

Welcome to *Westbury Area Board*



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Community Engagement Manager

Helping deliver the vision to strengthen local communities and help them to do more for themselves

- Maximise the involvement and engagement in council services and decisions; particularly those that affect our area
- Assist the area board to deliver its local priorities
- Encourage and administer grant applications
- Support the various groups of the area board; Community Area Transport Grants (CATG), Health and Wellbeing Group, Local Youth Network (LYN)
- Facilitate and coordinate community events and activities
- Connect communities and maximise opportunities
- Communicate what's happening

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What I will cover this evening...

- Area boards – what they do
- Budget for this year
- Priorities for this year
- Community events and activities – what's happening



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Area boards and what they do...

- Host events and meetings where the local community can participate
- Invest in local community projects
- Agree local priorities and take action to address them
- Influence and take decisions on local service delivery
- Support and deliver activities for young people
- Communicate information every week
- Encourage participation and volunteering in community activities
- Acts as a consultee on council policy and changes

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Area boards over the past 8 years - some headlines...

- **120,000** people have taken part in events and meetings
- **£12m** invested in local community projects - every £1 invested secures £4 in external funding
- **5,000** local projects and community groups funded
- **25,000** people receive information each week
- **25,000** volunteers supported events and activities
- **6,000** local people helped set local priorities
- **15,000** young people benefit from 350 projects supported by area boards each year
- **4 million** area board news articles viewed each year

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Budget - grants funding - total

- Total funding allocated:
 - £1.7 million devolved to 18 area boards - 2017/18
- Splits into:
 - £800k for community grants (capital)
 - £400k for community transport (capital)
 - £350k for youth projects (revenue)
 - £138k for health and wellbeing (revenue)



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Westbury Area Board Budget 2017/18

- Total funding allocated:
 - £71,329 - 2017/18
- Splits into:
 - £32,799 for community grants (capital)
 - £16,512 for community transport (capital)
 - £14,318 for youth projects (revenue)
 - £7,700 for health and wellbeing and older people's champion (revenue)

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What the grants are for...

- Community and transport grants
 - prioritise and approve minor highway works
 - Improve pavements and paths
 - Fund new works, not routine maintenance
- Health and wellbeing
 - Support for older people and those who are vulnerable
 - Support healthier communities
- Older people's champion
 - Coordinate support for the elderly and vulnerable
 - An advocate and advisor to the board on behalf of older people
- Local youth networks
 - Involving young people
 - Increasing positive activities available



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Setting local priorities

- Every two years public data produced by partners and services that provides a strategic assessment (JSA)
- Local people review and agree what matters in their area – the ‘Our Community Matters’ conferences (Oct 16 - Feb 17)
- Identify actions with support of area boards
- Monitor the outcomes and difference made



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Our local priorities

Children and young people	
Mental and emotional health	66%
Positive leisure time activities	55%
Child poverty	47%
Educational attainment	43%
Childhood obesity	32%
Special educational needs and disability	28%
Job prospects	28%
Teenage pregnancy	2%

Community Safety	
Anti-social behaviour	79%
Protecting the vulnerable	70%
Alcohol and drug abuse	40%
Highway safety	38%
Domestic violence	30%
Social cohesion	30%
Emergency planning	13%

Culture	
Affordable access to cultural activities	60%
Involvement in community events	55%
Library use	53%
Diversity and social inclusion	47%
Heritage and history	43%
Participation in arts	21%
Venues for cultural activities	21%

Economy	
Employment opportunities	64%
Apprenticeships and work experience	60%
New business creation and start ups	53%
Training and skills	49%
Support for existing businesses	40%
Inward investment	17%
Debt and financial inclusion	17%

Environment	
Fly tipping and litter	85%
Protecting the countryside	79%
Wildlife and biodiversity	53%
Recycling rates	43%
Flooding	19%
Improving rights of way	19%
River quality	2%

Health and wellbeing	
Mental health	70%
Physical fitness and activity	53%
Healthy lifestyles	49%
Support for carers	49%
Obesity	47%
NHS Health checks and vaccinations	28%
Breast feeding and post natal care	4%
Skin cancers	0%

Older People	
Social isolation and loneliness	87%
Dementia	51%
Support for carers	40%
Safeguarding the vulnerable	32%
Avoiding emergency admissions	30%
Independent living	26%
Positive activities	26%
Poverty	9%

Transport	
Access to public transport	70%
Road improvements	49%
Highway infrastructure	45%
Speeding and road safety	43%
Cycling and walking	40%
Reducing car use and traffic	19%
Air quality	17%
Street cleaning	17%

Our Community and housing	
Affordable housing	66%
Deprivation and poverty	60%
Community events and activities	57%
Civic pride and participation	47%
Volunteering	32%
Diversity and inclusion	23%
Homelessness	15%

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Our local priorities

Children and Young People

- Child Poverty
- Mental and emotional health

Community Safety

- Anti-social behaviour
- Protecting the vulnerable

Culture

- Library use

Economy

- New business creation and start-ups

Environment

- Fly tipping and litter

Health Wellbeing and Leisure

- Mental Health
- Support for carers

Older People

- Social isolation and loneliness
- Dementia

Transport

- Road improvements

Community and Housing

- Deprivation and poverty

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Community events and activities

- Aim is to bring communities together
- Take action to address priorities
- Support national and local campaigns; such as 'The Great British Spring Clean' (March 2017)
- This year there are a number of county-wide and local activities:
 - Tree planting to commemorate the ending of WW1
 - The Big Pledge - 'London Calling' #TeamWestbury
 - Clean up Wiltshire



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Want to know more?

- If you're new to area boards you can find out more on the following link: [click here](#)
- Plus:
 - Visit 'Our Community Matters' - community website
 - Regular weekly email newsletter from each board
 - Twitter @WestburyCEM
 - Partners mailing lists



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