

# **AGENDA**

Meeting: TROWBRIDGE AREA BOARD

**Place**: The Atrium, Wiltshire Council, Bradley Road, Trowbridge

**Date**: Thursday 9 September 2010

**Time:** 7.00 pm

Including the Parishes of Hilperton, North Bradley, Southwick, Trowbridge and West Ashton

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.

Tea, coffee and the opportunity to talk informally from 6:30pm.

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#### **Wiltshire Councillors**

Ernie Clark – Hilperton (Chairman)
Peter Fuller – Park
Tom James MBE – Adcroft
John Knight – Central
Francis Morland – Southwick

Stephen Oldrieve – Paxcroft (Vice-Chairman) Helen Osborn – Lambrok Jeff Osborn – Grove Graham Payne – Drynham

	Items to be considered	Time				
1.	Chairman's Welcome, Introduction and Announcements (Pages 3 - 4)	7:00pm				
	To include, but not limited to, the following:					
	<ul> <li>a. A350 - closure for road works</li> <li>b. Community Payback – a call for 'grot spots' (there will be an opportunity before the meeting to indicate areas that need cleaning up)</li> <li>c. Wiltshire Local Transport Plan Strategy.</li> </ul>					
2.	Apologies					
3.	Minutes (Pages 5 - 24)					
	<ol> <li>To approve, and sign as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting held on 1 July 2010.</li> </ol>					
	b. Matters arising from the previous meeting.					
4.	Declarations of Interest					
	Councillors are requested to declare any personal or prejudicial interests, or dispensations granted by the Standards Committee.					
	Community Items					
5.	Partner Updates (Pages 25 - 30)	7:05pm				
	To note the written reports and receive any updates from the following:					
	<ul> <li>a. Community Area Young People's Issues Group (CAYPIG)</li> <li>b. Wiltshire Police</li> <li>c. Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service</li> <li>d. Trowbridge Community Area Future (TCAF)</li> <li>e. Trowbridge Town Council</li> <li>f. Parish Council Nominated Representatives.</li> </ul>					
6.	Outside Body Updates	7:10pm				
	Wiltshire Councillors appointed as representatives to Outside Bodies will report on any recent news.					
7.	Update on the Transformation of County Hall and the Library	7:15pm				
	Mark Stone, Transformation Programme Director, will give an update on the transformation of County Hall and the Library.					

#### 8. Trowbridge Area Extended Schools Service

7:25pm

Jayne Bullock, Extended Schools Co-ordinator, and Andy Packer, Head Teacher of John of Gaunt School, will give a presentation on the work of the extended schools service.

# 9. Leisure Facilities Review and Questions for the Cabinet Representative

7:35pm

- a. Councillor Stuart Wheeler, cabinet representative for Leisure, Sport and Culture, will give a presentation on the review of leisure facilities across Wiltshire. This will be followed by a round table discussion of the proposals for the Trowbridge community area.
- b. The cabinet representative will follow the above item with any questions the meeting may wish to ask in relation to his cabinet responsibilities generally.

Note – questions may be submitted in advance – please email <u>julia.densham@wiltshire.gov.uk</u> by Wednesday 1 September 2010.

#### 10. Hilperton Allotments

8:10pm

Viv Bielecki, Hilperton Parish Council, will give a short presentation on the allotment scheme in Hilperton.

#### 11. Community Issue

8:25pm

The Chairman will lead a discussion about the sales of cars on the roadside in Trowbridge.

#### 12. Parish Steward Scheme

8:40pm

Bill Parks, Head of Local Highways and Streetscene (Central), will give a presentation on the work of the parish stewards.

#### **Routine Items**

# 13. Any Other Urgent Business, Evaluation and Forward Plan (Pages 31 - 32)

9:00pm

The Chairman will take any other items of urgent business.

The meeting is asked to note the future meeting dates below and is reminded to complete the evaluation forms in the packs.

7.00pm Thursday 18 November 2010, Wiltshire Council Offices, Bradley Road, Trowbridge

7.00pm Thursday 20 January 2011, Wiltshire Council Offices, Bradley Road, Trowbridge.

The Forward Plan is attached for information.

9.05pm

The Wiltshire Councillors will consider 2 applications to the Community Area Grants Scheme 2010/11, as follows:

- a. Trowbridge Town Council request £319 for a bench at the registry office
- b. Trowbridge Rangers Football Club request £980 for start up costs to run a mixed ability football club.

#### Total requested = £1,299

#### Allocation of Grant Funding to date:

- Trowbridge Amateur Swimming Club £1,486 to fund a swimming gala and social events
- Southwick Playing Field £5,000 for the construction of a tarmac path around the playing field
- Newtown School £2,300 to upgrade changing facilities and provide temporary cover over the outdoor swimming pool
- Newtown Area Residents Association £930 to provide security lighting at Bond Street Buildings to increase community safety.
- North Bradley Peace Memorial Hall £993 for energy saving and security equipment
- Friends of Trowbridge in Bloom £5000 for a participatory programme of events
- Hilperton Village Hall £3253 to upgrade toilets to include fitting of disabled toilet.

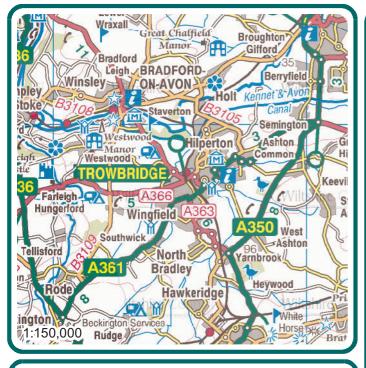
To date, £18,962 in Community Area Grants and £20,022 to Trowbridge Community Area Future have been awarded from the Area Board budget of £77,592. £1,050 has been returned to the Area Board from an under spend in the grant to West Ashton Village Hall, plus a £257 community grants under spend (2009/10) has now been added. This leaves a remainder of £39,915 for allocation.

#### 15. **Performance Reward Grant Scheme** (Pages 39 - 42)

To consider two expressions of interest to the Performance Reward Grant Scheme, as follows:

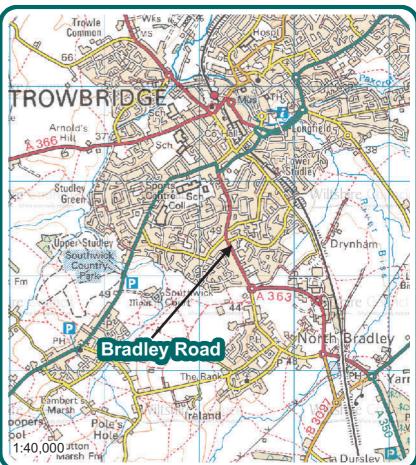
- a. Free of Charge Energy Monitors in all libraries
- b. Wiltshire Voices.

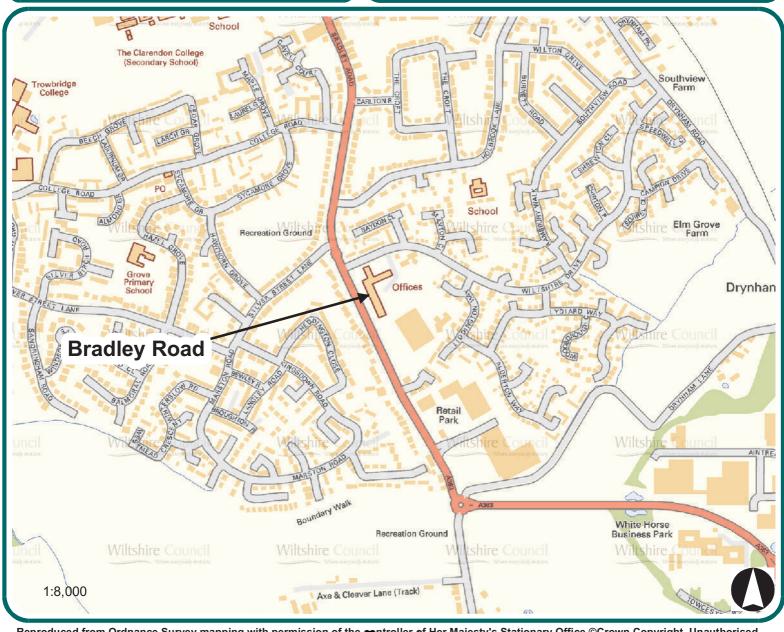
16. Close 9:30pm



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#### **Chairman's Announcements**

#### Community Payback – Call for Grot Spots

Wiltshire Probation Services is launching a new scheme, 'Community Payback, Involving Local Communities'. The scheme works with offenders to offer free labour to local communities to enhance the local environment. This includes clearing undergrowth, removal of graffiti or litter, repairing and redecorating community facilities and other environmental projects.

The Community Payback initiative has been supported by our Area Boards to receive Performance Reward Grant funding to provide mobile facilities which will enable the work to be carried out more efficiently and to broaden the reach of the project to include more rural parts of the county.

Area Boards are asked to call for 'Grot Spots', local areas which need clearing or community facilities which need decorating, litter picking or graffiti removal. These can be referred to the Community Payback Scheme, either directly using the referral form on the Community Payback leaflet or via their Community Area Manager.

#### Wiltshire Local Transport Plan 2011 - 2026

The Council has a statutory duty to review and publish a new Local Transport Plan (LTP) by the end of March 2011. In essence, Local Transport Plans steer the implementation of national transport policies at the local level.

The Wiltshire Local Transport Plan is made up of:

- A long-term transport strategy that seeks to:
  - o support economic growth
  - o reduce carbon emissions
  - o contribute to better safety, security and health
  - o promote equality of opportunity
  - o improve quality of life and promote a healthy natural environment
- A shorter-term implementation plan based on a realistic assessment of available funding, and
- A number of supporting strategies and technical documents.

In addition, the Local Transport Plan provides the framework for all other organisations with a direct or indirect involvement in transport in Wiltshire.

Consultation on the draft Local Transport Plan will run from **4 October to 26 November 2010**.

The preferred method of communication is for comments to be submitted online at: <a href="http://consult.wiltshire.gov.uk/portal">http://consult.wiltshire.gov.uk/portal</a>, where electronic copies of all the documents will

be available. Paper copies of the summary document, questionnaire and a reference copy of the Local Transport Plan will also be available from all libraries and main Council offices.

The Council's Cabinet and full Council will consider the results of the consultation in February 2011 prior to the publication of the final Local Transport Plan in March 2011.

Consultation Portal Link: <a href="http://consult.wiltshire.gov.uk/portal">http://consult.wiltshire.gov.uk/portal</a>

# **MINUTES**

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Place: The Atrium, Wiltshire Council, Bradley Road, Trowbridge, BA14 0RD

**Date:** 1 July 2010

Start Time: 7.00 pm

Finish Time: 9.25 pm

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#### In Attendance:

#### **Wiltshire Councillors**

Cllr Ernie Clark (Chairman), Cllr Peter Fuller, Cllr Tom James MBE, Cllr John Knight, Cllr Francis Morland, Cllr Jeff Osborn and Cllr Helen Osborn

Cllr John Brady (Cabinet Representative)

#### **Wiltshire Council Officers**

Siobainn Chaplin (Youth Service), Allan Clarke (Communications Officer), Allan Creedy (Head of Sustainable Transport), Julia Densham (Senior Democratic Services Officer), Martin Donovan (Service Director), Rachel Efemey (Community Area Manager), Niki Lewis (Service Director for Communities, Libraries, Heritage & Arts), Martin Litherland (Head of Waste Collection), Chris Moore (Library Services), Ken Oliver (Canal Officer), Beverley Scott (Waste and Recycling Manager), Melanie Scott (Area Manager - Waste, Recycling and Street Cleansing), Mark Stone (Transformation Programme Director), Peter Waterman (Community Librarian)

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

Trowbridge Town Council – Bob Brice Southwick Parish Council - Gaynor Polglase

#### **Partners**

Wiltshire Police – Inspector David Cullop

Trowbridge Community Area Futures – Margaret Howard, Colin Kay, Doug Ross, Mary Stacey

Community Area Young Peoples Issues Group – Hannah Alexander, Chahida Bantarfas, Hayden Collins, Marcus Crosskey, Elliot Donoghue, Justin Evans

**Members of Public in Attendance: 18** 

Total in attendance: 53

Agenda Item No.	Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision	Action By			
1.	Chairman's Welcome, Introduction and Announcements  The Chairman welcomed everyone to the July meeting of the Trowbridge Area Board. He introduced himself and the Community Area Manager, then invited the Wiltshire Councillors to introduce themselves.  The Chairman made the following announcements:  a. The re-appointment of Chairman and Vice Chairman at the Annual Council meeting held on 18 May 2010.  b. Playbuilder Award – the previously ring-fenced monies had been 'de-ring-fenced' by central government due to spending cuts.  c. The establishment of Area Boards provided an opportunity for decisions on small-scale transport and highway improvement schemes to be taken locally. In response to this there were plans for the Area Boards to be allocated a discretionary budget to assess and select small-scale transport schemes to be progressed in their community areas. Further details were distributed with the agenda on page three.  d. The transfer of part of Margaret Stancomb School to the Wiltshire Rural Music School on the basis of a full repairing lease at a nominal rent was approved by Cabinet at their meeting on 22 June.				
	e. The proposed closure of the Trowbridge County Court would be considered under the item 16 to consider the view of the area board.				
2.	Apologies for Absence Apologies for absence were announced from the following: Wiltshire Councillors Steve Oldrieve and Graham Payne Councillor Kath Noble (Southwick Parish Council) Jo Howes (NHS Wiltshire) Pete Barnett (Trowbridge Community Area Futures).				

## 3. Minutes Decision The minutes of the meetings held on 13 May 2010 and 18 May 2010 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the **Chairman subject to the following amendments:** Minutes of 13 May 2010: Studley Green Parish Council to be amended to Studley **Green TARA** Transforming Trowbridge 'an Officer' be amended to 'an **Urban Practitioner'** Parish Liaison Group update from Cllr Jeff Osborn to be amended to Cllr Ernie Clark. 4. **Declarations of Interest** Councillor Peter Fuller declared a prejudicial interest on any Trowbridge-related item (Dispensation Granted from the Dispensation Sub-Committee) as a Trowbridge Town Councillor and would view any Trowbridge related items and issues with an open mind. Councillor Jeff Osborn declared a prejudicial interest on any Trowbridge-related item (Dispensation Granted from the Dispensation Sub-Committee) as a Trowbridge Town Councillor and would view any Trowbridge related items and issues with an open mind. Councillor Helen Osborn declared a prejudicial interest on any Trowbridge-related item (Dispensation Granted from the Dispensation Sub-Committee) as a Trowbridge Town Councillor and would view any Trowbridge related items and issues with an open mind. 5. Partner Updates The following partner updates were received: Community Area Young People's Issues Group A member of the organisation updated on the following: the annual meeting had been postponed due to exams transport issues were being considered Rachel requested an update on the lights issue. Cllr Jeff Osborn Efemey asked that this was logged as an issue. Wiltshire Police Inspector Dave Cullop asked that written report was noted and

#### made the following points:

- asked that the neighbourhood policing abstraction rate performance be noted
- the police website had been re-launched
- there was a decrease in the overall crime figures
- Wiltshire Police had been awarded the President's Award
- a new Police Community Support Officer had been appointed
- preparations were underway for policing during Halloween and Bonfire Night. Those looking for advice on avoiding anti-social behaviour issues at this time were invited to contact Inspector Cullop
- it was agreed to append the written report to the minutes.

#### Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service

No representative was in attendance and the written report circulated with the agenda was noted.

#### Trowbridge Community Area Future

Doug Ross asked that the written report was noted and made the following points:

- BA14 Culture event would take place on 10 July 2010 from 10am to 6pm at the Civic Hall
- The AGM had taken place on 21 June, details of which were contained in the report circulated with the agenda
- He echoed the police inspector's comments that much was achieved through partnership working in the community.

#### Trowbridge Town Council

The written report was noted.

#### Parish Councils

No reports were given.

#### 6. Outside Body Appointments and Updates

The following appointments were made to outside bodies:

Community Area Young Peoples Issues Group (CAYPIG)

**Councillor Tom James MBE** 

#### Parish Council Liaison Group

**Councillors Ernie Clark and Francis Morland** 

Trowbridge Community Area Future

Councillor Jeff Osborn

BA14 Culture
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Health & Social Care
Vacant
Community Safety
Vacant
Economy & Transport
Councillor Jeff Osborn
Environment
Councillor Helen Osborn

Arc Theatre

Councillor Stephen Oldrieve

Trowbridge Sports Centre Management Body Councillor Tom James MBE

Transforming Trowbridge Councillor Jeff Osborn

#### **Arc Theatre**

The written update tabled at the meeting contained the following:

The area board was aware that Cllr Oldrieve had previously raised concerns about the future stability of the Arc Theatre in Trowbridge.

After the resignation of the previous Arc Manager in the New Year, a new manager was engaged by Wiltshire College on a short-term management contract. At the time, the Advisory Board raised concerns about the short-term nature of the contract and received assurances as to the College's long term commitment to the Arc.

The manager contract was to finish at the end of July and the current holder indicated that he did not wish to consider an extension. In addition, both the marketing manager and the assistant manager had terminated their employment at the Arc. The loss of the three critical management posts was a cause for concern.

Wiltshire Council, as a funder, was aware of the situation and was in discussion with Wiltshire College to determine how these changes were to be managed and the autumn program delivered.

In addition, Councillor Oldrieve understood a business plan was being submitted to the College Board as to the way forward for the

#### Arc.

It was his hope that this business plan would be shared with the Arc Advisory Board prior to any decisions being made. He also believed the BA14 Group were being kept informed of these developments.

#### 7. Waste Collection Consultation

Martin Litherland, Head of Waste Collection, gave a short presentation to launch the waste collection consultation. He included the following points:

- the new council had inherited four different waste collection schemes across the county
- landfill tax was set to increase from £40 per tonne in 2009 to £80 per tonne in 2014, increasing by £8 per year
- the proposed new service would provide each household in Wiltshire with a 2 weekly collection of household waste, black box recycling, plastic bottles and cardboard, and a non-charged 'opt-in' garden waste collection
- leaflets were available at the meeting that provided additional information and also described the ways in which people could engage in the consultation.

The meeting discussed the following issues:

- increased numbers of waste receptacles per household would be required for doorstep collection of plastic bottles and cardboard
- no absolute declarations had been made by the government on any move to weekly refuse collections
- landfill diversion targets needed to be met, otherwise disposal costs would escalate
- disagreement was not expected in the west of the county
- current targets for recycling were 40%, that would rise to 45% by 2015 and 50% by 2019/20
- 50,000 tonnes of residual waste was dealt with outside Wiltshire
- plastic bottle and cardboard collections were to be implemented next year subject to this consultation
- heavy green waste contributed towards weight-based recycling targets, and composting diverts it from landfill where it would produce methane, 20 times more polluting that carbon dioxide
- current county-wide recycling rates were:
  - o east 44%
  - west 43%

- o south 35%
- o north 28%
- the Leader had met with Eric Pickles on 18 June where it was stated that the handling of waste was the decision of the local authority
- the audience was urged to complete the consultation questionnaire even if current arrangements were satisfactory as this would inform the process as a whole.

The Chairman thanked Mr Litherland for his presentation.

#### 8. <u>Library Services</u>

- a. Mark Stone (Transformation Programme Director) gave an update on the Transformation of County Hall and the Library. The following points were made:
  - the council was reducing its office buildings from 95 to four
  - Bourne Hill, Salisbury, was the first completed hub with occupancy by October 2010
  - the refurbishment of County Hall including the relocated library was to save £4.5 million per year
  - architects had been instructed an exterior outlines would soon be available for consultation
  - 600 staff were to be relocated to George Ward School from January 2011 while the refurbishment took place
  - County Hall staff had completed a travel survey for this move
  - Mr Stone would attend the September area board meeting to present the exterior designs for County Hall.
- b. Peter Waterman (Community Librarian) gave an update on the Trowbridge library consultation. The following points were made:
  - 1300 completed consultation questionnaires had been received
  - 99.1% of respondents listed a wide selection of books as important
  - the ten most significant needs were parking, quiet study areas, staff, refreshments, disabled facilities, good location, toilets, opening hours, computers and free internet access
  - a detailed plan would be worked on over the next three years
  - there was clear endorsement for the new library by the people of Trowbridge.

- c. Niki Lewis (Service Director for Communities, Libraries, Heritage and Arts) gave a presentation on the Library Services Review. The following points were made:
  - £500, 000 was to be saved over the next two years while maintaining the current level of service delivery
  - the meeting was invited to complete the postcard questionnaires to feed into the consultation

Cllr Tom James made the following points:

- a few individuals were operating businesses from the libraries
- noise was an issue
- electronic books could not replace traditional reading matter

Mrs Lewis made the following additional points:

- the review was to be customer-focussed to improve front-end services while reducing the back office
- stock delivery was to become more efficient across the county
- the book fund would be customer driven
- co-location of library and other services provided more for the customer and reduced costs
- the specification for the new book store was to be written when the review was complete.

Trowbridge Community Area Future expressed a desire for improved parking, bus-stops and good signage.

#### 9. Youth Funding

The Wiltshire Councillors considered the process by which the youth funding allocation to the area board was distributed. The following points were made:

- The youth parliament were keen to create links with the Community Area Young People's Issues Group (CAYPIG)
- the funding was small.

#### **Decision**

The Wiltshire Councillors agreed that the area board's youth funding was jointly allocated to the Trowbridge CAYPIG and Trowbridge Youth Parliament to help them address their key priorities. The youth proposal would be brought to a future

Rachel Efemey

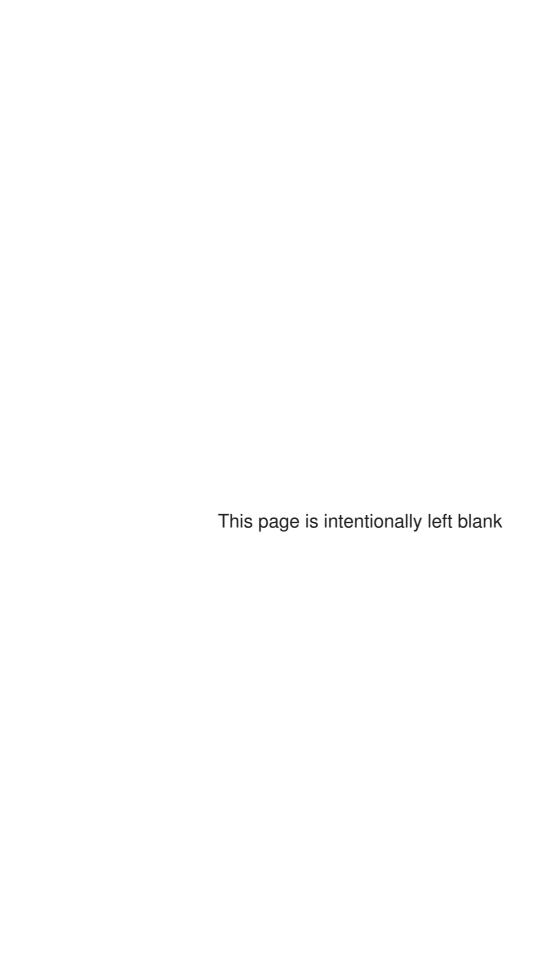
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## meeting for consideration. Transforming Trowbridge 10. Adam Nardell, Vision Director for Trowbridge, gave an update on the progress of the Transforming Trowbridge programme. following points were made: • the new 44,000 sq ft Sainsbury store had opened on the former bottling plant the Bowyers' site - a dialogue had been facilitated between a residential developer and the owners of the site. There was scope for the involvement of the Homes and Communities Agency Castle Place had been acquired by Legal and General Investment Fund who were working up plans to refurbish the centre. Mr Nardell updated the meeting regarding a letter received from the Parish Council Liaison Group at the previous area board meeting concerning the railway station. There was a delay in the response due to a change of staff and Mr Nardell said he would continue to push for a reply from the new Operations Manager. A meeting with Leisure Services was scheduled for 5 July to discuss the leisure service provision in the community area. Transport Issues in Trowbridge 11. Allan Creedy, Head of Sustainable Transport, gave an update on the historic and current nature of traffic issues in Trowbridge. He included the following points: the last ten years had been a very stable period • the new coalition government aim at implemented sweeping changes which were likely to happen very quickly • £1million had been clawed back from the in-year budget • consequently infrastructure planning was on hold until the extent of the cuts were better known currently the following areas were being considered: parking review Bythesea Road and the impact of the new retail centre Yarnbrook Hilperton Gap Hill Street area – there was on-going work based on the original concept design to take the through traffic out of the centre. However, there was no current programme with a budget for roll-out.

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	All in-year projects were now at risk other than those already contractually agreed. The cabinet member would be announcing any changes shortly.	
	Decision A written answer on the current situation of the Hill Street area to be sent to Councillor Helen Osborn.	Adam Nardell
12.	Reducing Unnecessary Street Lighting in Wiltshire	
	Trowbridge Community Area Future (TCAF) agreed to mastermind the project.	
	Decision TCAF to report proposals to a future area board meeting.	Doug Ross
13.	Residential Mooring on the Kennet & Avon Canal	
	Ken Oliver, Canals Officer, presented the outcomes of the recent meeting between boaters, Wiltshire Council and British Waterways. The following points were made:	
	<ul> <li>the meeting had been well attended</li> <li>a consensus was reached on the preferred recommendation of enforcement by British Waterways</li> <li>the Kennet and Avon Partnership were to meet on 28 July to discuss including neighbouring authorities</li> <li>British Waterways wished to set up an advisory panel.</li> </ul>	
14.	Wiltshire Police Protective Services	
	Wiltshire Police were unable to attend. This item was subsequently withdrawn from the agenda.	
15.	Visiting Cabinet Representative	
	Councillor John Brady spoke about his responsibilities for economic development, planning and housing. The Department of Neighbourhood Planning had been tasked with finding savings.	
	The new core strategy would be announced in the autumn. This process had been delayed by the need to create new guidance subsequent to the scrapping the Regional Spatial Strategy.	
	In the West Wilts area, a PFI contract for the building of new homes had been secured. 242 homes would be built in the first stage when the project was signed off by the new government audit committee.	

	A written question was received from Mr Keith Hopkins and the response was appended to these minutes.  While Wiltshire Council had a statutory responsibility for building 600 houses, the government abolished targets. The S106 agreement stipulated that 40% of the new build was for affordable housing.  Housing decisions were to come to the area board as soon as possible. The preferred site options were favourable therefore there was no need to re-consult.  Councillor Brady also responded to the written question from Councillor Peter Fuller that expressed the need for early advice on the areas to be included in the Draft Plan. Councillor Brady was happy to talk about the Wiltshire Core Strategy for Trowbridge	
	before it was agreed at a future area board meeting.	
16.	Any Other Urgent Business, Meeting Venues, Evaluation and Forward Plan	
	The Chairman tabled a letter he had received concerning the proposed closure of Trowbridge County Court. The meeting agreed the local court was a very important facility for vulnerable people in this area.	
	Decision A letter to be written to the County Court opposing this plan.	Cllr Ernie
	The Chairman took a straw vote of the meeting regarding the continued use of the Atrium room at Wiltshire Council, Bradley Road for future meetings.	Clark
	<u>Decision</u> Trowbridge Area Board meetings would continue to be held at the Wiltshire Council offices at Bradley Road until further notice.	Julia Densham
	The meeting was requested to complete the Waste Survey, Evaluation forms and TCAF questionnaire.	
17.	Allocation of Grant Funding	
	Councillors were asked to consider one application to the Community Area Grants Scheme 2010/11, as follows:	
	Stuart Cuthbert addressed the meeting on behalf of the application.	
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	Decision Trowbridge Amateur Swimming Club was awarded £1,486 to fund a swimming gala and social events to celebrate the 20 <sup>th</sup> meeting between the swimming club and S V Poseidon Leer swimming club under the umbrella of twinning arrangements with the German town of Leer.  Reason The application met the Community Area grant Criteria for 2010/11 and demonstrated links to the Local Agreement for Wiltshire ambition to 'Building Resilient Communities'.	Rachel Efemey				
18.	Performance Reward Grant Scheme  Councillors were asked to consider one expressions of interest to the Performance Reward Grant Scheme 2010/11. This bid was deferred from the previous meeting pending further information.  Decision The Trowbridge Area Board supported the bid from Wiltshire Alternative Sports Hub Development and recommended that it to go forward for consideration by the Performance Reward Grant Panel.	Rachel Efemey				
19.	Close  The Chairman thanked those for attending. The next meeting would be held in the Atrium, Wiltshire Council, Bradley Road, Trowbridge on 9 September 2010.					
	Appendix 1					
	Appendix 2					





## Crime and Community Safety Briefing Paper Trowbridge Community Area Board 1<sup>st</sup> July 2010

#### 1. Neighbourhood Policing

#### **Abstraction Rate Performance:**

The Policing Pledge sets a target of a minimum of **80%** for the time spent by NPT staff on their respective areas. The performance figures for May 2010 are:

Team Sergeant: 100%
Community Beat Managers: 92.4%
PCSO's: 95%

#### **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 our Wiltshire Police Website.

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

#### **Team News:**

There have been no changes to the Teams since the last Board Meeting.

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#### **Police Authority Representative**

#### 2. Performance

The format for reported crime has altered since the last Board Meeting following an agreement to standardise how it is presented in every Community Area. This new format also provides a comparison over a 2-year period that reflects that overall crime is falling in Trowbridge with a 5.7% reduction.

An updated ASB table will be available for the next meeting when the figures for April – June 2010 will be available.

**Table 1 – Reported Crime Figures** 

TROWBRIDGE COMMUNITY AREA							
TROWBRIDGE		CRI	ME			DETECTIONS	
	JUNE 2008 - MAY 2010						08 - MAY 10
	2008/09	2009/10	+/-	% Change		2008/09	2009/10
Violence Against the Person	680	647	-33	-4.9%		52.5%	54.1%
Dwelling Burglary	114	156	42	36.8%		10.5%	13.5%
Criminal Damage	732	654	-78	-10.7%		20.2%	12.8%
Non Dwelling Burglary	165	169	4	2.4%		9.7%	10.7%
Theft from Motor Vehicle	155	166	11	7.1%		16.8%	22.9%
Theft of Motor Vehicle	53	65	12	22.6%		17.0%	16.9%
Total Crime	3154	2974	-180	-5.7%		35.2%	31.7%

County Division is compared with 15 most similar divisions in other Forces. Currently County Division is performing very well and is ranked 3rd (out of 15) for our overall detection rate and 2nd (out of 15) for our overall crime levels

**Table 2 – Reported Anti-Social Behaviour Figures April 2009 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010** 

APR-JUNE	JULY-SEPT	OCT-DEC	JAN-MAR	MONTHLY
2009	2009	20009	2010	AVE (09/10)
735	848	566	560	

Performance is of course not confined to statistical figures. Wiltshire Police is committed to improving the standard of service we deliver, which in turn will help us meet our targets of improving satisfaction and confidence. We were therefore very honoured to be awarded the **President's Award** at the **Trowbridge Chamber of Commerce Service Excellence Awards** in May.

#### 3. Other News

My staff will be working extremely hard over the summer period supporting Community Events as well as the World Cup during which additional patrols will be deployed to ensure that everyone enjoys themselves in a safe environment whatever team they are supporting. We will be providing a visible presence at the Armed Forces Event in June. The Trowbridge Village Pump Festival in July and Spotlight on Trowbridge in August. If you are lucky enough to be attending please do not hesitate to let them know if you have any concerns.

#### 4. Halloween/Bonfire Night

Looking forward to the Autumn planning is already underway for policing arrangements over the Halloween & Bonfire Night period. If you have felt unsafe in the past during this time my Neighbourhood Policing Teams would like to hear from you in advance so that they can provide advice.

David W Cullop

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Sector Inspector

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#### TROWBRIDGE COMMUNITY AREA BOARD – 1 JULY 2010

#### **Question for Trowbridge Area Board from Keith Hopkins:**

I would like to ask the Cllr with regard to the Vision of Trowbridge, when are they going to pull down the Peter Black building that is a complete Blot on the Landscape and actually DO something about the entertainment and leisure side of things for the town rather than putting up endless numbers of houses and Supermarkets?

#### Response from Adam Nardell, Vision Director, Trowbridge

Firstly I would clarify the role of the Vision for Trowbridge – the Vision is a Special Purpose Delivery Vehicle – a public/private sector partnership that advises the Council on and facilitates the regeneration of Trowbridge. We do not hold or own land. We completely agree that the Peter Black building a significant eyesore in a very high profile location that reflects very badly on the town. The site is owned by Parkridge Holdings and I have both spoken with and more recently written to them drawing their attention to the adverse impact the site has on the town's amenity. I have discussed potential solution with them either: Hoardings to completely screen the site or demolition and clearance. Their verbal response to this has been to reject the demolition solution on the grounds of cost (they will only do this in the event that they have full planning consent and a viable scheme) and to give consideration to screening. In the case of screening they are concerned over the cost and have agreed to look into this, although to date they have not responded to my written request (15 June) that they do so. If they do not respond positively to this, the Council has the option to pursue an Order under the Town and Country Planning Act and compel the improvement of the site. This is a very adversarial way to proceed and given that we have to work with Parkridge to secure the right development for this site it would be best to avoid this route; however this does not preclude threatening them with this measure as an incentive to act.

With regard to leisure and entertainment, this remains a central ambition of the Vision and the Council. It is worth pointing out how close we came to delivering this through the Waterside scheme - if is was not for the severity of the recession and the unwillingness of the banks to finance this scheme (as well as a number of others that Modus were delivering) Modus would not have gone into receivership and the scheme would be virtually complete at this time. At the time Modus folded the Waterside scheme was 60% let including the cinema, hotel, bowling and many of the restaurants. We know that these operators (as well as others) are still there and that they still wish to come to Trowbridge. However, they all require a developer to build out a site for them. At this time the only site available is the former Tesco site, St. Stephens Place which has just (only in June) been bought by Legal and General's Investment Fund. We have made it clear to them that commercial leisure is our priority and would add that the agreed Planning Brief for the site would allow for a cinema development. That said, there are significant obstacles to achieving this - it is a fact of the construction and commercial property market that it

costs more for a developer to build and fit out a cinema than they will ever make from it i.e. it is a loss maker to the developer. The cost of this must be generated by more profitable uses around it – normally this would be housing (this was a vital component of Waterside). However the depth and severity of the recession has "killed" the new build residential market and about the only profitable other use would be a very large supermarket and as Mr. Hopkins has rightly identified, the town does not need another of these, especially given that the new Sainsbury store is barely been completed. Thus, because of the market and prevailing economic conditions, we are probably going to have to wait for the housing market to recover before a leisure scheme could be cross-financed in this way.



## Crime and Community Safety Briefing Paper Trowbridge Community Area Board 9<sup>th</sup> September 2010

#### 1. Neighbourhood Policing

#### **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 our Wiltshire Police Website.

☐ Visit the new and improved website at: <u>www.wiltshire.police.uk</u>

#### **Team News:**

There have been no changes to the Teams since the last Board Meeting.

#### **Police Authority Representative**

Mrs Joy Hillyer is an Independent Member of the Wiltshire Police Authority and has the responsibility for overseeing police matters in the Community Area. She can be contacted via Wiltshire Police Authority: ☎ 01380 734022 or ☐ <a href="http://www.wiltshire-pa.gov.uk/feedback.asp">http://www.wiltshire-pa.gov.uk/feedback.asp</a>

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#### 2. Performance

Overall reported crime over a 2-year period is still static with a small decrease.

Table 1 - Reported Crime Figures

1<sup>st</sup> August 2010 - 31st July 2010

TROWBRIDGE SECTOR							
TROWBRIDGE		CRIME				DETECTIONS	
	AUG 2008 - JUL 2010						08 - JUL 10
	2008/09	2009/10	+/-	% Change		2008/09	2009/10
Violence Against the Person	655	699	44	6.7%		56.0%	49.6%
Dwelling Burglary	110	166	56	50.9%		10.0%	13.9%
Criminal Damage	710	678	-32	-4.5%		19.9%	11.4%
Non Dwelling Burglary	178	154	-24	-13.5%		9.6%	9.1%
Theft from Motor Vehicle	127	163	36	28.3%		18.1%	23.3%
Theft of Motor Vehicle	51	65	14	27.5%		21.6%	20.0%
Total Crime	3067	3029	-38	-1.2%		35.6%	30.3%

County Division is compared with 15 most similar divisions in other Forces. Currently County Division is performing very well and is ranked 1st (out of 15) for our overall crime and 5th (out of 15) for our overall detection levels

It is now possible to compare year on year quarterly ASB figures. For the  $1^{\rm st}$  quarter (April – June) there has been a 4% decrease.

**Table 2** – Reported Anti-Social Behaviour Figures 1<sup>st</sup> July 2009 – 30<sup>th</sup> June 2010

JULY-SEPT 2009	OCT-DEC 2009	JAN-MAR 2010	APL-JUNE 2010 (2009)	YEARLY AVE (09/10)
849	564	568	705 (735)	671.5

#### 3. Other News

On 6<sup>th</sup> August NPT staff helped to stage a homeless/street drinker awareness day. The aim of the day was to signpost homeless persons to access the appropriate services and to raise their awareness of how their on-street drinking is perceived by others in the community. Enforcement activity

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against anti-social street drinkers will continue but it is hoped that by adopting a problem solving approach to the underlying causes a more lasting solution can be achieved.

#### 4. TCAF - Safer Trowbridge

At the last Safer Trowbridge meeting in July it was agreed that Unitary Ward members would be invited to a workshop with NPT staff to develop community problem solving. A date for the workshop will be identified in September/October.

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Sector Inspector

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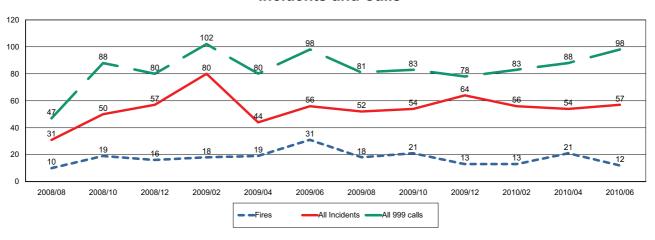
# Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service

Wiltshire and Swindon Fire Authority

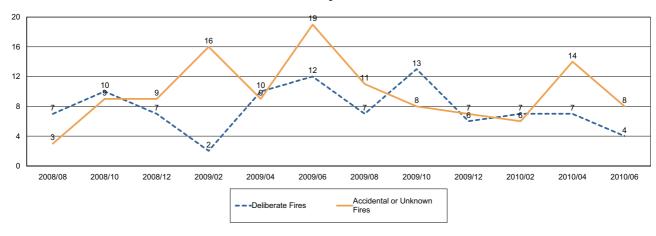
## **Report for Trowbridge Area Board**

The following is a bi-monthly update of Fire and Rescue Service activity up to and including June 2010. It has been prepared by the Group Manager for the Board's area.

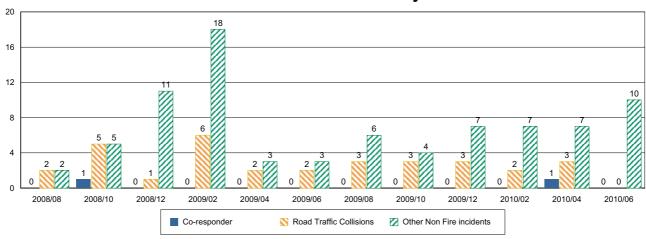
#### **Incidents and Calls**



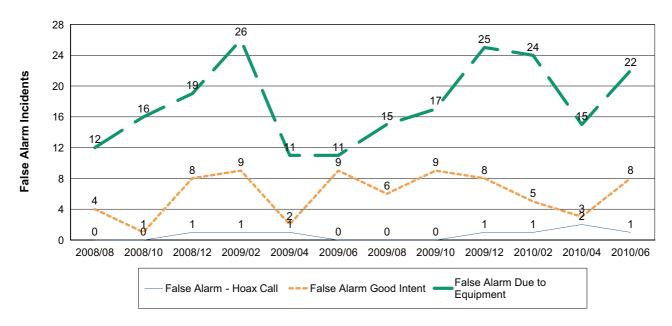
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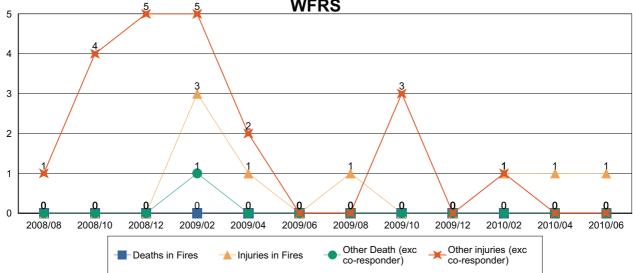
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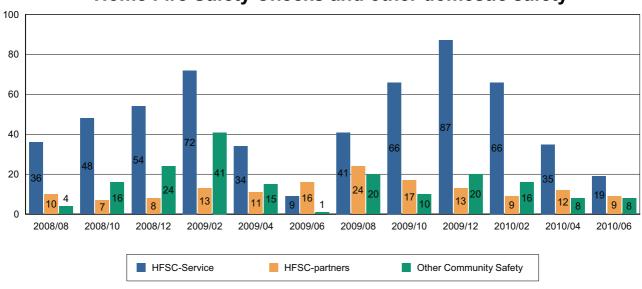
#### **Number of False Alarm Incidents**



# Death & Injuries in incidents attended by **WFRS**



## Home Fire Safety Checks and other domestic safety



Comments and Interventions overleaf



# TROWBRIDGE AREA BOARD

Date	Location	Area Board Agenda Items (including officer contact details)	Cabinet Member Attending	Other events (provisional)
18 Nov 2010	Wiltshire Council Offices, Bradley Road, Trowbridge, BA14 0RD	Community Items: Youth Parliament presentation Partner items: NHS Wiltshire – an update on the primary care centre Corporate items: Budget consultation Joint Youth Funding bid Local Transport Plan funding allocation - outcomes Parking Strategy Consultation outcomes Community Flooding update Community Area Grants will be considered.	Cllr Dick Tonge (Transport and Highways)	
20 Jan 2011	Wiltshire Council Offices, Bradley Road, Trowbridge, BA14 0RD	Community Items: Partner items: Corporate items: Community Area Grants will be considered.	Cllr Keith Humphries (Health and Well Being)	

Community area manager: Rachel Efemey (rachel.efemey@wiltshire.gov.uk) Democratic services officer: Julia Densham (julia.densham@wiltshire.gov.uk)

Report to	Trowbridge Area Board	Item No. 14
Date of Meeting	9 September 2010	
Title of Report	Community Area Grants	

#### **Purpose of Report**

To ask Councillors to consider 2 applications seeking 20010/11 Community Area Grant Funding

- Trowbridge Town Council Provision of a bench located outside Trowbridge Register Office - Requested £319
- 2. Trowbridge Rangers Football Club To provide training/accreditation for volunteer coaches to allow them to provide coaching for young people Requested £980

#### 1. Background

- Area Boards have authority to approve Area Grants under powers delegated to them by the Deputy Leader and Cabinet member for Community Services (27 February 2010). 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 recommendation of an Area Board that is contrary to the funding criteria would need the approval of the Leader, the appropriate Cabinet Member or the Cabinet.
- 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. Trowbridge Area Board has been allocated a 2010/2011 budget of £77,592 for community grants, community partnership core funding and councillor led initiatives. To date £38,984 has been allocated from this budget. £1,050 has been returned to the Area Board from an under spend in the grant to West Ashton Village Hall, plus a £257 community grants under spend (2009/10) has now been added. This gives a current remaining total of £39,915 available to spend.
- 1.5. A decision has been made in 2010/2011 that 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 available upon request.
- 1.6. The 2010/2011 funding criteria and application forms are available on the council's website (<u>www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards</u>) or paper versions are available from the Community Area Manager.

Background documents used in the preparation of this Report

- Community Area Grant Application Pack 20010/11
- Trowbridge Community Area Plan
- Local Agreement for Wiltshire
- · Technical officers reports

#### 2. Main Considerations

- 2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2010/11 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.
- 2.2. There will be 3 further rounds of funding during 2010/11 dependent on amounts of funding remaining. These will take place on:
  - 18<sup>th</sup> November 2010
  - 20<sup>th</sup> January 2011

#### 17<sup>th</sup> March 2011

. The deadline for applications is 6 weeks prior to the Area Board meeting

#### 3. Environmental Impact of the Proposals

3.1. 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 Trowbridge Area Board.
- 4.2. If grants are awarded in line with officer recommendations, Trowbridge Area Board will have a balance of £38,616 in its budget.

#### 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 Diversity 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

The full applications are available at <a href="www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards">www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards</a>

Applicant 8.1	Project summary	Funding requested
Trowbridge Town Council	To supply and install a bench outside Trowbridge Registery Office	£319

- 8.1.1. The applicant meets the grant criteria 2010/11.
- 8.1.2. The application does not demonstrate any direct link to the Trowbridge Community Area Plan.

- 8.1.3. The application demonstrates links to the Local Agreement for Wiltshire ambition "Building Resilient Communities."
- 8.1.4. The applicant is contributing 50% towards this application from its own accounts.
- 8.1.5. The applicant states that the project will not go ahead if the grant is not awarded.
- 8.1.6. As this is a bench in a prominent place in Trowbridge the Board would be minded to recommend that the applicant includes a plaque on the bench to say that funding has been provided by Wiltshire Council.
- 8.1.7. It is recommended that a grant of £319 is approved on condition that the applicant incorporates a plaque on the bench with the appropriate wording to acknowledge the funding from Wiltshire Council.

Applicant 8.2	Project summary	Funding requested
Trowbridge Rangers Football Club	To provide coaching courses for volunteers so they can run sessions for young people	£980

- 8.2.1 The applicant meets the grant criteria 2010/11.
- 8.2.2 The application demonstrates links to the Trowbridge Community Area Plan Theme 3 Culture including leisure, recreation, heritage & the arts.
- 8.2.3 The application demonstrates links to the Local Agreement for Wiltshire ambition "Building Resilient Communities."
- 8.2.4 The Council's Sports Development service provided a supportive assessment of this application.
- 8.2.5 The applicant states if they do not receive the funding requested they will be unable to get the coaching qualifications required by the Football Association and will be unable to offer more spaces in groups or start new age groups.
- 8.2.6 It is recommended that a grant of £980 is approved

Appendices:	Appendix 1 Trowbridge Town Council Appendix 2 Trowbridge Rangers Football Club
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The following unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report :

Technical Officers Report (available on request)

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Report to All Area Boards
Date of Meeting August - October

Title of Report PRGS Funding Bid: Wiltshire is Saving Energy (WiSE)

#### What is the initiative?

Working with the Energy Saving Trust and sponsored by the Wiltshire Environmental Alliance this initiative aims to make available to all Wiltshire householders the equipment and advice to save energy in their home. By making an energy monitor and support pack available to hire free of charge from all libraries across Wiltshire we are providing the tools that will allow householders not only to save money but also reduce their carbon footprint.

#### Why do we need this initiative?

Saving money and ensuring householders can afford to heat their homes is always a priority. An energy efficient home will cost less to heat.

This initiative will also help achieve the LAW ambition of reducing Wiltshire's Carbon footprint. The initiative will offer a very practical solution to monitoring and reducing the householder's energy consumption resulting in them saving money.

#### Who will benefit?

The library service is available to all Wiltshire residents, currently the library service has 220,416 users. The information and advice from the Energy Saving Trust is free of charge and open to everyone.

The support pack includes information about grants and funding available to private housing residents in receipt of certain benefits. Current figures confirm there are 12,000 people within Wiltshire that these grants could potentially apply.

#### Is there a demand?

Following a very successful pilot we can prove there is a demand for energy

monitors and the supporting information. 41 Energy monitors have been available to hire from 6 libraries. The monitors have been continuously on issue and there are 31 customers on the waiting list.

#### How will it work?

We will provide a full support package with each energy monitor that will include details on how the user can save energy through both changes in their daily life and investing in energy efficiency technologies. From the information they receive any changes the user makes to their lifestyle immediately following the use of the monitor will start saving carbon. As the users see their energy bills reducing they will have no reason to go back to old ways resulting in long term financial and carbon savings.

#### How will we measure success?

We can put multiple measures in place to monitor success. The library service can provide regular reports on the level of issues. The Energy Saving Trust and Private Sector Housing will provide information on the number of follow up calls and website surveys that are generated from the energy monitor support packs.

The full application can be viewed at: <a href="https://www.tinyurl.com/38zs2sf">www.tinyurl.com/38zs2sf</a>

To enable this initiative to proceed, the Area Board is asked to support this bid for PRG funding

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Report to All Area Boards
Date of Meeting August - October

Title of Report PRGS Funding Bid: Wiltshire Voices

#### What is Wiltshire Voices?

Wiltshire Voices is a project to encourage broader participation in civic life. It is designed to ensure that the needs of all local people are properly understood and addressed.

#### **Background**

A recent review of the Area Boards revealed concern that some sections of the community are not fully engaged. These groups are often absent from meetings and events and their needs are not well understood. The Boards were criticised for focusing too heavily on the needs of the 'usual suspects.'

#### Responding to the challenge

Wiltshire Council's Cabinet considered this issue carefully. It has challenged the Area Boards to respond positively at local level. The Cabinet encouraged the submission of a funding bid to support this work and the Performance Reward Grant (PRG) Panel has given 'in-principle' support subject to approval by the Boards.

#### A focus on positive local action

Wiltshire Voices is about changing lives – not glossy reports. We want information in the form of personal stories, articles and recordings that will challenge, question and prompt responses. The information will be tailored to meet the needs of different people – such as service professionals, community groups, schools, parish councils and the media. The aim is to generate discussion, learning, ideas and - most importantly - action.

#### A lasting legacy

Wiltshire Voices is about making a lasting difference. New ways of involving people will be developed and this will become the way we do business not an optional add-on. With help from localised public services, communities will be finding and delivering solutions to local challenges and issues. Grants and funding will be better targeted to support projects that really make a difference. Priorities and plans will be more clearly focused on the needs of local people and our work will centre around improving lives not services. Over time these things will help make Wiltshire a better place for everyone.

#### Capacity and resources to deliver

Instead of each Board trying to engage many groups it is proposed that each Board works intensively with one priority group in its locality. Across Wiltshire this will mean that the needs of 18 different community groups will be addressed. The bid proposes that each Board is allocated a sum of £3,000 to complete its own local project. The work will be coordinated by the Community Area Manager and involve councillors, service providers and community groups – but most importantly local people. Each project will take around 8 months and Wiltshire Voices will be complete by Summer 2012 at the latest.

The full bid is available to view at tinyurl.com/32xqeyo

To enable Wiltshire Voices to proceed, the Area Board is asked to support this bid for PRG funding.

## Wiltshire Voices

How?

What? To make sure a wider range voices are heard by:

- engaging a broader cross section of the community in the work of the Area Boards 'not just the usual suspects.'
- ensuring that the loudest voices do not always dominate
- better understanding the needs of those who cannot or do not speak up for themselves
- creating new ways for people to participate
- encouraging more community based inclusion projects
- developing community plans that focus on the needs of the whole community

Why? A survey conducted in Spring 2010 revealed serious concerns about the lack of involvement of 'everyday people' and harder to reach groups. In response, Wiltshire Council issued a challenge to the Area Boards to broaden community engagement.

- Who?

   The project will focus on and involve those whos needs are less well understood.
  - The 18 Community Area Mangers will facilitate the work across Wiltshire
  - Partner agencies, frontline service officers, support workers, carers, voluntary services and councillors will be involved
  - A small project team will lead the work in each area.
  - Project team of key people to plan and manage the project
    - Desk research and information gathering
    - Face to face engagement with target group
    - Recording, documenting and presenting
    - Publishing and promoting
    - Action planning
- When? Commencing in Autumn 2010 and concluding by early Summer 2012
- **Progress?** Area Boards across Wiltshire have been looking to identify target groups. So far, the following provisional programme has been established.

Amesbury (Council tenants and leaseholders)^

Bradford on Avon (Boaters)^

Calne (People with mobility issues)^
 Chippenham (Disability allowance claimants)\*

• Corsham (NEETS)^

Devizes (Victims of domestic violence)\*Malmesbury (Rural isolation and access)^

Marlborough (Recently retired)^

Melksham (Everyday people who currently do not participate)^

Pewsey (Rural families on low incomes)\*

Salisbury (Drug users)^

Southern Wiltshire (Gypsies and travellers)^
 South West Wiltshire (Young people in rural areas)^

Tidworth (Army dependents)^Trowbridge (Teenage parents)^

Warminster (Older people in residential care)^
 Westbury (Elderly people living at home)^

Wootton Bassett & Cricklade (Stroke sufferers)\*

<sup>^</sup> provisionally agreed \* subject to confirmation