

## **PROPOSALS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF AN AREA COMMITTEE TO AN AREA BOARD**

It is proposed that the WCC document “Strengthening Community Influence and Local Decision Making” be the basis for the pilot for the Chippenham area as it offers flexibility.

The following needs to be taken into account:

- (1) The forum should be a voice for all, whilst elected members have the voting rights they should take into account the views of the community.
- (2) Option to have a more user friendly venue e.g. town hall.
- (3) A break in the meeting to allow mingling and informal talk with members of the public and other attendees.
- (4) The Pilot Area Board should have some delegated authority on decisions being made in its own area. Suggestions are Monkton Park, Crime and Disorder, or the role of Development Control (invite others).
- (5) Need for a budget and input from the County Council and a dedicated Officer.
- (6) Briefing on the Local Area Agreement (LAA) is needed.
- (7) How do Community Calls for Action fit in? Briefing needed.
- (8) Where do the public come in, essential to have public participation.
- (9) Area Web Page linked to the Town Council and possible regular Area News update column in the newspapers.
- (10) How will the pilot be scrutinised?

### **Suggested Actions to Move Forward**

- (a) Setting up reflection and planning time **6 months** (sub committee needed to do this).
- (b) During that time have briefings on the LAA and Community Call for Action.
- (c) Secure budget and dedicated officer.
- (d) Identify stakeholders and partners and invite one representative from each to meetings.
- (e) Identify subjects for possible devolution.
- (f) Explore the web site and publicity opportunities.
- (g) Second 6 months implementation of pilot.