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Meeting:SALISBURY AREA BOARDPlace:Alamein Suite - City Hall, Malthouse Lane, Salisbury, SP2 7TUDate:12 November 2015Start Time:7.00 pmFinish Time:9.07 pm

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In Attendance:

Wiltshire Councillors

Cllr Ricky Rogers, Cllr Brian Dalton (Chairman), Cllr Richard Clewer, Cllr Mary Douglas, Cllr Bill Moss, Cllr Ian Tomes and Cllr John Walsh (Vice-Chair)

Wiltshire Council Officers

Frances Chinemana Karen Linaker, Southern Wiltshire Community Area Manager Lisa Moore, Democratic Services Officer Winnie Manning, Team Leader, Youth Development Services Richard Walters, Head of Service, Major Projects Gary Tomsett – Public Protection Team Leader

Town and Parish Councils

Salisbury City Council – J Alexander, D Brown, T Corbin, M Dean, T Lindley, M Osment, J Robertson, M Willmot Laverstock and Ford Parish Council – C Davis & P Tunnicliffe

Partners

Member of Parliament – John Glenn Wiltshire Police – Inspector David Minty Local Youth Network (LYN) – B Bruton, P Riches, M Sanderson & K Stage Business Improvement District (BID) – Steve Godwin & Amanda Newbery Stanhope – Gary Bourne Redwood Consulting – Jared Ingham **Total in attendance: 59**

<u>Agenda</u> Item No.	Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision
1	Welcome and Introductions
	The Chairman, Councillor Brian Dalton welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Salisbury Area Board and invited the members of the Board to introduce themselves.
2	Apologies for Absence
	Apologies for absence had been received from:
	Mike Franklin – Fire & Rescue
3	Minutes
	<u>Decision</u> The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 8 October 2015 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
	It was noted that the Board had previously decided that any corrections or matters arising would be communicated to the Chairman or the Democratic Service Officer during the five working days between publication and the meeting.
	This decision was taken in order to reduce the amount of time taken at the meeting discussing previous items, as it had been brought to the Boards attention that this was taking up to 30 minutes, taking time away from the other items on the full agenda.
4	Declarations of Interest
	There were none.
5	Chairman's Updates
	The Chairman gave an update on outcomes and actions arising from previous meetings of the Area Board:
	Waste and Recycling site, Churchfields A response from Cabinet Member Toby Sturgis was circulated at the meeting and attached to these minutes.

	Salisbury Area Board Economic Task Group The Chairman read out a statement which is attached to these minutes.			
	Salisbury St Edmund and Milford ward vacancy Since the last meeting Cllr Helena McKeown had resigned from her post a ward member for St Edmunds and Milford. There would be a by-election held o Thursday 26 November to elect a replacement.			
	Cllr Douglas paid tribute to Helena adding that it had been a pleasure working with her.			
	Harnham Calendar The Chairman displayed a copy of the Harnham Calendar for 2016; anyone who wished to buy a copy could contact him after the meeting.			
	attachments			
6	Information items			
	The Board noted the written information update attached to the agenda:			
	NHS Health Checks			
7	Local Youth Network (LYN) Management Grou	p		
	The Board received a presentation from Winnie Manning, the Community Youth Officer and considered the recommendations for funding from the LYN Management Group, as detailed in the reports attached to the agenda and circulated at the meeting.			
	It was noted that many of the young people benefitting from these projects lived outside Salisbury and it was suggested that other Area Boards be invited to contribute funds. The Board felt that while this was clearly desirable, it would be very difficult to achieve in practice.			
	A copy of the circulated papers and the presentation is attached to the minutes.			
	Decision The Salisbury Area Board approved the LYN recommendations for funding as detailed below:			
	Project details	Amount awarded		
	The Bridge Project - Mentoring scheme for	£2,500		
	young people. Dance back to 1914 project.	£2,950		
	South Wilts Cricket club to improve the take	£4,350		
	up of girl's cricket.			
	A Junior gym for 150 11-17 year olds,	£1,250		

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	The Board noted the written report attached to the agenda. The new Fire Chief Darran Gunter would be in attendance in the New Year.
	 <u>Salisbury Business Improvement District (BID) – Steve Godwin</u> The BID was entirely funded by businesses within the ring road. Wiltshire Council (WC) would invest £500,000 to upgrade the CCTV system for the City, which would be run by the BID. Thirteen volunteers had now been trained along with one paid member of staff to look after the system, which would be staffed at key times. From the end on the financial year, WC would reduce its commitment to street cleaning in the City. The BID proposed to maintain a BID and Salisbury City Council (SCC) service, the details of how that would be funded was still being negotiated. BID was working with WC and SCC to find a solution. The BID had 2 Street Rangers, Andy and Richard who went out and about around the city to pick up any queries and feedback.
	Salisbury Community Engagement Manager (CEM) Karen Linaker, Community Engagement Manager gave an update on some of the areas she had been working on since the last meeting.
	 Met with the Children's Centre Consultation Group. Assisting with applications for funding and Sports Development Projects. Working with the new local housing panels and the tenants participation officers A Tree Planting event had been scheduled for Saturday 28 November, 10am. All were welcome to come along and help this community initiative. Representing Community Engagement Managers on the Refugees Management Board scheduled to meet on 25 November. It was thought that a number of families would be coming to Wiltshire before Christmas, but that none of those would be accommodated in Salisbury. Karen would feedback further updates to the Board when available. There had been a tour of the Campus earlier in the day for Board Members. Karen would be overseeing the Community Engagement of the Campus. Karen had met with Inspector Minty to ensure the board was facilitating strong links with this key partner in the city, and working in a co-ordinated way on common priorities and initiatives.
9	Maltings and Central Car Park Update
	Gary Bourne Development Director of Stanhope gave an update to the Board, which included:
	Recap The original brief was set by the Core Strategy and a set of proposals had been put forward by Stanhope to develop the whole of Central Carpark and the

Maltings and linkages within the City.

Where are we now?

There had been a major game changer, with Henderson acquiring the Maltings site, which had a long leasehold. Stanhope was now working with Henderson and discussions had been far more engaging than with the previous leaseholder. Now that the new Stakeholder was working with Stanhope, there was greater opportunity for whole site regeneration.

Work was unfolding behind the scenes, including two detailed site investigations with the Environment Agency and Consultancy Teams. The results of those investigations had triggered a lot of work to resolve issues which had arisen from those investigations.

Public consultation had played a part in shaping the scheme and future consultation would continue.

Next steps

There would be further engagement with Henderson to look at a more comprehensive solution for the site, involving the Maltings site and the large site owned by the Council. There would be further public consultation once the plans were ready.

Questions and comments included:

- If you were unable to deliver a scheme on the Council owned land how do you propose to deliver a larger scheme now that Henderson were involved? <u>Answer</u>: We now have the opportunity to deliver a more comprehensive scheme which meets the objectives of the Core Strategy, but clearly negotiations take time.
- Since the original brief 10 years ago, had the plans now changed to include more housing, open space and an improved coach park? <u>Answer</u>: Market forces also have an impact on the requirements of the scheme. There would be a mixed retail scheme.
- MP John Glen It was clear that there were many frustrations with the delays, however, with scale comes complexity. Some markers needed to be laid down and people needed to be shown the plans. Ensuring retail offer was inline with what was required in the city. If there was anything that I could do as your MP to speed up the process, please let me know. <u>Answer</u>: Support from the MP was appreciated. Gary noted that the current delays were caused by a contamination issues on the old brown site area which had been concreted over in the past.
- The coach park was constantly packed solid, it should be left where it was. The small car park area opposite the coach park could be used as the double decker stop. Answer: There was a great deal of consultation with Wilts and Dorset. Part of the Core Strategy was to move the coach park, but to ensure that we maintain a good transport hub. We also need to look at hotel provision and transport to make sure people could stay in

the city.

٠	If the original brief had evolved, was the new plan departing from the
	original specification? Answer: There was flexibility in the Core Strategy,
	it was about getting the right balance.

- Salisbury was listed as one of the top ten places to visit in the world, you wont get people visiting if you move the coach park. There would also be an increase of traffic in the city. You should keep the coach park where it is. <u>Answer</u>: The coach park had always been recognised as part of the development plans. There would be a facility within the Maltings scheme for pick up and drop off. There would be a period of transition and we would continue to consult on the plans. The coach park was an underuse of an important city centre site.
- What were the environmental problems you encountered on the site? <u>Answer:</u> Two site investigations had been undertaken, and work with the Environment Agency was ongoing.
- In the original proposal there were only half the number of car parking spaces than currently exist, with proposals for Salt Lane and Brown Street car parks to close, many commuters on the train would use the central car park. There would not be enough spaces. <u>Answer</u>: Part of the key brief was to remove the long term spaces from the central car park. The Council Car Parking Strategy had been reviewed and we have not yet seen the outcome of that.
- What about late night car parking for the night time economy? <u>Answer</u>: There would be night time provision, and there would be discussion with the Playhouse, to make sure we know their requirements.
- Although there was frustration with the lack of progress, it was far better to get it right and take a extra time to ensure we get it right.
- Who bears the cost of the delay? <u>Answer</u>: Stanhope.
- What was the analysis of impact of internet shopping on retail demand? <u>Answer</u>: These issues were analysed quite avidly. There was still demand for bricks and mortar. There were some independent retailers appearing who started online and now wanted to have shops. Fundamentally it was the size of the shops which were changing, as the requirements were getting smaller.
- Do you know what the long stay car parking requirements were? As there was some land near Churchfield's which could be suited for this use.
- Flooding can cause delays, the Avon flooded significantly more than was thought it would. How did that constrain the housing planned for the site? <u>Answer</u>: There were some constraints due to flooding, however issues could be overcome.

The Chairman thanked Stanhope for the update and invited them back to 10 March 2016 Area Board meeting to give a further update.

10	Salisbury - a "Dementia Friendly City"
	Andrew Day from Salisbury & District Alzheimer's Society and Caroline Wilson,

Dementia Friends Outreach worker; provided a presentation about how to become a Dementia Friend and plans to make Salisbury a "Dementia Friendly City".
Dementia affects most people in one way or another, whether that be personally, through a family member, a friend or a loved one. There were currently 7,000 people living with dementia across Wiltshire with a third of those living on their own.
Andrew and his colleagues were working with people in different areas to facilitate activities and art course for those living with dementia. People attending the initiatives welcomed the opportunity to meet others with similar issues, forming companionships and using skills which some of them had not used since they were school aged.
Caroline was working with Wiltshire Council as part of the Big Pledge initiative, to train employees to become Dementia Friends. Everyone's journey with dementia was different. It was possible to live well with dementia, but it required help and support. It was hoped that training more people to become Dementia Friends would enable us to think about small everyday things we could all do to make others lives easier.
It was the aim for small businesses in Salisbury to allow their staff to take part in training to become a Dementia Friend. The training takes one day and is free. Sessions for local shops were being held in Salisbury to raise awareness
It was hoped that within the future development of the city, planning considered the needs of people living with dementia.
The MP for Salisbury, John Glenn commended the work of Andrew and Caroline for all of their work in bringing the issue out in the open for people to discuss in an unstigmatised way.
Comments and questions included:
 How did businesses go about organising the training for their staff? <u>Answer</u>: Anyone interested in receiving the one day Dementia Friends free training could contact the CEM for further details <u>Karen.linaker@wiltshire.gov.uk</u> Was there a form of key ring ID that people with dementia could have to present when they were asked for their contact details? <u>Answer</u>: Andrew and the CEM's for Salisbury and Southern areas had discussed setting up an event where people could come together to look at similar ideas related to technology which could help those living with dementia.
• The 'Safe Places' scheme was another initiative set up in Salisbury which it was hoped would come and present at a future Board meeting. Anne Trevett from the scheme explained that with help from the PCC, they had produced an ICE (in case of emergency) card for distribution in Salisbury over the next few months.
The Chairman thanked Andrew and Caroline for the presentation adding that he hoped Salisbury could become Dementia Friendly sooner rather than later.

11	Proposed Asset Transfers to Salisbury City Council
	The Board noted the update circulated at the meeting which stated:
	"Wiltshire Council and Salisbury City Council continue to work closely together at officer and elected member level to develop a package of property, service and potentially land assets to transfer to the City Council. This work fulfils the objectives of Salisbury City Council to seek more control through ownership, management and partnership of assets and services in the city. For Wiltshire Council it is an integral part of the national and local devolution agendas as well as continuing to build resilient communities.
	This is a complex process as there are multiple ownership, contract and liability issues that need to be fully understood by both parties. Any deal also has to be broadly cost neutral to both parties given the budget constraints that all councils face at the present time.
	For Wiltshire Council the potential transfer is being led by Cllr Dick Tonge Cabinet Member for Finance and Dr Carlton Brand, Corporate Director. For Salisbury City Council the leads are Cllr Andrew Roberts, Leader of the Council and Reg Williams, Chief Executive.
	Once a deal is agreed in principle, it will be subject to elected member approval from both parties ahead of implementation."
12	Air Quality Action Group
	The Board heard from the Public Protection team Leader; Gary Tomsett and considered the request to approve the extension of the Salisbury (Wilton Road) AQMA area, to include the whole of Wilton Road as far as the centre of Skew Bridge, and as elevated levels have also been experienced in the lower part of Devizes Road, it be included as far as Clifton Road, as detailed in the report and map attached to the agenda.
	Decision The Salisbury Area Board agreed to extend the AQMA area as detailed in the report.
13	Older People's Community Champions
	The Community Engagement Manager presented information on becoming an Older Person's Community Champion in Salisbury.
	There was a large population of older people and carers living in Salisbury. It was the aspiration of the Council to make their lives better. The Council wished to encourage Area Boards to identify champions in each of the county's community areas who would have a key role in representing the views of older

	people and carers at both a local and county wide level. A sum of £1000 had been identified for each community area for this purpose.
	Two possible candidates for the Salisbury Area had already been identified by the Board and anyone else interested in the position could contact Karen for further information.
	Karen.linaker@wiltshire.gov.uk
14	Community Area Grants
	The Chairman invited applicants present to speak in support of their project. Following discussion, the Area Board members then voted on each application.
	<u>Decision</u> The Child Contact Centre was awarded £1,000 towards Feasibility Study to develop a Supervised Child Contact Centre for Salisbury. <u>Reason</u> – The application met the Community Area Grants Criteria 2015/16.
	<u>Decision</u> Streetwise Fitness was awarded £3,000 towards Streets Cheerleaders Tumble Track Fund. <u>Reason</u> – The application met the Community Area Grants Criteria 2015/16.
	<u>Decision</u> Salisbury Schools Art Exhibition was awarded £622.00 towards its project - The Artist studio. <u>Reason</u> – The application met the Community Area Grants Criteria 2015/16.
	<u>Decision</u> Fisherton Festival was awarded £3,760 towards The Fisherton Festival for 2016. <u>Reason</u> – The application met the Community Area Grants Criteria 2015/16.
15	Close
	The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and noted that the next meeting of the Salisbury Area Board would be held on Thursday 7 th January 2016, 7.00pm at Salisbury City Hall.

Waste and Recycling Site - Response from Cllr Toby Sturgis 12.11.15

Thank you for the recommendations from the members of the area board following your debate on the change to opening hours at Churchfields household recycling centre. Tracy has passed on the questions raised and comments made during the course of the debate. I set out your decision for ease of reference below.

Decision

The Salisbury Area Board asked that the following recommendations be considered by the Cabinet Member for Waste and recycling:

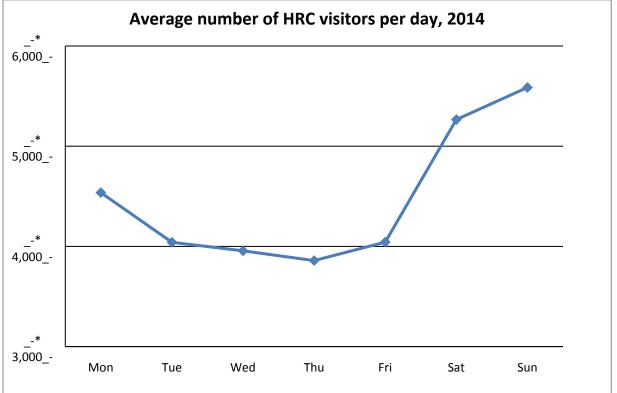
- 1. Work to improve the site layout be considered
- 2. Opening hours at the site be amended to include one late night opening until 8pm with that night being recommended as Wednesday.
- 3. The option to open earlier than 10:00 should a queue develop, be implemented.
- 4. That the air quality be monitored and reviewed along Stephenson's Road, in the interest of those working and visiting there. *Councillor Clewer said that he would progress this given his role in monitoring air quality within the Salisbury air quality management area.*

Please see my response to your recommendations below.

- 1. The council has discussed the site layout with our contractor Hills Waste Solutions. Given the physical constraints of the site there is little that could be done to improve things in the short term. However, we have agreed that the site staff will park in the operational depot to free up some additional space within the household recycling centre. Officers will work with Hills Waste Solutions to provide a proposal for improving the layout and traffic management within the site. This is likely to require capital investment so funding may not be available in the current climate.
- 2. Historically the sites were open until later in the evening at Churchfields than at other sites. Data for previous years showed that the number of visitors dropped off considerably after 17:00 (data to be attached). In monitoring and reviewing the opening hours, we have yet to find any evidence to suggest that a late night opening would provide value for money. The pressure on the site tends to be first thing in the morning rather than at the end of the day.
- 3. The need to open before 10:00 will be kept under review but there is no proposal to implement this change at present.
- 4. I note that Councillor Clewer has offered to progress this action.

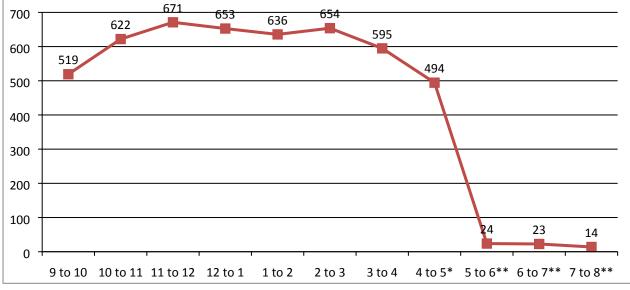
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Average number of visitors to all household recycling centres per day and per hour in 2014









*April to October

** Salisbury household recycling centre only

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Salisbury Task Group – Chairman's Announcement, Salisbury Area Board

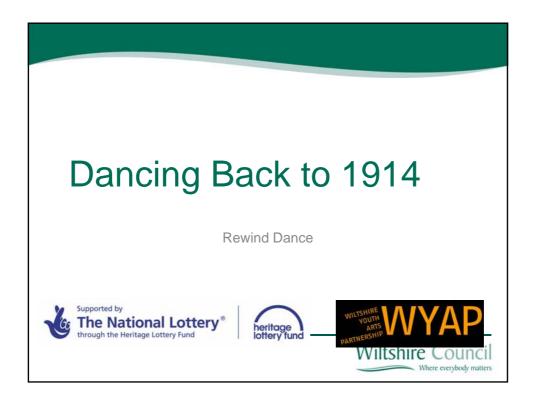
I recently attended a meeting chaired by John Glen with key businesses and public sector partners in Salisbury to discuss the challenges and opportunities for the South Wiltshire economy over the coming years, and the response to recent announcements affecting jobs within the Salisbury area by Aviva, HPI and Public Health England.

While there are a number of challenges, it was also acknowledged that Salisbury and South Wiltshire remains an excellent place in which to live and work and visit, with low unemployment, world class heritage assets and accolades such as being chosen by the Lonely Planet Guides as being one of the Top 10 Cities to Visit in the World in 2015.

The Council officers reported to the meeting the work that is already being undertaken to address these economic challenges, and a number of programmes are moving forward to meet these issues. These include working with the Local Enterprise Partnership to access funding from government for priority projects. The group discussed ways in which it could support reducing unemployment, increase high value jobs and identify areas for investment within the city.

You will hear from Stanhope later about the Central Car Park and Maltings Project, and subject to the timely confirmation of the final tranche of government funding, work will start on the first phase of the Porton Science Park in spring of next year. The completion of the improvements to the Market Place, Guildhall Square and New Canal have also helped to breathe new life into these important public spaces in the city centre and the recent opening of the University Technical College on Wilton Road will make an important contribution to the city's economic future and help the coming generations enter the workforce with relevant skills to meet the needs of local employers which in turn will help the city to continue to thrive and prosper.

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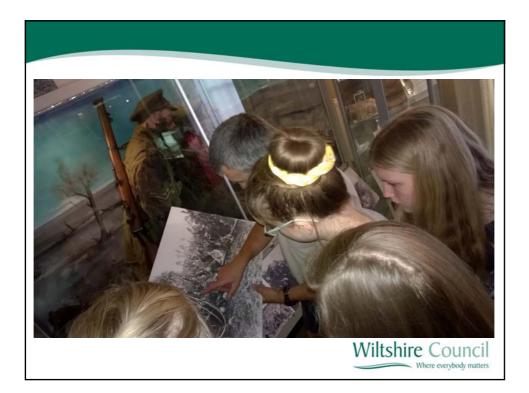








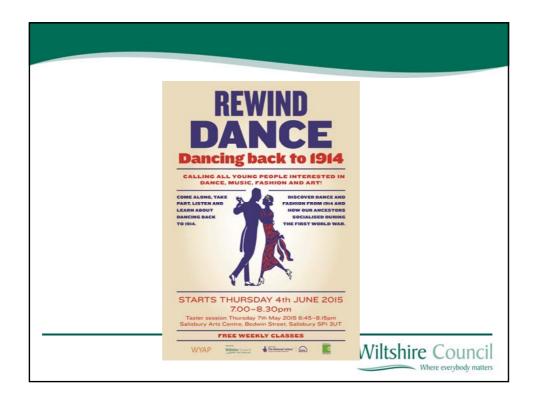


























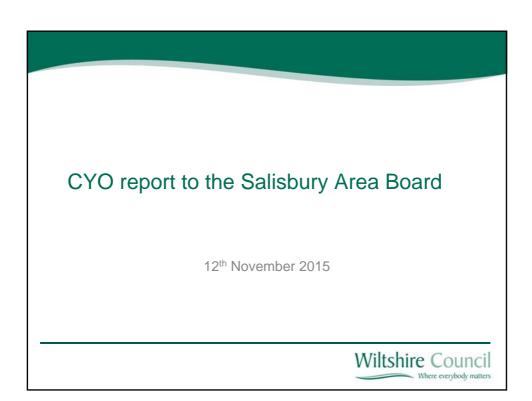


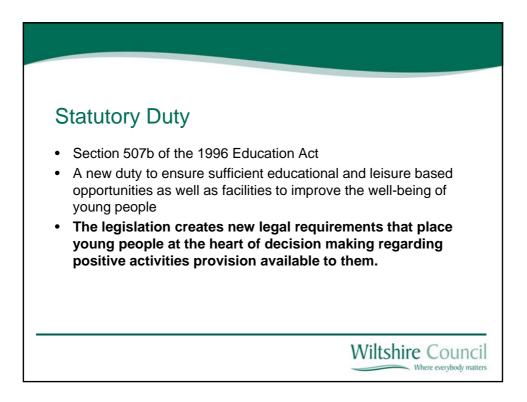












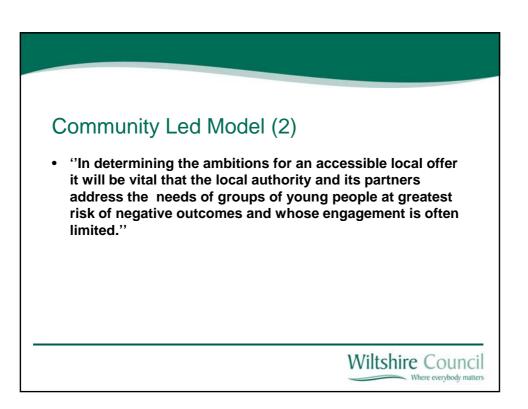


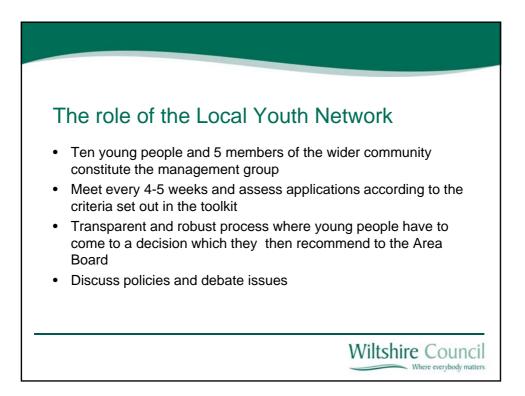
• young people informing and shaping the outcomes of the funds delegated by the Council to the Area Boards. The allocation of the amount of funding in the budget is based on the number of 13-19 year olds within the Community Area, with additional weighting allocated for areas where there are high levels of deprivation.

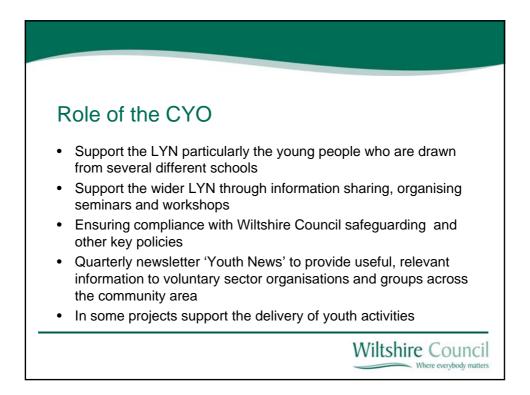
• Wiltshire Council is no longer a provider of youth activities and will only be able to meet its duty by engaging its partners across the 3rd sector to deliver a vibrant inclusive youth offer

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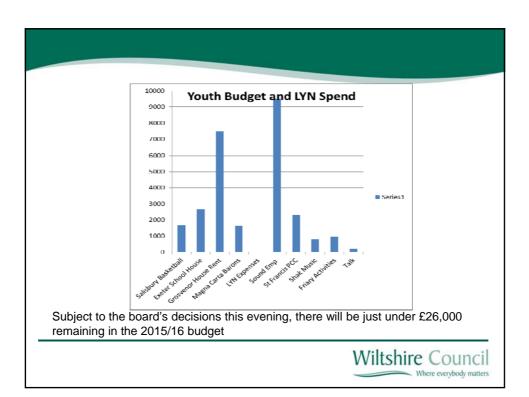


The Local Youth Offer

Over 22 arts based and 25 sports activities each week Open access sessions across the Community Area Church based community youth groups which are open Church youth groups which serve their congregation Uniformed organisations make a significant contribution After school clubs are free at Wyvern, St Josephs, Sarum Academy and St Eds as part of their enrichment programme Other schools may charge for specific activities

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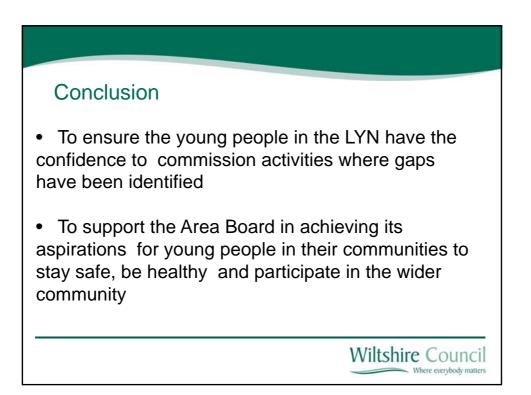




- Continuing aim: to promote the involvement of young people particularly with regard to the needs of vulnerable and marginal groups of young people
- To balance the universal and targeted opportunities available to young people
- To support local communities to deliver a sustainable youth offer

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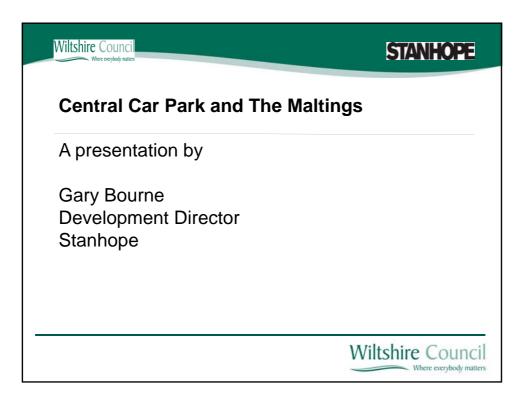


At Start of 2015/16		£76,740
Projects funded so far:		
Bishop Wordsworth School - Salisbury Basketball Club		1,662
Exeter House School – Duke of Edinburgh		2,683
The Sound Emporium		13,500
Magna Carta		1,830
Local Youth Network expenses		62.00
Sound Emporium Instrument Loan to Sarum Academy		3,500
St Francis Church		2,300
Young People's Art Project – Campus Hoarding		2,750
Streetwatch Scheme		250
Total so far awarded this year		<u>28,537</u>
Remaining		48,203

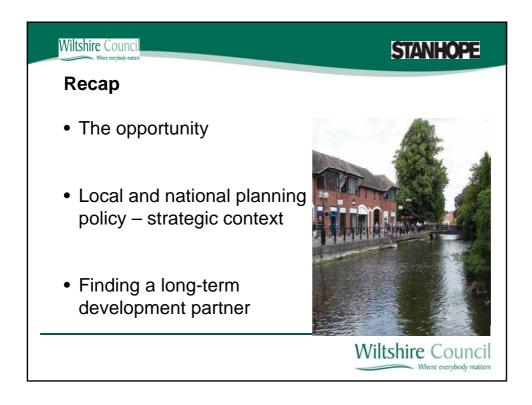
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Local Youth Network Management Group's recommendations for projects to be funded by the board and approved this evening:	
The Bridge Mentoring Scheme	2,500
Dance Back to 1914 Project	2,950
SW Cricket Club - additional coaches, kit and training equipment	4,350
Junior Gym – at the new Health & Wellbeing Centre	1250
Wellbeing Project for the 'hard to reach'	1158
Positive activities programme for The Friary (earmark)	5,000
Positive activities programme for Bemerton Heath (earmark)	5,000
TOTAL	<u>22,208</u>
If all approved – funds remaining in the Youth Budget:	25,995

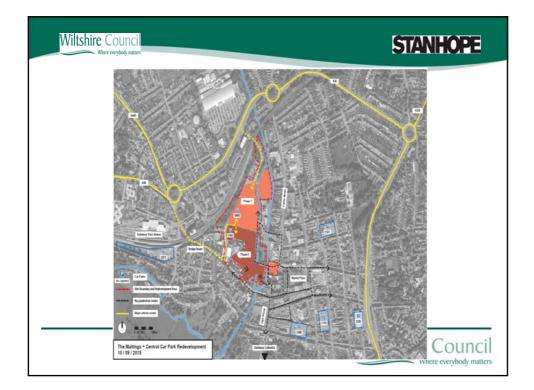




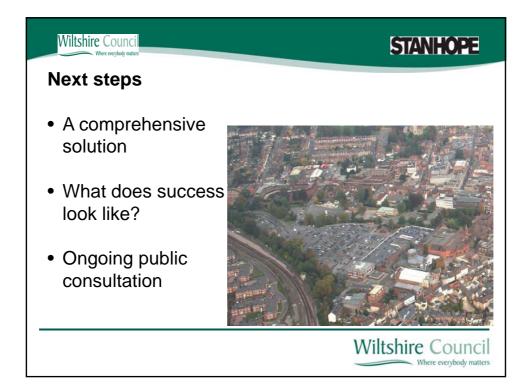


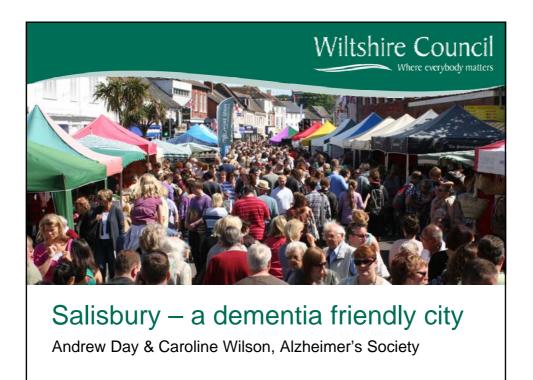


















Involving our older people







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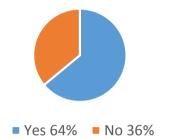
Youth Activities in Salisbury

Survey Results

451 young people aged 11-19 completed an on-line survey in Salisbury during October and early Nov 2015.

The following is a summary of key results, with additional information and written comments available from Winnie Manning, Salisbury's Community Youth Officer (<u>Winnie.manning@wiltshire.gov.uk</u>)

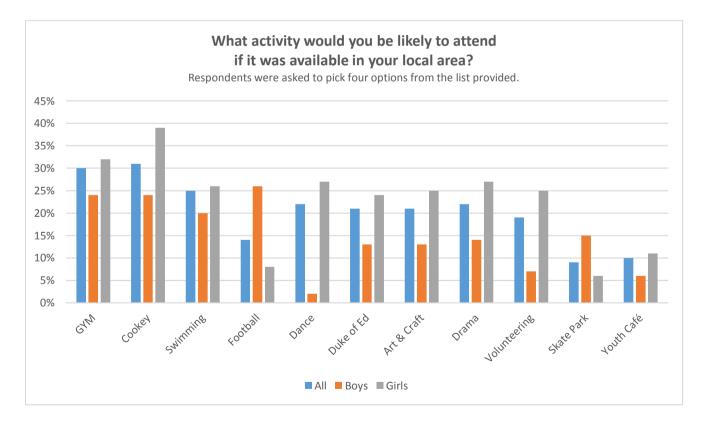
Do you already take part in a youth activity, project or club?



37% attend a sporting activity
30% involved in a music based activity
24% attend a uniformed organisation
20% attend a dance class or group
18% perform with a drama group or society
11% attend a Church youth group
8% attend a local youth club or youth group

Why don't you take part in any youth activities?

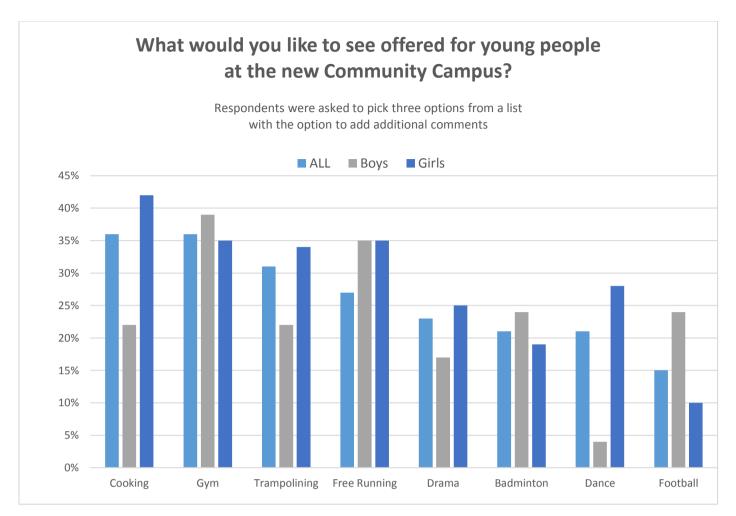
Almost 70% who don't currently take part in a youth activity responded that it was because nothing was available that interested them. Only 13% put it down to money, and 21% cited transport.



FREE RUNNING (Parkour) was not on the multiple choice selection but was mentioned by a number of young people as their 'other' choice.

Basketball (15%), Cricket (11%), Karate (11%), Film club (10%) and Music (10%) were the boys other choices.

Netball (23%), Sewing (17%), Music (16%), Karate (12%) and Sycle Club (12%) were the girls other top choices.



A cheap, child friendly gym which any child can go to without feeling insecure

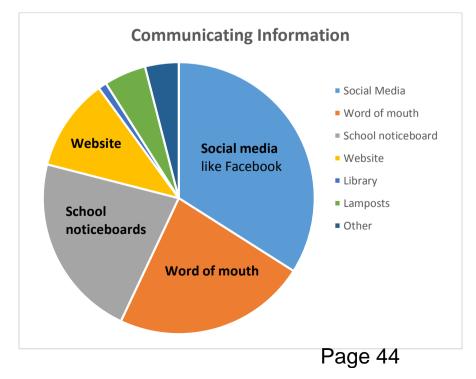
A gym for teens rather than adults would be fun

Like a social one where you do sports like cycling and gym or just a place to meet and chill

Something where there is something for everyone, and someone who there for you if you need them

Group activities that encourage people to talk to each other and have fun together

What is the best way for you to find information about local activities?



CYO Report to the Salisbury Area Board

12th November 2015

There is a legal requirement for Local Authorities to provide positive activities for young people. The guidance is set out in section 507B section 6 of the 1996 Education Act and it states:

The legislation creates new legal requirements that place young people at the heart of decision making regarding positive activities provision available to them.

The legislation forms part of a body of reforms going back to the government's green paper 'Youth Matters' and 'Next Steps'.

The new duty requires:

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Sufficient 'educational opportunities' and' facilities 'which are for the improvement their wellbeing, and

Sufficient 'leisure based' opportunities and facilities for their wellbeing

The Community Led Model

Wiltshire underwent a major review in 2013- 2014 and has redefined how it delivers its statutory duty to provide positive activities and youth work. The model chosen was a community based one, with young people informing and shaping the outcomes of the funds delegated by the Council to the Area Boards. The allocation of the amount of funding in the budget is based on the number of 13-19 year olds within the Community Area, with additional weighting allocated for areas where there are high levels of deprivation. In Salisbury there are two out of the three most deprived Wards in the whole of Wiltshire.

The National framework also clearly states in paragraph 32 under the Needs Analysis section:

In determining the ambitions for an accessible local offer it will be vital that the local authority and its partners address the needs of groups of young people at greatest risk of negative outcomes and whose engagement is often limited.

One of the first responsibilities of the CYO was to scope the Local Youth Network (LYN). There was a successful launch on the 6th December where Sir Al Aynsley Green addressed an audience of over 60 attendees from the voluntary and statutory sector. It has been essential to engage schools, youth organisations and community groups to build up a core of

participating young people within the LYN together with adults who have experience of, responsibility for, or advocacy on behalf of young people.

The Salisbury LYN was set up in December 2014 and is now made up of ten young people and five adults, as well as the CYO and CEM who constitute the group and meet every five to six weeks . The group actively engage in the process of assessing all applications and debate issues which are relevant and may have an impact on young people's lives. The LYN would not be able to be an effective voice for young people within the Community without young people being involved in decision making at the very centre.

Members of the LYN recently received training from 'Learn to Lead', a national training provider. When asked 'why are you here?' the most frequent response from the ten young people was that they wanted to improve things for young people to do in their community, to make a difference and to help the Council use its resources wisely.

The Role of the CYO

The CYO role contains several elements which function to underpin the LYN and to ensure safeguarding and the compliance requirements for Wiltshire Council are all met by the organisations and groups who receive grants. In addition to this, it has been important for the CYO to provide opportunities to raise awareness of policies and issues relevant to organisations involved in the delivery of youth activities. The wider application of the role is to actively promote and encourage the development of new provision to broaden the youth offer that is vibrant, exciting and inclusive

To date the CYO has organised workshops and seminars on:

Common Assessment Framework Child Sexual Exploitation Making a Grant Application Introduction to RunAClub

Youth Grants

Since the LYN was established there have been two new projects supported by a Youth Grant. The first is the offer of DoE Award at Bronze level for students at Exeter House School, and the second relates to the provision of resources for the Basketball club at Bishops Wordsworth School.

The Positive Activities Offer needs to skilfully combine an open door approach to a range of activities, events, programmes and courses for all young people, including those who face potential barriers to enable them to overcome them in order to participate. It is really important to address the needs of the vulnerable young people within our communities as it is a key aspect of the legislation.

The Local Youth Offer

Salisbury is a cultural arts hub in its own right and there are over 22 weekly opportunities for young people to engage in arts based activities. Schools are the no 1 provider of numerous after school clubs too.

The Arts Centre runs nine activities each week including film making, dance (three sessions), pottery, song writing, sewing, a reviewing group called Upstarts and a monthly open mic session.

The Playhouse is a beacon for drama and Stage 65 enjoys a reputation beyond Salisbury. There are two drama and performing arts groups run from the Playhouse and an additional outreach project for young people with additional needs at Exeter House School.

The Stagecoach Drama Company runs groups from SWGS on a Saturday morning.

The UNIT contributes to the arts offer though participation in arts and crafts and reviews

The sound emporium provides an opportunity to get involved in music by learning an instrument, singing or playing in a band.

The library offers a platform to display art through the Young Gallery.

There is also SAYM and a jazz band as well as local choirs

Sports based positive activities are also offered across the whole of the Salisbury Community Area and there are over 25 regular, weekly sporting activities taking place. These are provided by local clubs, schools, organisations and the Leisure Centre. Examples include:

- Netball
- Judo
- Triathalon. Canoeing
- Basketball Swimming
- Karate

- Cheer leading
- eXtreme sports Squash Tennis
 - Athletics
- Fencing
- Hockey

- Kick boxing [Twekondo]
- Football
- Kayaking
- Rugby
- Boxina
- Cricket
- Water polo.

There are also open sessions for young people to attend and take part in a range activities, or just to socialise, at The Sound Emporium, The Unit, The Shak, St Francis Youth Club, The Friary drop-in, Bemerton Heath Neighbourhood Centre and Monday evenings at the Methodist Church Hall in the City

Uniformed organisations contribute to the youth activities offer across all locations in the community area and 2000 young people are participating in the scouting movement including young people with additional needs .There are 7 explorer scout groups, a leaders group, army cadets ,sea scouts, girl guides, and St Johns ambulance

The Churches in Salisbury play their part in addressing the well-being of young people and some provide open youth groups, as in the case of The Friary, Immanuel, St Francis and Harnham Free Church. Rise 61 work with many individuals on Bemerton Heath to support young people to make informed choices and to enable them to build capacity from within themselves

The Bridge offers pastoral support and mentoring as well as chaplaincy in schools across the Community Area.

Churches also support children and young people within their own congregations by offering bible study, support and activities programmes as well as opportunities to attend residential activities. St. Pauls runs three groups for different ages. St Osmunds , Elim, Salvation Army and City Church also run their own children and young people's groups .

The guidance in the National Framework for Positive Activities states:

Local authorities should also seek to secure a strong contribution from voluntary and community sector organisations, faith groups and inter-faith groups. These Partners can make a distinctive contribution to the local offer of provision and based in part on their ability to be flexible and responsive to need, engage with young people and communities, and access resources [including volunteers and premises]

The role of church based youth work is not new and dates back to the very origins of what we have now come to know as youth work. In fact church sponsored youth work dates back to the late nineteenth century city missions in the east end of London supported by educational institutions such as Cambridge and Oxford Universities.

The reductions in state funded youth activities over successive years and the drive to develop more resilient young people has meant a growing reliance and need to work in partnership with organisations like the churches, utilising the skills in each sector as a way forward.

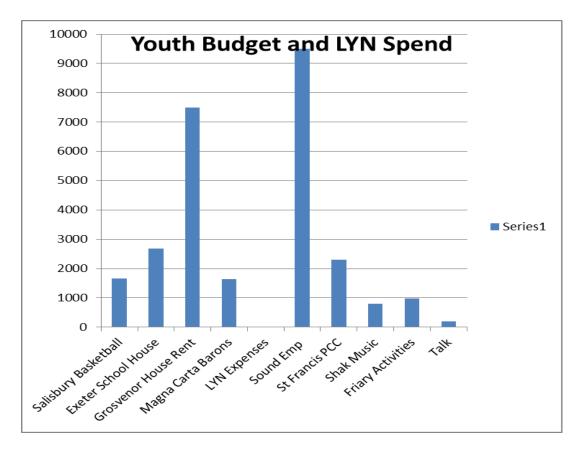
The Budget

The available spend in 2014-15 and 15-16 includes additional support from the locally held funds of the two youth centres which ceased operating in September 2014.

Both the bar graph and pie charts (below) show distribution of grants to organisations which have received funds from the youth budget and the LYN. The reason why there is a distinction is that the agreement to fund the TSE and the rent at Grosvenor House was made before the LYN became operational. The consequence of that decision has reduced the

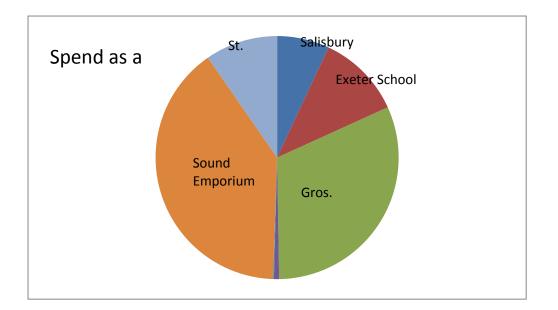
available spend in the current budget. There have also been other funds allocated outside the LYN.

As the total amount is based on numbers of young people and indices of deprivation the LYN is mindful that we will need to have more oversight of the budget to plan for the future more effectively and to ensure the spending is reaching its target population. And, if the budget is to be used to improve outcomes directly to young people, there is also a need to look closely at how the LYN can build local capacity. The value of funding small community based local youth groups is they add value by bringing in volunteers and also add to the skills which stay within the community.



In some cases there may be a need for larger expenditure to draw on the resources of bigger organisations but that will always have to weighed up by the LYN and members because large organisations frequently have significant overhead costs, staffing and associated dis-economies of scale which may make their costs to the LYN difficult to justify. It was encouraging to support a proposal for young people by young people to raise awareness around the issue of voting.

It is part of the role of the LYN and all partner organisations to promote the availability of funding to develop new and exciting projects that contribute to building capacity within local communities. A pragmatic approach is needed in balancing available spends in the budget with local need and desired outcomes.



Conclusion

The ambition of the LYN is to grow in its role and to be confident in articulating the need for positive activities across all groups of young people, particularly those who are often over-looked. This will include young people who have perceived and or real barriers to their engagement in positive activities

The 10 young people in the LYN took part in a workshop over half term which showed how they can be part of the solution by seeing themselves as commissioners. This exercise confirmed that young people can be very effectively engaged in the decision making process as resources are allocated for youth activities. The group is already assessing applications and making recommendations, as they are learning new skills in communication and civic participation.

In looking at the responses from the survey which went to schools, UTC, the hospital, school and college, the LYN can build up an accurate picture of what young people require, their needs and the gaps in current provision. And, by reviewing the data in the Joint Strategic Assessment which looks at health and wellbeing, the LYN can identify gaps in both opportunities and facilities and work closely with its partners and the Salisbury Area Board in addressing them. In this way, we can develop a strategy which incorporates both universal and targeted approaches in allocating resources