



DEVIZES COMMUNITY AREA PARTNERSHIP

Update for Devizes Area Board November 2011

Community Area Plan – Consultation results

The thematic groups of DCAP have been studying the data from the replies to this year's public consultation questionnaire, and have been drawing out the key themes and priorities for the future. DCAP intends to consult local groups about these proposed priorities before adding detailed strategy to the Plan. DCAP will particularly be consulting groups of people whose voices were under-represented in the initial survey replies (e.g. young adults). DCAP will also be producing a newsletter in December.

Thematic Groups

- The Health & Social Care Forum met in October with renewed vigour, after a break of several months. It was beneficial to have Maggie Rae, Director of Public Health for Wiltshire in attendance for part of the meeting, along with representatives of NHS Wiltshire and Wiltshire Council. Key data from the results of the DCAP public consultation was discussed. Maggie Rae was keen to support initiatives in which the community felt empowered to be part of the solution to local challenges. A subsequent meeting would focus on wording the suggested Health & Social Care priorities for the new Community Area Plan. There was also discussion about preparation for the handover from the PCT to Clinical Commissioning Groups in 2013. A 'legacy document' would ensure continuity of priorities.
- The Economy Group had been in abeyance since the departure of Mitch Roberts earlier in the year. Tony Sedgwick had now offered to facilitate a group in the short-term, to enable the draft of the Economy / Employment section of the new Community Area Plan.
- The Housing & Built Environment Group had submitted an addendum to its initial comments on the draft Wiltshire Core Strategy, focused specifically on new potential areas of development which had emerged since the draft Core Strategy was produced.
- The Transport Group met in October. It discussed progress of the proposed Cycle network, including promising reports of discussions about the requested change of status of some footpaths to mixed used bridleways. There was a continuing debate about the best location for new cycle racks in the vicinity of the Market Place. There was also support for continued dialogue with local schools about travel plans and cycling options. On behalf of Kennet Passengers Kate Freeman presented the work which had taken place ahead of the production of maps showing bus routes and bus stops. The meeting was updated about current sources of travel information since the closure of Devizes Visitor Centre, and the availability of the new traffic model. Some members offered to be part of a 'pinch-point' team, observing bottlenecks within Devizes.

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. We thank him for his commitment to DCAP over many years and wish him well.