

AGENDA

Meeting: PEWSEY AREA BOARD
Place: Bouverie Hall, North Street, Pewsey, Wiltshire SN9 5EQ
Date: Monday 10 September 2012
Time: 7.00 pm

Including the Parishes of Alton, Beechingstoke, Burbage, Buttermere, Charlton and Wilsford, Chirton, Easton, Grafton, Great Bedwyn, Ham, Little Bedwyn, Manningford, Marden, Milton Lilbourne, North Newnton, Oare, Patney, Pewsey, Rushall, Shalbourne, Stanton St Bernard, Upavon, Wilcot and Huish, Woodborough, Wootton Rivers

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

Robert Hall	Pewsey Vale
Jerry Kunkler (Chairman)	Pewsey
Stuart Wheeler (Vice Chairman)	Burbage + Bedwyns

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Items to be considered	Time
<p>1 Welcome and Introductions</p> <p>2 Apologies for Absence</p> <p>3 Minutes (<i>Pages 3 - 12</i>)</p> <p>To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 2 July 2012.</p> <p>4 Declarations of Interest</p> <p>Councillors are requested to declare any pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests or dispensations granted by the Standards Committee.</p> <p>5 Chairman's Announcements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a Street Lighting Savings (<i>Pages 13 - 22</i>) b State of the Environment Report (<i>Pages 23 - 24</i>) c Wiltshire Online: Digital Literacy in Wiltshire (<i>Pages 25 - 26</i>) d Wiltshire & Swindon Local Nature Partnership (<i>Pages 27 - 28</i>) e Minerals Sites in Wiltshire and Swindon (<i>Pages 29 - 30</i>) f Barrier Busting Proposals (<i>Pages 31 - 32</i>) g CATG Update (<i>Pages 33 - 36</i>) 	<p>7:00 pm</p>
<p>6 Cabinet Representative - Councillor Dick Tonge</p> <p>Councillor Dick Tonge, Cabinet Representative for Highways and Transport, will give a brief overview of that area of responsibility. The Chairman will then invite questions from the public.</p> <p><i>(Note: Written questions may be submitted in advance – please email to sharonl.smith@wiltshire.gov.uk by Wednesday 5 September 2012)</i></p>	<p>7:05 pm</p>

7	<p>Partner Updates</p> <p>To receive any updates from partner organisations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a Wiltshire Police (<i>Pages 37 - 38</i>) b Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service (<i>Pages 39 - 40</i>) c NHS Wiltshire (<i>Pages 41 - 44</i>) d Pewsey Community Area Partnership (PCAP) e Parish Councils f Pewsey Community Area Young People Issues Group (CAYPIG) g Pewsey Campus - Shadow Community Operations Board (<i>Pages 45 - 46</i>) h Wiltshire Involvement Network (WIN) (<i>Pages 47 - 48</i>) 	7:15 pm
8	<p>Youth Advisory Group (<i>Pages 49 - 52</i>)</p> <p>To appoint a Pewsey Area Board and Parish Council representative to the Youth Advisory Group.</p>	7:35 pm
9	<p>Police and Crime Commissioners</p> <p>To receive a presentation from Gill Mortimer, member of the Wiltshire Police Authority, on the role of the new Police and Crime Commissioners.</p>	7:40 pm
10	<p>Housing Need and Review of Wiltshire's Housing Allocation System (<i>Pages 53 - 54</i>)</p> <p>Nicole Smith, Head of Strategic Housing, will be in attendance to inform and consult the Area Board regarding the review.</p>	7:55 pm
11	<p>Community Issues (<i>Pages 55 - 56</i>)</p> <p>Councillor Stuart Wheeler will give an update on the progress made regarding issues which have been raised with the Area Board.</p>	8:25 pm
12	<p>Community Area Grants (<i>Pages 57 - 64</i>)</p> <p>To determine any applications for Community Area Grants.</p>	8:30 pm
13	<p>Street Light Switch Off Request (<i>Pages 65 - 68</i>)</p> <p>To approve the Charlton & Wilsford Parish Council street light switch off request.</p>	8:40 pm

14 **Urgent Business**

8:45 pm

Time permitting, the Chairman will invite questions and comments on issues not covered elsewhere in the agenda.

15 **Future Meeting Dates and Close** (*Pages 69 - 70*)

To note the Forward Plan attached.

The next meeting of the Pewsey Area Board is scheduled for Monday 12 November 2012, **6:30pm** at Burbage Village Hall, Eastcourt Road, Burbage SN8 3AJ.

Future Meeting Dates

Monday, 12 November 2012

7.00 pm

Burbage Village Hall, Eastcourt Road, Burbage,
Wiltshire SN8 3AJ

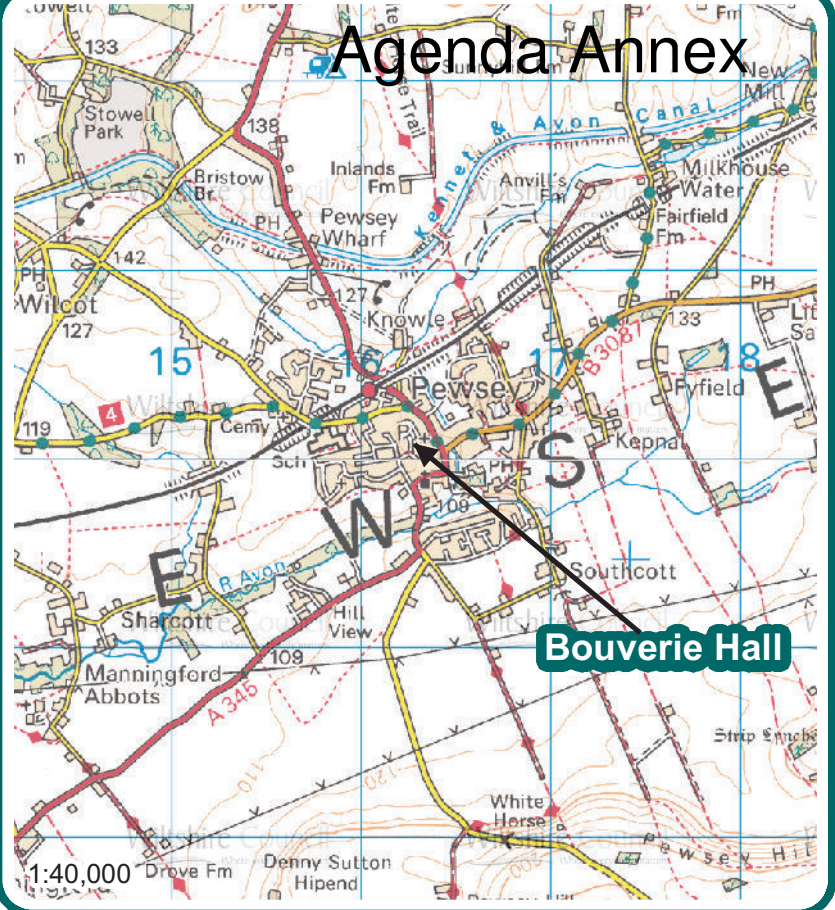
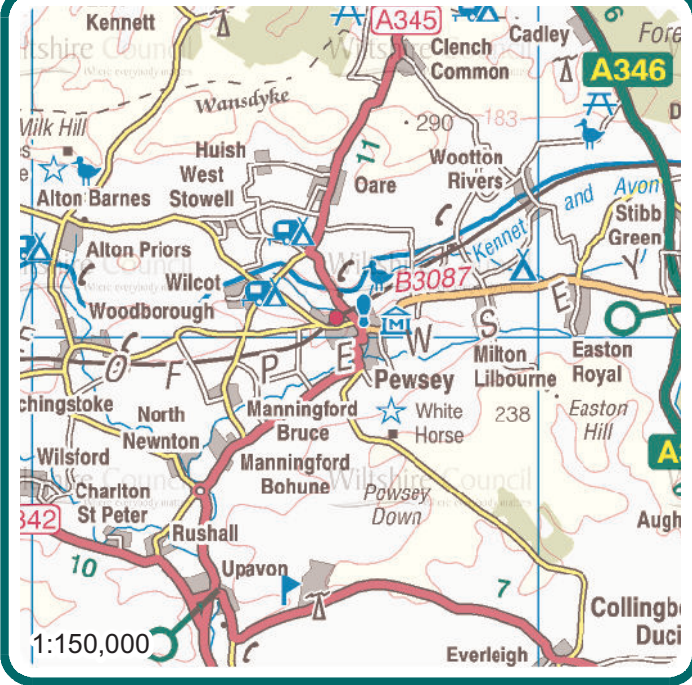
Monday, 14 January 2012

7:00 pm

Burbage Village Hall, Eastcourt Road, Burbage,
Wiltshire SN8 3AJ

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Agenda Annex



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MINUTES

Meeting: PEWSEY AREA BOARD
Place: Bouverie Hall, North Street, Pewsey, Wiltshire SN9 5EQ
Date: 2 July 2012
Start Time: 7.00 pm
Finish Time: 9.05 pm

Please direct any enquiries on these minutes to:

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In Attendance:

Wiltshire Councillors

Cllr Jerry Kunkler (Chairman)
Cllr Stuart Wheeler (Vice Chairman)
Cllr Brigadier Robert Hall
Cllr Fleur de Rhe-Philippe (Cabinet representative)

Wiltshire Council Officers

Ian Gibbons – Director Law and Governance
Richard Rogers – Community Area Manager
Nick Glass – Manager for Schools Strategic Planning
Emma Cooper – Community Partnership Manager

Parish Councils

Alton Parish Council – Steve Hepworth
Burbage Parish Council – Roger Pearce, Martin Hamer
Charlton and Wilsford Parish Council – Neil Golding
Great Bedwyn Parish Council – Peter Durie
Ham Parish Council – Susie Eldridge
Little Bedwyn Parish Council – Andrew Moore, Bill Yates
Manningford Parish Council – Bernard Gaskin
North Newnton Parish Council – Julia Harrel, Carolyn Whistler

Pewsey Parish Council – Terry Eyles, Peter Deck, Caroline Dalrymple, Bob Woodward, Curly Haskell

Rushall Parish Council – Colin Gale, John Rogers

Stanton St Bernard Parish Council – Michael Frankton, Joyce Hale

Woodborough Parish Council – Jim Fletcher

Wootton Rivers Parish Council – Paul Neale

Partners

Wiltshire Fire and Rescue – Mike Franklin

Pewsey Community Area Partnership (PCAP) – Bob King

Pewsey & District Chamber of Commerce – Patrick Wilson

Total in attendance: 51

<u>Agenda Item No.</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>
1	<u>Election of Chairman</u> Cllr Jerry Kunkler was elected Chairman for the municipal year.
2	<u>Election of Vice-Chairman</u> Cllr Stuart Wheeler was elected Vice-Chairman for the municipal year.
3	<u>Appointment to Outside Bodies</u> The Board confirmed membership of outside bodies and terms of reference for working Groups (including the Community Area Transport Group (CATG)) as follows: <u>Decision</u> The appointments to outside bodies for 2012/13 are: Pewsey Community Area Partnership – Cllr Robert Hall Pewsey Youth Issues Group (CAYPIG) – Cllr Stuart Wheeler and Cllr Jerry Kunkler <u>Decision</u> The appointments to the Community Area Transport Group (CATG) and Shadow Community Operations Board (COB) for 2012/13 are: <u>CATG</u> Wiltshire Council - Cllrs Robert Hall, Jerry Kunkler, Stuart Wheeler Sustrans – David Leighton Pewsey Parish Council – Peter Deck, Terry Eyles Rushall Parish Council – Colin Gale Manningford Parish Council – Bernard Gaskin and one substitute Pewsey and District Chamber of Commerce – Patrick Wilson Pewsey Community Area Partnership – Bob King Pewsey Community Area Partnership Transport sub-group – Stanley Bagwell Neighbourhood Policing Team – Vince Logue The Group may invite representatives from local organisations to its meetings to give technical advice or to share pertinent local knowledge on projects in the area. <u>Shadow Community Operations Board (SCOB)</u> Wiltshire Council – Cllr Stuart Wheeler Town/Parish Council – Cllr Bob Woodward Education and Young People – Wendy Spencer

	<p>Wider Community – Tom Hatfield Pewsey Vale School – Marcus Chapman User and Community Groups – David Line, Caroline Maddocks, Christopher Haskell</p> <p><u>Decision</u> The terms of reference for CATG and SCOB were agreed, as included in the agenda pack.</p>
4	<p><u>Welcome and Introductions</u></p> <p>The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the Area Board Members, the officers and the visiting cabinet representative, Councillor Fleur de Rhe-Philippe.</p>
5	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies for absence had been received from:</p> <p>The Chairman of Manningford Parish Council Grafton Parish Council Little Bedwyn Parish Council</p>
6	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p><u>Decision</u> The minutes of the meeting held on 14 May 2012 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.</p>
7	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>
8	<p><u>Chairman's Announcements</u></p> <p>The Chairman drew the Board's attention to the Announcements provided within the agenda, namely:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Localism Act b) Joint Strategic Assessment (JSA) c) Paths for Communities <p>Additional information was provided as follows:</p> <p><u>Localism Act</u></p> <p>Attendees were reminded that copies of the Briefing document referred to within the Announcement were available at the sign-in desk.</p>

	<p><u>JSA</u></p> <p>An event was held on 30 January 2012 where attendees were asked to identify areas of importance to the local community. The Board received at its meeting held in March details of the priorities identified (a copy of which can be found within the Agenda). At this meeting attendees were asked to consider the information and provide the Community Area Manager with one or two priorities which the Board may wish to focus its attention for the ensuing year.</p> <p>Having considered the responses received, the Board members selected the following as priorities:-</p> <p>Arts Culture Leisure Collecting and collating information on all local facilities and activities and resources for sharing and linking clubs, schools, villages for: sports, culture leisure and that includes evening classes and indoor, mobile sport and transport.</p> <p>Transport Solve pedestrian access problems to Pewsey rail station.</p>
9	<p><u>Cabinet Representative - Councillor Fleur de Rhe-Philipe</u></p> <p>Cllr Fleur de Rhe-Philipe, Cabinet member for Economic Development and Strategic Planning was introduced by the Chairman and asked to provide an update on her area of responsibility for the Board.</p> <p>Following discussion the following information was provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the Core Strategy had been considered by Full Council at its meeting held in June where it was agreed to adopt the Strategy as amended by the changes identified in the Inspector's report. • The Strategy would be submitted to the Secretary of State shortly who would duly appoint a Planning Inspector to review the strategy proposed. Confirmation was provided that the Council was not able to amend the strategy submitted but could either accept or reject as a whole. • Although no strategic sites had been identified within the Pewsey area it was acknowledged that there was still a need for local growth. • A high target had been set in relation to employment and the need for the creation of further jobs. The Council was working hard to promote this. • It was recognised that the transport infrastructure for Wiltshire would need to be improved for key developments. A bid had been made to central government and monies won to assist with future planning. • The Local Economic Partnership with Swindon Council would also

	<p>provide further funding in relation to joint planning proposals.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An infrastructure plan would be drawn up to prioritise funding received to ensure it was used in the most appropriate areas. • Non strategic plans put forward would still need to fall within the agreed principles of the core strategy other than those supported by Neighbourhood Plans, which would need to have support of at least 50% of the local community. <p>Further details in relation to Neighbourhood Plans would be given during the following item.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked Cllr Fleur de Rhe-Philippe for her attendance.</p>
10	<p><u>Neighbourhood Development Plan</u></p> <p>Peter Deck (Pewsey Parish Council) and Patrick Wilson (Pewsey & District Chamber of Commerce) were in attendance to provide the Board with details of the Neighbourhood Development Plan.</p> <p>The following information was provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Plan would allow communities to outline the type of developments wanted within the local area. • Although Pewsey Parish Council had given agreement in April 2011 for a working group to be established. Work had only recently begun following further clarification of legislation arising from when the Localism Bill became an Act. • Wiltshire Council had recommended that neighbouring Parish Council's might benefit from working together to produce one combined plan. The Community Area Partnership (CAP) had been consulted. Approximately 6 parish council responses had been received. • Terms of Reference had been written. Once fully adopted by the Working Group these would be submitted to the Pewsey Parish Council for consideration. • The importance of community engagement in developing Neighbourhood Plans was highlighted. With this in mind initial engagement was expected to start in the early Autumn and a full community consultation undertaken thereafter. An event had been scheduled to take place at the Pewsey Vale School on 6 September with all members of the community encouraged to attend. • Factors that would need to be taken into account when developing the Plan

	<p>included: Core Strategy Joint Strategic Assessment (JSA) Community Area Plan (CAP)</p> <p>The Chairman thanked Peter Deck and Patrick Wilson for the presentation.</p>
11	<p><u>Partner Updates</u></p> <p>(a) <u>Wiltshire Police</u></p> <p>Inspector Ron Peach was unable to attend the meeting due to an incident that had taken place in Devizes. Attendees were therefore asked to note the update provided within the agenda.</p> <p>In addition, the Board made attendees aware that a shadow Police & Crime Panel had been formed within the authority. This Panel would scrutinise the decisions of the Police Commissioner once appointed and would become statutory after elections on 15 November 2012. An update would be brought to the Board in September.</p> <p>(b) <u>Wiltshire Fire and Rescue</u></p> <p>The written update provided within the Agenda was noted.</p> <p>(c) <u>NHS Wiltshire</u></p> <p>No update was provided.</p> <p>(d) <u>Pewsey Community Area Partnership</u></p> <p>Bob King, Chairman of the Pewsey Community Area Partnership (PCAP) gave an update on the work of PCAP. Issues arising from the last meeting held on 14 June included further discussion on HGV signage in Devizes through the A342/A345 and housing needs in rural areas.</p> <p>Clarification was also provided that the part-time co-ordinator position had now been appointed.</p> <p>(e) <u>Parish Councils</u></p> <p>Stef Robertson from Chirton and Conock Parish Council confirmed that transport issues remained with no speed reductions anticipated in Chirton along the B3098. There were also still concerns in relation to the Devizes Rushall bend along the A342.</p> <p>Stef Robertson was also concerned that the full update expected following the overweight vehicle signage consultation was not available.</p>

	<p>The attending Service Director for Law and Governance confirmed that the Cabinet member had requested that further metro-loop information be provided following the consultation close date in May as the equipment used to gather the initial data had failed. The results of the consultation were now therefore expected to be known later in July.</p> <p>Cllr Dick Tonge, Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport would be asked to attend the next meeting to provide an update to the Board.</p> <p>(f) <u>Pewsey Community Area Young People’s Issues Group (CAYPIG)</u></p> <p>A meeting of CAYPIG was to be held this evening. The summer holiday programme of activities was now available and included workshops for the Pewsey Carnival, planned trips and future music nights.</p> <p>A grant request was likely to be submitted to the Board later in the year for funding towards a Drum and Base music night following the success of the previous music event held.</p> <p>(g) <u>Pewsey Campus – Shadow Community Operations Board</u></p> <p>The Board were asked to note the update provided on page 41 of the agenda. It was hoped that the business proposals would be submitted to the Cabinet Capital Assets Committee in the near future.</p>
12	<p><u>Chirton School Consultation</u></p> <p>Nick Glass, Manager for Schools Strategic Planning and Places was in attendance to provide details on the Chirton School Consultation.</p> <p>In addressing the Board the following information was provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the Council had been asked to help find partners who may be able to help with the future of the village school. • On 25 April Governors of the school received due diligence from possible partners and it was felt this an appropriate time for public consultation on the future of the school. Clarification was provided that the Council had advised confidentiality until the formal consultation to avoid undue panic amongst parents. • The authority would always strive where possible to ensure that village schools remained open. However, decisions were required in terms of the viability, taking into consideration that 3 children only fell within the catchment area this year and an anticipated 6 were highlighted for the following year.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The consultation was due to close at 5pm this evening. However, to ensure the views of the Board could be taken into consideration this was extended to midnight. Hard copies of the consultation were made available at the meeting and details provided to the on-line consultation. • Once all responses were coordinated a report would be submitted to the Cabinet Member for Children’s Services. <p>In noting the information provided in relation to pupils within the catchment area, it was commented that additional affordable housing was required in order to allow young families with children to remain in the area and have the opportunity to use the school.</p> <p>The Cabinet members in attendance noted the comments received and confirmation was provided by Nick Glass that these would also be passed to the responsible Cabinet Member for Children’s Services.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked Nick Glass for the presentation and confirmed that hard copies of the consultation paper could be handed to the attending Democratic Services Officer at the end of the meeting who would ensure they were delivered to Nick Glass accordingly.</p>
13	<p><u>Wiltshire Community Bank - Tackling Financial Exclusion</u></p> <p>Emma Cooper, Partnership Development Manager, was in attendance to provide a presentation on the Wiltshire Community Bank. The presentation included the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Wiltshire Community Bank had been launched in Pewsey in November 2011 and could be accessed at the Pewsey Library on a Tuesday morning. • To reach those most in need of the services provided work was being undertaken with the children’s centres and social landlords to communicate as wide as possible the services provided by the Bank. • The Financial Inclusion Services in Wiltshire were able to provide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advice Bank Accounts Credit (affordable and responsible) Debt help and advice Education on money • Work was being done with the England Illegal Money-Lending team to try to tackle the communities’ reliance on illegal money-lenders where the APR can, in many instances, be as much as 272% (compared to an average of 23.9% for most High Street banks). <p>The Chairman thanked Emma Cooper for her attendance.</p>

14	<p><u>Community Issues</u></p> <p>Councillor Stuart Wheeler updated the meeting on the Community Issues which had been received by the Area Board.</p>
15	<p><u>Community Area Grants</u></p> <p>The Area Board considered two applications for Community Area Grant funding. The Chairman invited the local Councillor to introduce each application, following which a representative of the applicant was given an opportunity to give a brief overview of their project to the Area Board.</p> <p><u>Decision</u> Wootton Rivers Recreation Project was awarded £2,140 towards the cost of updating and improving sports and recreation facilities conditional upon the remaining funding being sought/confirmed.</p> <p><u>Reason</u> <i>The application met the Community Area Grants criteria for 2011/12 and would support several Community Area Plan priorities, including a focus on youth and community involvement to improve access to recreation and leisure at a local level.</i></p> <p><u>Decision</u> St Michaels Parochial Church Council, Little Bedwyn was awarded £2,500 towards the Bells Restoration Project conditional upon the remaining funding being confirmed.</p> <p><u>Reason</u> <i>The application met the Community Area Grants criteria for 2011/12 and would support several Community Area Plan priorities, including ensuring community facilities and events are maintained.</i></p>
16	<p><u>Urgent Business</u></p> <p>There were no urgent items considered.</p>
17	<p><u>Future Meeting Dates and Close</u></p> <p>The next meeting of the Pewsey Area Board was scheduled for Monday 10 September 2012, 7pm at Bouverie Hall, North Street, Pewsey, Wiltshire SN9 5EQ.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked everyone for attending.</p>

Agenda Item 5a

Chairman's Announcements

Subject:	Street Lighting Savings
Officer Contact Details:	Peter Binley - Head of Service Highway Asset Management and Commissioning
Weblink:	http://cms.wiltshire.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=633
Further details available:	See link above

Summary of announcement:

The Council is seeking views on the proposals to save money and reduce its carbon footprint by reducing energy usage on street lighting.

The initial consultations is on the proposal to convert about half of the Council's street lighting to operate for part of the night, dim suitable lights when the streets are less busy, and remove lighting no longer required.

Subject to the outcome of this consultation and consideration of the by the Council's Cabinet, the scheme will be worked up in more detail. Further consultations will then be held with the relevant Town and Parish Councils on the individual lights to be changed.

The Council are currently seeking views on these changes to street lighting to reduce energy usage and costs.

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CONSULTATION ON STREET LIGHTING SAVING ENERGY MONEY AND CARBON

Background

Wiltshire Council has over 40,000 streetlights. Most of these are on all night whether they are needed or not.

The Council needs to save money and reduce its carbon footprint by reducing energy usage. Rising energy costs, carbon tax and budget restraints make it necessary to change the way we light our streets.

The Proposal

It is proposed to convert about half of the street lights to operate for part of the night. Generally they will be off between midnight and 5.30 am.

Lights at junctions, pedestrian crossings and where required for safety will remain on all night.

Where suitable the lighting levels on some street lights will be adjusted to be dimmer when traffic flows and pedestrian movements are reduced.

Lighting where there are CCTV systems, in town centres, and in areas where crime is a problem will remain on.

A few lights will be turned off permanently where they are no longer required.

The operation of the scheme will be monitored and changes will be made as necessary in the event of problems.

Why the changes are needed

The Council's energy budget for street lighting is over £1.2 million, and energy costs will increase in the future, especially with the introduction of the carbon tax. Budgets are constrained and it is necessary for Council's to reduce expenditure.

Street lighting accounts for 12% of the Council's carbon footprint. The Council has a target to reduce its carbon footprint by 20% by 2013/14 and an aspiration to achieve a 50% reduction by 2020.

Over 1,300 street lights have already been converted to part night lighting following the recent Area Board community based projects, and the Council has already converted its illuminated bollards to low energy units.

Other Councils have successfully implemented similar schemes without adverse impacts, and are making large savings.

CONSULTATION ON STREET LIGHTING SAVING ENERGY MONEY AND CARBON

Consultations

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Subject to the outcome of this consultation and consideration of the by the Council's Cabinet, the scheme will be worked up in more detail. Further consultations will then be held with the relevant Town and Parish Councils on the individual lights to be changed.

If you have any comments on the proposals at this stage please go to the Council's consultations page at:

<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council/consultations.htm>

Or e-mail them to:

streetlighting@wiltshire.gov.uk

Or write to:-

Street Lighting Consultation
Wiltshire Council
County Hall
Trowbridge
Wiltshire
BA14 8JD

All comments should be made by 31 August 2012

We look forward to receiving your comments.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. **When will lighting be turned off?**

Selected lighting units will be turned off from about midnight until 5.30 am. They will come back on at about 5.30 am if it is still dark. The times of operation may vary by about 15 minutes depending on the type of switching used. From dusk until midnight and on dark mornings after 5.30 am they will operate as usual. This is when our streets are busiest.

2. **What does dimming lights mean?**

Some of the more modern lighting units can have their power levels adjusted so that lighting levels can be reduced when traffic flows are low or at off peak times. They can be turned up to full power when needed. The dimming saves energy.

3. **Which lights will be converted to operate for part of the night?**

An assessment will be undertaken of every area where the changes are proposed. Where necessary some lights will be left on all night.

The lights to be left on will generally be:-

- Main traffic routes with substantial pedestrian movements, or potential conflict areas such as junctions and roundabouts.
- Areas with above average night time pedestrian activity such as town centres or near 24 hour or early morning facilities.
- Areas with 24 hour operational emergency services sites such as hospitals and fire stations.
- Street lights near uncontrolled pedestrian crossings (zebra crossings or informal crossings) and within subways, stairways and ramps, enclosed footpaths and alleyways.
- Street lights close to potential hazards on the highway (such as roundabouts, central carriageway islands, build-outs and speed-humps).

4. **Which lights will be turned out permanently?**

A few lights which were installed many years ago are no longer required. Modern standards would not require lighting to be provided at these locations. These are generally in rural areas or in other locations where there are no houses fronting onto the roads, or where lighting levels exceed current standards.

5. Why cannot all lights be dimmed instead of turned off?

To dim a street light both the lamp in the lantern and the electronic gear that controls it needs to be capable of dimming. The majority of street lighting equipment is of an older generation and cannot be dimmed. The upgrading of large numbers of street lights is prohibitively expensive. Also dimmed lighting continues to consume energy and does not maximize energy savings.

6. Could one in three lights be turned off permanently instead?

The intention of the scheme is to develop a safe and sustainable method of reducing energy consumption. Turning off lights permanently would result in uneven lighting levels for all road users during the hours of darkness. It is considered that turning lights off for part of the night would have less adverse impact on the public and road users.

7. Could the lighting have new technology such as motion sensing?

Motion-sensing switches, such as those which operate security lights, have been considered, but most of the street lighting in use today requires a warm-up period of several minutes to reach full output and is not suitable for this type of switching. There are also concerns about potential uneven lighting for drivers and disturbance for residents.

8. Could solar powered lighting be used instead?

At present there are issues with the use of solar power for public street lighting. The cost of conversion, battery life and the number of panels required mean that costs are much higher than conventional units. In the future the technology may develop and it could become viable.

9. Could LED lighting units be used instead?

Converting all the existing lights to LED (Light Emitting Diode) lighting would be much more expensive, but on new developments and new lighting installations this type of lighting will be used where appropriate and cost effective.

10. Can the Council legally turn off street lights?

Yes. There is no statutory requirement on local authorities in the UK to provide street lighting. The Highways Act empowers local authorities to light roads but does not place a duty to do so. However, the Council does have a duty to ensure that lighting units are kept in safe condition.

11. What about road safety?

The lights at major junctions, roundabouts, pedestrian crossings and obstructions in the road will be kept on. These are the areas which would benefit most from being lit. All street lighting will be on at peak travel periods during the hours of darkness as at present. The accident data will continue to be monitored regularly, and if problem sites are identified changes to the lighting regimes will be made.

12. What about crime?

The lighting in town centres and any identified high crime areas will remain on. Where there is CCTV the lighting will also remain on as necessary. Wiltshire is a safe county, but it is appreciated that there is a fear of crime, and there are concerns that reducing street lighting could increase anti-social behaviour and vandalism at night. The situation will be monitored and where necessary changes will be made so that the lighting remains on at key sites where justified.

13. What about cars parked on the street at night?

The lights in residential areas where cars are likely to be parked over night are only likely to be turned off between midnight and 5.30 am when traffic flows are low. If you do park your vehicle over night on the road you should be aware of the Highway Code requirements, especially regarding not parking at night facing against the direction of traffic and displaying parking lights on roads with a speed limit greater than 30 mph. Please refer to the Highway Code for details.

14. Will 30 mph speed limits be affected if lights are switched off?

No. A 30 mph speed limit automatically applies to any road containing a system of street lights placed not more than 200 yards apart, unless signposted with a different speed limit. There is no current law stating that these lights have to be switched on all night to be applicable. Therefore, motorists should be aware that the usual 30 mph speed limits will apply.

15. Will there be a reduction in my Council tax?

No. The Council needs to reduce its spending and the money saved by the changes will help keep Council Tax down. Reducing expenditure on street lighting was an area identified for savings during the consultations on the Council's budget.

16. Will my insurance premium go up?

Councils do not have a statutory requirement to provide public lighting. All street lighting is in place to light areas of the highway as a duty of care to road users. Lighting is not provided to protect private properties. Street lighting within the vicinity of your property is not usually an element that insurance companies take into account when developing home insurance or property policies.

17. If I become a victim of crime or have an accident can I claim against the Council?

There is no statutory requirement for local authorities in the UK to provide public lighting and you are unlikely to be able to claim as a result of the proposed changes to the street lighting. If crime or safety does become an issue changes will be made to the lighting in that area as necessary.

18. What are other Councils doing?

Many other authorities have introduced similar part night lighting schemes successfully, without adverse effects and have made significant savings. The proposed changes in Wiltshire are not as large as those some authorities have made, which have turned off lighting permanently. With rising energy costs and reduced budgets these types of changes to street lighting are becoming more common.

19. What savings will this make?

It is anticipated that savings of over £300,000 could be made annually at current energy prices. Even with moderate energy cost increases of 3% annually the proposals would be expected to save over £12 million over 25 years.

20. Would Town and Parish councils be able to pay to keep all the lighting on all night?

Each case would be considered on its merits, but keeping the lights on would not help the Council meet its carbon reduction target, and will become increasingly expensive for the Councils in the future.

21. Can changes be made to the scheme after it is implemented?

Yes. The Council will be introducing a central control system so that the majority of the county's street lights can be controlled remotely. This will allow alterations to the lighting to be made in response to circumstances.

22. Why haven't the Council written to every resident?

It would cost a significant amount of money to write to every individual household in the county. Instead the Council is consulting with the Area Boards and Town and Parish Councils. However, individuals are welcome to comment on the proposals.

23. What consultation is taking place?

The Area Boards and organisations including the police and emergency services are being invited to comment on the proposals. Town and Parish Councils will be invited to comment. Members of the public and other organisations are welcome to submit comments which will be taken into account before reaching a decision about implementation.

24. How will any comments be taken into account?

The comments and views received will be reviewed and reported to the Cabinet before a decision is made regarding the proposals. The response to the consultations will be taken into account before deciding how to proceed.

25. Will there be further consultations on the details of the proposals?

Subject to outcome of the consultations and consideration by the Council's Cabinet, the scheme will be developed in detail. These will then be the subject of further consultations with the relevant Town and Parish councils.

26. When will it be implemented?

Subject to the consultations, and consideration by the Council's Cabinet, it is anticipated that the changes will start to be introduced in 2013 when the necessary alterations to the equipment will be made.

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Agenda Item 5b

Chairman's Announcements

Subject:	Wiltshire and Swindon State of the Environment report 2012
Officer Contact Details:	Jenny Hawley, Environmental Intelligence Officer at Wiltshire Wildlife Trust - tel: 01380 736 084 and email: jennyh@wiltshirewildlife.org
Weblink:	Wiltshire Intelligence Network Environment section: www.intelligencenetwork.org.uk/environment
Further details available:	Full report available online or in hard copy and more detailed data on the Wiltshire Intelligence Network.

Summary of announcement:

The State of the Environment report is the first of its kind for Wiltshire and Swindon, published in May 2012 and funded by NHS Wiltshire and Wiltshire Council. It provides a strategic assessment of Wiltshire's environment and forms the basis of the JSA environment section.

The report gives an overview of facts and figures relating to a wide range of issues, including land use, wildlife, climate change, waste, air quality, water resources and the historic environment. It highlights key themes and trends over time and in relation to the South West and the UK as a whole.

More detailed data is available in a new environment section of the Wiltshire Intelligence Network. This website gives easy access to up-to-date environmental information and online links to a wide range of sources.

The report and website provide an environmental evidence base to inform policy and decision-making by local authorities and others, and will help to inform the development of the new Wiltshire and Swindon Local Nature Partnership (a separate briefing on this will be available from August onwards).

Detailed information about the state of the environment in each Community Area can be extracted from these resources. For example, maps are available on the website of environmental designations (such as protected wildlife sites) and agri-environment schemes in each Community Area.

Any questions, comments or requests for further information can be addressed to Jenny Hawley (contact details above).

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Agenda Item 5c

Chairman's Announcements

Subject:	Wiltshire Online's digital literacy project
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Further details available:	Please see our website or contact Jenny Wilcockson for more information

Summary of announcement:

Wiltshire Council recognises that access to online services is becoming increasingly essential to residents, businesses and organisations from the third sector. The importance of good, reliable connectivity and the ability to use online services with confidence are central themes to the Wiltshire Online programme.

The benefits of being online are well documented. Not only is the internet an effective tool in helping to reduce social isolation and loneliness, people can save up to £560 per year by using price comparison websites and shopping online (Price Waterhouse Cooper 2009). Digital skills are also vitally important for job seekers, with the majority of roles advertised today requiring some experience of computers. Plus, having a good web presence is crucial to success for private and third sector organisations. Social media is a useful means of communicating with clients and growing a customer base, as well as networking with peers. Anyone who is not online is definitely missing out on a wealth of opportunity.

To ensure that people across Wiltshire have the opportunity to learn the skills and access the technology they need to get online, Wiltshire Online is rolling out a programme of free computer support.

Over the next twelve months, a team of digital champion volunteers will be recruited in every community area. These volunteers will be given access to the resources and training required to help them support people in their local communities to learn the basics of computers and the internet. Digital champions can offer one-to-one or group support in a variety of different venues, including libraries, WiFi enabled cafes or community halls or even someone's own home. Subjects covered include mouse and keyboard skills, setting up a computer desktop, searching the web, using email, Skype, Facebook, online shopping and more. Wiltshire Online will also be encouraging businesses to engage with the programme to support their corporate social responsibility agendas.

This free support is available to all adults in Wiltshire, although particular emphasis is placed on reaching older people, people with disabilities and families on low income. To help support this delivery, Wiltshire Online is working with a number of partners, including the Wiltshire Library Service, Age UK, IT Can Help, Community First, Citizen's Advice Wiltshire and The Learning Curve.

This digital literacy initiative is already well underway in the Melksham community area. To date, a team of 12 digital champions have helped support nearly 30 people either get online for the first time or increase their confidence with computers and the web. Wiltshire Online is now launching its digital literacy programme in the Chippenham and Salisbury community areas, with plans to roll the initiative out across the county by March 2013.

For details about how to get involved, please visit www.wiltshireonline.org or contact Jenny Wilcockson, Digital Literacy Coordinator on 01225 793349 or jenny.wilcockson@wiltshire.gov.uk

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Agenda Item 5d

Chairman's Announcements

Subject:	Wiltshire and Swindon Local Nature Partnership (LNP)
Officer Contact Details:	Zoe Pittaway, Wiltshire & Swindon LNP Coordinator, hosted at Wiltshire Wildlife Trust, Tel: 01380 725670 extension 279, Email: zoep@wiltshirewildlife.org
Weblink:	LNP website currently under development
Further details available:	Further details on LNPs can be found on Defra's website: http://www.defra.gov.uk/environment/natural/whitepaper/local-nature-partnerships/

Summary of announcement:

Over the last 6 months the Local Nature Partnership (LNP) has been developing across Wiltshire and Swindon. LNPs were introduced by Government in June 2011 as a new mechanism to help improve the health of our local environment. Ultimately LNPs will aim to raise the profile of the natural environment and enhance partnership working, in particular supporting the environment sector to engage more effectively with the business, community and health sectors.

All developing LNPs across the Country were asked to submit an application to Defra by 6th June 2012 outlining how the new partnership would function and what the LNP would aim to achieve. The Wiltshire & Swindon LNP engaged with a wide diversity of stakeholders from a range of sectors via workshops, meetings and talks. All of the feedback and comments that we received were incorporated in to the development of the LNP to ensure we built a useful and dynamic partnership.

Over the last two months we have been waiting to hear if our application for LNP status has been successful and I am now pleased to announce that the Wiltshire & Swindon LNP has officially been recognised by the Secretary of State. The Wiltshire & Swindon LNP Board will be meeting for the first time in September 2012.

Please find attached a short information sheet outlining what an LNP is, why the partnership will be important and how the LNP will function. Most importantly we hope you will be keen to respond to the key questions that we have included in the information sheet.

We will continue to keep you updated on the progress of the LNP and look forward to hearing from you soon.

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Chairman's Announcement

Minerals Sites in Wiltshire and Swindon

Wiltshire Council and Swindon Borough Council jointly submitted the Proposed Submission draft Aggregate Minerals Site Allocations Local Plan (the Site Allocations Plan) (formerly Development Plan Document (DPD))¹ to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government on 20 July 2012 along with supporting evidence reports and proposed minor modifications to the Plan stemming from the final, pre-submission round of consultation held earlier this year.

The Site Allocations Plan sets out a series of proposals for locating 7 new sand and gravel quarries within the plan area² to meet the councils' locally derived forecast provision requirements of 1.2 million tonnes per annum through the plan period up to 2026. Details of these sites are presented below.

Proposed minerals site name/location	Size of site hectares (ha)	Estimated resource yield	Current land use	Community Area
Cox's Farm	106.1	2,400,000	Agricultural	Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade
Blackburr Farm	49.7	812,000	Agricultural	
North Farm	75.6	300,000	Agricultural	
Land east of Calcutt	172.6	2,200,000	Agricultural	
Land at Cotswold Community	38.56	2,760,000	Agricultural/ former educational and residential facility	Malmesbury
Land near Compton Bassett	23.4	450,000	Agricultural	Calne
Extensions to Brickworth Quarry	25.2	1,948,000	Agricultural/ Woodland	South Wiltshire

The Site Allocations Plan has been developed with a restoration led approach at its heart (seeking biodiversity and amenity enhancements **not** the landfilling of putrescible waste), advocating upfront consideration of suitable after uses for the minerals sites in the document.

Copies of all submission documents including copies of representations made and other supporting documents which, in the opinion of the councils, are relevant to the preparation of the Site Allocations Plan are available to view on the councils' website at <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/planninganddevelopment/planningpolicy/mineralsandwastepolicy/aggreatemineralssiteallocations.htm> and on the councils' dedicated online consultation portal: <http://consult.wiltshire.gov.uk/portal>.

For those without access to a computer, hard copies of the documents can be viewed in the Council's offices in Chippenham (Monkton Park), Devizes (Browfort), Salisbury (Milford Street) and Trowbridge (County Hall and Bradley Road) and Swindon Borough Council (Wat Tyler House) as well as all local libraries.

¹ For minerals and waste matters, Wiltshire Council prepares its policy framework jointly with Swindon Borough Council.

² For minerals planning, the plan area delineates the boundary of Wiltshire and Swindon, excluding the New Forest.

Please note, due to office closures, documents will only be available at Browfort until 30th September 2012 and at Bradley Road until the 30th November 2012.

The Site Allocations Plan is now being subjected to an independent examination, conducted by the Planning Inspectorate to determine if the Plan can be considered sound. This is a continuous process running from the date of submission through to the receipt of the appointed Planning Inspector's Report.

Part of this process will involve hearing sessions where those invited to attend will have the opportunity to respond to matters raised by the appointed Planning Inspector. These hearing sessions are provisionally scheduled to commence on 23 October 2012. Once confirmed, all details relating to the examination process will be advertised and made available online. In addition, information will be sent directly to all those who made representations at the last stage in the plan preparation process informing them as to how they can get involved in the examination process.

Officer Contacts: Minerals and Waste Policy Team on 01225 713429
Email mineralsandwastepolicy@wiltshire.gov.uk

Weblink:

<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/planninganddevelopment/planningpolicy/mineralsandwastepolicy/aggregatemineralssiteallocations.htm>

Further details:

<http://consult.wiltshire.gov.uk/portal>

Agenda Item 5f

Chairman's Announcements

Subject:	Barrier Busting Proposals
Officer Contact Details:	David Bowater Programme Lead (Communities) David.Bowater@wiltshire.gov.uk Tel: 01225 713978
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Summary of announcement:

Barrier Busting Proposals

Many people have great ideas about how they could make their neighbourhood a better place to live.

Volunteers, community groups and social enterprises of many kinds would like to play a bigger role in local life. But sometimes barriers get in the way. Red tape, rules and regulations stop people putting good ideas into action. Not only is this frustrating – it means that local people miss out.

The Government have a 'Barrier Busting Team' to help with this problem.

New rules have been put in place for the way in which 'Barrier Busting' proposals can be submitted to government by local authorities, under the Sustainable Communities Act.

The rules retain the requirement that Wiltshire Council consults its communities and reaches agreement on proposals before submitting them.

The new rules mean, however, that the Local Government Association (LGA) can ask the Secretary of State to look again at proposals submitted by local authorities that have been turned down.

Examples of previous proposals submitted can be found on the government's Barrier Busting Portal:

<http://barrierbusting.communities.gov.uk/>

Anyone can use the portal to submit proposals directly. However, asking Wiltshire Council to submit a proposal means that the LGA can choose to appeal the decision if they are unhappy with the result.

If you have a suggestion for a barrier busting proposal that you think Wiltshire Council should submit, please say why and email these to: David.Bowater@Wiltshire.gov.uk

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Pewsey Community Area Transport Group Meeting held on Thursday 26 July 2012

1. Apologies and Introductions

Attendees

Robert Hall – Pewsey Area Board	Paul Bollen – Wiltshire Council
Terry Eyles – Pewsey Parish Council	Caroline Brailey – Wiltshire Council
Colin Gale – Rushall Parish Council	Jerry Kunkler – Pewsey Area Board
Peter Deck – Pewsey Parish Council	Spencer Drinkwater – Wiltshire Council
Mark Stansby – Wiltshire Council	Vincent Logue – Wiltshire Police
Peter Hanson – Wiltshire Council	Richard Netherclift – Manningford Parish Council
David Proto – Manningford Parish Council	

Apologies

Patrick Wilson

2. Notes of last meeting

A report of the last meeting was put before the May meeting of the area board, and all recommendations agreed

3. New delegations to CATG

- 3.1 Review of C and unclassified roads – current status – Mark Stansby confirmed that the list is being finalised and there should be an announcement very soon.
- 3.2 SID Rota – current status – Caroline confirmed that the deployment of the SID machine according to our rota has been delayed, due to resourcing issues across the County. A new process and policy for deploying SIDs is being prepared and we hope to know more in time for the next meeting. Existing SIDs are being deployed based on old data, so some areas that no longer qualify may still get one, which isn't ideal.

4. Overheight Vehicle Diversion signs

- 4.1 Original issue – Jerry confirmed that Cllr Dick Tonge has been invited to attend the next area board meeting in September. It is hoped that the results of the consultation will be released very soon. Once the proposed decision has been published councillors have a short period of time in which to 'call it in'
- 4.2 Diversion for all vehicles due to roadworks at West Lavington - Colin wanted this brought up because during the time when there was increased volume of traffic a pedestrian in Rushall was clipped by a lorry, and there was a near miss with a pedestrian and his dog which resulted in some 'road rage' as the man in the vehicle reversed back and gave verbal abuse. Colin was asked if the incident was reported to the Police, Colin said he

reported it to the station, and he was asked in future to raise matters such as this by calling 101. Paul Bollen is working with one of the residents affected by the diversion (damage to verge) to install some white posts. It was noted that the diversion signs remained in place 24/7 whereas in fact they should only have been up during the evenings

5. New Requests

a) **Broadfields, Pewsey** – a resident has submitted an issue about a matter he has raised with the parish council over a number of years. He feels the road layout is dangerous and an ‘accident waiting to happen’. He feels that a number of measures should be introduced to improve road safety including:-

- i) lowering of the Church hedge
- ii) one way system around Broadfields
- iii) off road parking and dropped kerbs
- iv) pavement improvements

After some discussion it was agreed that Mark Stansby and Paul Bollen (or Peter Hanson) would meet the resident on site. **Action: Caroline to give contact details to Mark Stansby to set up a meeting.**

b) **Manningford – rat running and signage issues** – main problems are volume and speed. There are changes in the speed limit on the A345 yet the C52 is still a 60mph limit (before the village). 70% of the traffic are regular users. The carnival diversion raises awareness and sat navs send people that way. During a count in 2008 there were 35 cars between 5-6 pm and now there are 65-85 during the same time of day. It's used as a bypass for the A345. People in the village are now avoiding using the road. It is single lane in some places and the verges are disappearing. Manningford want the Council/area board to:-

- 1) accept it is a problem
- 2) come up with some solutions.

The HGV signs have had some success. However they would ask that at Prospect the sign be moved up to the main road as once lorries have turned in they are committed to staying on that road. At the Manningford end they ask that the sign be moved to be under the Manningford Bruce sign as it's more indicative. Mark said that the Prospect sign wasn't put where they requested as that road serves Wilcot and businesses in the area and there are no properties in that section. They have signed lorries down the A road and the layby before they turn into Prospect. Manningford asked if it could say ‘unsuitable from 400 yards’?

It was felt that there has been an increase in traffic overall and this is possibly due to Solstice Park. The HGVs through Manningford have declined a bit, and lorries have new sat nav software – but cars are increasing. Traffic calming would make it a less attractive route.

It was asked if it could be reduced to 20mph as in Devon. Mark said that they have done 20 mph pilots but there have been little changes in speeds.

Suggestions:

- No through road to A345 signage
- Pinch points

- Ensure tractors are on road during every rush hour.

It was suggested that a survey be undertaken at both ends for an hour and then highways will identify 2-3 appropriate pinch point places. Each would cost approx £3k. The parish council will look at temporary obstructions with a vehicle north of village, where it is narrow and in the 60mph limit and carry out a route study from railway bridge north of Manningford Bruce

Mark said that it is important to get some data. There have been strips down recently which are because it is a CSW site and surveyed annually - Richard will get metro data from Elizabeth and numbers of cars.

Action – Richard and David arrange to carry out the survey in September and bring results to next CATG – Spencer to produce guidance

Action – Mark would arrange to move the HGV signs - on south side, either side of post (same as Manningford Abbots and Sharcott). Richard has one spare sign and Mark said he would use that to address this issue.

- c) **Grey Flags, Upavon** – the parish council now want to proceed with a smaller scheme involving the land belonging to some properties that are willing to give permission. Mark will contact Noel to have a look and see what is required **Action: Mark to arrange to meet with Noel Mascall**
- d) **Great Bedwyn request for dropped kerbs at The Knapp.** Paul reported that highways no longer have a budget for dropped kerbs and the costs need to come from CATG/Area Board– it costs £950 per kerb but the Great Bedwyn location needs more than this. **Action: Paul will have a look at what exactly is required and let us know for the next meeting.**

6. Review Current Area Board Issues List

1017 – Caroline to find out if the school are happy with the new timing of the lights

1594 – CATG recommends that this issue now be closed, as the highways dept have carried out some measures. If the residents association which to dispute this they may attend the September board meeting where Dick Tonge will be in attendance

1854 – Pewsey Parish Council have not submitted a form for a metro count, it is felt that speeding is not possible on this road, and this issue should be closed.

2139 – the extension was not approved, therefore this issue to be closed.

2339 – this is a maintenance not a CATG issue – forward to Peter Hanson and close
It was agreed to reopen the Manningford issue.

7. Review Priority List including Updates & Substantive Scheme Bids

Substantive Schemes – there is no official decision yet but Spencer said that the Station application is unsuccessful but the Wilcot Road one might be. The station estimate has risen to £180-£200k. The problem is we have never invested in a proper design which would be £considerable. **Action Mark to feed back in Oct with a figure.** It was agreed to keep the money set aside until that figure is known. It was agreed to keep the money which has been set aside for both schemes for the time being.

It was agreed to add the final part of the first phase for Rushall pavement to the list, and also Manningford, as there may be a requirement for pinch points in the future.

8. Concerns from Pewsey PC

8.1 White line by church – Mark confirmed this would be done in 6-08 weeks.

8.2 There is a consultation underway about the installation of Yellow Lines in Broomcroft Road – from the Roundabout/Hallgate Car park to 70 mtrs past the new development. The Parish Council are happy but worried about cars parking instead on the other side of the road. Peter asked if it would be acceptable to respond asking for the lines to be on both sides. Mark Stansby felt that would be perfectly acceptable.

8.3 Mark said he had been contacted by “Pewsey Meadows Management Ltd” as they have approached them as they are having problems maintaining a hedge and verge, but he wasn't sure if they require permanent access or just some temporary measures such as bollards whilst the work is taking place. **Action: Mark to find out more about what is required.**

9. Date of next meeting – 24 Oct 2pm – Pewsey Parish Office

Crime and Community Safety Briefing Paper Pewsey Community Area Board 10th September 2012



1. Neighbourhood Policing

Team Sgt: Vincent Logue

Pewsey East Team

Beat Manager – PC Teresa Herbert
PCSO – Melissa Camilleri

Pewsey West Team

Beat Manager – PC Richard Barratt
PCSO – Joseph Sadd

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. Police Authority Representative: Mrs Gill Mortimer

Please contact via Wiltshire Police Authority Tel. 01380 734022 or
<http://www.wiltshire-pa.gov.uk/feedback.asp>

4. Performance and Other Local Issues

PCSO Helen Ringstead has now left the team at Pewsey to become a Police Constable and has already started her training. Helen has been a valued member of the team, working hard for the Pewsey Community Area and will be missed. I am sure you will join me in wishing her well in her new career.

We have had a number of successes recently in Pewsey. We have increased patrols of Hallgate House car park following recent complaints from residents of Anti-social Behaviour and suspected drug use. These patrols have resulted in the arrest of 4 youths for drugs offences. One of whom was subsequently charged with a supply offence and has been bailed to appear at court.

We have also arrested 2 local males in possession of stolen roofing lead. This was made possible thanks to the vigilance of a local resident. Enquiries are continuing into this and similar recent offences. We are hopeful of linking these offences. I would ask that anyone who has any information, or has witnessed suspicious behaviour, to report it to police.

Crime Figures:

The detection rates for Pewsey area remain strong with only violent crime seeing a small decrease. This is partly offset by a 14% drop in the number of violent offences. Instances of domestic burglary are down slightly but the detection rate has increased from 5% to 33%. Your NPT has been working hard with other departments and agencies to try to combat non-dwelling burglaries. The lack of detections is partly countered by an 18% drop in the number of offences.

Vehicle crime is again on the increase, mostly due to thefts from motor vehicles at beauty spots. Motorists are unfortunately leaving valuables on display in their vehicles. This increases the likelihood of them becoming victims of crime. Local officers are employing a range of tactics to prevent and detect offences of this type. We also need the assistance of the community through their vigilance and reporting suspicious activity. Finally, we need motorists to be mindful that leaving their possessions on view can prove to be tempting to thieves.

CRIME & DETECTIONS (August 2011 – July 2012 compared to previous year)

EC Pewsey	Crime				Detections	
	August 2010 - July 2011	August 2011 - July 2012	Volume Change	% Change	August 2010 - July 2011	August 2011 - July 2012
Victim Based Crime	385	395	10	3%	12%	15%
Domestic Burglary	19	18	-1	-5%	5%	33%
Non Domestic Burglary	97	80	-17	-18%	0%	0%
Vehicle Crime	51	57	6	12%	2%	5%
Criminal Damage & Arson	69	97	28	41%	13%	18%
Violence Against The Person	56	48	-8	-14%	54%	48%

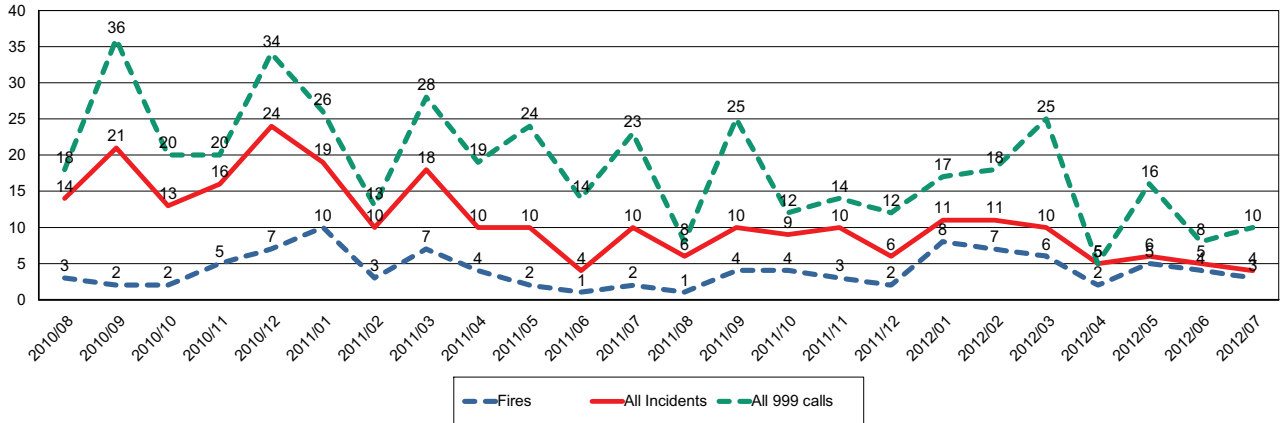
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Area Commander



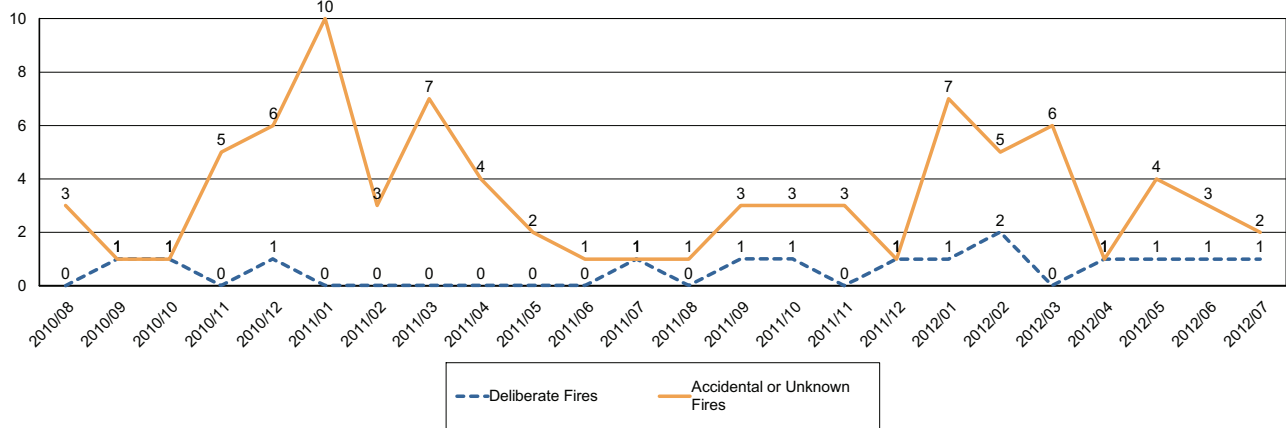
Report for Pewsey Area Board

The following is an update of Fire and Rescue Service activity up to and including July. It has been prepared using the latest information and is subject to change.

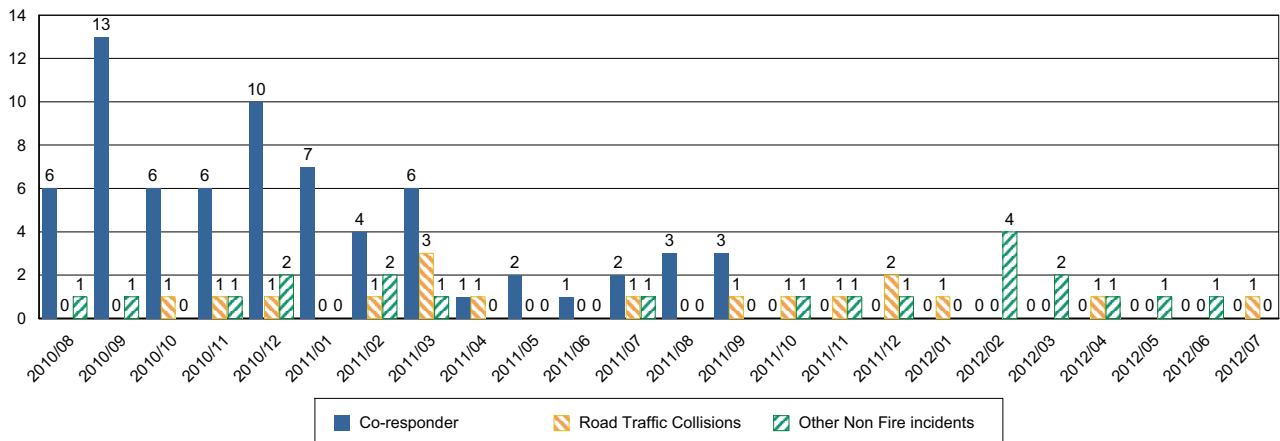
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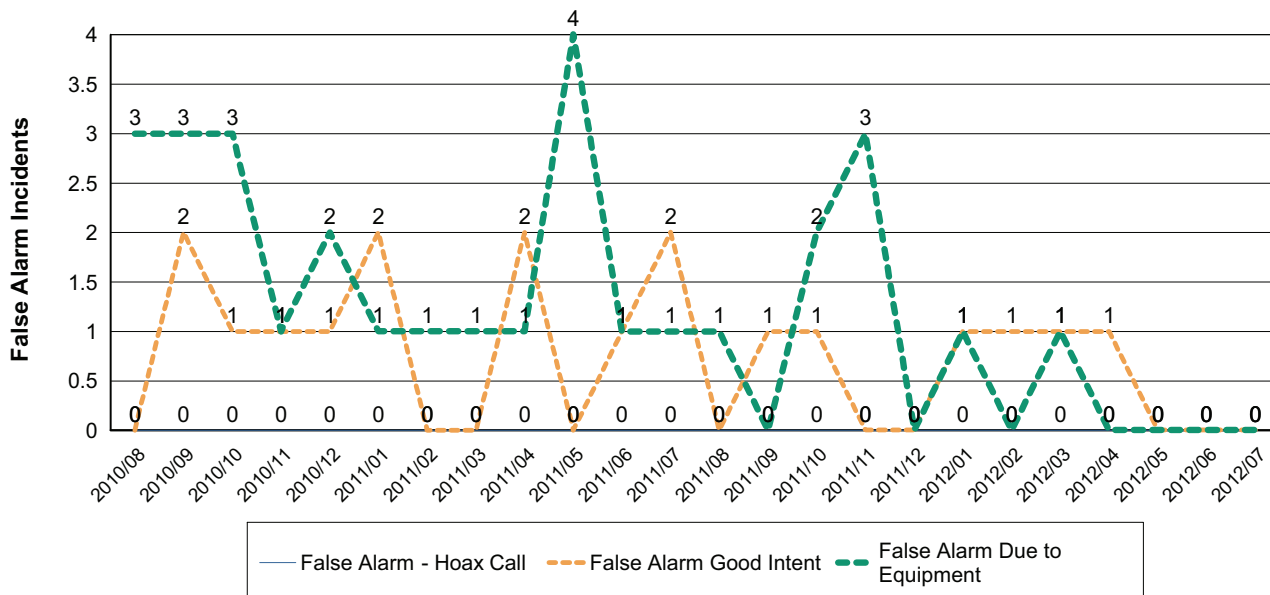
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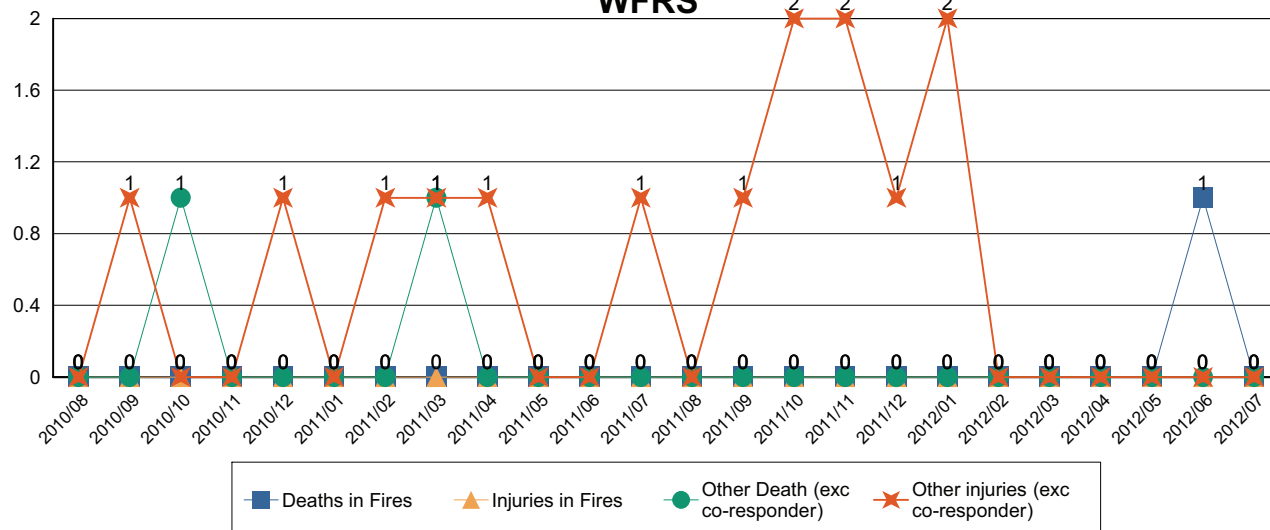
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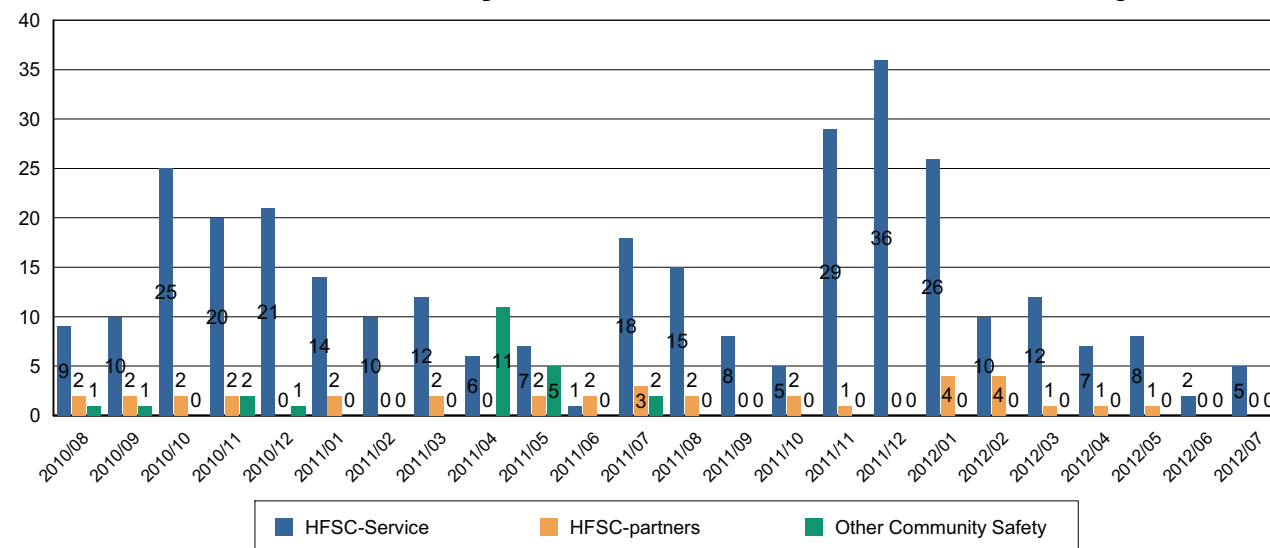
Number of False Alarm Incidents



Death & Injuries in incidents attended by WFRS



Home Fire Safety Checks and other domestic safety



Comments and Interventions overleaf

August 2012 update

Wiltshire's Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), the new GP-led commissioning organisation which will be responsible for buying local health services in Wiltshire, continues to develop its commissioning arrangements before it applies for 'authorisation' status in November 2012.

The organisation will take up commissioning leadership from April 2013. The organisation has established its Clinical Governing Board, with 14 voting members (consisting of a Chairman, three GPs who will act as 'locality representatives', an additional three GPs, a registered nurse and a secondary care specialist doctor, one Chief Accountable Officer, one Chief Finance Officer, one practice manager and two lay members) and eight non-voting members: (three 'locality' directors, Wiltshire Council's Director of Social Services, the Director of Public Health for Wiltshire, one member of HealthWatch and two lay members).

The CCG is considering its staffing structure whilst developing those commissioning functions it intends to keep in house. It is estimated that the organisation will have around 70 staff members and it will hold responsibility for managing a budget of approximately £460m to support the commissioning of high quality health services in Wiltshire. Working closely with GPs and other clinicians, the CCG will lead on the development of plans and projects which help meet the NHS's required national savings target of £20 billion.

Wiltshire CCG will take up responsibility for commissioning in 'shadow' form from October 2012, with support from the existing Primary Care Trust staff.

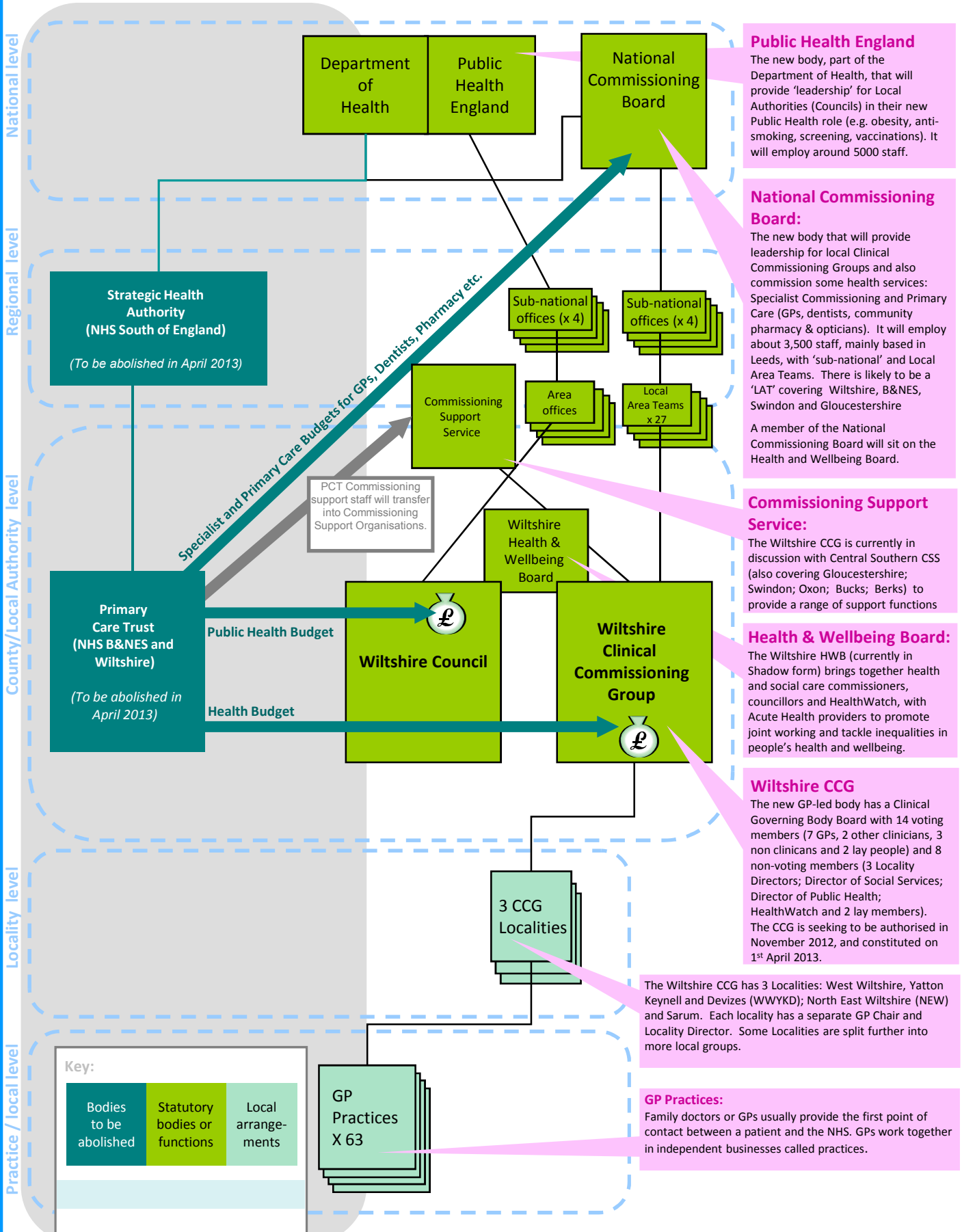
The page overleaf shows an explanatory diagram of how primary health care will be commissioned from April 2013.

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The NHS Reforms: *The old and the new*

The old ...

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What is a campus?

A campus is a building or buildings in a community area where people can access local services, those provided by Wiltshire Council as well as partners.

We envisage a campus for Pewsey would be largely clustered on the present Leisure Centre site which currently provides leisure and youth facilities, and the new library which has some potential for wider use.

The consultations revealed that three themes are important to local people

- Leisure
- Youth
- Community Services

The consultation also identified a requirement for a split campus with the addition of a satellite service to address the needs of those in outer lying areas.

What is a Shadow COB?

Shadow COB stands for Shadow Community Operations Board. We are a group of local people who were selected by local councilors on the area board in May 2011.

Our brief was to engage with the local community and develop proposals for a 'campus' facility to host various community services which have to be affordable and sustainable over the next 25 years.

Visit our new Pewsey area campus website

WWW.PEWSEYAREACAMPUS.CO.UK

We shall be using this website more and more over the coming 12 months or so to keep you informed of progress and developments.

What have we been doing so far?

The Pewsey Shadow COB have been operating since May 2011. Over that time we have consulted with local people and gradually refined our proposals for the Pewsey Area Campus.

We have also reported back to the Area Board on a regular basis, you can also view the notes of our meetings on the website to keep up to date with our discussions.

What is happening next?

- Conducting analyses of Travel, Design and Equalities principles.
- On-going talks with partners, customers and providers.
- Further Work on preparing a feasibility brief to support the Wiltshire Council capital investment case
- Completion of design and travel criteria.
- The proposals will be considered by Wiltshire Council cabinet during Autumn 2012.

How can I keep up to date with the project or get in touch with the COB?

We would welcome your views and feedback on the campus proposal. You can get in touch through the campus website or email CampusConsultation@wiltshire.gov.uk

It will be important, and you are strongly encouraged, to come back to us with comments and further suggestions; we value highly your input into what will be a long-term service centre for you and your families.

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Wiltshire Involvement Network (WIN)

Report to Wiltshire Area Boards

June 2012 to August 2012

WIN is one of a nationwide system of Local Involvement Networks (LINKs) set up under the *Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007* to listen to the concerns of local people, community groups and organisations about their health and social care services. They all want to see these services change for the better. By sharing your views and experiences of health and social care in Wiltshire, you can help influence how services are planned and run. The work that WIN has carried out from June to August 2012 is set out below:

- The WIN Outreach Group met three times to discuss its work plan and arrangements for representing WIN at all area board meetings.
- The WIN Officer attended the Regional LINKs meeting in Taunton to hear updates from the Great Western Ambulance Service, the Care Quality Commission and NHS South West.
- The WIN Chair, Phil Matthews, attended a meeting of Wiltshire Council's Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board, on which he represents WIN. He also represents WIN on Wiltshire Council's Health and Social Care Select Committee.
- The WIN Enter and View sub group met to discuss its work programme and plan informal visits to Athelstan House, Malmesbury, and Hungerford House, Corsham. These took place in July. (WIN has the statutory power to enter and view any health or social care facility in Wiltshire.)
- In June, WIN held a public meeting in Chippenham with speakers from the Great Western Hospital Foundation Trust ("GWH") who gave an update on the services they provide within the Wiltshire community, and their Productive Ward initiative. The Royal United Hospital Bath gave an update on their work with in-patients with dementia, and the NHS Wiltshire representative spoke about the setting up of the shadow Clinical Commissioning Group for Wiltshire. 49 people attended the meeting.
- In July, WIN held a public meeting in Salisbury with speakers from Wiltshire Council updating attendees on how Healthwatch in Wiltshire might look, and on their digital online initiative. The GWH representative spoke about the services it provides within the Wiltshire community, and a speaker from the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust gave a presentation about the *Wiltshire Wellbeing Project* and its work with people who have mental health problems. 44 people attended the meeting.
- WIN members and staff attended the following events:
 - The launch of NHS Wiltshire's *Falls and Bone Health Strategy* and participated in the consultation.
 - the Wiltshire Equality Network meeting in Trowbridge
 - Wiltshire and Swindon Users' Network welfare reform event.

- Wiltshire Council's Friary Voices consultation event.
 - *GWH Developing a Nursing Strategy* consultation event
 - NHS Wiltshire's Long Term Neurological Conditions Steering group event
 - AWP LINK Stakeholder event
- The WIN Healthwatch Implementation Task Group met with a representative from Wiltshire Council to be updated on the progress of Healthwatch Wiltshire.
 - The WIN Chairs met with the Wiltshire and BANES Compliance Inspector for the Care Quality Commission (CQC) to share information and discuss issues of concern. These meetings take place on a bi-monthly basis and enable WIN to have open and clear communication with the CQC.

A report of all meetings attended by members and staff is produced and shared with the wider membership and published on the WIN website.

If you would like to be involved with WIN, or find out what our future plans are contact us on 01380 871800, winadmin.wsun@btconnect.com or find us online at www.wiltshireinvolvementnetwork.org.uk

Youth Advisory Groups Update - Roll out to all community areas

The Wiltshire 11-19 Commissioning Strategy was agreed by Cabinet and the Wiltshire Children & Young People's Trust in September 2011. This included the implementation of a new local Youth Work Offer.

Part of the Wiltshire Youth Work Offer includes the formation of Youth Advisory Groups with standard terms of reference in each community area, led by young people. These groups will be linked to Area Boards and chaired by a young person under 25. Over 50% of the members will be under 19 years of age and the groups will play a key role in improving the coordination of positive activities for young people in local areas. This will involve encouraging partnerships that avoid overlap and fill gaps.

The groups will also be involved in planning and shaping local services from a young person's perspective. Furthermore they will help local young people know what opportunities and activities are available for them to access. Mechanisms will be established so that knowledge and ideas can be shared between the groups across the county.

Youth Advisory Groups have been piloted in four community areas since January 2012. The areas involved include Salisbury, Southern Wiltshire, Melksham and Malmesbury. The pilots have recently been evaluated and the learning is being used to inform the development of groups in other areas. It is expected that groups will have commenced in all community areas across the county by the end of October 2012.

- Youth Advisory Groups will be co-ordinated by staff from the Integrated Youth Service and supported by the Voice and Influence Team.
- An evaluation of the Youth Advisory Group pilots has been completed and an evaluation report is available on request. Young people who took part in the pilots were involved in the evaluation and explored what worked well and what did not work so well.
- Standard Terms of Reference for Youth Advisory Groups have been developed and updated following the evaluation. These are also available on request. There will be a minimum of six meetings per year, however the frequency of local meetings will be determined by community areas.
- In keeping with the commitment to localism, it will be up to individual community areas to decide upon the future of Community Area Young People's Issue Groups (CAYPIGs). Following the formation of Youth Advisory Groups in each community area some areas may decide to continue their CAYPIG, whilst others might prefer to disband it. Some areas may opt to

develop their local CAYPIG into a Youth Advisory Group. Either of these options is possible and it's important that decisions are made based on local needs.

Next Steps

- Area Boards and Town Councils are invited to appoint a representative to their local Youth Advisory Group.
- Area Boards and Town Councils are invited to consider how they might support and work in partnership with their local Youth Advisory Group.

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Youth Advisory Groups

What are they about?

Youth Advisory Groups provide an opportunity to:

- Give young people the chance to have a REAL say about services in their local area.
- Enable young people to shape services, particularly youth services funded by the Council in a way that meets their needs.
- Promote all the opportunities and services which are available to young people in their local area.
- Build on young people's strengths e.g. confidence and public speaking skills.

As a Youth Advisory Group (YAG) member you will need to:

- Understand the needs of young people in your local area.
- Know when something is or isn't working in your area.
- Help Identify any gaps in services and come forward with ideas on how these might be filled.
- Advertise what your YAG is doing.
- Speak to young people in your area and ask them what their issues or suggestions are.
- Champion the voice of young people locally and make recommendations on behalf of young people to your Area Board.
- Be aware of, or know where to find out about the full range of opportunities and services which are available to young people in your local area.
- Make sure everyone's views are taken on board, including for example those young people who are vulnerable i.e. disabled young people, looked after young people etc...
- Support adults in your local area to understand what young people's needs are and suggest ways to change things and make things better.
- Work with other youth groups in your area and build partnerships with them.

The YAG will help you with all of these things and you will be offered training.

The Youth Advisory Group will be made up of:

- The Chair (This is the person leading the meeting, making sure it doesn't go off task), they will be a young person under 25.
- At least 50% young people (ideally 70%).
- A minimum of 12 members.
- Other professionals (You might sometimes invite someone to a YAG to talk about something specific e.g. if your meeting is focused on transport you might get someone from a bus company to come and talk to you).
- A range of people that could include any of the following (or any other people that your YAG thinks would be good):

Young People	Adults
Youth Centre user representative	Community Area Manager
Voluntary sector representative	Youth Development Coordinator
Faith sector representative	Elected member
School Council representative	Local Town / Parish Council representative
Wiltshire Youth Assembly representative	Local Head teacher/Deputy Head teacher
Community Area Young Peoples Issues Group (CAYPIG) representative	Police representative
United Kingdom Youth Parliament (UKYP) representative	Health representative
Targeted Youth Support service user representative	Parent/Carer representative
Young person with Learning Difficulties and Disabilities	Voluntary and Community sector representative
Young person who is a child in care/care leaver	Faith group representative
Young carer	Local Business representative
Teenage parent	

The guidelines for running the meetings are:

- They should take place roughly each month as a minimum but sometimes you might want to meet outside of the YAG meetings to focus on a specific issue.
- They are coordinated by the Chair of the YAG with support from a worker.
- Suitable times and venues will be decided by the YAG.
- Everyone on the YAG has a vote when decisions are being made.

Review of Wiltshire Council's Allocation Policy

Area Board Briefing

The Housing Act 1996 Part VI (as amended by the Homelessness Act 2002 and Localism Act 2012) requires the Council to have a scheme which determines how allocations and nominations will be made. In Wiltshire we operate a Choice Based Lettings policy called Homes4Wiltshire which was adopted shortly before unitary.

The purpose of the Council's Choice Based Lettings Policy is to set out clear guidelines to ensure that affordable housing is allocated fairly and according to applicants' need for housing while at the same time taking into account effective management of the affordable housing stock across Wiltshire.

The Council holds a Housing Register of those wanting to be considered for affordable housing from which nominations are made. There were 17,088 applicants on the Housing Register at 1 April 2012, of which 7,626 had no identified housing need and would be considered as households who have a desire to move, but are currently suitably housed. We also have 5,174 who were identified as having a low need for re-housing, with only 213 households in our highest band. The Housing Register allows households to be considered for properties owned by over 32 housing providers. We would always encourage all housing providers to include all their properties in the Choice Based Lettings scheme whether they are subject to nomination rights or not.

The Council receives around 2,000 nominations a year. The majority of applicants on the Housing Register therefore will not be nominated or referred for a vacancy. It is important therefore that our policy is able to clearly identify those in the greatest housing need and minimises the level of time taken to assess applicants that are not going to receive active consideration for vacancies. This will free up time for the Council to offer a more comprehensive housing advice and options service to help applicants find housing.

Our allocations policy has 5 bands which are Platinum, Gold plus, Gold, Silver and Bronze. Applicants with the highest level of need are placed into Platinum and applicants with no housing need are placed into the bronze band.

Following the introduction of the Localism Act we now have the opportunity to review our allocations policy to consider some of the new freedoms that the act has introduced. Our policy must be framed so as to secure that 'reasonable preference' is given to certain categories of housing need. The reasonable preference categories include:-

- a) People who are homeless (within the meaning of Part 7)
- b) People who are owed a duty under s190(2) (homeless, priority need but intentionally homeless); s193(2) (full homelessness duty); s195(2) (threatened with homelessness and in priority need) or s192(3) (homeless but non priority)
- c) People occupying insanitary or overcrowded housing or otherwise living in unsatisfactory housing conditions

- d) People who need to move on medical or welfare grounds (including any grounds relating to a disability)
- e) People who need to move to a particular locality in the district of the authority, where failure to meet that need would cause hardship (to themselves or to others)

In adopting any new policy we must ensure that the following principles are applied:-

- Allocations should only be made to those who are eligible
- Every local authority must have an allocation scheme for determining priorities with clear procedures in allocating accommodation
- The scheme must include a choice of housing accommodation or the opportunity for the applicant to express preference about their housing accommodation
- The scheme should be framed so as to secure reasonable preference
- We must have regard to our Homeless Strategy and Strategic Tenancy Policy
- Before adopting a new scheme all housing providers should be consulted, allowing a reasonable opportunity to comment on the proposals
- We must not allocate housing accommodation except in accordance with our adopted allocation policy.

A full review of our allocations policy is required to discuss how Wiltshire would like to frame its allocation policy based on the new freedoms introduced. We are therefore engaging with area boards across Wiltshire and involving members at the start and during the whole review process.

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Area Board Issues 28/08/2012

Issue Location: Pewsey

ID	Category	Division	Summary of Issue	Status
72	Highways	Pewsey	Pedestrian Access to Pewsey Station	Remains as CATG/Area Board priority 1 and kept on hold until funding is available. A bid for substantive funding was submitted but rejected. Highways will give an idea of the cost of a detailed feasibility study to the next CATG meeting.
91	Highways	Vale	Traffic Calming/pavement in Rushall	Phase I complete – issue remains on CATG priority list until funds are available
538	Highways	Vale	Speeding on the A342 and through Chirton	The stretch of A342 through Chirton is due to be reduced to 40mph. A speed survey concluded that the level of speeding through the village is below the threshold for community speed watch. The review of C and unclassified roads will not permit a 30mph to be reduced to a 20mph until the conclusion of the 20mph pilot scheme.
1017	Highways	Pewsey	The lack of a safe crossing provision on Wilcot Road at the junction of the schools	Pewsey Primary School asked for a crossing to be considered by CATG/Pewsey Area Board. The TAOSJ bid was unsuccessful but there will be some changes made to the timing of the lights to allow for a break in traffic – CATG recommends that this issue be closed if the school head is happy that there is an improvement (she is)
1594	Highways	B&B	Problems with commuters parking in residential area The Knapp Great Bedwyn	Advisory access protection and disabled parking bay road markings have now been put in place. Network Rail had applied for funding from the Department for Transport for an extension to the station car park but this was unsuccessful. CATG recommends that this issue be closed
1605	Highways	Vale	Parking problem outside Chirton School	The parish council and school are working on a new travel plan
1723	Highways	Vale	Speeding through Alton Priors	Parish Council undertaking Community Speed Watch. Area is on the list for twice yearly SID. Issue raiser still concerned - have asked NPT to carry out speed checks (01/06/12)
1854	Highways	Pewsey	Reports of speeding on Ball Road Pewsey	Sent this issue to Pewsey Parish Council and NPT for comment and speed survey form for completion if they agree that this is an issue. The Parish Council have not submitted a speed survey and this issue was reported in August 2011. CATG recommends that this issue be closed.
1931	Highways	Pewsey	Footpath needed from Sunnyhill Lane towards Prospect	This is on the CATG list
1884	Highways	Pewsey	Footpath from Prospect to French Horn	This is on the CATG list
1964	Highways	Vale	Footpath at Grey Flags, Upavon	This is on the CATG list
2139	Highways	Vale	To extend the length of the speed limit reduction to beyond Conock turning, and request SIDS to warn people	The request to extent the stretch with the 40 mph limit was not approved. The SID signs are not allowed to be used in a 50mph limit so will not be considered until the 40mph limit is in place - it is suggested that there be a period of time before testing the speeds with a metro count CATG recommends that this issue be closed

ID	Category	Division	Summary of Issue	Status
2142	Highways	Pewsey	Overheight Diversion Signs in Devizes	The Cabinet member for highways has submitted his report and notice of decision to retain the signs with some modifications. It is hoped that the cabinet member will attend the area board meeting on 10 September.
2202	Highways	B&B	Speeding in Burbage	Eastcourt Road eligible for Community Speed Watch and SID which is in progress - waiting to hear from highways re repeater signs
2255	Highways	Pewsey	Speeding at Prospect, Pewsey	Metro Count submitted 28 August – awaiting further advice from highways who were looking at repeater signs
2339	Highways	B&B	Poor road surfaces in Great Bedwyn	Contacting highways about this issue – CATG recommends that this issue be closed as it is a highways maintenance and not an Area Board/CATG issue. It has been passed to Highways Maintenance
2431	Highways	B&B	Request for Dropped Kerb The Knapp Great Bedwyn	This is being looked at by Highways, as there is more needed than just dropped kerbs. Will be reviewed by CATG in October
2434	Highways	Pewsey	Highway issues in Broadfields Estate (including overheight hedge, and suggestion for one way system)	CATG agreed that highways meet the resident on site to investigate the issues raised.
2448	Highways	B&B	Speeding on Spray Road, Ham	A metro count request has been submitted - intervention is only possible (by way of community speedwatch) if speeding is at a certain level. Highways are looking at signage in Ham
2479	Highways	Vale	Large vehicles mounting pavement and hitting a residential wall in Rushall	This issue will be shared with highway officers, but it might need to go to CATG in October for prioritisation
2474	Planning Enforcement	Vale	Noise nuisance at Golden Swan, Wilcot due to camping	CAM has liaised with planning enforcement who believes that the landlord is operating within his licence with the Caravan Club. Any potential breaches should be reported directly to planning enforcement. CAM recommends closing this issue
535	Highways	Pewsey	Increasing volumes of traffic using C52 (Manningford) as a rat run	Manningford Parish Council representatives attended the last CATG meeting where a number of options were discussed. It was agreed that a survey would be done by the parish council to get some data and a number of pinch points may be considered. Survey to be done in September and report back to CATG in October

Abbreviations:

CATG - Community Area Transport Group

B&B – Burbage & The Bedwyns

CAM – Community Area Manager

SID – Speed Indicator Device

Report to	Pewsey Area Board
Date of Meeting	10 September 2012
Title of Report	Area Board Grants

Purpose of Report

To ask Councillors to consider 4 applications seeking 2012/13 Community Area Grant Funding

1. Pewsey Parish Council – the production and publication of a Neighbourhood Development Plan, Seeking £500, Officer recommendation to approve £500.
2. Woodborough Social Club – New Boiler for the provision of heating and hot water, seeking £4,400, Officer recommendation to approve £4,400.
3. Little Bedwyn Playing Field Trust – Rebuild of Wall to Playing Field, seeking £4,000, Officer recommendation to approve £4,000 on condition that the remaining funds are raised.
4. Pewsey Vale Youth Football Club – under 14's football kit, seeking £323, Officer recommendation to approve £323.

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 Adult Care, Communities and Housing (4 April 2012). Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the Area Board Grants Guidance 2012/2013.
- 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 for 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 and the nurturing of resilient communities. With this in mind Community Area Grants (CAGs) should be encouraged from and awarded to community and voluntary groups. Likewise, Small Grants (new this year) should be awarded to similar groups, as well as un-constituted groups of people wanting to improve things near to where they live.
- 1.4. Pewsey Area Board has been allocated a 2012/2013 budget of £44,943 for community grants, small grants, community partnership core funding and area board/councillor led initiatives. The area board at its last meeting committed £9,772 which needs to be taken from this figure giving a starting balance in 2012/13 of £35,171 (see page 3 for current balance)
- 1.5. Applications of up to and including £1,000 can be made for a Community Area Grant, which will not require matched funding. Amounts of £1,000 - £5000 will be required to find matched funding. The area board will rarely award more than £5,000.
- 1.6. Small Grants, new for this year will fund up to £350, where the total cost of the project does not exceed £350. This grant is aimed at enabling groups (including those not formally constituted) to implement projects, involving local people to make their community a better place to live.
- 1.7. Area boards will not consider Community Area Grant (CAG) 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.
- 1.8. In addition to CAGs and Small Grants, councillors can submit an Area Board/Councillor Led Initiative. This enables area boards to tackle sticky community issues and/or community identified priorities. Cabinet have emphasised that they do not wish these to be used to avoid complying with Community Area Grant criteria or for filling gaps where there are council service shortfalls. The application process and form has been updated to bring it in line with the other grants.

- 1.9. Officers are required to provide recommendations in their funding reports (except in the case of Area Board/Councillor led initiatives), although the decision to support applications is made by Wiltshire Councillors on the Area Board.
- 1.10. Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting.
- 1.11. Applicants are encouraged to contact and seek funding help from Charities Information Bureau (CIB) who work on behalf of Wiltshire Council. CIB 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 sources.
- 1.12. The 2012/2013 funding criteria and application forms are available on the council's website (www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards) and paper versions are available from the Community Area Manager.
- 1.13. A decision was been made in 2010/2011 that 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.
- 1.14. All recipients of area board funding are expected to complete and return an evaluation form as soon as the project or activity has been completed and this should be accompanied by receipts and invoices, as well as photographs if possible. Failure to return the evaluation requested will preclude them from being considered for any future funding from the area board. This applies to all grants made by the area board.
- 1.15. On 9 May 2011 it was agreed that in respect of urgent matters and exceptional circumstances that may arise from time to time between meetings that the Pewsey Community Area Manager, in consultation with the Councillors of the Pewsey Area Board, be granted delegated authority to approve expenditure not exceeding £500 from the Pewsey Area Board budget. A report explaining any such decision and the reasons why it was considered to be urgent shall be reported to the next ordinary meeting of the Pewsey Area Board.
- 1.16. A budget ring-fenced for the needs of young people will again be made available in 2012/2013. How this will be allocated will be the decision of the area board.
- 1.17. Pewsey Area Board has a separate Community Area Transport Group (CATG) budget of £12,377 for 2012/13.

<p>Background documents used in the preparation of this Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area Board Grant Guidance 2012/13 as presented for delegated decision • Pewsey Community Area Plan
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2. Main Considerations

- 2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2012/13 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.
- 2.2. There will be 6 rounds of funding during 2012/2013. The first was in May 2012 and the second is contained in this report, the remaining will take place on;
 - 10 September 2012
 - 12 November 2012
 - 14 January 2013
 - Date to be confirmed March 2013

3. Environmental & Community Implications

- 3.1. Area Board Grants 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 Pewsey Area Board.
- 4.2. Since the last meeting a number of adjustments needed to be made to the balance, as follows:-

Balance following May grants - £30,405
Plus reimbursement from Burbage Village Hall as project didn't go ahead £2,500
Plus underspend from Jubilee Event held on 1 May £1,065
Less money ring fenced for Pewsey Station Project £10,000
Less Jubilee funding overpayment £25
Less PCAP Second tranche (to be claimed in Sept/Oct/Nov) £4,494

Less amount awarded in July - £4,640

Balance £14,811

- 4.3. If grants are awarded in line with officer recommendations, Pewsey Area Board will have a balance of £5,589

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 and Small Grants will give local community and voluntary groups, town and parish council's equal opportunity to receive funding towards community based projects and schemes, where they meet the funding criteria.
- 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	Pewsey Parish Council	Neighbourhood Development Plan	£500

- 8.1.1. Officer recommendation to approve the sum of £500
- 8.1.2. This application meets the grant criteria 2012/13
- 8.1.3. This application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan Page 7 (affordable housing and local development), Page 11 (the economy, access to information) and page 33 (countryside and environment)
- 8.1.4. The applicant is Pewsey Parish Council who are matching funding with £500.
- 8.1.5. The total project costs are expected to be up to £1,000
- 8.1.6. The Neighbourhood Development Plan, in accordance with extensive community consultation, will set out the development within Pewsey parish and those other parishes who wish to be involved up until 2026. The plan will be in line with the Localism Act 2012 and Wiltshire Council's Guide to Neighbourhood Planning.
- 8.1.7. The project is being steered by a working group made up of a cross section of people from the community, including councillors, chamber of commerce, members of Pewsey Community Area Partnership, Chamber of Commerce, Youth Council etc. It has been running since 2011 at no cost but has reached the stage where funding will be required for the community consultation etc.
- 8.1.8. If the Area Board decides not to fund this project then the steering group could not run effective consultations or produce publicity and presentation materials, including the printed copies of the draft and final plans.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.2	Woodborough Social Club	New Boiler	£4,400

8.2.1 Officer recommendation to award £4,400

8.2.2 This application meets the grant criteria 2012/13.

8.2.3 The application demonstrates a link to the community plan – page 9 – local facilities, page 12 – facilities for socially isolated, page 13 – facilities for older people, page 23 – supporting young people. There is no other venue in the area that would meet the needs of the learning disabled group that use the club – it meets fortnightly which prevents social isolation. There is an ethnic mix. The club is for relaxation and fun. Older people use the club for dancing and socialising. A parent/family night provides activities and fun for tots to teens and prevents parents from being isolated. There are eleven community groups that use the club.

8.2.4 The applicant is the Woodborough Social Club, a not for profit organisation with 17 people involved in its management.

8.2.5 The total project costs are £8,814 – a loan of £4,400 has been approved from Wadworth Brewery.

8.2.6 If the Area Board decides not to fund this project then it will take much longer to raise the funds needed, if at all, and use of the hall will fall as it will be too cold in the winter.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.3	Little Bedwyn Playing Field Trust	Re-build of playing field wall	£4,000

8.3.1 Officer recommendation to award £4,000 on condition that the remaining funds are raised.

8.3.2 This application meets the grant criteria 2012/13.

8.3.3 The application demonstrates a link to the community plan – page 33, preservation of the natural environment, pages 4/5 – provision of a meeting place, which helps to maintain rural community, page 4 – supports sustainability and page 8 – investment in outdoor leisure facilities and play areas. The wall provides a safe boundary between the playing field and the main road. It is currently unsafe to use fully which detrimentally impacts on the community.

- 8.3.4 The applicant is Little Bedwyn Playing Field Trust, a not for profit organisation with 12 people involved in its management.
- 8.3.5 The total project costs are £12,399 – the Parish Council are contributing £400, and £1,450 is coming from reserves. There is £6,300 still to be raised through fundraising.
- 8.3.6 If the Area Board decides not to fund this project then it will take much longer to raise the funds needed, if at all. It is hoped that this will encourage other potential funders to support the project.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.4	Pewsey Vale Football Club	New team kit for the under 14s youth football teams	£323

- 8.4.1 Officer recommendation to award £323
- 8.4.2 This application meets the small funds grant criteria 2012/13.
- 8.4.3 As this is a small grant it doesn't need to demonstrate a link to the community plan, however this club is a well needed and well used facility for young people. The existing kit will be passed down to the under 13s team.
- 8.4.4 The applicant is the Pewsey Vale Youth Football Club, a not for profit organisation. The club provides organised football matches and training to approximately 100 young boys and girls from the Pewsey and surrounding villages.
- 8.4.5 The total project costs are £323

Appendices:	Grant application forms (available to view online at http://cms.wiltshire.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=177&MId=61119&Ver=4)
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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Wiltshire Area Boards – Central Locality Team
Communities, Libraries, Heritage, Arts
Wiltshire Council
Libraries HQ Bythesea Road
Trowbridge BA14 8BS

Dear Miss Brailey

RE STREET LIGHT SWITCH OFF APPLICATION

The Parish Council recently consulted with all the Residents in Wilsford with regard to the Street Lighting in the village, following a request to do so.

We canvassed every house in the village with the choice of options as follows:

1. For the street lights to remain as existing (coming on at dusk and going off at dawn)
2. For the street lights to be turned off between approximately midnight and 5am
3. For the street lights to be turned off completely

We received responses from 25 out of the 35 households canvassed, out of which 18 chose option number 2. The Parish Council supports the introduction of such changes following this consultation.

Yours sincerely

Mary Gillmore – Vice Chairman
Charlton St Peter & Wilsford Parish Council

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Pewsey Area Board
STREET LIGHT SWITCH OFF APPLICATION

Date 18th July 2012

Contact Name Mary Gillmore

Address: Charlton St Peter & Wilsford

Telephone: 01299 861102

Postcode: BA14 8BS

Village Wilsford Parish Charlton St Peter & Wilsford

A street lighting plan or map would be helpful, but not essential.

STREET NAME The Street Wilsford

LIGHT Nos.^T and/or location(s) * (Stuart Brown Senior Engineer (Lighting))
knows their identity

These will be on the post or on the connector box if on a telegraph pole, and probably have a
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Switch off may not be possible now, would the Parish Council be interested in
any future lighting schemes: SWITCH OFF 2

DIMMING REMOVAL LOW ENERGY SENSOR

Use a separate sheet for each village, and more than one sheet if necessary.

When completed, return as a hard copy, with any plans or maps and a Parish
Council letter supporting the introduction of any changes made following your
consultation to:

Caroline Brailey
Pewsey Community Area Manager
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PEWSEY AREA BOARD – Forward Plan

Please note: This is a working document which is subject to change due to availability of relevant officers/partners and relevant timescales.

Date	Cabinet Member Attending	Location	Provisional Agenda Items	Other events/items
12 November 2012		Burbage Village Hall, Eastcourt Road, Burbage SN8 3AJ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asset Management Strategy – The Council is designing an overarching Asset Management Strategy that will set out how it will lead in building resilient communities, including partners and engaging local communities. This will focus on developing campuses and employment around which plans will be developed • Youth Funding – Participatory Budget • Wiltshire Online: Connectivity and Provision - To brief the Area Boards about the Wiltshire Online Programme and how this relates to future availability in the area • Pewsey Community Area Partnership – application for second tranche of funding <p>Standing items including Updates and Community Area Grants.</p>	

14 January 2013		Burbage Village Hall, Eastcourt Road, Burbage SN8 3AJ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth Service Update – To update the Area Boards on current integrated youth services. • Understanding Autism – To inform the Board of new duties in relation to people with autism and aspergers and how localities can respond. • Victim Support – To raise awareness and gain opportunities to promote the help Victim Support can offer to victims of crime. • Fire Authority Integrated Risk Management Plan (Business Plan) – To inform the Area Board of the Risk Management Plan and to hand out copies. <p>Standing items including Updates and Community Area Grants.</p>	<p>A short film (10 mins) then interactive discussion.</p> <p>A table top display during the networking session at the beginning of the meeting.</p>
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