



Buckingham & Villages Community Board – Priority Setting 2024-25

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The Buckingham & Villages Community Board priorities govern the direction of the work that the community board carries out over the course of a financial year. Overseen by the Community Board Manager, Chairman, Vice Chairman and wider board members, the priorities will determine the type of projects delivered by the community board as well as the external applications considered for community board funding. Every project will need to evidence that it meets at least one community board priority. Each financial year, the community board will review the priorities in order to ensure that these continue to serve a purpose in the local community. Members of the community board have the opportunity to agree these priorities ahead of each year.

For 2023-24, the Buckingham & Villages Community Board priorities were:

- Youth
- Health and Wellbeing
- Road Safety
- Economic Regeneration

The above priorities were agreed by the community board following an exercise at our Community Engagement and Partnerships Event in May 2023, where attendees were asked to select their preference for areas of need in the local community via ballot box.

While the “Youth” and “Health & Wellbeing” priorities have been active, with multiple applications and work driven through the community board meeting addressing these areas, “Economic Regeneration” and “Road Safety” have been less active, with only one community project generated for each. With this in mind, my recommendation is that the community board review the priorities for 2024-25, with a new priority added in around communities, which could also encompass road safety and economic regeneration projects.

As Community Board Manager, my recommendations for the Buckingham & Villages Priorities for 2024-25 are:

- Enhancing the local community
- Championing young people
- Enriching health and wellbeing



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Criteria for each priority

(please note that the lists of project suggestions are for guidance and are not exhaustive)

Enhancing the local community

Community projects that aim to improve or strengthen community spaces or provide opportunities in the local community that are not met through existing or statutory services. This could include:

- Renovations of community buildings
- Environmental projects
- Enhancement of green / outdoor spaces
- Road safety schemes such as MVAS cameras or community speed watch equipment
- The establishment of a new community group or activity that is not a statutory service
- Community safety projects
- New equipment to enable community groups to broaden or enhance their services

Championing young people

Community projects that aim to improve or strengthen opportunities for young people in the local area that are not met through existing services. This could include:

- The establishment of a new community group or activity for young people that is not a statutory service
- Volunteering opportunities for young people
- Support to get young people into employment, i.e skills development, work experience opportunities
- Projects that support the development of life skills

Enriching health and wellbeing

Community projects that aim to promote and champion healthy living in the local area. This could include community groups or activities that aim to provide support or information that are not already provided through existing or statutory services. This could include:

- Healthy living
- Grow and cook schemes
- Projects or schemes aimed at prevention, i.e social isolation prevention
- Information events
- Support groups
- Physical activity groups
- Projects aimed at supporting and addressing mental health and wellbeing
- Smoke free playgrounds