


Modernising Local Government in Buckinghamshire


Workshop B

Designing Community Hubs;
what and how?

Agenda

1. Welcome
 2. Agree aims
 3. Summarise Community Hub Proposal
 4. Provide feedback given so far
 5. Exercise 1: What would success look like?
 6. Exercise 2: How could success be achieved?
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Workshop aims


- To clarify the community hubs proposal
 - To summarise feedback gained from the town and parish meetings held
 - To identify what would constitute success
 - To propose what would be needed to achieve success
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From the Business Plan

Our ambition for a new county-wide single unitary council for Buckinghamshire:

- **Single voice** – speaking up on behalf of residents, businesses and partners
- **More local** – delivering an innovative locality based structure built on the ambition of our town and parish councils who are leading the way both locally and nationally, local area planning committees, and new, legally constituted Community Boards with decision making powers
- **Better quality** – improving the quality, cohesiveness and accessibility of services, with local delivery enabled by a network of multi-agency Community Hubs
- **More efficient** – moving £18m of council tax payers money each year away from management overheads and investing it in priority, front line services

Community Hubs; the Vision


- 19 multi-agency community hubs
 - Enabling communities to access services from a place local to them
 - Partners supporting at-risk and vulnerable individuals together, locally, with community outcomes
 - One hub in each of the 19 community board areas
 - Each service tailored to local need
 - Increased co-location of services
 - Help reduce overall public estate
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Partnership working

- At a local level, partners would be critical to realising the ambition for Community Hubs and Community Boards set out in this business case and these models would be developed as a joint endeavour.

Feedback from meetings

Concerns


- With one Unitary Authority, parishes are going to lose the individual contacts they currently have at the District Councils who know their area.
 - Where would the hubs be? Would they be close enough to residents?
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Feedback from meetings


Opportunities

- Clerks would benefit from support at a community hub level and this would help them increase their capacity to deliver services locally.
- It would be helpful for TfB's Area Manager, LAT and planning officers to work out of community hubs.

Suggestions

- Clerks would like to have single point of contact for services / ability to work more effectively across county and district services
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Current Examples

- Chess Medical Centre
 - Buckingham Library and Knowledge Centre
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Exercise 1

What would success look like;

- Minimum available?
 - What would excellent look be?
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Exercise 2

What would be needed to achieve success?

- Any venues to pursue?
 - How to identify where?
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