

## **AGENDA**

Meeting: DEVIZES AREA BOARD

Place: Devizes Sports Club, London Road, Devizes SN10 2DL

Date: Monday 23 May 2011

**Time:** 7.00 pm

Including the Parishes of All Cannings, Bishops Cannings, Erlestoke, Bromham, Devizes Town, Easterton, Etchilhampton, Great Cheverell, Little Cheverell, Market Lavington, Marston, Potterne, Roundway, Rowde, Stert, Urchfont, West Lavington and Worton

The Area Board welcomes and invites contributions from members of the public. The Chairman will try to ensure that everyone who wishes to speak will have the opportunity to do so.

If you have any requirements that would make your attendance at the meeting easier, please contact your Democratic Services Officer.

Refreshments and networking opportunities will be available from 6.30 pm.

Please direct any enquiries on this agenda to Alexa Smith (Democratic Services Officer), on 01249 706610 or alexa.smith@wiltshire.gov.uk

or Richard Rogers (Community Area Manager), on 07771 547522 or Richard.rogers@wiltshire.gov.uk

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Press enquiries to Communications on 01225 713114 / 713115.

#### **Wiltshire Councillors**

Cllr Laura Mayes, Roundway (Chairman) Cllr Jeffrey Ody, Devizes and Roundway South (Vice Chairman) Cllr Jane Burton, Devizes East Cllr Nigel Carter, Devizes North Cllr Richard Gamble, The lavingtons and Erlestoke Cllr Lionel Grundy OBE, Urchfont and The Cannings Cllr Liz Bryant, Bromham, Rowde and Potterne

	Items to be considered	Time
1.	Appointment of Area Board Chairman (Pages 1 - 2)	7.00 pm
	To elect a Chairman for the forthcoming year.	
2.	Appointment of Area Board Vice Chairman	
	To elect a Vice Chairman for the forthcoming year.	
3.	Appointments to Outside Bodies	
	To appoint Councillors to the outside bodies related to Devizes Area Board.	
4.	Welcome and Chairman's Announcements_(Pages 3 - 10)	
5.	Apologies for Absence	
6.	Minutes (Pages 11 - 18)	
	To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 21 March 2011.	
7.	Declarations of Interest	
	Councillors are requested to declare any personal or prejudicial interests or dispensations granted by the Standards Committee.	
8.	End of Year Review	7.20 pm
	This item will include information about the Wiltshire Council business plan, information about what we have achieved together and group work to identify ideas and priorities for the future.	
9.	Partner Updates (Pages 19 - 34)	7.50 pm
	To receive updates from the following partners: <ul> <li>a. Wiltshire Police</li> <li>b. Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service</li> <li>c. NHS Wiltshire</li> <li>d. Devizes Community Area Partnership</li> <li>e. Town and Parish Councils – Parish Forum</li> <li>f. Young People – to include a DVD about the skate park.</li> </ul>	
10.	Cabinet Representative - Councillor Stuart Wheeler	8.10 pm
	Councillor Stuart Wheeler will provide a short overview of his role as Cabinet Member for Leisure, Sport and Culture.	

## 11. Community Resilience - Town and Parish Council Emergency Plans

Nicholas Bate, Emergency Planning Officer, will give a short presentation about local emergency plans.

#### 12. **Councillor Initiative** (Pages 35 - 36)

The Area Board will consider a request from the Chairman to ring fence £5,000 of Area Board funding for festivals and events in the Community Area.

#### 13. **Community Area Grants** (Pages 37 - 40)

Councillors will be asked to consider the following application made to the Community Area Grants Scheme:

Devizes Carnival, seeking £3,500 to expand a community involvement project that has brought many new people into Devizes Carnival.

#### 14. **Area Boards - Urgent Matters** (Pages 41 - 48)

To agree that in respect of urgent matters that may arise from time to time between meetings of an Area Board, the Community Area Manager, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Area Board concerned, be granted delegated authority to approve expenditure not exceeding £500 from the budget delegated to the relevant Board. A report explaining the decisions and the reasons why it was considered to be urgent shall be reported to the next ordinary meeting of the Area Board to ensure that such decisions are subject to public examination.

#### 15. Evaluation and Close.

8.50 pm

#### **Future Meeting Dates**

Monday, 18 July 2011
7.00 pm
Lavington School, The Spring, Market Lavington,
Devizes, SN10 4EB

Monday, 3 October 2011 7.00 pm Devizes Bowls Club

Monday, 28 November 7.00 pm Lavington School 8.20 pm

8.35 pm

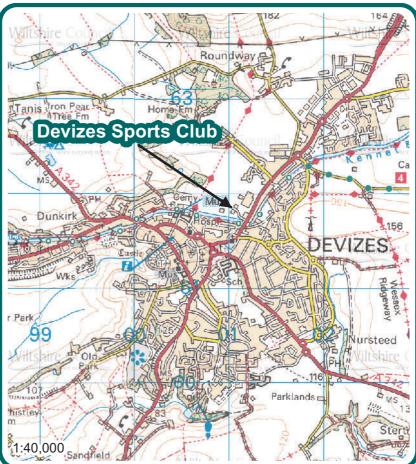
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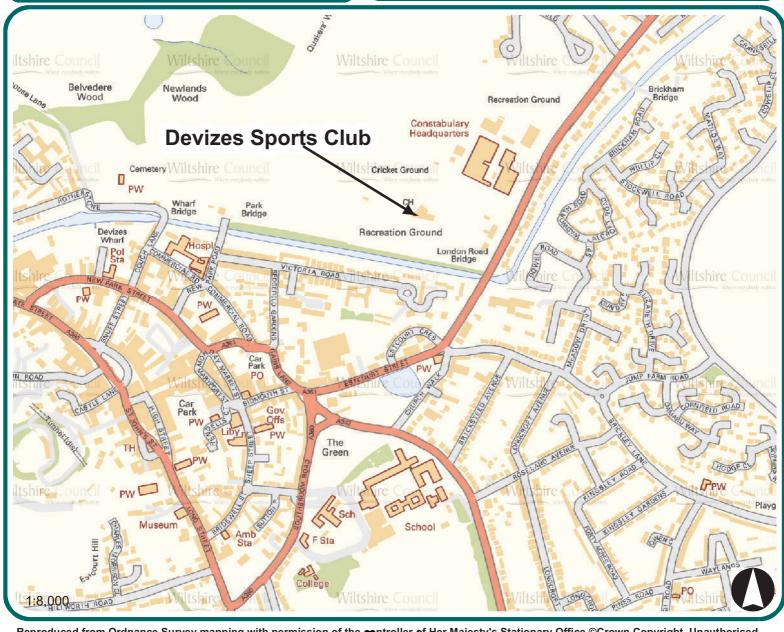
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#### <u>Chairman's Announcements – 23 May 2011</u>

#### **Digital Inclusion**

Wiltshire Council's business plan for 2011-15 has prioritised a number of areas for investment, of which Digital Inclusion and supporting the rollout of superfast broadband for both business and home users is a key area. The Council has set the ambitious target of enabling 85% of all premises to be able to access superfast broadband (possibly 95% with additional funding) and for all premises able to receive standard broadband by 2015.

To help understand existing coverage and the requirements for the future, Wiltshire Council will be launching a superfast broadband survey for home and business users between 26 April and 3 June. This will allow people to say what types of services they can currently access over internet and how well their service performs. The survey will also ask about their views for getting superfast broadband in their community the future. This information will allow the Council to better understand the demand for this service and where it will need to prioritise investment.

The survey will have a link within it to an on-line speed checker so that you can check your current broadband speed, www.broadbandspeedchecker.co.uk

The council is keen to get as many responses as possible to help inform its rollout plans over the next 4 years.

The survey will be available on-line and also available as a printed document. Details are available from:

#### www.wiltshire.gov.uk/digitalinclusion

Printed versions can be requested by calling and asking for the digital inclusion survey from the start date of the survey - 0300 456 0100

Results of the survey will be shared on the Council web site in July, via the same link.

## Consultation on Wiltshire and Swindon Proposed Submission Draft Waste Site Allocations Development Plan Document (DPD)

Wiltshire Council is updating its policy framework to ensure that future proposals for waste development in Wiltshire are for the right types of facilities in the right locations. Consultation will commence in June 2011 for 8 weeks on a draft Waste Site Allocations Development Plan Document (DPD) (starting 13 June 2011 and closing at 5pm 5 August 2011).

The consultation document allocates a range of sites for a variety of potential waste uses to provide a flexible and responsive framework that will enable waste to be

driven up the waste hierarchy - i.e. reducing our dependence on landfill, with a greater focus on recycling and composting of waste. The majority of sites identified are on land currently in use by existing waste management facilities or current/proposed industrial areas (list of sites and map attached).

Once the consultation period has closed, the draft Sites DPD, the supporting evidence base and all comments received during the consultation will be submitted to the Secretary of State (following Full Council approval) for independent examination.

This DPD forms the final key document in the policy framework for the provision of waste sites within Wiltshire and Swindon, which includes:

Wiltshire and Swindon Waste Core Strategy (adopted July 2009)
Wiltshire and Swindon Waste Development Control Policies Development Plan
Document (adopted September 2009)

The draft Sites DPD will be available from the start of the consultation period (13 June 2011). The Council encourages anyone wishing to view and comment on the consultation document to use the council's consultation website: http://consult.wiltshire.gov.uk/portal

Hard copies of the documents will also be available for inspection at Wiltshire Council and Swindon Borough Council main offices as well as all libraries throughout the County and Borough. For further information please contact the Minerals and Waste Policy Team at Wiltshire Council by telephone (01225 713429) or email: mineralsandwastepolicy@wiltshire.gov.uk.

#### Note

For minerals and waste matters, Wiltshire Council prepares its policy framework jointly with Swindon Borough Council.

#### **Abbreviations**

HRC	Household Recycling Centre	С	Composting
MRF/ WTS	Materials Recovery Facility/Waste Transfer Station	Т	<ul> <li>Waste Treatment, e.g.</li> <li>Mechanical Biological Treatment (MBT)</li> <li>Anaerobic Digestion (AD)</li> <li>Energy from Waste (EfW)</li> </ul>
IWR/T	Inert Waste Recycling and Transfer	L	Landfill
LR	Local Recycling		

## Wiltshire and Swindon Proposed Submission Draft Waste Site Allocations DPD Proposed Waste Site Allocations

Community area	Proposed waste site	Proposed waste use(s)
Wootton Bassett	Parkgate Farm, Purton	MRF/WTS, LR, IWR/T, T
& Cricklade	Purton Brickworks Employment Allocation, Purton	MRF/WTS, LR, T
	Park Grounds Farm, Wootton Bassett	L (landraise extension), T
	Whitehills Industrial Estate, Wootton Bassett	MRF/WTS, LR
Malmesbury	Barnground, South Cerney	MRF/WTS, LR
Chippenham	Land East of HRC/WTS at Stanton St Quintin	MRF/WTS, LR, T
	Land West of HRC/WTS Stanton St Quintin	MRF/WTS, LR, IWR/T, T
	Bumpers Farm Industrial Estate, Chippenham	HRC, MRF/WTS, LR
Calne	Hills Resource Recovery Centre, Compton Bassett	T (excluding EfW)
	Porte Marsh Industrial Estate, Calne	MRF/WTS, LR
Corsham	Thingley Junction, Chippenham	MRF/WTS, LR
	Leafield Industrial Estate, Corsham	HRC, MRF/WTS, LR
Marlborough	Salisbury Road Business Park, Marlborough	MRF/WTS, LR
Trowbridge	Canal Road Industrial Estate, Trowbridge	MRF/WTS, LR
	West Ashton Employment Allocation, Trowbridge	MRF/WTS, LR
Melksham	Hampton Business Park, Melksham	MRF/WTS, LR, T
	Bowerhill Industrial Estate, Melksham	MRF/WTS, LR
Westbury	West Wilts Trading Estate, Westbury	HRC, MRF/WTS, LR, T
	Northacre Trading Estate, Westbury	MRF/WTS, LR, T
	Lafarge Cement Works, Westbury	HRC, MRF/WTS, LR, IWR/T, C, T (and associated L of residual waste from T process)
Devizes	Hopton Industrial Estate, Devizes	MRF/WTS, LR

	Nursteed Road Employment Allocation, Devizes	MRF/WTS, LR
	Wiltshire Waste, Tinkersfield Farm, Monument Hill, Devizes	Т
Pewsey	Salisbury Road Business Park, Pewsey	MRF/WTS, LR
Tidworth	Castledown Business Park, Ludgershall	HRC, MRF/WTS, LR
	Everleigh Waste Management Facility, Everleigh	IWR/T, C
	Pickpit Hill, Tidworth	HRC, MRF/WTS, LR, IWR/T, C
Amesbury	Solstice Business Park, Amesbury	MRF/WTS, LR
Warminster	Warminster Business Park, Warminster	MRF/WTS, LR
	Chitterne Waste Management Facility, Chitterne	MRF/WTS, LR IWR/T, C, T
Mere	Employment Allocation, Mere	HRC, MRF/WTS, LR
Salisbury	Former Imerys Quarry, Quidhampton	HRC, MRF/WTS, LR, local scale T
Southern Wiltshire	CB Skip Hire, St Thomas Farm, Salisbury	LR, IWR/T, C
	Sarum Business Centre, Salisbury	MRF/WTS, LR
	Thorney Down WTS, Winterslow	C, IWR/T
	Salisbury Road Industrial Estate, Downton	HRC, MRF/WTS, LR
	Brickworth Quarry and Landfill, Whiteparish	IWR/T

#### Older People Accommodation Development Strategy

#### Overview

The Council has produced a 10 year development strategy, modelled across two timeline options, which will modernise the way that older people's accommodation is provided, develop and adopt an integrated accommodation system, ensure the best use of increasingly scarce resources and respond to local needs in local communities.

The capital cost of the proposed development programme, including extra care, nursing and specialist dementia care provision, is approximately £220m based on current prices. Under these proposals the Council does not anticipate funding developments directly and will be working to maximise investment from the private and voluntary sectors. An innovative joint procurement exercise with Devon County

Council is also being progressed in an attempt to reduce future Social Housing Grant requirements for extra care developments by accessing potential cross-subsidisation of schemes through the inclusion of Council owned land.

The proposed development strategy and service remodelling would enable the Council to realise a cost avoidance of approximately £600m over the next 25 years when compared to the "do nothing" option. This will assist the Council to offset the challenges of the forecast demographic change of older people and is achieved through a diversion of people from residential care to community support or specialist nursing or dementia care, which achieves an average saving per person of £44 per week.

#### **Development Strategy**

The facilities to be provided in each of the community areas as a result of this development strategy are contained in the table below:

**Community Area Description of Facilities** 

Amesbury 40 unit extra care scheme to meet nursing needs

Bradford on Avon 80 bed nursing home

18 unit extra care scheme

Calne 60 unit extra care scheme

Chippenham 64 bed care home for people with dementia

60 unit extra care scheme

Corsham 80 bed nursing home

40 unit extra care scheme

Devizes 80 bed nursing home for people with dementia

45 unit extra care scheme

Malmesbury 50 unit extra care scheme

Marlborough 16 bed nursing extension for people with dementia

45 unit extra care scheme

Melksham

Melksham (cont) 45 unit extra care scheme

60 bed nursing home (Semington)

12 unit extra care scheme (Semington)

Mere 45 unit extra care scheme to meet nursing needs

Old Sarum 80 bed nursing home

64 bed care home for people with dementia

Salisbury 50 unit extra care scheme

80 bed nursing home

Tidworth 40 unit extra care scheme to meet nursing needs

Tisbury Virtual extra care scheme

Trowbridge 66 bed care home for people with dementia

40 unit extra care scheme

Warminster 80 bed nursing home
Westbury 40 unit extra care scheme

Wootton Bassett & Cricklade 64 bed care home for people with dementia

63 bed nursing home 45 unit extra care scheme

40 unit extra care scheme (Cricklade)

The delivery of these new developments would enable the existing not fit-for-purpose or outdated facilities to be replaced, whereby the current residents would be relocated to the new schemes and the existing homes closed.

The development strategy will be delivered through a variety of partnerships, contractual arrangements and funding opportunities. These include:

- A long-term partnering agreement with The Orders of St John Care Trust, who currently operate the Council's care homes for older people, which recognises the need for developments and / or significant refurbishments due to the ageing nature of the existing facilities.
- The Department of Health Private Finance Initiative through which the Council has been provisionally allocated £49.687m to deliver specialist dementia care and nursing facilities in the south and north of the county.
- An innovative Preferred Developer Partner Framework agreement which is being jointly procured with Devon County Council to facilitate the development of extra care housing with little or no requirement for public subsidy i.e. Social Housing Grant, due to the potential cross subsidisation of facilities through the inclusion of Council owned land.
- A review of the sheltered housing stock to assess the quality of accommodation and its ability to meet current and future needs. Facilities may be recommended for refurbishment to provide community extra care housing or to meet other Council priorities i.e. the provision of affordable general needs accommodation.
- Utilising private sector and Registered Social Landlord (RSL) initiatives which may reduce the requirement for Council led developments in particular community areas.

The Older People Accommodation Development Strategy was approved by the Council's Cabinet on 25th January 2011 and the full document is available on the Council's website.

## Wiltshire Community Land Trust: Supporting community-led asset ownership and management

#### Intention

The intention is to raise awareness of the new Wiltshire Community Land Trust and its purpose. Wiltshire Community Land Trust is not-for-profit body dedicated to helping local communities and neighbourhoods in towns and villages in Wiltshire and Swindon meet vital local needs through the ownership and management of community assets. It was set up and is hosted by the Wiltshire Rural Housing Association, but acts independently from it.

Wiltshire Community Land Trust can assist local communities across Wiltshire and Swindon to set up local Community Land Trusts (CLTs) to bring forward sites for much needed local development such as affordable homes, local work units, services and facilities such as community shops and pubs, play and sports areas, allotments, orchards and nature reserves. Community Land Trusts offer a great

opportunity for local ownership and control over shaping a local community's future. CLTs genuinely empower local communities, where communities are part of the vision and solution for their local area. This approach chimes fully with the current government's drive towards localism.

#### **Introduction to Wiltshire Community Land Trust**

Wiltshire CLT is an umbrella body set up to promote the development of community ownership of sustainable assets in Wiltshire and Swindon through the vehicle of a CLT. Wiltshire CLT is overseen by a voluntary Board of Management chaired by Trevor Cherrett, former adviser to the Commission for Rural Communities and an expert on rural regeneration and development. The Board includes members drawn from the Wiltshire Rural Housing Association, Community First, Wiltshire Council and Swindon Borough Council. Manager Rose Seagrief, a community development practitioner, is on hand to work with local communities and organisations across Wiltshire and Swindon to help get projects off the ground.

Wiltshire Community Land Trust key aims are to:

- Work closely with communities, parish councils, local authorities, community area partnerships and boards to identify need and target action
- create delivery partnerships to deliver projects that meet locally identified needs
- provide a bespoke development service to local CLTs
- provide one-to-one support for community groups seeking to find land or other assets suitable for development and to deliver them through a CLT
- hold and steward assets on behalf of communities until they are ready to take them on themselves

#### What is a Community Land Trust (CLT)?

A CLT is a non-profit, community-based organisation run by volunteers that develops a variety of assets, but most often housing, at permanently affordable levels for long-term community benefit. The CLT holds the asset in trust for long-term for the benefit of the community it serves.

CLTs range in size, can be rural or urban and provide a variety of housing tenures as well as other community facilities, including workspaces, energy generation, community food and farming. They take a variety of legal forms, although a CLT is usually constituted as an Industrial and Provident Society or Company Limited by Guarantee, and may or may not have charitable status. CLTs are legally defined in the Housing and Regeneration Act 2008, Section 79.

There are a number of benefits to setting up and running a CLT:

- CLTs are locally driven, locally controlled and democratically accountable
- CLTs can create a supply of affordable housing (even in areas of very high house prices) and work space that meets local needs, and remains affordable
- CLTs, by retaining an equity share in each property, provide housing that is permanently affordable, benefitting many generations of residents
- CLTs give the community assets for the future, creating greater financial security, decreasing dependency on grants, and enabling long term future planning

#### CLTs promote:

- The retention and creation of jobs and people to do them, who contribute to the wider economy
- Greater social interaction and cohesion
- Confident individuals with transferable skills
- Stronger more sustainable communities

There are many active CLTs throughout the UK, delivering a wide range of assetbased projects to meet the needs of their communities.

If anyone would like to learn more about CLTs and what support is available from Wiltshire Community Land trust, please contact:

Rosemary Seagrief

Wiltshire CLT Manager Tel: 01380 850 916 Mobile: 07814 051015

Email: rose@wiltshireclt.org.uk



## **MINUTES**

Meeting: DEVIZES AREA BOARD

Place: Lavington School, The Spring, Market Lavington, Devizes, SN10 4EB

**Date:** 21 March 2011

**Start Time:** 7.00 pm **Finish Time:** 9.30 pm

Please direct any enquiries on these minutes to:

Alexa Smith (Democratic Services Officer), on 01249 706610 or alexa.smith@wiltshire.gov.uk

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#### In Attendance:

#### **Wiltshire Councillors**

Cllr Jeffrey Ody (Vice Chairman), Cllr Jane Burton, Cllr Nigel Carter, Cllr Richard Gamble, Cllr Lionel Grundy OBE and Cllr Liz Bryant.

Cllr John Brady (Cabinet Member for Economic Development, Planning and Housing)

#### Wiltshire Council Officers

Mandy Bradley (Service Director), Richard Harris (Youth Worker), Richard Rogers (Community Area Manager) and Alexa Smith (Democratic Services Officer)

#### **Town and Parish Councillors**

Devizes Town – Ted East, Peter Evans\* and Simon Fisher (Deputy Town Clerk)

Bishops Cannings - Bill and Tina Sadler

Easterton - Chris Saunders\*

Erlestoke - Stan Jonik

Etchilhampton - Mervyn Woods

Little Cheverell - Michael Brain and Andrew Walker

Potterne - Tony Molland\*

Roundway - Chris Callow\*, Rick Rowland and A Wooldridge

Rowde - Jan Barber, Jackie Bawden and Janet Giles

Urchfont - Nicky Mitchell

#### **Partners**

Wiltshire Police – Inspector Andy Noble

Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service – Mike Franklin NHS Wiltshire – Jenny Barker, Tony Barron, Lyn Hill-Tout and Jeff James Devizes Community Area Partnership – Doug Roseaman, Tony Sedgwick and Paula Winchcombe

British Waterways – James Young CPRE – Jim Batt Gazette and Herald – Jill Crooks

Total in attendance: 70

Agenda Item No.	Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision	Action By
1.	Welcome and Chairman's Announcements	
	Councillor Ody explained that he would be Chairman for the meeting since Councillor Mayes was absent. He welcomed those present, including Councillor John Brady, cabinet member for Economic Development, Planning and Housing.	
	The Chairman drew attention to the Chairman's announcements, as included in the agenda pack. He highlighted there would be a seminar on the implications of the Coalition Government's Big Society proposals (as set out in the Localism Bill before Parliament) and what this was likely to mean in the Devizes Community Area. The seminar would take place on 7 April 2011 at 6.30 pm, with refreshments available from 6.00 pm, at the Corn Exchange in Devizes.	
	Councillor Gamble provided additional information about changes to the local bus service. Adjustments would be made because of the Wiltshire Council budget and for commercial reasons by the bus operators. Please find a list of proposed changes to bus services in Devizes and Melksham attached.	
	The Chairman was confident that approximately £5,500 would be available for Devizes Community Area Partnership's transport working group to improve cycle routes in Devizes.	
	The Area Board was also seeking locations for a permanent skate park and BMX facility in Devizes. A mobile skate park would be in place at the Wharf on 10 April 2011. Please contact the Community Area Manager, Richard Rogers, with any suggestions for suitable locations for use in the longer term, on <a href="mailto:richard.rogers@wiltshire.gov.uk">richard.rogers@wiltshire.gov.uk</a> or 07771 547522.	
2.	Apologies for Absence	
	Apologies had been received from Councillor Laura Mayes, Jo Partt (Bromham Parish Council) and Lynda Wearn (Cheverell Magna Parish Council).	
3.	<u>Minutes</u>	
	The minutes of the meeting held on 24 January 2011 were approved and signed as a correct record.	
4.	Declarations of Interest	

Councillors Burton and Grundy declared a prejudicial interest in item 12a, the Devizes and District Twinning Association application to the Community Area Grants Scheme. Councillors Burton and Grundy did not vote on this application. 5. Partner Updates a) The written update from Wiltshire Police was noted. The Chairman explained that it would be Inspector Noble's last Devizes Area Board meeting and thanked him for his hard work in the Community Area. Inspector Noble added that boundary changes were taking place to Neighbourhood Policing Teams to reduce bureaucracy and make teams coterminous with Area Board arrangements. There would not be a net reduction in resources. Inspector Peach would be taking over from Inspector Noble at the next Area Board meeting. b) The written update from Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service was noted. c) The written update for March from NHS Wiltshire was noted. d) Councillor Gamble went through the prioritised Devizes area traffic schemes schedule, as included in the agenda pack. Councillor Gamble added that the Traffic Working Party were also looking into cycle routes in the Devizes Community Area and improving the lighting on the new crossing at the Market Square. Concerns were raised about the ecological implications of work to improve bridges in the Caen Hill area. These would be raised before the work was started. e) The written update from Devizes Community Area Partnership was noted. Paula Winchcombe stated that the Partnership could be contacted at the following email address: admin@dcap.org.uk.

f) Richard Harris explained that he was the full time youth

worker in the Devizes Community Area for 13 to 19 year olds. CAYPIG (the Community Area Young People's Issues Group) meet six times a year and had discussed local issues such as cycle routes, the skate park and activities. There would be a CAYPIG presentation at the next Area Board meeting regarding activities available for young people in the Devizes Community Area. Please find a written report attached to the minutes. g) There were no updates from the Town and Parish Councils, however a parish forum was running successfully and updates would be available at future Area Board meetings. **Community Services Contract** 6. Lyn Hill-Tout, Chief Executive, provided information about the Great Western Hospital contract to run the community services currently run by the Primary Care Trust. The presentation covered the main subjects below: Background to the changing landscape of the NHS The composition of the Great Western Hospitals NHS **Foundation Trust** The services currently provided The record of providing good patient care Key facts about the new services that the Trust would be responsible for – providing healthcare in over 30 locations from Malmesbury in the north down to Salisbury in the south and across towards Bath and beyond into Somerset Why the Trust bid for these services – a unique opportunity to improve care for patients across the region What this meant for local people. Please email Kevin McNamara, Head of Marketing and Communications, questions: with any other kevin.mcnamara@gwh.nhs.uk. 7. Primary Care Trust Update Tony Barron and Jeff James provided an update on the Primary Care Trust. Having a single campus for three GPs and the services provided by the community clinic and the hospital would not be possible in the short term because developer input was not forthcoming. Services provided in the community would continue while services would be moved from the community clinic to the hospital site. £330,000 would be spent on improving the hospital site and making the clinic site good for future use once vacated. The site at Green Lane would remain designated for health care use.

The Primary Care Trust was due to be abolished in 2013, with a transfer to GP commissioning consortia. There would be three commissioning consortia in Wiltshire, commencing 1 April 2011.

The presentation was followed by a short question and answer session, which included the following main points:

- Little money had been spent on investigating the option of a single campus. The costs involved in looking into the Quakers Walk site had been met by the developer on speculation.
- A wide sweep of potential funding organisations, including charities, had been made with the help of GPs to find another development partner. This had proven to be unsuccessful.
- The hospital site had room for expansion in order to address additional pressures on health care in the longer term.
- Careful consideration would be needed for community use of the clinic site once vacant.
- The costs associated with patients getting to and from services would be taken into account in future planning.

#### 8. | Caen Hill Project

James Young from British Waterways introduced the Caen Hill project, to redevelop almost eighty acres of low grade local farmland.

British Waterways was a QUANGO (a quasi-autonomous non-governmental organisation) due to be abolished in 2012. The Caen Hill site was a community project with a bid in place to the Jubilee People's Millions Fund to improve the local facility (there was the need for the bid to be match funded). This would involve an enhanced cafeteria experience, provision for picnics, a range of activities for people of all ages, wildlife walks, educational opportunities and a possible BMX trail.

The Chairman asked for a show of hands for those in support of the project, which was unanimously in favour.

#### 9. The Wharf

Carolyn Gibson, Principal Planning Officer, spoke to raise

awareness of forthcoming consultation about the Wharf. The consultation would be open in May and run for a six week period. It would supplement work already undertaken with local stakeholders which had identified the features that people valued and those they would like to change. The desired outcome was a brief to be adopted as Supplementary Planning Guidance for future development. Events would be advertised locally and through the Community Area Network.

There was the opportunity to view a small display at the meeting.

#### 10. Cabinet Representative - Councillor John Brady

Councillor John Brady provided a short overview of his role as cabinet member for Economic Development, Planning and Housing. Youth unemployment was at a record high in this difficult economic time and was being tackled with success, for example through the challenge to create 100 apprenticeships in 100 days. Wiltshire Council would continue to encourage economic development and Greggs Bakery were moving their headquarters to the county. Planning would be affected by the Localism Bill, however it was envisaged that the change to the existing system would not be great. Wiltshire Council remained one of the most successful local authorities in the south west in providing social housing.

#### 11. Community Issues Update

The Community Area Manager drew attention to the community issues log that was included in the agenda pack. He explained that issues were considered closed once they had been solved or when they were taken on by a partner organisation or a working group, for example the issue of rat runs had been taken on by the traffic working group. A comment raised about the suitability of the closing process for issues would be taken into account when the issues system was reviewed.

A question was asked regarding whether a resolution made at the Devizes Area Board meeting on 4 October 2010 had been fed into the consultation on initial site options for the aggregate minerals site allocations. The Community Area Manager assured the room that it had been and the issue would be considered by cabinet at their meeting on 22 March 2011.

The log of the community issues submitted was available to view online at:

http://portal.wiltshire.gov.uk/area board/areaboard issues search.php?issue location in=Devizes

#### 12. Community Area Grants and Budget

Councillors were asked to consider the Community Area Grants Report and make recommendations on the applications received:

#### **Decision**

Devizes and District Twinning Association were awarded £500 for the provision of a marquee and toilets during the conference celebration on the Green, on the condition that Devizes and District Twinning Association does not return for a similar grant in the future.

#### Reason

The application meets the 2010/11 grant criteria and would encourage community involvement and supporting the voluntary sector.

#### Decision

Bishop Cannings Cricket Club were awarded £3,415 towards the purchase of sight screens and a mobile practice net as well as to re-surface the work artificial playing surface on the pitch.

#### Reason

The application meets the 2010/11 grant criteria and the club has an ambition to focus upon the development of youth cricket.

#### **Decision**

Marston Parish Council were awarded £2,067 towards the refurbishment of the village bus shelter.

#### Reason

The application meets the 2010/11 grant criteria and it addresses rural transport.

Councillor Grundy commented that he would like representation by grant applicants at future Area Board meetings, for the opportunity to have any questions about the application answered.

#### 13. Evaluation and Close.

The Chairman thanked those at the meeting and asked for evaluation forms to be completed. The next Area Board meeting would take place on Monday 23 May 2011 at 7.00 pm at Devizes Sports Club.





#### Crime and Community Safety Briefing Paper Devizes Community Area Board 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2011

#### 1. Neighbourhood Policing

Team Sgt: Ian Thomas

#### **Town Centre Team**

Beat Manager – PC Adam Hall PCSO – Paula Yarranton PCSO – Lucy Sainsbury

#### **Rural North Team**

Beat Manager – vacant PCSO – Wendy Leat

#### **Rural South Team**

Beat Manager – PC Gareth Milnes PCSO Nina Marsh

On Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April the structure of our Neighbourhood Policing Teams changed. The 55 NPT's in the Unitary Area have been reduced to 20 to correspond with the 20 Community Areas.

The public will not see any change to staffing levels as each Beat will retain its Community Beat Manager and Police Community Support Officer(s).

The changes have been made in order to enhance the service delivery to the public, namely...

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## I. Increased police visibility, community engagement and more time to spend dealing with priorities:

Due to a reduction in bureaucracy there will be a reduction in Neighbourhood Tasking Group (NTG) meetings where priorities are set each quarter. Currently up to 76 are held but in the new structure this will be reduced by 49 meetings per quarter. There is also a new NPT IT system which will make things easier and quicker for staff to enter information. There will also be one quarterly Newsletter for each Community Area with a dedicated page for each Beat Area.

#### II. Service delivery will be enhanced:

- a) If a significant priority is identified in a Beat Area, staff from other Beats within the NPT can be tasked to the area to target the issue. Staff will still be primarily dedicated to working on their individual Beats.
- b) Each NPT will have a dedicated Sergeant who will provide support for the NPT and enhance supervision.

## III. There will be greater partnership working with local authorities and stakeholders:

Due to the rationalisation of the number of NPTs, which will lead to improved targeting of priorities.

#### **Current Priorities:**

Up-to-date details of the current news about Neighbourhood Policing Teams, including, profiles, priorities and forthcoming community consultation events can be found on the Wiltshire Police Website.

■ Visit the new and improved website at: www.wiltshire.police.uk

#### 2. Performance and Other Local Issues

Since the last Area Board meeting there have been a number of staffing changes at Devizes. Inspector Ron Peach replaces Andy Noble as Sector Commander and Sergeant Mark Gale replaces Andy Peach as second in command.

PC Gemma Rutter has moved from the NPT Rural South post to Response Policing and PC Gareth Milnes has taken her place.

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I am pleased to report that the overall crime trend for Devizes area continues downward. This is really good news as the current figures are yet to be influenced by the significant arrests reported at the last meeting. I am therefore confident that we will see further reductions in the months to come. However, we cannot be complacent as we know from experience that the summer months can see a sudden spike in some offence categories, specifically violent and sexual offences, often linked to alcohol abuse and the night time economy. In order to counter this 'spike' we have developed a tactical plan, 'Operation Pinnacle', which supports the delivery of our Violent Crime reduction strategy. We will be working closely with our partners to ensure that this plan is a success.

#### **Crime Performance - Devizes Community Area**

DEVIZES & MARLBOROUGH SECTOR						
DEVIZES	CRIME				DETECTIONS	
	APR 2010 - MAR 2011 cf previous year			APR 2010 2011 cf pre		
	2009/10	2010/11	+/-	% Change	2009/10	2010/11
Violence Against the Person	353	306	-47	-13.3%	53.5%	48.4%
Dwelling Burglary	36	58	22	61.1%	13.9%	10.3%
Criminal Damage	346	290	-56	-16.2%	15.9%	14.8%
Non Dwelling Burglary	110	120	10	9.1%	4.5%	2.5%
Theft from Motor Vehicle	55	96	41	74.5%	3.6%	2.1%
Theft of Motor Vehicle	23	16	-7	-30.4%	39.1%	0.0%
Total Crime	1319	1412	93	7.1%	30.7%	25.0%

County Division is compared with 15 most similar divisions in other Forces. Currently we are performing well e.g. ranked 1st (out of 15) for All Crime and 3rd (out of 15) for Violent Crime

#### **Reported Anti-Social Behaviour Figures**

				YEARLY
1st Quarter	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	¼ AVE
1Apr-30Jun10	1July-30Sept10	10ct-31Dec10	1Jan-31Mar11	09-11
402	411	399	312	381

#### 3. Police Authority Representative:

Councillor Chris Humphries is a member of the Wiltshire Police Authority and has the responsibility for overseeing matters in the community area.

Please contact via Wiltshire Police Authority Tel. 01380 734022 or http://www.wiltshire-pa.gov.uk/feedback.asp

#### **Vision Wiltshire**

Vision Wiltshire has been set-up to deliver a new policing model to meet the projected funding cuts over the next 4-years.

Wiltshire Police Authority (WPA) must reduce its budget from £108million in 2009-10 by £15million over the next four years. In order to identify where the public felt these savings might be made and what services should be protected, a special public consultation was conducted between 23rd November 2010 & 11th February 2011. There were 1,134 responses.

#### What did we do?

A questionnaire was posted on the WPA website which also sent to every town and parish council in Wiltshire and Swindon.

WPA Members attended Area Board meetings to present an overview of the situation and to encourage the public to express their views.

WPA Chairman, Christopher Hoare, presented similarly at meetings arranged by Wiltshire Council to consult with the public on their budget and that of partner agencies.

Neighbourhood Policing Teams distributed the questionnaire within their communities.

All Neighbourhood Watch Members and members of the public who had signed up to the Force website were alerted to the consultation.

WPA members also met with five of the six MPs in Wiltshire and Swindon to seek their views.

#### What you said

The conclusions that can be drawn from the results of the survey are as follows:

Many people were concerned about how public sector cuts will affect policing in their local area.

There was an overwhelming agreement that removing Police Officers and Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) from neighbourhoods should only be done as a last resort.

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85% of respondents said they would be happy with an answer rate of **up to** one minute for the non-emergency police number.

The public did not want to lose police stations and they were the primary choice for accessing police services. However, there was strong support for the use of shared facilities and of greater use of internet and telephone.

The majority of respondents agreed that we should spend the same or more than is now spent on the services we identified in our questionnaire.

WPA should be sourcing policing goods and services from others if it was more effective and efficient.

The respondents ranked the given priorities as follows:

- 1. Tackling crime
- 2. Answering 999 calls
- 3. Neighbourhood Policing
- 4. Keeping people safe
- 5. Being available 24/7

#### What we have done

The results of the consultation have been used along with a strategic assessment by Wiltshire Police to inform our Policing Plan for 2011/14. This directs policing effort as follows:

#### **Strategic Priority 1 - Reduce Violent Crime**

As part of our vision for Wiltshire to be the safest county in the Country, we are committed to further reducing violence and supporting the victims and witnesses of violent crime. Specifically, over the next year we will focus on reducing alcohol related violence and domestic abuse and further improving our quality of service to victims of sexual abuse.

## Strategic Priority 2 - Manage the people who cause the most harm in our communities

It is estimated that one in ten offenders are responsible for up to half of all crime in Wiltshire. It makes sense, therefore, to focus on those people who are causing the most harm in our communities and deal with them through an integrated approach with our partners in the justice system.

#### **Strategic Priority 3 - Tackle Antisocial Behaviour**

The level of antisocial behaviour in Swindon and Wiltshire increases in the summer. Overall levels are low and falling, and most people view Wiltshire as a safe place. The Force will be working to protect the most vulnerable and to support the communities within

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Wiltshire to develop and implement their own solutions to local problems

#### **Strategic Priority 4 - Developing Sustainable Policing**

The scale of the cuts requires a wholesale review of what the police do and how they do it. This means a re-focus on the core role and a much keener focus upon productivity and resource usage. Minor adjustments to the operating model will not allow us to maintain performance whilst reducing cost. WPA has agreed the development of a new operational policing model, supported by new technology. To minimise risk that comes with change, we will introduce the new operational model gradually, ensuring that each component is properly consulted upon and tested before implementation.

For the full report on the WPA *Vision Wiltshire* public consultation or for a full copy of the *Policing Plan* visit the WPA website at: <u>www.wiltshire-pa.gov.uk</u>

In June, WPA will publish its review of the performance of Wiltshire Police during 2010/11, and we will look to update the Area Board shortly thereafter.

Ron Peach Sector Inspector 10/05/11

# NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS



Devizes Town Neighbourhood Policing Newsletter

Spring 2011

#### **Priorities**

The Neighbourhood Tasking Group Meeting (NTG) was held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> of March. The panel made decision on the priorities as detailed below.

The following priority from the last quarter is now closed:

## <u>Wayside Farm consultation –</u> <u>Speeding vehicles in Nursteed Road</u> and Estate

The team in conjunction with Wiltshire Council arranged for a speed awareness sign to be erected along the main part of Nursteed Road leading to the estate.



Police officers from the roads policing unit conducted seven speed checks over the three month period resulting in six motorists being caught speeding and issued with fixed penalty tickets.

The new priority for this next quarter is detailed below alongside how we plan to address it:

#### **Speeding in Potterne Road**

The team conducted door to door consultations in early March. The main concern was vehicles travelling at excess speed. The team intend to conduct on the spot speed checks.

#### **Summary of Crime**

The new national crime mapping website was launched earlier this year and gives a breakdown of reported crime anti-social behaviour in your area.

Overall the Devizes town area is recorded as average compared to the rest of the country. The mapper can be viewed on the Wiltshire Police website or by visiting – <a href="https://www.police.uk">www.police.uk</a>

#### **Consultations**

Have your say on local issues and meet the team. We are outside the Bear Hotel at 9am to 2pm every Thursday Market Day – 24th March, 21st April and 19th May.



#### **Outcomes**

The team have been working with partner agencies dealing with nuisance tenants and executing drug warrants.

A well known local criminal was released from prison at the end of 2010 and was soon arrested again for committing further offences. He has now been recalled to prison to serve the remainder of his sentence.

#### **Bluez & Zuz Youth Disco**

The team continue to run the Bluez & Zuz disco events at the Corn Exchange nightclub. The February event attracted 200 young people to the Valentine's Ball and there were four prize winners.

The next disco will be on Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> of March from 7 to 9pm. Further details can be found at:

facebook.com/blueznzuz

#### **MEET YOUR TEAM**

We are your dedicated neighbourhood policing team working with you and our partners to tackle your local concerns.

#### **Community Beat Manager**



PC Adam Hall

## Police Community Support Officers



PCSO Lucy Sainsbury



**PCSO Paula Yarranton** 



PCSO Fiona Marno
Contact Us

devizestownnpt@ wiltshire.pnn.police.uk

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# NEUGHBOURHOOD NEWS



#### A new way of dealing with offenders of low level crime and anti-social behaviour

Some offenders of low level crime and anti-social behaviour in Wiltshire and Swindon are now being held accountable for their actions within the community rather than in the court room. Wiltshire Police officers have been trained to use a form of restorative practice called Local Resolution which puts victims at the heart of the process by giving them a say in how justice should be delivered and involves work with partner agencies, such as local councils.

Wiltshire Police Local Resolution Project Manager Wendy Moore said: "Given the right conditions, officers are using their professional judgement and discretion to help create resolutions in line with victims' wishes, such as by offenders giving verbal or written apologies, paying fair compensation and repairing damage they caused. All parties have to agree to the Local Resolution and if an offender fails to carry out their agreed actions they can be arrested and prosecuted."

Since May 2010 more than 480 Local Resolutions have been carried out in Wiltshire, for example:

- An employee who stole building supplies from his employer admitting responsibility and paying £400 back in full for the supplies. He was subsequently dismissed from the company
- A 16 and 19 year old cleaning off graffiti they sprayed on a car park wall while supervised by a council employee

Police will still arrest and prosecute for offences where this is the right thing to do. Local Resolution is partly driven by the national Flanagan report into policing which said investigating of crime had become overly driven by a performance regime, rather than encouraging a common sense approach to resolving incidents. Wiltshire Police is following other forces which have run similar successful schemes.

#### **Immobilise your Christmas gifts**

Now Christmas is over and you're slowly getting the hang of your new laptop or working out how to up-load songs to your new i-pod – why not take the time to register these items with Immobilise. Immobilise is a free, private and secure portfolio of all your personal property (all items with serial numbers on them). If your property is then lost or stolen and recovered by the Police it will be returned to you.

There are two steps to register your details, STEP ONE – collect all serial numbers and details of your property from around your home. STEP TWO – Visit <a href="https://www.immobilise.com">www.immobilise.com</a> and follow the instructions to register your property – go to 'create a free account now.'

#### **Crimestoppers Property Protector**

Crime-fighting charity, Crimestoppers has launched its first ever product – Crimestoppers Property Protect. This is a clear liquid solution which contains a combination of micro-particles to provide a unique code number. Simply dab it onto valuable items to give them their own coded fingerprint. This code is registered exclusively to the owner via a property registration database. If the items are lost or stolen there is an increased chance of them being returned to their rightful owner.

Michael Laurie CBE, Crimestoppers' Chief Executive said'; "this is an exciting development for the charity not only will the product help people to protect their property but at the same time it will raise vital funds for the charity."

Crimestoppers Property Protector is priced at £34.99 and if buy online at <a href="www.crimestopperspropertyprotector.com">www.crimestopperspropertyprotector.com</a> you will receive a £7.50 discount, just quote the voucher code CS175. The offer ends 31 March 2011.

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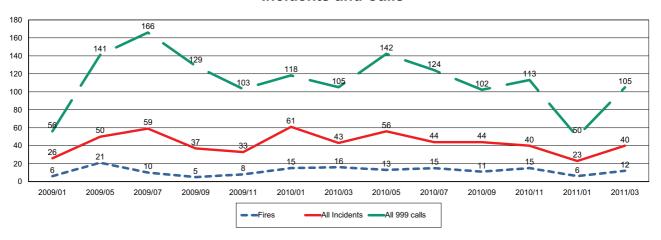
## Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service

Wiltshire and Swindon Fire Authority

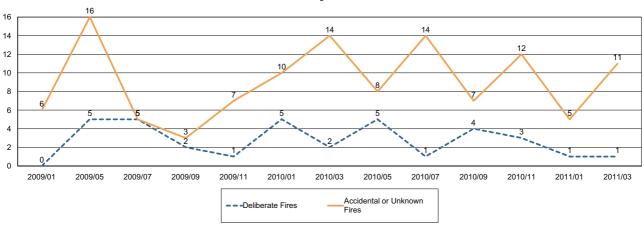
## **Report for Devizes Area Board**

The following is a bi-monthly update of Fire and Rescue Service activity up to and including March 2011. It has been prepared by the Group Manager for the Board's area.

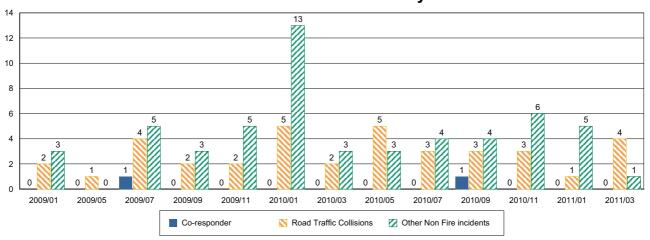
#### **Incidents and Calls**



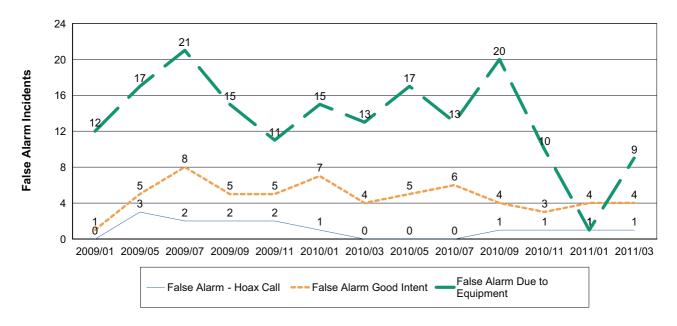
#### **Fires by Cause**



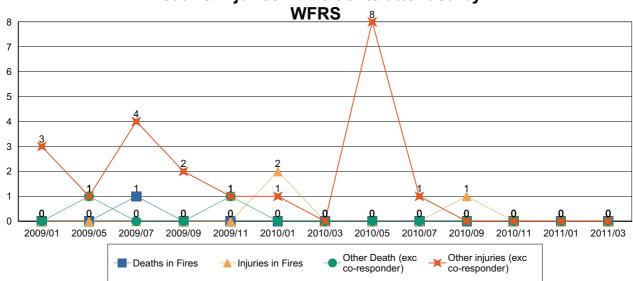
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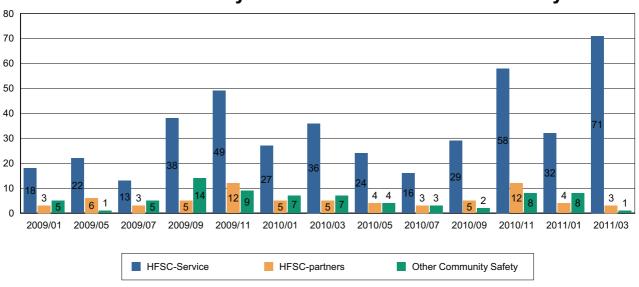
#### **Number of False Alarm Incidents**



#### Death & Injuries in incidents attended by



### Home Fire Safety Checks and other domestic safety



Comments and Interventions overleaf



#### NHS Update - May 2011

#### **New Cardiac Rehabilitation Service in Chippenham**

NHS Wiltshire is launching a new Cardiac Rehabilitation service in Chippenham this month as part of a continuing programme to improve access to cardiac rehabilitation and physical activity classes across the county.

Building on the success of nurse-led classes in Westbury, Cardiac Rehabilitation classes will be provided weekly at the Olympiad Leisure Centre in Chippenham for eligible cardiac patients who are registered with a Wiltshire GP. The programme takes place over nine weeks and depending on their condition, Chippenham patients will have the choice of participating either at The Royal United Hospital, Bath or at the Olympiad.

The aim of the community Cardiac Rehabilitation service is to provide all patients who meet the referral criteria with a service which improves their ability to exercise, vastly improving a person's quality of life and minimising the risk of heart attacks in the future. The rehabilitation exercises are designed to support adult patients who have been discharged from hospital but who are continuing to live with heart disease. Structured exercise training, as well as continuing educational and psychological support and advice are key components of the service. The nurse-led cardiac rehabilitation classes provide a link for people to then attend other cardiac rehabilitation opportunities available at Wiltshire's leisure centres.

#### Prime Minister and Health Secretary announce a two month pause on plans

The Government's Health Select Committee has made 50 recommendations to the Health and Social Care Bill 2011 and as a consequence the Department of Health has announced a 'pause' as the Bill moves through the House of Commons. The Government will conduct a 'listening exercise' consultation and set up the NHS Future Forum to channel the thoughts and opinions of patient representatives, doctors, nurses and NHS leaders back to Government. The engagement process will focus on four main areas: choice and competition, patient involvement and patient accountability, clinical advice and leadership and education and training. For more information and to get involved please go to: <a href="http://healthandcare.dh.gov.uk/category/conversations/listening-exercise-conversations/">http://healthandcare.dh.gov.uk/category/conversations/listening-exercise-conversations/</a>

#### **Next NHS Wiltshire Board Meeting**

The next Board meeting of NHS Wiltshire will be held on **Wednesday 18 May at 10am - 2011 at Southgate House.** Members of the public are welcome to attend. Papers are published a week before the meeting on <a href="www.wiltshire.nhs.uk">www.wiltshire.nhs.uk</a> or on request from Stacey Saunders, NHS Wiltshire (tel: 01380 733839, email: <a href="mailto:stacey.saunders@wiltshire.nhs.uk">stacey.saunders@wiltshire.nhs.uk</a>). For further information or copies of documents referred to above, please email <a href="mailto:communications@wiltshire.nhs.uk">communications@wiltshire.nhs.uk</a>



#### **DEVIZES COMMUNITY AREA PARTNERSHIP**

#### PARISH COUNCIL FORUM

#### Update for Devizes Area Board May 2011

The Parish Council Forum met on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2011.

A presentation was given by Nick Bate of Wiltshire Council on 'Community Resilience', inviting parishes to create or renew emergency plans, using a new template produced by the Government. Identifying local 'assets and vulnerabilities' would enable communities to use their own skills and resources to complement those of the emergency services and local authority in the event of an emergency.

There had been a positive response from many parishes to the offer of a visit from the Chairman of the Area Board and the Community Area Manager. It was generally felt that the opportunity to meet face to face enabled greater listening and understanding. Each parish would be offered an annual visit.

As the pilot year of the Forum was now at an end, those present spent time looking at model 'Terms of Reference' for the future. A further meeting would be needed to complete this piece of work.

Clarification was sought from the Area Board about the number of Parish Council representatives at Area Board meetings. Cllr Mayes clarified that any number of Parish Councillors could attend the AB meetings, but only one should have the mandate to be the spokesperson for a Parish.

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#### **DEVIZES COMMUNITY AREA PARTNERSHIP**

## Update for Devizes Area Board May 2011

#### Community Area Plan update

10,000 questionnaires have been distributed to households in the Community Area as part of the DCAP consultation. At the time of this report approximately 2000 responses had been received. We are therefore anticipating a 20% return on the consultation questionnaires. The views contained within these responses are being entered into the online version of the questionnaire which will allow the replies to analysed, and will be fed into the new Community Area Plan. The distribution process has revealed that the number of households within the Area is far larger than had been anticipated. A print run of another 2000 questionnaires (with an extended deadline for responses) has now been organised in order to hear the views of those not already consulted. Responses from school pupils (using a tailored questionnaire format) are also now being received and analysed.

Focus groups have also been set up to discuss some aspects of the questions and issues more deeply.

#### Thematic Groups

Since the last Area Board meeting there have been meetings of the Transport thematic group, and the Housing & Built Environment thematic group.

#### **Parish Councils**

The Parish Council Forum has grown in strength during its pilot year. One more meeting is needed to finalise its Terms of Reference for the future.

#### Community Area Board

DCAP is pleased to see a stronger working partnership with the Area Board, through participation in some of the thematic groups. It is also encouraging to see that the new Community Area Traffic Group is a joint venture.

DCAP is looking ahead to another year of fruitful work with many partners, responding to the needs and challenges revealed by the consultation across the Community Area. The workplan and funding request for the 2011-2012 has now been submitted.

The next DCAP meeting (AGM) takes place on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June at 5.30pm at Browfort.



# **Area Board Project**

## 1. What is the project?

The current grants system criteria prohibits making awards for what is deemed to be running costs, However this can make it difficult for groups to obtain a grant from the Area Board to support an event that takes place on a regular basis.

The proposal is that £5k of the Area Board budget is ring fenced to support these type of events (e.g. festivals, carnivals, celebrations and twinning events). They would be subject to the same criteria as other grants except that they would not necessarily be excluded simply because the award could be seen as providing running costs or that they have had a similar grant in the past.

## 2. Where is the project taking place?

Within the Devizes Community Area

#### 3. When will the project take place?

The funding would be ring fenced innitially for 2011/12 but if successful could also be considered for subsequent years. Applications would follow the normal process for applying for grants.

#### 4. What are the Community benefits/evidence of need/desired outcomes?

These type of events are very popular and make a very important contribution to the communities within the Devizes Area. Whilst still assessing each application on its individual merit, this project would allow the Area Board to support additional activities that are recognised as making a significant contribution to the wider community

#### Impact if the project were not to be funded

The impact would be that some activities that would benefit the community could not be easily funded from the Area Board and therefore may not take place.

## 5. Who will manage/be responsible for this project?

The community Area Manager would manage the applications and the Area Board Unitary Members would be responsible for making any award decisions.

## 6. Costs/quotes/ match funding?

£5k to be ring fenced from the existing budget of £58,192 for 2011/12

#### 7. Additional information

All groups will still be encouraged to become financially sustainable without the need to rely upon continued Area Board funding. There should be no automatic assumption that a grant will be awarded even if it has been previously.

Report to	Devizes Area Board
Date of Meeting	23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2011
Title of Report	Community Area Grants

## **Purpose of Report**

To ask Councillors to consider an application seeking 20011/12 Community Area Grant Funding

1. Devizes Carnival – Funding to expand the work of the project to embrace new groups not previously involved. They are seeking £3,500. Recommended for consideration for approval

#### 1. Background

- 1.1. Area Boards have authority to approve Area Grants under powers delegated to them by the Deputy Leader and Cabinet member for Community Services (15 April 2011). Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the Area Board Grants Guidance for funding.
- 1.2. In accordance with the Scheme of Delegation, any decision of an Area Board that is contrary to the funding criteria and/or the officer's recommendation would need to demonstrate that the application in question has a wider community benefit, and give specific reasons for why this should justify an exception to the criteria.
- 1.3. In accordance with the Area Board Grants Guidance officers are required to provide recommendations in their report, however, the decision to support applications and to what level is made by Wiltshire Councillors on this Area Board.
- 1.4. The emphasis in the coalition Government's Localism agenda supports the ethos of volunteering and community involvement. With this in mind Community Area Grants should be encouraged from and awarded to community and voluntary groups.
- 1.5. Area boards will not consider applications from Town and Parish Councils for purposes that relate to their statutory duties or powers that should be funded from the local town/parish precept. However this does not preclude bids from Town and Parish Councils, encouraging community projects that provide new opportunities for local people or those functions that are not the sole responsibility of the Town/Parish Council.
- 1.6. Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting (providing there is money available).
- 1.7. All applicants are encouraged to contact Charities Information Bureau who is working on behalf of Wiltshire Council to support community and voluntary groups, town and parish councils to seek funding for community projects and schemes both from the Area Board and other local and national funding sources.
- 1.8. Paper copies of funding applications will no longer appear as part of the agenda in an attempt to reduce volume of paper used. However the application forms will be available on the Wiltshire Council web site and hard copies are available upon request
- 1.9. The 2011/12 funding criteria and application forms are available on the Council's website (<a href="www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards">www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards</a>) or paper versions are available from the Community Area manager
- 1.10. Devizes Area Board has been allocated a 2011/12 budget of £58,192 (plus £114 carried forward from 2010/2011) making a total of £58,306 to use for community grants, community partnership core funding and councillor led initiatives. No grants have been approved so far this financial year. Up to 20% of the budget can be

applied for by Devizes Community Area Partnership for running costs.

1.11. Should the Board approve the application before it at this meeting, a balance of £54.806 will remain.

## Background documents used in the preparation of this Report

- Community Area Grant Application Pack 2011/12
- Devizes Community Area Plan

#### 2. Main Considerations

- 2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2011/12 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.
- 2.2. There are six rounds of funding during 20011/12.

#### 3. Environmental & Community Implications

Community Area Grants will contribute to the continuance and/or improvement of cultural, social and community activity and wellbeing in the community area, the extent and specifics of which will be dependent upon the individual project.

#### 4. Financial Implications

- 4.1. Awards must fall within the Area Boards budget allocated to the Devizes Area Board.
- 4.2. Should the applications in this agenda be awarded, Devizes Area Board will have a balance of £54,806

#### 5. Legal Implications

5.1. There are no specific Legal implications related to this report.

#### 6. HR Implications

6.1. There are no specific HR implications related to this report.

#### 7. Equality and Inclusion Implications

7.1. Community Area Grants give all local community and voluntary groups, Town and Parish Councils an equal opportunity to receive funding towards community based projects and schemes.

7.2. Implications relating to individual grant applications are outlined within section 8 – "Officer Recommendations".

#### 8. Officer recommendations

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.1 (Grant Register ref no)	Devizes Carnival	Funding to expand the Carnival's activities further	£3,500

- 8.1.1. Officer recommendation is that this application be considered for approval.
- 8.1.2. The Devizes Carnival is a reoccurring event and the request could be seen as providing for running costs. However, if awarded, this funding will be used to add value to what is already provided by attempting to attract more participation from the villages around Devizes. This would include more opportunities for communities to benefit from events such as artist led workshops.
- 8.1.3. The project is now also looking at targeting those culturally and socially disadvantaged communities
- 8.1.4. There are economic benefits to all within the area of having successful large scale events such as this.
- 8.1.5. The application meets grant criteria 2011/12
- 8.1.6. The application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan (Encourage community involvement and supporting the voluntary sector).
- 8.1.7. Match funding is being provided from the Town Council, business sponsorship and the group's own fundraising.

No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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#### **DEVIZES COMMUNITY AREA PARTNERSHIP**

#### ANNUAL WORK PLAN 2011/2012

## **CAPA** commitments

## Proposed initiatives and activities

#### **Partnership Development**

"To establish and maintain a Partnership, Steering Group and Thematic Groups, as necessary" The Devizes Community Area Partnership has 7 Thematic Groups, each of the Thematic Groups has a chairman who sits on the Steering Group. Steering Group Meetings take place as necessary and are held approximately once a month.

The Devizes Community Area Partnership holds full meetings quarterly with an AGM taking place annually in June. The Partnership has a part time administrator who supports the Thematic Groups as well as the Partnership, sitting in on meetings and taking minutes, preparing agendas and providing general administrative support.

The Partnership is affiliated to WfCAP and has a representative on the WfCap Steering Group.

The Partnership is currently undertaking a community consultation in respect of the Community Area Plan and it is expected that the Community Area Plan will be ready for adoption in July of this year.

The Partnership has recently been awarded funding for developing projects in conjunction with the Area Board dealing with traffic and cycle strategies. There are also plans to develop strategies in respect of housing and community safety.

#### **Accountability**

"To be open to and inclusive of the wider community and to account to and seek affirmation from the wider community for its actions, activities and forward plans on an annual basis."

Devizes Community Area Partnership Meetings are advertised on the Partnership website and the AGM will be advertised in the press.

Newsletters and consultations are sent to every household in the Community Area and events are promoted through charitable and local government bodies. The Devizes Community Area Partnership is responsible to the community, the AGM is open to all members of the community and all community representative bodies are invited to become members of the Partnership.

#### Communication

"To engage and communicate systematically with all sections of the community and to maintain a contacts register of key organisations and volunteers."

The Partnership produces newsletters and has a dedicated website. In addition to this questionnaires have been delivered to all households within the Community Area. Public consultations are planned to be held over the next few months in respect of Community Area projects and the Community Area plan.

#### Consultation

"To consult widely on a range of community issues and hold public engagement events and activities." Consultations are conducted through surveys, public meetings and on line questionnaires. The take up on our recent survey exceeded 20% of the households in the Community Area.

#### **Community Planning**

"To prepare and regularly review a community plan that takes into account major issues affecting the area and to develop an action plan and identify projects to address these issues. This will be done in consultation with the wider local community, in order that it properly represents their concerns and aspirations".

The Community Area plan is intended to be ready for adoption by July 2011. The survey has been conducted throughout the Community Area and every household has been contacted regarding the Community plan.

#### Local action

"To champion local issues and help with the planning and delivery of priority projects, including fundraising and community volunteering where these meet the priorities of the community plan."

Having determined the main issues concerning the local community on the Community Area questionnaire we will be looking to address Community Plan priorities.

To date the only area which we have secured funding for is to deal with traffic issues, however, we will be looking to secure additional funding in the near future.

## **Community Area Partnership Agreement 2011/12:**

**Budget details for CAP running costs** 

#### Your Details:

Name:	Roger Chadwick
Partnership:	Devizes
Address:	53 Church Lane North Bradley Trowbridge BA14 0TA
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## **Bank Account Details:**

Account name:	Devizes Community Area Partnership
Sort code:	20 05 06
Account no.	10997471
Balance of funds at beginning of year:	£9271.91

## **Details of Budget:**

Administrator / Project Officer (inc travel) costs:

 Details Part time administrator paid £10 per hour, based on 20 hours per week £10.000 a £10,000

Cost:

Consultation activities, public events, analysis, etc:

 Details Public consultation in respect of the community area plan and data entry in respect of the results received from the community area plan survey 3,000 questionnaires at £1 each @50% funding b £1,500

Advertising & promotion (inc websites):

 Details Website maintenance and development £500 & purchase cost of display pop up. c £850

Plans, questionnaires, other printing costs:

 Details Cost of printing community area plan and additional questionnaires £1038 d £1038

Office expenses, consumables, etc.:

Details Office expenditure Paper, postage and ink £250

e £250

Other costs:

details

f £

Amount of funding rolled forward from 2010/11 to be spent in 2011/12:

g £2000

Total running costs applied for:

h £11638

(costs a+b+c+d+e+f - g must equal h)

I confirm that the costs detailed here will be incurred by the [insert] Community Area Partnership in accordance with the commitments agreed within the Community Area Partnership Agreement, 2011/12.

Please post your Annual Workplan and Budget Form for running costs to:

Andrew Jack, Communities, Libraries, Heritage & Arts, Wiltshire Council, County Hall, Trowbridge BA14 8JN

# **Community Area Partnership Agreement 2011/12:**

<b>Budget</b>	details	for	CAP	running	costs
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I understand that a first tranche payment of 50% of the funding will be released following Area Board approval. This will be followed by a second tranche of the remaining 50% at a date to be agreed in approx. six months time.

Signed:	
Date:	



WILTSHIRE COUNCIL

ITEM X

DEVIZES AREA BOARD 23 May, 2011

# <u>Devizes Community Area Partnership (DCAP) Claim for Core Funding</u> 2011/2012

#### 1. Purpose of the Report

1.1. To seek the Board's approval to core funding to DCAP covering the financial year 2011/12 to be agreed at this meeting, 23 May, 2011 so that it can be paid into DCAP's bank account immediately.

#### 2. Background

- 2.1. Officers are required to provide recommendations in a report, however the decision to support the community partnership and to what level, is made by Wiltshire Councillors on this Area Board.
- 2.2. There will be 2 tranches of funding to community partnerships during 2011/12 (up to 50% of their total projected costs in each tranche). The first is contained within this report, and the Partnership Development Officer will advise DCAP that the second tranche can be requested at the 28 November, 2011 Board when evidence is received of how the first tranche has been spent.
- 2.3. Devizes Area Board has been allocated a 2011/2012 budget of £58,196 for community grants, community partnership core funding and councillor led initiatives.
- 2.4. Community Area Partnerships have been invited to apply for up to 20% of the area board budget. 20% of the Devizes Area Board budget 2011/12 is £11,638.

## 3. <u>Main Considerations</u>

- 3.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that core costs awarded in the 2011/12 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.
- 3.2. DCAP were awarded £7,856 in 2010/2011. The balance of DCAP funds as at March, 2011 was £9,271.91. DCAP will be rolling forward £2,000 into 2011/12 to be spent on activities in this coming financial year.

- 3.3. All partnerships funded by Area Boards are required to sign a Community Area Partnership Agreement (CAPA), which will be countersigned by the Chair of the Area Board. The CAPA is to be signed by both parties at this meeting if DCAP's core funding is awarded.
- 3.4. In order to show how the community area partnership aims to meet the commitments set out in the CAPA, DCAP are required to complete a work plan. This work plan has been reviewed and endorsed by Wiltshire Council's Partnership Development Officer as a workable document.
- 3.5. Devizes Community Area Partnership submitted a 2011/12 claim for £11,638 total core costs. 50% of this can be considered in the 1<sup>st</sup> tranche. The area board can therefore award up to £5,819 at this meeting to be paid immediately.

## 4. <u>Implications</u>

- 4.1. Environmental Impact of the Proposals
- 4.1.2 The community partnership contributes to the continuance and improvement of cultural, social and community activity and wellbeing in the community area, the extent and specifics of which will be dependent upon individual projects.
- 4.2. Financial Implications
- 4.2.1 Core costs awarded to the community partnership must fall within the Area Boards budget allocated to the Devizes Area Board.
- 4.3. Legal Implications
- 4.3.1 There are no specific Legal implications related to this report.
- 4.4. HR Implications
- 4.4.1 There are no specific HR implications related to this report.
- 4.5. Equality and Diversity Implications
- 4.5.1 Community partnerships have agreed to the terms of the Community Area Partnership Agreement, which requires them to be fully inclusive.

  Membership of DCAP is open to anyone with an interest in the community area.

#### 5. Recommendation

The Partnership Development Officer recommends that the area board:

 approve the whole year's core funding of £11,638 with an agreement to release the 1<sup>st</sup> tranche of £5,819 immediately  agree to the release of the 2<sup>nd</sup> tranche in November 2011 as long as conditions set by the Partnership Development Officer and agreed by the Board, have been met

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Appendices:

Appendix 1 DCAP Annual Workplan, 2011/12 Appendix 2 DCAP Budget Form 17\_05\_11 2011/12

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