



Beeches Community Board minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the Beeches Community Board held on Wednesday 30 June 2021 in Microsoft Teams Virtual Meeting

Members present

D Anthony, D Dhillon, G Sandy, K Ashman, N Naylor, P Kelly, T Egleton, J Carey, J Hall, R Worthington, C Linton, B Milne, J Dax, A Carlisle, Z Hatch and M Rolfe

Others in attendance

J Pearce, B Binstead, A-M Kenward, , Mr S James, J Philip, J Simmonds, M Waruhiu, D Welch, J Ford and S Hichens

Agenda Item

1 Chairman's Welcome

2 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr R Bagge and Cllr T Hogg

3 Minutes of previous meeting

RESOLVED

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 February 2021 were AGREED as an accurate record.

4 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

5 Beeches CB Introduction 202122

Mr J Pearce, Community Board Co-Ordinator, referred to a presentation a copy of which would be appended to these minutes.

6 Service Director Update

Mr S James, Service Director for Education, joined the meeting to give an overview of Children's Services at Buckinghamshire Council.

Mr James highlighted the following:

- Tolis Vouyioukas had been Director of Children's for several years but had left the council in Spring 2021 to return to Greece. Richard Nash would be

the Interim Director while the role was advertised.

- A copy of the service structure would be appended to these minutes. Concerns should be forward to the relevant Service Director.
- A copy of the Children's Services priorities would be appended to these minutes.
- Changes had been made to the home to school transport scheme. Further details would be appended to these minutes.
- Schools would be taking part in the countywide push to plant more trees to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee.
- The majority of covid cases within Buckinghamshire schools had been the delta variant. At the time of the meeting there were 2 schools closed and approximately 20 pupils who had tested positive. This number was expected to rise at the end of the school year in July and again when schools returned in September. The council would be writing to central government requesting that in September there be staggered testing for secondary schools, similar that that seen for the April/May 2021 return.
- The mental health of young people was a rising area of concern both locally and nationally. There was training available from Bucks Mind if board members were interested in learning more.

RESOLVED

Members of the board NOTED the updated.

7 Update on Action Groups

Chairmen of the board's action groups referred to the updates circulated with the agenda.

In addition Cllr D Dhillon, Chairman of the Young People Action Group noted that issues with anti-social behaviour, including drug use, in Mill Lane, Burnham had been reported. Work was underway to identify a way forward.

The following action groups would be formed for the year ahead:

- Environment
- Economic Recovery
- Infrastructure and Highways
- Wellbeing

Those interested in joining action groups should email Mr J Pearce Jack.Pearce@buckinghamshire.gov.uk.

8 Presentation - Economic Recovery

Ms J Ford, Local Economic Growth team, gave a presentation.

Ms Ford stressed the important of feedback from local areas to know what local wants and needs were.

The following ideas were raised:

- The footpath over the Jubilee river at had been closed to the pedestrians for

some time which had impacted on Taplow's tourism. Would it be possible to replace the bridge rather than continuing to carry out ineffective repairs?

- There was a budget for greening and cleaning above usual levels. If there were particularly areas in needs of deep focus members of the board should feed these back.
- Local groups would like to see the former Resources Centre, Burnham brought back into use as a community centre. Ms C Linton would share an existing draft proposal.
- Burnham Heritage Society had arranged talks about the historical High Street to support revitalising the area. They were hoping this would lead to an organised history walk and accompanying leaflet. Ms Ford would look into whether there could be funding available to support this.
- The possibility of making Burnham High Street and Farnham Broadway more accessible for car parking, for example through the enforcement of delivery drivers using yellow lines.
- Welcome Back funds could not be used to improve broadband coverage however there would be a separate team within the LEAP leading on this.
- Improving footpaths to encourage walking.

9 Community Matters

Residents Ms D Walsh and Ms M Waruhiu raised concerns about noise, vibrations and air pollution, which left visible diesel particles on windows, caused by heavy goods vehicles (HGV) on the narrow A355 through Lalkland. This affected nearby houses and several local schools.

They raised the following points:

- HS2 traffic had increased the number of vehicles making issues worse. Residents felt it would be better for them to use the nearby A40 and motorways.
 - It was noted that the nearby trading estate had previously agreed to use the motorway, but numbers had risen again with the increase in sub-contractors.
 - Local councillors had previously campaigned for an underpass but funding had fallen through. The Chairman felt this should be pursued again due to the environmental impact.
- Local roads were in poor condition but had previously been assessed as not a priority for repair. Residents would like to see a full assessment of the impact of vibrations caused by a sunken drain cover on the surrounding houses.
 - Cllr T Egleton would raise this again with Transport for Bucks (TfB) who now had additional funds available.
- There was a small amount of empty land which could potentially be planted with trees to support reducing the effects of noise and pollution.
 - Mr J Hornby would investigate if this could be supported by either the Community Board or the wider council tree planting initiative.

Concern was raised over the number of emergency vehicles using sirens in addition to blue lights at the Park Road junction, Farnham Royal, including late into the night

when there was no traffic around.

- It was noted that Wexham Hospital was now a major trauma hospital with a large A&E which severed several motorways and Heathrow. As such emergency traffic should be expected in the area.
- The Chairman felt this was not a matter for the community board and suggested contacting the hospital trust directly.

Mr Pearce gave an update on the parking consultation carried out across the county in May/June 2021 following concerns raised about inconsiderate parking in areas of natural beauty. Locally Dorney Lake and Burnham Beeches had been identified as having issues. There had been over 1500 responses and local events had been well attended. The Parking team would now collate responses and prepare a report which would be brought to the Highways and Infrastructure action group once available.

Mr S Garwood referred to the policing update provided by Thames Valley Police, a copy of which would be appended to these minutes.

10 Funding Update

Mr J Pearce, Community Board Co-Ordinator, referred to the paper circulated with the agenda.

Buckinghamshire Culture

There was an ongoing application, previously circulated to members, from Buckinghamshire Culture for £2000 to support the Buckinghamshire Open Weekend. This would allow Buckinghamshire Culture to make 8 additional microgrants from their existing pool of applications. Any unspent monies would be returned to the community board. Members of the community board were not minded to support the application reasons given included:

- Lack of board input into who the microgrants would be given to.
- Whether this would be a suitable use of the boards limited resources especially given that Buckinghamshire Culture had their own budget.

RESOLVED

Members of the board REFUSED the application made by Buckinghamshire Culture for £2000.

Lighthouse

Cllr T Egleton queried why the applications made by the Lighthouse group to support their summer childcare programme had been refused by several community boards. Mr Pearce explained that while the programme would be made available to the whole community the application had made specific references to promoting one particular religion and was therefore felt to be unsuitable. This application would be reviewed with the new Cabinet Member for Localism.

11 Looking ahead - ideas for themed meetings throughout the year

It was agreed that the focus for the October meeting would be community safety

with an attendee from local policing team.

Suggestions for topics for future meetings should be sent on to Mr Pearce.

The first meetings of the new action groups would be in July and a timetable for work/future meetings would then be agreed.

- 12** **Date of next meeting**
19 October 2021, time TBC

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Community Boards

Beeches Community Board

Cllr David Anthony – Chairman

Cllr Dev Dhillon – Vice-Chairman

Jack Pearce - Coordinator



The Role of the Community Boards

Our Vision:

- To put people at the heart of everything we do and be a council that thinks local.

To create vibrant, inclusive and creative community-led partnerships that actively improve the lives of people living and working in Buckinghamshire.

- To celebrate and understand the diversity of our local communities, giving local people a voice and empowering councillors and communities to influence local services design and delivery.

Community Boards will:

- Support the council's strategic priorities at a local level through delivery and funding of local projects and initiatives.
- Make recommendations on the allocation of Community Board funding to deliver agreed local priorities (aligned with Buckinghamshire Council policy and priorities).
- Identify and agree local priorities based on local data and insight, community intelligence and feedback from their community. This will inform and direct an action plan based on evidence of local need.
- Set up action groups to support the delivery of their local action plans.
- Provide opportunities to ensure the local community is able to respond to consultations and influence changes or prioritisation of local services in a timely manner.



Who Is Involved?

- Buckinghamshire Councillors
- Town & Parish Councils
 - Burnham Parish Council
 - Dorney Parish Council
 - Farnham Royal Parish Council
 - Stoke Poges Parish Council
 - Taplow Parish Council
- Voluntary and charity groups and organisations
- Residents
- Buckinghamshire Council services
- Partner organisations



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2020/21 Year In Review



Community Board Beeches

Who's involved?

- Buckinghamshire councillors
- Local businesses
- Health colleagues
- Voluntary & Charity Sector organisations
- Places of worship
- Parish councillors
- Thames Valley Police
- Community Associations
- Neighbourhood Watch
- Residents
- Schools

Key Contacts

Cllr. David Anthony
(Chairman)

Cllr. Barbara Gibbs
(Vice-Chair)

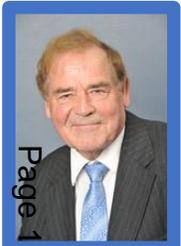
Jack Pearce
(Coordinator)

Population Stats

- The population is over **25,000**
- **19%** of the population are under 16
- There are **916** clinically extremely vulnerable people
- **21%** of the population are over 65
- There are **14** schools in the Board area
- **9%** of children are living in poverty
- **1%** of households lack central heating
- The overall crime rate is **higher** than average
- **8%** of people have a limiting long-term illness
- **17%** of people have no qualifications
- **42%** of people aged 16-74 are in full time employment

Community Board Stats

- **4** Community Board meetings held in 2020/21
- **3** Local priorities/ working groups established
- **19** projects funded
- **40%** of budget allocated



Top 5 Successes

1. Supported several local organisations including Burnham Resilience, Burnham Care & Share Foodbank and the Farnhams Support Group working on the immediate Covid-19 response providing support to vulnerable residents
2. Set up three sub-groups which facilitated valuable discussion between Councillors and local partners, with representatives from over 15 local groups attending
3. Funded 3 projects to improve road safety in locations across the Board area, including flashing signs and road markings outside Farnham Common Infant and Junior Schools on the A355
4. Supported a local intergenerational project and facilitated discussions around setting up further projects in the Board and beyond
5. Provided match funding to Buckinghamshire Business First to facilitate their "Be Your Own Boss" scheme for local residents

Community Board Priorities



Infrastructure & Highways



Supporting Older & Vulnerable People



Young People

Working Groups

The Board established three working groups to fit with the three identified priorities for 2020/21. The working groups met several times each to discuss local issues and progress projects with a range of local stakeholders attending.

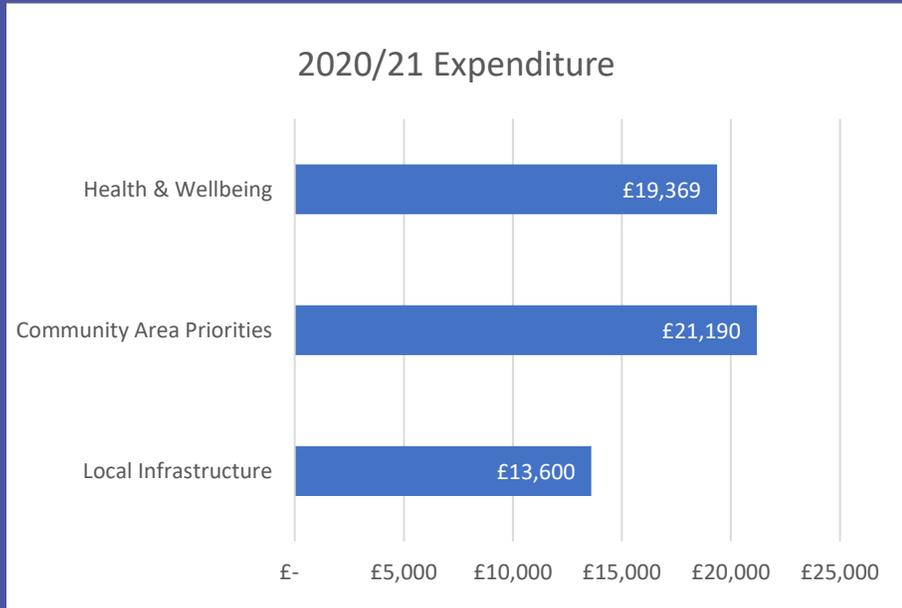
"Establishing a new unitary council along with 16 community boards has been a major challenge in these extremely difficult times. I am grateful to everybody involved with our board for their hard work in getting it up and running so quickly. Much of our initial work has gone into helping our most vulnerable residents during the pandemic. We are putting down strong roots, and in partnership with our residents, parishes, and local organisations I know we can make a real and positive contribution to our community."

- Cllr. David Anthony



Next meeting: 30th June 2021, 2pm

Budget Breakdown



Total budget for
2020/2021
£135,892.00

Funding
allocated
£54,159.00

Project Summaries



Buckinghamshire Business First: are working in partnership with several Community Boards, including Beeches, to provide training and support to local residents who are looking to start their own businesses. The initiative will help people to develop the skills and meet the contacts they need to give their business idea the best chance of success. This project will contribute to the post Covid economic recovery in the local area.

Burnham Beeches Rotary Club – Christmas parcels: with match funding from the Community Board, Burnham Beeches Rotary Club provided 98 Christmas bags to pupils on free school meals at local schools in Farnham. “We packed the bags, in a socially distanced manner, on 7th December and on 10th December we delivered the bags to the schools. The schools were delighted!”



Get Involved

We welcome anyone to get involved, come along to our working groups, share ideas and get involved with shaping the work we do. It’s all about being creative, understanding the needs in the area and developing projects that will make a real difference. Contact our Community Board Coordinator to find out more.



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2020/21 In Review

April – May 2020

Highlights & Board Focus

- Cllr Crisis Fund launched in response to the first lockdown
- Supported local VCS groups in supporting vulnerable residents during lockdown

Projects Funded

- Farnham Parish Council – Covid-19 Support: £2000
- Burnham Resilience Group: £2000
- Woodstocks Café Hot Meals: £4000
- One Can Trust: £500

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June – July 2020

- Launch of Community Boards
- **First meeting – 8th July 2020**
- Key topics included presentation from Public Health Buckinghamshire

- Burnham Care & Share Foodbank: £2000
- Thames Valley Adventure Playground – Covid 19 reopening: £2000

August – September 2020

- **Second meeting – 17th September 2020**
- Sub-groups set up and first meetings held
- Highways applications considered by sub-group and agreed by Board

- Stoke Poges Parish Council – Rogers Lane waiting restrictions: £6024
- Farnham Royal Parish Council – A355 road safety improvements outside Farnham Common Infant and Junior Schools: £5001
- Burnham Parish Council – Dropped kerbs on Lincoln Hatch Lane: £3984



2020/21 In Review

October – November 2020

Highlights & Board Focus

- **Third meeting – 18th November 2020**
- Board received a presentation and update on the work of the Council's support hubs
- Community Board Crisis fund launched in response to the second lockdown to provide voluntary organisations with emergency financial support

Projects Funded

- Dorney Parish Council – Lake End Road/Court Lane mini-roundabout design and safety audits: £13,600
- Dorney Playground Management Group – playground repairs and Covid safe re-opening: £2510
- Stoke Poges Store Cupboard – Foodbank support: £2000

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December 2020 – January 2021

- Funding approved to support local groups responding to the second lockdown
- Funding approved for several projects to help residents in need over the Christmas period

- Thames Valley Adventure Playground – Covid safe ventilation: £2000
- Burnham Care & Share Foodbank and St Peter's School – Christmas hot meals project: £2000
- Chilterns Dial A Ride – Covid emergency community transport: £500
- Burnham Beeches Rotary Club – Christmas food parcels: £620
- Woodstocks Café – hot meals delivery: £2000
- Burnham Lions Club – Christmas food parcels: £500
- Buckinghamshire Business First – Be Your Own Boss: £3000

February – March 2021

- **Fourth meeting – 17th February 2021**
- Petition regarding parking around Burnham Beeches discussed and supported

- Burnham Resilience – PenPal project: £670

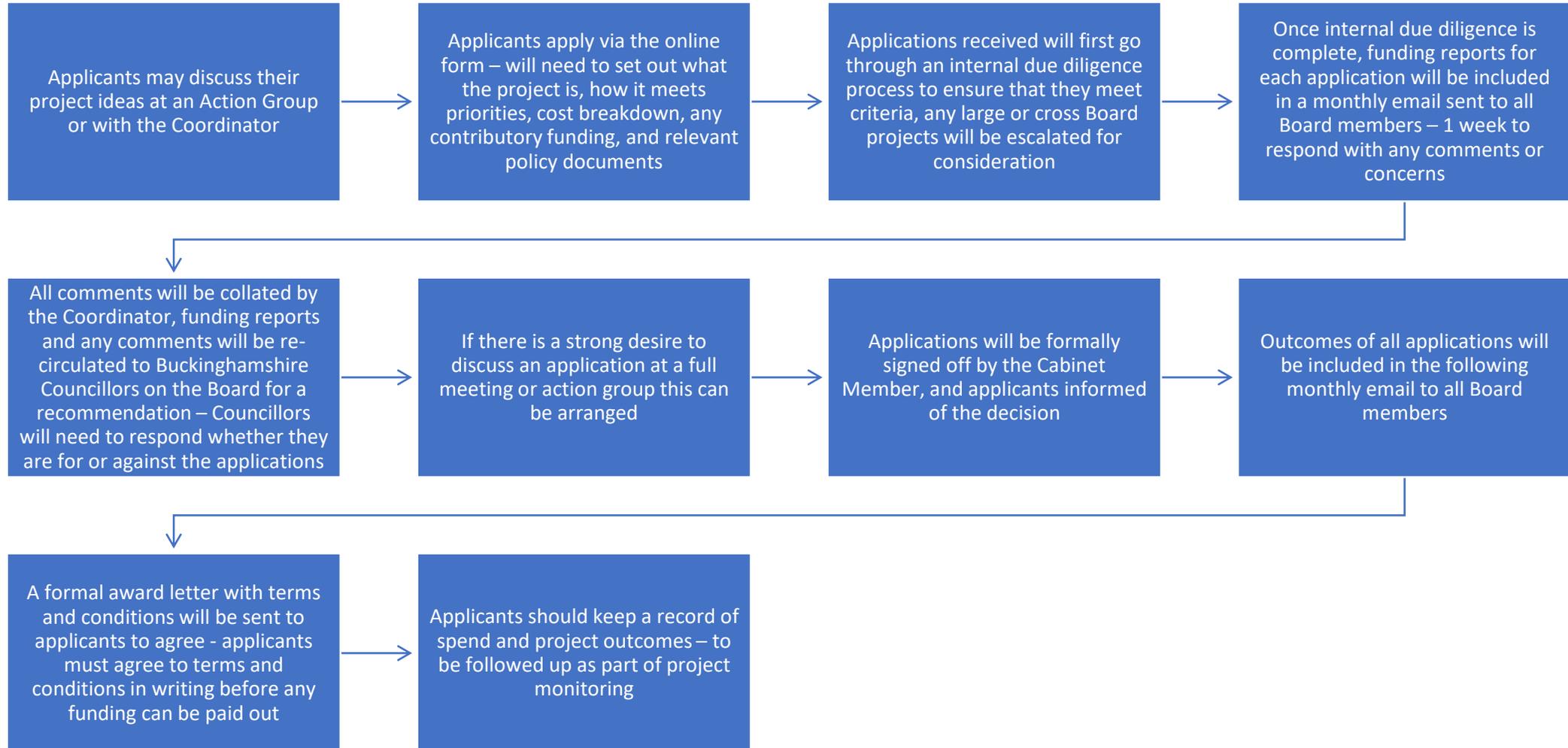




- Beeches CB overall budget for 2021/22: **£277,490**
 - Made up of **£81,733** underspend carried forward from 2020/21 and **£195,757** 2021/22 budget allocation
 - Up to 25% of the 2021/22 budget allocation can be spent on highways projects - **£48,939.25**
 - Up to 10% of the overall budget can be allocated to a small grants fund - **£27,749**
 - 15% of the overall budget should be spent on each of the Council's corporate priorities (Environment and Economic Recovery) - **£41,623.50**



Application Process – Non-Highways Projects





Community Boards Application Process – Highways Projects

30th September 2021

- Deadline for any applications for highways projects to be delivered by TfB. Should be made via the online form – include as much detail as possible regarding the issue, location and any proposed solutions.
- Note: this deadline does not apply to non-highways projects.

Autumn/Winter 2021

- TfB Design Team will produce Project Initiation Documents (PIDs) for all applications for all Boards – these will include a scheme scope outline and indicative costs.

Early 2022

- Once complete, PIDs will be sent back to the applicants to review.

Spring 2022

- Applicants to confirm whether they still wish to go ahead with applications, and confirm any contributory funding (50% match funding not obligatory).
- Coordinator will produce funding reports on each application.

Spring 2022

- Confirmed applications will be considered by the Infrastructure & Highways Action Group for a recommendation.
- Funding recommendations will be made by full Board in Spring 2022 – funding to come from 2022/23 budget.

2022/23

- Funded projects will be planned in to TfB's schedule of works for delivery in 2022/23.



- Date of first meeting: 30th June 2021
- Deadline for Highways schemes for 2022/23 budget: 30th September 2021
- Second round of meetings (October 2021): Tuesday 19th October 2021
- Third round of meetings (January 2022): 26th January 2022
- Annual Event / Forum (April 2022): 26th April 2022

- Action group dates to be agreed for the year and circulated to all Board members



- 2020/21 Sub-groups:
 - Infrastructure & Highways – Chairman: Cllr Bagge
 - Supporting Older & Vulnerable People – Chairman: Cllr Egleton
 - Young People – Chairman: Cllr Dhillon
- Action groups (formerly sub-groups) for 2021/22:
 - Improving the Environment – New for 2021/22
 - Supporting Economic Recovery – New for 2021/22
 - Infrastructure & Highways
 - Wellbeing – To continue discussions from the Older & Vulnerable People and Young People sub-groups
- Action Plan
 - The aims of each Action Group will be incorporated into an overall Board Action Plan which will be shared with the Board membership and kept up to date. 1st draft in development – will be shared during July



Children's Services Priorities Select Committee

Richard Nash, Executive Director Children's Services

June 2021

Priorities – Children’s Social Care

1. Service Improvement

Since the November 2017 ‘Inadequate’ Ofsted re-inspection, Ofsted have completed 4 monitoring visits (July 2018, December 2018, May 2019 and October 2019), the fifth was due in May 2020; however, all planned inspection activity was cancelled due to COVID-19. In February 2021, Ofsted remotely completed a Focused Visit that evaluated our response to the pandemic. In summary, improvements have been made to date and the overall progress has been acknowledged by inspectors. That said, the quality of practice in some teams still remains inconsistent. All reports following each visit have commented on the strong political support, the leadership teams accurate understanding of what needs to be done, and that our improvement activity is appropriately targeted. In addition, all our self-assessments presented to Ofsted have been accepted in full and Ofsted have not identified any areas of concern the service was not aware of and had not identified already.

Priorities – Children’s Social Care

2. Responding to the growing and unpredictable demand as a result of COVID 19

The impact of COVID-19 has led to a significant rise in demand both locally and nationally. This coupled with an increase in the complexity and seriousness of situations that children and young people find themselves in, is having a substantial impact on workloads and our workforce. The service’s focus remains on ensuring children and young people are kept safe; however, the unpredictable and unknown longer term and lasting impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on families will no doubt present further risks.

Priorities – Children’s Social Care

3. Recruitment and retention of social care workforce

One of the main contributing factor which is hindering the pace of progress in some teams is the significant difficulties in recruiting high quality, experienced social workers and managers. A clear priority for this year is to increase the number of permanent social workers and managers, in turn reducing our reliance on agency staff.

Retention is just as important as recruitment, and we should not underestimate the impact of the pandemic on our front-line staff. It is clear that the combined impact of working remotely for a significant period, the increased exposure to disturbing scenarios involving children and the increases in demand all have an impact on our staff. Staff support continues to remain extremely important.

Priorities – Children’s Social Care

4. Recruitment of in-house foster carers

As shown in the table below, over the last two years we have made good progress in relation to fostering placements for our looked our children. We want to build on this success and further increase our in-house capacity to improve local placement choices for looked after children, reducing our reliance on independent and more costly placements.

	31-Mar 2019	31-Mar 2020	31-Mar 2021
Number of looked after children	513	492	512
Number and % of children in care living with foster families	342 67%	350 71%	360 70%
Number and % of children placed with a Buckinghamshire /in house carer	155 45%	189 54%	186 51%
Number and % of children placed with an Independent Fostering Agency	187 55%	161 46%	174 48%
Number and % of children in care living outside the local authority area	272 53%	227 46%	270 53%

Priorities – Education

1. SEND Delivery and Improvements

In preparation for our local area SEND inspection, we have an Improvement Plan in place to improve our SEND service and in particular, the quality and timeliness of Education, Health and Care Plans. A priority for this year is to continue to improve the service to ensure that children and families received the help and support they need. A key priority in this area is the Preparing for Adulthood agenda.

In the early part of this financial year, the SEND Sufficiency Strategy will be consulted on and published.

Priorities – Education

2. Improving Education Provision and Educational Outcomes

It is our ambition to provide all children and young people with access to a high quality, inclusive education by adopting an all age approach, from supporting access to early years provision through to the delivery of a diverse curriculum offer for young people post 16. Currently over 95% of early years providers are rated good or outstanding by Ofsted, and 90% of Buckinghamshire pupils attend a good or outstanding school. Our priority is to support those providers and schools that are not yet good or who need support to remain good in order to realise our ambition of the highest quality education for all children of Buckinghamshire.

In order to narrow the attainment gap between the most vulnerable and their peers, we will also continue to focus on improving the educational outcomes for disadvantaged children, especially those in care, those eligible for free school meals, those with special educational needs and those from minority ethnic groups and traveller heritage. This is an even greater priority post COVID.

Priorities – Education

3. Work with schools to ensure that young people have access to good mental health support

The COVID-19 pandemic has affected everyone's mental wellbeing, particularly vulnerable groups such as children. It is difficult to gauge the full impact on children and young people's mental health and wellbeing; however, we know that pupils' experiences of the pandemic have been very varied. Some, despite restrictions, have felt safe and mostly enjoyed their time. For others, it has been challenging and in some cases traumatic. Schools and teachers are used to supporting their pupils through challenges that they face in life, but the current situation has and will continue to amplify those situations many times over. Throughout the course of this year, it is vital that we continue to support our schools via specific and sustained training in this area so that good mental health and wellbeing becomes embedded into the culture of every school.

Priorities – Education

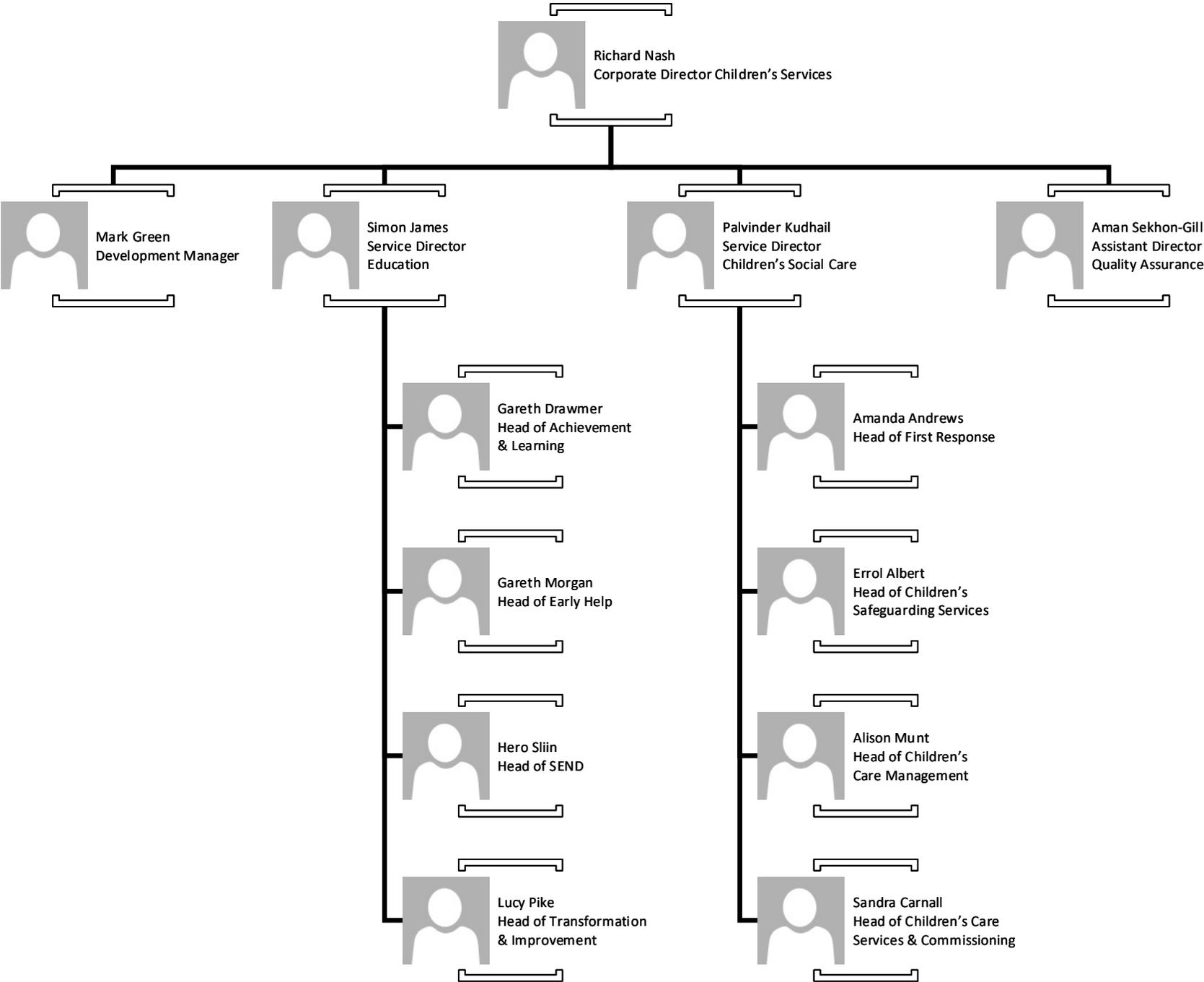
4. Early Help

The Early Help Strategy and Improvement Plan will be refreshed this year. There will be a greater focus on the whole system including partnerships in schools and health.

Outcomes for children and families as a result of involvement from the Family Support Service will be important as part of preparation for the Children’s Services Ofsted Inspection.

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Buckinghamshire Children's Services Senior Management Team



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Home to school transport Changes for September 2021



School transport is changing

- The Council contracts bus operators to provide school buses for eligible children.
- Contracts are being renewed and we're ensuring new contracts provide best value for money to the taxpayer.
- Many Council-run bus services carry very few eligible children – in some cases none at all.
- We need to focus our resources on our obligation to carry eligible children.

New commercial school bus routes

- Those routes that carry few or no eligible children are being taken over by bus companies as commercial school bus routes from September 2021.
- These bus companies will sell tickets directly to parents, and are responsible for setting ticket prices at a level which makes their services financially viable.
- www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/commercial-school-buses

Changes to routes

- Remaining Council school bus services will have changed routes and pick up points to focus on travel for eligible children.
- Average journey times will remain unchanged, but individual journey times may change because of the realignment of routes.
- Timetables for September will be available on the website by 15 August.

The Spare Seat Scheme

- We're still providing available spare seats to paying parents, though the number available is much reduced.
- Online applications are currently open, and applicants will hear the outcome by the end of July.
- All children who can no longer have a Council spare seat will be able to buy a seat on a commercial service – either one run for school children only or a public bus or train.
- www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/spare-seat-scheme

Further information

- Full information on home to school transport for mainstream school buses and transport for pupils with special educational needs or disabilities (SEND) can be found at:
 - www.Buckinghamshire.gov.uk/school-transport
 - Parents can contact us via the online web form:
 - www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/askclienttransport



Taplow, Burnham and The Farnhams

Neighbourhood Team

Your neighbourhood team consists of

Sergeant 6792 Rachel Dale

PC 5099 Trevor Walker

PCSO 9715 Caroline Sampson

PCSO 9791 Angela O'Connell

PCSO 9345 Kam Benawra

PCSO 9623 Shoab Mahmood

Neighbourhood Priorities

The priorities for your Neighbourhood Policing Team (NHPT) will be decided by the Policing Issues Panel; comprised of representatives from Community Boards from the whole of Chiltern & South Bucks. The Police do not run the panel, although we do attend as representatives. This allows us to speak to a wide cross-section of the community, find out what you most want improved in the area and consider how we and others can accomplish these aims. The top three priorities are chosen by the forum every three months and are then assumed by your Neighbourhood Policing Team.

Priority – Speeding

The NH Teams have been out and about across the area carrying out speeding operations. In November & December we carried out checks on Dropmore Road, Burnham where 43 vehicles passed the check site but only one ticket was issued for speeding. Checks were also carried out on the A355 Beaconsfield Road where 151 vehicle's passed the check site but only two were stopped for speeding.

Our Roads Policing unit have been deploying our mobile speed camera vans over the last couple of months at various locations around the South Bucks area. In February the mobile speed camera was deployed on 8 occasions and identified 424 offences. The fixed camera identified in two separate locations 86 speeding offences. In March the mobile camera was deployed on four occasions around the area and 374 offences were identified. Our fixed camera have identified 363 offences in South Bucks during March.

In addition we now have two very active Community Speed Watch teams. This is a great opportunity for residents who wish to volunteer their time to monitor speeding in areas highlighted for concern by fellow residents. If you are interested in helping out then please contact the team or your local Parish Council.



Priority – Burglary

This quarter we have seen an increase in Burglary of 25% which have gone up from 8 to 10. Now that the warmer weather is approaching and lockdown measures are easing please remember to stay vigilant and s

Priority – Anti-Social Behaviour

We are seeing more and more E-Scooters being ridden around the area and to date we have issued three section 59 warnings. Please remember these can only be ridden on private land with the owner's permission.

In March we issued 3 S59 warnings in Burnham Lane, Britwell Road and Wendover Road. In January this year a male was issued a S59 warning for riding an E-scooter around the Eastfield Road area.

In February two males were issued S59 warning after being seen by police riding motorcycles in an antisocial manner and doing wheelies around the Bishop Centre car park, they were also issued tickets for breach of COVID 19

In March we also dealt with three youths who were responsible for throwing items at ducks in Dorney all three males were issued yellow card warnings. A male was also identified from CCTV for damage caused to the CCTV cameras in the alleyway by St Peters Park and a further two males were identified and located after reports of ASB in Maypole Road, Taplow

Other News

The NH team carried out several joint visits with Immigration to local businesses as part of Op Aident across South Bucks. We have identified at least five individuals who are now receiving support around modern day slavery.

A male has received a Community Protection Warning after numerous reports of him seen begging around the Bishops Centre in Taplow.

We are currently preparing for the warmer weather to arrive with us hopefully in a couple of months. With unprecedented times last year and an increase in visitors to the area over the years, we saw a few pockets of disruption through anti-social behaviour and parking in the Dorney and Taplow areas, particularly around areas of water. We really would like everyone to have a safe Summer this year, therefore we will continue to work with the local businesses/organisations, the Parish Councils and Transport for Bucks.



COVID Compliance

Over many months, our Neighbourhood teams have worked closely with colleagues in Buckinghamshire Council. You may have seen us out and about in various locations with the Environmental Health officers from the Council; challenging apparent non-compliance with COVID restrictions. Most locations across our neighbourhood have been supportive of the Government's guidelines, and those where the public have voiced concerns have greatly improved safe business practice, with the right advice.

Recently are continuing to visit various locations such as Tesco, Sainsbury's and Taplow Railway Station amongst other small or independent shops, restaurants and Public Houses to reinforce Government guidelines.

Offenders Brought to Justice

One male has been charged with 3 x shopliftings from Tesco, Taplow

A male has also been charged with 2 x shopliftings from both Tesco's & Sainsbury's, Taplow

A juvenile has received a caution for shoplifting a Tesco, Taplow

A juvenile was cautioned for shoplifting at Tesco, Taplow

A female has been charged with criminal damage in Farnham common.

A male has been charged with 2 accounts of Theft from motor vehicle in the Taplow area

A male has been charged with drug supply in the Taplow area.

Have Your Say Events

During the Pandemic we have had to move away from 'HAVE YOUR SAY' Events as normally they encourage people to gather which we are looking to avoid. We understand some people still want to see us face to face, therefore we have been looking at ways we can still give people the opportunity to speak with officers, pass concerns, information or a smile and a wave to your children. To overcome gatherings we have identified areas for us to be present, visible and whilst completing our never-ending paperwork. We want the areas to be key points in each community where people are able to see us safely, varying times throughout the month and locations. Due to various reasons, on demand, operationally commitments and to prevent large gatherings we will not be publishing times and dates. however we wish to make the community aware of these locations and if you see a Police vehicle or officer at these locations, we are there for you to speak to us, please come and say hello and help us identify any concerns you have or any information, you may feel will assist us.

Taplow/Hitcham – The Parish Car Park, off Rectory Road.

Farnham Royal and Common – Car Park next to Broadway Autocentres.

Burnham – The Summers Road Car Park, Summers Road.

Dorney – The Dorney Lake Car Park off Court Lane

The NH team have also been carrying out impromptu street meetings in locations where areas have identified issues.



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