

Action Plan

Introduction:

This action plan sets out how the Wexham and the Ivers Community Board will work with the community to address community priorities and take action on local issues.

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.

Aims:

- *To develop good working relationships with the community to understand and address local issues*
- *To understand what is important to the community board area*
- *To develop action groups to explore key areas of focus and identify how to take action as a community*
- *To identify opportunities and projects that meet the community board priorities for funding*
- *To promote the community board and the community board fund to the local community and encourage engagement*
- *To support the council in delivering strategic priorities at a local level*

Community Board Priorities

- **Environment and Green Spaces** *(council area of focus for 2021/22)*
 - o *Planters at various locations in the Ivers and Wexham Parishes.*
 - o *Wildflower planting on verges*
 - o *Community cleanup/ Anti littering campaign*

- **Economic Recovery** (council area of focus for 2021/22)
 - o Virtual Highstreet
 - o Upskilling / developing employability skills
 - o Developing the high street (collaborating with Welcome Back to Bucks initiative)

- **Highways and Infrastructure**
 - o The Ivers Parking Scheme
 - o The Ivers Active Travel Strategy

- **Health and Wellbeing**
 - o Mental wellbeing projects with schools
 - o Street associations
 - o Keeping active schemes- (LEAP/ GLL)

| Aim | Action | Date/ Deadline | Lead | Progress update (include date) |
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| <i>Develop good working relationships with the community to understand and address local issues</i> | <i>Set up a newsletter and facebook page to ensure local residents and community groups are aware of community board activity and how to get involved</i> | N/A | Alice Williams | |
| | <i>Develop a communications and engagement plan</i> | October 2021 | Alice Williams | |
| | <i>Meetings with community groups, town and parish councils</i> | N/A | Alice Williams | |

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| <i>Understand local issues</i> | <i>Identify the priority areas of focus for the board area</i> | N/A | The board | |
| | <i>Discussions in action groups on local issues, agenda items on Community Matters</i> | N/A | The board | |
| Theme: Improving the environment | | | | |
| <i>Understand local issues</i> | <i>Set up action group and invite key community groups</i> | N/A | | |
| | <i>Planters in both parishes with antipollution plants</i> | | Environment and Green Spaces Working Group. | Sites have been decided by group. Will pass over to LAT for approval so that the parish councils can begin the Section 171 application process. 17/ 09/2021 |
| | <i>Wildflower planting on the grass verges</i> | | | Sites have been discussed by the group in collaboration with the LAT. While awaiting for the new Wildflower process to be approved, quotes |

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| | | | | will be obtained in order to allocate funding. 12/10/2021 |
| <i>Address the problem of littering in the community board area</i> | <i>Set up a community litter pick/work with the town and parish council to promote litter picking days</i> | March 2020 | Environment and Green Spaces Working Group | Initial idea: Community clean up week, anti-littering campaign involving local schools. 17/09/2021 |
| Theme: Economic Recovery | | | | |
| <i>Improve skills and opportunities for young people in the area</i> | <i>Delivery of the Ivers Hub</i> | | The Ivers Parish Council | Application approved by the board. 12/10/2021 |
| | <i>Working with partnership organisations such as BBF and Bucks Adult learning to deliver digital skills and employability workshops.</i> | | The Ivers Parish Council | |
| <i>Work with organisations to improve footfall in the town centres</i> | <i>Work with Donna Wilkinson to develop ideas to improve the</i> | | Economic Recovery Working Group | On going contact with Donna Wilkinson |

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| | <i>highstreet, including use of the Welcome Back to Bucks fund.</i> | | | regarding Christmas highstreet activity. 12/10/2021 |
| | <i>Virtual High Street- help local businesses to develop an online presence.</i> | | Virtual Highstreet task and finish group. | Made links with Matt Walsh, Risborough Town Council. Will secure a date to hold a meeting and base around the Risborough Basket Model. 20/09/2021 |
| | <i>Provide local businesses with the opportunity to use the Ivers Hub.</i> | | The Ivers Parish Council | |
| Theme: Transport and Highways | | | | |
| <i>Work with TfB to progress Community Board Transport Schemes</i> | <i>Schedule discussions with relevant Town and Parish Councils to relay any issues or queries they may have</i> | | | |
| | <i>The Ivers Parking Scheme</i> | | | Following informal consultation will move forward with the Iver Heath parking |

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| | | | | <p>scheme. Tfb will produce a PID to be agreed for funding by the board.</p> <p>12/10/2021</p> |
| Theme: Health and Wellbeing | | | | |
| <i>Provide health and wellbeing activities in the local area</i> | <i>Work in partnership with GLL to deliver suitable activities in the local area.</i> | | | <p>GLL attended working group, will be submitting applications to the board.</p> <p>12/10/2021</p> |
| | <i>Bucks Mind to deliver mental health projects in schools</i> | | | <p>Infant Mental Health project agreed by board.</p> <p>20/09/2021</p> |
| | <i>Develop Street Associations project in local area</i> | | | <p>Helen Cavill and Alice Williams to visit the area to scout potential areas.</p> <p>12/10/2021</p> |

