

# AGENDA

**Meeting:** CORSHAM AREA BOARD  
**Place:** Corsham Town Hall, High Street, Corsham, Wiltshire, SN13 0EZ  
**Date:** Thursday 18 August 2011  
**Time:** 7.00 pm

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Including the Parishes of Box, Corsham, Colerne and Lacock

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**The Area Board welcomes and invites contributions from members of the public. The chairman will try to ensure that everyone who wishes to speak will have the opportunity to do so.**

If you have any requirements that would make your attendance at the meeting easier, please contact your Democratic Services Officer.

**Refreshments and networking opportunities will be available from 6:30pm.**

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## Wiltshire Councillors

Peter Davis ( <b>Vice Chairman</b> ) – Corsham Town
Sheila Parker – Box & Colerne
Alan Macrae ( <b>Chairman</b> ) – Corsham Pickwick
Dick Tonge – Corsham Without & Box Hill

<b>Items to be considered</b>	<b>Time</b>
1. <b>Chairman's Welcome and Introductions</b> _(Pages 1 - 2)	7pm
2. <b>Apologies for Absence</b>	
3. <b>Minutes</b> (Pages 3 - 18)  To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 2 June 2011.	
4. <b>Matters Arising from the Minutes</b>	
5. <b>Declarations of Interest</b>  To declare any personal or prejudicial interests or dispensations granted by the Standards Committee.	
6. <b>Chairman's Announcements</b>	
7. <b>Partner Updates</b> (Pages 19 - 34)  To receive any updates from the following partners:  (a) Wiltshire Police (b) Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service (c) NHS Wiltshire (d) Town and Parish Council Nominated Representatives (e) Corsham Community Area Network (CCAN) (f) Chamber of Commerce	7.10pm
8. <b>Community Area Grants</b> (Pages 35 - 40)  The Wiltshire Councillors will consider the following applications to the Community Area Grants Scheme:  (a) Potley Youth Group - £2,660 (b) Infusion Dance Group - £716	7.25pm
9. <b>New Waste and Recycling Collection Service</b>  To find out more about the forthcoming changes to the waste and recycling collection service.	7.35pm
10. <b>Visiting Cabinet Member</b>  Councillor Toby Sturgis, Cabinet Member for Waste, Property, Environment and Development Control, will give a brief update relating to his portfolio and respond to any questions.	8pm
11. <b>Sale of Mansion House, Corsham</b>  To discuss the sale and future use of the Mansion House,	8.10pm

Corsham, to include the sale of Corsham Library.

12. **Petition from Corsham Community Centre** **8.35pm**

To receive a petition from the Corsham Community Centre regarding the Corsham Community Campus.

13. **Site for the Proposed Corsham Community Campus (Pages 41 - 44)** **8.45pm**

To receive an update from the Shadow Corsham Community Campus Operations Board and to consider a recommendation regarding the site for the proposed campus.

14. **Future Meeting Dates and Forward Work Plan (Pages 45 - 46)** **9pm**

To note that future meeting dates will take place on:

Thursday 20 October 2011 – Corsham Community Centre – 4pm

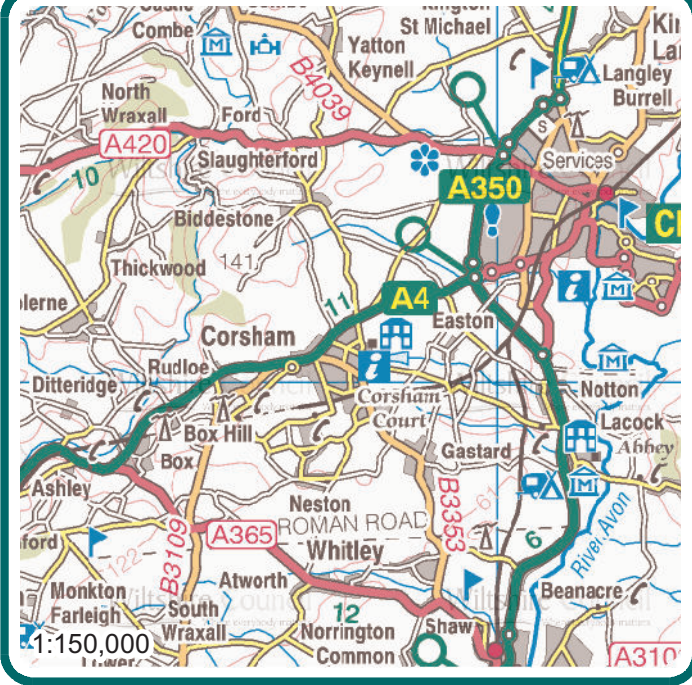
Thursday 1 December 2011 – The Pavilion, Box – 7pm

Thursday 2 February 2011 – Corsham Town Hall – 7pm

Thursday 22 March 2011 – Corsham Town Hall – 7pm

A forward work plan for the Area Board is attached for information.





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## **In Attendance:**

### **Wiltshire Councillors**

Cllrs Peter Davis, Alan Macrae, Sheila Parker and Dick Tonge

### **Wiltshire Council Officers**

Dave Roberts – Community Area Manager  
Marie Todd – Area Board and Member Support Manager  
Sian Walker – Service Director  
Jane Shuttleworth – Interim Head of Joint Commissioning

### **Town and Parish Councillors**

Corsham Town Council – M Simpkins, Issy Langford, Ruth Hopkinson, Chris Riley  
Colerne Parish Council – Tom Hall, Mary Harvey

### **Partners**

Police – Sgt Allan George  
Police Authority – Gill Stafford  
CCAN – P Kefford, C Reid,  
Corsham Chamber of Commerce – Georgina Fairbrass

**Members of Public in Attendance: 28**

**Total in attendance: 47**

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<u>Agenda Item No.</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>
1.	<p><u>Election of Chairman</u></p> <p>Councillor Dick Tonge sought nominations for Chairman of the Area Board for the forthcoming year.</p> <p><b><u>Decision</u></b>  <b>To elect Councillor Alan Macrae as Chairman of the Corsham Area Board for the forthcoming year.</b></p>
2.	<p><u>Election of Vice Chairman</u></p> <p>(Cllr Alan Macrae in the chair)</p> <p>The Chairman sought nominations for the position of Vice Chairman of the Area Board for the forthcoming year.</p> <p><b><u>Decision</u></b>  <b>That Councillor Peter Davis be elected Vice Chairman of the Corsham Area Board for the forthcoming year.</b></p>
3.	<p><u>Chairman's Welcome and Introductions</u></p> <p>The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p>
4.	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from:</p> <p>Cllr Nikki Kenna – Corsham Town Council  Cllr Allan Bosley – Corsham Town Council  Cllr Peter Anstey – Corsham Town Council  Cllr Philip Glen – Lacock Parish Council  Fiona Allen – Corsham School  Rita McLaughlin – St Patrick’s School  Pearl Garland-Spedding  Karen Jones – Senior Project Manager, Wiltshire Council</p>
5.	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p><b><u>Decision</u></b></p> <p><b>(1) To confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 24 March 2011.</b></p> <p><b>(2) To confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 27 April 2011 subject to the following amendments:</b></p>



	<p>(a) <b>Item 9 – insert the following question:</b>  <b>Is the Pound Arts Centre to be considered within the new Community Campus?</b>  <i>No, the Pound Arts Centre is completely separate from the Campus.</i></p> <p>(b) <b>Item 9 - Insert the following question</b>  <b>CCAN produced the consultation results, who interpreted them to create the working proposal?</b>  <i>Wiltshire Council</i></p> <p>(c) <b>Item 9 – Page 7 of 8 – Bullet point 4 – Amend to read:</b>  <b>There was a feeling from some people present that the working proposal for the Campus which was included in the second consultation and circulated with the agenda did not fully reflect the comments fed in.</b></p> <p>(d) <b>Item 9 – Page 7 of 8 – Bullet point 6 – Amend to read:</b>  <b>Who had put together the paper circulated with the agenda?</b>  <i>CCAN had forwarded a large report based on the consultation outcome and Wiltshire Council officers had put together the paper circulated with the agenda.</i></p> <p>(e) <b>Item 9 – Page 5 of 8 – Bullet point 2 – Delete:</b>  <b>Does the proposal include a community hall and facilities such as darts and snooker?</b>  <b>Replace with:</b>  <b>In the proposal it appears that activities such as snooker, darts, skittles etc are incorporated into the main hall. This proposal would be impractical and render the provision for these activities or the use of the main hall useless. Is this a drafting error or is there a complete lack of understanding of the basic requirements requested during the consultation process?</b></p> <p><b><u>Action</u></b>  <b>Marie Todd to amend minutes.</b></p>
6.	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>
7.	<p><u>Chairman's Announcements</u></p> <p>(a) <u>Consultation – Wiltshire and Swindon Proposed Submission Draft Waste Site Allocations Development Plan Document</u></p> <p>Wiltshire Council is updating its policy framework to ensure that future proposals for waste development in Wiltshire are for the right types of facilities in the right locations. Consultation will commence from 13 June</p>

to 5 August 2011. The consultation will be available on the Council website <http://consult.wiltshire.gov.uk/portal>. Hard copies will also be available for inspection at Wiltshire Council and Swindon Borough Council main offices as well as all libraries throughout the County and Borough. For further information please contact the Minerals and Waste Policy Team at Wiltshire Council by telephone (01225 713429) or email: [mineralsandwastepolicy@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:mineralsandwastepolicy@wiltshire.gov.uk).

(b) New County Wide Street Trading Scheme

At a meeting on the 5 April 2011 Wiltshire Council's Licensing Committee considered the issues raised by public consultation on the proposed council-wide street trading scheme.

The main issues raised by public consultation were:

- The scope of the street trading scheme
  - The level of bureaucracy and length of time it would take to process applications
- The level of the proposed street trading fees

The street trading scheme will now be revised in the light of these decisions. Council officers will undertake a second, two week, public consultation commencing mid June 2011 with all interested parties including area boards.

The consultation document will be available on the Council's website: <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council/consultations.htm>

The Licensing Committee will consider the revised street trading scheme and the results of the second public consultation at a meeting in September 2011, with a view to the council adopting the council-wide street trading scheme by the end of 2011.

(c) Queen Elizabeth II Playing Fields

The Lord Lieutenant of Wiltshire on behalf of HRH Prince William has asked Wiltshire Council to assist in supporting the Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge. The aim of the Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge is to protect 2,012 playing fields in communities all across Britain by 2012. Further details will be sent to the Town and Parish Councils in the Corsham Community Area for action. Suggestions for playing fields will then be put forward will be brought to the next meeting of the Area Board on 18 August when the two nominations for the Corsham area will be decided.

**Action**

**Dave Roberts, Community Area Manager**

(d) Waiting Restrictions Westwells Road

The consultation period for the proposed waiting restrictions on Westwells Road were finalised on Friday 27 May 2011. During the consultation the Council received a significant number of objections (approximately 23 in total) with an additional number of letters in support (approximately 10 in total).

It is now the Council's intention to proceed with the statutory report to the Lead Cabinet Member for his deliberation. The report will address the concerns and objections raised as well as noting the notices of support made. It will take approximately 2-3 weeks for the report to be considered which includes a statutory period of advert on the Council's website and it was hoped that a final decision would be made by the end of June. Following the decision, work will take place to instruct contractors to undertake the work with the intention to have all works implemented and the orders valid and in place to start by the end of July.

(e) Core Strategy Consultation

Wiltshire Council will soon be consulting on the Core Strategy for Wiltshire. The consultation will take place between 13 June and 8 August.

This will set out how Wiltshire will change over the next 15 years or so and will importantly give a certain framework within which investors can make decisions and communities can consider their neighbourhood plans (subject to what emerges through the Localism Bill).

The Cabinet of Wiltshire Council has given officers the authority to make the next steps that will ensure that the plan is subject to ongoing and meaningful dialogue with local communities. It is already some 5 years in production, due to government changes, and has been subject to consultation in various forms on many occasions. What the Council wishes to avoid is a top down plan, but is rather one that has been produced in cooperation with local areas and has been demonstrably shaped by those discussions.

As an ongoing part of that dialogue there would be further consultation within each Community Area. An event has been organised in Corsham Town Hall on 4 July. It will run from 2.30 – 8.00pm and will take the form of an exhibition with officers on hand to answer any questions and take note of comments made.

Owing to the nature of the proposed strategy for Chippenham Community Area there are elements that may have an impact on Lacock.

	<p>It is therefore proposed that an extra and separate meeting will be convened in Lacock to accommodate meaningful dialogue with local residents.</p> <p>Once details of this are in place, Dave Roberts the Community Area Manager will send out details to everyone on his circulation list.</p> <p><b><u>Action</u></b>  <b>Dave Roberts, Community Area Manager</b></p>
8.	<p><u>Partner Updates</u></p> <p>(a) <u>Wiltshire Police</u></p> <p>Sgt Allan George from the Chippenham neighbourhood policing team presented the police update report. He reported that over the summer period Sgt Alex Bevan would be covering the Corsham area. There had been a 17% reduction in violent crime in the area. The area was 1<sup>st</sup> out of 15 for general crime and 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 15 for violent crime so was generally a low crime area. The actual number of crimes had reduced by 300. The Police were very keen to continue with partnership working and neighbourhood policing teams. A new camera had now been positioned at the Martingate Centre.</p> <p>Gill Stafford from the Police Authority reported that there would be some changes to the neighbourhood policing teams. These would be reduced from 55 to 20 to correspond with Wiltshire's 20 community areas. This was an administrative change only and would not affect staffing numbers or team structures.</p> <p>The recent consultation carried out by the Police Authority regarding options to reduce funding was now complete and the following issues were reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1,134 responses had been received.</li> <li>• There was wide support for PCSOs and community policing.</li> <li>• There was support for reduction in bureaucracy and retaining frontline services.</li> <li>• 85% of people were happy with the 1 minute response rate for non-emergency calls.</li> <li>• People did not want to lose police stations but supported shared facilities and greater use of the telephone and internet.</li> </ul> <p>Following on from the consultation the Police Authority had identified the following four priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduce violent crime</li> <li>• Manage those people who cause the most harm</li> </ul>

- Tackle anti-social behaviour
- Develop a sustainable policing model

(b) Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service

A report was circulated with the agenda papers.

(c) NHS Wiltshire

A report was circulated with the agenda papers.

(d) Town and Parish Councils

- Colerne Parish Council – The footpath adjacent to the C151 (between Silver Street and the Recreation Ground in Colerne) had now been completed. The Parish Council thanked the Area Board and all those who had helped this to happen.
- Corsham Town Council – Cllr Peter Anstey had been elected Chairman of the Town Council. Cllr Ruth Hopkinson had been elected as Vice Chairman. Cllr Hopkinson thanked Cllr Allan Bosley for all the work he had undertaken in his role as chairman of the council. Wiltshire Council had now served notice on the Tourist Information Centre and the lease would then revert to the Corsham Town Council. It was hoped that the Town Council could work with the Information Centre to maintain a presence in Corsham. The Town Council thanked the Area Board for its recent grant to provide lighting for the skatepark.

(e) Corsham Community Area Network (CCAN)

The campus consultation was now complete and the results passed to Wiltshire Council. The CCAN website was now up and running with links to local Councils and organisations in the community area.

(f) Chamber of Commerce

The Chamber of Commerce had recently organised a business competition and the local winner was Toy Box in Corsham which was run by Sue Witt. The Corsham area had more entrants than any other town or city in Wiltshire.

The Chamber was concerned about car parking charges in the area and was undertaking a survey. The results would be reported back to the area board.

The Chamber felt that the Martingate Centre was in an inequitable position compared to other car parks. The charging arrangement for the Newlands Road Car Park was different to others in the county. In the

	<p>Martingate Centre the tenants were responsible for some of the maintenance of the car park and this was felt to be unfair. A request was made for the lease to be varied.</p> <p>The Chairman explained that the Area Board could not become involved in regulatory or quasi-judicial matters but could facilitate a meeting between the tenants and Council officers to discuss this matter.</p> <p><b><u>Decision</u></b>  <b>To facilitate a meeting between the Chamber of Commerce and officers at Wiltshire Council to discuss concerns relating to the Newlands Road Car Park</b></p> <p><b><u>Action</u></b>  <b>Cllr Alan Macrae</b></p>
9.	<p><u>Adult Care Services</u></p> <p>Sian Walker, Service Director, explained that the Council aimed to provide additional adult care developments to help people to live as independently as possible. Members of the Adult Social Care Team were based in hospitals and could help with the discharge of people from hospital and the two services worked very closely together. The Chairman had visited Florence Court, a new development in Trowbridge, which was an excellent new facility.</p>
10.	<p><u>Older People's Accommodation Development Strategy</u></p> <p>This item was withdrawn from the agenda as Karen Jones was unable to attend the meeting due to illness.</p>
11.	<p><u>Royal United Hospital (RUH) NHS Trust - Foundation Trust Application</u></p> <p>Lynne Vaughan, Director of HR at the RUH, gave a presentation regarding the hospital's application to become a foundation trust. The following issues were covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Various improvements were taking place at the RUH with the focus being on patient safety, patient experience, emergency waiting times and finances.</li> <li>• The hospital was well on the road to a good financial position.</li> <li>• MRSA and clostridium difficile incidents had now reduced considerably.</li> <li>• The RUH was in the top 20% of acute hospitals in England and Wales for stroke care.</li> <li>• The Trust was improving the ways in which it cares for people with dementia and setting local standards</li> <li>• The RUH was expanding its role as a regional provider of specialised treatment for patients with prostate cancer</li> <li>• The hospital would continue to provide comprehensive acute care.</li> </ul>

People were invited to become a member of the Trust or a Governor. Responsibilities of a Governor would include:

- Representing the members
- Appointing the Chair and other Non-Executive Directors of the Board of Directors
- Approving the appointment of the Trust's Chief Executive
- Receiving and commenting upon forward plans, including Trust strategy, submitted by the Board of Directors
- Receiving the Trust's annual report, annual accounts, quality accounts and annual plan

Key dates in the Trust application process were:

- Staff engagement and involvement – 21 Feb to 20 March 2011
- Public Consultation – 21 March to 19 June 2011
- Formal recruitment of members – March 2011 onward
- Electing and appointing Governors – December 2011 to March 2012
- Becoming an NHS foundation trust – April 2012

Further information would be provided in the following ways:

- Public meetings
- Consultation booklet and membership leaflets (which were made available at the meeting)
- RUH website - [www.ruh.nhs.uk/foundationtrust](http://www.ruh.nhs.uk/foundationtrust)
- The hospital magazine – “Insight”

A number of questions were then raised:

- Is there a minimum number of people who were required to become members of the Trust?  
*It was important for the Trust to be representative so a minimum number of around 6,000 members would be required, however, if there were more this would be better.*
- How is the budget set?  
*The Trust would be responsible for its own budget. At the moment the PCTs allocated funding but this may change to GP commissioners. The changes were currently on hold pending further consideration by the Government.*
- Was the merge with the Bath Mineral Hospital a physical or administrative merge?  
*This was as yet undecided but nothing would happen until Autumn 2012 at the earliest. Further discussions would have to take place.*
- Some concern was raised regarding the new signage at the RUH as they had recently changed from Department names to Department numbers. Some people found this easier but the RUH was aware that this had

	caused problems for others.
12.	<p><u>Youth Development Services - 13-19 Commissioning Strategy</u></p> <p>Jane Shuttleworth, Interim Head of Joint Commissioning, gave a presentation regarding the 13-19 Commissioning Strategy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wiltshire Children’s Trust draft commissioning strategy for services for young people aged 13 to 19 has been issued for consultation. This is an important strategy which outlines plans for improving services for the 13 to 19 age range.</li> <li>• There were 1,787 13-19 year olds in the Corsham area and it was important to look at their requirements for health, education, transport and youth development and to set priorities.</li> <li>• There was pressure on expenditure and it was important that services provided are not duplicated or overlap in any way.</li> <li>• There would be input from a number of people.</li> <li>• It was noted that lack of jobs is currently a key issue for young people.</li> <li>• The draft strategy outlined four suggestions for future youth work services including some initial thoughts on making the savings from youth work budgets noted in the Council’s financial plan. The suggestions are put forward to promote discussion and debate.</li> </ul> <p>The following issues were then discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Corsham CAYPIG had asked for a safe place for young people to meet. This had not yet happened and there was some concern that the campus would not provide this requirement.</li> <li>• There was also concern about the reduction in the number of Connexions offices which would make it difficult for young people to access advice and guidance. This should be a priority. <i>Jane Shuttleworth explained that this issue was addressed in the strategy and that she was meeting with Connexions staff next week to discuss this matter.</i></li> <li>• It was pointed out that young people in Rudloe also needed services and something for young people to do. Not all the services should be located in Corsham itself. <i>Jane Shuttleworth agreed to take this request back to the youth development officers and consult with young people and those in Rudloe.</i></li> </ul> <p><b><u>Action</u></b> <b>Jane Shuttleworth to feed back the concerns raised.</b></p>
13.	<p><u>Corsham Community Campus</u></p> <p>(a) <u>Update on Community Campus Project</u></p> <p>The Area Board noted the update report submitted by Cllr Alan Bosley,</p>



Chairman of the Shadow Campus Operations Board (COB). The COB had met on 4 and 23 May.

The following issues were discussed and questions raised:

- It was confirmed that the full minutes from the COB would be made available on line and would be brought to future meeting of the Area Board. A copy of the minutes from the meetings held on 2 and 23 May will be made available on the Council website [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/corshamcommunitycampus](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/corshamcommunitycampus)

- It was noted that an offer had been made by the Princes Foundation to use the “enquiry by design” method as a tool to engage the community in the design of the campus. This would have been provided free of charge. However, the COB had rejected this offer and a number of people were disappointed by this decision.

*The Chairman explained that the COB had carefully considered the offer but due to the short timescale for the project had decided against using this method of community engagement. He agreed to forward the details of the offer to other community areas whose campus projects were not subject to such tight deadlines.*

- Would the funding for the project be lost if the project was not completed within the planned timescales? Why is the time frame driving the project forward?

*The Chairman explained that the Cabinet had agreed a number of pilot campus schemes. Corsham was one of these. One of the main reasons for Corsham’s inclusion in the pilot phase was due to the urgent need to provide facilities for young people in the area. The Cabinet still had to formally approve funding for the Corsham scheme.*

- Concern was expressed that although Corsham had been promised a youth centre this had never materialised. Is the campus the right location for a youth centre? There was concern regarding the tight timescales and that due to these timescales the Council was not listening to the views of the community.

*The Chairman explained that the COB shared these concerns. Any person who wanted to raise issues about the campus should contact one of the representatives on the COB who could bring any concerns to the meetings for discussion.*

- A petition had been organised asking that the existing community centre be allowed to continue and requesting that it should not be part of the new campus. Over 600 signatures had already been collected. The Board was advised that the wider public of Corsham were not all in favour of the new campus facility particularly users of the library, youth service and community centre.

*The Chairman stated that he would be happy to receive a copy of the petition as soon as it was available.*

- Corsham Town Council fully supported the campus and the consultation process but accepted that there were some concerns.
- Would there be one firm of architects for all the campuses?

*The Chairman explained that the architects would not necessarily be the same for all campuses across Wiltshire.*

- Would the campuses have a unified design?  
*No, the design would be Corsham specific.*
- The Corsham Community Centre accepted the basic principle of the campus and understood the need for lower maintenance etc.
- Would the Rudloe Community Centre be part of the campus?  
*The Chairman agreed to provide a written answer to this question.*
- Who decided what organisations and services will go into the new campus building?

*Each service area has facilities in different parts of the community area and the campus would provide an opportunity to bring these together in one central location. Some new services would also be brought into Corsham. This would also free up other buildings in Corsham. The Council would decide which of its services would relocate to the campus building but other services would be based on the consultation process. It was important to ensure that the design meets their needs.*

- The library in Corsham was purpose built. What about access for those people who do not have a car?  
*The COB will produce a transport plan which will take into account all users of services located at the campus. It will be helpful for some people to be able to co-locate.*
- The CAYPIG and young people in Corsham were not against the campus but want the right facility for them.
- Why has such a tight timescale been set for the project? Is the timescale the same for other campuses in the county? Due to this short time period there appears to be not enough time to listen to people's views and take them on board.

*The consultation that has been undertaken was as wide as possible. There are only 5 pilot campus projects at the moment. The priority order has already been agreed with Corsham and Melksham being the first two to be completed. It is hoped that the Corsham campus will be open in June 2012 subject to the necessary planning consent. The other 3 pilot campuses have a slightly longer lead in time.*

- Are the young people who will be using the campus aware that there is likely to be a police presence in the building? This may put off some of the potential users of the youth facility.

*The Police Authority are looking at the possibility of having a presence in each of the campus buildings. This was likely to be the neighbourhood policing teams who would be out and about in the community most of the time anyway. The Chairman and Gill Stafford from the Police Authority agreed to take these concerns back to their respective organisations.*

- It was noted that other campuses would not be built unless the five pilot projects were successful.
- Will there be scope to eradicate any mistakes which had been made when building the first five campuses?

*It was likely that the management structure could be changed if this was not successful.*

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Are the short timescales actually feasible? <i>The COB was confident that the timescales could be met but acknowledged that the deadline was tight.</i></li> <li>• When considering the management principles for the building is the system of using charitable association a possibility? The community centre is currently run in this way. This would provide scope for continuous improvement. <i>The Chairman agreed to feed in this proposal to the COB for consideration.</i></li> <li>• Where are the details of the timescales for the project? Are they available to the public? <i>The timescales are available on the Area Board part of the Council's website. The link is</i> <a href="http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/communityandliving/communitycampuses/corshamcommunitycampus.htm">http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/communityandliving/communitycampuses/corshamcommunitycampus.htm</a></li> </ul> <p>(b) <u>Appointment of Member to the Shadow Campus Operations Board</u></p> <p>It was noted that one member of the COB had resigned and it was therefore necessary to appoint a replacement.</p> <p><b><u>Decision</u></b>  <b>To appoint Steve Hammond from the Corsham Community Association to fill the current vacancy on the Shadow Campus Operations Board.</b></p> <p><b><u>Actions</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Cllr Alan Macrae to feed back the concerns raised to the COB.</li> <li>(2) Cllr Alan Macrae to inform other community areas who are considering campuses of the offer made to undertake “enquiry by design” free of charge.</li> <li>(3) Cllr Alan Macrae to provide a written answer regarding the Rudloe Community Centre.</li> <li>(4) Gill Stafford to feed back concerns to the Police Authority.</li> </ol>
14.	<p><u>Recommendations from Corsham Community Area Transport Group</u></p> <p>The Area Board considered a report which set out recommendations from the Corsham Community Area Transport Group.</p> <p>The following issues were discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Ruth Hopkinson stated that Corsham Town Council was keen for the crossing on the B3109 at Bradford Road to go ahead as soon as possible.</li> <li>• It was noted that crossing the Bradford Road was the main problem for people travelling to Rudloe.</li> <li>• There were also concerns regarding the safety of children walking or</li> </ul>

	<p>cycling to Corsham Primary School. It was felt that a crossing would encourage children to walk and cycle.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was suggested that the Section 106 agreement funding which had been allocated for Corsham railway station should be used to provide the crossing.</li> <li>• Cllr Dick Tonge explained that officers had thoroughly investigated the provision of a crossing on the B3109 but had not been able to recommend further action at this time. The Council would not provide a crossing that could be less safe than the current situation. However, the report produced did not preclude this location being reviewed at a future date in the light of the ongoing discussions regarding the development of the Corsham Cycle Network. Cllr Tonge agreed to send a copy of the full report to Cllr Ruth Hopkinson and Anthony Styles for information.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Decision</u></b></p> <p>(1) To note the completion of the footway linking Silver Street with the Recreation Ground at Colerne.</p> <p>(2) To support the recommendation that no further action be taken on the pedestrian crossing at the B3109 Bradford Road, Corsham at this time.</p> <p>(3) To approve the implementation of the South Place scheme subject to financial support from Corsham Town Council.</p> <p><b><u>Action</u></b></p> <p>(1) Spencer Drinkwater  (2) Cllr Dick Tonge to send a copy of the report regarding the crossing on the B3109 to Cllr Ruth Hopkinson and Anthony Styles.</p>
15.	<p><u>Appointments to Outside Bodies</u></p> <p><b><u>Decision</u></b>  To confirm the following appointments to outside bodies for the forthcoming year:</p> <p><b>Corsham Area Young People’s Issues Group (CAYPIG) – Cllrs Sheila Parker and Peter Davis</b>  <b>Pound Arts Centre – Cllr Alan Macrae</b>  <b>Corsham Community Area Network (CCAN) – Cllr Sheila Parker</b></p>
16.	<p><u>Future Meeting Dates</u></p> <p>It was noted that meetings of the Corsham Area Board would take place on the following dates:</p> <p>Thursday 18 August 2011 – Corsham Town Hall  Thursday 20 October 2011 – Corsham Town Hall</p>

	<p>Thursday 1 December 2011 – The Pavilion, Box Thursday 2 February 2012 – Corsham Town Hall Thursday 22 March 2012 – Corsham Town Hall</p>
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Cllr Macrae thanked Cllr Dick Tonge for his excellent work as chairman of the Corsham Area Board over the last two years.





## **Crime and Community Safety Briefing Paper Corsham Community Area Board 18<sup>th</sup> August 2011**

### **1. Neighbourhood Policing**

On Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April the structure of our Neighbourhood Policing Teams changed. The 55 NPT's in the Unitary Area have been reduced to 20 to correspond with the 20 Community Areas.

To update you, the public have not seen any change to staffing levels as each Beat has retained its Community Beat Manager and Police Community Support Officer(s).

The changes have been made in order to enhance the service delivery to the public, namely...

#### **I. Increased police visibility, community engagement and more time to spend dealing with priorities:**

Due to a reduction in bureaucracy there will be a reduction in Neighbourhood Tasking Group (NTG) meetings where priorities are set each quarter. Currently up to 76 are held but in the new structure this will be reduced by 49 meetings per quarter. There is also a new NPT IT system which will make things easier and quicker for staff to enter information. There will also be one quarterly Newsletter for each Community Area with a dedicated page for each Beat Area.

#### **II. Service delivery will be enhanced:**

- a) If a significant priority is identified in a Beat Area, staff from other Beats within the NPT can be tasked to the area to target the issue. Staff will still be primarily dedicated to working on their individual Beats.

- b) Each NPT will have a dedicated Sergeant who will provide support for the NPT and enhance supervision.

### **Current Priorities:**

Up-to-date details of the current news about Neighbourhood Policing Teams, including, profiles, priorities and forthcoming community consultation events can be found on the Wiltshire Police Website.

📄 Visit the new and improved website at: [www.wiltshire.police.uk](http://www.wiltshire.police.uk)

### **Team News (Produced by Sergeant Andy Beaven):**

The Corsham Team have been working hard over the summer period in an effort to target the issues identified by Corsham public. Historically reports of ASB have increased during the summer months so targeted increased patrols are being carried out and we have seen a drop in the calls from the public regarding this issue. The biggest reduction has occurred in and around the Martingate Centre which is no doubt the result of partnership working between the police and the community. The increased number of CCTV cameras provided by the owner of the centre – Mr. Bill Hall – has helped us identify any person responsible enabling the appropriate action to be taken.

Following a meeting of the Katherine Park Residents Association, ten residents have volunteered to become Neighbourhood Watch Coordinators. As a result officers are working with the community to set up the ten Neighbourhood Watch Schemes in that area. This is particularly pleasing from a policing point of view as it shows the local people working with the police and their neighbours to help keep their neighbourhood safe. We encourage any one interested in the NHW scheme to contact their local beat officer.

### **Local Issues**

Box:-

A young male who has been riding his moped around the Recreation ground in Box has been sufficiently warned after we received information from the public about his behaviour. After receiving this official warning from us - if he is seen driving his moped in this manner again he will have it taken off him. We thank the public for their vigilance especially as Anti-Social behaviour around the area of the Rec is one of our priorities at the moment. Our patrols will continue and as this individual is now known to us he will have no excuse should he be seen or caught doing the same again.

Gastard:-

There is a weekly meet by motorcyclists at the Harp & Crown in Gastard, this has caused a few complaints regarding bike noise and speed. On regular occasions we have been interacting with those riders and have no



concerns about any noise level. The reports we have about them speeding out of the Village on departure or being over the drink-drive limit have also been unfounded. At different times we have had an unmarked Police vehicle at the top and bottom of the hill monitoring speed and so far there has not been an excess of speed by the motorcyclists. The riders are very aware that they are in a small Village where sound can carry. We will continue to liaise with the bikers and the Pub and any complaints will be investigated thoroughly.

**Bluez 'n' Zuz Discos** – This is an initiative run by Wiltshire Police to give local youngsters something to do and to help tackle Anti-Social Behaviour. It is aimed at youngster's aged 11- 16 years of age. The Disco is held every other month when the School Hall at Corsham School is available from 7-9:30pm. It is staffed by Officers from the local NPT's and Partnership Agencies (Wiltshire Youth Service) to create a safe environment for youngsters to socialise in. Corsham has been holding these discos for 3 years now and the events so far have been very successful.

There are future events planned including a disco to welcome the new Year 7's to the Comprehensive in September.

***Forthcoming NPT Event:-***

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> August 1100-1700hrs – Rudloe Fete – Rudloe Community Centre. Officers from the NPT will be attending to give crime prevention advice etc.

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> Sept 2011 Emergency Services Show – Hullavington Airfield 1000-1600hrs The show is supported by; Wiltshire Police, Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service and the Great Western Ambulance Service; with the primary aim of educating members of the public about many aspects of Community Safety. Whilst our respective organisations strongly support this event, we receive no direct funding from them or the government, and are totally reliant on the goodwill of our Sponsors, Supporters, and Visitors to the Show.

This is a spectacular family fun day event which allows you to get 'behind the scenes' and gain unique insight and knowledge of how the blue light services work in partnership to protect you and the community.

All proceeds raised from the show are donated to charities connected with the 'blue light services'. In September last year approximately 10,000 people attended and as a result cheques totaling over £17,000 were presented to 15 charities.

## 2. Performance

**Table 1 – Reported Crime Figures  
Aug 2010 – July 2011**

Corsham	Crime				Detections	
	August 2009 - July 2010	August 2010 - July 2011	Volume Change	% Change	August 2009 - July 2010	August 2010 - July 2011
Violence Against the Person	120	87	-33	-28%	38%	52%
Dwelling Burglary	31	28	-3	-10%	19%	18%
Criminal Damage	203	143	-60	-30%	5%	16%
Non Dwelling Burglary	62	95	33	53%	5%	4%
Theft from Motor Vehicle	62	85	23	37%	5%	0%
Theft of Motor Vehicle	28	15	-13	-46%	11%	33%
Total Crime	744	689	-55	-7%	18%	20%
Total ASB	725	591	-134	-18%		

Wiltshire Police are compared against a group of 8 most similar forces. Wiltshire Police have performed better than peers in All Recorded Crime and Violent Crime for the most recently reported 3 month period (Apr - Jun 2011)

\*Total Crime comprises all Crime Groupings listed above and also includes Theft and Handling, Fraud and Forgery, Robbery and Sexual Offences  
\*\* Detections include both Sanction Detections and Local Resolution



### Wiltshire Police Authority

Mrs Gill Stafford is a member of the Wiltshire Police Authority and has the responsibility for overseeing police matters in the Community Area. She can be contacted via Wiltshire Police Authority: ☎ 01380 734022

or 🌐 <http://www.wiltshire-pa.gov.uk/feedback.asp>

## 3. Vision Wiltshire

Vision Wiltshire has been set-up to deliver a new policing model to meet the projected funding cuts over the next 4-years.

Wiltshire Police Authority (WPA) must reduce its budget from £108million in 2009-10 by £15million over the next four years. In order to identify where the public felt these savings might be made and what services should be protected, a special public consultation was conducted between 23rd November 2010 & 11th February 2011. There were 1,134 responses.

## What did we do?

A questionnaire was posted on the WPA website which also sent to every town and parish council in Wiltshire and Swindon.

WPA Members attended Area Board meetings to present an overview of the situation and to encourage the public to express their views.

WPA Chairman, Christopher Hoare, presented similarly at meetings arranged by Wiltshire Council to consult with the public on their budget and that of partner agencies.

Neighbourhood Policing Teams distributed the questionnaire within their communities.

All Neighbourhood Watch Members and members of the public who had signed up to the Force website were alerted to the consultation.

WPA members also met with five of the six MPs in Wiltshire and Swindon to seek their views.

## What you said

The conclusions that can be drawn from the results of the survey are as follows:

Many people were concerned about how public sector cuts will affect policing in their local area.

There was an overwhelming agreement that removing Police Officers and Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) from neighbourhoods should only be done as a last resort.

85% of respondents said they would be happy with an answer rate of **up to** one minute for the non-emergency police number.

The public did not want to lose police stations and they were the primary choice for accessing police services. However, there was strong support for the use of shared facilities and of greater use of internet and telephone.

The majority of respondents agreed that we should spend the same or more than is now spent on the services we identified in our questionnaire.

WPA should be sourcing policing goods and services from others if it was more effective and efficient.

The respondents ranked the given priorities as follows:

1. Tackling crime
2. Answering 999 calls
3. Neighbourhood Policing
4. Keeping people safe
5. Being available 24/7

## What we have done

The results of the consultation have been used along with a strategic assessment by Wiltshire Police to inform our Policing Plan for 2011/14. This directs policing effort as follows:

### **Strategic Priority 1 - Reduce Violent Crime**

As part of our vision for Wiltshire to be the safest county in the Country, we are committed to further reducing violence and supporting the victims and witnesses of violent crime. Specifically, over the next year we will focus on reducing alcohol related violence and domestic abuse and further improving our quality of service to victims of sexual abuse.

### **Strategic Priority 2 - Manage the people who cause the most harm in our communities**

It is estimated that one in ten offenders are responsible for up to half of all crime in Wiltshire. It makes sense, therefore, to focus on those people who are causing the most harm in our communities and deal with them through an integrated approach with our partners in the justice system.

### **Strategic Priority 3 - Tackle Antisocial Behaviour**

The level of antisocial behaviour in Swindon and Wiltshire increases in the summer. Overall levels are low and falling, and most people view Wiltshire as a safe place. The Force will be working to protect the most vulnerable and to support the communities within Wiltshire to develop and implement their own solutions to local problems

### **Strategic Priority 4 - Developing Sustainable Policing**

The scale of the cuts requires a wholesale review of what the police do and how they do it. This means a re-focus on the core role and a much keener focus upon productivity and resource usage. Minor adjustments to the operating model will not allow us to maintain performance whilst reducing cost. WPA has agreed the development of a new operational policing model, supported by new technology. To minimise risk that comes with change, we will introduce the new operational model gradually, ensuring that each component is properly consulted upon and tested before implementation.

For the full report on the WPA ***Vision Wiltshire*** public consultation or for a full copy of the ***Policing Plan*** visit the WPA website at: [www.wiltshire-pa.gov.uk](http://www.wiltshire-pa.gov.uk)

In June, WPA will publish its review of the performance of Wiltshire Police during 2010/11, and we will look to update the Area Board shortly thereafter.

## **Inspectors' Final Comments:**

***Crime Prevention when you are out and about***– This is a safe community area, however there are some basic safety messages that we should all remember during the summer months, especially when out socialising both locally or on holiday.

- 1) Ensure someone knows where you are going and when you will be home, also plan how you will get home before going out. Never walk home alone and certainly do not take short cuts through dark alleys or large open spaces. If you believe that you are being followed, cross the street - if necessary criss-cross. If you are still being followed go to the busiest place you can find.
- 2) Drink responsibly and never accept a drink from a stranger or leave a drink unattended.
- 3) Always check a taxi driver's identification and never get into an unlicensed taxi. If a friend is dropping you home ask them to wait until you are inside the door.
- 4) Remember, your safety and well being is far more important than material belongings. Don't compromise your safety for a mobile phone or another valuable item.
- 5) If you are planning a holiday away from home, ask a relative or neighbour to keep an eye on your property and ensure that your letters or Newspapers are not piling up in a visible area. These are signs that an opportunist burglar could use to target an empty property.

And finally, if you see something Suspicious? Report it – If you think it's suspicious.....it probably is.

As it is the season of holidays, I do hope that you are all able to take a break with your families over this holiday period and have a safe, enjoyable and hopefully sunny break.



**Inspector Steven Cox**  
Sector Commander  
8<sup>th</sup> August 2011

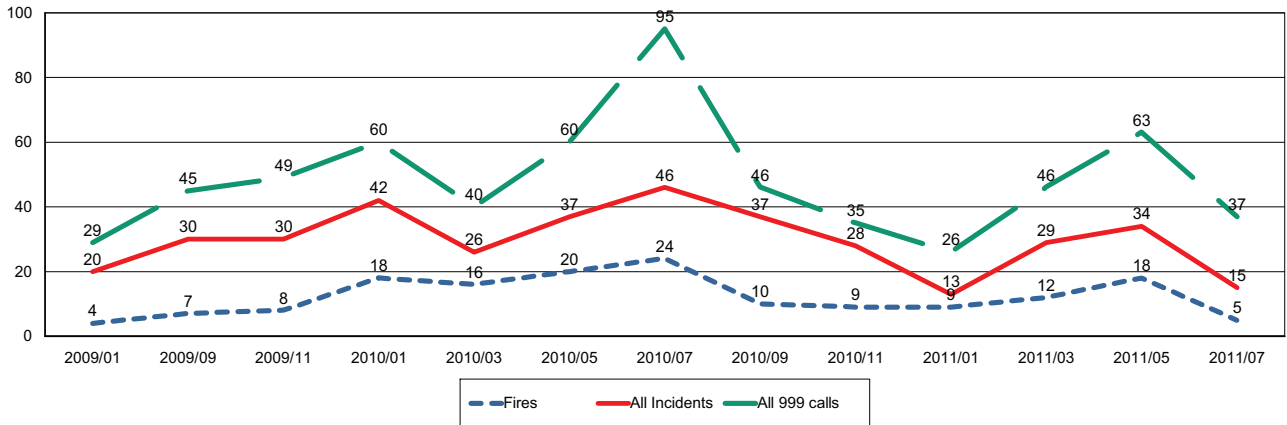




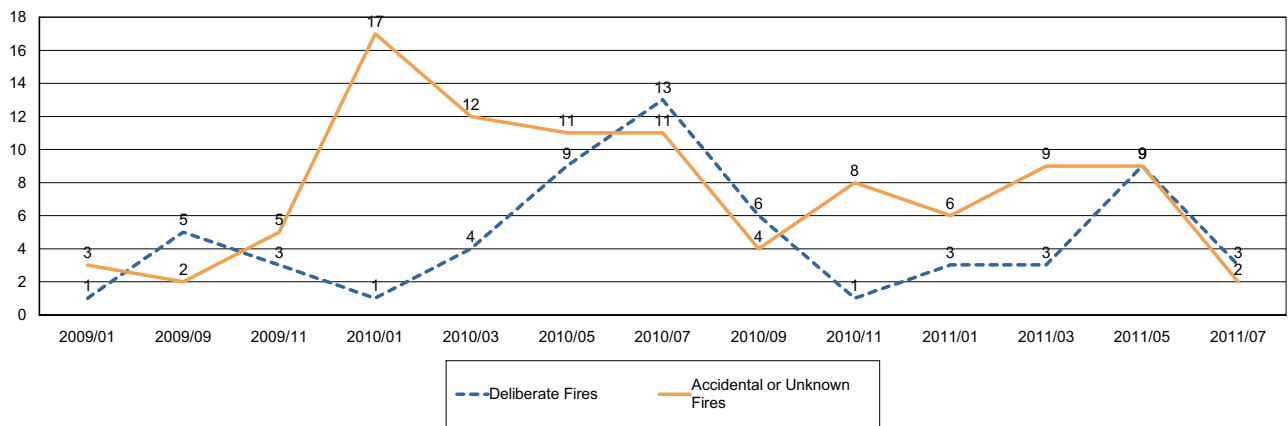
## Report for Corsham Area Board

The following is a bi-monthly update of Fire and Rescue Service activity up to and including July 2011. It has been prepared by the Group Manager for the Board's area.

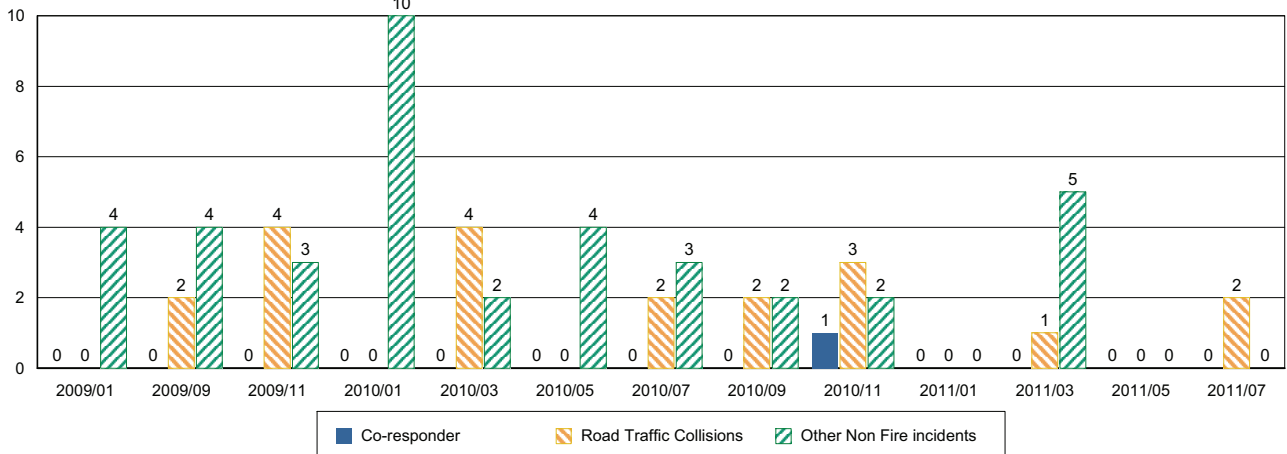
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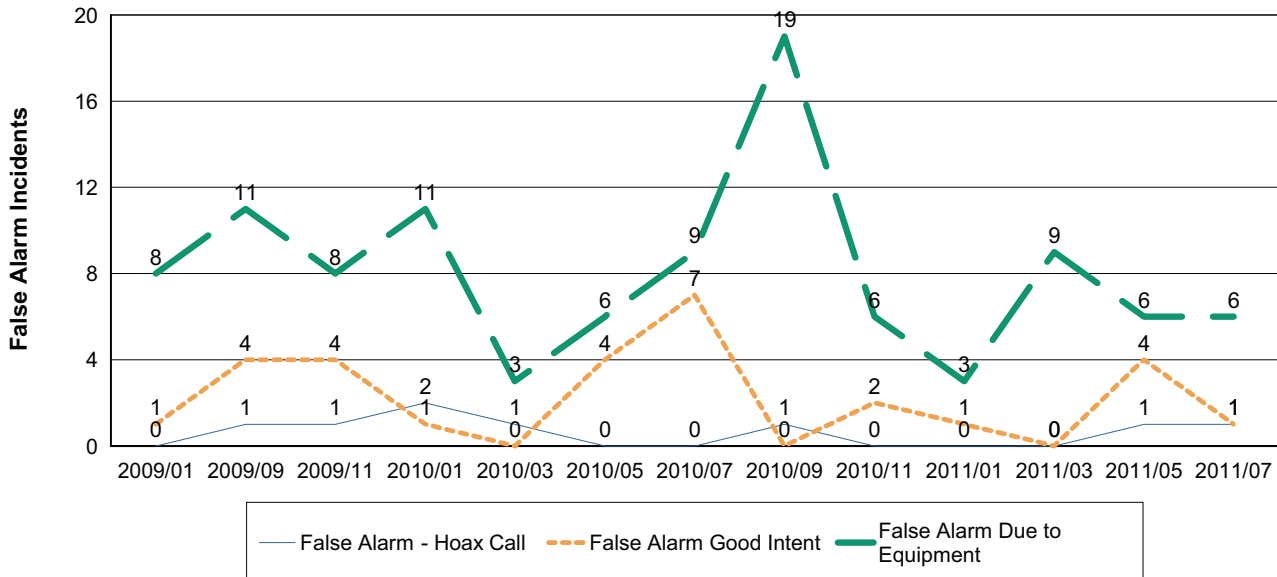
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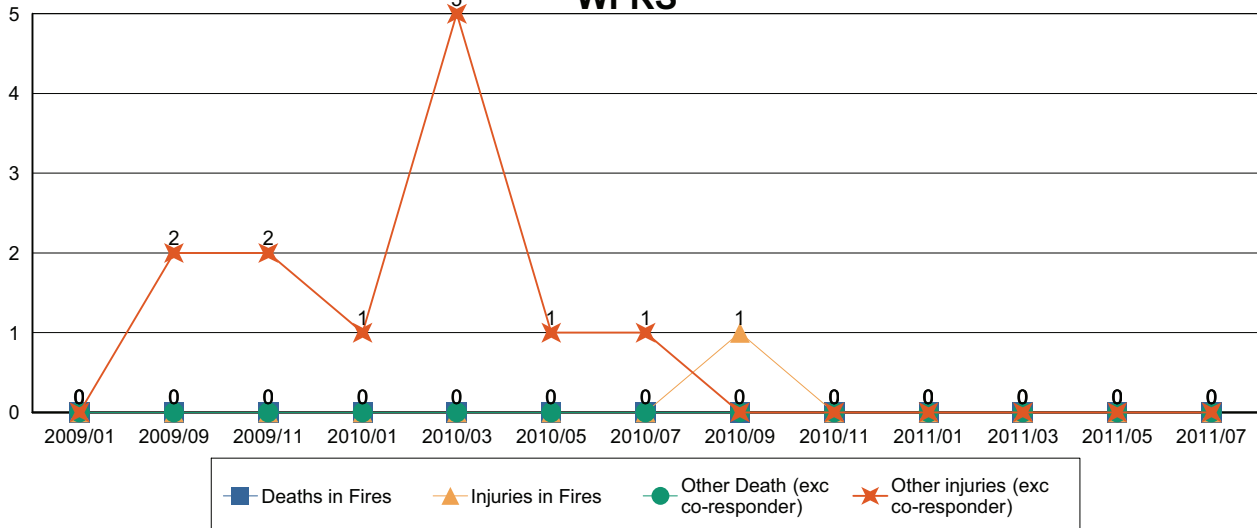




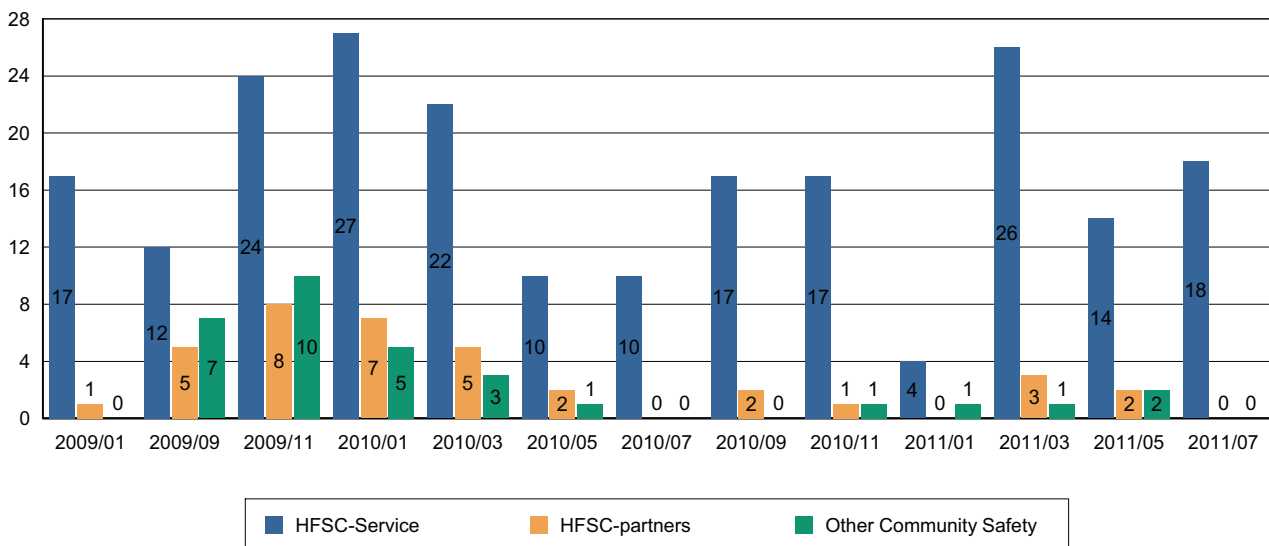
### Number of False Alarm Incidents



### Death & Injuries in incidents attended by WFRS



### Home Fire Safety Checks and other domestic safety



Comments and Interventions overleaf



## **NHS Update – July 2011**

### **NHS Reforms – the Health and Social Care Bill 2011**

Following the publication of the report of the NHS Future Forum in June 2011, the Government has set out a detailed policy response which announces important changes to the government's plans for modernisation of the NHS. The changes include:

- Change from GP Commissioning Consortia to Clinical Commissioning Groups with Board members and wider duties to involve patients and public
- Stronger safeguards against competition
- Additional safeguards against privatisation
- More choice and involvement for patients
- Increased emphasis on joint commissioning
- Strong messages about integration of health and social care
- Revised timetable

NHS Wiltshire will continue working closely with local GPs to establish the structures and organisation of the Wiltshire Clinical Commissioning Groups to ensure a smooth transfer of services and commissioning duties in April 2013. The emerging Clinical Commissioning Groups will become sub-committees of their respective NHS Boards, which for Wiltshire currently means three Clinical Commissioning Groups - North and Kennet, West Wiltshire Yatton Keynell and Devizes (WWYKD) and the Sarum NHS Alliance.

#### **PCT clustering**

Jeff James and Jenny Howells have been appointed Chief Executive and Director of Finance respectively, across PCT cluster which comprises NHS Wiltshire and NHS Bath and North East Somerset. The Chief Executive is accountable for the quality, finance, performance and the development of commissioning functions across the whole cluster area, supported by a single executive team. Clustering also helps to deliver the national ambition of a 43% decrease in management costs across the NHS by 2013, as set by the Department of Health.

Jeff James will lead a single Executive Team drawn from existing staff in the South West region. Recruitment to other posts within the Executive Team is underway, with positions advertised nationally and expressions of interest received. Interviews are to be held in early July.

NHS Wiltshire and NHS BANES will continue to exist as legal entities and their Boards will continue to meet separately to carry out their strategic duties led by their existing respective Chairmen.



## NHS Update – August 2011

### **Stakeholder Assembly considers the changing face your local NHS**

Representatives from patient groups, voluntary and community organisations, Army Primary Care, Wiltshire GPs and the local council met to discuss the future of health care across the county when NHS Wiltshire held its Stakeholder Assembly on Thursday 23 June.

The Stakeholder Assembly, which is organised and held by NHS Wiltshire twice a year, considered changes to the National Health Service as a result of the Health and Social Care Bill 2011 and the priorities for future engagement with stakeholders in the future.

Eighty seven delegates received presentations about the Government's response to the Future Forum Committee's recommendations to the Health and Social Care Bill 2011, the role of Public Health, the establishment of HealthWatch and presentations from local GPs who presented on the organisation and structure of the new Clinical Commissioning Groups as well as the improvement of primary care in care homes. In view of the considerable changes proposed, delegates welcomed the opportunity to take part in a new feature – a question and answer session with a panel consisting of health professionals and GPs. A wide range of questions were raised covering a variety of themes and attendees welcomed the potential to gain a deeper understanding and to hold meaningful discussions which have an impact on future decision making. The input from GPs was much appreciated as bringing a fresh dimension and honesty to the debate.

Broad themes arising from the day will help to set the priorities for joint working between the PCT, Clinical Commissioning Groups and Wiltshire Council, and included an assurance for the smooth, safe and effective transfer of commissioning duties to Clinical Commissioning Groups; to ensure that appropriate patient and public involvement is kept as a priority by Clinical Commissioning Groups; to ensure that equality and parity of services in Wiltshire are kept at the forefront of future planning and that joint working between the PCT and Clinical Commissioning Groups continues so that existing skills and knowledge are maintained and developed.

In conclusion, the Stakeholder Assembly was considered an important opportunity to discuss NHS plans with patients and partners and to think about how local people can be involved as we go forward.

#### **Next NHS Wiltshire Board Meeting**

The next Board meeting of NHS Wiltshire will be held on **21 September 2011 at 10am - Southgate House**. Members of the public are welcome to attend. Papers are published a week before the meeting on [www.wiltshire.nhs.uk](http://www.wiltshire.nhs.uk) or on request from Stacey Saunders, NHS Wiltshire (tel: 01380 733839, email: [stacey.saunders@wiltshire.nhs.uk](mailto:stacey.saunders@wiltshire.nhs.uk)). For further information or copies of documents referred to above, please email [communications@wiltshire.nhs.uk](mailto:communications@wiltshire.nhs.uk)



<b>Report to</b>	<b>Corsham Area Board</b>
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>18 August 2011</b>
<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Community Area Grants</b>

## **Purpose of Report**

To ask Councillors to consider two applications seeking 2011/12 Community Area Grant Funding

1. Potley Youth Group – Award £2,660 to enable the group to provide meaningful activities for young people in the catchment area.
2. Infusion Dance Group – Award £716 to enable the group to purchase video recording equipment to document a dance project looking at life in Box for young people. The project will share the film with the local community.

## 1. Background

- 1.1. Area Boards have authority to approve Area Grants under powers delegated to them by the Deputy Leader and Cabinet member for Community Services (27 February 2010). Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the Area Board Grants Guidance for funding.
- 1.2. In accordance with the Scheme of Delegation, any decision of an Area Board that is contrary to the funding criteria and/or the officer's recommendation would need to demonstrate that the application in question has a wider community benefit, and give specific reasons as to why this should justify an exception to the criteria.
- 1.3. The emphasis in the Coalition Government's Localism agenda supports the ethos of volunteering and community involvement. With this in mind Community Area Grants should be encouraged from and awarded to community voluntary groups.
- 1.4. Area Boards will not consider applications from town and parish councils for purposes that relate to their statutory duties or powers that should be funded from the local town/parish precept. However this does not preclude bids from town/parish councils, encouraging community projects that provide new opportunities for local people or those functions that are not the sole responsibility of the town/parish council.
- 1.5. Officers are required to provide recommendations in their report, although the decision to support applications and to what level is made by Wiltshire Councillors on the Area Board.
- 1.6. Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting. Corsham Area Board has been allocated a 2011/2012 budget of £43,840 for community grants, community partnership core funding and councillor led initiatives.
- 1.7. All applicants are encouraged to contact Charities Information Bureau who is working on behalf of Wiltshire Council to support community and voluntary groups, town and parish councils to seek funding for community projects and schemes both from the Area Board and other local and national funding schemes.
- 1.8. Paper copies of funding applications will no longer appear as part of the agenda in an attempt to reduce volume of paper used. However, the application forms will be available on the Wiltshire Council web site and hard copies available upon request.
- 1.9. The 2011/2012 funding criteria and application forms are available on the council's website ([www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards)) or paper versions are available from the Community Area Manager.

<b>Background documents used in the preparation of this Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Community Area Grant Application Pack 2011/12</li><li>• Corsham Community Area Plan</li></ul>
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## **2. Main Considerations**

- 2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2011/2012 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.
- 2.2. There will be 4 further rounds of funding during 2011/12. These will take place on;
  - Thursday 20 October 2011
  - Thursday 1 December 2011
  - Thursday 2 February 2012
  - Thursday 22 March 2012

## **3. Environmental & Community Implications**

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.

## **4. Financial Implications**

- 4.1. Awards must fall within the Area Boards budget allocated to the Corsham Area Board.
- 4.2. If grants are awarded in line with officer recommendations, Corsham Area Board will have a balance of £19,532.12

## **5. Legal Implications**

- 5.1. There are no specific Legal implications related to this report.

## **6. HR Implications**

- 6.1. There are no specific HR implications related to this report.

## **7. Equality and Inclusion Implications**

- 7.1. 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.
- 7.2. Implications relating to individual grant applications are outlined within section 8 – “Officer Recommendations”.

## 8. Officer Recommendations

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.1	Potley Youth Group	To enable the group to provide meaningful activities for young people in the catchment area.	£2,660

- 8.1.1. Potley Youth Group – To award £2,660 to enable the group to provide a series of events and activities for young people. Conditional upon the balance of the funding being in place.
- 8.1.2. This application meets the grant criteria for 2011/12.
- 8.1.3. This application demonstrates a link to the Corsham Area Community Plan “Activities for young people”
- 8.1.4. This is a not for profit organisation and contributes to Wiltshire Council’s desired outcomes of providing meaningful leisure time activities for young people in Potley and Pockeridge.
- 8.1.5. This group is well respected by Wiltshire Councillors on the Corsham Area Board.
- 8.1.6. Youth Action Wiltshire are supporting this group and have every confidence that they will deliver what they have set out in their application. They have also stated that this represents value for money over a 12 month period.
- 8.1.7. A decision not to fund this project will probably result in it some of the programme not happening owing to limited funding opportunities.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.2.	Infusion Dance Project	To enable the group to purchase video recording equipment	£716

8.2.1. Infusion Dance Project – To award £716 to enable the group to purchase video recording equipment to document a dance project looking at life in Box for young people. The project will share the film with the local community and bring the findings back to the Corsham Area Board.

8.2.2. This application meets the grant criteria for 2011/2012.

8.2.3. This application demonstrates a link to the Corsham Area Community Plan  
 “Education and lifelong learning” and “Places to meet”  
 “Transport, access and traffic”  
 “culture, recreation, heritage and arts”

8.2.4. Infusion Dance Group is a not for profit organisation.

8.2.5. This project will be of direct benefit to a large number of young people in Box and will inform the local population of the views of young people

8.2.6. This project is supported by Box Parish Council.

8.2.7. If the Area Board makes a decision not to fund this project then it will be delayed until other funds are identified.

<b>Appendices:</b>	<b>Appendix 1 Grant application – Potley Youth Group</b> <b>Appendix 2 Grant application - Infusion Dance Group</b>
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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**A report and recommendation by the Shadow Corsham Community Operations Board for consideration by the Corsham Area Board.**

**Introduction**

The Corsham Shadow Community Operations Board (COB), formerly appointed by the Area Board earlier this year, has been working closely with Wiltshire Council's Campus Operational and Estate Management Team to develop a range of development options open to Corsham for the proposed Community Campus at Springfield.

Meetings have been held at least monthly, and recently fortnightly, to ensure that the many aspects of the development, from briefing architects to developing travel plans and undertaking Equalities Impact Assessments are conducted to timescales that feed in to the indicative plans outlined by the Council.

At its last meeting on 8 August, the COB reviewed the feasibility and options study drawn up by Wiltshire Council's appointed architects for the development of the Campus. From the three substantive options presented, and two optional variations, the COB has weighed the pros and cons of each, at length, to determine the option that best satisfies the strategic principles that they set out, causing minimal disruption to users of both the Leisure Centre and the Community Centre during the development period itself.

We would now like to propose that the Area Board approves the choice made by the COB, and recommend its choice to the Cabinet of Wiltshire Council in order to begin the detailed architectural designs and development process that will deliver a successful Community Campus at the heart of the Community Area.

**Process**

Taking into account the results of the extensive consultation undertaken before and after Christmas, the COB submitted a set of strategic principles to Architects appointed by Wiltshire Council to undertake a Feasibility and Options Study for the site.

The strategic principles reflect the requirements expressed by the community at large and the existing Leisure and Community Centre users. The architects have also taken account of the service delivery principles supported by Wiltshire Council, the Police and other organisations and groups who foresee the potential for extending their scope and influence into the community.

The feasibility study also took account of the specific Corsham requirements to incorporate a new library and youth facilities, refurbishment of the existing Leisure

Centre and the development of new community facilities to replace the existing Community Centre.

As well as the 'bricks and mortar' components of the site, the strategic principles captured an ambition for the site's success as a vital part of the Community Area and identified a need to create as little disruption to existing services during the development process itself.

The appointed architects have undertaken initial site surveys to further understand the opportunities, and constraints, of the site. This has included the implications of the existing subterranean infrastructure, water disposal and power distribution.

The three options presented by the Architects, with minor optional variations, have formed the basis of a full meeting of the COB. (Monday 8 August)

The COB also had access, under the terms of a signed Non-Disclosure Agreement, to confidential commercial estimates of each development option, so that it could come to an informed decision based not just on location but also on cost.

The COB recognises that getting this development right is of importance to adjacent organisations, institutions and individuals within the immediate area; the Town and the Community Area as a whole. It has therefore been rigorous in its analysis of the proposed options and the debate has been robust, with extremely honest exchanges of view.

## **Options**

**Option 1** proposed development to the South East of the existing Leisure Centre.

Whilst this option satisfied many of the strategic principles, it was unanimously felt that the pressure created on the roads and school access in an already busy area was unacceptable.

It also does little to improve the visual aspect of the site on arrival.

**Option 2** Proposed development to the North of the existing Leisure Centre. This satisfied the requirement to improve the visual aspect of the site on arrival but cramped the site onto the two access roads, as well as requiring the immediate dismantling of the existing Community Centre. This would not satisfy the principle that, where possible, we support continuity of service during the development process itself.

In the view of the COB, a decision reached unanimously at its meeting on 8 August, **Option 3 B** satisfies the majority of the requirements of the strategic principles, makes best use of the site and will deliver the best Community Campus for the Corsham Community Area. The development would take place to the West and North of the existing Leisure Centre.

This configuration sits the newly developed campus in a balanced way across the site, served by a single access point that is accessible from adjacent car parking and within easy reach of the road. There is scope for some improvement of the façade of the building.

In particular, the development would allow for the longest possible continuity of service at the existing community centre

We would therefore commend this option to the Area Board for referral to the Cabinet of Wiltshire Council for approval.

### **Considerations**

All of the options presented are indicative of the footprint of the proposed developments. They should not be regarded as architectural designs. The COB recognises, as should the Area Board, that there will need to be detailed architectural drawings before the exact location of facility within a given footprint will be accurate. This would follow approval by the Cabinet.

The COB will continue to explore every avenue to secure the optimum development created by this opportunity to pilot the concept of the Community Campus in Wiltshire.

Allan Bosley, Chair

Shadow Corsham Community Operations Board

10 August 2011





## CORSHAM AREA BOARD

Date	Cabinet Member Attending	Location	Area Board Agenda Items	Other events happening (provisional)
20 October 2011 <b>Note: Meeting will commence at 4pm</b>	Cllr John Thomson	Corsham Community Centre	<p><b>Community Items:</b></p> <p><b>Partner items:</b> Partner Updates</p> <p><b>Corporate items:</b> Help to Live at Home Older People's Accommodation Strategy <b>Community Area Grants will be considered.</b></p>	20 October - 11am to 3pm – Corsham Community Centre CCAN event for older people
1 December 2011	Cllr Lionel Grundy	The Pavilion, Box	<p><b>Community Items:</b></p> <p><b>Partner items:</b> Partner Updates</p> <p><b>Corporate items:</b> Fees and Charges Policy <b>Community Area Grants will be considered.</b></p>	

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