



Wexham and the Ivers Community Board Action Plan

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Introduction

The Wexham and the Ivers Community Board covers the areas of Wexham, Iver Village, Iver Heath and Richings Park. The aim of the Board is to improve outcomes for residents through ensuring strong connections between Buckinghamshire Council and the local community. This will be achieved by ensuring that Board members are able to make recommendations on local issues, and that they can influence the Council's service design and delivery in the local area. The Board will also work in partnership with a range of local stakeholders to find solutions to local concerns.

Funding

The 16 Community Boards across Buckinghamshire have been given a collective budget of £3.9 million. The budget is split into three funding streams:

- Community Area Priorities Fund
- Health and Wellbeing Fund
- Local Infrastructure Fund

The Community Area Priorities Fund is to be used to support local projects which will help improve outcomes for residents that address the area priorities determined by each Community Board, as well as support the delivery of Buckinghamshire Council's Corporate Plan. The overall budget is split between the 16 Boards with a top-up based on population.

The Health and Wellbeing Fund is to be used to support local projects which will help improve the health and wellbeing of residents. The overall budget is split between the 16 Boards with a top-up based on deprivation.

The Local Infrastructure Fund is to support community infrastructure needs. It can be used to support the upgrading of existing and/or new physical and/or social infrastructure. The overall budget is allocated based on the number of new homes proposed for each Board area according to the draft or published Local Plans.

For the Wexham and the Ivers Community Board, the levels of funding for 2020/21 are as follows:

Community Area Priorities Fund	Health & Wellbeing Fund	Infrastructure Fund	Total
£75,902	£29,363	£70,686	£105,266

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, a portion of the Health and Wellbeing Fund was allocated to the new Councillor Crisis Fund, which provided a source of funding for organisations and groups responding urgently to the pandemic. Once the Health and Wellbeing Fund is opened, any applications for funding to support Covid-19 projects will need to be made to the Community Board. Any unspent funding from the Councillor Crisis fund will be reallocated to the Health and Wellbeing Fund budget for 2020/21.

Local Priorities

Priority / Sub Group	Members	Issues so far Identified
Parking and Infrastructure	Wendy Matthews- Lead Luisa Sullivan Jilly Jordan Geoff Spring Peter Stanhope	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parking • Traffic Regulation • Road Resurfacing • The future of Iver High Street <p>Group should also consider social infrastructure as a work stream as this is vital for resident wellbeing.</p>
Covid-19 Response & Recovery	Anne Mayling- Lead Ralph Bagge Jilly Jordan Wendy Matthews	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Giving businesses a digital presence • Debt Recovery • Employment Skills
Green Spaces	Paul Griffin- Lead Melvin Pearce	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Litter • Overgrown pathways • Air Quality and environment • Cycle paths
Community Safety/ Thames Valley Police Relationship	Ray Sangster- Lead Trevor Egleton Jane Brown Jilly Jordan Stephanie Bennett	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anti-Social Behaviour • Speeding • Travellers on recreation areas

Actions for 2020/21

In order to address the priorities identified above and achieve the aims of the Board, the following actions will be undertaken:

- Establish sub-groups for each of the priority areas and identify volunteers to attend sub-group meetings. Sub-groups will discuss the issues relating to each priority area in greater detail and report back to the wider Community Board membership. Sub-groups may also consider and discuss applications for funding, and make recommendations to the Board on which applications should be supported. They may also discuss more strategic issues relating to their priority area in order to influence decisions which affect the local community, and they may work with groups from other Board areas where appropriate.
- Build and develop connections with stakeholders and partners in the Wexham and the Ivers area. This can be through the Community Board Coordinator or any of the Board members. Local stakeholders and partners should be invited to relevant sub-group meetings.
- Advertise the Community Area Priorities Fund and the Health and Wellbeing Fund through local channels and encourage applications. Work with applicants to ensure that bids are strong and look for alternative sources of funding where possible to facilitate match funding.
- Assess applications and agree recommendations for funding allocation.
- Support applicants to get projects up and running, and promote them within the local community.