

AGENDA

Meeting: AMESBURY AREA BOARD
Place: Figcheldean Village Hall, Pollen Lane, Figcheldean, SP4 8JR
Date: Thursday 20 September 2012
Time: 6.00 pm

Including the Parishes of Allington, Amesbury, Berwick St James, Bulford, Cholderton, Durnford, Durrington, Figcheldean, Great Wishford, Idmiston, Milston, Newton Toney, Orcheston, Shrewton, Stapleford, Steeple Langford, Tilshead, Wilsford Cum Lake, Winterbourne, Winterbourne Stoke, Woodford and Wylfe.

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 5:30pm.

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Wiltshire Councillors

Mike Hewitt	Bourne and Woodford Valley
John Noeken	Amesbury East
John Smale (Chairman)	Bulford, Allington & Figcheldean
Ian West	Till & Wylfe Valley
Fred Westmoreland (Vice Chairman)	Amesbury West
Graham Wright	Durrington & Larkhill

Future Meeting Dates

Thursday 18 October 2012

Informal meeting with Town and Parish Councils

6.00 pm

Bowman Centre, Shears Drive, Archers Gate, Amesbury SP4 7XT

Thursday, 22 November 2012

6.00 pm

Antrobus House, 39 Salisbury Road, Amesbury, SP4 7HH

Thursday 31 January 2013

6.00 pm

Location TBC

Items to be considered

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| 1 | Welcome and Introductions | 6.00pm |
| 2 | Apologies for Absence | 6.05 pm |
| 3 | Minutes (<i>Pages 1 - 10</i>)

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 19 July 2012. | |
| 4 | Declarations of Interest

Councillors are requested to declare any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests or dispensations granted by the Standards Committee. | |
| 5 | Chairman's Announcements (<i>Pages 11 - 22</i>) | 6.10pm |
| | a) The State of The Environment report

To inform the Area Board that the report is available. | |
| | b) Wiltshire and Swindon Local Nature Partnership

To inform the Board of the development of the local nature partnership. | |
| | c) Barrier Busting Proposals

To inform the Board of this new initiative. | |
| | d) Victim Support

To raise awareness and gain opportunities to promote the help Victim Support can offer to victims of crime. | |
| | e) From Drought to Flood Event

To raise awareness of an event being held on 17 October 2012 at Warminster Civic Hall from 10.00 am to 3.00 pm | |
| 6 | Updates from Partners and Town/Parish Councils (<i>Pages 23 - 30</i>)

To receive updates from:- | 6.15 pm |
| | a) the Town and Parish Council Representatives;
b) from other partners; and
c) outside bodies on which the Area Board is represented. | |

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| 7 | <p>Update from the Community Area Transport Group (CATG)
<i>(Pages 31 - 36)</i></p> <p>To consider an update and any recommendations from the Community Area Transport Group (CATG) in relation to the funding available towards Local Transport Projects.</p> <p>The Minutes of the latest CATG meeting are attached for information.</p> | 6.25 pm |
| 8 | <p>A338 Broken Cross Bridge <i>(Pages 37 - 38)</i></p> <p>To receive an update on the A338 Broken Cross Bridge closure.</p> | 6.35 pm |
| 9 | <p>Longbarrow Roundabout</p> <p>To inform the Board about the forthcoming roadworks at Longbarrow</p> | 6.40 pm |
| 10 | <p>Youth Advisory Group <i>(Pages 39 - 42)</i></p> <p>To consider a report from James Fortune, Lead Commissioner (13-19) .</p> | 6.55 pm |
| 11 | <p>Police and Crime Commissioner</p> <p>To receive a presentation informing the Area board on the role of the new Police and Crime Commissioner.</p> | 7.00 pm |
| 12 | <p>Shadow COB for Amesbury Community Area <i>(Pages 43 - 44)</i></p> <p>To agree the set up of a Shadow Campus Operations Board.</p> | 7.10 pm |
| 13 | <p>Housing Need and Review of Wiltshire's Housing Allocation System <i>(Pages 45 - 46)</i></p> <p>To receive a presentation from Derek Streek, Head of Housing Management, informing and consulting the Area Board on the review.</p> | 7.20 pm |
| 14 | <p>Community Asset Transfer - Application from Amesbury Town Council <i>(Pages 47 - 56)</i></p> <p>To consider an application from Amesbury Town Council for the transfer of a small piece of land toward the top of South Mill Hill, Amesbury.</p> | 7.40 pm |
| 15 | <p>Community Area Grants <i>(Pages 57 - 72)</i></p> <p>To determine any applications for Community Area Grant funding.</p> | 7.50 pm |

16 **Future Meeting Dates, Evaluation and Close** (*Pages 73 - 74*) **8.00 pm**

To note the attached Forward Work Plan.

An informal meeting for Town and Parish Councils will be held on Thursday 18 October 2012 at the Bowman Centre, Shears Drive, Archers Gate, Amesbury SP4 7XT.

The next meeting of the Amesbury Area Board will be held on 22 November 2012 at Antrobus House, 39 Salisbury Road, Amesbury, SP4 7HH.

MINUTES

Meeting: AMESBURY AREA BOARD
Place: Shrewton Recreation Hall, Recreation Ground, Shrewton, SP3 4JY
Date: 19 July 2012
Start Time: 6.00 pm
Finish Time: 7.50 pm

Please direct any enquiries on these minutes to:

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In Attendance:

Wiltshire Councillors

Cllr John Smale (Chairman), Cllr Mike Hewitt, Cllr John Noeken, Cllr Ian West, Cllr Fred Westmoreland (Vice Chairman) and Cllr Graham Wright

Cllr Keith Humphries (Cabinet Member for Public Health and Protection Services)

Wiltshire Council Officers

Mark Smith, Service Director Neighbourhood Services
Karen Linaker, Amesbury Community Area Manager
Adrian Hampton, Head of Local Highways & Streetscene (Northern Area)
James Hazelwood, Senior Democratic Services Officer
Jenni Bertram, Youth Development Co-Ordinator
Kirsty Butcher, Democratic Services Officer

Town and Parish Councils

Durrington Town Council – Marion Wardell
Allington Parish Council – Mike Brunton
Berwick St James Parish Council – Neil MacDougall
Idmiston Parish Council – Janet Tidd and Andy Tidd
Shrewton Parish Council – Carole Slater and Ken Lovelock
Tilshead Parish Council – George Murray
Wylve Parish Council – Mark Shuldham

Partners

Police – Inspector Christopher Lange and PSCO Wendy Leat

Fire and Rescue Service – Mike Franklin

Wiltshire Involvement Network – Phil Matthew

Total in attendance: 37

<u>Agenda Item No.</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>
18	<p><u>Welcome and Introductions</u></p> <p>The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Amesbury Area Board. He thanked Wiltshire Community bank and Victim Support for their displays and Shrewton Recreational Hall for hosting the meeting.</p> <p>At the Chairman's invitation, the Councillors and officers sitting at the front of the meeting introduced themselves.</p>
19	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>There were no apologies.</p>
20	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p><u>Decision</u></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 24 May 2012 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.</p>
21	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>
22	<p><u>Chairman's Announcements</u></p> <p>a) Tackling Financial Exclusion</p> <p>More information was available on page 13 of the agenda.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked the Wiltshire Community Bank for their display and highlighted the leaflets and pamphlets available for people to take away.</p> <p>b) Digital Literacy</p> <p>The information available on page 15 of the agenda gave a summary of the Digital Literacy Project.</p> <p>c) Localism Act</p> <p>More information was available on page 17 of the agenda.</p> <p>The Chairman highlighted the need to raise awareness and</p>

	<p>understanding of this issue, explaining it contained a number of important measures, not all of which were in force. He informed the meeting of the intention to invite David Milton to the informal parish council meeting being held on 18 October 2012.</p> <p>d) Paths for Communities</p> <p>More information was available on pages 19 to 22 of the agenda.</p> <p>The Chairman noted that there was a lot of money on offer to make local public right of way improvements within parishes.</p> <p>e) Stonehenge Visitors Centre.</p> <p>The information available on page 23 of the agenda provided an update on the work being carried out.</p> <p>f) Broadband</p> <p>Councillor Noeken highlighted the news contained in a recent press release which detailed the 2 companies selected to provide the service. He explained the next step as being the invitation to tender and the aspiration of a contract being in place by the end of the year.</p> <p>g) A338 Broken Cross Bridge</p> <p>The Chairman drew attention to the public meeting being held at Winterbourne Glebe Hall on 24 July 2012 at 7.00 pm, which Network Rail, their contractors and Wiltshire Council Highways Officers would be attending and to which Councillor McLennan and Laverstock and Ford Parishes had been invited.</p>
23	<p><u>Your Local Issues</u></p> <p>Karen Linaker, Amesbury Community Area Manager, introduced the report enclosed at pages 25-26 of the agenda.</p> <p>She highlighted that all issues reported were highways related, and encouraged all to report issues relating to any matter. She explained that a historic issue over cross cutting at Tilshead was now resolved.</p> <p>Updates on specific issues were:</p> <p>1901 – Winterbourne Stoke speeding issue: The most recent metrocount was thought to be 14 months out of date, however it was brought to the meeting's attention that one had been completed approximately 6 weeks – 2 months ago and it was agreed that the data should be requested from the Highways Agency.</p>

	<p>(ACTION: Karen Linaker)</p> <p>2137 – Steeple Langford public highway condition This has been resolved.</p> <p>2324 / 2382 – Shrewton speeding concerns This is being looked at by the Speedwatch Working Group.</p> <p>2424 – Amesbury Countess Road speed concerns Metrocount results were received this week. They showed that out of 45145 vehicles the 85th percentile was 42.9mph therefore no further action would be taken based on the current criteria. The subsequent discussion showed that this equated to 6670 vehicles speeding, approximately 1000 per day, and concern was raised on the criteria used in metrocounts.</p>
24	<p><u>Updates from Partners and Town/Parish Councils</u></p> <p>The Chairman referred to the updates set out in the agenda and invited further updates from Town/Parish Councils and other Partners, including outside bodies. It was noted that the preferred option was for written updates, to minimise time spent during the meeting.</p> <p>NHS</p> <p>Written report noted</p> <p>Fire and Rescue Service</p> <p>Mike Franklin introduced the written report on page 29 of the agenda. He welcomed the good news that the total number of fires had fallen to 3 in June from 8 in May and 15 in April. He noted that 9 home fire safety checks had been completed, and hoped that this number would increase. He informed the meeting of the requirement by law for the Fire and Rescue Service to hold a consultation on its business plan and explained that the public engagement process would start on 1 October 2012. He stated he would be writing to the Community Area Manager and asking parishes and other groups to register as stakeholders.</p> <p>In response to a question posed in May over the legality of having a bonfire he confirmed that it was down to the landowner to provide consent and asked if the contact details could be forwarded to him again. Inspector Lange confirmed that there were only laws around having bonfires near roads.</p> <p>Police</p> <p>Inspector Lange introduced the written report on pages 31 – 33 of the agenda. He expressed his pleasure at the low rates of crime during the Jubilee events,</p>

	<p>and highlighted the increase in non-domestic burglaries as seen all across the West.</p> <p>In response to questions he confirmed that officers had been placed on standby during the Olympic period and there may be additional pressure during this period.</p> <p>Parishes</p> <p>Concern was raised over the additional pressure the Localism Act put on parish clerks. The Board confirmed that they could not provide any extra funding and it was unlikely to be found elsewhere, however it was recommended that this issue be raised with David Milton at the informal meeting in October.</p> <p>Clarification was sought over the online code of conduct form and councillors working in sensitive jobs. It was advised that the documents were contained separately however any concern should be raised with Nina Wilton in Legal.</p> <p>Youth Co-Ordinator</p> <p>Jenni Bertram was welcomed as the new Youth Co-Ordinator – her email address is jenni.bertram@wiltshire.gov.uk.</p>
25	<p><u>Update from the Community Area Transport Group (CATG)</u></p> <p>Councillor Hewitt introduced the written report and appendices seen on pages 35 – 45 of the agenda which reflected the groups work.</p> <p>He asked the Board to approve the release of £5000 from the Discretionary Highways Budget for the Stonehenge Roundabout to Amesbury footpath scheme.</p> <p>The good record and results of the CATG was noted, with success achieved by excellent partner work with the police and other agencies. Tom Gardner was thanked for his help and support.</p> <p>CATG has started work on the issue of the taxi rank on the High Street in Amesbury.</p> <p>Since the meeting a revised version of Appendix A to the report has been made available and is attached to the minutes.</p> <p><u>Decision:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The minutes from the meeting held on 11 June 2012 were noted. 2. £5000 from the 2012/13 Transport Budget was allocated to the footpath scheme along the A345 from Stonehenge Road to Amesbury.

	<p align="center">3. The recommendation of further meetings between Councillor Smale and officers regarding Telegraph Hill was noted.</p>
26	<p><u>A303 Winterbourne Stoke - Review of speed limit urgently needed</u></p> <p>Councillor Ian West introduced the draft letter seen at page 49 of the agenda.</p> <p>He asked that the language be toughened up, highlighting that the 3 fatalities happened in a 3 month period and drawing attention to the impact on the surrounding villages with big articulated lorries using them when the road became a crime scene and was closed.</p> <p>He informed the meeting of an advisory note from Highways which stated that 30 mph was the normal speed limit in villages, and provided the definition of a village as being 20 or more houses on one side, highlighting that allowances should be made if it was just fewer.</p> <p>It was agreed that pressure should be kept up, and the Chairman asked Councillor West to meet with the Community Area Manager to finalise the detail within the letter prior to it being sent.</p> <p>The Board noted the South Somerset consultation on making the A303 a dual carriageway which was due to close that evening.</p> <p><u>Decision:</u></p> <p>The Board agreed that the letter once amended should be sent to the Highways Agency and copied to Councillor Tonge, Cabinet Member for Transport and Highways, Wiltshire Council.</p> <p>(ACTION: Karen Linaker)</p>
27	<p><u>Speeding in the Amesbury Area</u></p> <p>Councillor Wright updated the meeting on the progress with the set up of the new Speedwatch working group. He informed the meeting that letters would be sent to all parish clerks asking for representatives.</p> <p>In response to questions it was stressed that local roads are the concern of Wiltshire Council and the formation of the group was welcomed by all. A scheme to reduce all roads to 40 mph was reported as being at the consultation stage.</p> <p>Inspector Lange confirmed his awareness of the issues and emphasised he did not want to see enthusiasm squashed.</p> <p>A discussion over the criteria used when reviewing metrocount data resulted in the Chairman recommending that a request be given to Councillor Tonge, Cabinet Member for Transport and Highways asking for a review of the policy to take into account the volume of vehicles.</p>

	<p><u>Decision:</u></p> <p>The Board agreed the metrocount policy, regarding the 85th percentile criteria used to assess the eligibility of roads for speedwatch or a SID should be reviewed. The Amesbury Area Board request that this policy be more flexible, to suit local circumstances, particularly where the remaining 15% of vehicles surveyed exceeds a sufficiently large number.</p> <p>(ACTION: Karen Linaker)</p>
28	<p><u>Speed Indicator Device Prioritisation Scheme</u></p> <p>Karen Linaker, Amesbury Community Area Manager introduced the report seen at pages 51 to 52 of the agenda and noted that the allocation was constrained by metrocount criteria. She explained that the programme would be refined over the coming months.</p> <p>The subsequent discussion found that a previous device placed at C32 Milton Road had not been working for the majority of its placement there. It was noted that the recommendation (a) A360 London Road, Shrewton was incorrect and should read (a) A360 Devizes Road, Shrewton. It was agreed that the A360 London Road, Shrewton should be added to the list.</p> <p><u>Decision:</u></p> <p>The Board agreed the following recommendations:</p> <p>(i) To agree the SID prioritisation programme for 2012/13 as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) A360 Devizes Road, Shrewton (b) A345 Salisbury Road, Amesbury (c) A345 Netheravon Road, Durrington (d) Marlborough Road, Bulford Camp (e) C32 Milton Road, Bulford (f) A360 London Road, Shrewton <p>(ii) To delegate responsibility for future discussions and decisions on the allocation of the SID's to the Community Area Manager in consultation with the CATG and Speedwatch Working Group.</p>
29	<p><u>Community Area Plan</u></p> <p>Karen Linaker, Amesbury Community Area Manager introduced the report and documents seen in the agenda at pages 53 – 72. She thanked Vicky Cobbold and Councillor Graham Wright for the work done over the past year, and noted that it would be going to the meeting of the Children's and Young People's Group in September.</p> <p>The information given on page 60 of the agenda was highlighted as incorrect and the reference to 'drugs' should be changed to 'alcohol'. There would be a</p>

	<p>further report on the large number of alcohol related admissions to hospital, and a new initiative would commence soon. The Police were thanked for their work with licensed premises.</p> <p>The need to complete the gaps was stressed with the aspiration of completing the action lists by the end of the summer. Engagement of youth groups was welcomed as was the set up of a resident's panel.</p> <p>It was noted that community area planning was complex and long term.</p> <p><u>Decision:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Board approved the revised Community Area Plan subject to the revision stated above. (ii) The Board agreed the approach outlined in paragraph 3 of the report. (iii) The Board agreed to set up a resident's panel as detailed in paragraph 3.8 of the report. (iv) The Board agreed to seek an update on the plan's progress in six month's time.
30	<p><u>Community Area Grants</u></p> <p>At the Chairman's invitation, Councillor John Noeken, Lead member for Grants, introduced this item and reminded the meeting of the revised conditions for grants.</p> <p><u>Decision:</u></p> <p>Cholderton Village Hall was awarded £2380 towards the replacement of windows. <i>Reason – The application met the Community Area Grants Criteria 2012/13 and would support the parish in providing facilities for local community groups benefitting all ages of the community.</i></p> <p><u>Decision:</u></p> <p>The Brambles Pre-School was awarded £1170 towards the cost of a new boiler. <i>Reason: The application met the Community Area Grants Criteria 2012/13 and would support this community group in providing facilities for the local young children.</i></p> <p>(ACTION: Karen Linaker)</p> <p>A summary circulated at the meeting and attached to these minutes gave an update on the achievements of the archaeological dig at Amesbury towards which the Board had previously granted £5000. It was stressed that this work would not have gone ahead without the funding from the Area Board.</p>

31	<p><u>Bourne Valley Youth Transport Project (sponsored by Councillor Mike Hewitt)</u></p> <p>Councillor Hewitt introduced the item and requested that £3000 be set aside from the Transport Budget, or other appropriate budget, to assist with the funding of a minibus to transport youths from the villages over the summer months.</p> <p>He explained that the scheme was still being devised at the moment and, given the timing of the next Area Board meeting, requested that the decision be delegated to the Chairman and Vice-Chairman subject to final plans being submitted.</p> <p>Concern was raised over whether it met the criteria for funding from the Transport budget and it was agreed that this needed to be confirmed before any decision is taken.</p> <p><u>Decision:</u></p> <p>The Board agreed to delegate to the Chairman and Vice Chairman the decision to allocate £3000 from the Transport budget, or other appropriate budget, to assist the funding of a minibus to transport youth from the villages subject to confirmation that it met the criteria for funding from that budget and sight of final plans.</p> <p>(ACTION: Karen Linaker)</p>
32	<p><u>Future Meeting Dates, Evaluation and Close</u></p> <p>The Chairman drew attention to the public meeting being held on Tuesday 24 July 2012 at 7.00 pm in Winterbourne Glebe Hall which would be discussing the A338 Broken Cross Bridge replacement.</p> <p>It was noted that the next meeting of the Amesbury Area Board would be held on Tuesday 20 September 2012 at 6.00 pm in Figheldean Village Hall, Pollen Lane, Figheldean SP4 8JR.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked everyone for attending.</p>

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).

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.

WILTSHIRE & SWINDON LOCAL NATURE PARTNERSHIP

Information sheet for Community Area Boards

A Steering Group formed in January 2012 with representation from Wiltshire Council, Swindon Borough Council, Wiltshire Wildlife Trust and the AONBs to guide the development of a Local Nature Partnership (LNP) in Wiltshire & Swindon. As of July 2012 the Wiltshire & Swindon LNP has been officially recognised as a LNP by Government.

This information sheet provides a brief update on the progress that has been made and invites contributions from interested parties in relation to the strategic direction and future work of the LNP.

What is a Local Nature Partnership?

- LNPs have been introduced by **Government** as a new mechanism for people and organisations to **work together** to **protect and restore our local environment** more effectively.
- LNPs will drive **positive change** for the **environment** in the **local area**, taking a **strategic approach** to manage the environment for the benefit of **nature, people and the economy**.
- Importantly LNPs will encourage a **wide range** of **partners** to **work together** from many different sectors, helping to **secure new funding** to **support joint projects** and initiatives.

Why is the LNP important?

The environment is often undervalued in today's economy, without a healthy environment we would not be able to function in our customary manner. The 'State of the Environment Report 2012 for Wiltshire and Swindon' presents worrying evidence of the decline in our local environment over recent decades and the unsustainable impact of our lifestyles. Here are just a few reasons why we need to act:

- There are many essential **ecosystem services** we all rely on such as: clean air and water, pollination services, flood protection and raw materials that regulate and maintain our planet. We need to understand the impact of human activity on these **ecosystem services** to ensure we not exploit them irreversibly.
- There is growing recognition that the environment is essential to our economy and social well-being, attractive environments encourage business investment and tourism.
- A healthy environment provides the underlying basis for healthier lifestyles; the local environment provides neighbourhoods with character and their own identity.

How will the Wiltshire & Swindon Local Nature Partnership function?

The aim of the LNP is to ensure that it adds value to on-going work and creates opportunities for better partnership working in the future. A new governance arrangement has been developed and the following structure has been proposed:

LNP wider partnership:

The **wider partnership** will comprise of a diversity of organisations, charities, businesses and individuals with an interest in securing a healthy local environment in Wiltshire & Swindon. An **annual forum** will be organised, providing the opportunity for partners to come together and discuss the priorities and actions of the LNP and wider environment. A **LNP website** will also be launched and provide a means for people to be updated on the progress of the LNP.

LNP Working Groups:

Working Groups will be formed to assist with delivery of new projects and initiatives, the LNP will be keen to promote and support new working relationships especially between partners across the business, tourism, public health, community and environment sectors.

LNP Coordinator

An **LNP Coordinator** will be in place as a main point of contact and also to support the working groups and organise the annual forum. They will also be responsible for maintaining the website and assisting with securing funds for joint projects.

LNP Board

An **LNP Board** has been recruited and will provide a strong **strategic steer** for the LNP with **senior leaders** supporting the Board from a **range of sectors**. The Board will develop a long term Strategic Plan for the wider environment and seek new funding opportunities to support the objectives set out in the Strategic Plan.

Importantly the **LNP Board** will provide the opportunity for a diverse group of stakeholders to contribute towards **local decision making** relating to the natural environment, working closely with the local authorities, **Local Enterprise Partnership (LEPs)** and the newly forming **Health & Wellbeing Boards**.

HOW can Community Area Boards get involved?

We are at a very early stage of developing the partnership and there are many important environmental issues that the LNP needs to address. The LNP is being created to improve partnership working and would welcome the views and comments from local communities.

It is vital that community and voluntary groups are aware of the developing LNP and understand this new mechanism that will provide contacts, information, advice and support to help communities develop ideas/projects that support the local environment. We have outlined 6 key questions below that are based on the main objectives of the LNPs- please contact us with any comments as we welcome your feedback:

- **How should the LNP Partnership engage with groups/organisations outside of the environment sector?** *Such as local communities?*
- **How could the LNP support local communities more effectively?** *Providing support to develop sustainable neighbourhood plans, supporting local Green infrastructure developments?*
- **How should the LNP ensure that economic growth also supports the environment?** *Work with the Local Enterprise Partnership and local businesses to make them more aware of their impact on the environment, encouraging joint ventures?*
- **How should the LNP ensure future developments are environmentally sustainable?** *The LNP Board will give the environment a strategic voice, working closely with local authorities aiming to ensure developments incorporate environmentally sound outcomes*
- **How will the LNP encourage healthier living and promote high levels of well-being?** *E.g: The LNP will work with the health sector to raise awareness of the health benefits of actively engaging with the environment*
- **What evidence will the LNP rely on to make key decisions about the environment?** *How do we ensure the decisions we are taking on based on reliable and representative data for the local environment?*

If you would like to be kept updated on the progress of the LNP or if you have any questions/ideas for partnership working please contact:

Zoe Pittaway, Wiltshire & Swindon LNP Coordinator,
ZoeP@wiltshirewildlife.org or 07584 528639

Chairman's Announcements

Subject:	Barrier Busting Proposals
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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

Subject:	Victim Support
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Summary of Announcement:

Victim Support offers free confidential support to those people who have been a victim of crime. We have a team of professionally trained volunteers who can offer emotional and practical support whatever the impact on the victim.

We have specialist support workers who assist those that have been a victim of a serious crime including domestic violence and anti-social behaviour.

We are looking to raise our profile in the local communities and ensure that our service is available to all. We would therefore appreciate any opportunities to come along to community groups/events to talk about what we do.

We are also looking for venues to display our posters.

Any help would be greatly appreciated. Please ring Julie Locks on 01380 738878.

Chairman's Announcements

Subject:	"From Drought to Flood" Event
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Summary of announcement:

Wiltshire Council is organising another Flood Event this year: "From Drought to Flood" at Warminster Civic Hall on the 17th October 2012, 10am – 3pm.

Wiltshire has been lucky and not experienced some of the larger scale flash flooding incidents that some of our neighbouring authorities have, however we have had incidents of flash flooding of property in some of our smaller communities and groundwater levels are high for this time of year, so we are doing our best to try and raise awareness within the parishes.

We will have representatives from the National Flood Forum with examples of the various types of flood defences available, along with input from our partners such as Wessex Water and Wiltshire Fire & Rescue.

All are welcome to attend, and we are hoping to encourage as many flood wardens, community emergency volunteers and Town/Parish Council representatives to attend on behalf of their communities as we want to raise awareness of the current issues relating to flooding.

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.

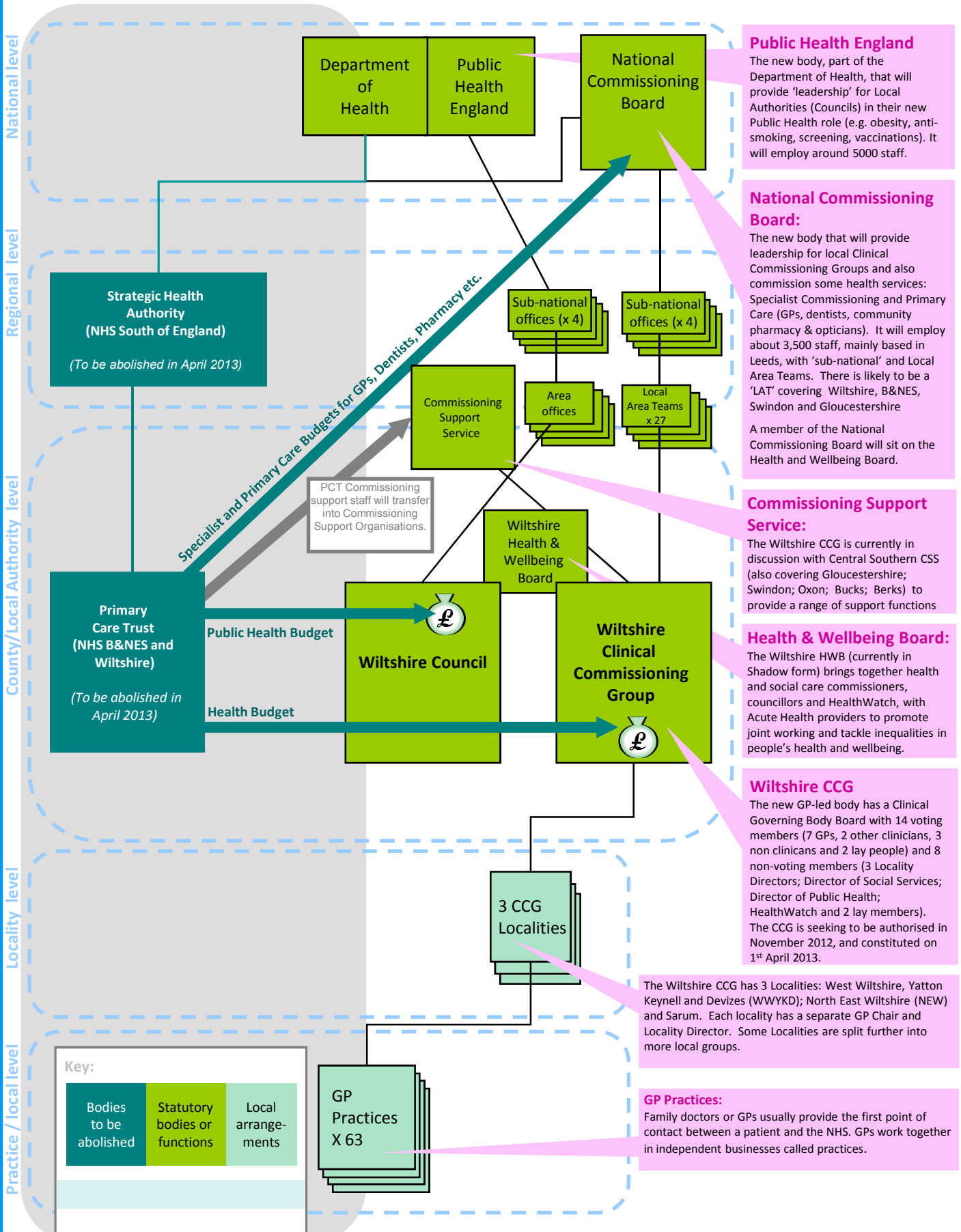
Wiltshire CCG will take up responsibility for commissioning in 'shadow' form from October 2012, with support from the existing Primary Care Trust staff.

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

The NHS Reforms: *The old and the new*

The old ...

... and the new ...



Public Health England
The new body, part of the Department of Health, that will provide 'leadership' for Local Authorities (Councils) in their new Public Health role (e.g. obesity, anti-smoking, screening, vaccinations). It will employ around 5000 staff.

National Commissioning Board:
The new body that will provide leadership for local Clinical Commissioning Groups and also commission some health services: Specialist Commissioning and Primary Care (GPs, dentists, community pharmacy & opticians). It will employ about 3,500 staff, mainly based in Leeds, with 'sub-national' and Local Area Teams. There is likely to be a 'LAT' covering Wiltshire, B&NES, Swindon and Gloucestershire. A member of the National Commissioning Board will sit on the Health and Wellbeing Board.

Commissioning Support Service:
The Wiltshire CCG is currently in discussion with Central Southern CSS (also covering Gloucestershire; Swindon; Oxon; Bucks; Berks) to provide a range of support functions

Health & Wellbeing Board:
The Wiltshire HWB (currently in Shadow form) brings together health and social care commissioners, councillors and HealthWatch, with Acute Health providers to promote joint working and tackle inequalities in people's health and wellbeing.

Wiltshire CCG
The new GP-led body has a Clinical Governing Body Board with 14 voting members (7 GPs, 2 other clinicians, 3 non clinicians and 2 lay people) and 8 non-voting members (3 Locality Directors; Director of Social Services; Director of Public Health; HealthWatch and 2 lay members). The CCG is seeking to be authorised in November 2012, and constituted on 1st April 2013.

The Wiltshire CCG has 3 Localities: West Wiltshire, Yatton Keynell and Devizes (WWYKD); North East Wiltshire (NEW) and Sarum. Each locality has a separate GP Chair and Locality Director. Some Localities are split further into more local groups.

GP Practices:
Family doctors or GPs usually provide the first point of contact between a patient and the NHS. GPs work together in independent businesses called practices.

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.

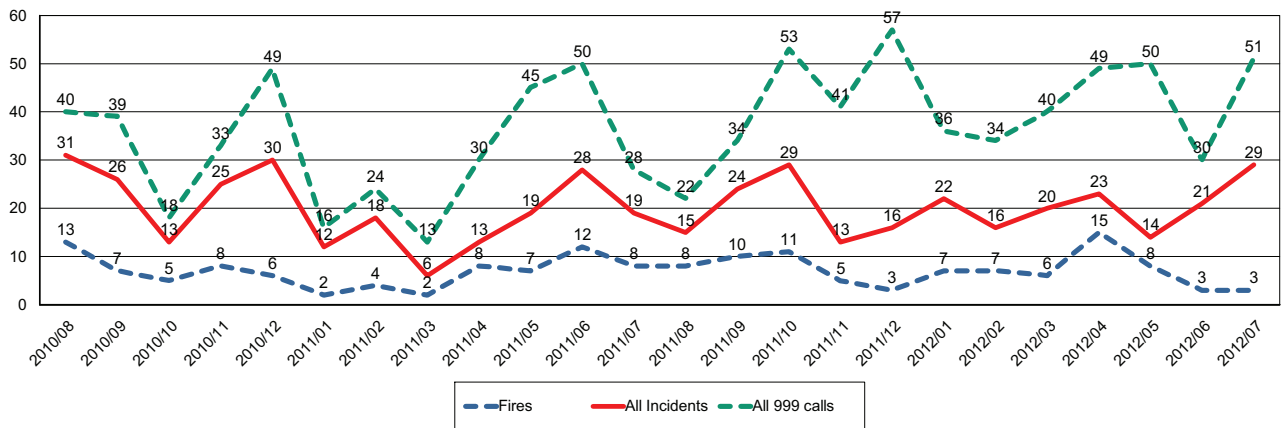
If you would like to be involved with WIN, or find out what our future plans are contact us on 01380 871800, winadmin.wsun@btconnect.com or find us online at www.wiltshireinvolvementnetwork.org.uk



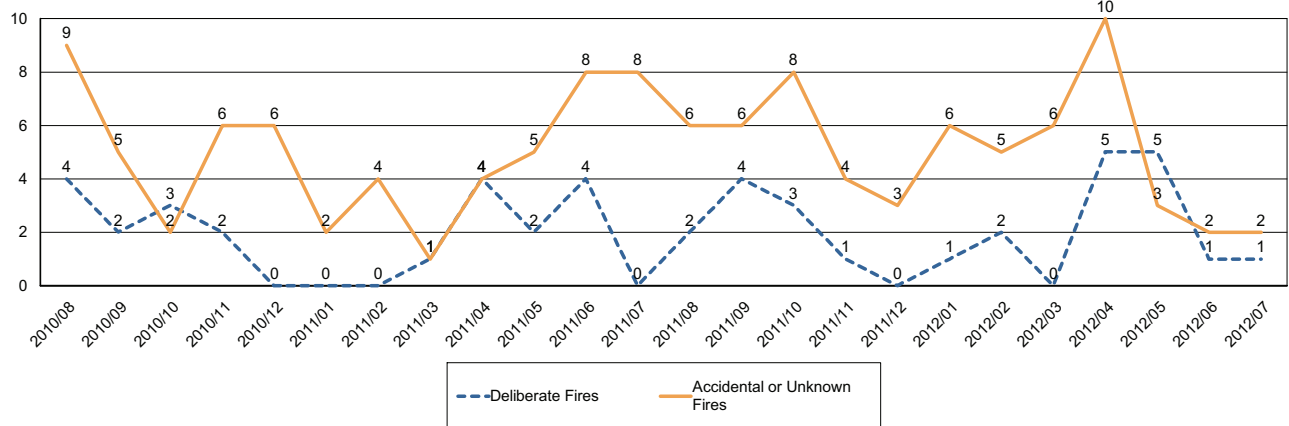
Report for Amesbury Area Board

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.

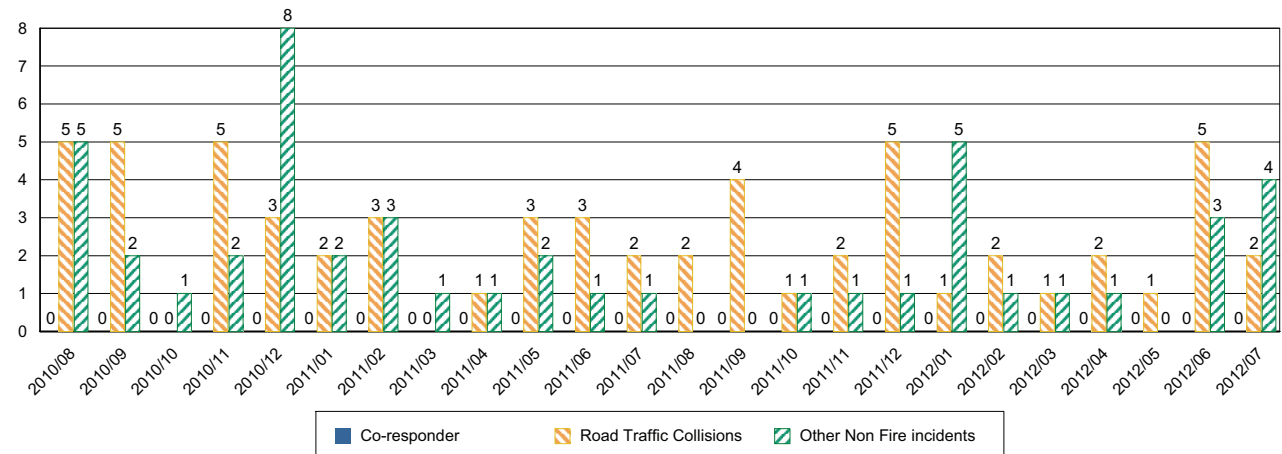
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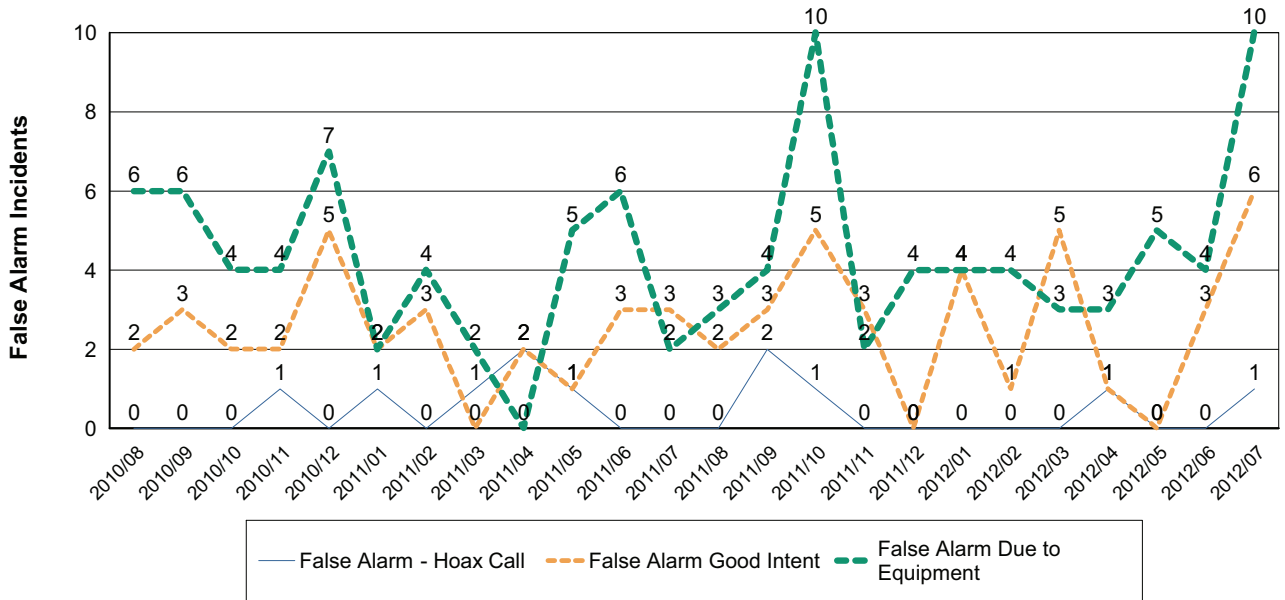
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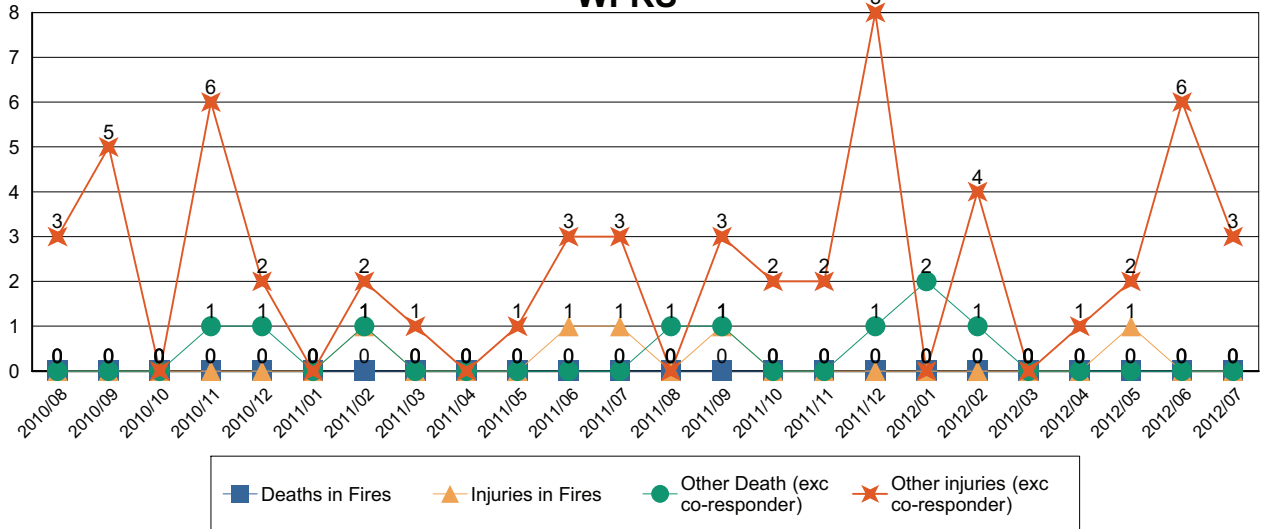
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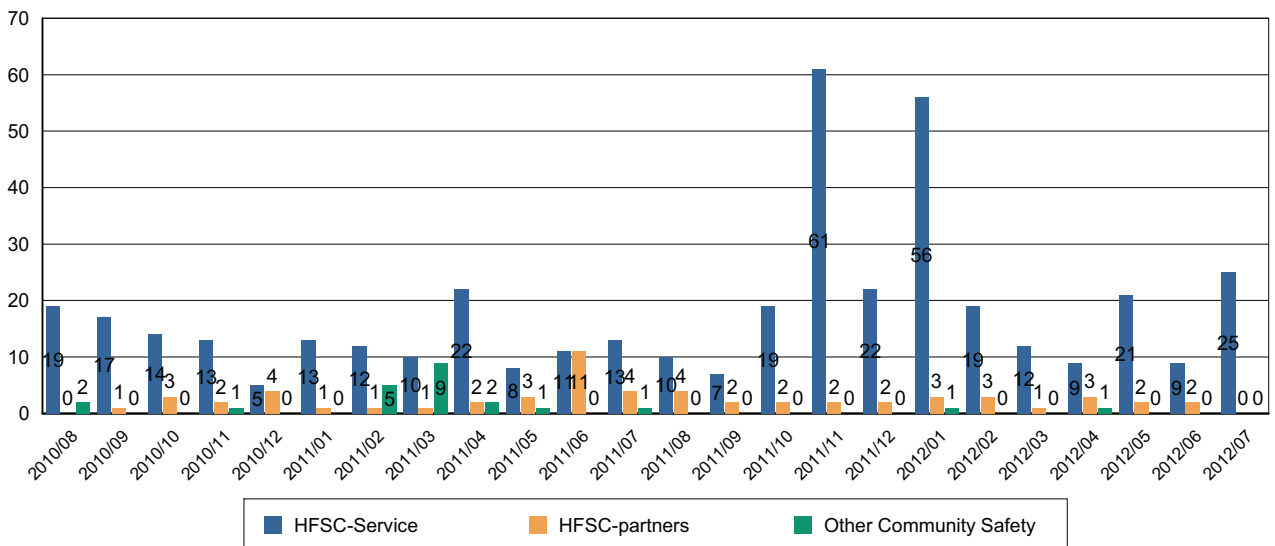
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Death & Injuries in incidents attended by WFRS



Home Fire Safety Checks and other domestic safety



Comments and Interventions overleaf

UPDATE FROM COMMUNITY AREA TRANSPORT GROUP

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1. To provide an update regarding matters considered by the Transport Group on the 4 September 2012 (see Appendix A), and to seek the board's approval regarding spend from the group's budget

2. Background

- 2.1. The Area Board set up the Transport Group in 2010, and it has continued since then to meet on a quarterly basis to consider ongoing and new transport priorities and to commit funding from a designated discretionary budget to those priorities where suitable.

- 2.2. The group is made up of a number of unitary, town and parish councillors.

3. Main Considerations

- 3.1. For a full (draft) account of the Group's discussions on the 4 September 2012, please refer to Appendix A.

- 3.2. The board is asked to support the group's decisions, as listed below to fund a number of schemes from the 2012/13 Community Area Transport Group's budget:

Steeple Langford new footway – preliminary topographical survey	1,500
Cold Harbour, Amesbury – dropped kerbs	3,500
Shrewton, High Street – area of footway by bus stop	5,000
Winterbourne Earls, Earls Rise & The Shop – pedestrian counts	800
Shrewton, Salisbury Rd – need for dropped kerb	1,500
TOTAL	12,300

4. Financial Implications

The Amesbury Community Area Transport Group's budget currently stands at £15,779. If the board agrees recommendation (ii) below, this will leave £3,479 available for spend in 2012/13.

5. Recommendations

- (i) To note the draft minutes of the 4th September Transport Group meeting
- (ii) To support the Group's decisions to commit £12,300 from the 2012/13 budget, as detailed at paragraph 3.2 above.

MINUTES

Amesbury Community Area Transport Group

Meeting: 4th September 2012

Attendees:

Cllrs Mike Brunton, Roger Fisher, Mike Hewitt (Chairman), Carole Slater, John Smale, Ian West, Graham Wright

Graham Axtell (Area Highways Engineer), Spencer Drinkwater (Principal Transport Planner), Tom Gardner (Senior Transport Engineer), Karen Linaker (Community Area Manager)

Keith Elmer (General Manager of Community Transport South Wiltshire)

	<u>Item</u>	<u>Update</u>	<u>Action</u>
1.	<u>Apologies</u>	Apologies from Cllrs Janet Tidd and Howard Jarvis	
2.	<u>Minutes of Previous Meeting</u>	Cllr Wright raised concerns on a technicality of how Cllr Hewitt had been elected chairman of the group. The meeting noted, that the Area Board had agreed the chairmanship of the group at the 24 th May 2012 meeting.	
3.	<u>Current / Ongoing Schemes</u>		
(i)	<u>Steeple Langford new footway</u>	Tom has assessed this now as a feasible scheme that could cost approximately £30k. He advised the group to set aside £1.5k from the 2012/13 CATG budget for a topographical survey, to prepare for a substantive bid in 2013/14. The group agreed with this advice and asked Tom to proceed with the necessary negotiations.	Tom
(ii)	<u>Shrewton High St – lack of footway</u>	The Parish Council was asked to consult with residents about the introduction of a new footway, particularly due to the concern that drivers may resort to parking on the new footway. Graham Axtell was arranging a re-angling of the pedestrian sign to see if this could assist the situation	Carole Graham
(iii)	<u>Shrewton, London Rd</u>	The metrocount reading for this road was not yet available, and the vegetation hampering view of the speed limit had not yet been trimmed – Karen to chase. The Parish Council had resolved not to fund a new SID, but to await Wiltshire Council's new policy, and the Area Board's subsequent ruling on whether or not to assign a SID to this site.	Karen
(iv)	<u>Orcheston: Elston Lane & Whatcombe Brow speed limit</u>	The Parish Council noted that these two roads would be added to the list of other C roads that may be nominated by the CATG in 2013/14 for review (on the understanding that the CATG would need to prioritise two only).	Karen

(v)	<u>A303 Winterbourne Stoke – need for 30mph limit</u>	The Area Board wrote to the Highways Agency in August requesting an urgent review of the speed limit on this road. A standard response has been received, but councillors remain unsatisfied. Cllr Smale suggested that energies behind the move by west country MPs and MEPs to resolve this issue for the sake of the region should be harnessed in some way. Cllrs also disputed the most recent metrocount reading for this site which had not recommended action. Associated with this road, cllrs raised concerns about congestion on Countess Roundabout, despite its new layout, and how this also impacted upon Winterbourne Stoke. Karen was asked to alert the Highways Agency to this concern in time for their visit to the Area Board in September	Karen
(vi)	<u>Church St, Amesbury – footway widening</u>	The Traffic Regulation Order was advertised in July and 2 objections were received, so ultimate approval of this scheme is referred to the Cabinet Member. If approved, the scheme will require a road closure in order to safely undertake the construction and vehicles will be signposted to the A303. Work on this cannot therefore commence until completion of the Broken Cross Bridge works, as the A303 is a diversion route for this scheme – so March 2013	
(vii)	<u>Cold Harbour, Amesbury</u>	This site had been inspected, and cllrs were advised that work to implement dropped kerbs would cost approx. £3.5k. introduction of double yellow lines was not considered to be suitable in this instance, but bar markings were raised as an alternative. Cllr Fisher and Graham Axtell agreed to meet on site to further assess this aspect of the issue. Amesbury Town Council were asked to see if they could contribute to the cost of these works.	Roger/ Graham
(viii)	<u>Salisbury Rd, Bulford to Solstice Park – cycle way</u>	Cllr Smale explained that negotiations were still ongoing, but that these remained slow in pace. He would continue to apply pressure to the parties involved, particularly bearing in mind the pedestrian/cyclist highway safety concerns associated with this route.	Cllr Smale
(ix)	<u>Porton Down Entrance – 30mph red surfacing</u>	Funding and works now all agreed.	Tom
(x)	<u>Newton Tony – 20mph limit</u>	Cllr Smale continues to liaise with the parish council on this matter, and will inform them that a new policy is to be published on the introduction of 20mph in Wiltshire, following the recent pilots conducted elsewhere in the county.	Cllr Smale
(xi)	<u>Winterbourne Earls – assisted crossings / school warning</u>	In order to assess the correct positioning of the assisted crossings in the proximity of Earls Rise and The Shop, the group was asked to approve funding for the pedestrian counts at approx. £800. Regarding the flashing warning sign, the	Karen

	<u>sign</u>	group were advised that a school crossing patrol person would need to be recruited. Officers would make further enquiries on this and liaise with the Parish Council/School	
(xii)	<u>Figheledean – road surfacing</u>	These requests had been followed up, and temporary repairs would be conducted where possible	Graham
(xiii)	<u>Durrington/Amesbury – footpath from Stonehenge Roundabout to Todderdown House</u>	This scheme had been approved for substantive bid and CATG funding and would proceed in Nov/Dec 2012	
(xiv)	<u>Durrington – substandard footpath from Hackthorne Road to Cemetery</u>	This matter was being pursued, led by Cllr Wright	
(xv)	<u>Pinkneys Way, Durrington – redundant bus shelter</u>	Cllr Wright had secured the agreement of Wiltshire Council to remove this bus shelter.	
4. <u>New Schemes / Issues</u>			
(i)	<u>Shrewton, High Street – area of footway by bus stop</u>	The Parish Council requested alterations to the area by the bus stop so that people could wait safely and not have to stand out on the busy A360. Tom and Graham agreed to look at this, and advised that it could cost approx. £5k. Carole was asked to see if the parish council would contribute to the cost	Tom/ Graham Carole
(ii)	<u>Butterfield Drive, Amesbury – resize speed humps</u>	This issue, plus two additional issues, were put by the General Manager of the Amesbury Hoppa bus service to the group for its view and assistance. A number of options were discussed, and in relation to the speed humps, the group agreed that Tom should revisit the site to assess what re-engineering works would be feasible. Officers were also asked to work with Keith in resolving his other issues	Tom Tom
(iii)	<u>Amesbury, High St – review of parking restrictions</u>	Cllr Fisher provided a full report on this request to the board, explaining that it specifically referred to the taxi ranks on the High Street. In support of local requests, Amesbury Town Council was keen to see the restrictions on parking removed from these ranks, except between 10pm and 2am between William Hills and A S Witt. The group expressed support for this request, and referred this matter to the relevant officers to investigate.	

(iv)	<u>Shrewton, Nett Rd – turning circle</u>	Large vehicles, sometimes contractors, but mainly fuel deliveries, were finding it difficult to turn around in this road, and the group was asked to consider introducing a turning circle. Graham agreed to look at the matter	Graham Axtell
(v)	<u>Barn Down Close, Winterbourne Gunner – improved visibility splays required</u>	Now that this junction is in greater use, there is a need for improved visibility splays. Cllr Hewitt explained that the vegetation would be trimmed on landowner hedges, but officers needed to look into the situation to see how it could be resolved.	Tom / Graham A
(vii)	<u>Shrewton, Salisbury Rd – need for dropped kerb</u>	The parish council would like a dropped kerb close to the weight restriction sign, as the width of the footway was sufficient at this point. This would provide a suitable spot to cross in the road, and prevent wheelchair users and parents with prams from having to walk in the road. The group noted that this would cost approx. £1.5k and that the parish council would look to see if it could also contribute.	Tom / Graham A
5.	<u>Broken Cross Bridge - Update</u>		
	The group noted the update in the agenda, and that the key issue remained that of the access permits scheme. This would be the subject of a meeting on the 17 th September. Cllr Hewitt asked officers to provide reassurance that any road surfacing works on the A338 through the Winterbournes be done so during the bridge works		Graham A
6.	<u>Amesbury Community Area Schools – Parking Review</u>		
	The group agreed to defer discussion on this matter until the School Travel Plan Advisor was able to comment on the report and attend the next group meeting		Karen
7.	Date of Next Meeting – 14th January 2013, 10am		Karen

BROKEN CROSS BRIDGE – UPDATE ON FORTHCOMING CLOSURE

1. Attached at appendix A is the summary of the public meeting held at The Glebe Hall, Winterbourne Earls in July.
2. Below is a subsequent advice note from Wiltshire Council's Head of Traffic & Network Service.
3. Councillors and officers met on the 17th September particularly to discuss the permit scheme, and will provide a verbal update on this at the board meeting.
 - a. *As you may be aware the bridge, which carries the A338 across the Salisbury – Waterloo railway line is to be replaced during this autumn and winter.*
 - b. *These works are promoted by Network Rail and we are informed that this is one of some sixty similar replacements made necessary to accommodate modern shipping containers.*
 - c. *In order to replace the road bridge, on the original abutments it is necessary to close the A338 from late October 2012 until mid February 2013. The extent at the closures will be from the junction of the A338 with Ford road near to St Thomas's roundabout in the south; from the junction of A338 and Hurdcott in the north; from the junction of Malthouse Lane and Ford Lane, in Ford for the south west and west of the business in Malthouse Lane to the east.*
 - d. *This will mean that travel between Winterbourne and St Thomas's roundabout is not possible. The local diversion route for the villages of Hurdcott and Winterbourne for destinations normally accessed by the A338 will be to the roundabout to turn left on the Portway and to join A345 at Beehive Roundabout.*
 - e. *During a road closure it is normal practice to maintain access for residents who fall within the closure area. Residents who live within the closure area described will receive a letter in late September offering passes. These passes may be displayed in the windscreen of the vehicle to which they relate. Network Rail will provide "gatemen" to permit these vehicles in and out of the closed area.*

- f. Arrangements of a similar nature are being made with bus and school bus operatives. It is important that no traffic other than the blue-light services are informed and aware and will accommodate this into their systems of despatch. Clearly we are working with Network Rail to keep this time to a minimum and regular updates will appear in the Parish Magazine.*
- g. The A338 normally serves as a route for vehicles from the A30, which are too high to pass under the railway bridge at St Thomas's. These vehicles will be diverted from the A30 at Stockbridge and advised to remain on the A303 at Andover.*
- h. In diverting the normal A338 traffic convoy from Winterbourne to Portway it is anticipated that London Road into Salisbury will see a reduction in traffic. Correspondingly traffic on the A345 Castle Road will increase. In order to assist in reducing this increase diversion advisory signs will be placed at Parkhouse junction, near Cholderton, on both the A338 and A303 advising drivers to use the A303 west to the A360 to avoid delays. This situation will be monitored and we are in close touch with the Highways Agency. We may call upon the Highways Agency to utilize mobile illuminated message signs to further encourage drivers to use the A360 to spread the burden. There will be a short phase of works of approx' three weeks towards the end of the contract, when it will not be possible to maintain local access through Ford village to the A338. During this period all vehicles have to use the appropriate signed diversion route.*

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.

AMESBURY AREA BOARD, 20 September 2012

SHADOW COMMUNITY OPERATIONS BOARD

1. The principle aim of the Campus project is to focus on improving services, and to facilitate:
 - Opportunities for communities to shape the delivery of their services.
 - The potential for services to be co-located with partner and voluntary organisations, resulting in efficiency savings, more efficient working arrangements and easier access for public.
 - Reductions in long term financial, environmental and operational pressures on aging, low quality buildings, by capital investment in facilities.
 - The potential for wide-ranging and innovate management and operational arrangements.

2. Campus proposals are progressing in a number of communities in Wiltshire, including pilots projects in Salisbury (at Five Rivers Leisure Centre), Melksham and Corsham. The projects were managed locally by Shadow Community Operations Boards (SCOBs), which were working groups established under the authority of the Area Boards. The membership of the COBs was appointed by Area Boards following expressions of interest, and consisted of the following:
 - 1 x Area Board representative
 - 1 x representative of Town and Parish Councils
 - 1 x representative of the wider community
 - 1 x representative of education and young people
 - 3 x representatives of the communtiy and service users
 - 1 x officer from Transformation team (non-exec member).

RECOMMENDATIONS

3. The Amesbury Area Board is invited to nominate a unitary councillor representative to act as the Area Board representative on the SCOB

4. The Area Board is invited to seek expressions of interest from town and parish councils for a representative to join the SCOB

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.

For further information please contact Nicole Smith, Head of Strategic Housing.

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AMESBURY AREA BOARD
20 SEPTEMBER 2012

COMMUNITY ASSET TRANSFER

Land at Southmill Hill, Amesbury

Executive Summary

This report deals with an application for the transfer of land at Southmill Hill, Amesbury to be transferred to Amesbury Town Council in accordance with Wiltshire Council's Community Asset Transfer Policy.

Proposal

The Area Board is asked to consider an application submitted by Amesbury Town Council for the transfer of land at Southmill Hill, Amesbury. The applicants' proposal is set out at Appendix 2.

Reasons For Proposal

This proposal supports and implements Wiltshire Council's Community Asset Transfer Policy.

Recommendation

To approve the transfer subject to the matters referred to in paragraph 9 of the report.

Karen Linaker
Amesbury Community Area Manager

AMESBURY AREA BOARD
20 SEPTEMBER 2012

COMMUNITY ASSET TRANSFER

Land at Southmill Hill, Amesbury

Purpose of Report

1. The Area Board is asked to consider an application submitted by Amesbury Town Council for the transfer of land at Southmill Hill, Amesbury (see plan attached at Appendix 1). The applicants' proposal is set out at Appendix 2.

Background

2. Wiltshire Council is supporting the principle of the transfer of community assets in order to empower and strengthen local communities. The Council believes that transferring appropriate public assets to communities leads to more responsive services that better meet local people's priorities.
3. Transfer of an asset can also provide the opportunity to lever more resources into a community and provide a more accessible and responsive base from which to deliver local services.
4. A community group or organisation can benefit from greater financial stability and build confidence through having ownership (or long term security through a lease) of a physical asset. This financial sustainability can help the organisation become less dependent on grants, provide security for further borrowing and opportunities for further growth.
5. Typically, organisations that would be considered appropriate are Voluntary and Community Groups/Associations, Town or Parish Councils, Trusts or Charities, or Social Enterprise Groups.

The application before the Area Board

6. The application from Amesbury Town Council is attached at Appendix 2 and relates to the transfer of land at Southmill Hill, Amesbury for the provision of allotments.
7. The application was submitted in accordance with the Council's application process and meets the requirements for consideration by the Area Board.

8. The Community Area Manager has consulted with Strategic Property Services, who have undertaken appropriate consultation with service departments across the Council. Local consultation has been undertaken by the applicant in accordance with the application checklist and the outcome of the consultation is included within the application. Cllrs Noeken and Westmoreland, the local members, have been appraised.

The views of Council officers

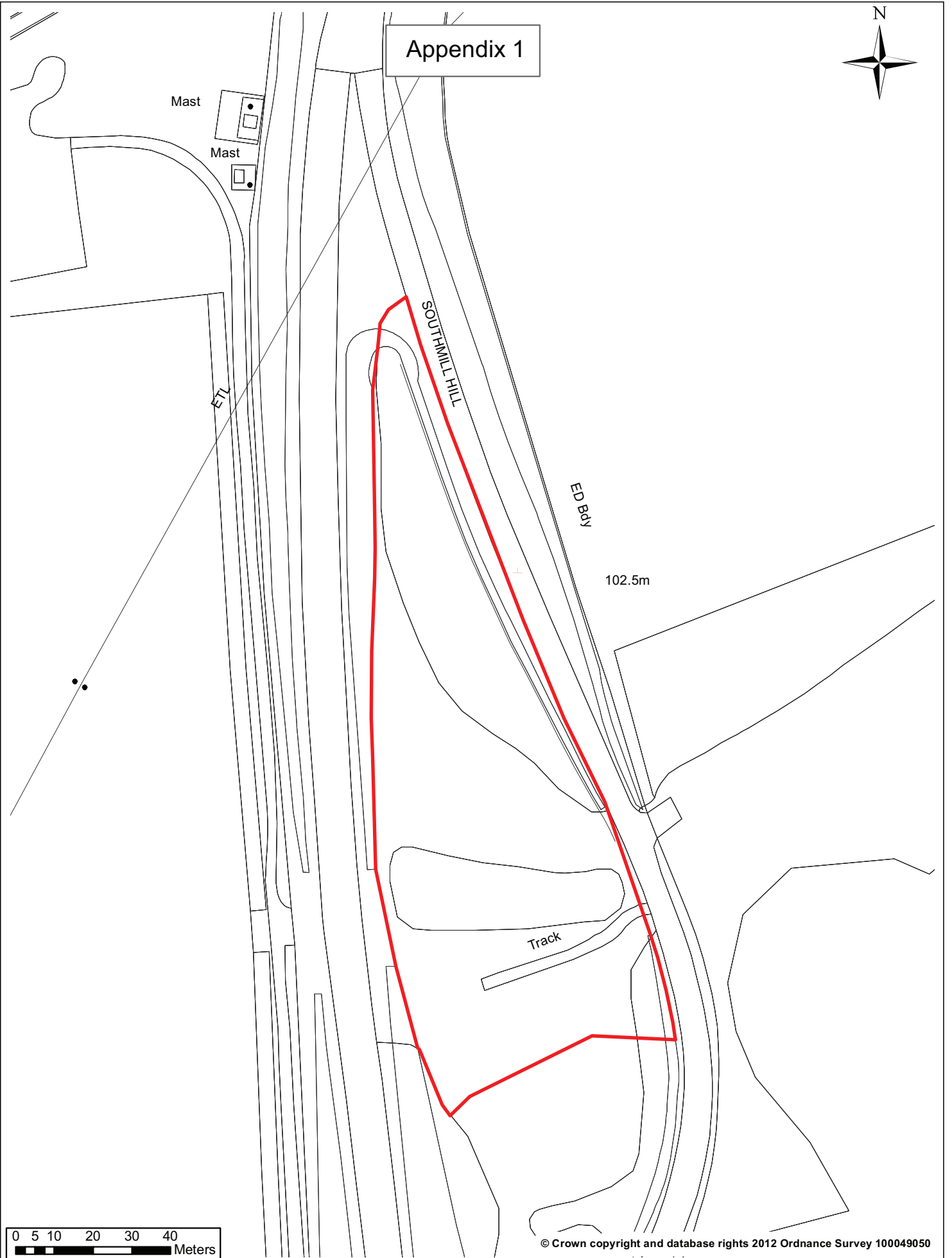
9. On behalf of the Council, Strategic Property Services (who have overall responsibility for the Council's estates and property) have provided the following observations to the Area Board.
 - 9.1 The land was acquired for a highway improvement scheme and is still within the adopted highway. Amesbury Town Council will be required to pay for a stopping up order to remove the land from the highway and enable it to be used for allotment purposes.
 - 9.2 As the land was acquired by compulsory purchase, Wiltshire Council is obliged to offer it at market value to the original owners. This has been done but they have two months in which to respond. That period has not expired and no response has been received to date. If the original owners decide that they wish to buy the land the proposed transfer will not be able to proceed.
 - 9.3 Access to the site is via a lay-by on the A345 formed by the old line of the road. Parking will need to be managed so as to avoid conflict with general use of the lay-by.
 - 9.4 This part of Amesbury contains significant archaeology. Amesbury Town Council will need to ensure that the allotments are designed in such a way that any archaeology which may remain on the site is not disturbed.
 - 9.5 The land is to be transferred on the standard basis. This is that there will be a covenant restricting use of the land to community purposes. If the land should cease to be used for this purpose it will revert to Wiltshire Council.
 - 9.6 Financial implications are limited to the maintenance cost previously incurred by Wiltshire Council being transferred to Amesbury Town Council.

Recommendation

10. To approve the transfer subject to the matters referred to in paragraph 9 above.

Karen Linaker
Amesbury Community Area Manager

Appendix 1



Title:
Southmill Hill, Amesbury

Date: Aug 2012
 Scale: 1:1,250
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Form CAT01

Community asset transfer: application

Your details

Your Organisation	<i>Amesbury Town Council</i>
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Your proposal

(please complete Checklist CAT02 before filling in the following)

<p>Details of asset Please include exact location, address, postcode, size, boundaries, access points and a map if possible</p>	<p><i>The asset is a small piece of land toward the top of South Mill Hill Amesbury Grid Reference SU 158 404 it is bounded to the West by the A345 (Amesbury to Salisbury) and to the East by the old road, now little used, though the road surface is in good order. The total area of the land is approximately 3.9 acres, however giving regard to existing road side verges, the contours of the land and the need to provide for safe habitats for wild life, some 2.5 acres is considered viable for this project.</i></p> <p><i>We do not believe the land has a postcode but it is within the SP4 area.</i></p> <p><i>Access is via the old A345 or by foot across the old Red House farm land. This has been sold for development and preliminary plans indicate there will be pedestrian access to this area.</i></p> <p><i>A plan of the area is attached.</i></p>
<p>Summary of proposal Why do you want the asset and how will this benefit the local community?</p>	<p><i>To use the land for allotments which will be of benefit both current and future residents within the Parish boundary of Amesbury (there are plans for a further 1300 houses to be built on land close to this proposed site)</i></p>

<p>Community use Please explain how the asset will be used <i>(Please refer to questions 5-8 in the checklist - CAT02)</i></p>	<p><i>Amesbury Town Council has a shortage of land for allotments. There are currently 8 full size plots and 4 half size plots. This serves a population in excess of 10000. A considerable number of those residents have moved into the area in the last 15 years and live in the new housing estates of Butterfield Down, Boscombe Down, Harvard Way and Archers Gate. Houses on those estates whilst being of high standard usually have small gardens which are not suitable for fruit and vegetable growing. Nationally there is an ever increasing demand for Allotments and Amesbury is no different. The Town Council has a waiting list of 60 for Allotment plots and has had a considerable number of enquires for plots, some of whom are reluctant to put their name on the waiting list as no guarantee can be given that their wishes will ever be met due to the lack of land.</i></p>
<p>Suitability for purpose Please explain why this asset is suitable for the intended purpose <i>(Please refer to questions 5-8 in the checklist - CAT02)</i></p>	<p><i>This we understand formed part of Viney's Farm prior to a new road being built on South Mill Hill. Whilst the land is currently covered in scrub and indigenous species of shrubs, it has a good depth of soil which sustains the current vegetation. It is felt that it would support Fruit and Vegetable growing.</i></p> <p><i>The area can be safely accessed from the old A345 which runs to the east of the current road. There is plenty of parking along this stretch of the road and access by foot can also be made from the Harvard Way and Archers Gate estates.</i></p> <p><i>If the bid is successful the area would be fenced and the only access would be from the old road.</i></p> <p><i>The only utility required is water and it has been established that a main supply runs through the site.</i></p>
<p>Community support and consultation Please set out who you have consulted about your proposal and how you have addressed any concerns raised <i>(Please refer to questions 9-14 in the checklist - CAT02)</i></p>	<p><i>There are currently no nearby residents to this site. There is a proposal for future housing development at Kings Gate which will be near the site but due to the nature of the proposed use and its proximity to the proposed housing development it is not envisaged there will not be any concerns.</i></p> <p><i>Consultation has taken place with current residents of Amesbury and overwhelming support has been given for additional allotment space.</i></p>
<p>Legal issues Please set out how you will address any legal, planning, insurance and health and safety matters associated with the asset <i>(Please refer to questions 15-18 in the checklist - CAT02)</i></p>	<p><i>No known covenants exist on this piece of land.</i></p> <p><i>Planning permission is not required for the use proposed.</i></p> <p><i>Insurance will be incorporated into the Town Council's current insurance policy.</i></p> <p><i>Health and Safety implications have been assessed and it is considered that any risk is minimal.</i></p>
<p>Financial matters How will you fund running costs and maintenance? Are you willing to pay for the asset? <i>(Please refer to questions 19-23 in the checklist - CAT02)</i></p>	<p><i>Conversion costs will be met from reserves held by the Town Council.</i></p> <p><i>Capital maintenance costs will be met by the Town Council from funds generated by rental of the plots.</i></p> <p><i>Due to the proposed nature of this proposal it is envisaged that there will be</i></p>

	<p><i>few day to day running costs.</i></p> <p><i>Income will be raised by charging reasonable rents to the holders of plots</i></p> <p><i>The Town Council has sufficient contingency funds to cover any unforeseen costs attributable to the setting up and running of these allotments.</i></p> <p><i>Regarding payment for this land the Town Council believes that such a small irregular shaped piece of land, which has not been used for any purpose since 1972 has any commercial value. If any value other than a peppercorn amount were to be proposed it could possibly render the project as not being viable.</i></p>
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<p>Future management How will you manage the asset and ensure that it continues to contribute to the wellbeing of the local community in the future? <i>(Please refer to questions 24-27 in the checklist - CAT02)</i></p>	<p><i>Management of the asset will be conducted by the Town Council with one Council member appointed.</i></p> <p><i>It is not envisaged that any form of Management Committee will be set up however lease holders will be able to raise any matters with the appointed Town Council member and the Town Clerk's office.</i></p> <p><i>There are no plans to employ anyone to manage the asset, day to day running will be carried out by the Town Clerk's office</i></p>
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I confirm that the details included in this application are correct

Signed: *Amesbury Town Clerk*

Name (please print): *Wendy Bown*

Date: *August 2012*

Report to	Amesbury Area Board
Date of Meeting	20 September 2012
Title of Report	Area Board Grants

Purpose of Report

To ask Councillors to consider :

(A) 3 Grant Applications seeking 2012/13 Community Area Grant Funding

1. Tilshead Village Hall Committee – Refurbishment of Village Hall
Funding sought : £3,500 :
Recommended for **Approval**
2. Bulford Children’s Centre (Spurgeons) – The Freedom Programme
Funding sought : £1386 :
Recommended for **Approval**
3. P.O.P Youth Dance Project – To extend the project for another term
Funding sought: £1,000 :
Recommended for **Approval**

(B) A proposal to earmark £3,000 of Community Area Grant funding for the Crime & Community Safety Community Plan Priority, specifically in regard to the issue of Domestic Abuse

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. Amesbury Area Board has been allocated a 2012/2013 budget of £50,455 for community grants, small grants, community partnership core funding and area board/councillor led initiatives. An overspend of £6990 from 2011/12 has since been deducted from this figure – leaving £43,465 available. Subsequently, the Area Board has approved grants totalling £11,013 at the 24 May, and 19 July board meetings. This leaves the 2012/13 available budget at £32,452.
- 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. Paper copies of funding applications no longer appear as part of the agenda in an attempt to reduce paper. They are however available on the Wiltshire Council web site with the area board agenda papers and hard copies available upon request.
- 1.13. 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.
- 1.14. 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. 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. £3,000 of this £5,053 budget was earmarked at the 19 July 2012 board meeting for the Bourne Valley Youth Transport Budget.
- 1.16. The Amesbury Area Board has a separate Community Area Transport Group (CATG) budget of £17,500 for 2012/13.

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

- 2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in 2012/13 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 took place on the 24th May, the second on the 19th July, and the third is contained in this report. The remaining rounds will take place on;

- 22 November 2012
- 24 January 2013
- 21 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 Amesbury Area Board.
- 4.2. If grants are awarded in line with officer recommendations, the Amesbury Area Board will have a balance of £23,566.

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	Tilshead Village Hall Committee	Village Hall Refurbishments	£2,380

- 8.1.1. Officer recommendation – **to approve**

- 8.1.2. This application meets grant criteria 2012/13.

- 8.1.3. This application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan, as it will support a project to improve and enhance a local community hall which provides a vital facility to one of the 22 parishes in the Amesbury Area.
- 8.1.4. Tilshead Village Hall Committee is a well established and hard working committee, committed to refurbishing the hall to a standard that will better serve the local community. The hall is used by many different groups, both for community purposes and for private functions. This grant is for a part of the overall refurbishment programme, which is organised in two phases, to take place over the next two years.
- 8.1.5. The funding applied for in this grant will contribute towards the cost of replacing windows at the hall, and new fascia, soffit and guttering.
- 8.1.6. Without the Area Board funding, the Village Hall Committee's plan for refurbishment will be delayed.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.2	Bulford Children's Centre (Spurgeons)	The Freedom Programme – intervention for female victims of domestic violence	£1,386

8.2.1 Officer recommendation – **to approve**

8.2.2 This application meets grant criteria 2012/13. Whilst Bulford Children's Centre receives funding from Wiltshire Council, The Freedom Programme is an additional and specific project, with a main focus to assist the adult victim, with obvious indirect benefits for the child. As with many applications received by the area board, and as domestic abuse is one of national importance, there are other avenues for funding. However, the officer's recommendation is made on the basis that this issue is of very real local significance, as reflected in the Community Plan.

8.2.3 This application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan, as it will support a programme specifically designed to give support and advice to women who are victims of male violence in a domestic setting. Reports indicate that the Amesbury Area has a real problem with domestic abuse, particularly in Amesbury West and Bulford. The Children's Centres "annual conversation" in 2012 discussed the increased need to support families affected by domestic abuse particularly with Armed Forces families having to cope with family members coming back from operational tours and re-integrating in to the family unit. This puts particular pressure on family life.

8.2.4 Details of the Programme are clearly laid out in the application, but it is perhaps important to highlight the impact of domestic violence, not simply on the victim but on any children who may fall witness to such acts. Research tells us that this impact is very real and deep and can have lasting effects on a child's development

and consequent success at school, future work and in personal relationships. This therefore is relevant to the Community Plan's other priority for Children & Young People.

8.2.5 Without the Area Board funding, The Programme is unlikely to benefit as many people in the Area.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.3	P.O.P Youth Dance Project	To run this project for another term	£1,000

8.3.1 This application meets the grant scheme's criteria and the officer's recommendation is therefore to approve.

8.3.2 This project provides a program of weekly dance sessions at Durrington Youth Development Centre for disengaged and hard to reach young people. The program is taught by a dance practitioner and is assisted by the Youth Development Worker. It teaches the young people about different dance styles and encourages them to demonstrate leadership and creativity through the dance routines. The program works towards the young people achieving an arts award.

8.3.3 The project meets with the priorities of the area's community plan, particularly in regarding to children and young people.

8.3.4 Some of the reasons listed by the young people to reinforce the need for the project to continue is that it keeps you fit, provides constructive activity and a sense of achievement, which in turn helps to boost self confidence, and improve social skills.

8.3.5 Without the grant, the project could not continue.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.4	Amesbury Area Crime & Community Safety Community Plan Priority Group	To earmark funding specifically for the issue of domestic abuse, due to the high incidents in the Amesbury Area	£3,000

8.4.1 The Area Board is recommended to earmark £3,000 for this community plan priority. Following the setting up of the Crime & Community Safety Group, the Area Board will receive a further detailed report on this matter, explaining how the funding will be used.

Appendices <i>(available online or on request):</i>	Appendix 1 Grant application – Tilshead Village Hall Appendix 2 Grant application – Bulford Children’s Centre Appendix 3 Grant Application – P.O.P Youth Dance Project
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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AMESBURY AREA BOARD

Items from the Central Forward Work Plan

Please note: this is a working document which is subject to change due to availability of relevant Officers/Partners and relevant time scales.

Date	Cabinet Member	Location	Area Board Provisional Agenda Items <i>(excluding standard items including Partner Updates, Parish/Town Council Updates and Community Area Grants)</i> .
20 Sept	Cllr Toby Sturgis	Figheldean Village Hall, Pollen Lane, Figheldean, SP4 8JR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Housing Need and Review of Wiltshire's Housing Allocation System – to inform and consult the Area Boards regarding the review Police and Crime Commissioner – to provide information about the role of the new Police and Crime Commissioner Youth Advisory Group report – to inform and appoint a representative to the local Youth Advisory Group
22 Nov	Cllr Stuart Wheeler	Antrobus House, 39 Salisbury Road, Amesbury, SP4 7HH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2012 Summary and Legacy - Presentation and possible discussion covering: What did communities get out of the 2012 celebrations? What legacy has it left behind? How will the community spirit be taken forward into 2013 and beyond? Asset Management Strategy Youth Service Update Understanding Autism –To inform the Board of new duties in relation to people with autism and aspergers and how localities can respond. Community Benefits achieved through the planning process

31 Jan	Portfolio Holder	TBC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wiltshire Online: Connectivity and Provision • Display stand from Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service • Impact on Welfare Reform • Review of local bus services – passenger transport team to contact CAM when review is ready for Amesbury area
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