



## Area Board Project

### 1. What is the Initiative?

Funding towards the construction of the Leigh Park Community Centre. The construction of the centre was agreed with developers Persimmon Homes (Wessex) Ltd in a S106 agreement more than 10 years ago. However the specifications for the hall have changed since that date, and there is now a shortfall of £8,000 needed to construct the hall to the 2011/12 spec. Details of the shortfall are listed below.

### 2. Where is the initiative taking place?

On land off Palomino Place in Leigh Park, Westbury.

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

Work is due to start in April 2012 and the centre is expected to be open by the end of 2012.

### 4. What are the Community benefits/evidence of need/links to Community Plan/Community Issue?

All of Westbury Area residents will benefit from having a well equipped, easy to access and large community centre, the like of which is not currently available in the Westbury Community Area. It is anticipated the hall would be used for a wide range of community activities and thus its construction fits in with a number of Wiltshire Council and Westbury community plan objectives:

- The need for more activities for younger people
- The development of a thriving leisure and cultural environment and vibrant community life as identified in the Westbury Area Community Plan (P. 26)
- The need for more evening and daytime classes (Education Skills and Learning Page 8)
- The project demonstrates links to the Local Agreement for Wiltshire ambition "Building Resilient Communities".

### 5. What is the desired outcome of this initiative?

To provide an up to date and well equipped and flexible venue for use by a wide variety of ages and community groups, events and activities. It is anticipated the community centre will not only serve the still growing community of Leigh Park and the rest of the town, but also the whole rural hinterland and surrounding villages. There has already been interest expressed in the hall by a

wide range of potential users.

#### **6. Who will Project Manage this initiative?**

Wiltshire Council has already appointed a project manager to work with the contractors appointed by Persimmon. The project manager will liaise with the local unitary member, the Leigh Park Community Association and the community area manager to provide regular updates and progress reports.

#### **7. Costs/quotes/ match funding?**

£8,000 is requested to pay for:

- Vanity units to toilet wash hand basins £2,000
- Induction loop to chapel and meeting room £1,000
- Bar store light level increase £150
- Dimmable lighting controls to bar area £250
- Aluminium plant room door in lieu of timber £500
- Dimmable lighting controls to hall and meeting room £250
- Hall store light level increase £150
- Sound system equipment and overhead projector £3,700

#### **8. Additional information**

Planning permission for a community hall was granted by West Wiltshire District Council in December 2007, but construction was put on hold while the unitary council was formed. The centre, in Palomino Place, will be run by the Leigh Park Community Association and have a large hall with dividers, offices and smaller rooms, a kitchen and bar. There will also be car parking.

The Leigh Park Community Association is working with Community First on accessing grants to fund other parts of the hall development. This will include a commercial style kitchen so the hall can be used for receptions, parties, dinners etc.