

**WILTSHIRE COUNCIL**

**WESTBURY AREA BOARD  
13 DECEMBER**

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**Age UK Event**

1. An Age UK community event has been arranged by Sandie Lewis, the Older People's Champion for the Westbury Community Area, with funding coming from unspent Westbury Health and Wellbeing Group funding during 2017/18. The funding was allocated under delegated powers by the Community Engagement Manager to the Older People's Champion, in order to fund the event and to produce a local directory of services.
2. The applications referred to above account for the remaining budget from last year.
3. The detail of the applications are as follows:
  - i) **To improve the health and well-being of adult residents in Westbury Community Area particularly those people who live alone and who feel lonely or isolated from their community. The project will provide information on what is available to people in their community and how to access it as well as responding to need by the development of new facilities. The project will include liaison with a wide range of statutory and voluntary sector groups and organisations and will identify gaps as well as current provision. Age UK Wiltshire and Healthwatch Wiltshire have offered to support this project. The costs detailed below are for a year 1 set up development provision. Future provision would be for maintenance and expansion of services to tackle loneliness and social isolation**
  - ii) **As the identified voluntary Health and Wellbeing Champion for Westbury Community Area I am leading this project with the aim to benefit all those adults who feel lonely or isolated and who need information and potentially support in order to access those facilities and services that would make them feel less isolated and more included. The plan is to build on an existing pilot scheme in the village of Edington which is auditing available facilities and ensuring appropriate information about them is available along with access for those people in need of them. Generally, and increasingly**

**this will include older people who either live alone or spend long periods alone or feel socially isolated. It would also include people who are carers for family members friends or neighbours and adults who feel isolated through physical or mental health problems or learning difficulties. One of the outcomes of the project following a facilities audit will be the production of an online and hard copy brochure of how and where to seek support and social opportunities. There will also be at least two events within the Community Area as well as a supported lunch club developed with input from those local people who would attend.**

4. Councillor King has suggested that the Area Board give consideration to the following:

- i) The Area Board support the grant application by the Health & Wellbeing Group approved under delegated powers, to cover the cost of the older people's event on a date to be announced.

Reason: all costs / expenditure must be approved by the Area Board in public.