

## Agenda Item No.5

### Chairman's Announcements

#### a. VCS Awards Ceremony.

The Wiltshire VCS Awards scheme has been designed to recognise good practice and good performance, encourage sharing of success stories and to celebrate the many excellent and innovative things happening in the county. It will culminate with an evening Awards Ceremony on 19 October 2010.

#### b. Wiltshire Intelligence Network



#### New Research Website Launched

A new website has been created to provide access to a wide variety of information and research for Wiltshire. The new site, [www.intelligencenetwork.org.uk](http://www.intelligencenetwork.org.uk), is available to all and aims to support planners and policy makers, community leaders and politicians, voluntary groups and the general public in using accurate data to make informed decisions. A broad range of information is available, organised into the following topic

themes:

- Consultation
- Local Area Profiles
- Population & Census
- Health & Wellbeing
- Education & Skills
- Economy
- Crime & Community Safety
- Community
- Planning & Housing
- Transport & Communications
- Environment, Climate Change, Waste & Recycling
- Culture, Leisure & Tourism

The content of the site will continue to grow over the coming months and the research team is keen to hear any suggestions for content that people would like to see on the site. The site was developed by Wiltshire Council's corporate research team in the Department of Public Health and Wellbeing, in conjunction with the South West Observatory and working in partnership with

NHS Wiltshire and Wiltshire Police. For more information, or to give your views and feedback, please contact Sally Hunter on 01225 713289, or email [sally.hunter@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:sally.hunter@wiltshire.gov.uk).

**c. Wiltshire Council's new approach to providing face to face customer access to council services.**

New proposals to provide face to face contact with our customers.  
A short DVD presentation is available from Wayne Smith  
Customer Services Operations Manager.  
01380-734827  
07793-803642

**d. Gypsy and Traveller Site Consultation**

Consultation planned on possible new Gypsy and Traveller sites following on from the work carried out in April and June this year has now been put on hold. The issues consultation used figures proposed in the draft South West Regional Spatial Strategy as the basis of future need for Gypsy and Traveller sites. The Regional Spatial Strategy has now been revoked and it falls to local authorities to determine the right level of site provision. Officers are currently assessing existing information about the level of need for new Gypsy and Traveller sites in Wiltshire to make sure the development plan document progresses with the correct local targets for new site provision. This has affected the overall timetable for the preparation of the Gypsy and Traveller Site Allocations document. The Area Board will be informed once a revised project timetable on the provision of new sites for the travelling community is available.

**e. Wiltshire Local Transport Plan 2011 - 2026**

The Council has a statutory duty to review and publish a new Local Transport Plan (LTP) by the end of March 2011. In essence, Local Transport Plans steer the implementation of national transport policies at the local level.

The Wiltshire Local Transport Plan is made up of:

- A long-term transport strategy that seeks to:
  - support economic growth
  - reduce carbon emissions
  - contribute to better safety, security and health
  - promote equality of opportunity
  - improve quality of life and promote a healthy natural environment
- A shorter-term implementation plan based on a realistic assessment of available funding, and
- A number of supporting strategies and technical documents.

In addition, the Local Transport Plan provides the framework for all other organisations with a direct or indirect involvement in transport in Wiltshire.

Consultation on the draft Local Transport Plan will run from **4 October to 26 November 2010**.

The preferred method of communication is for comments to be submitted online at: <http://consult.wiltshire.gov.uk/portal>, where electronic copies of all the documents will be available. Paper copies of the summary document, questionnaire and a reference copy of the Local Transport Plan will also be available from all libraries and main Council offices.

The Council's Cabinet and full Council will consider the results of the consultation in February 2011 prior to the publication of the final Local Transport Plan in March 2011.

**Consultation Portal Link:** <http://consult.wiltshire.gov.uk/portal>