



DEVIZES COMMUNITY AREA PARTNERSHIP

Update for Devizes Area Board September 2011

Community Area Plan – Consultation results

Of nearly 11,500 questionnaires distributed across the Devizes Community Area, almost 3000 were returned and the data has now been collated. As well as the overall data providing valuable insights into the priorities for a new Community Area Plan, specific information is also being made available to Parish / Town Councils as they update their own Plans.

Responses from a questionnaire tailored especially for the schools are also now being collated.

Wiltshire Core Strategy

Four of DCAP's thematic groups (Housing, Health & Social Care, Transport and Culture & Leisure) prepared responses to the draft Core Strategy. The predominant concern was the plan for further housing development before issues of infra-structure, congestion and pollution had been addressed.

Thematic Groups

Due to the summer break the only groups to have met since the last Area Board meeting are the Housing Group and the Devizes Community Area Safety Committee. Meetings for most of the other thematic groups take place during September / October.

- The Housing & Built Environment group focussed on its response to the Core Strategy, particularly in relation to commuter traffic. It also explored issues surrounding affordable housing and employment opportunities.
- The Devizes Community Area Safety Committee received the latest quarterly priorities from the Devizes Neighbourhood Policing Teams, noted the imminent new non-emergency 101 number, learned about the new policing model in the Force and received an update about funding for CCTV.

The Economy group is still in need of a new Chairman since the departure of Mitch Roberts. It would be useful to find somebody who could promote the use of high-speed broadband and give full attention to the tourism opportunities of the local area.

The Wiltshire Compact

DCAP welcomed Peter Baxter to its September meeting and took the opportunity to understand more about the draft Compact as a working agreement between the public and voluntary sectors. Partners were encouraged to offer their comments about the draft document before the consultation deadline.

Parish Council Forum

The Parish Council Forum has appointed Cllr Paula Winchcombe as its Chairman for 2011-2012, and Cllr Mervyn Woods as Vice-Chairman for the same period.

The next DCAP meeting takes place on Monday 5th December at 5.30pm at Browfort. This will be Roger Chadwick's last meeting as the DCAP Chairman, as professional commitments now prevent him from continuing in the role.