50,000 car journeys and 20 tonnes CO2e** (carbon dioxide equivalent)

Delivered over 4 miles of new active travel routes including Platinum Way, Berryfields to Buckingham Park and Wendover and 3 parallel crossings to prioritise people cycling and walking

Opened the St Peter's Greenway 

A new mile long cycling and walking route between the Buckingham Park and Berryfields developments in Aylesbury, providing a high quality link to schools and communities

SIGN UP



80 hotels

across Buckinghamshire signed up to the Hotel Watch scheme



Increasing prosperity

Buckinghamshire is a prosperous county and a successful place to do business, contributing £18 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. Action is needed now to ensure our economy remains fit for the future.





Increasing prosperity

Our achievements this year

162 businesses

registered with Bucks & Surrey Trading Standards (B&STS) as primary authority, making it the largest regulatory provider of Primary Authority services



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Bucks & Surrey Trading Standards **won two categories** at the Regulatory Excellence Awards 2022

- Service Excellence
- Leadership in Regulatory Services (for a member of the team)

Established a **Place Based Growth Board**



to ensure an agreed vision for future economic growth and development in Buckinghamshire

An estimated **additional £3.7m** spent with local businesses in Bucks through location filming on Council owned/managed land handled through the new **Buckinghamshire Film Office**



Over **£1.2m** secured in grants for local culture facilities and activities by the council and our culture partners



90.6% of schools are rated good or outstanding by Ofsted compared to 87.8% nationally (March 2023)

98% of early years providers are also **rated good or outstanding**, compared to 97% nationally



Key Stage 4 (GCSE and equivalent) results continue to be **above national average** compared to other local authority areas.

In 2022, the Attainment 8 score in Buckinghamshire was **57.3 compared to the national figure of 48.8**



Buckinghamshire Council **recruited 45 young people** on six-month contracts as part of the Government Kickstart scheme.

17 kickstarters have secured a permanent role.



We hosted over **40** targeted council recruitment events in collaboration with hiring managers including:

- **Try Before You Apply**
- **Care Leavers Event**
- **HM Prison events**
- **Homes for Ukraine**

186 employees



on apprenticeship programmes across council services and maintained schools

We attended **15 external place-based recruitment events**

alongside other local employers attracting over 4,000 attendees



Secured **£5.8m** from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund which will support a range of local priorities including support local business, communities and place and people and skills

Allocated **£1.8m of funding** through the Rural England Prosperity Fund for grants to rural businesses



We have run two projects funded by the Community Renewal Fund through 2022 which invested almost

£800,000 in the local community



Buckinghamshire Council secured

£20.6m

of section 106 contributions from new development and

£6.8m

in Community Infrastructure Levy

The Council have spent **£22.8m**

of S106 funds on infrastructure to mitigate the impacts of new developments



Delivered Cycleway schemes including

Platinum Way, Berryfields to Buckingham Park and Wendover

Building, leading and managing the organisation

Our achievements this year



An extensive electoral review process completed which has **significantly redefined** the membership and electoral wards



First in country to implement **integrated care IT system**

connecting council, schools, hospitals and fire stations across the county



Completed transfer of old website into new site

ahead of schedule

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In partnership, developed and launched the **Bucks Data Exchange**,  a one-stop shop for data, insights and statistics about the local area and its population

We have delivered **£39m savings**  since the Council launched



On track to deliver a new planning system, with a clear forward plan in place linked to **streamlining operating systems** post unitarisation



Appointed a dedicated officer to lead on engagement with town and parish councils



Awarded a Talent Inclusion and Diversity Evaluation (TIDE) **silver standard** by the Employers Network for Equality and Inclusion (ENEI) TIDE scheme in 2022

Procured a new CRM platform to provide a single point of interaction for customers





The new revenues and benefits system, which collects

over half a billion

in revenues a year, went live.

The project moved

- over **9 million** documents
- **1.5 million** council tax accounts
- and **140,000** housing benefit accounts

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Successfully completed a major upgrade of Capita Pay 360 which manages

millions of pounds of customer payments



Celebrated National Customer Services Week



Implemented a new **hybrid digital post room.**

It is estimated that the Council deals with **137,000 inbound** items of mail and **860,000 outbound** items. Approximately 80% of all inbound mail will be scanned and digitally sent to the relevant recipient

Establishment of a Shareholder Committee in order to oversee governance arrangements and performance of the council's companies and joint ventures and ensure that the outcomes it requires are delivered in the most effective way



Completion of a review of the **Better Buckinghamshire Programme**



Our employees told us in our latest staff survey that:

88%

are clear about our values and behaviours

87%

had a positive working relationship with their manager

84%

feel trusted and enabled to do their jobs

All results are driven by a committed and engaged workforce who strive to do their best for the residents and businesses of Buckinghamshire

The next chapter

Reflecting on our achievements for 2022 we can be proud of all that's been achieved. Together with our partners we continue to deliver our ambitions and priorities to make Buckinghamshire the best place in which to live, raise a family, work, and do business.

Buckinghamshire is widely known as an affluent county with great outcomes. However, we know that this overall picture masks some significant variations in outcomes, with some areas experiencing significant hardship. 'Opportunity Bucks - Succeeding for All' provides a framework for bringing partners together to focus our collective resources on tackling those local priorities that will make a difference to the outcomes of residents. Moving forwards we will continue to deliver services and improvements for our residents, whilst addressing significant variations in outcomes and opportunities.

Our commitment to localism is a key strength that we can draw on. We recognise that our communities are distinct places, with their own local sense of identity, and their own definitions of success. Local residents need to be at the core of what we do. In developing levelling up plans, we will work with residents at a local level to ensure that action builds on local strengths and responds to the needs, ambitions and experiences of the specific individual communities.

As part of the new health and care integration arrangements for the Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire Integrated Care System, we have worked with partners to establish a place based partnership for Buckinghamshire. Formalising existing informal arrangements, this will assist senior leaders across health and social care to oversee and tackle key strategic issues for health and care integration in Buckinghamshire and support the delivery of the Buckinghamshire Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy. The place based partnership, known as the Buckinghamshire Executive Partnership, will start meeting in April 2023.

In February 2023, Cabinet agreed to establish a Place Based Growth Board which will ensure close working with some of our key partners towards an agreed vision for future economic growth and development in Buckinghamshire. This board will provide a more streamlined and integrated place based growth approach and furthers Buckinghamshire's ambition to lead the way in defining what best in class integration looks like for economic delivery. The areas of strategic focus, each with their own board sitting beneath the Growth Board, are: Place & Regeneration; Opportunity Bucks; Skills; Enterprise & Investment.

As we move to an integrated place based growth model it allows for a strategic review of our approach to economic prosperity across Buckinghamshire in which thematic activity including health, economy and physical environment may be coordinated to best effect. This will include the creation of a pooled investment fund to help catalyse investment linked to agreed priorities and following agreement of our regeneration framework and plans for Aylesbury, Chesham and High Wycombe, we have the foundations to regenerate these key towns within our county.

By using resources wisely, embracing new technology and working in collaboration with our partners we will continue to shape our services around people and communities.

Our local strategic partnerships continue to place us in the best possible position across the whole of Buckinghamshire to co-ordinate a strong response to whatever scenario presents. It means we can adapt quickly to situations and offer a warm welcome to people displaced from their homes through war or other factors, ensuring targeted wrap around support is available to ensuring that refugees are facilitated to set up a new life here in Buckinghamshire.

We want to ensure that all Buckinghamshire residents have the opportunity to succeed in life, to play their part in and share in the success of the county.





Report to Full Council

Date:	17 May 2023
Title:	Community Boards Annual Report 2022-23
Cabinet Member(s):	Steve Bowles, Cabinet Member for Communities
Contact officer:	Wendy Morgan-Brown wendy.morgan-brown@buckinghamshire.gov.uk
Ward(s) affected:	All
Recommendations:	To note the achievements of the Community Boards in 2022-23
Reason for decision:	N/A

1. Community Boards 2022-23

- 1.1 This report provides a summary of the work and performance of the Community Boards during 2022-23 through funded projects and engagement work.
- 1.2 The Community Board Annual Report 2022-23 is attached at Appendix A.
- 1.3 During their third year, it is becoming evident the Boards have found their place in their respective areas and have begun working as originally planned, engaging with local communities to identify and deliver change and improvements for residents.
- 1.4 The Boards have made significant progress in collaborating with a wide range of partners and stakeholders through building relationships and networks, the Boards have helped to strengthen their communities and support them in achieving their aspirations.
- 1.5 Relationships with the majority of town and parish councils are good with real partnership working and engagement taking place. Many Board Managers operate from town and parish offices/facilities, ensuring their faces are known and providing opportunities for residents to come and speak with them. They have regular meetings with nearly all town/parishes, with open doors to others who may not have the time or wish to engage at present.

- 1.6 Face-to-face engagement has been made easier this year, with the Boards hosting their own engagement events and attending numerous local events. Through these interactions, the Boards have directly engaged with residents, listened to their concerns, and gained a deeper understanding of local issues. The recent Youth Summit provided a fantastic opportunity to engage with young people and the insight has been shared for Boards to consider locally.
- 1.7 Through engaging with a range of local partners and without providing funding, the Boards have played a crucial role in facilitating activities to improve the local community, including setting up a repair café, tree planting schemes, and a community hub to attract investment and provide facilities for groups. The amount of engagement work is high, and whilst not every piece of engagement can be recorded, a strong list of examples is included in the annual report.
- 1.8 Board's priorities have been aligned to those of the council but at a very local level. These have included improving health and wellbeing, supporting young people, enhancing the environment and communities. Additionally, the Boards have effectively responded to new areas of priority such as addressing the cost of living crisis, supporting Ukraine and Opportunity Bucks.
- 1.9 Three of the Boards cover the ward areas being focused on through the Opportunity Bucks programme. With oversight through the Community Board, Ward Partnerships have been established in these areas and these are identifying key local challenges and issues in these wards. In line with the aims of the Community Boards and the Opportunity Bucks programme, action plans are being developed to address these challenges. For all six Wycombe wards these action plans have been agreed and work has commenced. For the three Aylesbury wards and one Chesham ward work is continuing to develop these plans.
- 1.10 During 2021/22 a review of Community Boards was undertaken which involved a Member Task & Finish Group and a Scrutiny Review, a number of actions were identified which have now been delivered. The changes have seen quicker and clearer decision making across the service, provided stability across the function of the Boards and quicker funding decisions. A successful small grants process was also introduced which has seen much smaller organisations able to deliver Board priorities.
- 1.11 During 2022/23, the Boards began to move away from what was perceived as grant giving Boards to focus on projects which are identified through the discussions at the Boards. The local priorities are identified through the Boards and a high number of projects to deliver the priorities are now being established and delivered through Board action groups.
- 1.12 Several Boards have taken the opportunity to deliver projects together to bring wider benefits to communities or secure better value for money. For example, the

Growing Hope clinic provided speech and language sessions for non-verbal children across two boards. Several Boards worked together to deliver a virtual dementia tour experience, and there was a lot of joint working on Christmas food hampers and Christmas gifts.

- 1.13 Boards continue to have the flexibility to work as they wish, using action or task/finish groups as required, and each Board works to suit their communities allowing for organic growth under the governance in place.
- 1.14 The overall management of the budgets and performance data has vastly improved, with clear and accurate record keeping. Value for money has continued to be a key challenge to the Boards with all projects over £1k now looking to attract contributory funding. For every £1 of Council money the Boards have been able to generate an average of £1.02 in contributory funding, with some individual Boards attracting over £2 per Council £1.
- 1.15 Whilst the above is important, the unseen added value from engagement work should also be highlighted and there not just be a focus on the project budgets and operational costs. Details of more substantial engagement work are included at the end of the report. Going forward it is important this work is showcased and credited to the Boards, as often it is a local conversation linking the right people together to discuss mutual issues which result in not just change, but ongoing relationships and partnerships.
- 1.16 Many board meetings are taking place in person and directly engaging with partners and residents. Attendance at these meetings is growing, and those attending are made to feel included and provided with an opportunity to ask questions, contribute or offer views and opinions.
- 1.17 With the proposed boundary changes to electoral wards, a review will be undertaken in 2023 to understand the impact of these changes on the Board geographies. The review will also consider the overheads attached to the Boards as well as understanding the social value of the Board's work.

2. Other options considered

- 2.1 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.

3. Legal and financial implications

- 3.1 No legal or financial implications are anticipated.

4. Corporate implications

- 4.1 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.

5. Local councillors & community boards consultation & views

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

6. Communication, engagement & further consultation

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

7. Next steps and review

- 7.1 The report will be published on the Community Board website pages.

8. Background papers

- 8.1 N/A

9. Your questions and views (for key decisions)

- 9.1 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.



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Introduction from Cabinet Member for Communities



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Cllr Steve Bowles

**Cabinet Member for
Communities**

As the Community Boards enter their fourth year, it is evident that they have truly cemented their place in their respective areas and have begun working as originally planned, engaging with local communities to identify and deliver change and improvements for residents.

Working with a wide number of partners and stakeholders, the Boards have continued to make good progress with the Council's priorities. Through building relationships and networks, the Boards have continued to make our communities strong and to support them in their ambitions.

The Boards remain invaluable to the overall delivery of council services and priorities. They are now known in their communities as a place where residents can ask questions, share thoughts and see ideas come to fruition.

Face-to-face engagement has been made easier this year with the Boards being able to hold their own engagement events as well as attending many local events. They have been able to talk directly with residents, listen to their concerns and really understand local matters.

The extensive work being undertaken by the Council on a local level is evident through the impactful initiatives led by the Community Boards.

Through engaging a range of local partners, the Boards have played a crucial role in facilitating activities to improve the local community, including setting up a repair café, tree planting schemes, and a community hub to attract investment and provide facilities for groups looking for somewhere to meet. The Boards have been successful in bringing people and organisations together for discussion and awareness, supporting them to improve their communities themselves, create facilities for people to use and owning the catalyst for change.

I am delighted this year to include details of this engagement work in the report appendix, along with details of funded projects as well.

In supporting the Council's priorities, Board priorities have specifically focussed on improving health and wellbeing, young people, environment, community buildings and spaces and highways. As well, they have effectively delivered new areas of work the Council has prioritised - the cost of living crisis, Ukraine and Opportunity Bucks.

The Boards have worked closely with Helping Hand by supporting the community aspect to cost of living using their local knowledge and understanding of need. There was a fantastic response across the Christmas period to ensure people received food and goods, as well as supporting warm spaces, encouraging people to use them, and ensuring people knew how to access Helping Hand.

The Community Boards responded promptly to the needs of Ukrainian guests staying in the county by championing the Homes for Ukraine scheme and supporting local learning classes, gatherings and events.

The Opportunity Bucks programme comprises three of our Boards, all of which have supported ward visits and are currently establishing ward partnerships to align with the priority to improve the local community and promote residents' achievements.

As detailed in the last annual report, several reviews had identified areas of improvement for the next 12 months and beyond. Most of these improvements have been delivered including a new slimmed down management structure, the introduction of a funding team and improved funding processes. The changes have meant quicker and clearer decision making, and funding decisions have speeded up greatly. A very successful small grants process was also introduced to enable smaller organisations to deliver Board priorities.

Whilst overarching governance remains in place, Boards have the flexibility to work as they wish, using action or task/finish groups as required. Each Board works to suit their communities and allows for organic growth under the governance, making them truly responsive to their communities.

The Boards have continued to understand the need to provide value for money and have leveraged contributory funding to add more value to their community work. This year some 334 projects have received funding, and alongside c£3m of contributory funding has provided for c£4.8m value to Buckinghamshire communities.

Board meetings have also continued to develop and strengthen with many taking place face-to-face engaging directly with partners and residents. Meetings have received presentations from organisations who have received funding for projects or where facilitation and engagement has taken place to deliver a project. It has been inspiring to hear what a difference even a small amount of funding has made to many residents and communities.

The work of the Boards is clearly making an impact locally and bringing improvement to many residents' lives both during their day-to-day lives and leisure time. The small grants enabled very small organisations to work with the Boards to deliver very local priorities and improvements.

We are delighted to have the opportunity to organise the Proud of Bucks Awards for the third year running. This year, the Community Boards took full ownership and responsibility for the awards, and we received an incredible 397 nominations. We are currently in the process of presenting the awards to the deserving winners, and we plan to continue celebrating their achievements in person throughout the early summer.

My thanks go to all the Chairmen, Vice-Chairmen, and Board Managers who have continued to work closely together to deliver the priorities, as well as to the wider Community Board team.

I also extend my appreciation to my fellow Councillors for their involvement in leading action or working groups and supporting the wider engagement work.

Steve Bowles,
Cabinet Member for Communities



Community Boards

334

Total number of projects supported

Community Board top priorities

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£2m

Total budget allocated to projects 2022-2023

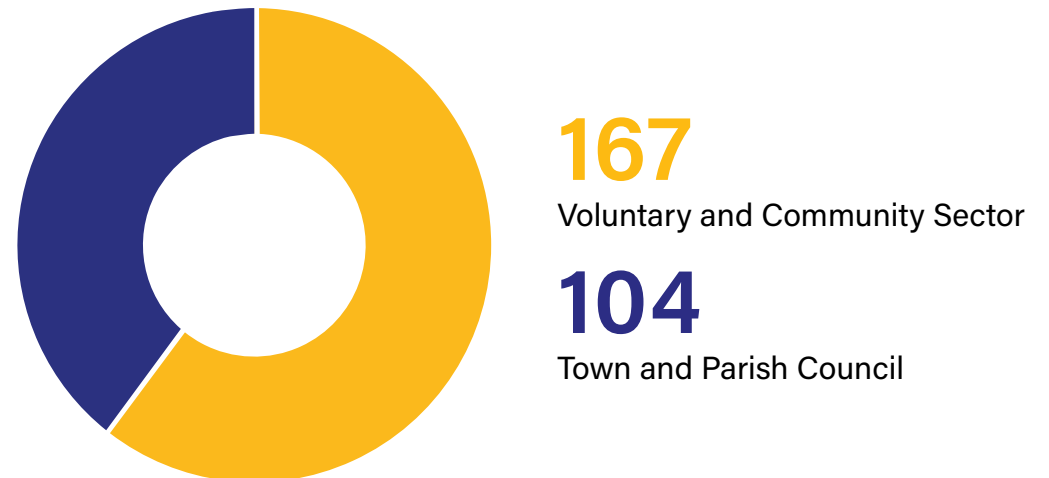
£1.7m

Spent on projects

£1.02

was achieved in contributory funding for each pound spent by the Boards

Projects with strategic partners:



Community Board Chairmen 2022 - 2023



Mark Dormer
Amersham & Villages



David Thompson
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



Matt Walsh
North West Chilterns



Dominic Barnes
South West Chilterns



Mike Collins
Wendover & Villages



Wendy Matthews
Wexham & The Ivers



Ashley Bond
Wing & Ivinghoe



David Goss
Winslow & Villages

Improving our Environment

83

Projects supported
improving the
environment

£428k

Was allocated to
environment projects...

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Improving our Environment

Featured projects

- Quainton Community Heritage Orchard received a small grant to further develop work on a field for recreational purposes. The site had been regenerated into a community orchard and wildlife area in 2021 when the project was originally inspired by a discussion about the importance of Pocket Parks at the **Haddenham & Waddesdon Community Board** working group. Funding allowed for the purchase of a strimmer, accessible benches and a mixture of fruit trees. To mark this focal point, the local community has resurrected an old tradition and recently held its annual Wassailing event on the site.
- Supported by **North West Chilterns Community Board**, the Chiltern Conservation Board applied for funding to deliver specific hedgerow projects across three farms. The project will deliver many environmental objectives, which include a greater area of wildlife rich habitat, an increase in biodiversity and more carbon will be stored and/or sequestered. The project will also support farmers to encourage sustainable economic growth, and to maximise opportunities, through helping them to access additional resources for longer-term funding such as Countryside Stewardship schemes and upskilling farmers in practical land management.
- The Lace Hill Fruit Orchard was organised by the Lace Hill Residents Association in partnership with Buckingham Town Council, with funding from the **Buckingham & Village Community Board**. It involved the planting of several fruit trees on an open space field in the Lace Hill estate. The fruit will be available to the public for free and the maintenance will be carried out by the local residents association and volunteers living on the estate. The official launch was attended by Greg Smith MP and students from Lace Hill Academy.

Quainton Community Heritage Orchard



Chilterns hedgerow project



Lace Hill Fruit Orchard



Improving our Environment

- Schools eco project – **Chesham & Villages Community Board** devised its own workshop on climate change and the environment for local schools. Pupils (Years 4, 5 & 6) were tasked with creating their own Eco-Charters, a set of promises they can stick to at school, home and in the community. The Eco-Charters were then presented to a panel, along with TV adverts, role-plays, and leaflets.
- Grow Wilder - **Aylesbury Community Board** has been working with Oak Green School to explore opportunities to redevelop their green spaces to benefit the environment and provide education and skills opportunities for young people. Collaborative conversations were held on site to explore opportunities. BBOWT and Feedback Global were identified as key partners. Both partners have developed the Grow Wilder project to work with Year 5 students to provide environmental education to enable them to co-design each identified space and present back to the board- with a view that the winning idea will be implemented. A small grant has been allocated to enable this activity.
- **Missendens Community Board** funded a schools competition on the theme of 'Bee and Bug Friendly Gardens.' To facilitate the building of the winning gardens, the Board has linked up the organiser with the Walled Garden, a charity in Great Missenden who work with young people with learning disabilities, training them in horticulture and giving them experience of work, usually within the community. The charity will now undertake the building of the winning gardens, giving these young people additional and a different experience of working in the community.



Chesham Schools
eco project

Improving our Environment

The number of highways projects funded this year is lower than usual. This due to a change in contractor in April 2024 and the existing contractor being able to complete projects, or complete to a suitable stage for handover.

Several projects were identified during the year and will be taken forward for consideration during 2023/24 with the new contractor.

The new contract will see a new way of working which will look at the root cause of issues and applying measures for a 12 month period before proceeding with an improvement scheme.

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- A dangerous crossroad in Longwick was highlighted by the Parish Council. It was agreed with Transport for Bucks to implement red high friction surfacing and install an 'Advanced Give Way' sign on its approach to the A4129 Thame Road. Funded by **North West Chilterns Community Board**, this provides a visible cue to motorists of the approaching junction and an improved surface to break on.

In addition, on the approach to this junction, the existing 30mph signs were replaced with yellow backed signs and dragons teeth road markings were also installed at the 30mph limit location.
- In a response to accessibility concerns for residents with mobility requirements, the **Aylesbury Community Board** sought local views on where dropped kerbs were required across the whole Community Board area. Funding was allocated for the installation of 10 pairs of dropped kerbs. The work was completed in February 2023.

Red high friction surfacing in Longwick



Dropped kerb installed in Aylesbury



Improving our Environment

- Working together, **Beeches Community Board** and Farnham Royal Parish Council funded TfB to design and construct an extension to the footway on Blackpond Lane to address local concerns and improve pedestrian safety.
- Brookmead School Road Safety was a large scheme, put together and jointly funded by two parishes and **Wing and Ivinghoe Community Board** to improve safety to the school drop off area, which is on a main road through their villages. The scheme introduced several new traffic calming measures and saw the use of pencil bollards being installed. This design reinforces to drivers that the area is heavily used by children/families.

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Projects achieved through engagement

- Engagement between **North West Chilterns Community Board** with Thames Valley Police and Transport for Bucks arranged for regular speed enforcement by Thames Valley Police and an alternative way for TfB to deliver a new MVAS post on Cockpit Road, Great Kingshill due to speeding on the road.
- **North West Chilterns Community Board** engaged with Buckinghamshire Council to develop a North West Chilterns Cycling & Walking Plan which details the aspirations for the North West Chilterns. This will support and add significant value to the Council's countywide strategic LCWIP, by describing the opportunities and problems at a local detailed level in the area. This document was developed by the Board's Transport and Road Issues Action Group, at no cost, and is currently out in the Board area for consultation.



Footway on
Blackpond Lane



Brookmead School Road
Safety scheme

Improving our Environment

- The tree planting project in Knotty Green is a great example of how the **Beaconsfield & Chepping Wye Community Board** supported and worked with the community, the local parish council, and other BC services including the environment and climate team, highways and licensing. A small group of residents, both older and younger, from two streets in Knotty Green came together and planted 73 trees in their two roads and have taken 'ownership' the trees. The aim was not only to make the roads more aesthetically pleasing, but to improve air quality. This joined-up way of working has strengthened relations between the Community Board, residents and Parish Council. This is the first example of a group carrying out this type of project with support from Community Boards.
- Local residents and groups within the **North West Chilterns Community Board** Transport and Road Issues Action Group, requested support to implement air quality monitoring to collect baseline data in Princes Risborough, before the construction of the relief road and new housing developments. This would enable air quality comparisons before, during and after the work is completed. Regular meetings were held with the council who agreed to complete this work for the Board.
- The Colne Valley Regional Park is a resource for local residents but there are threats to the integrity and sustainability from HS2 and Heathrow expansion, potentially two motorway service areas, several data centres, warehousing and Slough Green Belt released for housing. The **Denham, Gerrards Cross & Chalfonts Community Board** Chairman attended a meeting to discuss these threats, along with Joy Morrissey MP, Boris Johnson MP, Lord Randall and local Buckinghamshire Councillors.

Beaconsfield – Knotty Green



Colne Valley Regional Park



Improving our Environment

- **Chesham & Villages Community Board** is an active member of the Chesham Regeneration working group and regularly attends both stakeholder and technical officer meetings to stay informed about the progress of the regeneration programme and to explore ways in which the Board can support its development and success.

The Board's participation in the Chesham Regeneration working group allows it to play a key role in shaping the future of the community and promoting positive change and growth. The Board is also updated on the Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan and the efforts being made to improve and enhance the cycling and walking substructures in Chesham.

Increasing Prosperity

10 Projects supported
economic recovery

£38k

Was allocated to
economic recovery
projects...

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Increasing Prosperity

Featured projects

- The Risborough Area Community Bus (RACB) has provided much needed transport to the elderly, particularly those without their own transport and brought footfall and income to the town centre. Post covid restrictions saw passenger numbers drop affecting the viability of the bus and also the town centre. **North West Chilterns Community Board** supported a social media campaign to increase awareness, attract younger passengers and encourage people to leave their car at home. As a result, RACB has seen an increase in usage and new passengers.
- The monthly Artisan Market in Old Amersham has proven to be a huge success so far and **Amersham & Villages Board** were delighted to have been able to support its set-up. The market not only supports all locally based traders but also brings the community together on a regular basis to enjoy the historic market town.
- **High Wycombe Community Board** supported Shopmobility Scoot Further to purchase portable scooters to meet the needs of existing and new Shopmobility customers to enable them to go on overnight trips and attend appointments outside the town centre. During the first six months the scooters have generated £900 income which has almost covered the cost of one scooter, and have been hired out for 93 days to 18 individuals for family holidays, visiting craft fairs, music events and local visitor attractions and supporting family members visiting in the High Wycombe area.

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Risborough Area Community Bus



Shopmobility Scoot Further High Wycombe



Projects achieved through engagement

- Repair Café – set up by the **High Wycombe Community Board** Environment and Climate Change action group. The project was delivered by volunteers for just over a year with All Saints Church providing the venue free of charge. No funding was required from the Community Board, but they worked with the Council's waste team who covered the cost of insurance and a toolkit.
- **Wendover and Villages Community Board** Health and Wellbeing Action Group, through working with Public Health, identified a high percentage of individuals with cardio-vascular problems and that a SmokeFree Playground initiative may help. Stoke Mandeville Parish Council offered their parish owned playgrounds to be part of this project and the Community Board Manager engaged directly with the local school to discuss the initiative and a poster competition idea. Over 50 designs were received followed by an awards ceremony. Runner-up designs were part of the social media campaign, displayed on Facebook and Instagram. The winning designs were made into signs and are now proudly installed and displayed at Eskdale Park, Stoke Mandeville.

This was a great example of working with the service area, parish, local school and Councillors to deliver something for the local community that they can relate to as their children and families have been involved and can physically see the outcome.

Smokefree sidelines drawing competition winner



Strengthening our Communities

219

Projects supported
local communities

£1m

Was allocated
to projects with
young people...

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Strengthening our Communities

Featured projects

- The village of Cuddington had outdated and inaccessible play equipment at the heart of the village. Parents asked for more age appropriate and accessible equipment. **The Haddenham & Waddesdon Community Board** helped fund new weather resistant equipment and flooring for the playground.
- **Chesham & Villages Community Board** collaborated with Mama Bee on a detached youth project aimed at addressing the needs of young people. A report highlighted challenges facing young people and proposed proactive solutions. The recommendation was to trial a pop-up youth cafe in Chesham. The cafe will be a safe and supportive space for young people to engage in open discussions on important topics such as education, healthy relationships, drugs, money etc.
- Helping vulnerable and at-risk young people was a priority for **Winslow & Villages Community Board** and they supported a project delivered by Action4Youth through mentoring, outdoor education, and group sessions with the aim of reducing gang and knife crime.
- **Chesham & Villages Community Board** works closely with the Chesham Youth Council to ensure that the voices and perspectives of young people in the community are heard. This includes regular discussions with the Youth Council to understand what matters to them and how CVCB can work with them to produce the best outcomes.

Last year, CVCB gave them the opportunity to run their own youth awards, empowering them to take a leading role in promoting the interests and achievements of young people in the community.



Cuddington
Playground



Collaboration with
Mama Bee

Strengthening our Communities

- **Amersham & Villages Community Board** launched the Bright Ideas Competition for local schools, giving pupils from reception age up to sixth form the opportunity to think creatively about a project that the school could deliver within a budget of up to £1,500 to meet local priorities and make a difference to the wider community. Since launch, the Board have been busy visiting schools across the area to talk to them about the competition.
- **High Wycombe and North West Chilterns Community Boards** funded the first Growing Hope High Wycombe clinic providing free therapy for children and young people with additional needs. Parents of children with additional needs can feel isolated and overwhelmed and Growing Hope provides speech and language and occupational therapy. Children have come in completely non-verbal and by the end of their sessions have been able to start using words and communicating their needs.
- **North West Chilterns Board** awarded funding to Active in the Community to run their "Forever Cycling" sessions in six venues across the North West Chilterns, a programme which aims to get older adults physically, mentally and socially active by combining a cycling element, using floor pedals, with a virtual route projected onto a screen. The project addresses social isolation and develops healthier lifestyles to improve mental wellbeing and strengthen a sense of community among participants, particularly among older residents.
- The **Wexham and Ivers Community Board** supported 1st Iver Heath Scouts to make their hut a flexible and usable space for scout activities. It included a paved area to the rear of the hut with firepits built into the area, and an area bordering the village hall car park was extended to create a ramp to access the firepit area.

Bright ideas competition



Growing Hope High Wycombe



1st Iver Heath Scouts hut

Strengthening our Communities

- **Denham, Gerrards Cross and the Chalfonts Community Board** supported and attended a Silver Sunday event, held in Denham Garden Village, a development of retirement apartments, houses and bungalows situated in south Buckinghamshire. Silver Sunday is a national event, designed to celebrate older people's lives, to bring people together, to enjoy each other's company and to make new friends. The event was organised by and for all residents, was free and provided a variety of entertainment along with afternoon tea. Around 200 people attended the event across the weekend.
- **High Wycombe and North West Chilterns Community Boards** funded the expansion of the Wycombe Mind Free Space project for 30 individuals and families. Social workers and NHS Mental Health teams refer clients to the hoarding support service and support workers use a person-centred approach to assist with the practical and emotional consequences of hoarding and neglect of homes and gardens. The holistic support approach results in sustainable improvements to the person's mental health and living conditions and reduces health and safety risks and maintenance requirements in homes.
- **High Wycombe Community Board** supported Chiltern Rangers working in partnership with the Stroke Unit at Wycombe Hospital in creating a tranquil garden area for rest, recuperation and relaxation for residents, as well as for friends and patients who may be offering support or visiting family and friends who may be receiving treatment. Many ex-patients, residents, community groups, businesses and hospital staff have donated furniture and garden equipment to support the garden and hospital staff prepared the garden in their own time in spring ready for the year ahead.



Silver Sunday
afternoon tea



Tranquil garden area
at Wycombe Hospital

Strengthening our Communities

- **Wing & Ivinghoe Community Board** supported Slapton in their recreation ground improvements. This included park surface changes to meet safety regulations and cutting back overgrowth. The main part of the project was the installation of outdoor exercise equipment. In addition to a big rig, there is also apparatus that is accessible to wheelchair users. This has opened up opportunities to further develop the area and they are now going to install a walk/run track to surround the recreation park which will offer an accessible route, which can be measured should residents wish to use it as part of their exercise routines. It also allows for families/individuals to access the area at all times of the year.
- Black Park Model Boat Club is a friendly, non-competitive club, with membership open to all ages and abilities. The club covers all aspects of model boating, ranging from yachts to scale models on an informal basis. Interested non-members are also encouraged to turn up and try out the hobby using the club's "Have A Go" boats which are used to raise money for charity. **Wexham and Ivers Community Board** provided funding to refurbish the club's six radio-controlled "Have A Go" boats, which were constructed over 30 years ago by members. The boats are essential to the promotion of the club and require complete refurbishment to make them reliable enough to be used more frequently and consistently by members of the public.
- Covid highlighted the need for Oakley to have its own village store and café, having nowhere for local residents to go without travelling. A project was set up to establish a Community Benefit Society. With over 190 members the project is nearing completion and volunteers and local suppliers are being sought. **Haddenham & Waddesdon Board** were proud to offer funding towards the start-up costs of the project.



Outdoor exercise equipment in Slapton



Oakley village store and café

Strengthening our Communities

- After the success of last year's event, **Beeches Community Board** collaborated with **South West Chilterns, North West Chilterns and Beaconsfield & Chepping Wye Community Boards** to deliver the Virtual Dementia Tour experience. Designed to provide an immersive experience of what the challenges of dementia can feel like, it gave dozens of residents and representatives of local organisations an opportunity to not only take part in the session but also to meet others impacted by dementia or working to improve the lives of those living with it. In addition, **Beeches Community Board** worked with **Wexham & The Ivers Community Board** to provide seed funding towards new dementia friendly seated exercise sessions in Stoke Poges and Iver, which have successfully provided healthy, tailored activities along with opportunities for social interaction.
- North Bucks Breathe Easy Group were awarded funding from **Winslow & Villages Community Board** to run Pulmonary Rehab Maintenance Exercise Classes, aimed at people who have recently completed sessions with the local respiratory team. Feedback from a participant: *"The classes are beneficial to me for several reasons. It makes me breathe easier, has helped me to walk further. To exercise is to strengthen my whole body, easier to climb stairs, to garden to do housework. I can actually walk further, may take time to get there, but without these exercises I wouldn't be able to achieve most of these things. Plus meeting other people in a similar situation, we help each other."*

Virtual Dementia Tour experience



Pulmonary Rehab Maintenance Exercise Classes

Strengthening our Communities

- **Chesham & Villages Community Board** provided funding to the Chesham Society who are launching a visitor/tourism website for Chesham and Villages in Spring 2023. The website will promote the rural villages such as The Lee, Cholesbury, and Ashley Green. It will highlight the country walks, places of interest, local pubs and cafes. The website is a co-production project with the Community Board as there will be a section of the site dedicated to the Board to promote activity and engagement.
- Bourne End Junior Sports Club sits in the heart of the community and provides a facility that benefits the local area and for people of all ages, both young and old. The lighting affected the health and safety of those attending and prevented many activities from operating. **South West Chilterns Community Board** provided funding towards the new lighting. The replacement lighting has been installed and the club continues to use the facilities, including the pupils from the adjoining Bourne End Academy.
- The Lady Ryder Memorial Garden is a secret haven enclosed by a brick wall providing endless opportunities of support for anyone with special needs, mental health issues or just someone wanting to make a difference volunteering to restore the area back to its former glory. The all abilities garden was designed and created with the support of **South West Chilterns Community Board**. Through action group networking and having an understanding of what materials were required, the Board was able to link the applicant up with a building firm who provided the materials at a cost saving thousands of pounds.



Chesham
Clocktower



New lights at Bourne End
Junior Sports Club



The Lady
Ryder Memorial
Garden

Strengthening our Communities

- Winslow and District Fishing Club were awarded funding from **Winslow & Villages Community Board** to purchase equipment that will enable them to keep the lake clear from weeds and to help control lilies. A water quality meter has been installed to enable monitoring of the oxygen level in the water, so they know exactly when to use the water pump to increase the oxygen and thereby protect the fish in the lake, an increasing necessity due to global warming. The lake is open for all the public to access and there are benches to encourage walks or people can sit and enjoy. The Club also host non-members using the water for a charity competition in aid of "Help for Heroes".
- **Buckingham and Villages Community Board** were pleased to support the Buckingham Swan Trail, a temporary public sculpture project which will take place throughout the summer holidays of 2023. Buckingham Town Council will collaborate with local schools, artists, groups, businesses, and organisations by helping them design, paint and sponsor a swan sculpture. The aim is to increase footfall in the town centre through the exploration of the Buckingham town's heritage.

Winslow fishing lake



Strengthening our Communities

- All Saints Church is restoring the churchyard as a place to remember through the care and conservation of historic tombstones and monuments, as well as making a safe, clean and welcoming place for visitors. It will include social spaces, spaces for remembrance, and spaces where wildlife and biodiversity can be encouraged through the creation of a green space, combining architecture, history, landscape, and wildlife, which will complement both the natural and historic environment of the town. The **High Wycombe Community Board** funding contributed to a substantial project which will have a positive impact on the town centre appearance and improved access for the community.
- **Wing & Ivinghoe Community Board** supported the Whistle Brook renovation and clearance project. This involved clearance of dead hedgerow/trees and litter to open up the brook between Pitstone and Ivinghoe, offering opportunities for regrowth and improved biodiversity in the area. The school will be maintaining the area as things progress and there will be scope for environmental projects to take place here.
- **Beaconsfield & Chepping Wye Community Board** worked with Beaconsfield Town Council, Chiltern Rangers and local volunteers to create a Community Garden for all at the Ivins Road allotments in Holtspur. This Community Garden is used by the local community who can come and relax and enjoy the garden. The Community Garden benefits those who are socially isolated and lonely, those who do not have an outdoor space to garden, the disabled and school groups and gardening/older groups, and is a great way for people to skill-share.



Whistle Brook renovation
and clearance project

Community
garden in
Holtspur



Strengthening our Communities

- Prestwood Colts and Girls Football Club applied to **Missendens Community Board** for funding to convert some of the unused changing room space into a kitchen allowing them to open a café for everyone. Alongside fundraising, the café will provide a steady income to replace equipment and families less able to afford fees and kit.

The Club has around 220 players aged 5 to 16 with the younger age groups at full capacity, supported by a great network of volunteers. As Great Missenden football closed their services to younger age groups, Prestwood Colts have taken an influx of those children and given them the opportunity to play grass roots football. Over 36 dads volunteer every Saturday and Sunday as coaches and 10 committee members also volunteer to assist with running the club, including maintenance, finance, purchasing, fixtures, welfare officer etc.

- **Missendens Community Board** commissioned a youth survey with the creation of podcasts by young people for young people being put forward. The Community Board funded a radio presenter training day, delivered by two experienced and award winning radio presenters on BFBS, the Forces' Station. The day was a great success with the young people learning interview and research skills, and some mock interviews. There are already plans to open an after school space for young people and a link with the Misbourne School is being developed for the creation of 'Ted Talk' style podcasts.



Radio presenter training day

Strengthening our Communities

Projects achieved through engagement

- After a community presentation, **Beeches Community Board** was approached about a new local partnership seeking to provide employment advice and opportunities to pupils with special educational needs. An invitation to address a Board action group led to a range of offers of support, including from an Ambassador from one local school and the Chair of Governors of another, and a link with Buckinghamshire Business First which generated a meeting for the partnership with a local employers group.
- **Wendover and Villages Community Board** worked with Wendover Youth Centre who delivered two youth festivals during the summer of 2022, alongside running workshops to provide opportunities for young people to continue their engagement through activities they want to do. The project consisted of two youth festivals and summer workshops in art, baking, gardening and music as well as football sessions. The projects engaged with a total of 368 young people with an average age of 13 from the HP22 postcode area.
- A Teddy Bears' Picnic and Storytime was run by Ivers Hive. It was a free activity for children and their parents, and provided an opportunity to gather for story time, to colour, and to win a teddy bear from the **Wexham & Ivers Community Board**. The Board took the opportunity to discuss what priorities parents were interested in for their area.

Ivers Hive Teddy Bears' Picnic



Strengthening our Communities

- **Chesham & Villages Community Board** meets regularly with the six parishes through the Villages Forum meeting. This forum provides an opportunity for the parishes to work together, collaborate on ideas, and receive regular updates and presentations from different services within the Council. The Villages Forum is an important platform for fostering collaboration and cooperation between the Community Board, the parishes, and the Council, and is critical to the success of the Board.
- **Wexham & Ivers Community Board** attended an evening at Iver Environment Centre. There was a small event to showcase the centre to members of the Board – who had previously awarded the centre funding for restoration of their bridge, but wanted to show the educational facilities for those with extra needs.
- **Amersham & Villages Community Board** linked a local restaurant looking to give back to the community with Community Impact Bucks to set up a new lunch club.
- A health and wellbeing event organised by **Haddenham and Waddesdon Community Board** brought partners and the local community together. Outcomes included Simply Walks identifying a new walk, Haddenham car club gained volunteer drivers, the Family Information Service engaged with a young family in crisis, and Bucks Fire & Rescue received referrals to their 80+ fire safety check service.



Iver Environment Centre

Protecting the Vulnerable

22 Projects to support
the vulnerable

£27k

Was allocated to
improve **support for
vulnerable people...**

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Protecting the Vulnerable

Featured projects

- The **North West Chilterns Board** were proud to support the Princes Risborough Charity who provided 91 Christmas hampers, which included both basic and luxury food items, to individuals, couples and families that had been identified as being in need in the town of Princes Risborough and the surrounding area. This project brought together many local organisations to provide additional support to those in need and contributed to the overall resilience of the local community, including signposting additional resources to people most at need.
- The **Amersham & Villages Community Board** partnered with the **Denham, Gerrards Cross & Chalfonts, Missendens, Beaconsfield and Chesham Community Boards** as well as Helping Hand, in supporting the King's Church Christmas Lunch Hamper Project. They provided 221 hampers and delivered them across the region helping to make Christmas Day lunch that bit more special for over 700 people. As an extra this year the King's Church also provided 240 stockings with 3360 items. All the toys were donated from a local retailer and another provided the stockings.
- Following on from the success of St Thomas' Church 'food larder' during the pandemic, it was recognised that there was an ongoing desire to continue to be a resource for the people of Beaconsfield. This culminated in plans for the buildings of St Thomas' to be accessible seven days a week by opening a café at the back of the church to become the heart and hub of the community. **Beaconsfield & Chepping Wye Community Board** funding supported this development, and now called the Dove Café, is a successful hub that supports local groups and projects and has a wonderful bank of volunteers. The Community Board continues to work closely with the Dove Café, supporting non-funded projects, as well as those supported through funding.



Princes Risborough
Christmas hampers



Christmas
hamper
collaboration



Dove Café at
St Thomas'
Church

Protecting the Vulnerable

Projects achieved through engagement

- **North West Chilterns Community Board** linked together Helping Hand and Princes Risborough Charity and they delivered a project which provided hot meal vouchers for those struggling during the cost of living crisis.
- **Chesham & Villages Community Board** has been collaborating with the Chesham Asian Welfare Society and the Mayor of Chesham to expand the reach of the Welcoming Spaces initiative, providing much-needed support to the community during the winter months.
- **Beeches Community Board** was very pleased to provide funding towards Burnham Beeches Rotary Club's Christmas Parcels project. Working with five local schools and the Burnham Care & Share foodbank to identify those in need, the project delivered 317 parcels to families in the Farnhams and Burnham area. As well as food and Christmas treats, the parcels included educational resources and information about sources of support.
- Supported by the **Buckingham & Village Community Board**, the Westbury Welcoming Space has been set up to allow local residents to come and have a warm and welcoming place of refuge during the cost of living crisis. Not only does it provide a warm space but also provides social opportunities through activities such as board games.

Burnham Beeches Rotary Club's Christmas Parcels



Westbury Welcoming Space



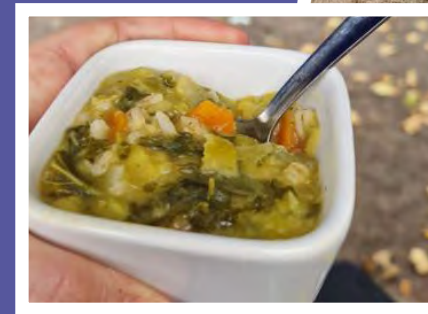
Protecting the Vulnerable

- **South West Chilterns Board** discussed a community fridge with Lane End Youth & Community Centre. This led on to further ideas which would involve collaborative working with other council services and outside providers. They linked in with the Helping Hand team to establish the community fridge and signposting to the local senior social prescriber so the centre can extend their service offer to other areas.
- **Wing & Ivinghoe Community Board** provided a small grant to Wing market to provide meal boxes for families to collect with a voucher from their children's centre. The first recipe was a scotch broth and all packs were successfully distributed. This project was a pilot scheme due to the cost of living crisis. A Board member co-ordinated with the fruit and veg stallholders to complete the pilot, and from learning and feedback the Board will be able to identify opportunities for the future where cost of living continues to impact on the lives of local people.

Supporting the county's Ukraine guests has been important to the Boards as well. Whilst funding for events has in the main been from the Council's support for Ukraine fund, Community Boards have also played their part.

- **North West Chilterns Community Board** linked up Ukraine to Chilterns with the Council's Ukraine support team who funded Christmas gifts to Ukrainian children in the Chilterns area. The project aimed to bring people together and celebrate community cohesion after almost a year of displacement and trauma for these families. Christmas presents included toys, cookie kits, coloured pencils and colouring books, slipper socks and toiletries for 78 Ukrainian children, aged 1-17.

Wing market
meal boxes



Christmas gifts to
Ukrainian refugee children



Protecting the Vulnerable

- **Wexham and Ivers Community Board** worked with the Mehiel Foundation & The Ivers Hive on the Christmas Sacks of Hope project. The project supported families - identified via the Ivers Hive and schools - through the provision of healthy food (such as fruit and vegetables), as well as other items (biscuits, custard, washing up liquid). A supermarket voucher was also included to cover the cost of purchasing meat for Christmas Day. The aim was that by distributing Christmas Sacks of Hope to families experiencing financial hardship, the project would alleviate some of the worry of being able to afford food over the festive period.
- **Chesham & Villages Community Board** demonstrated their responsiveness and commitment to supporting the Ukrainian community by quickly reacting to the implementation of the Homes for Ukraine scheme in Spring 2022. They offered assistance to set up two support groups - the Chiltern Sunflower, serving central Chesham, and the Hilltops Ukrainian Support Group for the villages. These support groups provide crucial support and resources for members of the Ukrainian community and demonstrate the Board's commitment to promoting inclusivity within the community, and support for the Ukrainian guests.
- **Amersham & Villages Community Board** also held a welcome event for Ukraine guests and their hosts, to provide information from services such as Bucks Adult Learning, Universal Credit, and the Family Information Service.

Christmas Sacks of Hope project



Welcoming Ukrainian guests



Community Board Engagement Activity

Following the pandemic and various covid restrictions, this year saw the Boards to really get into their communities to meet people face to face, have valuable discussions and gain better insight.

Community Boards held their own engagement events to connect with partners and stakeholders, but also to engage with members of the public to promote the Boards, explain how they can get involved and check out what they see as the priorities for their local areas.

- **Amersham & Villages Community Board** invited key partners along to the local artisan market to share their gazebo and promote their services (Social Prescribers from Mid-Chiltern PCN and Thames Valley Neighbourhood Policing team).
- **Aylesbury Community Board** and **Wendover & Villages Community Board** have held a monthly engagement stall in Hale Leys shopping centre to talk to residents and understand their views about where they live. Residents have shared many views including about travelling around the area to support the Board's work around Active Travel. Residents were encouraged to hang a t-shirt on a washing line to share changes they have made to support themselves and their families with the cost of living.

Engagement events

Winslow and Villages



Chesham



Amersham artisan market

Community Board Engagement Activity

- **South West Chilterns Community Board** community engagement event celebrated work supported by the Board, the success of local businesses, volunteer engagement and community initiatives.

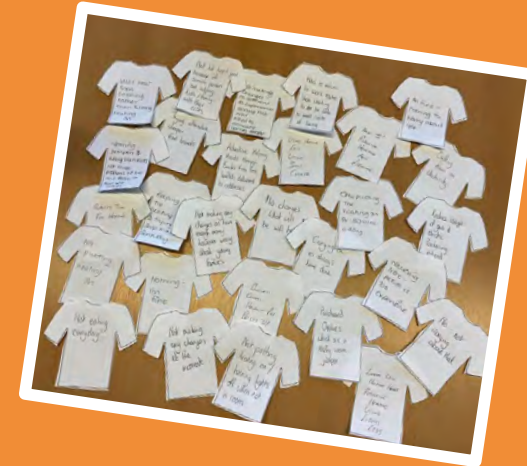
Many local organisations, blue light agencies, charities and Parish Councils came together for the afternoon providing a networking opportunity. It was also supported by a mobile unit from Marlow FM, had a play performed by Lane End Players and the local Senior Social Prescriber performed two solo sets singing.

The event saw the presentation of the Board's Proud of Bucks Awards.

- The **Aylesbury Community Board** Manager attends Fairhive Housing's weekly Community Hub to engage with residents and be a visible presence in the community.
- **Aylesbury Community Board** engaged with the local community at the Aylesbury British Muslim Association's Revive Health and Wellbeing event in 2022. They used different tools including a feedback frame to stimulate conversation and encourage feedback about living healthy and active lives in Aylesbury. This information has been used to inform and support the Community Board's priorities.



South West Chilterns
engagement



Fairhive
community
hub

Revive
Health and
Wellbeing
event



The Proud of Bucks Awards 2022



397

Nominations

46

Winners

48

Commended

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- **Local Community Champion**
For an individual (over age 21) who has made a clear and positive impact in their local community during 2022.
- **Young Community Champion**
For a young person (under age 21) who has made a clear and positive impact in their local community or towards their peers during 2022.
- **Community Group Contribution**
Recognises and celebrates a group in the community board area who has made a clear and positive impact on the community during 2022.

The Community Boards were very honoured to deliver the Council's Proud of Bucks Awards for a third year. The awards were kindly sponsored again by the Clare Foundation and provided an opportunity for each Board to celebrate those who go the extra mile for their community.

This year a small team from the Boards and communications designed and delivered the awards which saw some 397 nominations, 46 winners and 48 commended.

There were some fantastic nominations and the awards recognised people and organisations across Buckinghamshire who have made a positive impact on their local area.

With so many exceptional and worthy nominations, judging was a tough job for the Boards. Whilst not everyone can win it was inspirational to read how many people are going above and beyond to help others, so it is very pleasing to see some many people formally commended.

The awards will be presented from April onwards at events organised by each Board and celebrated in the community.

The next steps

As the Community Boards continue to undertake great work, deliver very local change and make a positive impact locally, there is still work to do to further embed their role but also to continue to respond to the cost of living crisis, Ukraine and Opportunity Bucks.

This year will also see a focus on the Boards operating as a partnership and developing priorities to improve local place, moving away from some current views of the Boards being grant givers. Now is the time for the Boards to begin to shape their place and for the funding aspect to be a minority activity in what they do.

Alongside this, there will be an ongoing drive to increase the amount of contributory funding the Boards generate when funding projects. It is important this continues to increase to provide value for money where projects are funded, but also to add value across all communities from these projects. This will include delivery partners being encouraged to secure funding from other sources available to them.

Face to face engagement and facilitation has increased greatly this year and is evidenced in the appendix at the end of this report. Much of this work is often unseen with focus on funded projects and contributory funding. The Boards will build on this aspect of work to deliver their priorities and improving the local place.

The Boards will continue to respond to key priorities such as cost of living and Ukraine, as well as delivery of the Opportunity Bucks programme.

After the late start due to covid and various changes required, it's important the Boards are now able to have a good period of time to embed and grow their value. Relationships with key stakeholders, particularly town and parish councils and the VCSE, are further developed, and this is now the opportunity to work more closely together for our communities.

This year will see the new the highways contract come into place, with new processes and ways of working which will need to be embedded with the Boards. This will see a root cause and action solution approach in the first instance, before finances are sought, as well as a menu of off-the-shelf projects Boards may wish to consider.

During the year a review will take place to consider how the Boards operate and costs to ensure there is value for money. The review will also consider whether the geographical boundaries are still appropriate given proposed changes by the Boundary Commission.

It's important the Community Board work is seen as widely as possible, so focus will take place on ensuring their contributions are shown through branding (where appropriate) and through social media and other communications with residents and partners.

2023-24 will continue to build on the success of the Board work undertaken so far and ensure they remain the local face of the council.

List of projects and engagement activity

Appendix 1 - 2022/23 funded projects

Community Board	Community Board Priority	Project Name	Applicant	Project Description	Funding Type
Winslow & Villages	Highways	Whaddon Yellow Lines	Whaddon Parish Council	To implement yellow lines at the junction of High Street, Stock Lane, Nash Rd and Church Hill, Whaddon, MK17 0NA. The implementation of yellow lines aims to deter people from parking on the junction making it safer for both other road users and pedestrians.	Project Funding
Denham Gerrards Cross & Chalfonts	Highways	Chalfont Road, Seer Green Parking Review	Seer Green Parish Council	Following installation of a double yellow scheme some 5 years ago to restrict parking on the corners of four roads joining Chalfont Road and a narrow sharp bend just beyond The Jolly Cricketers Public House, cars are now being inappropriately parked on the stretch of road between the corner of Hearn's Meadow and the old Post Office as well as on the side of the road next to the church directly opposite parked cars on the other side.	Project Funding
South West Chilterns	Highways	Parking Scheme – Holy Trinity School, Wethered Road, Marlow	Transition Town Marlow	To look at the problems created by a combination of insufficient road markings and inconsiderate parking by parents to the school by working with Thames Valley Police, Holy Trinity School and Parking Enforcement Team.	Project Funding
High Wycombe	Health & Wellbeing	Food Vouchers	Wycombe Refugee Partnership	Food vouchers to assist Asylum seekers in the UK while they are waiting for their applications to be processed by the Home Office.	Project Funding
North West Chilterns	Health & Wellbeing	Food Vouchers	Wycombe Refugee Partnership	Food vouchers to assist Asylum seekers in the UK while they are waiting for their applications to be processed by the Home Office.	Project Funding
High Wycombe	Health & Wellbeing	Free Space	Wycombe Mind	Free Space project to assist up to 30 tenants with decluttering, hoarding and / or neglect of their home and gardens.	Project Funding
North West Chilterns	Health & Wellbeing	Free Space	Wycombe Mind	Free Space project to assist up to 30 tenants with decluttering, hoarding and / or neglect of their home and gardens.	Project Funding
High Wycombe	Environment	Refresh Project	Wycombe Environment Centre	The Refresh project to create a 'reduce, reuse, repair' upcycling 'hub' in the High Wycombe Town Centre.	Project Funding
High Wycombe	Health & Wellbeing	Learning English Expansion Project	King's Church High Wycombe	This project seeks to expand the work of the Learning English group, which is English classes for women in High Wycombe. The classes are free. Participants are women who are refugees or in financial difficulty.	Project Funding
Beeches	Highways	MVAS Taplow	Taplow Parish Council	Mobile Vehicle Activated Sign to address excessive driving in the area.	Project Funding
Chesham & Villages	Health & Wellbeing	Chesham Cricket Club Outdoor Equipment	Chesham Cricket Club	Chesham Cricket Club outdoor project is to improve the ground and facilities, by adding more equipment such as tables & chairs, a new BBQ which caters for both halal & non-halal, fencing, water softener and storage.	Project Funding
High Wycombe	Economic Development	Run 4 Cover	Sports Inc	This project is to deliver four small live music events combining Jazz and Hip Hop in the Desborough area of High Wycombe once every three months.	Project Funding
Beeches	Highways	MVAS Dorney	Dorney Parish Council	Mobile Vehicle Activated Sign to address excessive driving in the area.	Project Funding
North West Chilterns	Community Building	Club Refurbishment	Bledlow Village Cricket Club	The refurbishment of internal clubhouse environment, including ceiling, floor and furniture.	Project Funding
Beeches	Community Building	Girl Guide Storage Shed	Farnham Royal Parish Council	Outdoor storage for the Girl Guide's kit.	Project Funding
High Wycombe	Health & Wellbeing	Comms Tools	Wycombe District Dementia Association	Would like to purchase two banners, flyers and Doodle Poll to help promote the WDDA. This project also includes the design and implementation of a website which will be maintained by WDDA once it has been developed. The funding is split equally between NWC and HW (£774.80 each).	Project Funding

North West Chilterns	Health & Wellbeing	Comms Tools	Wycombe District Dementia Association	Would like to purchase two banners, flyers and Doodle Poll to help promote the WDDA. This project also includes the design and implementation of a website which will be maintained by WDDA once it has been developed. The funding is split equally between NWC and HW (£774.80 each).	Project Funding
High Wycombe	Environment	Bee Squared	Wycombe Friends of the Earth	The aim of this project is to re-wild small patches of land for the insects, to create a 'Bee Square'.	Project Funding
High Wycombe	Economic Development	Scoot Further	High Wycombe Shopmobility	Portable scooter service to meet the needs of existing and new Shopmobility customers to enable them to go on overnight trips and attend appointments outside the town centre.	Project Funding
High Wycombe	Health & Wellbeing	Our Commonwealth	SV2G	A series of creative workshops with children and young people, families, and the elderly. Participants will be inspired by the carnival arts practitioners through an exploration of a fusion of arts, music and history to gain an understanding of the heritage of the Monarch and links to the Commonwealth Caribbean countries.	Project Funding
Wexham & The Ivers	Environment	Circular Walks Green Enhancement	Groundwork South	Provide members of the local community with habitat management skills, expand our Green Team project, upskill local young people, carry out vital green space improvement, and contribute to Buckinghamshire's post-covid green economic generation.	Project Funding
Wendover & Villages	Environment	Green Futures	Climate Action Wendover	School workshops delivered by Climate Action Wendover to engage young people in the issue of climate change. The aim is to reach over 300 people between 4-18 years old.	Project Funding
Wendover & Villages	Highways	Wendover Parking Review	TfB	Completion of statutory consultation.	Project Funding
Wexham & The Ivers	Highways	Ivers Parking Scheme	Cllr Wendy Matthews	Proposals to review parking at the High Street, Iver Heath to reduce road safety concerns and traffic congestion. Proposals could include double yellow lines at junctions, some limited waiting bays, the introduction of two wheel pavement parking at a select location.	Project Funding
Beaconsfield & Chepping Wye	Health & Wellbeing	Interactive Dementia Bus Experience	Experience Training	A mobile virtual Dementia bus experience that is owned by Training2Care who provide this facility to demonstrate how living with or caring for someone with Dementia might be like.	Project Funding
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Haddenham & Waddesdon	Health & Wellbeing	Bernie's 12 Days of Fun & Fundraising	Bernwode Community Bus	A 12-day programme of events organised by the Bernwode Community Bus Charity. The event links in with the Commonwealth Games with the focus on being active with the aim of raising substantial funds for local causes.	Project Funding
Haddenham & Waddesdon	Health & Wellbeing	Speed Reduction Project	Wotton Underwood Parish Council	The installation of rumble strips, dragons teeth and a traffic mirror with the intention of reducing high speed traffic through the village.	Project Funding
Beaconsfield & Chepping Wye	Health & Wellbeing	Jubilee Afternoon Tea	Penn & Tylers Green Events	Afternoon tea dance on 3 June specifically targeted at older residents. This event will have live music from a local swing band and a local choir.	Project Funding
North West Chilterns	Health & Wellbeing	Social Media Campaign	Risborough Area Community Bus	Social Media campaign for the Risborough Area Bus with the intention of attracting new passengers and encouraging customers to Town Centre businesses.	Project Funding
Haddenham & Waddesdon	Health & Wellbeing	Queen's Jubilee and Lighting of the Beacon Event	Berryfields Parish Council	Community event and lighting of the beacon on Thursday 2nd June in Roman Park. The event is open to all residents, includes entertainment and involves local groups.	Project Funding
Haddenham & Waddesdon	Young People	Buckinghamshire Railway Centre Play Area and Café	Buckinghamshire Railway Centre	Child's small play area in response to a request by local families. To include the refurbishment of a New York Subway car into a café, which can be used by those attending the play area but also for other visitors to the centre.	Project Funding
Wing & Ivinghoe	Environment	Fly Tipping Prevention	Ivinghoe Parish Council	Planting shrubs and adding to the hedgerow to bring two laybys further forward, in order to mitigate fly tipping in the area.	Project Funding
Winslow & Villages	Health & Wellbeing	North Bucks Bike Ride	Winslow Lions	The event is organised in collaboration with Winslow Wheelers Cycling Club. All routes will start and finish at Furze Down School in Winslow. Key points on the route include Claydon House, The Green Dragon Eco Farm and the Buckinghamshire Railway Centre. The widespread publicity generated by the event will contribute to supporting Covid economic recovery at these and other North Bucks attractions.	Project Funding

Buckingham & Villages	Economic Development	Buckingham Swan Trail	Buckingham Town Council	The Swan Trail will provide a free summer activity for residents and visitors. The sculptures are bespoke to the project and made from recycled, reformed plastic and each sculpture tells a story about its location and provides information about the artist and sponsor. The painted sculptures celebrate and share everything that makes the Town special.	Project Funding
Beaconsfield & Chepping Wye	Health & Wellbeing	Jubilee Celebrations Big Jubilee Lunch	Winchmore Hill Residents Association	A free local event to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee. Lunch, music, marquee and festivities for local residents.	Project Funding
Haddenham & Waddesdon	Young People	Cuddington Playground Project	Cuddington Parish Council	Provide playgroup quipment that would fulfil the need of the early years children of Cuddington and surrounding villages to have a safe environment to meet their developmental needs both physically and mentally.	Project Funding
Aylesbury	Young People	CYP Activity Project	Active in the Community	A programme of sport and physical activity dedicated to children and young people aged 5-18 in the Aylesbury and Wendover & Villages Community Board areas. The programme will consist of various sports and activities.	Project Funding
Wendover & Villages	Young People	CYP Activity Project	Active in the Community	A programme of sport and physical activity dedicated to children and young people aged 5-18 in the Aylesbury and Wendover & Villages Community Board areas. The programme will consist of various sports and activities.	Project Funding
Haddenham & Waddesdon	Community Building	Oakley Village Stores Project (Building Construction)	Oakley Village Stores Ltd	The construction and operation of a community village shop in the village of Oakley with the aim to provide a valuable community service and to create a social hub for the village.	Project Funding
Wendover & Villages	Health & Wellbeing	Platinum Jubilee Community Celebration Equipment	Buckland Parish Council	Purchase outdoor equipment for the Queen's Jubilee and on-going events for the community - Gazebos and Picnic Tables.	Project Funding
Haddenham & Waddesdon	Young People	Toddler Playground Refurbishment	Grendon Underwood Parish Council	Upgrade the playground and provide fencing and sensory equipment for under 7s in response to requests from parents.	Project Funding
South West Chilterns	Young People	Safe Introduction to water activities (Bell Boat)	Longridge on the Thames	Community venture providing 3 levels of classes to disadvantaged or at-risk young people of any ability, who can't currently access the life-changing benefits of music.	Project Funding
Beaconsfield & Chepping Wye	Health & Wellbeing	Beaconsfield Sings Jubilee Event	Beaconsfield Town Council	A free community music event, open to all, in celebration of Her Majesty's Jubilee. The event is for families, children, older members, everyone welcome!	Project Funding
Beaconsfield & Chepping Wye	Health & Wellbeing	Platinum Jubilee Heath Fest - a family music festival	Flackwell Heath Residents Association	A music festival for all ages, additionally with children's rides, food and drink stalls to commemorate the Queen's Jubilee.	Project Funding
Beeches	Environment	Eco Audit Burnham	Burnham Parish Council	Burnham Parish Council is committed to increasing its biodiversity and reducing its carbon footprint. The aim of the audit is to establish its current impact on the environment and to identify how and where it can reduce and improve its impact. They have identified the need to employ a specialist in this field in order to make the most effective and impactful changes.	Project Funding
Beeches	Environment	Eco Audit Taplow	Taplow Parish Council	Very similar to Burnham Eco Audit application, see above. The two parishes have liaised with each other and with Chesham TC who have used the same consultancy successfully.	Project Funding
South West Chilterns	Health & Wellbeing	Hall Lighting Replacement	Bourne End Junior Sports Club	The replacement of failing lighting at the community building Bourne End Junior Sports Club, so that it may continue collaboration and local networking links that it has built up over the years.	Project Funding
North West Chilterns	Economic Development	Comms Tools	Hughenden Street Association	The purchase of two banners, flyers and Doodle Poll to help promote the HSA.	Small Grant
Denham Gerrards Cross & Chalfonts	Health & Wellbeing	Memory Café	Denham Parish Council	The set-up of a Memory Café to provide support for residents suffering from Dementia with the focus on games and activities that help open memories of the past.	Project Funding
Haddenham & Waddesdon	Young People	Chearsley Playground Project	Chearsley Village Hall	A new playground situated at the heart of the community, to make better use of the available space. The new play ground will be accessible with a trim trail.	Project Funding
Wendover & Villages	Health & Wellbeing	The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Party in the Park	Aston Clinton Parish Council	A Queen's Jubilee Event for residents of the parish to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee, on Saturday 4th June at Aston Clinton Park. There will be various fun stalls, i.e. bouncy castle, magic show along with cake competition and dog show.	Project Funding

Denham Gerrards Cross & Chalfonts	Health & Wellbeing	Explore the Woods	Old Hanging Wood	Delivery of a combination of community conservation and activity days, within the surrounding woodlands consisting of bush craft sessions, wildlife planting, woodland walks and hedge laying - to increase physical, mental and social wellbeing for villagers of all ages, who have suffered with social isolation over the last 15 months.	Project Funding
North West Chilterns	Community Building	Risborough Scout and Guide Centre Scout Hut Asbestos Removal	Princes Risborough & District Scouting & Guiding	Removal of asbestos in the walls and the installation of non-combustible fireboard so the The Scout and Guide Centre can be used safely for the future.	Project Funding
High Wycombe	Health & Wellbeing	Back to Brunel	High Wycombe Railway Society	This project addresses the impact of covid on the role of High Wycombe Railway Society within the local community and the support and services provided, seeking to re-energise High Wycombe Railway Society's delivery and broadening outreach to all in the area. A series of interactive events will bring High Wycombe Railway Society's Brunel heritage to life and, at the same time, present a range of interactive opportunities to develop interests, research or skills within a organisations environment, or simply enjoy the safe and understanding environment.	Project Funding
Beaconsfield & Chepping Wye	Young People	Music Masterclass Programme	TAP Creative	Community venture providing 3 levels of classes to disadvantaged or at-risk young people of any ability, who can't currently access the life-changing benefits of music.	Project Funding
North West Chilterns	Young People	Childrens Holiday Club	Lighthouse Princes Risborough	A fun week-long summer holiday programme for children of primary school age run by local churches working together. Providing a safe, fun environment for activities such as craft, sport, drama and games, open to all children.	Project Funding
High Wycombe	Community Building	Hills Café Regeneration Plan	Hills Café	Hills Café is a not for profit community café set in the heart of Micklefield. The impact of the Covid 19 pandemic has had a devastating impact on trade. Funding will be used to deliver a regeneration project to review the business model and support Hills Cafe in having a self-sustaining model by May 2023.	Project Funding
Buckingham & Villages	Health & Wellbeing	Garden of Reflection Project St Michaels Church	Church of England - Parish of the Claydons	The Garden will provide a space for all 5,000 village residents across the Claydons (Steeple Claydon, Middle Claydon, Calvert Green, Sandhill and Verney Junction) to preserve the memories of their lost loved ones. The garden will be erected on a patch of land located to the left of the church graveyard. Residents and parish councils will be offered small zones to shape memorials and monuments.	Project Funding
Buckingham & Villages	Young People	Maids Moreton Playground Equipment Upgrade	Maids Moreton Parish Council	Through the replacement of the old and outdated equipment, the residents of Maids Moreton will be provided with a current and more diverse/inclusive area in which to play. The new design offers a variety of inclusive pieces of play equipment, designed to fulfil the needs of the local residents.	Project Funding
Buckingham & Villages	Health & Wellbeing	Parish of the Claydons Tuesday & Thursday Clubs	The Claydons Parochial Church Council	Tuesday Club- Run in collaboration with the church and Buckingham Age UK, open to all local senior citizens and their carers to aide social interaction. Thursday Club- Run in a similar format to the Tuesday club but open to all ages across the community. Also used as a food distribution service.	Project Funding
Chesham & Villages	Health & Wellbeing	Ley Hill & Latimer Parish Council Jubilee Event	Ley Hill & Latimer Parish Council	Repainting of the Beacon which is to be lit on Thurs 2nd June as a part of the national beacon lighting initiative. The funding will also cover sustainable and reusable bunting to be used in the village.	Project Funding
Chesham & Villages	Health & Wellbeing	Oasis Partnership Jubilee Event	Oasis Partnership	The Oasis Jubilee Art Project will complement CTC Jubilee celebrations. Oasis is seeking £500 in funding as a direct contribution to the cost of art and display materials in support of its What Makes You Shine project, in celebration of the Jubilee.	Project Funding
Chesham & Villages	Health & Wellbeing	Cholesbury PC Jubilee Decorations	Cholesbury PC	Cholesbury PC Jubilee weekend events. Purchase of materials to create sustainable bunting which can be re-used for future events.	Project Funding
Chesham & Villages	Young People	The Lee PC Jubilee Event	The Lee PC	Children entertainment for the Queen's Jubilee celebrations. The celebrations are taking place across the weekend on The Lee Common, to include an interactive magician show.	Project Funding
Chesham & Villages	Health & Wellbeing	Hats Off! Chesham Festival	Chesham Connect	An annual, hat-wearing festival (July 9th 2022) which aims to bring an economic boost to Chesham High Street by providing a great day out, attracting both locals and visitors - to cover the costs of promotional materials, children's entertainment and live music.	Project Funding

Chesham & Villages	Environment	Chesham Repair Cafe	The Repair Café (Sustainable Chesham)	The Repair Café is a volunteer-led service to provide repairs of household objects to the local community. The Repair Cafe must complete PAT testing of electronic goods repaired and funding is required to pay for 2 new PAT testing machines.	Small Grant
Chesham & Villages	Economic Development	Chesham Society Website	The Chesham Society	Funding will be used to design and create the Visit Chesham and Villages sustainable visitor website, which showcases the combined, holistic tourism offering of Chesham, and the six surrounding parishes.	Project Funding
Aylesbury	Young People	Bringing the Skies To You	UK Astronomy	Purchase of an inflatable planetarium to deliver astronomy sessions to schools with the aim of making astronomy more accessible to young people. Aylesbury £2,190, Buckingham & Villages £2,310, Haddenham & Waddesdon £2,120, High Wycombe £2,835, North West Chilterns £1,015, Wendover & Villages £120, Wing & Ivinghoe £610, Winslow & Villages £1,300 =£12.5k.	Project Funding
Buckingham & Villages	Young People	Bringing the Skies To You	UK Astronomy	Purchase of an inflatable planetarium to deliver astronomy sessions to schools with the aim of making astronomy more accessible to young people. Aylesbury £2,190, Buckingham & Villages £2,310, Haddenham & Waddesdon £2,120, High Wycombe £2,835, North West Chilterns £1,015, Wendover & Villages £120, Wing & Ivinghoe £610, Winslow & Villages £1,300 =£12.5k.	Project Funding
Denham Gerrards Cross & Chalfonts	Community Building	River Misbourne Fencing	Chalfont St Peter Parish Council	The aim of the project is to replace 51m of dilapidated and unsafe railings along the edge of the River Misbourne. By doing so the Parish Council will addressing the urgent Health & Safety risks posed by the existing fencing, as well as improving the structural aesthetics of the area thereby, creating a more appealing and inviting vista.	Project Funding
Haddenham & Waddesdon	Young People	Bringing the Skies To You	UK Astronomy	Purchase of an inflatable planetarium to deliver astronomy sessions to schools with the aim of making astronomy more accessible to young people. Aylesbury £2,190, Buckingham & Villages £2,310, Haddenham & Waddesdon £2,120, High Wycombe £2,835, North West Chilterns £1,015, Wendover & Villages £120, Wing & Ivinghoe £610, Winslow & Villages £1,300 =£12.5k.	Project Funding
North West Chilterns	Young People	Bringing the Skies To You	UK Astronomy	Purchase of an inflatable planetarium to deliver astronomy sessions to schools with the aim of making astronomy more accessible to young people. Aylesbury £2,190, Buckingham & Villages £2,310, Haddenham & Waddesdon £2,120, High Wycombe £2,835, North West Chilterns £1,015, Wendover & Villages £120, Wing & Ivinghoe £610, Winslow & Villages £1,300 =£12.5k.	Project Funding
Wendover & Villages	Young People	Bringing the Skies To You	UK Astronomy	Purchase of an inflatable planetarium to deliver astronomy sessions to schools with the aim of making astronomy more accessible to young people. Aylesbury £2,190, Buckingham & Villages £2,310, Haddenham & Waddesdon £2,120, High Wycombe £2,835, North West Chilterns £1,015, Wendover & Villages £120, Wing & Ivinghoe £610, Winslow & Villages £1,300 =£12.5k.	Project Funding
Winslow & Villages	Young People	Bringing the Skies To You	UK Astronomy	Purchase of an inflatable planetarium to deliver astronomy sessions to schools with the aim of making astronomy more accessible to young people. Aylesbury £2,190, Buckingham & Villages £2,310, Haddenham & Waddesdon £2,120, High Wycombe £2,835, North West Chilterns £1,015, Wendover & Villages £120, Wing & Ivinghoe £610, Winslow & Villages £1,300 =£12.5k.	Project Funding
Chesham & Villages	Community Building	Chesham Museum Exhibition Space	Chesham Museum	The Chesham Museum to occupy a small gallery space on Chesham High Street for the month of September. It will help to drive more people to the High Street. Contribution is required towards the cost of the hire of the space, the exhibition stands, and the associated costs such as lighting.	Project Funding
Denham Gerrards Cross & Chalfonts	Young People	Gerrards Cross Town Council Playground Equipment	Gerrards Cross Town Council	East Common Play Area is used by a wide range of age groups including toddlers, children, teenagers and adults. Funding for a multi-unit to enhance the play area, and to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.	Project Funding
North West Chilterns	Young People	Procurement of T-Shirts for Volunteers	Stokenchurch Youth Crew	Funding to purchase 24 t-shirts for volunteers who will help at the Youth Club. The t-shirts will formalise the new club and its volunteers.	Small Grant

Chesham & Villages	Young People	Youth Council Trip to Paris	Chesham Youth Council	The Chesham Youth Council (CYC) comprises a group of around 15 young people (mix secondary school ages). they have been invited to meet their counterparts in person in Paris (1-3 July), along with young people from Portugal, Houilles (Paris) and Germany. The Council are seeking a grant from the CB to cover the return travel costs from Chesham to Paris.	Project Funding
Haddenham & Waddesdon	Economic Development	Ashendon Village Marquee	The Red Lion Club	The purchase of a marquee for use by village organisations. The Red Lion Club will pay for any maintenance required on the marquee.	Project Funding
Denham Gerrards Cross & Chalfonts	Community Building	Chalfont St Giles Pond Refurbishment	Chalfont St Giles Parish Council	Refurbishment of the pond in Chalfont St Giles which is a key feature of the village. Crucially the pond is adjacent to the River Misbourne, a chalk stream with a rare and fragile habitat. The project will involve: silt and water testing, removal of silt, demolition and reconstruction of the pond and landscaping.	Project Funding
Beeches	Health & Wellbeing	Burnham RBL PRIDE Day	Burnham Royal British Legion	PRIDE free to attend community event promoting diversity and inclusivity, incorporating live music, entertainment and activities - hosted by Burnham Royal British Legion to recognise the LGBTQ+ society within the community.	Project Funding
Haddenham & Waddesdon	Young People	Berryfields Summer Holiday Entertainment	Berryfields Parish Council	Free entertainment for children over the school summer holidays in attendance with their parent or guardian at Roman park's new community hub.	Small Grant
Denham Gerrards Cross & Chalfonts	Environment	Chalfont St Peter Verge Bollards	Chalfont St Peter Parish Council	The installation of bollards on verges where the soil is being impacted by parked vehicles which has an impact on flooding within the area.	Project Funding
Chesham & Villages	Young People	Creative Translation Workshops (Ukrainian)	Stephen Spender Trust	Creative translation workshops in schools and community groups open to all ages. These programmes raise the profile of diaspora languages and communities. Evaluation shows that activities provide a raft of social, cultural, academic and creative benefits for young people, their schools and their communities. The project will bring together young Ukrainian refugees, their families, their host families and their classmates to share and translate Ukrainian poetry and picture books.	Project Funding
Wendover & Villages	Community Building	Bowls Green Accessibility	Aston Clinton Bowls Club	Aston Clinton Bowls Club, have recently registered as an accessible bowls club. As a result there is a need for two corners steps for the greens to allow those with a disability to gain access.	Small Grant
Wendover & Villages	Environment	Halton Wild Verges	Halton Parish Council	The purchase of Trees, Dog Wood Shrubs, 500 Native Wildflower Plugs, 200 Wildflower Seeds. The purpose of this project is to encourage the community to get together and volunteer to plant and support the wild verges, benefitting from social activities and strengthening community spirit.	Small Grant
Aylesbury	Health & Wellbeing	Flood Defence and Community Trailer	Aylesbury Town Council	The purchase of a low sensory Welfare Unit (a trailer) to be deployed in the event of flooding in the Aylesbury board area- particularly in the Willows area. The trailer will enable volunteers and support staff to get respite and stay dry.	Project Funding
Buckingham & Villages	Health & Wellbeing	Twyford Pavilion Refurbishment	Twyford Parish Council	Complete refurbishment of the sports pavilion. The work will be scheduled between 5 September and 1 December 2022. The current facilities date back to 1982, meaning that although functional they do not meet modern building regulations/ health and safety requirements. The refurbishment of the pavilion will enable the facilities to be extended to a wider range of sports clubs and community organisations.	Project Funding
Wing & Ivinghoe	Environment	Whistle Brook Clean Up	Pitstone/Ivinghoe Parish Council and Brookmead School	Whistle Brook is a small brook located alongside (partly within) school grounds in Pitstone and Ivinghoe. Improve the brooks current condition to encourage biodiversity and habitual wildlife. The parishes would like to clear and revive the area with a local landscaper.	Project Funding
Amersham & Villages	Health & Wellbeing	Whizz Fizz Fest Tour	Whizz Fizz Fest Tour	The Council's family-friendly literary and arts festival has become an eagerly anticipated annual event based in Aylesbury. Originally inspired by Roald Dahl, WhizzFizzFest has evolved into a celebration of all creative arts, with children's literature and their amazing imaginations being at the heart of it all. It will tour to Amersham on 29 July and funding will go towards the cost of the street entertainer.	Small Grant

Amersham & Villages	Health & Wellbeing	Handheld Ear Pulse Oximeter for Amersham Community Nurses	Scannappeal	Scannappeal handheld Ear Pulse Oximeter for the community nursing team who care for respiratory patients in Amersham. This includes people with Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD), chronic Asthma, cancer patients and those with chronic heart failure where oxygen is a benefit to their symptom management.	Small Grant
South West Chilterns	Young People	Lighthouse Marlow - Holiday Club	Lighthouse Marlow	A free week-long holiday club for children aged 5-11, accessible to people of all faiths and none. Lighthouse Marlow has committed to provide places for Ukrainian children living in the local area and to involve older children and adults as volunteers.	Project Funding
Buckingham & Villages	Environment	Buckingham Canal Heritage Trail	Buckingham Canal Society	A Heritage Trail along the Great Ouse Valley in Buckinghamshire, which will provide a journey through time by focusing on the industrial and social history of overlooked places along the route. The trail will be free, always open to the public, and accessible for people with disabilities.	Project Funding
Winslow & Villages	Health & Wellbeing	Pulmonary Rehab Maintenance Exercise Classes	North Bucks Breathe Easy Group	Funding to run Pulmonary Rehab Maintenance Exercise Classes, aimed at people who have recently completed a course of Pulmonary Rehab sessions with the local respiratory team. The funding will be used to purchase hand-weights (used in the classes) and to run the classes from August until the end of October.	Small Grant
Winslow & Villages	Economic Development	Players Technical Funding	Stewkley Players	Stewkley Players are an amateur dramatic group and they are seeking funding to purchase a new laptop to manage the sound of their productions.	Small Grant
Winslow & Villages	Community Building	Great Horwood Cricket Club Pavilion Refurbishment	Great Horwood Cricket Club	Refurbishment of the interior of The Great Horwood Cricket Club pavilion and add an outdoor patio - to enhance the current facilities and provide an opportunity to generate extra revenue for the Club to assist with its long-term sustainability.	Small Grant
Wendover & Villages	Young People	New Equipment for SMFC	Stoke Mandeville FC	The purchase of 153 new footballs for the club to help add more teams from the growing waiting list and provide the opportunity to offer grassroots Football to more of the local community.	Small Grant
Amersham & Villages	Health & Wellbeing	Older Persons Day Event	Rotate	Older Person's Day event - organised by Rotate which aims to connect elderly residents with each other.	Small Grant
Amersham & Villages	Young People	Action 4 Youth's Inspiration Project	Stony Dean School	The project will provide direct and meaningful experiences for students, with unique and unprecedented access to five important elements of society: work life, arts and culture, police and criminal justice, community and environment, and personal health and wellbeing.	Small Grant
North West Chilterns	Highways	Longwick cum Ilmer - Toll Bar Corner Longwick Junction Improvement (Additional Works)	Ringway Jacobs	The existing 30mph signs are to be replaced with yellow backed signs and an 'Advanced Give Way' sign installed. Dragons teeth road markings to be installed at the 30mph limit location.	Project Funding
Beaconsfield & Chepping Wye	Highways	Beaconsfield to Penn B474 to introduce 30mph speed limit	Cllr Jonathan Waters	An assumption is made that residents want a zebra crossing, and as such, a feasibility study will determine whether it is appropriate for this area. An assessment of possible crossing locations will be carried out in order to determine the best option.	Project Funding
Beaconsfield & Chepping Wye	Highways	Ashley Drive Junction Protection Parking, Penn	Cllr Katrina Wood	The brief describes parking right up to the junction in both places causing vision difficulties when exiting the two areas of the road. Double yellow lines junction protection required in both locations (Ashley Drive/New rd & Ashley Drive/The Lawns).	Project Funding
Beaconsfield & Chepping Wye	Highways	Tylers Green First and Middle Schools Parking Improvements	Tylers Green First and Middle School	Tylers Green First and Middle School suffer from a lack of safety measures for children and as such, have requested double yellow lines and a advisory 20mph speed limit in the areas for both schools.	Project Funding
Beaconsfield & Chepping Wye	Highways	Wattleton Road & Walkwood Rise - Waiting Restrictions	Beaconsfield Town Council	Residents of Wattleton Road and Beaconsfield High School have raised concerns to the Town Council regarding the issues surrounding parking.	Project Funding
Beeches	Young People	Youth Outreach Project	Community Youth Ventures CIC	Using the outreach unit, CYV will conduct outreach sessions to engage and interact with local young people with the aim of empowering young people to make positive choices, enhance their opportunities and widen their horizons.	Small Grant
Chesham & Villages	Young People	Chesham Detached Youth Work	Mama Bee Group	To deliver free sessions, implementing a detached youth work project which enables authentic engagement with young people, it will combat the disconnection between young people and the rest of the community and begin to develop a sense of pride and ownership for the area they live in.	Project Funding

South West Chilterns	Environment	Sustainable Me Poster Phase 2	Bonkers for the Planet	Bonkers for the Planet is registered charity that provides resources for those seeking to live sustainably, including a poster called "Sustainable Me" which encourages low carbon living.	Small Grant
South West Chilterns	Environment	Thermal Imaging Camera	Marlow Energy Group	Funding towards the purchase of a Thermal Camera to conduct Thermal Surveys in Marlow and Marlow Bottom.	Project Funding
Haddenham & Waddesdon	Highways	SIDs	Parish Councils	The Community Board understands that speeding is an issue for many parishes in its area and rather than accept multiple individual applications for MVAS units, wished to take advantage of economies of scale by securing a better deal through a bulk order placed with Truvelo. Parishes have been asked to provide a 50% contribution towards the cost of each device and that the parishes would meet the full cost of any additional posts and installation requirements.	Project Funding
Aylesbury	Health & Wellbeing	Aylesbury Vineyard Friends Of Ukraine Hub	Aylesbury Vineyard Storehouse	The Ukrainian Hub is for both the Ukraine guests and their sponsor families from Aylesbury and surrounding villages, they offer hot lunch, refreshments and advice followed by English lessons. The lunches provide is a much needed social opportunity for the Ukrainian guests, with the ones that have been here longer offering advice and support to those who have recently arrived. Basic support such as toiletries, sim cards, furniture and food parcels are available with local events and services also being promoted.	Project Funding
Beeches	Highways	Blackpond Lane Footway Extension (additional spend)	Transport for Bucks/Farnham Royal Parish Council	An additional amount allocated to complete the project. The project seeks to implement a continuous footway/pavement at the North end of Blackpond Lane in Farnham Common. The overall cost of the project is £125,420.98 which includes £52,045.71 of contributory funding.	Project Funding
Haddenham & Waddesdon	Environment	Electric Car Charging Points in Haddenham	Haddenham Parish Council	The Parish Council want to promote the usage of electric car vehicles throughout the parish to help reduce the carbon footprint of Haddenham, with the overall objective of being a carbon neutral village by 2030. The promotion of electric car vehicles is a twofold project provision of a public EV charging unit and the formation of a EV car club. The public EV charging point will allow the community to have access to a much needed local car charging point within the centre of the village.	Project Funding
Wendover & Villages	Health & Wellbeing	Aylesbury Vineyard Friends Of Ukraine Hub	Aylesbury Vineyard Storehouse	The Ukrainian Hub is for both the Ukraine guests and their sponsor families from Aylesbury and surrounding villages, they offer hot lunch, refreshments and advice followed by English lessons. The lunches provide is a much needed social opportunity for the Ukrainian guests, with the ones that have been here longer offering advice and support to those who have recently arrived. Basic support such as toiletries, sim cards, furniture and food parcels are available with local events and services also being promoted.	Project Funding
Winslow & Villages	Environment	Lake Clearing & Water Quality Equipment	Winslow and District Fishing Club	Equipment that will enable the lake to remain clear from weeds and to help control lilies. The grant would cover the costs of two industrial rakes and a water quality meter.	Small Grant
South West Chilterns	Young People	Breakout	Action4Youth	Breakout is an intervention programme to reduce gang and knife crime designed for young people, it includes a package of mentoring, classroom sessions and outdoor education. It will run on a one day per week basis for 12 weeks for groups of 6 young people from the same school and will be delivered from A4Y's outdoor education centre, Caldecotte Xperience.	Project Funding
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Winslow & Villages	Economic Development	Large Scale Document Scanner	North Marston History Club	The North Marston History Club has been given access to a large number of antique maps and the original deeds to many village properties. Their aim is to use a commercial scanner to create digital copies (A0, A1 and A2) of these documents for archiving.	Small Grant

North West Chilterns	Community Building	New doors and alarm system for Community Centre	Community Centre at Studley Green	New doors and an intruder and hold-up alarm system at the Community Centre, both of which are old and not fit for purpose. The doors do not close properly so the alarm goes off, and a contractor has recommended that the alarm system be replaced due to its age and unreliability (both were fitted around 2002).	Project Funding
Wendover & Villages	Environment	Halton PC Traffic Data Capture	Halton Parish Council	The purchase of a replacement laptop in order to download MVAS data.	Small Grant
Winslow & Villages	Health & Wellbeing	Redevelopment of the Sports Pavilion	Padbury Parish Council	Padbury PC are looking to redevelop the existing sports pavilion to provide more suitable facilities for the residents of Padbury and surrounding villages. The current facilities were built in 1980 and have not been updated since. The intention is to improve the current facilities to make them more suitable for hire and to encourage more local use.	Project Funding
Beaconsfield & Chepping Wye	Highways	Community SpeedWatch Additional Sign	Highways & Transport Action Group (SignWizzard)	An additional sign on a main entry road into the village in order to effectively deliver the Speed Watch project.	Small Grant
Haddenham & Waddesdon	Environment	Quainton Community Heritage Orchard and Wildflower Meadow	Parish Council of Quainton	Design, delivery and installation of two interpretation boards in the Quainton Community Heritage Orchard and Wildflower meadow, as well as an accessible bench and a strimmer.	Project Funding
Missendens	Highways	Wycombe Road, Prestwood - Speed Survey	Great Missenden Parish Council	Speed Survey on Wycombe Road, Prestwood - between the junction with Lodge Lane and Hildreths Garden Centre. The results of the speed survey would allow the Parish Council and Community Board to make an informed decision on any speeding measures required in this area.	Small Grant
Wing & Ivinghoe	Community Building	Access Improvement - Sports and Social Club	Wing Village Sports and Social Club	Wing sports and social club are working closely with the parish council to become a hub of community activity and support the recreation grounds improvement and ongoing sporting activities, including football and bowls. The club is also a hub for the local pharmacy to run their vaccination clinics for flu and covid-19. In recent years their back entrance (into the larger family room, where clinics are held) has become uneven and there is no disabled access for wheelchair or pushchair users.	Project Funding
Denham Gerrards Cross & Chalfonts	Health & Wellbeing	East and West Common Pathways	Gerrards Cross Town Council	The East and West Commons pathways are used by a wide range of people including families, children and teenagers, elderly people and commuters. The Commons pathways are used by many neighbouring towns including Denham, Stoke Poges, and the Chalfonts, as well as local residents and visitors. The pathways are currently in need of significant repairs.	Project Funding
Haddenham & Waddesdon	Health & Wellbeing	Communal Community Space	Springhill Residents Group	The Springhill Residents Group would like to create a covered area for the local community where they can socialise. The space will have a book lending community library inside, notice board and a 'green living roof'. The Bench is included for local residents to have a place to sit. They hope this will encourage people to be outdoors more as well as meet others and support social isolation.	Small Grant
Amersham & Villages	Health & Wellbeing	Grow to Give - Promotion Supplies	Food Growing and Sharing Task & Finish Group	The purchase of sundry materials for the promotion and expansion of the Grow To Give scheme in Amersham.	Small Grant
Haddenham & Waddesdon	Economic Development	Haddenham Community Owned Green Grocer	Zero Carbon Haddenham	A steering group supported by Zero Carbon Haddenham, that is planning a community buy out of the Greengrocer in Haddenham. The steering group would form the basis of a Board of Directors for a Community Benefit Society, the Blooming Community Ltd, which currently has six members.	Small Grant
Missendens	Health & Wellbeing	WI Walking Club Memorial Bench	Little Missenden Parish Council	Installation of a replacement memorial bench on the common, which is regularly used by The Holmer Green WI Walking Club senior members.	Small Grant
Denham Gerrards Cross & Chalfonts	Community Building	Community Centre Window Repairs	Chalfont St Peter Community Centre	The wired safety roof windows in the centre are cracked, causing leaks inside the building. These are the original windows from when the building was built in 1957. To ensure the safety of visitors and users, these windows need to be replaced.	Project Funding

Wexham & The Ivers	Young People	Scouts Outdoor Equipment	1st Iver Heath Scouts	1st Iver Heath Scouts are updating their camping equipment, adding items to make the group more sustainable and provide flexible options. They are seeking funding to purchase items (a fire bowl, including stand and cover, and cargo trolleys) for group camps and smaller groups across a range of scenarios from full survival camps to camps for all ages/sections.	Small Grant
Buckingham & Villages	Community Building	Leckhampstead Village Hall Amenities	Leckhampstead Village Hall Community Trust	Leckhampstead Village Hall Community Trust want to purchase a small industrial dishwasher for the hall to support the village and community events. Such events include coffee mornings for our older parishioners, health activities like Yoga and Pilates, Birthday Parties and Family Celebrations and Village Community Events as a whole.	Small Grant
Buckingham & Villages	Health & Wellbeing	Bowling for All	Slade Recreation Club	Slade Recreation Club is a Bowls Club that would like to purchase equipment, which will enable disabled people to actively partake in indoor bowls. They will work with Disability Bowls England to source the most suitable equipment and seek competitive quotations for its supply.	Small Grant
Wexham & The Ivers	Community Building	ICA Replacement Doors	Iver Community Association	Due to general price increases the cost has risen on this project, the board has agreed to give an additional £1,265 of funding from this year's budget.	Project Funding
Amersham & Villages	Environment	Plastic Free Signage	Sustainable Amersham	Sustainable Amersham has set an ambitious target to declare Amersham on the Hill single-use plastic free by 2025/6. This requires residents and visitors to support the scheme and gradually reduce the amount of disposable plastic and adopt a "reuse re-fill" habit. Four signs installed on designated columns in town and will alert people who visit the high street to remember their reusable cups and water bottles.	Project Funding
Missendens	Community Building	Prestwood Colts & Girls FC, Pavilion Kitchen Installation	Prestwood Colts and Girls FC	Prestwood Colts and Girls Football Club would like to build a kitchen in the pavilion allowing them to open a café. They would also like to update their toilets and sports equipment.	Project Funding
Wendover & Villages	Health & Wellbeing	Weston Turville Community Christmas Tree	Weston Turville Parish Council	A ground anchor and electricity supply for a Christmas tree to be located at the village hall each Christmas season. It will help encourage community spirit and bring the local community together at Christmas time to sing carols around the tree.	Project Funding
Aylesbury	Young People	STEM Astronauts	Aylesbury Vale Youth For Christ	The Aylesbury STEM student initiative is a concentrated year-round program in partnership with the Mars Society, Genetics Society and ISSET with Sam McKee from AVYFC, to bring outstanding STEM professionals and academics to Aylesbury students in order to inspire future STEM graduates and instil a sense of wonder at the natural world. For 9 dates next year they will be bringing in high-quality, reputable STEM academics, researchers, lecturers and professors, as well as one astronaut, to Aylesbury to visit schools, speak to students and share their stories of careers in STEM.	Project Funding
Wing & Ivinghoe	Health & Wellbeing	Aston Abbots PC Recreation Ground Bench	Aston Abbots Parish Council	The purchase of new bench seating, as the current bench is damaged and needs replacing. The bench has been present for 35 years and has come to its end.	Small Grant
Amersham & Villages	Health & Wellbeing	Long COVID Support	Association for Yoga Studies	Long COVID Care is a support group and 12-week health educational course providing peer support for improved wellbeing and guidance on positive health steps utilising mind-body practices for those with long COVID.	Project Funding
Haddenham & Waddesdon	Health & Wellbeing	Oakley Afternoon Club	Oakley Afternoon Club	The Oakley Afternoon Club provides social contact for the residents aged 50+ in Oakley, Brill and surrounding villages through a series of activities, events, and lunches.	Small Grant
Missendens	Young People	1 Day Radio Workshop Wycombe Sound	Misbourne Area Youth (MAY)	A one day radio practical workshop with Wycombe sounds for 8 Young Teenagers from the Misbourne areas. The young teenagers will be accompanied by Dave Rollins, MAY's identified professional youth worker together with one of the MAY Trustees and/or a female DBS checked volunteer.	Small Grant
Haddenham & Waddesdon	Health & Wellbeing	Waddesdon Cricket Club Cage	Waddesdon Cricket Club	The purchase of a cricket cage for their club so that players can practice on the Grass pitch's.	Small Grant

Haddenham & Waddesdon	Cost of Living	Bernie's Christmas Sleigh & 5000 Can Challenge	The Bernwode Community Bus	To assist with the cost of living crisis and pressure on local foodbanks Bernie's Bus are holding 2 events to increase the level of food and money for those in need. The first event is called 5,000.00 Cans Appeal. The event is to be promoted among 18 schools, both primary and secondary in the Community Board area. There will be a project for each child to bring to school on a given day a tin of food. Bernie bus will then collect the tins and donate them to the Vineyard food bank to help support families in the run up to Christmas.	Small Grant
Missenden	Health & Wellbeing	Little Kingshill Baptist Church Kitchen	Little Kingshill Baptist Church	Outdoor furniture to allow people to sit outside the cafe. With the continued concerns of Covid many of the visitors to Kingshill Kitchen prefer to sit outside rather than inside to be able to maintain a safe distance from others.	Small Grant
Denham Gerrards Cross & Chalfonts	Health & Wellbeing	Silver Sunday Events	Denham Garden Village Residents Association	Funding towards two afternoon events on 8 and 9 October to celebrate the lives of older residents in the community. The events include food, music, a dance performance, art workshops, and guests of honour.	Project Funding
Winslow & Villages	Environment	The Big Picture	Furze Down School	As part of the 'Big Picture' Project, the School aims to re-develop the existing pond area, by widening the area, making it more accessible, building a pontoon which is suitable for pond dipping, providing seating, which will give students opportunity for quiet reflection, provide: a learning station to measure the depth and examine species, recording boards, nets and magnifying glasses.	Project Funding
Winslow & Villages	Environment	Stoke Hammond Community Centre Playground Resurfacing	Stoke Hammond Community Association	The aim is to completely remove and replace the existing tarmac surface to make it a smooth safe area. At the same time as replacing the tarmac surface the plan is to create a new dropped kerb vehicle access from the Centre's private entrance so that hirers/ users of the centre will have a new off street parking area. It is proposed that this new vehicle access would be controlled by a security coded solar powered barrier, to prevent unauthorised parking or vehicles entering when the area is being used for play/exercise purposes.	Project Funding
Winslow & Villages	Environment	Natural Hedge Screening	Furze Down School	A natural hedge screening to the Primary playground (hornbeam). Currently this is exposed to the entrance driveway of the school; separated from vehicles by low anti-climb fencing; highly visible to all visitors.	Small Grant
Haddenham & Waddesdon	Health & Wellbeing	Quainton Defibrillator Cabinet	Quainton Memorial Hall	A defibrillator cabinet for the defibrillator making it easy to access for everyone in the community. It's key to improving the outcome of a patient with cardiac arrest.	Small Grant
Wing & Ivinghoe	Health & Wellbeing	Market Meals	Local traders/Queens Head/Local Cllr	Market Traders and restaurants to subsidise ingredients for a weekly recipe, with recipe card which families can cook at a lower price. Featuring ingredients from the stalls and a demonstration from the restaurant in "how to". (Much like Tesco Food Stories/Gousto).	Small Grant
Beaconsfield & Chepping Wye	Young People	School Supplies Project	St Peters Church	School uniform and essential supplies to children that are most in need.	Project Funding
Beeches	Highways	Burnham MVAS	Burnham Parish Council	For the purchase and installation of solar-powered MVAS for 5 locations, including training on how to move and install the signs.	Project Funding
Wendover & Villages	Health & Wellbeing	Bierton Events Group - Materials	Bierton Events Group	Funding for several items that will be used to make the group more resilient and sustainable for the long-term.	Small Grant
Wendover & Villages	Environment	Buckland Community Orchard, Nature Reserve Irrigation System Installation	Buckland Parish Council	Irrigation System Installation to provide a sustainable and safe way to water the community orchard.	Project Funding
Aylesbury	Health & Wellbeing	Revive Aylesbury Health & Wellbeing Event	The Oasis Partnership	A Health & Wellbeing event on Saturday 22nd October between 12:00 and 17:00 at the Bucks New University in Aylesbury. This event is to bring awareness to the ethnic minority on the existing free health services available to the community.	Small Grant

Missendens	Young People	Holmer Green Artificial Grass Pitch	Holmer Green Sports Association	The project is led by Holmer Green Sports Association with support from Holmer Green FC and is sponsored by The Football Foundation, a charitable organisation managed by the FA. Holmer Green FC (HGFC) sits at the heart of the local community and currently provides opportunities for children, youths and adults to play football. The Project comprises the design, manufacture and installation of a 106m x 70m floodlit 3G Artificial Grass Pitch (AGP) on their existing playing field including perimeter fencing, LED floodlights, goal storage and spectator areas, sports and maintenance equipment, infill retention mitigation, user and emergency access to the facility from the existing pathways. The project also comprises the replacement of Metal Halide Floodlights with LED technology to the adjacent Stadia Natural Grass Pitch.	Project Funding
South West Chilterns	Health & Wellbeing	Singing Therapy	Dementia Action Marlow	To offer regular monthly music sessions for people with Dementia who currently attend Dementia Action Marlow sessions.	Small Grant
Wendover & Villages	Health & Wellbeing	Drayton Beauchamp Community Benches	Drayton Beauchamp Parish Meeting	The purchase of a new bench to replace the current one which is broken. The bench will be placed along Church Lane, Drayton Beauchamp, next to where the diagonal footpath joins it, looking over the field (which now has a ring of Oak trees planted to celebrate last year's Jubilee). Replacing the bench means villagers and visitors can continue to enjoy outside spaces while being able to rest if needed.	Small Grant
Wing & Ivinghoe	Environment	Wildlife Hedge	Wingrave with Rowsham Parish Council	Wingrave with Rowsham Parish Council would like to lay an outgrown hedge at Wingrave Park to encourage the growth of wildlife and improve views. The park is used by several hundred people every week for tennis, netball, football, dog walking, cricket, skateboarding. Planting this hedge will create a habitat for nesting birds and other animals as well as enhancing the view from the park, which is enjoyed by residence and visitors.	Small Grant
North West Chilterns	Young People	Halloween Scavenger Hunt	Stokenchurch Parish Council	Now in its third year, Stokenchurch Halloween Scavenger Hunt is a free, outdoor community event for the residents of Stokenchurch. It is designed for families that aims to draw the community together outdoors and walking among some of the scenic areas of the village.	Small Grant
Winslow & Villages	Environment	Granborough Glebe Meadow Nature Reserve	Granborough Parish Council	Granborough Parish Council would like funding to provide a pond liner for upper pond on Reserve which does not currently hold water. They're also installing three benches, two close to the path overlooking the upper pond and one above the lower pond below the Playground.	Small Grant
Amersham & Villages	Health & Wellbeing	Concert with Fehlheim Band from Amersham's Twin Town Bensheim	Amersham Band	Amersham Band is currently planning to host a visit from the Fehlheim Band in Benshiem, Germany (Amersham's Twin Town) from 15 to 18 June 2023. As part of the hosting event next June, the Amersham Band would like to hold a joint concert at the Chilterns Lifestyle Centre.	Project Funding
Denham Gerrards Cross & Chalfonts	Young People	Pheasant Hill Playground Refurbishment	Chalfont St Giles Parish Council	To replace the existing playground equipment in order for the playground to be accessible for children with disabilities, including wider gates, equipment designed for wheelchair users, and improved surfaces. Including special sensory play equipment designed for children on the autism spectrum to encourage cohesion between able bodied and disabled children.	Project Funding
North West Chilterns	Environment	Energy Efficiency Campaign	NW Chilterns Community Board Environment & Climate Change Action Group / Buckinghamshire Community Energy	The planning, marketing and delivery of the Leaky Homes Roadshow to more homeowners in the NWCCB area and through these events to: Inform and advise local people in the North West Chilterns Community Board area on how to reduce their energy usage and carbon emissions in their daily life and work; Engage with the community to stimulate discussion, thinking and action around local, community and individual solutions to the climate crisis; Deliver 18 thermal imaging and energy advice reports.	Project Funding

Amersham & Villages	Young People	Schools Competition	Amersham & Villages Community Board	As part of our engagement with local schools, aims to support the wellbeing of young people in the area, and ambitions to include the younger community in the work of the board, Amersham & Villages Community Board would like to launch a competition with prize funding available to all schools in the area. Pupils within schools (working as a class group or collectively for the school, with the support from their teachers) will be tasked with designing and delivering a local community project that must meet the corporate and local priorities of the Council and the Community Board and make a difference within the board area (Amersham, Coleshill, Chesham Bois, Little Chalfont). The project must have a wider community benefit outside of the school environment and not be part of the statutory requirements of the school.	Project Funding
Wendover & Villages	Young People	PFTA Gazebos	Kingsbrook View Primary Academy PFTA	Pop up gazebos, which can be used to provide shelter at community-based events, such as Christmas Fayre, Summer Fete, Fireworks Show, Christmas Grotto, Bake Sales, etc.	Small Grant
Beaconsfield & Chepping Wye	Young People	The Secret Place (Recording Studio) (Multi-Board)	Relatable Role Models/The Community Church	To deliver a studio project over 12 months in the local community, to meet the needs of young people who don't have access to professional recording equipment and spaces. This year the aim is to provide an entire recording studio experience consisting of almost 500 hours free of charge to young people in the local community.	Project Funding
High Wycombe	Highways	Hillview Road Bollards	Cllr Julia Wassell	Request to uplift PO on this 2021-22 project received from Fay Ewing 19/10/2022. Application to erect c.23 bollards around the perimeter of the splitter island on Hillview Road, High Wycombe, to prevent vehicular access and prevent antisocial parking which causes a hazard and impairs visibility.	Project Funding
South West Chilterns	Environment	Central Chilterns Farmer Cluster Hedgerow Project	Chilterns Conservation Board	Working with farmers in the established Central Chilterns Farmer Cluster to plant, fill gaps, fence and coppice specifically identified hedges, creating a larger and more resilient landscape-scale hedgerow network, both on the farm and between farms. This will have a significant benefit to wildlife, help reduce climate change and restore many typical Chilterns landscape features	Project Funding
South West Chilterns	Young People	The Secret Place (Recording Studio) (Multi-Board)	Relatable Role Models/The Community Church	To deliver a studio project over 12 months in the local community, to meet the needs of young people who don't have access to professional recording equipment and spaces. This year the aim is to provide an entire recording studio experience consisting of almost 500 hours free of charge to young people in the local community.	Project Funding
Denham Gerrards Cross & Chalfonts	Environment	Seer Green Natural Environment/Biodiversity Study	Seer Green Parish Council	This project is to carry out a Natural Environmental/Biodiversity Study on Parish Council owned land within Seer Green.	Project Funding
Haddenham & Waddesdon	Health & Wellbeing	Wednesday Club Exercise Sessions	The Wednesday Club	Quality, varied level exercise sessions aimed at older residents at their ability in order to keep them active and mobile. The activities will be incorporated at the Wednesday Session with continuity at home (as a home based activity, helped by our volunteers).	Small Grant
Beaconsfield & Chepping Wye	Young People	Alfriston Outdoor Learning and Habitat Development	Alfriston School	The school is seeking support for a new project that will put in place additional infrastructure for outdoor learning, with the overarching aim to prepare students for engagement with community organisations in school and beyond. The project is centred around three main aspects: Tree and Wildflower Nursery; Orchard Area and Edible Hedgerow Trees; Outdoor Renovation (running water and toilet facilities) to enable the wider community to use the Forest school facility.	Project Funding
Beaconsfield & Chepping Wye	Health & Wellbeing	Beaconsfield Mosaic Trail	Creative Partnerships Beaconsfield	This is a multigenerational art project bringing together the community through the help of an experienced artist to create three mosaics in Beaconsfield (the new medical centre, Waitrose and St Thomas' Church in Holtspur). The mosaics will be made by the residents and members of the wider community in Beaconsfield to represent the work carried-out by key workers during the pandemic, and will feature imagery and symbols to include angel wings that people can stand in front of and interact with, rainbows which are an enduring symbol of hope, and doves which symbolise calm after the storm. Four schools, four churches and several local groups have volunteered to create the project.	Project Funding

Denham Gerrards Cross & Chalfonts	Highways	Old Mill Road, Denham - Parking	Denham Parish Council	Denham Parish Council has received concern from Old Mill Road residents regarding the junction with the A40 Oxford Road, where: "parking on this junction blocks the views of vehicles trying to turn out into Oxford Rd/A40 ". As such, they have submitted an application requesting double yellow lines to be added on the junction to prevent parking.	Project Funding
Haddenham & Waddesdon	Health & Wellbeing	Board Games Club	Board Games Club Long Crendon	Funding to be able to purchase a large amount of board games for events.	Small Grant
Winslow & Villages	Health & Wellbeing	Men in Shed's Difibrilator	Men In Sheds Winslow	To acquire, install and maintain an external defibrillator on the MISW premises (4 Park Road South, Winslow). Once installed it will be registered with the emergency services (South Central Ambulance Trust in particular) to be used by any member of the public if someone suffers from a cardiac arrest and it's called in on a 999 call.	Project Funding
Amersham & Villages	Health & Wellbeing	Redevelopment of 4 Gardens at Amersham Hospital – Phase 2	Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust Charitable Fund	Funding towards the development of 4 gardens at Amersham Hospital, to provide a multi-use green space that will benefit patients, their families, staff, and community volunteers.	Project Funding
Wing & Ivinghoe	Environment	Community Awareness and Enhancement Funding	Whitchurch Wildlife Environment Group	Signage to help local residents and visitors understand and appreciate the Community Wildlife Areas in Whitchurch at the Recreation Area, Oving Road Wildflower Area, Weir Lane Seat and Bushmead Road Path, as well as encouraging people to take part in WWEG activities.	Small Grant
Buckingham & Villages	Young People	Florence Nightingale Bench	Steeple Claydon Parish Council	The library wants to provide an outdoor reading space to include a Florence Nightingale commemorative bench and to landscape the allotted space.	Project Funding
North West Chilterns	Environment	Lily Bottom Lane Allotments	Monks Risborough Parochial Charities	To create new allotments on an existing site, which has been out of production for some years whilst tenanted by a local resident for use as a small holding, and to improve access and availability due to increasing demand. It is planned for 10 half-plots, a community orchard and community apiary. At least one plot will be allocated to a community garden, where the wider community can access to plant and grow crops without the cost of a tenancy, and with the help of an on-site volunteer.	Project Funding
Wing & Ivinghoe	Community Building	Orchard Ground Car Park Refurbishment	Orchard Ground Association	To refurbish the car park at Orchard Ground, Cublington, which currently has reduced capacity due to the uneven surface and areas with standing water. The current surface is to be lifted, regraded and relaid. A number of dropped kerbs will be installed to line up with access paths to the children's playground, tennis courts and the allotments.	Project Funding
Beeches	Cost of Living	Beeches Christmas Parcels	Rotary Club of Burnham Beeches	To provide Christmas Parcels for needy children and families in Farnham Royal and Burnham parishes.	Project Funding
North West Chilterns	Cost of Living	Christmas Hampers	The Princes Risborough Charity	The project aims to provide a Christmas Hamper of both basic and "luxury" items to individuals, couples, and families that have been identified as being in need in the Princes Risborough area, including Monks Risborough, Askett and Whiteleaf.	Project Funding
Wexham & The Ivers	Health & Wellbeing	Richings Christmas	Richings Park Residents Association	A Children's Christmas party for local children in Richings Park.	Small Grant
Beeches	Health & Wellbeing	Festive Fun & Carols Event	Farnham Royal Parish Council	Farnham Royal Parish Council is seeking funding for a free community event which includes a Christmas market, seasonal food & drink, a Santa's Grotto, giant snow globe experience, tree lighting and carol singing with the choirs of Farnham Common Junior School and St Mary's Primary School Farnham Royal. This event will build on their "Carols at The Dell" event, which was held last year and attracted around 400 attendees.	Project Funding
Buckingham & Villages	Young People	Buckingham Primary Outdoor Play Equipment	Buckingham Primary School PTA	Buckingham School PTA need to replace all the outdoor play equipment at Buckingham Primary School, as it has fallen into disrepair and has had to be removed, despite the best efforts of the site team to keep it in use for as long as possible.	Project Funding

Wexham & The Ivers	Health & Wellbeing	Facility Improvements and Promotion	Black Park Model Boat Club	Funding towards improving the existing facilities, primarily through creating a secure storage area in Black Park. The public "Have a Go Boats" also require refurbishment in order to attend more public facing events and raise awareness of the model boat club. Along with the boats, the application covers additional promotional materials for the club which can be reused.	Project Funding
Amersham & Villages	Young People	Next Gen	The Wellbeing Generation	Project to support young people ages 16-19 to start their own wellbeing journey, particularly in the wake of increased suffering from mental illness post COVID-19 and the current cost of living crisis.	Project Funding
Denham Gerrards Cross & Chalfonts	Health & Wellbeing	Hedgerley Defibrillator	Hedgerley Parish Council	To install a defibrillator in Hedgerley, a village with a significant elderly population and register it as part of the national programme.	Project Funding
Amersham & Villages	Cost of Living	Christmas Lunch Hampers	Kings Church Amersham	To provide hampers that contain everything needed for a traditional Christmas Lunch, including: chicken, gravy, stuffing, potatoes, cranberry sauce, carrots, sprouts, Christmas pudding, non-alcoholic drink, and other food items to round out the meal. The hamper also includes a family board game.	Project Funding
Chesham & Villages	Cost of Living	Christmas Lunch Hampers	Kings Church Amersham	Hampers that contain everything needed for a traditional Christmas Lunch, . The hamper also includes a family board game.	Project Funding
Denham Gerrards Cross & Chalfonts	Cost of Living	Christmas Lunch Hampers	Kings Church Amersham	To provide hampers that contain everything needed for a traditional Christmas Lunch, including: chicken, gravy, stuffing, potatoes, cranberry sauce, carrots, sprouts, Christmas pudding, non-alcoholic drink, and other food items to round out the meal. The hamper also includes a family board game.	Small Grant
North West Chilterns	Community Building	New Bus Shelter	Stokenchurch Parish Council	To replace the dated and dilapidated bus shelter next to the Kings Arms Hotel, which currently is not fit for purpose. It is the main bus stop within the village and it is hoped improving visibility in the bus shelter will encourage residents to use public transport.	Project Funding
High Wycombe	Health & Wellbeing	Baby Bonding Group	Babies1st CIC	Babies1st supports struggling parents to bond with their babies and toddlers by delivering therapeutic interventions at Baby Bonding Groups and individually. These parents are often vulnerable, disadvantaged, isolated and may have experienced multiple Adverse Childhood Events (ACEs). Babies1st helps empower disadvantaged parents to forge better relationships and, where relevant, to successfully reintegrate into the wider community. This application is seeking funds for a new "free-at-the-point-of-delivery" Baby Bonding group offering group and individual therapeutic interventions. The project comprises a 3 month set-up phase followed by a 12 month delivery phase and will take place at Hampden Way Centre, High Wycombe.	Project Funding
Wendover & Villages	Environment	Wendover Shed - Off Grid Project	Wendover Shed	To purchase and install 2 sets of solar light panels on top of the gifted container, to be able to generate their own power and reduce their carbon footprint as well as stopping providing pollution. Wendover Shed would also like to purchase 2 Lithium batteries to be able to store power for grey days where little energy is able to be generated.	Project Funding
Wing & Ivinghoe	Environment	Coronation Trees and Bulbs	Wing Parish Council	Wing Parish Council would like funding to purchase trees and bulbs such as: Flower Carpet Bulbs, Ornamental White Flowering Cherry, Black Poplar and Daffodil Bulbs. They will plant these across the village in well-kept spaces such as Long Spinney and Jubilee Green.	Small Grant
Amersham & Villages	Health & Wellbeing	Christmas Market Entertainment	Amersham Band	The Community Board would like to support the market at Christmas time by providing street entertainment which would not only support local voluntary groups who provide the entertainment, but also spread joy to the local community during the festive season.	Small Grant
Amersham & Villages	Health & Wellbeing	Christmas Market Entertainment	Firth Singers	The Community Board would like to support the market at Christmas time by providing street entertainment which would not only support local voluntary groups who provide the entertainment, but also spread joy to the local community during the festive season.	Small Grant
Buckingham & Villages	Community Building	Hall Refurbishment	East and Botolph Claydon Parish Council	East and Botolph Claydon Parish Council has a small Annexe Hall located on Botyl Road, which is in much need of wainscotting throughout the hall as it's the last remaining part of the site to be refurbished following the renovations started in 2019.	Project Funding

North West Chilterns	Cost of Living	Christmas Goodie Bags	Hughenden Valley Residents Association	Hughenden Valley Residents Association are seeking funding to bring some Christmas spirit to 100 local residents aged 80 years and above through the provision of festive Christmas gift bags. Elderly residents in particular often feel isolated in the rural community and this project aims to address that concern. It's hoped that receiving a gift from the community at Christmas will help to boost mental health, as well as providing a few extra luxury items that may not be affordable due to the current cost of living crisis.	Small Grant
Denham Gerrards Cross & Chalfonts	Health & Wellbeing	Jubilee Walk Path Replacement	Seer Green Parish Council	This project is to seek funding for the replacement of a path along Jubilee Walk between Holy Trinity Church and Farmers Way. The path was originally laid as concrete slabs, subsequently overlaid with tarmac. Tree roots have pushed the underlying concrete upwards creating an uneven surface.	Project Funding
Wing & Ivinghoe	Health & Wellbeing	Dementia Bus	Wing and Ivinghoe Board Health and Wellbeing Action Group	This project will provide a mobile Virtual Dementia Tour bus experience delivered by Training2Care who provide this facility to demonstrate what living with or caring for someone with dementia may be like.	Project Funding
Buckingham & Villages	Cost of Living	Westbury Welcoming Space	Westbury Community Shop and Café Ltd	A Welcoming Space for Westbury and surrounding villages over the winter in this location. The Welcoming Space will be open two afternoons a week, providing free tea, games and jigsaws in the warm hall.	Small Grant
South West Chilterns	Young People	New Teaching Space	The Lady Ryder Memorial Garden	For the provision of a covered teaching/demonstration space in a restored Victoria vinehouse, which will allow children from SEND schools and adults from the charity Talkback to enjoy learning in the garden in winter and bad weather. The area will teach the value of fresh food and how to grow it. The 60sm roof will be used to collect a sustainable rainwater supply that will be used to irrigate the garden.	Project Funding
Wendover & Villages	Young People	Parade Flags	12th Aylesbury Scout Group	As part of the Scout Group, there are Parade Flags which are used for making the Scout promises over, as well as on special event days such as St George's Day. As a newly expanded group, the applicant is seeking funding to purchase Parade Flags for each of its three sections.	Small Grant
Haddenham & Waddesdon	Cost of Living	Waddesdon Hall Warm Space	Waddesdon Hall	A warm and safe space for those struggling with the energy crisis and fuel poverty this winter. The Hall will be open for three days a week from 9:00-15:30 for anybody to use.	Small Grant
Wing & Ivinghoe	Young People	Whitchurch Play Area Signs	Whitchurch Parish Council	The instalation of signage to support safe use of the recently renovated play area, in the form of a free standing notice board and an upright sign post	Small Grant
Haddenham & Waddesdon	Cost of Living	Christmas Food Hampers	Berryfields Parish Council	Berryfields Parish Council is working with the Roman Park Community Trust to provide Christmas Food Hampers to families who access the foodbank each week. The volunteer team at RPCT have identified 17 families who regularly visit the foodbank and are seeking funding to provide special Christmas Hampers to these families.	Small Grant
Wendover & Villages	Health & Wellbeing	Provision of Defibrillator	Stoke Mandeville Parish Council	The Stoke Mandeville Parish Council would like to install a defibrillator at the eastern end of the village. The defibrillator and cabinet will be located on the outside of The Bull Public House following an agreement with the landlord.	Project Funding
North West Chilterns	Young People	Youth Club Trips & Events 2023	Risborough Youth Club	Funding towards the cost of three Youth Club trips taking place in 2023.	Project Funding
Wexham & The Ivers	Health & Wellbeing	New Notice Board	Orchard Park Residents Association	A second notice board is required to get notices out to residents, as it is a large site and the main notice board is not seen by all residents. There is also a newsletter which is distributed to residents, but this is periodical and the most up-to-date source of news for residents is the notice board.	Small Grant
Wexham & The Ivers	Cost of Living	Christmas Sacks of Hope	Mehiel Foundation	To provide 66 sacks of Christmas food and goodies to The Ivers Hive, to be distributed to families identified as being most at need in the Ivers area.	Project Funding
Missendens	Cost of Living	Christmas Lunch Hampers	Kings Church Amersham	Hampers that contain everything needed for a traditional Christmas Lunch, . The hamper also includes a family board game.	Small Grant
Wendover & Villages	Environment	Tree Nursery At Lindengate	Lindengate	The aim is to ensure that 1,000 Aylesbury Prune trees are planted across the Tring, Wendover and Aylesbury Triangle over the next 5 years. In this project Lindengate will be acting as the nursery, and hope to be one of the first receptor sites.	Project Funding

Missendens	Highways	Holmer Green Speedwatch Signs	Holmer Green Village Society	This project aims to increase awareness of Speedwatch in Holmer Green through the purchase of 6 Speedwatch signs. It will encourage slower and safer road use for the benefit of pedestrians, cyclists and drivers.	Small Grant
North West Chilterns	Health & Wellbeing	Community Commemorative Benches	North West Chilterns Community Board: Community Resilience Action Group	The benches will encourage people to remember our nearest and dearest, and/or a place to simply chat and rest along walking routes. The action group also thought the sentiment around the NHS and Care Workers should be clear, so each bench will have a memorial plaque which included a poignant statement.	Project Funding
Wendover & Villages	Environment	Aston Park Floodlight Replacement	Aston Park Tennis Club	To replace the existing halogens floodlights with LED floodlights to enable energy saving and reduction of the club's carbon footprint.	Project Funding
Wendover & Villages	Health & Wellbeing	Bierton Lawn Tennis Club Court Resurface	Bierton Lawn Tennis Club	The Bierton Lawn Tennis Club would like to Resurface 2 existing, worn tarmacadam tennis courts. This project will replace and upgrade the current, often slippery and uneven surface, which is now over 15 years old and has already exceeded its safe and useful life expectancy.	Project Funding
Chesham & Villages	Health & Wellbeing	Cholesbury-cum-St Leonards PC Defibrillator	Cholesbury-cum-St Leonards Parish Council	To replace the current faulty defibrillator with a new one with the latest processors and functions.	Project Funding
High Wycombe	Community Building	Church Fire Escape	Wycombe Community Seventh Day Adventist Church	Funding to install a fire escape upstairs in the Wycombe Community Seventh Day Adventist Church (WCC), providing a secondary means of escape in the event of a fire.	Project Funding
Buckingham & Villages	Environment	Lace Hill Academy Orchard	Lace Hill Academy	The Academy would like to plant an orchard to assist with the biodiversity of the school, while teaching children about where food comes from.	Small Grant
North West Chilterns	Young People	U2C Christmas Support for Ukrainian Children	Ukraine to Chilterns CIO	To provide Christmas presents including toys, cookie kits, coloured pencils and colouring books, slipper socks and toiletries for 78 Ukrainian refugee children (ages 0-17).	Small Grant
High Wycombe	Environment	All Saints Churchyard: Remember, Refresh, Renew	The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of High Wycombe: All Saints	This project seeks to Remember, Refresh and Renew the churchyard through a redesign of this green space.	Project Funding
North West Chilterns	Environment	Central Chilterns Farmer Cluster Hedgerow Project	Chilterns Conservation Board	Working with farmers in the established Central Chilterns Farmer Cluster to plant, fill gaps, fence and coppice specifically identified hedges, creating a larger and more resilient landscape-scale hedgerow network, both on the farm and between farms.	Project Funding
Amersham & Villages	Cost of Living	Amersham Welcoming Space	Old Amersham Revitalisation Group	Contribution towards the set up and operation of a Welcoming Space running every Sunday from January to March at the Quaker Meeting House in Old Amersham.	Project Funding
Amersham & Villages	Health & Wellbeing	Forever Cycling	Active in the Community CIC	This project aims to get older adults physically, mentally and socially active through a cycling element which uses floor pedals and a virtual route projected onto a screen. Participants are active from 5 to 55 minutes per session.	Project Funding
High Wycombe	Environment	Hughenden Park Arboretum	High Wycombe Community Board (Cllr Paul Turner and Cllr Maz Hussain)	This project is to ensure continued planting and re-planting using specimen trees of interest in the park, re-name and publicise the park as an arboretum to increase visitor interest, and produce a visitor guide to the existing and planned trees.	Project Funding
High Wycombe	Cost of Living	Care Leavers Cost of Living Support	High Wycombe Community Board (Cllr Arif Hussain and Cllr Lesley Clarke OBE)	This project is to support the 48 care leavers in the High Wycombe Community Board area during the cost-of-living crisis. A £50 multi store gift card was identified as the most flexible option.	Project Funding

Amersham & Villages	Young People	Talkback Youth Club	Talkback-UK Ltd	The project is to deliver an evening youth club for individuals with autism, to address issues around social isolation, loneliness and difficulty developing social skills for this group. This fills an existing gap in the areas as there is currently no youth club aimed specifically at autistic individuals.	Project Funding
Haddenham & Waddesdon	Health & Wellbeing	Equipment & Storage Shed	1st Waddesdon Brownies	The purchase of a shed to keep equipment inside to prevent damages and theft. WB would also like to purchase a 10 man tent to enable the girls from low income families to be included in camping trip, they're aware not everyone can purchase a tent due to the rise in cost of living.	Small Grant
Haddenham & Waddesdon	Community Building	St John's Sport and Social Club Hardstanding Car Park	Stone with Bishopstone & Hartwell Parish Council	Remove the topsoil and level the ground, then put a base down with hardstanding mats on top. Topsoil would go back onto the hardstanding mats and be reseeded. The area will look as original once the grass grows back but with a level and hard surface just beneath. This will provide a surface which will be useable all year round.	Project Funding
Aylesbury	Health & Wellbeing	Only Me @ Spare Plates	Feedback	Spare Plates is a scheme that identifies areas of need created through isolation, loneliness, nutrition poverty and the lack of confidence to cook. The project will consist of twice monthly sessions, bringing together a group of local people, to help design, develop and realise a pilot of 'Only Me' at Walton Hall in Aylesbury, which is a central and easily accessed location near the central bus station.	Small Grant
Aylesbury	Health & Wellbeing	Trans and LGBTQ+ Support Group and Counselling	Youth Concern	Funding is requested by Youth Concern to enable the established Trans and LBGQT+ young person's 'Butterflies' support group (set up in 2021) to continue to run, following the announced closure of The Healthy Living Centre.	Project Funding
Beeches	Health & Wellbeing	Singing for Mental Health and Wellbeing Support for New Mothers	Sound and Song CIC	Nurturing and supporting singing groups for new mothers and their babies in the Burnham and Taplow area throughout 2023/24. It will consist of three courses of 12 x 1.5 hour singing sessions.	Project Funding
Denham Gerrards Cross & Chalfonts	Health & Wellbeing	Coronation Flag Pole	Hedgerley Parish Council	To purchase and install a flag pole and Union Flag for the village of Hedgerley, in time for the Coronation of King Charles III.	Small Grant
Chesham & Villages	Cost of Living	Warm Welcoming Space	Chesham Asian Welfare Society	A warm welcoming space situated at the Library on Elgiva Lane in response to the rise in the cost of living. CAWS would like to provide a warm space, refreshments and information to be able to help in the current crisis. Sessions will occur 4 times per week and will be reassess at the end of February.	Small Grant
Wing & Ivinghoe	Health & Wellbeing	Weedon Footpath Access	Weedon Parish Council	The project is to replace two high field stiles on a key Weedon public footpath with galvanised steel kissing gates.	Small Grant
Haddenham & Waddesdon	Health & Wellbeing	Cuddington PC Hardstanding Beneath Basketball Net	Cuddington Parish Council	Cuddington PC would like funding to put hardstanding beneath the basketball net to enable people to start playing basketball on a safe surface, as currently the basketball net's base is on soil.	Small Grant
High Wycombe	Health & Wellbeing	Catalyst Youth Club	St Andrews Church	Catalyst Youth Club will be based at Eastside Youth Centre on Hatter's Lane and open to all secondary school ages. The aim is to bring support and prevention methods through wellbeing themes and sessions, mindfulness activities and workshops.	Project Funding
Amersham & Villages	Young People	Badminton for Young People	Sewaday	To provide a 30 week programme of badminton courses for young people. SewaDay is working with Oasis Sports to provide certified sports personnel as volunteers to help train the young people. The sole cost will be booking the venue (Everyone Amersham).	Small Grant
Amersham & Villages	Environment	Leaky Homes Roadshow	Sustainable Amersham	Bucks Community Energy will be commissioned to hold the Leaky Homes Roadshow event in Amersham, which homeowners can attend and book a thermal photography session for a fee of £20. A second event run by Sustainable Amersham will enable the group to build capacity in using the thermal camera and generating the household analysis document.	Small Grant
Denham Gerrards Cross & Chalfonts	Cost of Living	Warm Space at St Marks Hall	Denham Parish Council	A warm space at St Mark's Hall in Denham Green. The funding will go towards the cost of meals, heating costs and promotional materials, which will be distributed to community groups, the primary schools and houses within walking distance of the venue.	Small Grant
North West Chilterns	Health & Wellbeing	Forever Cycling	Active in the Community CIC	This project aims to get older adults physically, mentally and socially active through a cycling element which uses floor pedals and a virtual route projected onto a screen. Participants are active from 5 to 55 minutes per session.	Project Funding

Wing & Ivinghoe	Health & Wellbeing	Whitchurch Village Defibrillators	Whitchurch Parish Council	Whitchurch Parish Council would like funding to purchase a defibrillator for the village and surrounding areas.	Project Funding
Wing & Ivinghoe	Health & Wellbeing	Mentmore BBQ Funding	Mentmore Parish Council	The purchase of a BBQ to be used by members of the community using the Village Hall facilities. This includes Charities, Village Fete, Community Groups, Families and Visitors to the Parish attending events. This will provide a hot food option to the community during events in the Village Hall.	Small Grant
Wing & Ivinghoe	Health & Wellbeing	Youth & Adult Exercise Equipment	Wingrave with Rowsham Parish Council	Wingrave with Rowsham Parish Council would like 50% funding to help purchase some exercise equipment for two separate locations in the village.	Project Funding
Amersham & Villages	Highways	St Georges Bollard Highways Safety Scheme (uplift)	TfB	Uplift requested on the St Georges Bollard Highways Scheme (see 2021/22).	Project Funding
Missendens	Health & Wellbeing	Bike Rack & Noticeboard in Holmer Green	Little Missenden Parish Council	Little Missenden Parish Council would like to install a bike rack and noticeboard in the centre of the village of Holmer Green on Pond Approach Road.	Project Funding
Chesham & Villages	Community Building	Lowndes Park Masterplan	Chesham Town Council	The project will see the creation of a Masterplan for Lowndes Park. Lowndes Park is the major recreational green space in Chesham and is located in the town centre.	Project Funding
Chesham & Villages	Young People	Heritage House Games Club	Heritage House School	HH's Games Club is wanting to widen the range of outdoor activities to provide a broader range of fun and accessible physical opportunities for the learners.	Project Funding
Haddenham & Waddesdon	Cost of Living	Winter Resilience	Buckinghamshire Mind	Located at Berrycroft Surgery in Berryfields, this project includes a Welcoming Space, Social Prescribing Drop-In, Helping Hands Drop-In, a hot lunch/drink, and voluntary sector activity sessions. This application is seeking funding to purchase 55 Winter Warm Packs to distribute to people who are struggling to heat their homes.	Small Grant
Wing & Ivinghoe	Health & Wellbeing	Slapton Activity Track	Slapton Parish Council	Slapton Parish Council want to complete the footpath/running track and accessible track around the perimeter of the recreation grounds.	Project Funding
Amersham & Villages	Community Building	Community Noticeboard	Little Chalfont Community Library	A community notice board in a prime position where customers to the Library can see all the relevant details of local events and activities that are available.	Small Grant
Amersham & Villages	Community Building	Portable Signage for Red Kite Craft Market	Red Kite Craft Market	Portable signage to go outside on each day of the market to help draw awareness and increase footfall to the craft market.	Small Grant
Amersham & Villages	Health & Wellbeing	Self-Defence Training for Women	Community Safety Team, Buckinghamshire Council	A series of self-defense classes for women and girls over 16 years of age.	Small Grant
Haddenham & Waddesdon	Economic Development	Summer Events Catering Equipment	Turn End Trust	Funds are needed to help put on an expanding events programme (printing of leaflets, posters, invitations) which aims to enhance community wealth and people's quality of life through local community and cultural collaborations. Funds are also needed to develop and test new ideas for learning (tutor costs) and enjoyment for more people locally too. Equipment is also needed, such as an Urn and catering supplies.	Small Grant
Wing & Ivinghoe	Young People	Archery Equipment	Cheddington Scout Group	Purchase new safety equipment and additional bows, which will allow younger members to participate.	Small Grant
Wendover & Villages	Young People	Bierton Playground Refurbishment	Bierton Parish Council	The PC want to create a vibrant, accessible play area which appeals to children from age 0 to 14 years. . To make the new playground inclusive to all by extending the surfacing to improve accessibility for wheelchairs and prams. To have new accessible equipment for users who may have disabilities.	Project Funding
South West Chilterns	Health & Wellbeing	Autism Awareness Day	South West Chilterns Community Board	An awareness day will provide opportunities for attendees to undertake taster sessions for the activities Longridge has to offer on site for a nominal fee of £2 per session.	Small Grant
Amersham & Villages	Environment	Solar Panels for Little Chalfont Primary School	Little Chalfont Primary School	As part of a series of environmental initiatives undertaken by the school, this application is seeking funding to install c. 30kWp of solar panels, which would meet up to 50% of the school's current electricity needs.	Project Funding

North West Chilterns	Community Building	Replacement of Village Hall Roof	Bledlow Ridge Village Hall	Replace the flat roof at the front of the Village Hall, which is over 20 years old and has passed the lifespan given at the time of completion.	Project Funding
South West Chilterns	Environment	Sandygate School Solar Panels	Marlow CoE Infant School	Seeking funding to install 28kWp through 74 solar panels on the school, working in partnership with Solarability, the Oxford Diocese Board of Education SCA funding, and the School PTFA.	Project Funding
Missendens	Highways	Church St Bollards	Ringway Jacobs LTD	Increase in costs for this 2021-22 Highways scheme.	Project Funding
Amersham & Villages	Community Building	King Charles III Coronation Clock	Amersham Town Council	The project is to design, create and install a working clock to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III.	Project Funding
High Wycombe	Cost of Living	The Cornerstone Welcoming Space	Wycombe Community Seventh Day Adventist Church	Seeking funding towards a warm space to operate until end of March 2023, with various activities and a warm meal. The warm space will be open every Wednesday from 10am-4pm.	Project Funding
Amersham & Villages	Cost of Living	Holiday Club for Disadvantaged Children	Linfield Pre-School Nursery	This project is seeking funding to provide places on a two week holiday club for nursery children during the summer.	Small Grant
Amersham & Villages	Environment	Coffee Cup Deposit Scheme Survey	Sustainable Amersham	To ensure a workable strategy is developed, this project proposes to undertake a research study to analyse purchase patterns in outlets that currently offer takeaway coffee and to identify possible solutions.	Small Grant
Beaconsfield & Chepping Wye	Health & Wellbeing	Improvements to Coaching Facilities	Penn Street Cricket Club	Enhancing the provision of cricket coaching by: refurbishing the net area with a new playing surface, a new cage that is both longer and higher, and extending the run-up area so that bowlers can train using their full run-ups; and, constructing a new artificial wicket towards the middle of the cricket ground.	Project Funding
Buckingham & Villages	Cost of Living	Molly's Cafe Warm Space	Claydon Community Cafe trading as Molly's Community Café	Claydon Community Cafe trading as Molly's Community Cafe, which is located on West Street Steeple Claydon, already provides a warm space for local residents during normal hours of operation 9.30am until 2pm Monday to Saturday. The Café is proposing to extend their opening hours between Monday and Friday until 17:00 with reduced cafe offering during this extended time.	Small Grant
North West Chilterns	Highways	Solar Powered MVAS (Ellesborough)	Ellesborough Parish Council	Seeking funding to purchase 2 solar powered MVAS units.	Project Funding
Amersham & Villages	Health & Wellbeing	King's Coronation Garden Planting	Little Chalfont Evening WI	Making, planting and displaying a living throne for the coronation. A wooden structure will be assembled and then plants will grow and weave through it.	Small Grant
Buckingham & Villages	Community Building	Preston Bissett Village Hall Renovations	Preston Bissett Village Hall	This application is seeking funding for a number of works to renovate and improve the Village Hall, in order to make it into a useable community amenity space once again.	Project Funding
Buckingham & Villages	Highways	Community Speed Watch	Hillesden Parish Council	Hillesden Parish Council would like funding to provide their community speed watch operators with speed watch equipment to be able to collate data for the scheme.	Small Grant
Chesham & Villages	Community Building	Waitrose Alley Improvement	Town Team	The Town Team aims to work with Waitrose, Chesham Museum and local community partners to undertake repairs and solve existing issues in Waitrose Alley.	Project Funding
Chesham & Villages	Young People	Creative Hearts	The Elgiva	The Elgiva Theatre will be joining forces with Chesham Library, Waterside Primary Academy, Chesham Youth Centre, local charities, and workshop practitioner Mitika Suri to launch "Creative Hearts," a series of craft workshops designed to serve various segments of the community.	Project Funding
Chesham & Villages	Young People	1st Chesham Scout Group Tents	1st Chesham Scout Group	This project aims to raise funds to purchase ten 6-person tents, which serve as the fundamental accommodation for the group's camping excursions.	Project Funding
Haddenham & Waddesdon	Cost of Living	Community Warm Hub with Fridge, Stay and Play with Toy	Waddesdon Parish Council	Waddesdon Parish Council (WPC) are opening up the Community Centre as a "warm space" for people to come and work or play from. Applying for hall hire costs and utilities.	Small Grant
Missendens	Community Building	Little Kingshill Baptist Church Building	Little Kingshill Baptist Church	Replacing the existing hall with a purpose-built community hub. The new building will provide a larger more flexible space with 2 separate community areas plus a well-equipped kitchen.	Project Funding
North West Chilterns	Environment	Bee Squared Princes Risborough	Princes Risborough Town Council	This application is seeking funding to encourage residents of Princes Risborough and surrounding area to plant wildflowers and help bees, by planting a "Bee Square."	Small Grant

Wing & Ivinghoe	Environment	The Repair Café Set Up	The Ivinghoe and Pitstone Repair Café	The Ivinghoe and Pitstone Repair Café will be a volunteer-led service to provide repairs of household objects to the local community.	Small Grant
Beeches	Community Building	Upgrade of Farnham Common Village Hall	Farnham Common Village Hall	Seeking funding to upgrade the Village Hall, including improvements to the kitchen area, installing LED lighting in Committee Room and Small Hall, installing a kitchenette in the Small Hall, and courtyard paving.	Project Funding
Amersham & Villages	Health & Wellbeing	Social Prescribing - Group Activities Programme	Chiltern Open Air Museum	The project is to develop and deliver a programme of group activities designed to promote health & wellbeing of the elderly community (65+) who experience social isolation, and who may have other conditions such as anxiety and depression.	Project Funding
Aylesbury	Environment	Oak Green School Team Wilder Pilot	Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust (BBOWT)	This is a pilot project which has been designed in collaboration with the Community Board, Oak Green School, BBOWT and Feedback Global, to improve the school's grounds for wildlife. The class delegates will present their chosen design to their class, Eco Warriors and School Council, who will decide on the winning design or a combination of designs.	Small Grant
Denham Gerrards Cross & Chalfonts	Health & Wellbeing	Social Prescribing - Group Activities Programme	Chiltern Open Air Museum	Seeking funding for a pilot social prescribing programme project to operate from June to September 2023. The project is to develop and deliver a programme of group activities designed to promote health & wellbeing of the elderly community (65+) who experience social isolation, and who may have other conditions such as anxiety and depression.	Project Funding
Aylesbury	Young People	Youth Volunteer Intern	Aylesbury Youth Action	Funding from the Community Board will focus on supporting the Youth Volunteer Intern (YVI) role for 12 months.	Project Funding
High Wycombe	Environment	Sands Wombles	Our Sands Residents Group	To purchase equipment to support and expand the group's activities: 20 Branded H-Viz jackets to enhance our profile in the community; 10 more efficient tweezer litter pickers; 10 more hoops for bags; 2 Litter trolleys to enable older individuals to join us; 1000 leaflets to deliver to residents targeting "grot spots" in the community of Sands; 5 posters and Vinyl banners with design and put up in the community to enhance our profile; 300 bulbs, mainly daffodils of a native woodland variety to plant in the community.	Small Grant
Wendover & Villages	Community Building	Wendover Memorial Hall Replacement of Main Hall Floor	Wendover Memorial Hall	To replace the flooring in the Memorial Hall to enable users to continue to use the hall without health and safety concerns.	Project Funding
Wendover & Villages	Environment	Wendover Watersheds	Wendover Parish Council	Build and install two watersheds with tanks for collecting rainwater at local green spaces: one on the allotments on London Road, and the second at the Climate Action Wendover community garden.	Project Funding
Wendover & Villages	Health & Wellbeing	Wendover Wildbelt New Accessibility Gate	Climate Action Wendover	Climate Action Wendover (CAW) would like funding to purchase a new gate to increase accessibility for people with disabilities and for vehicles when entering Wendover Wildbelt area.	Small Grant
Wendover & Villages	Young People	Youth Volunteer Intern	Aylesbury Youth Action	Funding from the Community Board will focus on supporting the Youth Volunteer Intern (YVI) role for 12 months.	Project Funding
Wing & Ivinghoe	Health & Wellbeing	AV Equipment – Community Cinema	Mentmore Parish Council	To install high-quality AV equipment in the village hall to enhance the community's social and cultural experiences, by providing a projector for meetings and sound system for film nights, parties, and other events.	Project Funding
Beeches	Young People	Lent Rise Intergenerational Project	Lent Rise School	This application is seeking funding for an intergenerational project for children from Year 5 at Lent Rise School and local older people including members of Burnham Community Association's Monday Club and residents of Nicholas House Care Home, Burnham.	Small Grant
Wexham & The Ivers	Community Building	Richings Players Storage	Richings Players	Seeking funding to install a concrete base and shed for storage.	Project Funding
Amersham & Villages	Young People	Scout Community Minibus	1st Chesham Bois Scout Group	Seeking funding towards the purchase of a minibus.	Project Funding
Aylesbury	Young People	The Wiz Outreach Project	Florence Nightingale Hospice	Seeking community board funding to carry out an outreach project in Quarrendon, Meadowcroft, Haydon Hill, Elmhurst, Southcourt and Town Centre to advertise, promote and deliver dedicated auditions for children and young people in these areas, and to give 30 children a free place in The Wiz and tickets so their friends and family can see them perform on the biggest stage.	Project Funding

Denham Gerrards Cross & Chalfonts	Health & Wellbeing	Gerrards Cross Bike Racks	Gerrards Cross Town Council	To install four cycle racks on Packhorse Road in Gerrards Cross Town Centre.	Project Funding
Denham Gerrards Cross & Chalfonts	Health & Wellbeing	Coronation Celebration for Older People	All Together Community	Seeking funding to hold an event to celebrate the King's coronation, aimed at older residents.	Small Grant
High Wycombe	Health & Wellbeing	Diverted Giving	HWBIDCo	The scheme aims to provide alternative means for the public to give money to charities that support the street community by installing three Diverted Giving Contactless Collection Boxes in areas well known for begging.	Project Funding
High Wycombe	Economic Development	Community Payback	HWBIDCo	This project aims to work with Probation to bring a team of 10-12 workers on the Community Service scheme to work on projects weekly in High Wycombe Town Centre.	Project Funding
High Wycombe	Community Building	Nexus Building Project	St Andrews Church	This application is seeking funding for several building works that will make the church more accessible and better suited to the needs of the local community.	Project Funding
North West Chilterns	Health & Wellbeing	Parish Magazine	Stokenchurch Parish Council	This application is to help make the magazine sustainable. The organiser has been securing advertising from local businesses so that the magazine can pay for itself, and is requesting funding for two issues.	Project Funding
Amersham & Villages	Environment	Chalkland Meadow Restoration	Amersham Band	This project aims to enhance and restore the chalk grassland meadow on the Amersham Band site.	Project Funding
Aylesbury	Young People	SkillBase Programme	Cloudy Foundation	The SkillBase programme consists of two related projects. The Enterprise Academy is a 10 week online project supporting young people to acquire IT skills and to work on app technology and gain confidence in doing so. The Tech Lab project is a 5-6 day hybrid approach, including team design and development of apps, concluding with a team presentation and affirmation of skills.	Project Funding
Beaconsfield & Chepping Wye	Young People	Follyfoot Healing with Horses	Wycombe Youth Action	This application is seeking funding for 3 x 5 groups of young people to attend Follyfoot Healing with Horses, an equine therapy centre: 18 from High Wycombe, and 6 each from Beaconsfield & Chepping Wye and North West Chilterns.	Project Funding
High Wycombe	Young People	Follyfoot Healing with Horses	Wycombe Youth Action	This application is seeking funding for 3 x 5 groups of young people to attend Follyfoot Healing with Horses, an equine therapy centre: 18 from High Wycombe, and 6 each from Beaconsfield & Chepping Wye and North West Chilterns.	Project Funding
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Chesham & Villages	Economic Development	Chesham Empty Shop Decal	Chesham Connect	The proposed project is to enhance the aesthetics of the High Street in Chesham by covering the windows of long-term empty shop units with visually captivating vinyl decals.	Project Funding
Chesham & Villages	Health & Wellbeing	Hope Place Garden	Restore Hope	Seeking funding towards the creation of a play garden for children aged 0 to 4 years old attached to a mother and baby/ toddler group which currently runs twice a week at no cost to the user.	Project Funding
Chesham & Villages	Young People	Developing a Chesham Grammar School Historical Archive	Chesham Grammar School	This initiative aims to create a comprehensive and accessible archive of all historical materials related to the school, dating back to its founding as Chesham Technical High School in 1947.	Small Grant
Wendover & Villages	Health & Wellbeing	Halton Village Sign in commemoration of the King's Coronation	Halton Parish Council	Purchase of a village sign post for outside the Village Hall, a replacement heritage sign listing listed properties, and repairs to the flagpole at St Michael & All Angels Church.	Project Funding
High Wycombe	Health & Wellbeing	HWCC Community Outreach Project	High Wycombe Cricket Club	This project is offering the opportunity to access free sports coaching in order to develop involvement and enjoyment of physical activity in children and young people, as well as supporting the school and teachers with the delivery and development of the PE curriculum.	Project Funding
Aylesbury	Health & Wellbeing	Age UK Welfare Benefits	Age UK	To inject capacity into the Age UK Bucks Welfare Benefits Service during 2023. This grant would combine with a grant of £10,000 awarded by Heart of Bucks.	Project Funding
Wing & Ivinghoe	Health & Wellbeing	Aston Abbots Recreation Ground Upgrade	Aston Abbots Parish Council	An outdoor Table Tennis Table with the aim to encourage as many residents as possible to partake in outdoor activities, in a local communal space.	Small Grant
South West Chilterns	Economic Development	Website Creation	Harmony Belles	Uplift to 2021-22 Project	Project Funding
Wing & Ivinghoe	Young People	Action 4 Youth 1:1 Mentoring	Action 4 Youth	Uplift to 2021-2022 project.	Project Funding

Wing & Ivinghoe	Young People	Overstone School Pool Feasibility Study	Overstone School	Uplift to 2021-2022 project.	Project Funding
Wing & Ivinghoe	Health & Wellbeing	Watermead Lake Walkway	Watermead Parish Council	Uplift to 2021-2022 project.	Project Funding
Beaconsfield & Chepping Wye	Highways	Halls Corner and Highlands and Greenlands	Ringway Jacobs	Uplift to 2021-22 Project	Project Funding
Beaconsfield & Chepping Wye	Highways	The Common	Ringway Jacobs	Uplift to 2021-22 Project	Project Funding
High Wycombe	Health & Wellbeing	Royal British Legion Unknown Soldier Silhouettes	High Wycombe Community Board	The purchase of two Royal British Legion Unknown Soldier Silhouettes to enhance the War Memorial at The Quick, Wycombe Marsh, Kings Road, London Road, High Wycombe.	Small Grant
Winslow & Villages	Environment	Stewkley Recreation Ground Bike Shelter	Stewkley Parish Council	To Install a small bike shelter (capacity - 6 bikes) with a living roof.	Project Funding
Winslow & Villages	Young People	Mursley Play & Exercise Area Upgrade	Mursley Parish Council	It's hoped to facilitate interactions within the village and strengthen relationships in a safe and fully accessible environment, close to home. Residents will be encouraged to take to the outdoors, no matter their fitness and ability, supporting them in leading healthier and happier lifestyles.	Project Funding
Winslow & Villages	Highways	North Marston Kerbing 2	North Marston Parish Council	Uplift to 2021-2022 project.	Project Funding
Winslow & Villages	Cost of Living	Warm Wednesday (Spaces)	Newton Longville Parish Council	Newton Longville Parish Council (NLPC) would like to provide a warm, welcoming space for villagers from all demographic groups and reflects the national initiative to recognise and support people who face the current challenges and financial difficulties caused by the dramatic increase in the cost of living.	Small Grant
Winslow & Villages	Health & Wellbeing	Replacement of Burial Ground Path	Winslow Town Council	Winslow Town Council would like to replace the Furze Lane Burial Ground path as the tarmac surface of the path has cracked.	Project Funding

2022/23 - Engagement activity examples

Project/Organisation	Engagement
Amersham & Villages	
Engagement Event	Engagement event brought together many partner organisations and lots of positive connections were made.
Proud of Bucks	Now a CB initiative celebrating volunteers and groups in our local areas.
Lunch Club	Linked up a local restaurant with CIB to setup a lunch club.
Grow to Give scheme	Brought together relevant partners in a task and finish group to look at food support and develop the Grow to Give scheme – this also then led to new relationships with the Adult Social Care East team and connections made with Community Engagement.
Girl Guides	Met with the local guide group to help with recruiting new volunteer leaders.
Welcome event for Ukrainians	Hosted a welcome event for Ukrainians and worked with Bucks Adult Learning to setup new language classes in Amersham.
Food Champions initiative	Linked up with Community Engagement and the Chiltern Foodbank to pilot the Food Champions initiative in Amersham.
Community Hub	Currently supporting the potential setup of a Community Hub working alongside multiple agencies – providing links to funding sources and connections with other groups looking for premises.
Dementia Café	Recruited volunteers in Amersham and linked with the Free Church to setup a weekly Dementia Café.
Social Prescribers	Regular meeting with Social Prescribers and provide information to them about new projects that they can refer patients to.
Town & Parish Clerks	Point of contact for Town & Parish Clerks (with positive feedback about how useful they find it to have dedicated support) and link to the Council.
Partner meetings	Attend partner meetings to be aware of what's going on and connect projects and groups that could collaborate. Recently attended the AAG group and provided useful information to them about other funding opportunities. This support featured in their update in the YourAmersham Magazine.
Council messages	Share key Council messages to local groups quickly and on our social media groups and pages.
Council services	Support Council service areas with projects (e.g. distributing litter picking equipment to local groups).
Local events	Presence at local events provides a way for residents to connect with the council.
Key information	Provide key information about training available to local groups (e.g. the Clare Foundation's bid writing course).

Health & Wellbeing Event for Amersham	Working with Community Engagement and Development team and Adult Social Care East to deliver a Health & Wellbeing Event in Amersham on Wednesday 5 th April – inviting local health providers to promote their support and activities and for residents to drop in and find out what is available to them.
Little Chalfont AGM	The Parish Council have invited CB to attend their AGM and give an update on the board activity
Aylesbury	
Mandeville School	Following a petition from the Mandeville School, the Community Board organised a partnership meeting on site to explore the concerns raised- a local Member and Officers from different services attended.
Attendance, information sharing and exploration at partner meetings	CBM attends Serious Violence Task Force, Parks and Open Spaces Group, Quarrendon Street Association meeting, Homelessness Forum, Vineyard Tuesday Hub
Cycleway Openings	Platinum Way and Berryfields Greenway- promoting CB and specifically Active Travel work. Supporting with tree planting and awareness raising of CB.
Regular engagement with BC services	Public Health, Transport Strategy, Economic Regeneration (Town Centre Development and Garden Town workstreams)
Bike Marking Events- Bucks College Group/Transport Strategy	The Environment Action Group was exploring Active Travel and a possible survey to be delivered by college students- Transport Strategy were invited to the conversation and subsequently a new mutually beneficial
Ward Walks/Opportunity Bucks	Ward Walk with local Members and Town Councillor to better understand the NW area and look at opportunities for development.
Prebendal Farm Community Event	Discussion with local Member and residents group to ascertain how to build community relations in the area- conversation with local events organiser to host community event.
Minority Ethnic Health and Wellbeing Event	CB stall to raise awareness and network with residents and other stall holders
Campaign work following exploration in task and finish groups	Partnership meetings set up to explore local issues: - vape waste, expanding volunteering, supporting local games clubs
Beaconsfield & Chepping Wye	
Knotty Green Tree Planting	The Community Board supported and worked with the community, the local parish council, and other BC services including the environment and climate team, highways and licensing. A small group of residents, both older and young, from two streets in Knotty Green came together and planted 73 trees in their two roads and have taken 'ownership' of the trees. The aim was not only to make the roads more aesthetically pleasing, but to improve air quality.
WI	Regularly link in with the WI – an active group who we have supported through signposting, promotion/comms re events. Also attended events such as the opening of the water bottle refill station.

Penn & Tylers Green Residents	Regular meetings and support with Winter Warmer lunches etc. through signposting, promotion/comms re events. Open to all and very active.
Beaconsfield Society	Regularly link in with the Bec Soc – an active group who we have supported through signposting,
Local Papers/Newsletters	Regular publications regarding Community Board activities – this is reciprocal for promotion of local news/events etc.
Social Prescribers	Regular meetings with Social Prescribers to discuss Talking Cafes and other initiatives.
Town and Parish Councils	Good relationship with the parishes. Regular linking in, supporting with connection to Bucks Council.
Partner meetings	Attend partner meetings to be aware of what's going on and connect projects and groups that could collaborate.
Youth Voice	Attended the Youth Summit – made contacts with our local secondary schools. Excellent networking opportunity.
Beeches	
Arbour Vale	New partnership between school and Rotary, aiming to offer employment and training opportunities to pupils with SEN, approached Board for support and contacts – an invite to present to the action group and promotion to the wider Board led to introductions to a school ambassador, a chair of governors, BBF, the Clare Foundation and others.
Community Events	Presence at key local events, usually with gazebo etc, to reach residents and network with existing and new contacts – always productive for generating and developing discussions on solutions to issues, often without
Town/Parish Councils and community groups	Good relationships with clerks, parish councillors and community groups encourage and facilitate early discussions on appropriate approaches for issues that are raised and project proposals.
Funding sources	Regularly provide information on sources of funding for community projects that would be more suitable than CB funding and/or can provide contributions. Invited CIB to present to Board meeting on funding guide
Youth Practitioners' Event	Developed from action group discussions, a small pilot project and an identified need to better understand young peoples' hopes, wishes and issues. Collaborating with other teams and key partners to deliver a roundtable event with community groups, organisations and services working with 10 – 19 year olds – to design a joint engagement plan that will effectively and accurately inform future discussions about youth provision and support.
Local Magazine Articles	Free space in local publications to promote the Board and invite engagement. Three articles published so far in 2023 with a combined reach of 11,000+ households.
Volunteering and VCS Advice	Respond to specific requests from charities and VCS groups for advice on management, volunteers and funding by signposting to CIB, Heart of Bucks, Clare Foundation etc. Regularly include relevant information in mailings, for example about the Volunteer Matching Service.

Buckingham & Villages	
Banking Hub	Facilitating the community engagement and utilising local knowledge for UK Finance to establish an effective banking hub in Buckingham, following the closure of the remaining bank.
Flood Resilience Workshops	Working in partnership with the Bucks Council Resilience Team to establish training workshops for the local villages/ parish councils to help them create a community resilience plan in the event of a flood.
Youth Cafe	Working in partnership with the Bucks Council Youth Participation Coordinator to lay the groundwork for a Youth Café in Buckingham. Together we have been running engagement sessions with groups of students
North Bucks Careers and Apprenticeships Fair	Partnering with the University of Buckingham, Bucks Economic Regeneration Team and Bucks Business First to deliver a careers and apprenticeships fair for the North of Bucks. Will be aimed towards young people and the purpose will be to inspire residents of potential career options and the different pathways to getting there. Will utilise local businesses in addition to national businesses.
Buckingham Hotel Asylum Seekers	Acted as the information facilitator between the council and the wider community. Feedback from parish councils was that this was very helpful to keep them informed of what was going on and contribute to the community spirit of supporting the asylum seekers.
Chesham & Villages	
Engagement Event	Successful engagement event at the Elgiva bringing together over 20 partners with a lots of networking
Chesham Youth Council	CVCB works closely with the Chesham Youth Council to ensure that the voices and perspectives of young people in the community are heard. This includes regular discussions with the Youth Council to understand what matters to them and how CVCB can work with them to produce the best outcomes. Last year, CVCB gave them the opportunity to run their own youth awards, empowering them to take a leading role in promoting the interests and achievements of young people in the community.
Working with Schools	CVCB has devised its own workshop on climate change and the environment for local schools. Pupils (Years 4, 5 & 6) are tasked with creating their own Eco-Charters, a set of promises they can stick to at school, home, and in the community
Villages Forum	CVCB meets regularly with the 6 parishes through the Villages Forum meeting, which is held online. This forum provides an opportunity for the parishes to work together, collaborate on ideas, and receive regular updates and presentations from different services within the Council. The Villages Forum is an important platform for fostering collaboration and cooperation between the Community Board, the parishes, and the Council, and is critical to the success of the Board.

Chesham Regeneration & LCWIP	<p>CVCB is an active member of the Chesham Regeneration working group and regularly attends both stakeholder and technical officer meetings to stay informed about the progress of the regeneration programme and to explore ways in which the Board can support its development and success.</p> <p>The Board's participation in the Chesham Regeneration working group allows us to play a key role in shaping the future of the community and promoting positive change and growth.</p>
Working with the Ukrainian support groups	<p>CVCB demonstrated our responsiveness and commitment to supporting the community by quickly reacting to the implementation of the Homes for Ukraine scheme in Spring 22.</p> <p>We helped the set-up two support groups - the Chiltern Sunflower, serving central Chesham, and the Hilltops Ukrainian Support Group for the villages. These support groups provide crucial support and resources for members of the Ukrainian community and demonstrate the Board's commitment to promoting inclusivity within the community, and support for the Ukrainian refugees.</p>
Opportunity Bucks	<p>During the summer, the ward of Chesham was singled out as a prime area for the Opportunity Bucks agenda.</p>
	<p>In response, CVCB took a proactive approach in the early stages by spearheading the formation of the Ward Partnership.</p> <p>To bring all the stakeholders together, CVCB coordinated a lively gathering at the Bagnall Project in Chesham, bringing key stakeholders together to network and collaborate.</p>
Welcoming Spaces	<p>CVCB has been collaborating with the Chesham Asian Welfare Society and the Mayor of Chesham to expand the reach of the Welcoming Spaces initiative, providing much-needed support to the community during the winter months. CVCB provided a small grant to cover the cost of hot drinks and refreshments.</p>
Bucks County Show 2022	<p>CVCB promotes the Community Board concept across the county by participating in events like the Bucks County Show. These events offer a chance for CVCB to connect with a diverse range of residents and showcase its value.</p>
Stakeholder Engagement	<p>It is important to highlight that the Board seeks meaningful engagement with its key stakeholders including, public services (TVP, Fire etc), Oasis Partnership, Sustainable Chesham, Town and Parish Councils, VCSE etc. This is delivered through regular catch ups and meetings. Sometimes this can be very informal with no agenda but merely updating one another and maintaining a healthy, working relationship.</p>
Denham, Gerrards Cross & the Chalfonts	
Helping Hands Grant	<p>Facilitating a grant of £1,000 from Helping Hands to the Fawsett Charity Voucher Scheme (awarded from the Government Household Support Grant).</p>

Thames Valley Police	Embryonic work with TVP to support management of community safety issues (eg. pony and trap).
Town & Parish Councils	Building better relationships with the Town & Parish Councils, particularly with regular catch ups with the Clerks (which is greatly appreciated) and facilitating a quarterly Group Clerks' Meetings, which was also well received. In addition to this, after meeting with our LAT, we realised we were both meeting with Clerks so have combined meetings.
Climate Response Team	Signposted Chalfont St. Peter to the Climate Response Team to share information on the numbers of trees the Parish are planting (as they count towards CRT targets).
Engagement Event	CB run engagement event run annually in the community. This year's event will be held in Gerrard's Cross have a focus on Sustainability and particularly protecting the natural environment. This event links with POB Awards to celebrate the achievements of voluntary groups and community champions in the area.
Colne Valley Regional Park	As part of The Green Belt, CVRP has a positive role for biodiversity, countryside recreation, food production and access to the countryside, along with all the health and wellbeing benefits this brings. The Community Board is committed to working with CVRP in addressing the challenge to protect the resource and further enhance the area for the local and regional community.
Ukraine Team	Developed a school's project with Stephen Spender Trust, that was passed to the Ukraine Team to fund.
Haddenham & Waddesdon	
Library of Things	Progression of the Library and the setting up of a new repair café (in progress).
Health & Wellbeing Event – Haddenham	Engagement event bringing partners and the local community together.
Health & Wellbeing Events in Berryfields and Waddesdon	Further to the success of the event in Haddenham, PCs in Berryfields and Waddesdon were approached and offered their venues free of charge. Partners including internal services are booked to attend.
Waddesdon and Grendon Underwood Community larders/fridges	Linking in with Helping Hands team to visit potential venues and enable more projects to start up.
Community Board action group discussions	Litter picking forum; Quainton Community Heritage Orchard
Parish Councils	Day to day engagement generally takes place through a bimonthly newsletter and Facebook page and with parishes regularly making contact via email or phone to raise queries, or to be signposted.
Building a Community Vision	This is a CB wide event taking place on 7 th June at Waddesdon Community Centre to set priorities for the coming year.
High Wycombe	

Parklets	The Community Board facilitated the removal, refurbishment and realignment of town centre parklets working with both EDEN and BNU. Waste Team and IdVerde then cleared up the waste left behind in Frogmore
Wycombe Resouce Zone	HW Community Board were instrumental and very much involved with moving forward the Resource Zone. This was relaunched as Refresh - now run by the Wycombe Environmental Group and in a unit in the Chilterns Shopping Centre. From this also sprang the Repair Cafe which is held in All Saints Parish Church every second Saturday in the month, with a band of volunteers that help to repair tools, some electrical appliances, old toys, clothes etc.
Wycombe Environment Centre Bee Squared	The Community Board have supported the Bee Squared initiative and have helped to distribute packets of seeds to members of the community, encouraging them to plant wildflowers for the pollinators and also recruiting volunteers and groups to provide space for collection points around the town.
Covid jab clinics	The Community Board continually promoted the on-the-move health vans which provided Covid Vaccinations to local residents in closer proximity to where they lived. This continued as the Flu and Covid Boosters vaccinations became available in Autumn 22 and the board promoted the pop-up clinics.
Hot food provision	The Community Board have continued to support projects that provide hot food provision during the School Holidays and have helped in many ways, including making connections between groups so that they can work collaboratively, encouraging volunteers to get involved an help, and promoting the support available to
Imbies event	The Community Board attending the event which was about encouraging community cohesion, focusing on community strengths, fostering a sense of community spirit and to understand the improvements residents would like to see in their local area and for them to share their ideas of how to make these happen.
Frogfest	The Community Board attended Frogfest with a stand to distribute leaflets about activities and support available to local residents provided by local voluntary groups and organisations in the local area.
Blood pressure WISE	The Community Board supported a pilot programme aimed at improving Cardiovascular Disease outcomes to address health inequalities. Working with WISE (High Wycombe Mosque), the first phase of the project engaged members of the mosque to gather insight on how often they checked their blood pressure and provide information that would help them to do so regularly.
Missendens	
Parish Councils	There is a good relationship between the CB and Parish Councils. To be further explored with the introduction of 2 new CBCs for Missendens.

Missendens Community Celebration and Engagement Event	To take place on 20 th April this event is open to local community organisations and residents as a showcase and networking opportunity which will also help in setting the board's priorities for 2023/24 and feature the Proud of Bucks awards.
Holy Trinity Church-Prestwood	Regular conversations held with church family worker has enabled an opportunity for resident engagement to better understand the needs and concerns of the local community, particularly those living in social housing (Hazell Road). This has also subsequently linked in colleagues from the Council's Community Safety and Youth Services.
Align/HS2 Community Funding	Successful engagement has been established with the Social Value Manager from Align as a gateway/signpost to help community groups access available funding and the 'people power' initiative whereby employees of HS2 are able to offer a broad range of practical and hands on expertise.
TVP and Chiltern and South Bucks Policing Issues Forum	Regular engagement and attendance at CSBPIF meetings.
North West Chilterns	
Ukraine to Chilterns	Application which provided Christmas presents to Ukrainian children/young people. It was supposed to be funded by the NWC CB but instead was funded by BC (internally). The CB however facilitated the application
Air Quality Monitoring	It was requested by residents and groups within the Transport and Road Issues Action Group to implement air quality monitoring in Princes Risborough, due to the construction of the new relief road and housing developments.
Thames Valley Police	Arranged regular speed enforcement with Thames Valley Police and an alternative way for TfB to deliver new MVAS post on Cockpit Road, Great Kingshill due to speeding on this road.
Princes Risborough Charity (PRC) - Hot Meals Project	Funded through Helping Hands (HH) but the Community Board assisted by linking HH and PRC.
A010 HS2 Mitigation	Input to help BC refine its design proposals. The Transport and Road Issues Action Group submitted detailed design drawings and local input to assist BC officer teams.
NWC Walking and Cycling Plan	Engagement with BC to help provide a plan which will add significant value to BC's countywide strategic LCWIP, by describing the opportunities and problems at a local detailed level in the NWC area.
Community Garden	A plot of land agreed at Orchard View Farm, Little Meadle (near Longwick) who are supplying for free. Community Garden will be managed by volunteers and worked on by them and families who want to grow food to eat, donate to food banks and sell for a small amount of money – proceeds to go back into the land to make it sustainable. Discussions are currently being had with local garden centres requesting donations for seeds and tools etc.

Old Orchard, Kingshill	Joint engagement between the NWC and HW CB's – Community Board Mangers visited site to give advice on who the land owner should contact on implementing a bee keeping scheme and working the land to enhance the various fruit trees that are currently growing.
Broadband	Discussions and engagement in terms of this item with BC and the Board area.
South West Chilterns	
Lady Ryder Memorial Garden – All Abilities Garden	After listening to the detail within the project and what was being achieved established that one of the main elements related to costs of building materials. Having contacts in the building trade with a company who support community projects I made the connection so that the requirements could be discussed to see what could be contributed.
Community Fridge – Lane End Youth & Community Centre	Discussing project options this led on to further ideas which would involve collaborative working with other internal BC services and outside providers.
Dementia Action Marlow	Introducing them to local Library Manager.
Board Action Groups	Holding regular action groups, particularly Community Engagement ensures that discussions that take place are shared creating lightbulb moments.
Wendover & Villages	
Smoke Free Playgrounds	As part of our Health and Wellbeing Action Group it was identified working with Public Health that due to the high percentage of individuals with cardio-vascular problems that it we should look at a SmokeFree Playground Initiative. Stoke Mandeville Parish Council were extremely engaged with this and wanted to offer their parish owned playground to be part of this project. The Community Board Manager engaged directly with the local school, Stoke Mandeville Combined School to discuss the poster competition idea and the initiative. Then with support with Public Health as the expert within this field, designed the project. Also engaged with the Cabinet Member for Public Health Angela Macpherson. There was a judging panel, with
Clerks Forum	Quarterly sessions scheduled with the clerks from the Community Board area to discuss informally any issues, provides networking opportunity and to share learning. Also provides a direct contact locally between the area and Buckinghamshire Council.
NHS Health Checks	As part of the Public Health profile, it was indicated that the uptake within the Wendover and Villages was significantly low. As a result, the Community Board worked closely with colleagues at Live Way Stay Well to put on various sessions within the area, one at Wendover Library and one at Aston Clinton Hub. These were promoted via Community Board meetings, and through both our social media.
Wexham & the Ivers	
Wexham Social Library	Every third Saturday of the month, the Chairman of Wexham Parish Council holds a Social Library – books, cakes, and chats are had, and this is a valuable addition to Wexham.

Informal Parish Clerk's Catch ups	Very informal – takes place with the Ivers when I am in the office and with Wexham when we text/email.
Resident's Associations	Have started meeting with the new chair of Iver Village Residents' Association to discuss visions and hopes for how the board can help.
TVP & PCSOs	When I am in the IPC offices
Orchards Residential Park	Coming up: joint PCSO, trading standards, community safety and CB event.
Wing & Ivinghoe	
Whipsnade Zoo	Engaged with ZSL Whipsnade Zoo as they are a neighbour to the northeast area of the board. Very interested in being a contact to support residents in the area with varying projects and educational opportunities.
Wing Market	Wing Market is a new asset to the village and area. It runs every Thursday morning. Members and residents would like to try and sustain the asset for it to become a hub/hive of activity.
School Lighting and Energy	Issues whereby Wingrave School are struggling with their energy bills. Lighting changes have been requested so Schools run on LED.
FCC Community Fund	Have made parishes aware of fund for varying, higher cost projects.
Wingrave Warm Spaces	Food provision required to run a 4-day week project in the parish of Wingrave and Rowsham. Offering a warm space, activities, support. Signposted to Helping Hands.
Wing Woods	Wing Woods project being delivered by the Environment team
Edlesborough Church	Friends of the Church group were struggling with lots of issues relating to access and ongoing maintenance of the site. The church is redundant but still used for some community events.
S.I.C.K Performing Arts – Suicide Prevention piece	Lost Arts Council funding in 2022 due to being unable to meet their obligations. Which was to find and secure additional funding for the remaining amount required. Starting again from scratch and aim to be a piece that will be exclusively Bucks. Are working with Bucks Mind to ensure the piece is as accurate as possible and
Winslow & Villages	
Engagement Event	Our engagement event in the summer brought together many partner organisations such as BBOWT, Trading Standards, Greener Padbury, Bucks Fire Service. As well as working in collaboration with Play Around the Park Team as the event was on the same day
Proud of Bucks	Now a CB initiative celebrating volunteers and groups in our local areas.
The Winslow Show	The CB had a stand at the Winslow Show
Newton Longville Warm Space	Community Board Manager attendance on a Wednesday. Signpost to other groups that may be able to help/attend the sessions with Helping Hand Team & Trading Standards

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Report to Full Council

Date:	17 May 2023
Title:	Proposed Calendar of Meetings for Buckinghamshire Council 2023/2024
Author and/or contact officer:	Sarah Ashmead, Monitoring Officer
Recommendations:	That the Council approve the proposed calendar of meetings for Buckinghamshire Council from May 2023.
Reason for decision:	To approve the Schedule of Meetings for the year 2023 to 2024.

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 2023 has been created and is attached as Appendix 1.
- 1.3 Following approval at Annual Council the dates on the website 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 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 MAY BANK HOLIDAY	2 South Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (2.30pm)	3 North Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (2.30pm)	4	5
8 BANK HOLIDAY	9 Cabinet (10am)	10 Audit and Governance (10am) West Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (6.30pm)	11 Strategic Sites Committee (2pm)	12
15	16 Pay and Appointments (10:00am-12:00pm)	17 AGM Council (4pm)	18 Bucks and Surrey Joint Trading Standards (10:30am)	19
22	23	24 Central Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (2.30pm)	25	26
29 Summer half term 2022	30 South Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (2.30pm) East Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (6.30pm)	31 North Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (2.30pm)		

June 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
MAY BANK HOLIDAY			1	2
5 Beeches Community Board (6pm)	6	7 Corporate Parenting Panel (4:30pm) West Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (6.30pm)	8 Strategic Sites Committee (2pm)	9
12 Cabinet (10am)	13	14 Pay and Appointments (10:00-12:00) Communities & Localism SC (10am) Licensing Committee (6:30pm)	15 Children's & Education SC (2pm) Wexham and the Ivers Community Board (7pm)	16
19 High Wycombe Town Committee (7pm)	20	21 Buckinghamshire Shareholder Committee (2pm) Central Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (2.30pm)	22 Transport, Environment & Climate Change SC (10am) Health and wellbeing Board (2-4pm)	23 TVP and Crime Panel Meeting (11am)
26 South Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (2.30pm) East Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (6.30pm)	27	28 North Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (2.30pm) Beaconsfield & Chepping Wye Community Board (7.30pm)	29 Aylesbury Community Board (6pm) Wendover Community Board (7pm)	30

July 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3	4 LGA Conference	5 Audit and Governance (10am) Pension Fund Committee (1pm) West Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (6.30pm)	6 Growth, Infrastructure & Housing SC (10am) Strategic Sites Committee (2pm) Buckingham & Villages Community Board (6.30pm)	7
10	11 Cabinet (10am) Denham, Gerrards Cross & Chalfonts Community Board (6.30pm) Winslow & Villages Community Board (6.30pm)	12 Council (4pm)	13 Standards and General Purposes Committee (2pm) Pay and Appointments (2:30pm) Chesham & Villages Community Board (6pm)	14
17 High Wycombe Community Board (6.30pm)	18 Licensing Committee 6:30pm	19 Buckinghamshire Local Access Forum (10am) Central Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (2.30pm) South West Chilterns Community Board (6.30pm)	20 Health & Adult Social Care SC (10am) Finance & Resources SC (2pm) Amersham Community Board (7.30pm)	21
24 Summer holiday 2022	25 South Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (2.30pm) Corporate Parenting Panel (4:30pm) East Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (6.30pm)	26 North Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (2.30pm) Wing & Ivinghoe Community Board (6.30pm)	27 North West Chilterns Community Board (6.30pm)	28
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August 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 Missendens Community Board (7pm)	2 West Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (6.30pm)	3 Strategic Sites Committee (2pm)	4
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14	15	16 Central Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (2.30pm)	17	18
21	22 South Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (2.30pm) East Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (6.30pm)	23 North Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (2.30pm)	24	25
28 BANK HOLIDAY	29	30 West Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (6.30pm)	31 Strategic Sites Committee (2pm)	

September 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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4	5 Licensing Committee (6:30pm)	6	7 Children's & Education SC(2pm)	8
11	12 Cabinet (10am)	13 Pay and Appointments (10:00-12:00) Central Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (2.30pm)	14 Transport, Environment & Climate Change SC (10am) Buckinghamshire Historic Environmental Forum (2pm) Haddenham & Waddesdon Community Board (6.30pm)	15 TVP and Crime Panel Meeting (11am)
18	19 South Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (2.30pm) Corporate Parenting Panel (4:30pm) East Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (6.30pm)	20 Council (4pm)	21 Growth, Infrastructure & Housing SC (10am) Bucks and Surrey Joint Trading Standards (10:30) Health and Wellbeing Board (2-4pm)	22
25	26 High Wycombe Town Committee (7pm)	27 Audit and Governance (10am) Pension Fund Committee (2pm) North Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (2.30pm) West Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (6.30pm)	28 Strategic Sites Committee (2pm)	29

October 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	3 Beeches Community Board (6pm)	4 Communities & Localism SC (10am) South West Chilterns Community Board (6.30pm)	5 Finance & Resources SC (2pm)	6
9	10 Cabinet (10am)	11 Central Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (2.30pm) Chesham & Villages Community Board (6pm) Beaconsfield & Chepping Wye Community Board (7.30pm)	12 Lord Lieutenant Annual Award Health & Adult Social Care SC (10am) Pay and Appointments (2pm) Buckingham & Villages Community Board (6.30pm)	13
16	17 South Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (2.30pm) East Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (6.30pm)	18 Buckinghamshire Shareholder Committee (2pm) North Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (2.30pm) West Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (6.30pm)	19 Standards and General Purposes Committee (2pm) Wendover Community Board (7pm)	20
23 Autumn Half Term Holidays	24 Wexham and the Ivers Community Board (7pm)	25 Wing & Ivinghoe Community Board (6.30pm)	26 Strategic Sites Committee (2pm)	27
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November 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 Buckinghamshire Local Access Forum (10am)	2 Children's & Education SC (2pm) Amersham Community Board (7.30pm)	3
6	7 Audit and Governance (10am) Licensing Committee (6:30pm)	8 Central Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (2.30pm) High Wycombe Community Board (6.30pm)	9 Transport, Environment & Climate Change SC (10am) Pay and Appointments (2pm)	10
13 TVP and Crime Panel Meeting (11am)	14 Cabinet (10am) South Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (2.30pm) East Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (6.30pm)	15 Pension Fund Committee (2pm) North Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (2.30pm) West Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (6.30pm)	16 Aylesbury Community Board (6pm) Denham, Gerrards Cross & Chalfonts Community Board (6.30pm)	17
20	21 Corporate Parenting Panel (4:30pm) High Wycombe Town Committee (7pm) Winslow & Villages Community Board (6.30pm)	22 Communities & Localism SC (10am)	23 Growth, Infrastructure & Housing SC (10am) Strategic Sites Committee (2pm)	24
27	28 Missendens Community Board (7pm)	29	30 Health & Adult Social Care SC (10am) Finance & Resources SC (2pm) Haddenham & Waddesdon Community Board (6.30pm)	

December 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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4	5	6 Council (4pm)	7 Standards and General Purposes Committee (2pm) North West Chilterns Community Board (6.30pm)	8
11	12 Cabinet (10am) South Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (2.30pm) East Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (6.30pm)	13 Central Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (2.30pm) West Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (6.30pm)	14 Health and Wellbeing Board (2-4pm)	15
18	19 Pay and Appointments (10:00-12:00)	20 Winter Holidays North Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (2.30pm)	21 Strategic Sites Committee (2pm)	22
25 BANK HOLIDAY	26 BANK HOLIDAY	27	28	29

January 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 BANK HOLIDAY	2	3	4 Cabinet (10am)	5
8 <u>Budget Scrutiny</u>	9 South Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (2.30pm) East Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (6.30pm)	10 Buckinghamshire Shareholder Committee (2pm) Central Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (2.30pm) West Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (6.30pm)	11	12
15	16 Missendens Community Board (7pm)	17 Audit and Governance (10am) North Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (2.30pm)	18 Strategic Sites Committee (2pm) Chesham & Villages Community Board (6pm)	19
22	23 High Wycombe Town Committee (7pm)	24	25 Children's & Education SC (2pm)	26 TVP and Crime Panel Meeting (11am)
29	30 Corporate Parenting Panel (4:30pm)	31 Beaconsfield & Chepping Wye Community Board (7.30pm)		

February 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 Transport, Environment & Climate Change SC(10am) North West Chilterns Community Board (6.30pm)	2
5	6 South Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (2.30pm) Beeches Community Board (6pm) East Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (6.30pm) Winslow & Villages Community Board (6.30pm)	7 Central Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (2.30pm) West Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (6.30pm)	8 Buckingham & Villages Community Board (6.30pm)	9
12 Spring Half Term Holidays	13 Cabinet (10am)	14 Pay and Appointments (10:00-12:00) North Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (2.30pm) South West Chilterns Community Board (6.30pm)	15 Growth, Infrastructure & Housing SC (10am) Strategic Sites Committee (2pm) Amersham Community Board (7.30pm) Haddenham & Waddesdon Community Board (6.30pm)	16
19	20 Aylesbury Community Board (6pm)	21 Council (4pm)	22 Finance & Resources SC (2pm) Wendover Community Board (7pm)	23
26	27 Licensing Committee (6:30pm)	28 Communities & Localism SC (10am) Denham, Gerrards Cross & Chalfonts Community Board (6.30pm) Wing & Ivinghoe Community Board (6.30pm)	29 Health & Adult Social Care SC (10am) Wexham and the Ivers Community Board (7pm)	

March 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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4	5 Cabinet (10am) South Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (2.30pm) East Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (6.30pm)	6 Audit and Governance (10am) Central Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (2.30pm) West Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (6.30pm)	7 Children's and Education SC (2pm)	8
11	12	13 Pension Fund Committee (2pm) Buckinghamshire Shareholder Committee (2pm) North Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (2.30pm) High Wycombe Community Board (6.30pm)	14 Strategic Sites Committee (2pm)	15 TVP and Crime Panel Meeting (11am)
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25 High Wycombe Town Committee (7pm)	26	27 Buckinghamshire Local Access Forum (10am)	28 Transport, Environment, & Climate Change SC (10am)	29 BANK HOLIDAY

April 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 Spring Holidays BANK HOLIDAY	2 South Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (2.30pm) East Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (6.30pm)	3 Central Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (2.30pm) West Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (6.30pm)	4 Standards and General Purposes Committee (2pm)	5
8	9 Cabinet (10am)	10 Communities & Localism SC (10am) Pay and Appointments (10:00-12:00) Bucks and Surrey Joint Trading Standards (10:30) North Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (2.30pm)	11 Health & Adult Social Care SC (10am) Strategic Sites Committee (2pm)	12
15	16 Buckinghamshire Historic Environmental Forum (2pm) Licensing Committee (6:30pm)	17 Council (4pm)	18 Growth, Infrastructure & Housing SC (10am) Finance & Resources SC (2pm)	19
22 Rooms needed for PCC Elections	23	24	25	26
29	30 South Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (2.30pm) East Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (6.30pm)			

May 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1	2 Election PCC	3
6 BANK HOLIDAY	7 Cabinet (10am)	8 Audit and Governance (10am) Central Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (2.30pm) West Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (6.30pm)	9 Strategic Sites Committee (2pm)	10
13	14 Pay and Appointments (10:00-12:00)	15 AGM Council (4pm)	16	17
20	21	22 North Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (2.30pm)	23	24
27 Summer half term Holidays BANK HOLIDAY	28 South Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (2.30pm) East Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee (6.30pm)	29	30	31 BANK HOLIDAY

Key	
Yellow	Indicates school holiday
Blue	Indicates bank holiday
Purple	Indicates Local Government Association Conference
Green	Indicates Budget Scrutiny dates
Orange	Indicates Elections



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/>

19 Apr 2023

HW04.23 - Future Commissioning of Supported Living Contracts

The Leader AGREED:

- 1. To procure two new Block contracts to replace the existing 'Homes for Living' and 'Options for Support' contracts**
- 2. To delegate the decision to award contracts to the Corporate Director for Adults & Health**

19 Apr 2023

TR11.23 - School Transport Policy - consultation findings and recommendations

The Leader:

- 1. AGREED that future school bus ticket charges under the Spare Seat scheme will be based on the recommended flat fee structure and to agree a flat fee set at £868 for Buckinghamshire residents and £1200 for non-Buckinghamshire residents for the 2023-24 academic year; both to be applied regardless of the distance travelled.**
- 2. AGREED the annual fee for Council organised transport element for post-16 SEND students be set at £954 for the 2023-24 academic year, and the reduced annual fee for demonstrated financial hardship be set at £636 for the 2023-24 academic year.**
- 3. AGREED the draft Home to School Transport Policy at Appendix 1 and associated draft Post-16 Transport Policy Statement 2023-24 at Appendix 2 having considered the consultation findings.**

21 Apr 2023

**HW05.23 - Recommissioning of Buckinghamshire Healthy Child Programme (0-19 Years)
Public Health Nursing Services**

The Leader:

- 1. AGREED to recommission the Healthy Child Programme (0-19 years) Specialist Public Health Nursing Service using the current service model with some amendments to meet the revised national guidance for the Healthy Child Programme.**
- 2. AGREED that delegated authority is given to allow officers to award the contract following completion of the procurement process.**

28 Apr 2023

EC02.23 - CYP Integrated Therapies (CYPITS) Recommissioning

The Leader AGREED:

To recommission the countywide Children and Young People's Integrated Therapies service (CYPITS) on a 3 +1+1 contract term to improve integration of therapy support and rebalance the local system.

For further information please contact Ian Hunt on 01494 421208