



DEVIZES COMMUNITY AREA PARTNERSHIP

Update for Devizes Area Board January 2012

The quarterly meeting of DCAP took place on 5th December 2011. At this meeting Roger Chadwick stood down as DCAP's Chairman due to increasing work commitments. He was thanked for his contribution to the Partnership over many years, and for his leadership which enabled DCAP to be well placed to serve the community. It was agreed that Tony Sedgwick would take on the Chairmanship until the AGM in 2012. The Steering Group is currently setting targets and timelines for the coming year and reviewing the focus and membership of thematic groups.

At the meeting on 5th December Simon Jacobs was welcomed as the new Chairman of the Economy thematic group. He is currently drawing together a team to address issues of economy, employment, retail trade and tourism.

The thematic groups have made good progress in formulating a comprehensive strategy for the new Community Area Plan, now updated to reflect the responses to both the Household Consultation and the Questionnaire for school pupils. These were shared and discussed at the 5th December meeting. The thematic groups are now in the process of taking account of any comments made at that meeting before producing a final draft of the strategic plan to be placed before an invited audience representing various aspects of the community on 6th February. Following that meeting the plan will be finalized and incorporated in a Community Newsletter. This will be circulated throughout the community at the end of February.

To aid this ongoing work DCAP is now claiming the second tranche of its funding for the current financial year.

The next DCAP meeting takes place on Wednesday 7th March 2012 at 5.30pm at Browfort. Members of the public are warmly invited to attend and contribute to the debate.