

AGENDA

Meeting: SALISBURY AREA BOARD
Place: Alamein Suite - City Hall, Malthouse Lane, Salisbury, SP2 7TU
Date: Thursday 8 January 2015
Time: 7.00 pm

Representatives from Salisbury City Council
and Laverstock and Ford Parish Council

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Wiltshire Councillors

Richard Clewer	Salisbury St Paul's
Brian Dalton (vice-Chairman)	Salisbury Harnham
Mary Douglas	Salisbury St Francis & Stratford
Bill Moss	Salisbury St Mark's & Bishopdown
Dr Helena McKeown	Salisbury St Edmund & Milford
Ricky Rogers (Chairman)	Salisbury Bemerton
John Walsh	Salisbury Fisherton & Bemerton Village
Ian Tomes	Salisbury St Martin's & Cathedral

Map enclosed at page 1

Items to be considered	Time
<p>1 Welcome and Introductions</p> <p>2 Apologies for Absence</p> <p>3 Minutes (<i>Pages 3 - 14</i>)</p> <p>To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 13 November 2014.</p> <p>4 Declarations of Interest</p> <p>To receive any declarations of disclosable interests or dispensations granted by the Standards Committee.</p> <p>5 Chairman's Updates</p> <p>The Chairman will give an update on outcomes and actions arising from previous meetings of the Area Board.</p> <p>6 Information items (<i>Pages 15 - 18</i>)</p> <p>To note the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Redevelopment of Maltings and Central Car Park – Update • Information on the following consultations can be found via the following link: http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council/consultations.htm • Current Issues on the online Community Area Issues System: http://portal.wiltshire.gov.uk/area_board/areaboard_issues_search.php <p>To log a new Issue, follow the link: https://forms.wiltshire.gov.uk/area_board/index.php</p>	<p>7.00pm</p>

7	<p>Update from Representatives (Pages 19 - 22)</p> <p>To note the written updates attached to the agenda and to receive any verbal updates from representatives present.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Salisbury City Council (SCC) b) Laverstock and Ford Parish Council c) Police d) Fire e) Community Campus f) Air Quality Group 	7.20pm
8	<p>Youth Grants (Pages 23 - 26)</p> <p>The Board will consider the recommendations for Youth funding for 2014/15, arising from the last meeting of the Local Youth Network meeting, as detailed in the attached report.</p> <p>LYN Management Group document uploaded 8 Jan 2015</p>	7.35pm
9	<p>Police and Crime Commissioner - Precept Consultation</p> <p>A member of the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner will present information on the Precept Consultation.</p>	7.45pm
10	<p>Climate Local Initiative (Pages 27 - 36)</p> <p>An interactive presentation on 'Is your community ready for the Wiltshire Energy Challenge?' Which will cover the achievements in reducing our energy demands and related carbon emissions, that we have made as a Council across the whole of Wiltshire as well as to highlight the local initiatives relevant to the community area.</p> <p>Information on the next steps for the team, as it develops Wiltshire Council's Energy Resilience Plan.</p> <p><i>Officer: a member of the Green Economy Team</i></p>	8.00pm
11	<p>Highways Schemes for 2015/16 (Pages 37 - 50)</p> <p>To receive a presentation from a member of the Highways Team and to consider the proposed list of schemes for 2015/16, as attached to the agenda.</p> <p>Appendix 3 uploaded 8 Jan 2015</p>	8.15pm

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| 12 | Councillor Led Initiative - Street Bench Funding
(Pages 51 - 52) | 8.30pm |
| | To consider the Councillor Led Initiative put forward by Councillor Richard Clewer, as detailed in the attached report. | |
| | <i>Cllr Clewer</i> | |
| 13 | Community Area Grants (Pages 53 - 54) | 8.40pm |
| | The Board will consider any applications for funding from the Community Area Grant Scheme for 2014/15, as detailed in the attached report. | |
| 14 | Close | 9.00pm |
| | The date of the next meeting is Thursday 12 March 2015, 7pm at South Wilts Grammar School, Salisbury. | |

Future Meeting Dates

Thursday 12 March 2015
7.00pm South Wilts Grammar School

Thursday 14 May 2015
7.00pm City Hall

Thursday 16 July 2015
7.00pm City Hall

Thursday 17 September 2015
7.00pm City Hall

Thursday 12 November 2015
7.00pm South Wilts Grammar School

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MINUTES

Meeting: SALISBURY AREA BOARD
Place: South Wilts Grammar School for Girls, Stratford Rd, Salisbury SP1 3JJ
Date: 13 November 2014
Start Time: 7.00 pm
Finish Time: 9.20 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

Wiltshire Council Officers

Lisa Moore, Democratic Services Officer
Steve Milton, Head of Community Governance
Tom Bray, Southern Wiltshire Community Area Manager
Winnie Manning, Community Youth Officer

Town and Parish Councils

Salisbury City Council – Cllr M Dean, Cllr S Hocking, Cllr Andrew Roberts (Leader), R Williams (Clerk) & Cllr M Willmot

Partners

Wiltshire Police – Inspector David Minty

Total in attendance: 48

<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> <p>The Chairman informed the Board that Steve Milton, Head of Community Area Boards, who had been standing in as Community Area Manager for almost a year, would be replaced by Tom Bray, formally Community Area Manager for the Southern Wiltshire Area Board. The Board thanked Steve for his support over the last year.</p>
2	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies for absence had been received from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frances Chinemana – Consultant in Public Health • Mike Franklin – Wiltshire Fire & Rescue • David Law – Laverstock & Ford Parish Council
3	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p><u>Decision</u> The minutes of the meeting and health fayre, held on Thursday 18 September 2014 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.</p> <p><u>Matters Arising</u></p> <p>Councillor Mary Douglas asked for an update on whether further information had yet been provided on the CIA for Salisbury, as requested by the Board during the last meeting. Mary added that the Salisbury Area Board was the local input on this matter and should be fully consulted on our views before any decision was made.</p> <p><u>Answer:</u> Officers were putting together additional information, which would be provided to the Board members in due course.</p> <p>Councillor John Walsh, had requested that the Licensing Committee schedule the meeting to discuss the CIA for Salisbury, in Salisbury so that local residents and businesses impacted on by the implementation of a CIA could attend to put their views across. However the committee had decided not to come to Salisbury but instead would hold the meeting in Trowbridge on 8 December at 10.30am.</p>

4	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>There were none.</p>
5	<p><u>Chairman's Updates</u></p> <p>The Board noted the following information items, as detailed in the agenda:</p> <p>a. Current Consultations access the online consultations here</p> <p>The Chairman drew attention to the Flood Risk Management Strategy and the Parking Review consultations available online.</p> <p>b. Car Parking Review – paper attached access the online papers here</p> <p>The Board would be holding a Special meeting which would focus on the Parking Review, to enable local input and the Board to form a view. This meeting would take place on Wednesday 17 December, 7.00pm at South Wilts Grammar School, Salisbury.</p> <p>c. Bass Connection</p> <p>The Boards request for Grosvenor House to remain open for use by Bass Connection had been agreed, and the order would come in to effect on 14 November 2014. Steve Milton and Winnie Manning had met with Bass Connections who would aim to open the building in two weeks time.</p> <p>d. Community issue system</p> <p>A reminder that issues may be submitted to the Area Board via the online community issues system</p> <p>e. Our Community Matters</p> <p>A reminder that local people can access and report their own community news on the Salisbury OCM Blog</p>
6	<p><u>Update from Representatives</u></p> <p>The Board noted the written updates attached to the agenda and received the following verbal updates:</p> <p><u>Salisbury City Council (SCC)</u> The Leader of SCC, Cllr Andrew Roberts gave an update to the Board.</p>

- SCC would meet to discuss the Parking Consultation and form a view.
- SCC also owned two car parks in the city, one of which was found to be making a financial loss, so the decision was taken to make that car park free.
- The Christmas Lights switch on would take place on Thursday 20 November, by Phil Mitchell (Steve McFadden) from Eastenders.
- The Christmas Market opens on the 27th November and closes on the 20th December.
- Charter Markets would also be open on a number of Sundays leading up to Christmas and on the days immediately prior to Christmas Day.
- The Salisbury Carnival held the previous week had raised just over £1,600 for the Mayors appeal.
- The Remembrance Sunday event had been well attended; the Adlam Family had given thanks to all who had been involved.

Police

In addition to the written update attached to the agenda, Inspector David Minty gave an update.

- A new Beat Manager for the city would be appointed the following week, from one of four candidates.
- New PCSO's were independently patrolling in the City Centre.
- Crime figures were all very good, with violence against person crimes showing a 0.4% reduction.
- Victim based crime as a whole was down 20% on the same period as last year; which was down to Sergeant Goodman and his team.
- There was now a facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/salisburypolice>
- Inspector Minty was now on Twitter, and could be followed at: @wiltpoliceDM
- The Police would be issued with new mobile phones which could track their location. This would enable people to see where they had patrolled.

Questions and comments received included:

- What was the actual meaning of Victim Based Crime in the statistics?
Answer: Inspector Minty agreed to find out the specific definition and report back.

Note: Since the meeting, the following information was provided:

Victim based crime included:

- *Violence Against the Person*
- *Robbery*
- *Sexual Offences*
- *Theft Offences*
- *Burglary*

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Vehicle Crime</i> • <i>Shoplifting</i> • <i>Bicycle theft</i> • <i>Theft from a person</i> • <i>Other theft</i> • <i>Criminal Damage and Arson</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What had happened about the request for a public parking bay at the back of Bourne Hill, for people needing to pop in to the Police Station? <u>Answer:</u> The request had been forwarded to the Council. In the meantime, if you needed to visit the police station on police business then you can park in one of the marked out police bays in College Street car park. • To aid the public perception of lack of visibility, Officers would be located in the Market Place on market day. • Thanks were given to Richard Goodman and his team for making themselves accessible even during recent staff shortages. <p><u>COB (Campus)</u> In addition to the attached notes from the meeting on 8 Sep, Councillor Clewer added that the build was now going well, despite the recent issue of a shortage of bricklayers.</p> <p><u>Decision</u> The Salisbury Area Board noted the Partner and Community updates attached to the agenda.</p>
7	<p><u>Salisbury Learning Partnership (SLP)</u></p> <p>The Board received a presentation from John Potter and Peter Thompson on the work of the Partnership.</p> <p>The SLP's aim was to forge a closer and more effective relationship and to strengthen, monitor and promote the mutual benefits to be gained from business and community organisations working with local schools and colleges and to act as the hub of a network of stakeholders and a forum for ideas, projects and initiatives.</p> <p>It was felt that there were not enough effective contracts between businesses and young people in Salisbury. A local project was underway at the Salisbury Cathedral, where they had started to involve young people in providing guided tours.</p> <p>Other organisations had been approached and discussions were underway to establish if further opportunities could be opened up.</p>

	<p>Questions and Comments were then received, these included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Could help be given to the 20% of 18 – 20 year olds who did not have a good level of reading and maths skills? <u>Answer:</u> There were Government initiatives to tackle that issue. However one way to help those people could be to involve the Salisbury retirement population, bringing people together to share skills and experience. • What involvement do you have in the process? <u>Answer:</u> Both John and Peter had many years of experience in working in related roles across the country. Now located in the area they had joined forces to pull together in providing advice and guidance across the curriculum. • Other groups of people which could benefit from this sort of scheme were those over 45 who were illiterate, the ex military suffering from post traumatic stress syndrome, those with Aspergers and groups of people with stable mental illness. <u>Answer:</u> It was recognised that there was such a demand for this sort of service, we are focusing on 14 – 19 year olds, but the need is much greater, from 0 – 90.
8	<p><u>Local Youth Network (LYN)</u></p> <p>Steve Milton and Winnie Manning gave an update on the changes to the provision of Youth Services in Salisbury and gave an introduction to the new Local Youth Network (LYN) and explained the role of Salisbury’s new Community Youth Officer.</p> <p>The Council had asked each Area Board to establish a LYN, and a wider LYN, which was a database of groups involved with youth work, within the community area. Those on the wider LYN would receive regular information on activities going on for young people across Salisbury.</p> <p>The LYN would be a smaller group of individuals who would come together six times a year, with the primary role of engaging young people. The membership would include a full representation of young people and the group would be supported by the Community Youth Officer, Winnie Manning.</p> <p>In 2014/15, the Board targeted £26,000 of funding for activities young people, next year the funding available would be higher. Any applications submitted to the Board for youth activity funding would be passed to the LYN for consideration and recommendation back to the Board.</p> <p>Young people would be put at the heart of the process, with the LYN being an important method for them to have their view without being phased or intimidated. The LYN would work in a transparent way to ensure that a fair distribution of projects across the city was possible.</p>

In the LYN toolkit which had been produced, there were 14 categories of guidance. Two of those which would be looked at were areas around poverty and deprivation and areas of antisocial behaviour.

Questions and Comments included:

- How would success be measured, would you start from now with no young people involved, or from other figures? Answer: Young people would have a key role to play. We do not know how everything will work at this stage.
- Middle class articulated young people are best at achieving funding, how would you ensure that all areas of the community area able to access funding? Answer: We have already approached the schools to make contact with young people, to establish how they would like to be engaged. The idea was to target young people from different backgrounds, similar to the work the YAG carried out with these groups of young people. Winnie already had experience of making it work there.
- Funds would not be spent on things which middle class families would already be funding themselves.
- The measure of success was key. We should ensure that we prioritise the needs of the most vulnerable and that the overall purpose is to promote positive lifestyle choices.

The Board noted the information and the recommendations in the attached report and papers circulated at the meeting.

Decision

Salisbury Area Board agreed the following:

- 1. The terms of reference and membership of the LYN management group (tabled at the meeting).**
- 2. That in respect of urgent matters that may arise from time to time between meetings, the Community Area Manager, in consultation with the Community Youth Officer and the Chairman of the Area Board, was granted delegated authority to approve expenditure not exceeding £1000 from the youth budget for projects in relation to positive activities for young people. A report explaining any such decision and the reasons why it was considered to be urgent would be reported to the next ordinary meeting of the Salisbury Area Board.**
- 3. Authority was delegated to the Community Area Manager to manage an annual budget of up to £500 to cover expenditure related to the management of the LYN and its activities. A report giving details of any expenditure incurred would be reported to the next ordinary meeting of the Salisbury Area Board.**

9	<p><u>Salisbury Open Space Bylaws</u></p> <p>Councillor Tomes explained that under current Open Space Bylaws, any new open spaces created after 1 April 2009 were not covered by the same bylaws. He asked the Board to consider whether there was a need for the Bylaw to be varied to include all new open spaces.</p> <p>Action: Community Area Manager to contact the relevant Officer to request that the necessary changes be made to the current policy, to include all new open spaces after 1 April 2009.</p>
10	<p><u>Release of Developer Contribution Funding to Macklin Road Play Area</u></p> <p>The Board considered the request of the Salisbury City Council for the release of £60,000 of developer contribution money held by Wiltshire Council for the refurbishment of the children's play area at Macklin Road, as detailed in the report attached to the agenda.</p> <p>Decision Salisbury Area Board approved the request of Salisbury City Council to release £60,000 of developer funding to the children's play park project in Macklin Road, Salisbury, as detailed in the report.</p>
11	<p><u>Community Area Transport Group (CATG)</u></p> <p>The Board received an update from Councillor Brian Dalton, Chairman of CATG and considered the recommendations as detailed in the attached report.</p> <p>CATG had been given a budget of approximately £14,000 for 2014/15, with an additional £5,000 for smaller highways schemes. Two bids had been submitted by CATG to the Council's Substantive Highways Scheme, one for the realignment of the Roman Road junction and the other to renew bus shelters around the city. These schemes had not received approval for funding; CATG had been advised that they could fund the schemes at one per year in the future.</p> <p>Questions and Comments were then taken, these included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Douglas had requested that the bus shelter on Balmoral road since 2009. • The bus shelter in Pembroke Road was funded as this had been demolished years ago by a car. • Cllr Moss asked if the repair on the carriage way along the London Road could be extended as it was in a terrible way. <u>Answer:</u> The Group had requested that the works there be brought forward, it was hoped to take place the following year. • The process for implementing new drop kerbs in areas where requests had been made due to the needs of disabled residents, currently took too long. It was reported that some residents had waited up to two years.

	<p>Could this be addressed? <u>Answer:</u> The Board would look into this matter to see what could be done.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were concerns over the safety of children crossing Coombe Road. • Cllr Douglas suggested a discretionary fund for projects like drop kerbs. <p>Action: CAM to investigate the Drop Kerb issue and report back.</p> <p><u>Decision</u> The Board approved the recommendations for funding for 2014/15 as detailed in the CATG report attached to the agenda.</p> <p>The Board noted the minutes of the last CATG meeting held on 13 October, with the following amendments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It would be requested that the developers would fund the Kimpton Ave scheme. • CATG supported the Chafyn Grove scheme but the school would be paying for the work and not CATG. • CATG agreed to recommend funding for the Roman Road/Wilton Road junction.
12	<p><u>Air Quality Action Group</u></p> <p>Councillor Clewer gave an update to the Board. The group had been working with South Wiltshire UTC to deliver a flagship project to plant silver birch trees along the frontage of the old police station. Local volunteers came together on the morning of Saturday 8th November to assist with the planting.</p> <p>Ten birch trees were planted on the site, as these trees had been scientifically proven to reduce particulates and improve air quality.</p> <p>The project was one measure being examined by the group, along with the provision of real time monitoring information, promotion of green transport options and improved transport planning.</p> <p>The air quality levels recorded that there had been two days of exceedance along Exeter Street. People could sign up for a service which would send alerts out if the levels exceed the maximum; this could help those who had conditions affected by air pollution. The Group was looking at possible providers to develop an app for mobile phones.</p> <p>Cllr McKeown asked if the pirate play park in Churchill Gardens could be monitored, as it was close to the ring road. Answer: With regard to checking air</p>

	<p>quality at the churchchill gardens park it was felt that there had not been a previous issue with air quality there when initial checks were done. That it may be possible to get a monitor put there temporarily but this would need to be handled by the officers responsible for air quality monitoring. A request would be made and any high pollution level reported back to the board.</p> <p>Action: Officers would look at options for measuring the air quality levels at the Pirate Play Park in Churchill Gardens and to report back.</p>
13	<p><u>Cllr Led Initiative - Street Watch</u></p> <p>The Board considered the Councillor Led Initiative put forward by Cllr Rogers, to allocate £250 of funding to the Street Watch Scheme for volunteer insurance, as detailed in the report attached to the agenda.</p> <p><u>Decision</u> The Salisbury Area Board awarded £250 to the Councillor Led Initiative – Street Watch Scheme, as detailed in the report.</p>
14	<p><u>Cllr Led Initiative - Historic Street Sign Maintenance Scheme</u></p> <p>The Board considered the Councillor Led Initiative put forward by Cllr Walsh, to allocate £750 to the Historic Street Sign Maintenance Scheme as detailed in the report attached to the agenda.</p> <p>Cllr Douglas suggested the project could be promoted through ‘Our Community’ website and that the Salisbury Journal could be approached to publicise the scheme.</p> <p><u>Decision</u> The Salisbury Area Board awarded £750 to the Councillor Led Initiative – Historic Street Sign Maintenance Scheme, as detailed in the report.</p>
15	<p><u>Community Area Grants</u></p> <p>The Board considered five applications for funding from the Community Area Grant Scheme for 2014/15, as detailed in the report attached to the agenda.</p> <p>The Chairman invited applicants present to speak in support of their applications. Following discussion the Board voted on each application in turn.</p> <p><u>Decision</u> The Elim Centre Sports Hall was awarded £3,350 towards a new air conditioning system. <u>Reason</u> – The application met the Community Area Grants Criteria 2014/15.</p>

	<p><u>Decision</u> Bemerton St John's Trust was awarded £10,000 towards St John's Place: a focus for the Lower Bemerton community. <i>Reason – The application met the Community Area Grants Criteria 2014/15.</i></p> <p><u>Decision</u> Stratford Social Club was awarded £5,000 towards a new air conditioning system. <i>Reason – The application met the Community Area Grants Criteria 2014/15.</i></p> <p><u>Decision</u> Harnham Memorial Hall £5,000 towards their roofing and insulation project. <i>Reason – The application met the Community Area Grants Criteria 2014/15.</i></p> <p><u>Decision</u> Wilton Cricket Club was awarded £1,000 towards the Installation of fixed seating. <i>Reason – The application met the Community Area Grants Criteria 2014/15.</i></p>
16	<p><u>Close</u></p> <p>The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and noted that the next meeting of the Salisbury Area Board would be held on Thursday 8 January 2015.</p>

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Central Car Park and The Maltings, project update for Salisbury Area Board, 8 January 2015

Overview

- This top-line briefing note has been prepared to update Salisbury Area Board about the current status of the Central Car Park and The Maltings scheme.
- It follows previous written updates and also the presentation by Stanhope, Panter Hudspith Architects and Redwood (who will manage future community consultation) on 20 March 2014.

General update and recent activity

- Stanhope continues to work very closely with Wiltshire Council to progress the development of the site, however it has been necessary to extend the anticipated development timescale.
- This has been conveyed publically through the local media, in a joint statement issued by Wiltshire Council and Stanhope on 10 December 2014.
- This statement is as follows:

Wiltshire Council and Stanhope statement:

The redevelopment of the Central Car Park and The Maltings site will deliver a step-change in Salisbury's retail and leisure offer, driving growth while reducing the significant amount of spending currently lost to competing destinations and out-of-town retail. Both Wiltshire Council and Stanhope are committed to delivering these benefits for Salisbury.

Following a detailed site investigation, Wiltshire Council and Stanhope are currently working to ensure that all relevant points regarding ground conditions are comprehensively addressed and a solution delivered.

Major urban redevelopment on this scale always meets unforeseen issues but we are working hard to overcome them. It does mean however an extension to the anticipated development timescale.

In addition, the Maltings Shopping Centre, within the proposed second phase of development, was recently acquired by a major property investor and it is now important that the council and Stanhope talk with the new owners to fully understand their plans before moving forward.

The council and Stanhope recognise the very high level of local interest in the emerging proposals and will carry out further consultation with the

local community at the earliest possible opportunity, and before a planning application is submitted.

This major redevelopment presents a once-in-a-generation opportunity and the council and Stanhope will ensure that the best possible scheme for Salisbury is delivered.

- This statement has been supplemented by additional information from Wiltshire Council, as follows:

In relation to land quality:

“A wide range of materials such as building rubble and soils were brought to the site. As this material was not sorted or cleaned when it was imported there are areas that are likely to need containing to ensure in-situ materials cannot cause problems as a result of the development process. This is entirely manageable and common on a site of this type, but is likely to impact upon the extent of ground-works and the foundation costs.”

In relation to the recent acquisition of the Maltings Shopping Centre:

“The opportunity arose to purchase the investment when Land Securities / Sainsbury put the investment on the market.

“There was a good case for the Council to purchase the interest, not only because it is already the freeholder of significant parts of the Maltings Shopping Centre but also because it would have enabled the Council to secure more direct control of this asset which could only have been of help in delivering its comprehensive regeneration goals for the area.

“The benefits of this were discussed by the Council’s Cabinet and it was agreed that a purchase could proceed if the offer made by the Council (based upon commercial advice received) was accepted. The purchase itself was to have been funded using borrowing, the costs of which would have been covered by the income stream produced by the asset. Based upon the financial modelling that had been undertaken prior to making a bid, analysis showed that there would have been no direct cost to the Wiltshire Council taxpayer.

“As it transpired there was significant interest in the investment opportunity, and the Council was ultimately out bid. As a public body the Council must balance commercial considerations with its obligations to protect the public purse. In highly competitive bidding situations such as this, the Council will have less flexibility to take financial risk than private sector organisations and thus can find itself unable to reach the necessary price premium to secure the asset.

“TIAA Henderson were the successful bidder and the deal completed in November at a price reportedly approaching £25m. This was nearly 25% above the asking price (of £20m).

“Whilst the Council is naturally disappointed that its bid was unsuccessful it is pleased that investors have shown such market-beating confidence in Salisbury as a retail destination and in the Maltings area itself. The Council and Stanhope are looking forward to working with the new owners and will continue to progress plans for the regeneration of this important part of Salisbury City Centre.”

Next steps and public consultation

- Both Stanhope and Wiltshire Council are very mindful of the high level of interest in the future of the site and the corresponding importance of undertaking further public consultation before a planning application is submitted. This has been the case from the very outset and remains so.
- Previously, at the 20 March 2014 presentation, it was explained that the intention was to hold a further public exhibition in autumn 2014. Clearly this has not been possible in light of the above. Consultation involves much more than a public exhibition however, and dozens of meetings have taken place with a very wide range of local organisations – these will continue.
- Importantly, it was also emphasised at that time that the next public exhibition must be meaningful. It will only take place at the right time when there is a suitable level of detail to show the local community, even if that means it takes place later than originally planned.
- As with the previous public exhibition, this will be very well-publicised in advance, will be staffed throughout by Stanhope’s project team who will be on hand to discuss the information shown, and there will be an opportunity to provide written feedback – which will again be given very careful consideration.

Area Board

- Once again, Stanhope would like to thank the Area Board for the opportunity to provide this update. Stanhope looks forward to working with Wiltshire Council to provide a further update as soon as possible.

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**Crime and Community Safety Briefing Paper
Salisbury Community Area Board
16th July 2014**



1. Neighbourhood Policing

Team Sgt: PS Richard Goodman
City Centre
Beat Manager – Tracey Holloway
PCSO – Shellie Norton
PCSO – Lucy Stonestreet
PCSO – Rhianwen Evans

Friary & Southampton Rd
Beat Manager – PC Mike Parrott
PCSO – Laura King

Team Sgt: PS Sharon Watson
Castle Rd & Bishopdown
 Beat Manager – PC Simon Davies
 PCSO – Nicola Clark (maternity)

Bemerton Heath
 Beat Manager – PC Juliet Cox
 PCSO – Matt Parfitt
 PCSO – Gemma McIndoe

St Paul's & Churchfields
 Beat Manager – PC Emma Higgins
 PCSO – Sue Greenway

Harnham
 Beat Manager – PC Fritz Macaulay
 PCSO – Simon Ward

2. NPTs - Current Priorities & Consultation Opportunities:

Up-to-date details about Neighbourhood Policing Teams including team membership, current priorities and forthcoming community consultation events can be found on our Wiltshire Police Website.

□ Visit the new and improved website at: www.wiltshire.police.uk

3. Performance and Other Local Issues

Performance remains very good. Victim based crime is down 12.6% this is a reduction of 335 crimes on this time last year. Victim based crime refers to crime where there is an individual person as the victim, it includes: All Violence against the person crimes; Robbery; Sexual offences; Theft offences including Burglary, Vehicle Crime, Bicycle theft and theft from a person; Criminal Damage and Arson.

Non dwelling (or Domestic) Burglaries are down by nearly half on this time last year, this is 114 fewer crimes. Dwelling burglary itself is also down by 12.1%.

Violent crime has clearly increased and is up by 11.1% and is clearly a concern, this equates to approximately 5 crimes per month.

Our new City Centre Beat Manager is now in place. PC Tracey Holloway joined us at the end of November. Tracey has knows the City really well having worked within the City Centre Management team prior to joining the police. She brings with her a wealth of experience and knowledge and has hit the ground running.

CRIME & DETECTIONS compared to previous year

ES Salisbury NPT	Crime				Detections*	
	12 Months to November 2013	12 Months to November 2014	Volume Change	% Change	12 Months to November 2013	12 Months to November 2014
Victim Based Crime	2659	2324	-335	-12.6%	30%	28%
Domestic Burglary	58	51	-7	-12.1%	26%	20%
Non Domestic Burglary	236	122	-114	-48.3%	13%	6%
Vehicle Crime	232	173	-59	-25.4%	10%	3%
Criminal Damage & Arson	618	440	-178	-28.8%	25%	23%
Violence Against The Person	531	590	+59	+11.1%	47%	38%
ASB Incidents	2119	1914	-205	-9.7%		

* Detections include both Sanction Detections and Local Resolutions

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David Minty
Inspector

Salisbury & Southern Wiltshire Community Areas

Report to	Salisbury
Date of Meeting	08/01/2015
Title of Report	Community Youth Grants

1. Purpose of the report:

To ask Councillors to consider the following applications and LYN recommendation.

Application	Grant Amount	LYN Recommendation
Applicant: Wessex Community Circus CIC Project Title: Salisbury Action Roadshow	£5000.00	Refuse
Applicant: Project Grove Project Title: Project Grove Youth Support	£4000.00	Defer
Applicant: Salisbury City Council Project Title: The Unit Co-ordinator	£5000.00	Defer
Total grant amount requested at this meeting	£14000.00	
Total amount allocated so far	£0	

The budget available for 2014 – 15 is:

Revenue: £22,203.29 plus locally held funds

2. Local Youth Network comments:

Application	LYN input
Applicant: Wessex Community Circus CIC Project Title: Salisbury Action Roadshow	We recommend that this be refused. How much funding was needed for purchasing equipment and how the project would be marketed was not clear. Youth funding is for young people of 13 – 19 (up to 25 years of age for young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities). With this project it is unclear to what extent under 13s will be included.
Applicant: Project Grove Project Title: Project Grove Youth Support	We would like to invite Project Grove to resubmit their bid to us, with revisions to take into account the contract made by the Area Board with Sound Emporium. We would also like to see more research with young people into the market for the service they wish to

	provide.
Applicant: Salisbury City Council Project Title: The Unit Co-ordinator	We would like to invite The Unit to resubmit their bid later on. The reason for this is that is the LYN would like to see a plan of action for the 6 months and the outcomes they have delivered since starting and how The Unit can become sustainable.

3. Recommendations:

Applicant: Wessex Community Circus CIC Project Title: Salisbury Action Roadshow	£5000.00	Refuse
Applicant: Project Grove Project Title: Project Grove Youth Support	£4000.00	Defer
Applicant: Salisbury City Council Project Title: The Unit Co-ordinator	£5000.00	Defer

The Local Youth Network Management Group:

The membership was due to be tabled at the 13 November 2014 meeting however due to some of the names not being confirmed it wasn't formally agreed by the Area Board. Therefore we would like the Area Board to confirm the membership at this meeting on Thursday 8 January 2015.

So far there has been 2 meeting of the LYN management group. One was an introductory meeting and the second meeting discussed the grants that are being decided at this meeting.

The proposed membership of the Local Youth Network:

Bailey Grundy
Caitlin Capirelli
Edward Clewer
Eloisa Paver
Hamish Mundell
Izzie Compton
Julia Greenwood
Kirstie Stage
Toby Hoskins
Tom Bostock [chair]

Adults:

Annie Scadden (Salisbury City Council)
Carolyn Stammers (South Wilts Grammar School)
Gordon Aitken (South Wilts UTC)
Inspector David Minty (Wiltshire Police)
Peter Williams (Trustee of Salisbury Youth Venture, The Rose Gail Trust and The Arts Centre)
Richard Clewer -elected member from the Area Board
Tom Bray (Community Area Manager)
Winnie Manning (Community Youth Officer)

Recommendation:

That the Area Board approves the LYN membership as set out above.

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WILTSHIRE COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM 10

SALISBURY AREA BOARD
8 January 2014

**IS YOUR COMMUNITY READY TO TACKLE THE WILTSHIRE
ENERGY CHALLENGE?**

Purpose of Report

1. To raise awareness and engage the Salisbury community in how the council is tackling the energy challenge.

Relevance to the Council's Business Plan

2. Reducing carbon emissions and preparing for unavoidable climate change addresses two of the council's priorities:
 - (i) To protect those who are most vulnerable - through reducing fuel poverty and ensuring communities are prepared for the impacts of climate change.
 - (ii) To boost the local economy - through stimulating green jobs locally.
3. The council's Business Plan commits the council to reducing its carbon footprint and increasing recycling (p18). The Plan (Outcome 3) also aspires to:
 - reducing fuel poverty in the county;
 - lowering the carbon footprint of households, businesses and public services through energy efficient buildings and renewable technology;
 - promoting sustainable transport;
 - supporting people and places to deal with unavoidable climate impacts, such as flooding.

Background

Cabinet report

4. In September 2014, Wiltshire Council became a signatory to the Local Government Association's Climate Local initiative, which replaced the Nottingham Declaration on climate change. The significant progress made to tackle fuel poverty and promote low carbon technologies was noted at this time and Cabinet requested that further public engagement on this matter be sought through the area boards. The council's Climate Local [action plan](#) has since been published on the council website.

Climate Local

5. By signing up to [Climate Local](#), councils across the country are capturing the opportunities and benefits of action on a changing climate, through leading by example, saving on their energy bills, generating income from renewable energy, attracting new jobs and investment, reducing flood risks and managing the impacts of extreme weather. 92 councils have signed up to date.
6. Wiltshire Council has been taking action on climate change since 2009 and continues to drive down carbon emissions across the county. The Climate Local initiative provides a mechanism for communicating and recognising these achievements.
7. According to government data, Wiltshire's per capita carbon emissions have fallen from 8 tonnes of carbon dioxide (tCO₂) in 2005 to 6.7 tCO₂ in 2012. This reflects a reduction in emissions nationally, but remains higher than the 2012 South West average of 6.1tCO₂ and national average of 6.2 tCO₂. The higher figure for Wiltshire is entirely attributable to higher transport emissions, as domestic and industry emissions match the national and regional averages. This cannot be explained by emissions from the M4 motorway or diesel railways. They are excluded from these figures as deemed to be outside the scope of local authority influence.

Main Considerations for the Council

Achievements

8. The council aims to reduce its annual carbon footprint by 11,823 tCO₂ by March 2017 compared with its 2010/11 footprint. In February 2014, the council's second [Carbon Management Plan](#) was published, showing significant progress in reducing the council's carbon footprint and generating annual savings on energy bills. The energy consumption data for 2013/14 shows further progress.
9. A review of progress and up-to-date consumption data were set out in the [Appendices](#) to the 16 September 2014 Cabinet report. Highlights include:
 - 661 planning applications for renewable technologies were received, of which 93% were approved.
 - The council facilitated the insulation of 1,430 homes across Wiltshire using £0.5 million invested by energy companies.
 - The council has attracted a further £1.4 million external funding for carbon reduction projects plus a £0.6 million 0% loan.
 - 112 invest to save energy efficiency projects have been implemented at a cost of £4.1 million, saving 2,475 tonnes of CO₂ and £730,000 on council energy bills annually (includes 2014/15 projects).
 - The council has set up an Energy Management System certified to ISO50001 standard.
 - Business mileage emissions were reduced by a third in 2013/14 from 2010/11 peak.
 - Over thirty schools have engaged in programmes to reduce their energy costs and carbon emissions.

- The Wiltshire Core Strategy includes specific policies around renewable energy and sustainable construction.
- Installation of biomass boilers at twelve schools and one campus, generating income from the sale of heat and the government's renewable heat incentive, while saving on schools' running costs.
- Installation of the largest single-roof local authority-owned solar panel system in the UK on the new Northacre Resource Recovery Centre in Westbury, covering an area equivalent to seven tennis courts.
- Installation of 2,500 high efficiency boilers in council housing by 2018.

More information about council carbon reduction projects and environmental community activity in the Salisbury community area is included at **Appendix 1**.

Next steps

10. The council's ECO Strategy (2011) sets out the development of four action plans:
 - A Carbon Management plan for the council
 - A Climate Change Adaptation plan for the council
 - A Renewable Energy Action plan for the county
 - A Low Carbon Transition plan for the county
11. It was agreed by the ECO board in 2012 to streamline the number of action plans by developing a single Energy Resilience Plan for aspects relating to renewable energy, the low carbon transition and affordable warmth in Wiltshire as a whole. The aim of this new plan to be developed in 2015 is to cover all aspects of making Wiltshire a more self-sufficient county when it comes to meeting its energy requirements.
12. There are to be four main themes running through the plan:

• Sustainable transport	• Renewable energy
• Energy efficiency	• Affordable warmth
13. The development of the Energy Resilience plan provides the opportunity to work with large businesses, communities and public bodies to capture existing initiatives to drive down energy demand in the county and identify future opportunities. The council's Green Economy Team are speaking to large energy consumers in Wiltshire to find out what plans they have in place to reduce their energy costs, and to the energy sector and community energy groups who want to invest in new technologies to deliver clean energy more locally. Through this process we are identifying where there are opportunities for energy resilience in Wiltshire and the actions necessary to see these come to fruition.
14. The plan will set out how we and others in the county are working to make our energy use more secure, affordable and sustainable. Behind much of this work is the drive to reduce energy waste and our dependence on fossil fuels. Through the development of the plan we can explore the opportunities for Wiltshire securing a low carbon future linked with long-term sustainable growth. We can understand how homes, buildings and industry can become

more energy efficient and match demand for energy through a varied mix of renewable and low carbon technologies. We will be able to identify opportunities for affordable low emission vehicles and efficient alternatives to the car. The energy resilience plan will identify a network of local businesses which are able to create new jobs and skills to emerge through a thriving low carbon economy.

15. The plan's broad objectives will include: reducing carbon emissions across all sectors; maximising economic opportunities; encouraging local energy generation and low carbon infrastructure; and enabling an active role for communities.

Environmental Impact of the Proposals

16. Reducing the council's environmental impact is the subject of this report.

Financial Implications

17. By taking actions to reduce energy use, the council stands to make significant savings given that total energy and transport costs for the council were £13.6 million in 2013/14, including £0.4 million for costs relating to the Carbon Reduction Commitment (CRC).
18. Total spend on energy and transport costs (excluding CRC) was approximately £13 million in 2009/10 and £12 million per year for the subsequent three financial years. Over the period 2009/10 to 2013/14, the unit prices paid by the council for gas have increased by 50% and electricity by 8%. This shows the importance of reducing consumption to avoid large increases in bills.
19. The council has spent £4.1 million on energy efficiency and renewable energy projects since 2009 (including 2014/15 projects). These are projected to generate £0.73 million savings per year, paying back in less than six years on average.
20. In addition, the council is investing in an oil to biomass conversion programme across twelve schools at a cost of £2.7 million. Projected income to the council from the renewable heat incentive for schools and campuses using biomass boilers comes to circa £4 million over 20 years.
21. The council has succeeded in obtaining £1.4 million external funding for carbon reduction projects (including £0.4 million for electric vehicle charging points) plus a £0.6 million 0% loan for energy efficiency investments.
22. The CRC scheme cost for 2013/14 came to £0.42 million, of which schools paid £0.16 million. Costs for 2014/15 and beyond are projected to be £0.5 million per annum which will need to be borne corporately as schools are no longer included in the CRC scheme.

23. Under the CRC scheme, the cost has risen from £12 per tonne of carbon emitted at the start of the scheme to £16.10 per tonne in 2015/16. It is expected that this will continue to rise in line with the Retail Price Index (RPI) year on year.
24. Any further financial implications identified through the Energy Resilience Plan will be addressed through the ECO board.

Legal Implications

25. There are no specific legal implications stemming from this voluntary initiative. However, addressing climate change is a key requirement for local authorities, as set out in the Climate Change Act 2008. Further information on the council's responsibilities relating to Climate Change and to the legislative and policy framework can be found in the [report](#) to Cabinet dated 22 June 2010 (Agenda Item 103). In addition, since that date, the Energy Act 2011 has been enacted which sets out the legal framework for the Green Deal, as well as the CRC Energy Efficiency Scheme Order 2013 which sets out revisions to the CRC scheme.

Equality and Diversity Implications

26. The council's work to promote insulation schemes has focused particularly on vulnerable households as they are most at risk of fuel poverty. For example, project ACHIEVE trained up unemployed young people to deliver energy saving advice and devices to vulnerable households.

Recommendation

27. That the Area Board notes the progress the council has made in tackling the local energy challenge and in particular the initiatives in the Salisbury community area outlined at **Appendix 1**.

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Appendices:

- Appendix 1 Overview of council carbon reduction projects and community activity in the Salisbury community area

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Appendix 1: Overview of council carbon reduction projects and community activity in the Salisbury community area

1. Invest to save energy efficiency projects

The following are examples of energy projects in Salisbury. The Carbon Management Plan has enabled investment across the county in a range of projects on the council's own buildings and estate. As part of this large programme the following 'invest to save' projects have been implemented in Salisbury.

Five Rivers Leisure Centre

- In 2013 the lighting in the swimming pool at Five Rivers Leisure Centre was replaced. The inefficient original fittings were changed to low energy long life lights. The new light fittings reduced glare when swimming and provided a brighter environment with reduced energy consumption.
- Combined Heat and Power (CHP) technology was installed in 2010 to generate electrical power and heat for the leisure centre. The CHP unit is situated outside the building, next to the main entrance. The unit has dramatically reduced the cost of running the leisure centre by generating electricity for use on site, instead of drawing it from the National Grid. Heat is a side product of this process and is used to heat the pool. Since it was installed four years ago, the CHP unit has saved close to £160,000 in energy costs. This is significant when compared to a total annual energy bill of approximately £230,000 (2013/14).

Car park lighting upgrades

Lighting upgrades took place in a number of the city's car parks and park & ride facilities in 2011/12. This has involved changing to modern energy efficient lighting and installing motion detectors where appropriate, to ensure lighting is only in use when needed. The thinner fluorescent tubes used in the car parks improved the overall light quality in the car park while reducing energy consumption.

The table below provides detail of all invest to save projects in the area

Project	Annual saving (£)	Annual CO ₂ saving	Year completed	*Total savings to date (£)
Five Rivers Leisure Centre – pool hall lighting	£4,386	24 tonnes	2013	£4,386
Five Rivers Leisure Centre - CHP	£41,171	174 tonnes	2010	£164,684
Five Rivers Leisure Centre – variable speed drives	£7,582	51 tonnes	2011	£30,328
Five Rivers Leisure Centre – boiler replacement	£2,000	10 tonnes	2015	Full year savings in March 2015
Salisbury City Hall – auditorium lighting upgrade	£4,695	32 tonnes	2010	£23,475

Project	Annual saving (£)	Annual CO ₂ saving	Year completed	*Total savings to date (£)
Salisbury City Hall – general lighting upgrade	£10,213	29 tonnes	2014	Full year savings in May 2015
Car park lighting upgrades (various locations ¹)	£15,945	90 tonnes	2011/12	£60,658
Bourne Hill Offices – insulation and draught proofing	£728	5 tonnes	2014	Full year savings in March 2015
Council offices, Endless Street – lighting upgrade	£2,455	9 tonnes	2012	£7,365

*Represent estimated full year savings since completion

2. Other projects

Electric vehicle charging points

Last year Wiltshire Council successfully bid for a £225,000 grant from the Office of Low Emission Vehicles (OLEV) to install rapid charging units at key sites around the county. Salisbury was one of the strategic sites selected. The charge point is located in Brown Street Car Park and can provide a 20-30 minute recharge for an electric vehicle. Charging point locations throughout the county can be found at www.openchargemap.org.

3. Community activity

There are a number of active groups within Salisbury which are brought together under the umbrella of South Wiltshire Agenda 21. This is a group of individuals and organisations which work together to promote change within the Salisbury local community. The aim of the group is to '[Turn Agenda 21 into Action 21](#)'.

A number of initiatives, groups and activities are captured through their work including:

- Monthly Green Cafe meetings: An informal group for anyone interested in exchanging ideas on environmental issues and contributing towards developing a greener future in Salisbury.
- Further events, such as Green Energy Day, talks on Passive Haus build and other activities can be found [on the events page](#).
- Green Doors Weekend: In 2014, Wilton Community Land Trust organised their second event, which provided opportunities for people to visit low energy homes in Salisbury and learn about reducing energy consumption. Visit www.wiltshiregreendoors.org.uk for further details.
- "[Carbon Conversations](#)" provides reliable and useful information in small supportive groups for people who are concerned about climate change to help them examine ways in which they might reduce their carbon footprint.
- Cycling Opportunities Group Salisbury ([COGS](#)): The cycling group campaigns to improve all kinds of facilities for cyclists in the area, from cycle paths to cycle parking and keeps cycling safety at the forefront of local issues and developments.

South Wiltshire Agenda 21 also participated in the EU funded energy awareness raising and education project Sustainable Energy Across the Common Space ([SEACS](#)) delivered

¹ Culver Street Car Park, Maltings Car Park, London Road Park & Ride, Sarum Park & Ride, Britford Park & Ride, Wilton Park & Ride.

by Wiltshire Council in 2012-14. The project brought together a number of community groups and schools across the county educating householders and groups on tackling the energy challenge and educating people on changes they can make to reduce their reliance on fossil fuels.

South Wiltshire Agenda 21 participated in the countywide workshops, and actively promoted energy efficiency, reduction and potential for clean energy generation within Salisbury, and has a number of resources from the project to further engage people on the steps they can take to reduce their carbon emissions.

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Wiltshire Council

Salisbury Area Board

8 January 2015

Subject: Local Highways Investment Fund 2014 – 2020

Report Author: Parvis Khansari, Associate Director Highways and Transport

Executive Summary

Wiltshire Council has a major programme of investment in highway maintenance over the next six years which has started in 2014/15, and will see a significant improvement in the condition of the county's highway network.

The investment is being targeted at those roads in worst condition, and will include minor roads as well as the main roads. The scheme list for 2014/15 was considered by the Area Board earlier this year, and is fixed. The work is either completed or currently underway on these sites (See **Appendix 1**). There are also road safety and Community Area Transport Group schemes being implemented (See **Appendix 2**).

A list of roads for resurfacing and treatment in 2015/16 has been prepared (See **Appendix 3**). The site list has been developed taking into account the existing condition of the roads, road safety considerations and the anticipated deterioration in condition. The Area Board is asked to review this list, and suggest any other sites, particularly for consideration for future years.

The level of funding for highway maintenance in Wiltshire is significantly above the level of funding provided by the Department of Transport, with a budget of £21 million for highway maintenance and £3 million for bridge maintenance in 2015/16. The DfT funding for roads and bridge maintenance in Wiltshire has been £12.262 million for 2014/15, and is in the region of £16.500 million for 2015/16.

The Local Highways Investment Fund 2014 -2020 represents a significant increase in investment in road maintenance in Wiltshire.

Proposals

The Area Board is requested to:

1. Note the progress made on implementing road resurfacing and safety schemes in 2014/15
2. Consider the list of proposed highway maintenance schemes in their areas for 2015/16, and agree the final list for implementation.
3. Suggest any sites for consideration for inclusion in future year's highway maintenance and resurfacing programmes.

Reason for Proposal

Wiltshire Council has a major programme of investment in highway maintenance, which will see a significant improvement in the condition of the county's highway network.

The views of the Area Board are important in helping to identify local priorities for road maintenance, and future programmes of work.

Delays in finalising the list could result in non-delivery of sites, and your assistance in agreeing a final list for 2015-16 would be appreciated as there is a significant programme of works to deliver.

Subject: Local Highways Investment Fund 2014 – 2020

Report Author: Parvis Khansari, Associate Director Highways and Transport

Purpose of Report

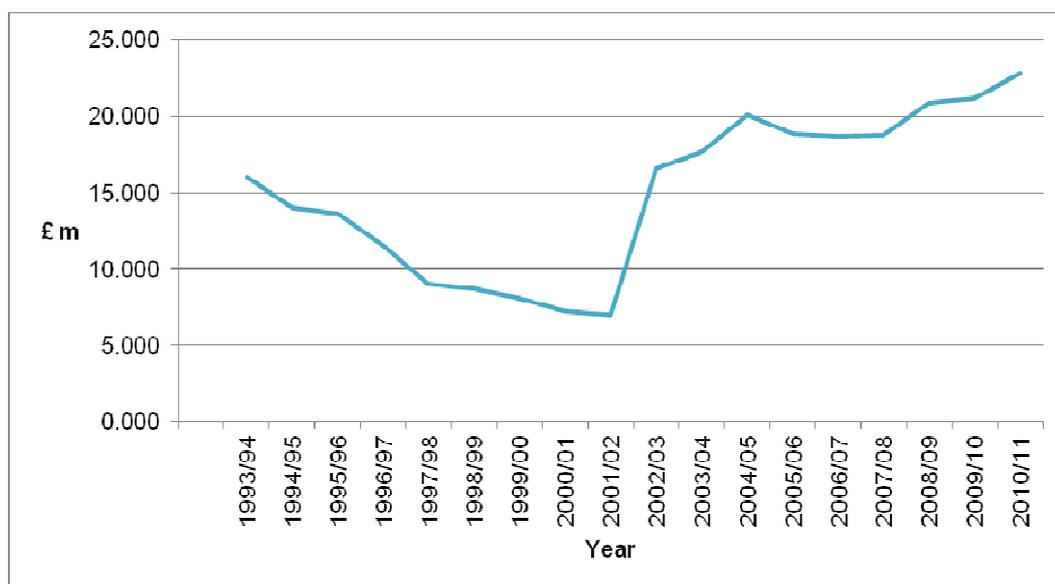
1. To advise the Area Board about progress made implementing the Wiltshire Council’s Local Highways Investment Fund 2014 – 2020, and to agree the local highway maintenance priorities for 2015/16.

Relevance to the Council’s Business Plan

2. The Council’s Business Plan sets out the vision to create stronger and more resilient communities. It includes three key priorities and twelve actions that the Council will deliver over the next four years. One of the twelve actions is to ‘invest additional money between 2014-17 to reduce the historic backlog in highways maintenance’.

Background

3. Expenditure on highways declined substantially during the 1990’s, and there has been under investment in roads maintenance for years. It has increased since 2000/1, with the introduction of Local Transport Plan funding, but there is still a large backlog of maintenance required on the network.



5. Funding of highway major maintenance has continued to increase in Wiltshire in recent years, but with a series of bad winters and flooding earlier this year the road network has been badly affected.
6. Wiltshire Council has a major programme of investment in highway maintenance over the next six years, and this will see a significant improvement in the condition of the county's highway network.

Main Considerations

7. There is a substantial programme of road maintenance currently underway. The larger schemes in your area are shown in **Appendix 1**. Most of the surfacing across the county has already been completed, or is programmed for the coming months, subject to weather. The scheme list for 2014/15 is fixed and at this stage would only be changed in exceptional circumstances.
8. In a few cases schemes have had to be delayed because of public utilities work or other access difficulties, and these sites will generally be completed at the first available opportunity.
9. As well as those roads on the list of schemes circulated to Area Boards in 2014, additional sites have had to be treated because of damage caused by flooding. This additional work has been funded from additional funding provided by central government for winter damage and potholes.
10. There are ongoing programmes of local safety and Community Area Transport Group (CATG) schemes in the area, and recent larger projects are listed in **Appendix 2**.
11. The Local Highways Investment Fund 2014 – 2020 is being targeted at those roads in worst condition, and includes minor roads as well as the main roads. It is intended to produce a long term improvement in the condition of Wiltshire's roads by applying asset management principles. Road safety information and road condition data has been used to prepare a list of priority sites for treatment in 2015/16 in the community area as shown in **Appendix 3**.
12. In addition to the larger carriageway surfacing sites, the Council will also be repairing localised areas which are suffering from deterioration or which need repairs. A programme of pothole and defect repairs will continue across the county in response to local damage identified through our regular inspections or reports from the public and road users.
13. As well as addressing the roads in worst condition, improvements will be made to the drainage and footways to bring them up to standard. Some roads will have to be treated as priorities because of the need to ensure there is adequate skid resistance and they are in safe condition.
14. It is the intention that the Area Boards will have the opportunity to help identify local priorities for treatment for future years. Any sites which the

Area Board suggest will be inspected and considered for potential inclusion in the road maintenance programme for future years.

Safeguarding Implications

5. Does not apply.

Public Health Implications

6. Increased investment in road maintenance will have benefits for public health. The improved road surfaces, better skid resistance and associated safety improvements will help reduce the numbers killed and injured on the road network. These improvements would complement the other measures to improve road safety, such as traffic calming, speed limits, and schemes being developed by the Community Area Traffic Groups.
15. The improved road surfaces, particularly on the minor urban roads, will be of benefit to cyclists and pedestrians. Urban roads in poor condition may discourage cycling as cyclists who can be adversely affected by road conditions and uneven or damaged surfaces. The investment supports the strategy to encourage cycling as set out in the Council's Local Transport Plan.
16. Roads in poor condition in urban areas can result in disturbance and noise for residents, especially on busier routes carrying heavy goods vehicles at night. Better road surfaces should result in reduced background noise in residential areas, with potential mental and physical health benefits.
17. The Council monitors road collision data in order to focus safety improvements at those sites with the worst accident records. With the additional funding this process will continue, and where appropriate other alterations to signing, drainage, street lighting or road markings could be incorporated into resurfacing work to improve safety.

Environmental and Climate Change Considerations

18. The road network is particularly vulnerable to the effects of climate change. In recent years we have seen the effects of a series of severe winters which have resulted in damage to the roads and an increase in the number of potholes. Last year was the wettest on record and flooding damaged a number of roads in Wiltshire. In long periods of hot weather the surfaces can be damaged by melting, resulting in roads becoming slippery or deforming under traffic loads.
19. In the longer term a more robust highway network, with roads in better condition, will require less reactive maintenance and reduced travelling to respond to potholes and localised defects. A planned maintenance regime enables traffic disruption to be kept to a minimum. With unplanned maintenance the delays to traffic and associated fuel consumption can be considerable.

Equalities Impact of the Proposal

20. The improvements in road safety anticipated with increased investment in road maintenance would be expected to benefit all road users, but especially the more vulnerable, including pedestrians, cyclists and other non vehicle users.
21. The highway network is important to local businesses, and to public transport operators. The delays due to un-programmed maintenance and road repairs have been identified as concerns by local businesses. The high profile programme of works to address road conditions will help send the message that transport is important in Wiltshire and could help to promote inward investment and job creation.

Risk Assessment

22. There are serious risks in connection with road maintenance. These include the safety and reputational aspects of those killed and seriously injured on the highway network. In order to reduce these risks the Council has approved highway inspection and skid resistance procedures in place, but in order to keep the network in safe condition it is important that the highway network has adequate investment.
23. The road condition data collected thorough the technical surveys is used to focus investment on those sites where there is most need and greatest risk. As well as the safety benefits this approach also ensures that best use is made of the limited available funding in order to keep the asset in optimum condition.

Risks that may arise if the proposed decision and related work is not taken

24. The risks to the Council from lack of road maintenance are in terms of claims against the Council as the result of accidents, or in extreme cases prosecution as a result of particular incidents. As well as the safety and cost aspects, there are also significant reputational implications of such events.
25. Not carrying out highway maintenance is likely to lead to declining public satisfaction in the future as road conditions remain the same and no progress is made on improving them.

Risks that may arise if the proposed decision is taken and actions that will be taken to manage these risks

26. There is a potential risk that the proposed investment will not deliver the improvements in road condition anticipated. This risk is being managed by using the technical data to focus the investment on those sections of road where work is required to meet safety requirements, and on those places where it would improve road conditions the most. Effective asset management will reduce this risk and make sure the investment is effective.

27. There is a risk that the investment will not increase public satisfaction with the service. In view of the initial results from those authorities which have made a substantial investment it would appear that satisfaction levels will improve in the longer term with the increased investment.

Financial Implications

28. Routine highway maintenance such as grass cutting, gully emptying and litter picking is paid for with Revenue funding. The majority of funding for major road maintenance and highway improvements is capital funding usually provided through the Maintenance Block Capital Grant from the Department for Transport (DfT). The allocation for Wiltshire for 2014/15 is £12.262 million, and for 2015/16 is expected to be in the region of £16.4 million.
29. The importance of highways investment has been recognised within the Wiltshire Council Business Plan 2013/17 and as a result an intention to invest additional Capital budget was factored into the financial plan based on assumed future grant levels. Highway maintenance funding in Wiltshire has been increased to £21 million for the six year period to 2020, with a budget for bridge maintenance of a further £3 million annually during this period.
30. It has been estimated that an annual expenditure of around £12.575 million would be required to maintain the highway network in its existing condition for the next 15 years. Spending less than this would result in road conditions deteriorating and public satisfaction reducing.
31. The funding of £21 million for highways maintenance for six years will result in a significant improvement to the condition of the network, including improving the condition of the unclassified roads, and improving safety on the classified roads

Legal Implications

32. The Council has a duty under the Highways Act to maintain the county's roads. The highway inspection procedures, policies and improvement plans ensure that this duty is fulfilled. The increased investment and improved road conditions will help the Council meet its responsibilities with regard to road maintenance.

Options Considered

33. The Council considered various options regarding funding levels for future highway maintenance, but it was concluded that an investment of £21 million annually would be realistic and would significantly improve the condition of the county's roads. Less funding would result in not all roads in poor condition being treated, and higher levels of funding were not considered realistic in the present circumstances.

Conclusions

34. The conditions of the road network are important to the public, and this is reflected through the People's Voice and NHT surveys. In order to improve carriageway conditions in Wiltshire, increased expenditure above the funding levels provided by the Department of Transport is being provided for highway maintenance.
35. The current funding of £21 million for six years will provide a significant improvement to the condition of the network, improving the condition of both unclassified and classified roads. As part of the scheme the opportunity is being provided to the Area Boards to help identify local priorities for treatment.

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Background Papers

The following unpublished documents have been relied on in the preparation of this report: None

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Salisbury Highways Major Maintenance 2014 – 15

Appendix 2 – Salisbury Integrated Transport Schemes 2014 – 15

Appendix 3 – Salisbury Highway Major Maintenance Sites 2015 – 2016

Salisbury – Highways Major Maintenance Schemes 2014/15

Road	Location	Treatment	Approximate Length (m)	Completed / Programmed Date
U/C	Queen Alexandra Road, Salisbury	Resurfacing	710	Completed
U/C	Millford Hill, Salisbury	Resurfacing	230	Completed
U/C	Devonshire Road, Salisbury	Resurfacing	260	Completed
U/C	Park Street, Salisbury	Resurfacing	250	Completed
C369	Silver Street, Salisbury	Resurfacing	150	Completed
U/C	Seth Ward Drive, Salisbury	Resurfacing	520	Completed
U/C	Mill Road, Salisbury	Resurfacing	100	Completed
U/C	Bedwin Street, Salisbury	Resurfacing	250	Completed
U/C	Roman Road, Salisbury	Resurfacing	630	Completed
U/C	St Marks Road, Salisbury	Resurfacing	330	Completed

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Salisbury - Integrated Transport Schemes 2014/15

Road	Location	Scheme Description	Completion/ Programmed date
U/C	Salisbury, Roman Road	Bus stop clearway	Completed
U/C	St Edmunds, Church Street	Bollards and trial holes	Completed
A360	Devizes Road	Warning signs	Completed
C368	Cherry Orchard Lane	Footway improvements	March 2015
C328	Odstock Road	Uncontrolled crossings	March 2015
A30 / A338	London Road / Downton road	Cycle awareness, bollards and coloured surfacing	To be confirmed
C42	Stratford sub Castle	Village gates	To be confirmed
U/C	Pinewood Way	Children warning signs	To be confirmed
U/C	Salisbury - Zone H, between Castle Road and St Marks Avenue	Residents parking signing and lining	Completed
U/C	Salisbury - Ashfield Road	Residents parking signing and lining	Completed
U/C	Salisbury, Devizes Road	Cycle facilities	To be confirmed
U/C	Salisbury, St Marks Roundabout	Cycle facilities	January 2015
	Salisbury, Harnham	Footway to shared use cycleway	To be confirmed

Road	Location	Scheme Description	Completion/ Programmed date
A30	A30 east through Salisbury, Bishopsdown, Laverstock	Route study - Comprehensive safety review of signing and lining	September to December
C368	Salisbury Bemerton Primary School	Traffic management	February 2015
Various	Salisbury various locations	Bus stop cycle stands	December
Various	Various locations	Bus shelter improvements	To be confirmed

Salisbury - Structures Schemes

Road	Location	Scheme Description	Completion/ Programmed date
U/C	Pullman Drive, Salisbury	Incursion works, trief kerbs	February 2015
C42	Stratford-sub-Castle Bridge	Waterproofing	March 2015
A338	Harnham New Bridge	Joint replacement and resurfacing	January 2015

Highways Major Maintenance 2015/16 – Salisbury Area Board

Road	Location	Recommended Treatment	Estimated Length (m)
U/C	Footways in Salisbury	Sites to be identified for rolling programme	tbc
U/C	Westbourne Close	Footway renewal	tbc
U/C	Pauls Dene Estate	Footway renewal	tbc
U/C	Kelsey Road	Surfacing	507
U/C	Sussex Road	Surfacing	580
A30	A30 London Road Salisbury	Repairs and resurfacing	tbc
A3094	Netherhampton Road, Salisbury	Repairs and resurfacing	tbc
A30	London Road south of junction with Glenmore Road, Salisbury	Skid Resistance Improvements	80
U/C	Waterloo Road	Resurfacing	326

It is proposed to carry out a programme of footway renewals in Salisbury in 2015/16. Local input from the Area board will to help identify and prioritise sites for treatment.

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**WILTSHIRE COUNCIL
SALISBURY AREA BOARD**

08 January 2015

Item 12

**Cllr Led Initiative: Cllr Richard Clewer
Salisbury street bench funding**

1. Purpose of the Report

To consider a proposal that would enable benches to be repaired along the footpath along the river near Waitrose, in the open areas around the ring road roundabouts and any other areas in the city where there are damaged benches.

2. Background

Benches in town provide a short stop off and breathers on walks about the city. There is a need for them to be repaired and highways will repair them if we contribute the materials.

3. Proposal

Cllr Clewer would like the Area Board to set aside £500 for timber and equipment to repair the benches. Highways Officer Dave Arnup will arrange the repairs.

4. Matters for consideration

The Council's Streetscene team will implement therefore no permission or guidance is needed.

5. Sustainability

In order for this to become sustainable the Area Board could look into getting volunteers involved in this work, like the street signing refurbishment project. This would need to come back to the Area Board for future consideration.

6. Recommendations

That:

- The Area Board agrees to set aside a sum of £500 from its capital budget to purchase the timber and equipment to improve the benches in and around the City.
- The Board, in the New Year could bring back a report on involving volunteers in this project with the advice and guidance from the Highways Streetscene team.

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Report to	Salisbury
Date of Meeting	08/01/2015
Title of Report	Community Area Grants

1. Purpose of the report:

To ask Councillors to consider the following applications seeking funding from the Salisbury Area Board.

Application	Grant Amount
Applicant: Fisherton Street Businesses Project Title: Fisherton Festival	£4000.00
Total grant amount requested at this meeting	£4000
Total amount allocated so far	£51,350

Total Remaining for 2014/15	£24,577.13
Amount left if grant above awarded	£20,577.13

2. Main Considerations

Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2014/15 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.

Area Boards have authority to approve Area Grants under powers delegated to them by the Cabinet member for Communities, Campuses, Area Boards, Leisure, Libraries and Flooding. Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the Area Board Grants Guidance 2014/2015.

Community Area Grants will contribute to the continuance and/or improvement of cultural, social and community activity and wellbeing in the community area, the extent and specifics of which will be dependent upon the individual project.

Community Area Grants give all local community and voluntary groups, Town and Parish Councils an equal opportunity to receive funding towards community based projects and schemes.

3. The application

Applicant: Fisherton Street Businesses Project Title: Fisherton Festival	Grant amount: £4000.00
This application meets grant criteria 2014/15.	
Project Summary: To promote a multi-cultural Annual Festival, May 4th	

2015, 11am-5pm. On this day (ONE DAY ONLY) Fisherton St will be closed to through traffic (subject to consent by WCC & Wiltshire Police). Festival area of Fisherton St will be decorated for approx 2 weeks during May 2015. This is an outside Festival with up to 60 stalls to extend from the High St to Dews Road. Local churches have agreed to be involved, entertainment will include music and dance, children's entertainment, art competition etc.

Please tell us WHO will benefit and HOW they will benefit from your project and benefit your local community: All businesses in Fisherton Street will benefit in the long term by virtue of attracting the public to Fisherton Street. On the day, the benefit will be to all those who attend the Festival, as it is a free event, and all entertainment will be free. Fisherton Street Businesses is an informal group of businesses without a written Constitution, which has been in existence since before 1960 and is run by a committee of 7. The Treasurer is Mrs Marion Fulford and the current bank balance held is just over £800. An annual levy of £30 is made to all members, which generates an annual income of £1200. Membership is open to all businesses in Bridge Street, Fisherton Street and adjoining areas. A simplified annual account is produced for inspection to all members. All funding raised is used to promote the businesses of this part of Salisbury. Meetings are held regularly and votes cast for a working committee annually. A license will be required to arrange road closure for one day, on May 4th 2015.

Input from Community Area Manager:

Matched funding of up to £10,800 is being raised for this event. This is new project which will provide a multi-cultural event, set up by businesses and residents for Salisbury on Fisherton Street.

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