

County Council Update from County Cllr Anne Wight March 2019

Temporary TRO on the Brownlow Bridge

While it was envisaged that BCC would be looking to place a Temporary TRO on the Brownlow Bridge with a weight limit of 18 tonnes, we are currently awaiting more information on that from various teams working on the issue. Hence, there is nothing further currently to report.

Cllr Paul Irwin has instead agreed to meet stakeholders at a separate meeting to be held on 25 March and the parish councils have been invited to send a representative along to that meeting.

In the meantime, anyone wishing to express a view is welcome to do so via email at the following email address: freight@buckscc.gov.uk

The Transport for Bucks report in the Local Area Forum agenda reports pack has more information as to how this issue might be progressed over the next few months and can be accessed via the BCC website under the Great Brickhill, Wing and Ivinghoe Local Area Forum meeting link.

Further information on this issue can be accessed via the public agenda reports pack from the Local Area Forum meeting last week via the Bucks County Council website. Click the link on the homepage "Councillors, Meetings and Decisions", the "other meetings" in the header, followed by the link for the Great Brickhill, Wing and Ivinghoe Local Area Forum to access the agenda reports pack for the meeting on 28 February, 2019.

Anglian Water Works on B488 and B489 Junction

I have been informed by TfB that Anglian Water has been in touch regarding the water works required on the junction of the B488 and B489. As you may recall, these works have been delayed several months, in part due to concerns about worker safety and in part due to TfB not wishing to overly inconvenience residents with additional diversions while the Pitstone sewer works are being carried out.

There will be a road closure in place from 6th – 18th April, with the closure being lifted on 18th April so that the area is open for Good Friday on the 19th and during the school holidays. The TTRO has been issued for this and sent to MPC.

Brexit Updates

As I know that Brexit preparedness is a key issue for many local residents and businesses, I thought I might direct everyone's attention to the government's Brexit update website which gives guidance and advice for residents and businesses. There are many topics covered and it is updated regularly.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/brexit>

Brexit in Buckinghamshire

For local businesses, Bucks Business First is an excellent source of information for businesses regarding Brexit. BBF hosted a Buckinghamshire Brexit Summit on the 6th of March which featured expert speakers from the Institute of Directors and the Federation of Small Businesses whose roles entrench them firmly in understanding what Brexit means for business.

The BBF webpage for Brexit information can be found using the link below.

<https://bbf.uk.com/brexit>

If you would like to speak to Buckinghamshire Business First about any ideas or concerns you have regarding Brexit, or for more information on what you could be doing to prepare for it, please contact BBF at BusinessSupport@bbf.uk.com

Early Help

Buckinghamshire County Council's Cabinet agreed this week changes to Children's Services which will mean a new Family Support Service and Early Help strategy for the county.

The recommendations for change were prepared following a recent public consultation, conducted by independent consultation agency BMG Research. This asked residents and organisations for views on how to deliver early help services to support children and families. The changes will take effect from September 2019.

The new integrated Family Support Service will consist of three area-based family support teams working in partnership with other organisations, particularly schools and health, to improve access to services and provide more joined-up services.

The service will include a network of 16 family centres across the county, which were previously used as children's centres. It will also ensure that a further 19 buildings, which will no longer be used as children's centres, will be continue to be used for early years services and community benefit. The cabinet has also agreed an Early Help Strategy, setting out the ambition of the service and how the Council and its partner organisations will work together.

Other key elements of the changes include:

- A named key worker for each family who will create a team around that family to help them tackle the issues they face. This will help ensure they only need to tell their story once, to their key worker.
- Investment in the Buckinghamshire Family Information Service website to ensure there is effective promotion of community activities together with information and guidance for families.
- Open access to stay and play sessions for babies and toddlers at family centres.
- Each school will have a named link family support worker to co-ordinate family support.

Home to School Transport

The Cabinet recently agreed to accept the recommendations for the Home to School Transport proposals after the conclusion of the recent consultation.

Ivinghoe Division's current home to school transport provision will be changed to be brought in line with arrangements already existing in the rest of the county.

The full recommendations and cabinet report can be read at this link:

<https://democracy.buckscc.gov.uk/documents/s130428/Report%20for%20Home%20to%20School%20Transport.pdf>