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Buckinghamshire Association of Local Councils

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Localism – What are the Opportunities for Local Councils to Deliver?

The Buckinghamshire Association of Local Councils, the body representing Parish and Town Councils in Buckinghamshire, are hosting a free event “The Localism Bill – How You Can Help Make it Happen” at the Green Park Conference Centre, Aston Clinton on Wednesday 9 February 2011 from 7-9pm.

Confirmed speakers include John Findlay, Chief Executive of the National Association of Local Councils, whom will provide the national view, Bill Chapple, Deputy Leader, Bucks County Council will examine the opportunities for devolved services in Bucks under the “community right to challenge” and Cora Carvey, Community Impact Bucks, will look at the opportunity in developing stronger communities and how to work with community groups. Jerry Unsworth, Head of Planning & Sustainability, Wycombe District Council, will lead a discussion on the neighbourhood planning and the community right to build.

“Now that the Localism Bill has been published there are a number of opportunities for our member Councils to deliver services once deemed impossible,” said John Gibbs, CEO, BALC. “Whilst we await further detail, Councils need to start now in equipping themselves with the training, tools and contacts in order to begin the process in delivering services that their residents actually need,” he added.

The Buckinghamshire Association of Local Councils serves Town and Parish Councils in Aylesbury Vale, The Chilterns, Wycombe, South Bucks, and Milton Keynes. Their President is Sir Henry-Aubrey-Fletcher, HM Lord Lieutenant for Buckinghamshire.

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