

MINUTES

Meeting: SALISBURY AREA BOARD
Place: South Wilts Grammar School for Girls, Stratford Rd, Salisbury SP1 3JJ
Date: 13 March 2014
Start Time: 7.00 pm
Finish Time: 10.25 pm

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In Attendance:

Wiltshire Councillors

Cllr Ricky Rogers (Chairman), Cllr Brian Dalton (Vice Chairman), Cllr Richard Clewer, Cllr Mary Douglas, Cllr Helena McKeown, Cllr Bill Moss, Cllr Ian Tomes and Cllr John Walsh
Cllr Richard Gamble - Portfolio holder for Schools, Skills and Youth,

Wiltshire Council Officers

Steve Milton, Head of Community Governance
Lisa Moore, Democratic Services Officer

Town and Parish Councils

Salisbury City Council – Cllr D Brown, Cllr P Brown, Cllr C Corbin, Cllr T Corbin, A Child, Cllr M Dean, Cllr C Froude, Cllr S Hocking, Cllr T Lindley, Cllr M Osment, Cllr A Roberts, R Williams, Cllr M Willmot.
Laverstock and Ford Parish Council – Cllr D Law

Partners

Wiltshire Police – Inspector Andy Noble
Police & Crime Commissioner – Angus Macpherson
Salisbury City Community Area Partnership (SCCAP) – Debrah Biggs
South Wilts Agenda 21 – P Rouquette

Total in attendance: 99

<u>Agenda Item No.</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>
1	<p><u>Welcome and Introductions</u></p> <p>The Chairman, Councillor Ricky Rogers welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Salisbury Area Board and invited the members of the Board to introduce themselves.</p>
2	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies for absence had been received from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mike Franklin – Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service
3	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p><u>Decision</u> The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 9 January 2014 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.</p>
4	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>The following declarations of interest were received:</p> <p>Cllr's Dalton, Tomes and Clewer declared a non pecuniary interest in item 9 – Salisbury Gateway Sainsbury's Development, as they are all members of the Southern Planning Committee. They noted that if the application came before the Southern Planning Committee, they would look at it afresh.</p> <p>Cllr Douglas declared a non pecuniary interest relating to item 14 – Community Area Grants, applications by Cicatrix and Casa de Samba, as she knows the applicants.</p> <p>Cllr McKeown declared a non pecuniary interest relating to her membership on the Transport and Health Study Group.</p> <p>Note: All of the standard interests declared by each Board member can be viewed online at: http://cms.wiltshire.gov.uk/mgMemberIndex.aspx?bcr=1</p>
5	<p><u>Chairman's Updates</u></p> <p><u>Market Square</u></p> <p>The works were now complete. The Board would form a working group, consisting of Cllr Brian Dalton as Chairman, with 2 other Board members and</p>

	<p>the Leader of Salisbury City Council to carry out a review of the project.</p> <p>Councillor Clewer noted that the Market Place was not yet finished, as the Heritage Trail and Stocks were still to be installed in May, which had always been the case. Once this work had been carried out the Market Place would be finished.</p> <p>Action: CAM to liaise with Cllrs and SCC to form a working group.</p> <p><u>Central Car Park and Maltings</u> The Area Board would hold a special meeting on Thursday 17 March, 7.00pm at South Wilts Grammar School, where they would receive a presentation on the outline proposals for the redevelopment of the Central Car Park and Maltings in Salisbury.</p> <p><u>What matters to you?</u> The ‘What Matters to You’ conference at the at the Arts Centre on 27 March 2014 had received a lot of interest, all of the places available had now been allocated.</p> <p><u>Flooding</u> A group had been set up to look at some of the issues which had occurred during the recent flooding, it was hoped that actions could be taken to alleviate the same problems from arising in the future.</p>
6	<p><u>Information items</u></p> <p>The Board noted the following information links and written papers included in the agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Salisbury Vision – written paper attached <p>The Chairman had attended the Salisbury Vision meeting; he noted that the Vision was currently in the process of recruiting a new Chairman. Notes taken at the group themed meetings would be circulated to the Board members for information.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. Salisbury Area online Issues: Detailed information on the progress of individual issues is available on the council’s website. Go to www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards and click on “Track your community issues”. c. Online Consultations: For information and to take part in current consultations, follow the link: http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council/consultations.htm

	<p>d. High speed broadband – paper attached</p> <p>e. Housing allocations policy – paper attached</p> <p>f. Licensing – Impact area – paper attached</p>
7	<p><u>Update from Representatives</u></p> <p><u>Salisbury City Council (SCC) - Andrew Roberts, Leader of SCC</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following the by-election in January, Patricia Fagan was elected as Councillor for St Martins and Cathedral. • The budget had been set for 2014/15. • There would be no charge for all sports pitches from the start of the cricket season. • Following the completion of the works to the market square, many new markets were planned, including farmers and artisans markets and a teenagers market. • SCC would be happy to take part in the review of the market square works later in the year. • SCC had formed views on parking arrangements and charges. • The crematorium had now reopened. <p><u>Laverstock and Ford Parish Council – David Law</u> Nothing to report.</p> <p><u>Police – Inspector Andy Noble</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Movement from the Wilton Road site to Bourne Hill would start in early June. • The Response teams would move to Amesbury in late June. • The rank of Chief Inspector would be removed from the structure. • The Salisbury custody suite would close on 27 June 2014. • Superintendent Charlie Armstrong would be responsible for all business matters in Salisbury, Amesbury and Warminster. • Inspector Noble would be moving to a new post serving Superintendent Armstrong by June. His replacement would be Inspector Dave Minty.
8	<p><u>Youth Activity Review</u></p> <p>Councillor Richard Gamble, portfolio holder for Schools, Skills and Youth, delivered a presentation on the current consultation options for the future provision of services and activities for young people in Wiltshire.</p> <p><u>Why the need for a review</u></p> <p>A report was submitted to Cabinet on 21 January, which covered a number of issues. It had been 10 years since the current service was established, it was</p>

necessary to respond to the changing needs of young people.

Support needed to be targeted at those that need it most, currently the minority of young people access council provision, whilst many others access voluntary, community or commercial outlets.

Campuses would provide new opportunities across the county, the first campus opens in Corsham in June 2014.

As part of the budget setting on 25 February, it was recognised that some funding currently being spent on Integrated Youth Services would need to be saved. There would be no changes to the Youth Offending Service, Motivate or NEATS.

The Council has a statutory duty to secure access to leisure-time activities for young people. Currently, these services are provided through a range of open access youth development service across the county, with a mix of centre and street-based youth work.

The Department for Education updated the statutory guidance, with there being new focus for councils to enable services, rather than deliver direct provision, and to enhance the role for voluntary and community sector services.

The number of young people –using the current integrated youth services was 3,356. In 2012/13, the Salisbury Area Board was allocated £7,825 for youth initiative projects. This was then added to by the Board and a total of £13,750 was awarded in grants during the year.

Future provision will offer sustainable help, support and resource to target the young people who need it most. Opportunities would be made available for more young people to access activities. The four options out for consultation are:

1. Retain the current in-house service but reduce the cost
2. Outsource the service
3. Encourage and support staff to form a Public Service Mutual
4. Develop a community led approach

It is recognised that each community area has its own needs, and existing resources vary. Working with people locally will help to assess the needs for the Salisbury community area.

Young people have already said that that they wish to be more involved in the choices of services available to them. It had also been raised that transport was a fundamental issue in accessing services.

Chris Baker from Spark Radio and Grosvernor House

The views of the young people had been filmed and made into a DVD. In addition a petition had been signed by over 5,000 people.

Youth Wiltshire had spoken to young people across the county, feedback indicated that they were surprised and shocked by the proposals, which they felt had not been properly explained to them.

One 13 year old commented that the questions were sculpted and leading, so that the council got the answers they wanted.

It was felt that volunteers would not be able to offer the same kind of help as the current trained youth workers. Not all young people using the service were vulnerable, they did not want to be excluded from using the service in the future.

Questions and Comments were then taken, these included:

- Pastor Tony Wilson from the Friary, felt that there would be no way for any other community group to operate the youth club facility there, without the assistance of the youth service. Answer: It was difficult to be specific at present about specific services, however the safeguarding element in areas like the Friary would be an important consideration.
- A member of the Youth Advisory Group (YAG) expressed the concern of the group regarding the effect the budget cuts would have on the provision of future services, and the loss of valued members of staff, especially for those young people at the Bridging Project who have special needs. Answer: The input from the YAG had been very useful. It was recognised that young people with special needs, such as those using the Bridging Project found continuity of staff important.
- The Bridging Project is more widely used than just the young people of Salisbury, as its location near the train station allows others to access it easily.
- How would the money be spent? If you take an example like Stagecoach, they have approximately 50 users, with some marketing by the council and reduced fees, this could be opened up to more young people. Answer: The idea of supporting a commercial venture is a good suggestion, which could be considered by the community when deciding on which services they would like to see.
- The presence of trained youth workers is of the utmost importance to deal with the wide spectrum of need. Answer: It is recognised that the staff are a key part to the service.
- Cllr Osment of SCC queried whether the statistics of young people using the current services was accurate? Answer: There was a large amount of work that the youth service carried out which wasn't recorded on attendance sheets. Not all activities are recorded.
- Caroline Godfrey, Director of Children's Services informed the Board that Full Council had almost unanimously supported allocating an additional £250,000 to the budget, giving a total of over £1million for open access youth work. The consultation was taking place to establish the best way to use the money.
- It is important that the existing users of the youth centres still want to go

and use the services once the changes have been implemented. Volunteers are a good idea, but alongside trained staff.

- We are 2 years away from opening a Salisbury Campus, so until then it would not be helpful for the Wilton Road site to close.

Cllr Tomes moved the following motion:

The Salisbury Area board fully supports the “friends of Wiltshire youth services” in its campaign to keep and protect a viable youth service for Wiltshire and Salisbury in particular

This board recognises the good work that Wiltshire Youth services have done over the years. An example of those services would be Grosvenor House. Many Salisbury youngsters can tell you how Grosvenor House and Bass Connection gave them a sense of belonging and a direction in life.

Our youth service has given youngsters an opportunity to participate in personal and social development with activities - including arts, drama, music, sport, international experience and voluntary action; to relax, socialise, to form long lasting friendships, often around music and bands and to do the stuff that youngsters do, all with the knowledge that dedicated professional youth workers are on hand who they can also talk through problems ranging from bullying to addiction. This has served the city of Salisbury well for both young and old.

Cllr Clewer and Cllr Douglas voted against the motion and requested that their vote be recorded.

Decision

The Salisbury Area Board agreed inline with the motion above, to call upon Wiltshire Council to maintain the current in-house service with a level of spending to ensure a sustainable professional service.

Final proposals would be presented to Cabinet in May 2014.

Views could be submitted to: voiceandinfluenceteam@wiltshire.gov.uk

For further information, follow the link:

<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/consultationypactivitiesreview.htm>

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Salisbury Gateway Sainsbury's Development

The Board received a presentation from the 'Salisbury Gateway' Project Team on the proposed plans for a Sainsbury's store on the Southampton Road.

Following the public exhibition in July 2013, it had been realised that some changes would be required to the original scheme. The new scheme had been much influenced by feedback received.

The new scheme would provide 400 jobs and works on the site would include:

- Unlocking new views of Salisbury Cathedral and public access to the wetlands area, which would be reinstated on the south-western side of the site.
- Linking of water management on site with recreating the water meadows.
- Protection of local wildlife and enhancement of the environment.
- Improvements to Southampton Road, with widening to Bourne Roundabout, to improve traffic flow.
- Implementation of a new bus stop near the store entrance.
- Improvements to pedestrian and cycle routes.
- Underground tanks and treatment trains to process heavy rain fall, in a controlled manner back into the River Avon.

Comments and questions were received, these included:

- In the original scheme, a remodelling of College roundabout was included, is this still included in the new scheme? Answer: The Highways Agency was not in favour of that remodelling, but with the remodelling at the Bourne roundabout, we can maintain improved travelling times.
- Have you calculated the impact that this store would have on the city centre small businesses? Answer: It is part of the requirements for us to carry out a retail assessment survey. The bulk of the impact will be on the Tesco store opposite the site, and Waitrose.
- The other developments close by to the site are dates and in need of a revamp or need to be removed. Answer: We did try to purchase the B & Q site when it was for sale, however we were outbid. We are hoping that the quality of our store will encourage others to revamp.
- As part of your scheme could you make some contribution towards the park and ride, so that we could reduce the parking charges in the town? Answer: There will be a contribution.
- The problem with this site is the road. The traffic is backed up along the road every home time and worse on weekends. New houses will bring more people wanting to do their weekly shopping, but there are no alternatives on the other side of the city. That is where we want a new store.
- The more people using the Southampton road means there will be more using Laverstock and Ford as a rat run. Answer: The way to improve traffic along Laverstock is to improve the traffic on the Southampton road.
- It looks like a brilliant scheme, but it's in the wrong place. We need a store near the new housing developments, Hampton Park II, Fuggleston, or Netherhampton Road. Answer: We are not aware of a suitable site on the other side of town. It is part of Sainsbury's plan to look at options on that side of the city, with the help of the council. We will not be closing the city centre store.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Could the Quarry site be included in your considerations. • Would you consider appointing an independent assessor to establish the validity of the claims in your scheme? <u>Answer:</u> We are in discussions with the Highways Agency and the Environmental Health, if they do not approve our plans then will would not get planning permission. • Will your plans to de-clutter Southampton road be visual or will it improve transport? <u>Answer:</u> The Highways Agency requirements are that traffic conditions are no worse than they are now, and they have their independent consultant looking at our plans. • The Old Manor site is currently being considered by another supermarket, but nothing has been decided yet, could you consider this site? <p>The Chairman thanked the Salisbury Gateway team for their presentation.</p>
10	<p><u>Community Area Transport Group (CATG)</u></p> <p>The Board noted the actions arising from the last meeting of the CATG, which took place on 7 February 2014, and considered the recommendations as detailed in the paper attached to the agenda.</p> <p>Cllr Clewer noted his concern that the Devizes road crossing scheme had not been approved in full when CATG had approved schemes for bus shelters and white fences. He questioned whether these should be matters of priority when money for a scheme designed to improve the safety at a crossing where there were concerns about accidents had not been completed in full.</p> <p><u>Decision</u> The Salisbury Area Board approved the following CATG schemes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coloured surface treatment & bollards at BP Garage (London Road): confirmation had been sought from the Garage owners and that subject to this the scheme would be implemented as recommended. • Dropped kerbs in The Oakbournes (Ash Crescent): close issue. • Bus Shelter – Balmoral Road: this scheme would be taken forward as part of the bus shelter replacement programme and is afforded top priority. • Dropped kerbs in Odstock Road: close issue. • Controlled crossing near bus stop adjacent to Ambulance Station (Odstock) and Zebra Crossing in Ridings Mead: that subject to the removal of branches that obstruct visibility from the south and the provision of appropriate signage, the option of introducing two crossing points at the top and bottom of the road be approved and £5,500 be allocated to enable the scheme to be implemented. • Pedestrian Crossing in Roman Road near Bus Stop: Close issue. • Improvements to Junction at York Road/Devizes Road: Retain on list and notify residents that it may be considered if there is substantial support – with a request for ideas from local residents. • Request for one way system in Macklin Road: Close issue and

	<p>remove from list indicating that it may be reopened if the residents wish to have a Metrocount survey.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request for village gates at Stratford sub Castle: £5,000 was allocated from the CATG budget to facilitate the installation of white painted 'village gates' at the northern end of Stratford Sub Castle adjacent to the 30mph signs. • Bollards in St Edmund's Church Street: £1,800 was allocated for a feasibility assessment including test drillings to find the location of underground utility channels. • Junction improvements at Roman Road/Pembroke Road: £1,000 was allocated from the CATG budget to support a bid to the substantive highways budget for a further £7,000 to remove the area of traffic island south of the refuge to widen access at the junction. However, if the substantive bid fails this matter be referred back to CATG later in the summer/autumn for further consideration. • Replacement of the Bus Shelter Pembroke Road/Pulman Drive: that this scheme be included in the bus shelter replacement programme and afforded high priority. • Request for 2 "Slow children at play" signs in Pinewood Way: £500 was allocated from the CATG budget to provide the signs. • Pedestrian Crossing at Bottom of Devizes Road: £1,200 was allocated from the CATG budget for new signs and the issue be closed and removed from the list, recognising that this may be reconsidered should problems persist. • Parking in Middle Street, Harham: that further confirmation is sought from the Environment Agency about the disposal of land necessary to achieve the required improvements and that Salisbury City Council be approached and asked to consider making a contribution toward the cost of acquiring the small piece of land concerned. • RTPI sign Manor Farm Road: retain on list, and request that Wilts & Dorset Bus Company carry out an assessment of usage of the bus stop and report back to next CATG meeting.
11	<p><u>Salisbury Greenspace Partnership (SGP)</u></p> <p>The speaker for this Item was unable to attend. For information on this initiative, follow the link: https://salisburygreenspace.wordpress.com/</p>
12	<p><u>Salisbury Area Council Owned Property</u></p> <p>The Board noted the information on property currently owned by Wiltshire Council, as detailed in the report attached to the agenda.</p> <p>The Chairman asked anyone with questions to filter them back to the Community Area Manager steve.milton@wiltshire.gov.uk</p>

13	<p><u>Air Quality Management (AQM) Group - Update</u></p> <p>Group member, Margaret Wilmot noted that the Air Quality measurements for 2013 would be published in April 2014. The Environment Agency would be available to attend the next Area Board meeting to discuss the report. A website would shortly be available with details of real time air quality levels.</p> <p><u>Decision</u> The Salisbury Area Board noted the report of the AQMG meeting held on 7 Feb 2014, as attached to the agenda.</p>
14	<p><u>Community Area Grants</u></p> <p>The Board considered 8 applications for funding from the Community Area Grant Scheme for 2013/14. Applicants present were invited to speak in support of their projects. Following discussion the Board members voted on each application in turn.</p> <p>The Board requested clarification on the remaining revenue funds available for 2013/14. Steve Milton advised the Board that funds were available to cover the projects listed in the agenda.</p> <p><u>1. Decision</u> Cicatrix was awarded £970 towards their participatory arts project with the homeless ‘The Scar of a Healed Wound’. <u>Reason</u> – The application met the Community Area Grants Criteria for 2013/14.</p> <p><i>Cllr Douglas declared an interest in grant no. 1 as she knows people connected to this application, and therefore did not vote.</i></p> <p><u>2. Decision</u> Salisbury Arts Centre was awarded £5,000 towards the outreach film project in Bemerton Heath. <u>Reason</u> – The application met the Community Area Grants Criteria for 2013/14.</p> <p><u>3. Decision</u> Bemerton Community was awarded £4,160.72 towards purchasing projection equipment for the Bemerton Film Society. <u>Reason</u> – The application met the Community Area Grants Criteria for 2013/14.</p> <p><u>4. Decision</u> Casa de Samba was awarded £2,500 towards instruments, insurance, flyers, clothing and storage for the band. <u>Reason</u> – The application met the Community Area Grants Criteria for 2013/14.</p>

	<p><i>Cllr Douglas declared an interest relating to grant no. 4 as she knows people connected to this application, and therefore did not vote.</i></p> <p><u>5. Decision</u> Salisbury Trust for the Homeless was awarded £5,000 towards the purchase of a suitable property to support the homeless. <i>Reason – The application met the Community Area Grants Criteria for 2013/14.</i></p> <p><u>6. Decision</u> Salisbury Rotary and Chamber of Commerce Group was awarded £7,500 towards the Salisbury Contemporary Craft & Heritage Fayre in Cathedral Close. <i>Reason – The application met the Community Area Grants Criteria for 2013/14.</i></p> <p><u>7. Decision</u> Harnham Community Sports and Social Club was awarded £3,796.40 towards the construction of a disabled access to the club and to replace lighting with LED lighting. <i>Reason – The application met the Community Area Grants Criteria for 2013/14.</i></p> <p><u>8. Decision</u> South Wilts Agenda 21 was awarded £500 towards holding a Green Fair. <i>Reason – The application met the Community Area Grants Criteria for 2013/14.</i></p>
15	<p><u>Salisbury City Community Area Partnership (SCCAP) Review</u></p> <p>The Board considered the recommendations from the SCCAP Review workshop which took place on Friday 7 March 2014. The papers for this item were circulated at the meeting and would be attached to the end of the minutes for information.</p> <p>Salisbury City Councillor, Andrew Roberts noted that the paper stated that SCC had not been formally approached, and suggested that the Board took the opportunity now to consider it formally done.</p> <p>It was noted that as the report had been circulated at the meeting with no prior circulation to Board members, the Board would defer the item until the next meeting on 15 May 2014.</p> <p><u>Decision</u> The Salisbury Area Board noted the ten proposals as detailed in the</p>

	<p>circulated report and agreed to formally invite Salisbury City Council to confirm their involvement with the future development of SCCAP.</p> <p>A decision on the ten proposals would then be taken at the next Area Board meeting on 15 May 2014.</p>
16	<p><u>Close</u></p> <p>The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.</p>
<p><u>Attachment - SCCAP Paper</u></p>	

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New partnership arrangements for Salisbury

Report of the outcome of a roundtable discussion held at City Hall, Salisbury on 7th March 2014

Present:

Wiltshire Council	Cllr Ricky Rogers, Cllr Mary Douglas, Cllr Ian Tomes, Steve Milton and Ariane Crampton.
Salisbury City Council	Cllrs Michael Pope, Mike Osment, Patricia Fagan, Margaret Willmot, Tom Corbin, Caroline Corbin and Annie Child (Assistant Clerk).
Wiltshire Vision	Richard Walters
Salisbury BID	Amanda Newbury
Salisbury Greenspace Partnership	Nicola Lipscombe
Salisbury Arts Centre	Simon Morris
Salisbury Festival	Helen Neal
Salisbury Playhouse	David Orme
RSA	John Potter
WfCAP	Laura Pictor
SCCAP	Debrah Biggs

Introduction:

The roundtable was arranged by Salisbury Area Board to discuss and agree new community partnership arrangements for the City. The board had drafted a proposal that was presented at the start of the meeting – [view online](#). In brief, this proposes a new local partnership arrangement that:

- moves away from a formal organisation-led approach towards a more open network of existing groups
- focuses on supporting existing interest groups in the City, rather than duplicating activity.
- works alongside and in partnership with the Area Board and City Council.
- focuses on encouraging and supporting practical community-led actions by existing interest groups
- builds stronger relationships and improves communication between existing interest groups
- brings existing interest groups together to identify shared priorities for action in Salisbury and provides a way of coordinating action to take those priorities forward.
- encourages community-led activity at neighbourhood level by supporting existing neighbourhood groups.

The Board's proposed partnership model is summarised below:

- Establishing a small, informal group to coordinate and represent the network
- Improved use of social media and regular email contact
- Adopting a thematic and issue based approach
- Periodic informal meet-ups and social events

- Councillor champions appointed by the Area Board and City Council
- Support from Area Board and City Council officers
- Team working based around the facilities at the new Salisbury Campus
- Asset mapping and resource sharing across the City
- A biennial priority setting and action planning conference linked to the Joint Strategic Assessment for Salisbury

Points emerging from the discussions:

Following discussion of the proposed approach around tables, the following points were reported back:

- Broad support for the overall approach and direction of travel
- Welcome the focus on supporting existing groups
- Appreciate the work that SCCAP has done to establish a local partnership approach and produce a community plan.
- There is a need for arrangements to span strategic and local issues and to work collaboratively across community areas
- Thematic approach welcomed, important to work with interested groups to tackle local themes – such as flooding, young people, etc.
- Important to establish effective communications channels – possibly supported by community reporters
- Make use of the established and well recognised ‘Our Community Matters’ branding and media channels.
- Important to consider how this will be resourced, project funding is available but support to maintain the network not yet established.
- Salisbury City Council very effectively engaged with thematic work and opportunity to build more effective partnership with the area board
- Important to support and build on existing work in the City – get the right groups to lead on specific themes.
- Is there available revenue funding to support the approach?
- Flexibility is key to making the new arrangements work effectively.
- Wessex Community Action still a key local network for the VCS and this should be incorporated into new arrangements
- Could a collaborative approach to supporting the new arrangements be developed with different groups leading on different themes?
- Whatever arrangement is adopted can it keep bureaucracy to a minimum and focus on doing things.
- Would there still be a Chair or would there be leads for different areas of work?
- Direct available resources at projects and not admin.
- Is there adequate funding to support local projects? The area board funding is limited and capped at £5k per project – is this enough?
- Would SCC be open to a request to help coordinate the approach? They have not been formally approached.
- Theme groups need to be rationalised to remove duplication and overlap, but they do have an important role.
- Will the SCCAP database be available if they are no longer leading the work?
- Can the event on 27th March at the Arts centre be used to promote the new approach and build awareness?

- New arrangements may be able to help facilitate the development of a Neighbourhood Plan for the City.

Proposals

1. That a new City partnership be established as set out in this paper, taking into account the points raised by participants above
2. That Salisbury City Council and SCCAP be invited to work with the Salisbury Area Board to move this new approach forward as soon as possible.
3. That a small, informal group be established drawn from those present at the roundtable to coordinate and lead the network
4. That 'Our Community Matters' be adopted as the branding and communication channel for the new arrangements.
5. That a review be undertaken of existing thematic groups to remove overlap and duplication, recognising that a thematic approach should continue
6. That periodic informal meet-ups and social events be organised to build awareness and participation
7. That a councillor champion be appointed by the Area Board and Salisbury City Council to champion the approach and lead within those respective organisations
8. That the Shadow Campus Operations Board be invited to consider how it may maximise the opportunities presented by the new partnership approach.
9. That discussions be held with key City partnerships and networks to help build commitment to the new approach
10. That an update be given at the Joint Strategic Assessment conference at the Arts Centre on 27th March on the new approach to help build awareness and support.

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