

AGENDA

Meeting: CORSHAM AREA BOARD
Place: Corsham Town Hall, High Street, Corsham, Wiltshire, SN13 0EZ
Date: Tuesday 19 October 2010
Time: 7.00 pm

Including the Parishes of Box, Corsham, Colerne and Lacock

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

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

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

Please direct any enquiries on this Agenda to Marie Todd (Area Board and Member Support Manager) on 01225 718036 / marie.todd@wiltshire.gov.uk or Dave Roberts (Corsham Community Area Manager), 07979 318504 / dave.roberts@wiltshire.gov.uk

All the papers connected with this meeting are available on the Council's website at www.wiltshire.gov.uk

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Wiltshire Councillors

Peter Davis (Vice Chairman) – Corsham Town

Sheila Parker – Box & Colerne

Alan Macrae – Corsham Pickwick

Dick Tonge (Chairman) – Corsham Without & Box Hill

Items to be considered	Time
1. Chairman's Welcome and Introductions	7pm
2. Apologies for Absence	
3. Minutes (<i>Pages 3 - 12</i>) To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 17 August 2010.	
4. Declarations of Interest To declare any personal or prejudicial interests or dispensations granted by the Standards Committee.	
5. Chairman's Announcements (<i>Pages 13 - 20</i>)	7.10pm
6. Town, Parish and Partner Updates (<i>Pages 21 - 30</i>) To receive any updates from the following partners: (a) Wiltshire Police (b) Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Services (c) NHS Wiltshire (d) Corsham Community Area Network (e) Town and Parish Council Nominated Representatives (f) Corsham Area Young People's Issues Group (g) Chamber of Commerce	
7. Leisure Facilities Review To receive a presentation on the findings of the Leisure Facilities Review from Councillor Stuart Wheeler, Cabinet Member for Leisure, Sport and Culture.	7.25pm
8. Car Parking Strategy To receive a presentation from Rob Murphy, Principal Transport Planner, regarding feedback on the recent car parking strategy consultation.	7.55pm
9. Local Transport Plan (LTP) Funding Allocation (<i>Pages 31 - 34</i>) To consider proposals for transport schemes in the Corsham community area.	8.15pm
10. Grit Bins To consider locations for additional grit bins in the Corsham community area. A report by the Community Area Manager giving further details will be available at the meeting.	8.25pm

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| 11. | Cabinet Representative - Councillor John Brady

The Cabinet representative, Councillor John Brady will talk about his responsibilities for Economic Development, Planning and Housing and will invite questions. | 8.35pm |
| 12. | Community Area Grants (<i>Pages 35 - 38</i>)

The Wiltshire Councillors will consider the following application to the Community Area Grants Scheme:

Corsham Community Area Neighbourhood Watch Group | 8.45pm |
| 13. | Performance Reward Grant (<i>Pages 39 - 52</i>)

To consider an application for performance reward grant funding for the Wiltshire Voices Project.

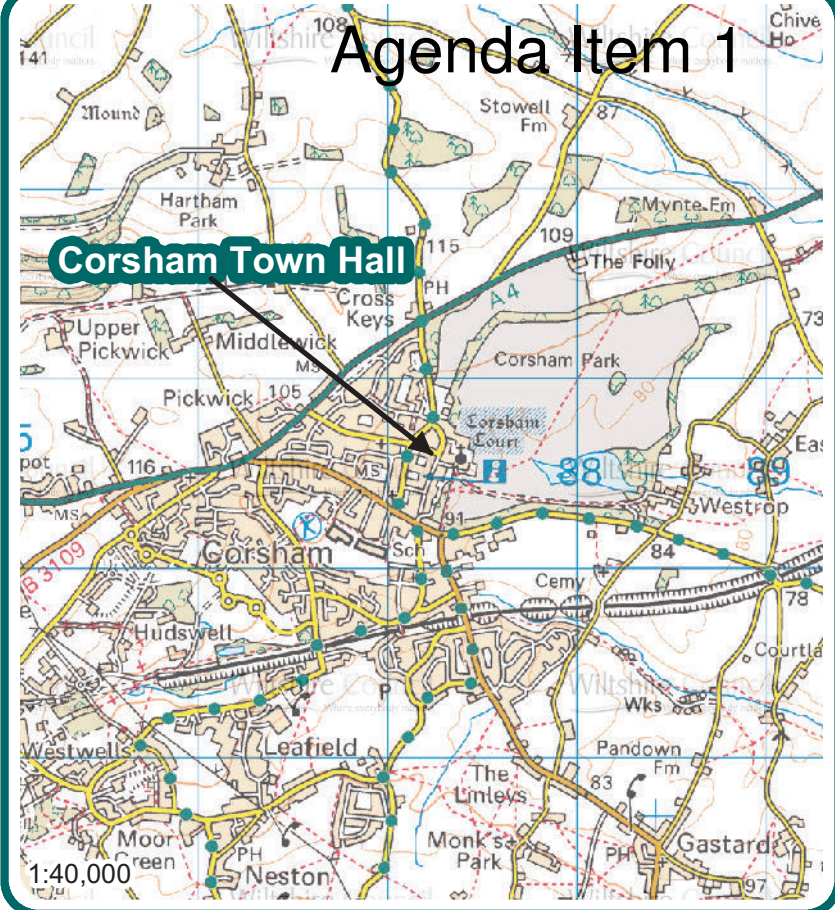
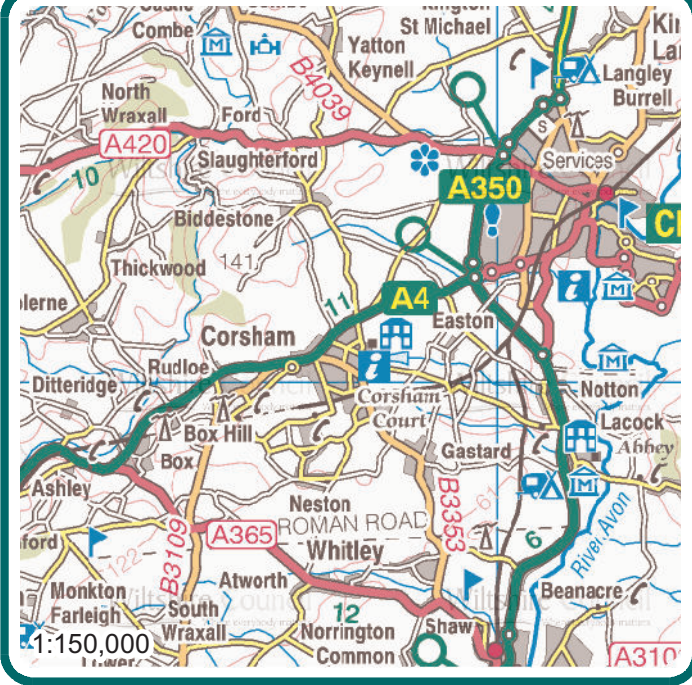
The Area Board will consider whether it wishes to agree to this application being put forward for consideration by the performance reward grant funding panel. | 8.50pm |
| 14. | Evaluation of Meeting

Attendees will be asked to provide feedback on the meeting using the electronic voting handsets. | 8.55pm |
| 15. | Future Meeting Dates and Forward Plan (<i>Pages 53 - 54</i>)

To note that the next meeting will take place on 30 November 2010 at The Pavilion, Box. The forward work plan for the area board is attached for information. | 9pm |

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Agenda Item 1



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In Attendance:

Wiltshire Councillors

Cllr Peter Davis (Vice Chairman in the Chair), Cllr Alan Macrae and Cllr Sheila Parker.

Cabinet Members

Cllrs John Noeken and Toby Sturgis

Wiltshire Council Officers

Adrian Hampton (Service Manager), Niki Lewis (Service Director), Martin Litherland
Dave Roberts (Community Area Manager), Marie Todd (Area Board and Member
Support Manager) and Sian Walker (Service Director)

Town and Parish Councillors

Box Parish Council – Jennie Hartless

Colerne Parish Council – T Hall

Corsham Town Council – P Anstey, Allan Bosley, Ruth Hopkinson, Issy Langsford,
David Martin, Chris Riley

Partners

Box Area Coordinator – Neighbourhood Watch – David Leonard

CCAN – Christine Reid and Adam Walton

Corsham Civic Society – S Fletcher, Anne Lock and N Harte

DC Leisure – Springfield Centre – S Pluckrose

Electors Commission – Old People – John Usher

Westlea Housing – Martyn Matthews

Wiltshire Police – A/PS Ball and PC Higgins
Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service – Mike Franklin
WIN – Anne Keat

Members of Public in Attendance: 32
Total in attendance: 62

<u>Agenda Item No.</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>	<u>Action By</u>
1.	<p><u>Chairman's Welcome and Introductions</u></p> <p>The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited members of the board to introduce themselves.</p>	
2.	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Dick Tonge and Mr Ian Storey.</p>	
3.	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 8 June 2010 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.</p>	
4.	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>	
5.	<p><u>Chairman's Announcements</u></p> <p>The chairman informed those present of the following:</p> <p>(a) <u>Review of Local Transport Plan Car Parking Strategy</u></p> <p>The Council's current car parking strategy dates back to 2000 and now needed to be reviewed to reflect the move to Wiltshire Council and to ensure that parking charges and standards were broadly consistent across the whole county.</p> <p>The consultation was open from 12 July to 3 September 2010. The Council would feed back to area boards in the autumn and the Cabinet would consider the results in December. Any changes would then be effective from April 2011.</p> <p>(b) <u>Community Payback – Call for Grot Spots</u></p> <p>Wiltshire Probation Services were launching a new scheme, "Community Payback Involving Local Communities".</p> <p>Area Boards were asked to identify "grot spots" in areas which need clearing or community facilities which need work. These can be referred to the community area</p>	

manager or by using the issue tracking system found at www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areboards

(c) Consultation on Initial Site Options for the Aggregate Minerals Site Allocations

A consultation on potential sites for sand and gravel extraction commenced on 5 August 2010. The consultation would run for a period of eight weeks.

The potential site relevant to this area is in the Corsham Without and Box Hill division.

(d) Leisure Review

The leisure review was originally scheduled to come to this meeting. However, it would now be considered at the next meeting in October to enable the cabinet member to attend to present the item and to answer questions. This still falls within the consultation period for the leisure review.

There would be a roadshow on Monday 11 October in the Somerfield/Co-op car park where staff would be available from 10am to 2pm to answer questions.

Some concerns were raised by a member of the public regarding any proposals to close the Springfield Leisure Centre in Corsham. The following views were expressed:

- There had been major investment in the last three years to bring the centre to an excellent standard.
- The swimming pool was the main gala centre for the area.
- The pool was preferred by the majority of serious swimmers.
- 50% of pool users come from Chippenham because it was the preferred centre for serious training.
- Any proposal for closure should be reconsidered.

(e) Gypsy and Traveller Site Consultation

The consultation on possible new gypsy and traveller sites following on from the work carried out in April and June had now been put on hold.

	<p>The issues consultation used figures proposed in the draft South West Regional Spatial Strategy as the basis of future need for gypsy and traveller sites. The Regional Spatial Strategy has now been revoked and it falls to local authorities to determine the right level of site provision.</p> <p>Officers were currently assessing existing information about the level of need for new gypsy and traveller sites in Wiltshire to make sure the development plan document progresses with the correct local targets for new site provision. This has affected the overall timetable for the preparation of the gypsy and traveller site allocations document.</p> <p>The area board would be informed once a revised project timetable on the provision of new sites for the travelling community is available.</p> <p>(f) <u>Almshouses Planning Application</u></p> <p>Wiltshire Council's Northern Area Planning Committee had refused the planning application relating to the Corsham almshouses at its last meeting. The decision of the trustees was now awaited.</p>	
6.	<p><u>A4 Basil Hill Update</u></p> <p>The Chairman updated the board on the current situation with regard to the A4/Basil Hill proposals. Talks were still ongoing and Wiltshire Council had not yet agreed a contribution figure. Progress had been delayed by the departure of the person dealing with this from the Ministry of Defence. It was hoped that rapid progress would be made once the holiday period was over.</p> <p>In response to a question, the chairman confirmed that adequate notice would be given if works were to be undertaken to the roundabout at Academy Drive.</p>	
7.	<p><u>Town, Parish and Partner Updates</u></p> <p>In addition to the written reports from partners the board received the following updates:</p> <p>(a) <u>Wiltshire Police</u></p> <p>Corsham was currently top in the sector for performance figures. The Neighbourhood Policing Team survey had also shown that Corsham was top in customer</p>	

	<p>satisfaction.</p> <p>In response to a question regarding speed cameras Cllr John Noeken explained that fixed speed cameras would be removed due to the government grant being withdrawn. The cameras would be non-operational from October. The mobile units would remain operational.</p> <p>It was agreed that a copy of the recent press release issued on this matter would be sent to Christine Reid, Chairman of the Community Area Partnership.</p> <p>(b) <u>Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service</u></p> <p>Cards were circulated at the meeting which could be used to make an application for home fire safety advice.</p> <p>(c) <u>Corsham Town Council</u></p> <p>The Town Council thanked Wiltshire Council for its support with Corsham in Bloom, and, in particular the street cleaners who had done an excellent job.</p> <p>The Town Council urged everyone to respond to the current leisure consultation particularly in relation to the Springfield Leisure Centre.</p> <p>(d) <u>Colerne Parish Council</u></p> <p>The youth club was now established and numbers were rising each week. The Marshfield play area was being refurbished. There were plans to refurbish the recreation area but funding was currently an issue.</p> <p>(e) <u>Corsham Community Area Network (CCAN)</u></p> <p>CCAN informed the board of the following events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As a result of the recent Joint Strategic Needs Assessment that was carried out CCAN had formed a Planning Health Forum. The first meeting would take place on 14 September at 4pm at Corsham Town Hall. • An open CCAN meeting would take place on 16 September at 7pm at Hartham Park. This meeting would look at how expectations had changed since the last community plan had been produced. All local residents were welcome. 	<p>Dave Roberts</p>
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8.	<p><u>Waste Consultation</u></p> <p>Martin Litherland, Head of Waste Collection, gave a short presentation regarding the waste collection consultation. He included the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the new council had inherited four different waste collection schemes across the county • landfill tax was set to increase from £40 per tonne in 2009 to £80 per tonne in 2014, increasing by £8 per year • Landfill diversion targets needed to be met, otherwise disposal costs would escalate. • the proposed new service would provide each household in Wiltshire with a 2 weekly collection of household waste, black box recycling, plastic bottles and cardboard, and a non-charged 'opt-in' garden waste collection • leaflets were available at the meeting that provided additional information and also described the ways in which people could engage in the consultation. The closing date was 20 August. • Current county-wide recycling rates were: East 44%, West 43%, South 35% and North 28% <p>During the following question and answer session the following issues were raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was confirmed that the existing village recycling schemes had been included in the figures produced. It had not yet been decided whether these schemes should continue but they could be used to collect other materials not included in the waste collection service. • There was concern from some members of the public that there had not been adequate publicity regarding the consultation. Officers explained that the proposal had been publicised in the Wiltshire Magazine which was delivered to all households, was on line and had also been brought to all area boards. • If very large households required a larger bin then this could be provided. However, the priority would be to encourage people to recycle as much as possible. • There were no proposals to recycle food waste at this stage. 	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education was important and the report to the Cabinet in October would include a communication strategy. • It was important for supermarkets to engage with the process to encourage waste minimisation. 	
9.	<p><u>Review of the Library Service</u></p> <p>Niki Lewis (Service Director for Communities, Libraries, Heritage and Arts) gave a presentation on the Library Services Review. The following points were made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £500,000 was to be saved over the next two years while maintaining the current level of service delivery • the meeting was invited to complete the postcard questionnaires to feed into the consultation <p>The following issues were discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All options were currently being considered. It was important to retain those elements of the service which was valued. Library closures had not been ruled out but nothing had been decided yet. • Some concern was expressed about the cost of uniforms for library staff. Niki Lewis explained that this helped to identify librarians which was helpful for older people and also provided a safeguard when working with young people. • Stock was sold off when it was rarely used or when it was in poor condition through heavy use. • It was suggested that the library service could work in conjunction with charity shops to buy books which could be returned to the shops when no longer required. 	
10.	<p><u>Cabinet Representative - Councillor John Noeken</u></p> <p>Councillor John Noeken attended the meeting to talk about his role as Cabinet Member for Resources. This included responsibility for human resources, ICT, procurement and commissioning, customer services, business transformation and the registration service and coroners.</p> <p>Cllr Noeken's work over the last year had included the logistics of bringing five councils together into one and harmonisation of staff terms and conditions. It was important to maintain frontline services in spite of the large cuts that would be made to funding over the next four years. Staffing levels and processes would have to be reviewed.</p>	

	<p>It was confirmed that a Finance Director would be appointed in the next few weeks. Cllr Noeken also explained the process for tendering for large contracts such as the highways contract. Ringway was one of the lead contractors with some subsidiary companies working with them. The contract was put out to tender on a regular basis.</p>	
11.	<p><u>Community Area Grants</u></p> <p>The area board considered four grant applications seeking 2010/11 community area grant funding:</p> <p>(a) <u>Gastard Village Hall Committee</u></p> <p><u>Decision</u> To award £998 to make good the floor in the village hall to enable users to use the hall safely.</p> <p><u>Reason</u> The application meets the funding criteria for 2010/11 and provides a place for the community to meet.</p> <p>(b) <u>Transition Community Corsham</u></p> <p><u>Decision</u> To award £930 to Transition Community Corsham to organise and facilitate an eco-schools conference for schools in the Corsham Community Area subject to the balance of funds being in place.</p> <p><u>Reason</u> The application meets the funding criteria for 2010/11 and demonstrates a link to the community plan in relation to education and learning.</p> <p>(c) <u>Neston Pre School Playgroup</u></p> <p><u>Decision</u> To award £877.42 to Neston Pre School Playgroup to purchase equipment to start a stay and play session to enable the group to reach and provide facilities for more people.</p> <p><u>Reason</u> The application meets the funding criteria for 2010/11 and provides facilities and activities for people in the community area.</p>	Dave Roberts

	<p>(d) <u>Corsham Junior Netball Club</u></p> <p><u>Decision</u> To award Corsham Junior Netball Club £998.15 to purchase equipment to establish a new junior section of the club.</p> <p><u>Reason</u> The application meets the funding criteria for 2010/11 and will improve facilities which will enhance the community as a whole, it also offers facilities and activities for young people.</p>	
12.	<p><u>Community Issues</u></p> <p>The Community Area Manager updated the board on the following community issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graffiti at Rudloe – this had now been cleared. • Post Box at Katherine Park – The Post Office had identified a site and was now seeking the permission of the land owner to install the post box. • Community Centres – Meetings were currently taking place to find a way to resolve this issue. • Meriton Avenue – The Council was looking into potential solutions to parking on the grass verges. A mini-consultation would soon be taking place with local residents. • Paving outside Corsham Town Hall – The Council was currently working with the Town Council to move this issue forward. 	Dave Roberts
13.	<p><u>Performance Reward Grant</u></p> <p>The board considered an application for performance reward grant funding to enable energy monitors to be available for free hire in all libraries across the county.</p> <p><u>Decision</u> To support the application for performance reward grant and agree that it should be put forward for consideration by the grant funding panel.</p>	Dave Roberts
14.	<p><u>Future Meeting Dates and Forward Plan</u></p> <p>It was noted that the next meeting would take place on 19 October 2010 at Corsham Town Hall.</p>	

Corsham Area Board – 19 October 2010

Chairman's Announcements

Buses to Basil Hill (Corsham) – New Services Funded by Developer Money

With the new development at the MoD at Basil Hill, after lengthy negotiations, the following arrangements have now been agreed and are being formally put in place.

CORSHAM TOWN (service 10)

The current timetable will be enhanced with effect from 1 November to give a regular half-hour frequency all through the day with just two routes but with both serving Basil Hill, which will have a 15 minute service. The existing buses will be replaced with two brand new low floor buses. On Saturdays the service will run hourly using just one bus operating until lunchtime.

RURAL SERVICES

In addition, three dedicated services for MoD employees will begin on 1st December, following routes that have been agreed with the MoD using information about where their staff live. To make best use of resources, these will be operated in conjunction with existing school (coach) contracts.

The three services are:

82 - From Trowbridge

83 - From Bradford on Avon, Holt and Broughton Gifford,

84 – From Melksham, Shaw, Whitley and Gastard.

The MoD is keen to publicise these arrangements in advance of the staff moving in and the Passenger Transport Unit will do their utmost to ensure local residents also get good information in good time to enjoy the full benefit of the enhanced timetable and new easier access buses. The improved town service is likely to be branded.

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Chairman's Announcements

Wiltshire Local Transport Plan 2011 - 2026

The Council has a statutory duty to review and publish a new Local Transport Plan (LTP) by the end of March 2011. In essence, Local Transport Plans steer the implementation of national transport policies at the local level.

The Wiltshire Local Transport Plan is made up of:

- A long-term transport strategy that seeks to:
 - support economic growth
 - reduce carbon emissions
 - contribute to better safety, security and health
 - promote equality of opportunity
 - improve quality of life and promote a healthy natural environment
- A shorter-term implementation plan based on a realistic assessment of available funding, and
- A number of supporting strategies and technical documents.

In addition, the Local Transport Plan provides the framework for all other organisations with a direct or indirect involvement in transport in Wiltshire.

Consultation on the draft Local Transport Plan will run from **4 October to 26 November 2010**.

The preferred method of communication is for comments to be submitted online at: <http://consult.wiltshire.gov.uk/portal>, where electronic copies of all the documents will be available. Paper copies of the summary document, questionnaire and a reference copy of the Local Transport Plan will also be available from all libraries and main Council offices.

The Council's Cabinet and full Council will consider the results of the consultation in February 2011 prior to the publication of the final Local Transport Plan in March 2011.

Consultation Portal Link: <http://consult.wiltshire.gov.uk/portal>

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Chairman's Announcements

Wiltshire Intelligence Network



New Research Website Launched

A new website has been created to provide access to a wide variety of information and research for Wiltshire. The new site, www.intelligencenetwork.org.uk, is available to all and aims to support planners and policy makers, community leaders and politicians, voluntary groups and the general public in using accurate data to make informed decisions. A broad range of information is available, organised into the following topic themes:

- Consultation
- Local Area Profiles
- Population & Census
- Health & Wellbeing
- Education & Skills
- Economy
- Crime & Community Safety
- Community
- Planning & Housing
- Transport & Communications
- Environment, Climate Change, Waste & Recycling
- Culture, Leisure & Tourism

The content of the site will continue to grow over the coming months and the research team is keen to hear any suggestions for content that people would like to see on the site. The site was developed by Wiltshire Council's corporate research team in the Department of Public Health and Wellbeing, in conjunction with the South West Observatory and working in partnership with NHS Wiltshire and Wiltshire Police. For more information, or to give your views and feedback, please contact Sally Hunter on 01225 713289, or email sally.hunter@wiltshire.gov.uk.

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Chairman's Announcements

Mobile Phone Safety

Immobilise, the UK national property register, are running a scheme to help protect your mobile phone and other property in the future. Please visit their website, www.immobilise.com, to register your mobile phone for free. This will help Wiltshire Police to recover your property and to catch the thief. If you would like a poster to display or further information about this scheme, please see the Immobilise website.

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Crime and Community Safety Briefing Paper
Corsham Community Area Board
19th October 2010



1. Neighbourhood Policing

Team Sgt: Alex Reid

Corsham Town Team

Beat Manager – PC Lauren Bishop-Bailey

PCSO – Shaun Redmond

Corsham Rural Team

Beat Manager – PC Mandie Ball

PCSO – Steve Butler

PCSO – Charles Campbell

Chippenham Rural Team

Beat Manager – PC Heather Barham

PCSO – Norman Webster

PCSO – Val Wagstaff

2. NPT's - Current Priorities & Consultation Opportunities:

Corsham Town – ASB, Corsham Town
- Drugs, Corsham Town Centre

Corsham Rural – ASB, Box

Chippenham Rural – Speeding, Rural Villages
- ASB, Rural Villages

Up-to-date details about Neighbourhood Policing Teams including team membership, current priorities and forthcoming community consultation events can be found on our Wiltshire Police Website.

Visit the new and improved website at: www.wiltshire.police.uk

3. Police Authority Representative: Mrs Gill Stafford

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

4. Performance and Other Local Issues

There have been reports of ASB in the Co-Operative car park, Newlands Road particularly around the area of the kebab van. This has been the subject of high profile targeted patrols with extra attention by NPT staff during weekend evenings and incidents have reduced considerably. Further patrols will continue and positive action taken against those found causing disruption to the local community. One local youth has been dealt with for ASB behaviour following recent issues.

Several staff from Corsham Station recently attended the 999 Emergency Services show at Hullavington and provided a NPT stand at the show. This was again a great success with several thousand people in attendance and provided NPT staff the opportunity to meet many local people from across the area and increase the knowledge of the work of NPT.

A local male was arrested following theft of satellite navigation equipment from motor vehicles in Corsham. He is currently on bail pending further enquiries.

The bobby van has attended coffee mornings in Biddestone and Yatton Keynell and will be attending the Golden Threads meeting in Hullavington on the 27th October and Nettleton coffee morning on the 28th October. More visits are planned over coming weeks and this has resulted in many home visits where the resident's home security has been updated.

A local youth was dealt with under the recently launched local resolution scheme for causing criminal damage to a motor vehicle in Corsham. This scheme allows matters to be dealt with by the Police, by working with the wishes of the victim and the admission and co-operation of the offending party to resolve the matter speedily, whether this involves compensation, apology or another agreed course of action.

Visual speed monitoring has been carried out in the villages by NPT staff to establish specific areas that may need attention, including local concerns raised in Yatton Keynell, Biddestone, Kington Langley and Kington St Michael. Due to the closure of the Camera Safety unit at Devizes, NPT staff are being trained in the use of new speed measuring and enforcement equipment for checks in 30 m.p.h areas.

There is still an opportunity to set up Community Speedwatch schemes where sufficient volunteers come forward. Please contact NPT for further information.

NPT staff now hold a weekly surgery in Corsham Comprehensive School to enable pupils and parents with any issues to meet NPT staff and discuss these in a confidential location. This has already proved of worth and will continue.

Corsham NPT will soon be launching a page on the social networking site "Facebook" to allow frequent updates and give the community an overview of what your local Policing team are up to!

Extra patrols have been carried out with regards the dwelling burglaries which took place in Kington St Michael and Castle Combe over recent weeks.

There has been filming of a major Spielberg film in Castle Combe during the past couple of weeks. This caused a degree of disruption to the area, but was well managed and positive praise was received from the film crew over the assistance offered by Corsham NPT and Chippenham Officers.

5. CRIME & DETECTIONS (01st AUGUST 2008 – 31st JULY 2010) compared to previous year)

CORSHAM	CRIME				DETECTIONS	
	SEPT 2008 - AUG 2010				SEPT 2008 - AUG 2010	
	2008/09	2009/10	+ / -	% Change	2008/09	2009/10
Violence Against the Person	130	125	-5	-3.8%	53.1%	48.0%
Dwelling Burglary	39	34	-5	-12.8%	38.5%	14.7%
Criminal Damage	239	197	-42	-17.6%	14.6%	8.1%
Non Dwelling Burglary	85	69	-16	-18.8%	8.2%	5.8%
Theft from Motor Vehicle	74	65	-9	-12.2%	5.4%	4.6%
Theft of Motor Vehicle	22	26	4	18.2%	18.2%	15.4%
Total Crime	872	758	-114	-13.1%	23.2%	19.1%

County Division is compared with 15 most similar divisions in other Forces. Currently County Division is performing very well and is ranked 1st (out of 15) for our overall crime and 5th (out of 15) for our overall detection levels

Anti-Social-Behaviour – reported incidents

APR-JUNE 2009	JULY-SEPT 2009	OCT-DEC 2009	JAN-MAR 2010	MONTHLY AVE (09/10)
200	225	144	163	61

Inspector Kate Pain
19th October 2010
Area Commander

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Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service

Wiltshire and Swindon Fire Authority

Report for Corsham Area Board - October 2010

Fires

WFRS attended 7 accidental fires in the Boards area during the months of July and August 2010. These incidents have included a shed, 2 cars, 2 hedgerows, the ground floor of a house, and a manure pile.

We were also called to attend 8 deliberate fire over the same period involving 3 grass fires, 2 refuse fires, 2 cars, and a bonfire. WFRS continues to liaise with other agencies to reduce deliberate fire setting.

Injuries

One 47 year old man was injured with slight burns in a fire related incident that we have attended during July and August 2010.

RTC'S

We have attended 3 Road Traffic Collisions within the Boards area. No injuries were reported.

Community Safety

Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service is reminding people about the importance of getting chimneys swept after already being called to a chimney fire in August. The recent chilly weather at night has led to many homes having fires lit much earlier in the year than normal - which can be dangerous if the chimney has not been swept since the fire was last used.

The Service's advice is to ensure that chimneys for wood burning fires are swept every three months when in use. If you burn bituminous coal, the chimney should be cleaned at least twice a year, and at least once a year when burning smokeless coal. An annual clean is sufficient for oil and gas fires.

Other safety tips include:

- Have the chimney properly swept – using a vacuum cleaner alone is not sufficient.
- Make sure your fire receives enough air to allow the fuel to burn properly.
- Only burn suitable fuels.
- Do not overload the grate or appliance.
- Maintain your appliance in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
- Use a fire or spark guard to prevent accidental fires.
- Inspect your chimney breast, particularly in the roof space. Make sure that it is sound and that the sparks or fumes cannot escape through cracks or broken bricks.
- Make sure you are not at risk from carbon monoxide poisoning by having appliances installed and serviced by competent engineers. Fit a carbon monoxide detector and never block air bricks, vents or flues.
- Extinguish the fire before going to bed or leaving the house.

A wide range of fire safety advice can be found on the Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service website - www.wiltshire.gov.uk

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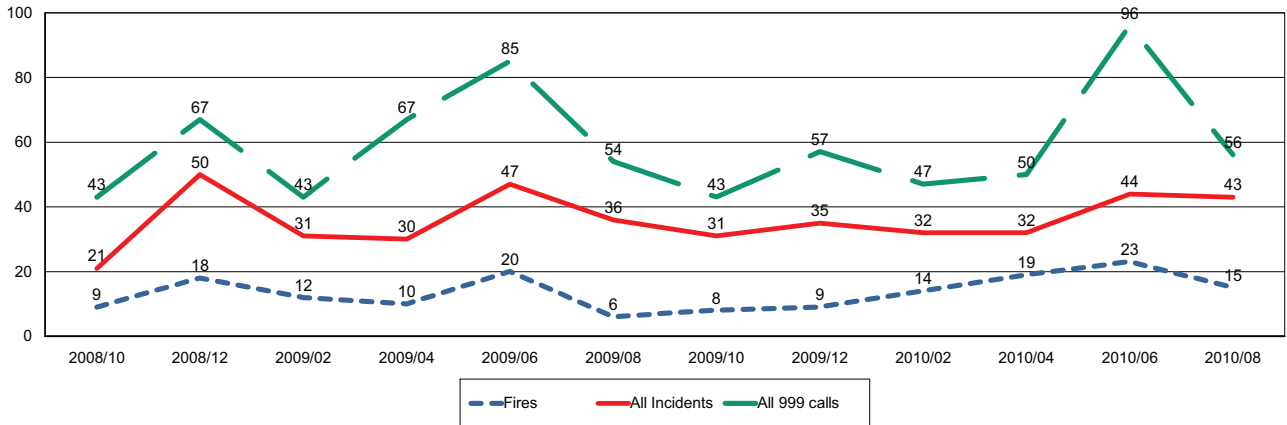
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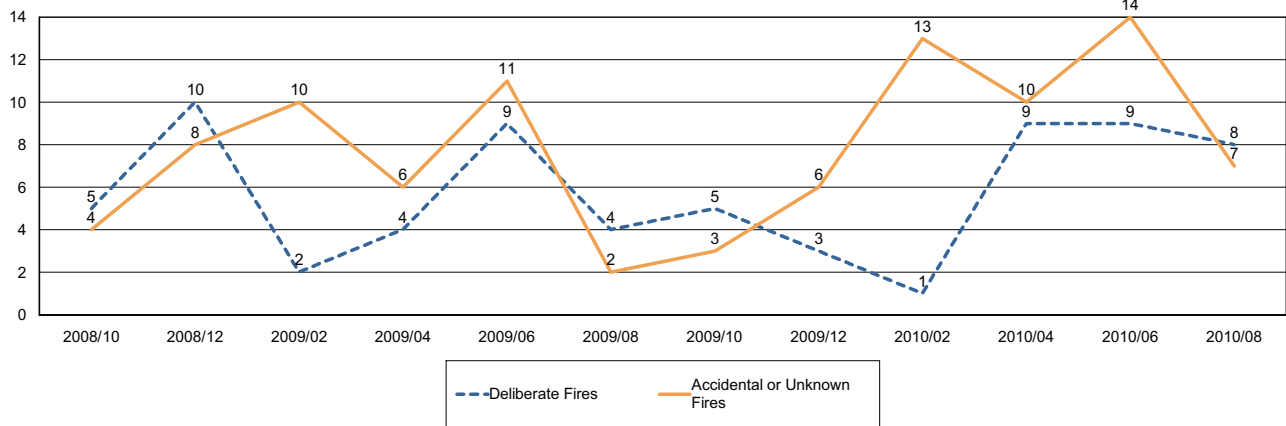
Report for Corsham Area Board

The following is a bi-monthly update of Fire and Rescue Service activity up to and including August 2010. It has been prepared by the Group Manager for the Board's area.

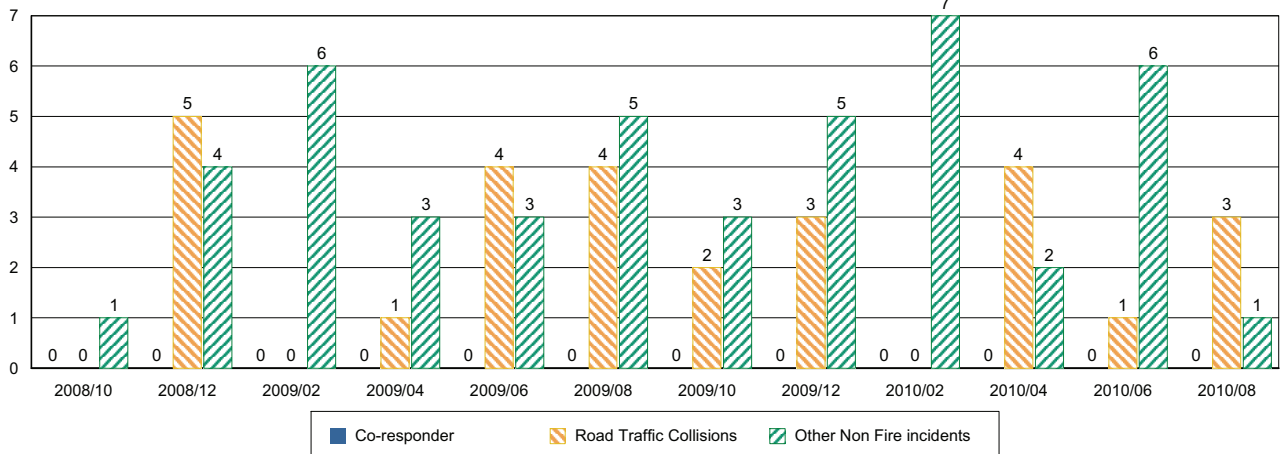
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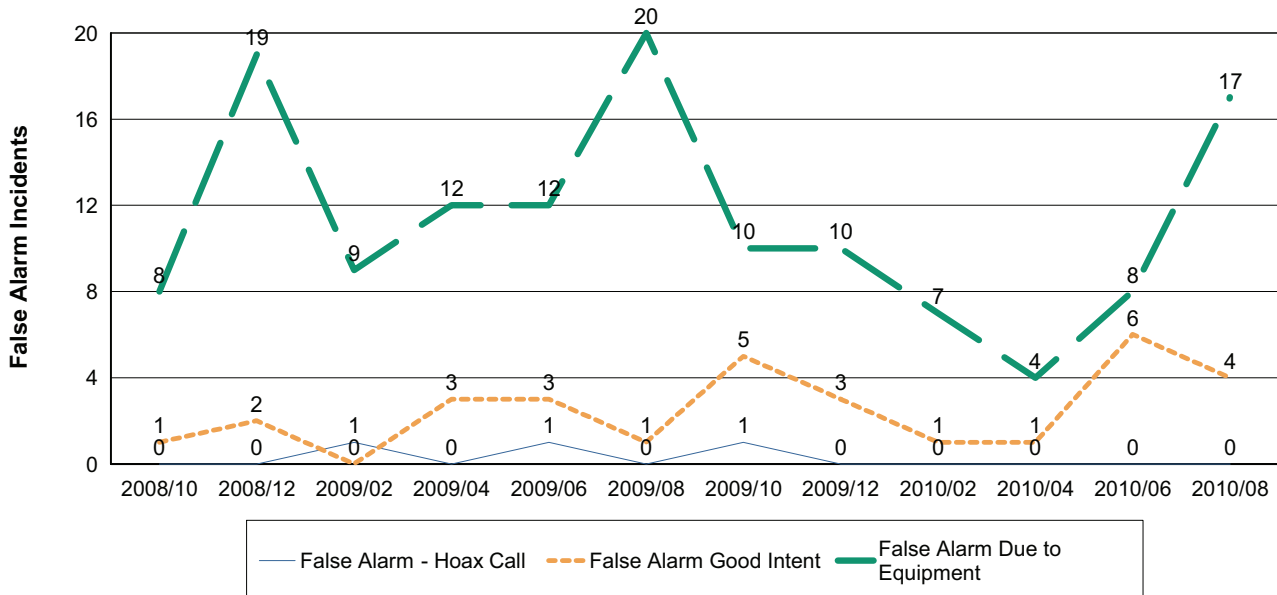
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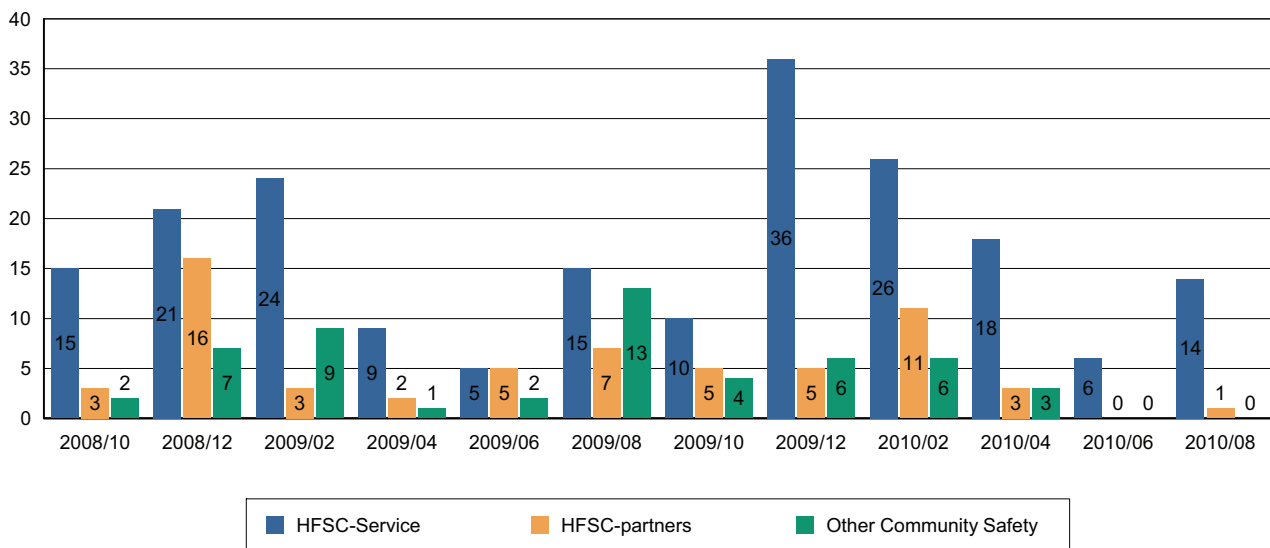
Number of False Alarm Incidents



Death & Injuries in incidents attended by WFRS



Home Fire Safety Checks and other domestic safety



Comments and Interventions overleaf

NHS Update – October 2010

Transforming Community Services (TCS)

The revised NHS Operating Framework for 2010/11, released by the Health Secretary Andrew Lansley in June 2010, makes it clear that all Primary Care Trusts in England must make it a priority to separate themselves completely from providing actual services and that a complete split has to be achieved by April 2011.

This means that NHS Wiltshire must organise a transfer of community services provided by Wiltshire Community Health Services (WCHS) to other organisations, such as hospital Trusts, other NHS providers (such as GPs) or to Wiltshire Council, with the capability of securing on-going employment for front-line staff on NHS pay and conditions.

NHS Wiltshire is currently in discussions with each of the potential bidders who will submit their proposals by 15 October. The proposal will be short listed by the 28 October with bidders being invited for interview. The Board and Commissioning Committee will make a decision about the preferred provider by 9 November, this will ensure that WCHS staff can be notified formally about their new employer by January 2011 and will allow for a smooth transfer by 1 April 2011 to fulfill government requirements.

Wiltshire performs well in cancer stats

More people than ever are surviving longer than a year after being diagnosed with cancer, and Wiltshire patients fare better than the national average, figures just released from the Office of National Statistics (ONS) show. In England, the number of people surviving for at least a year after diagnosis increased during the period between 1996 and 2006 from 61.8% to 65%. In Wiltshire the one-year survival rate went up from 64% in 1996 to 65.8% ten years later.

NHS Wiltshire's blueprint for improving cancer survival is its Wiltshire Cancer Reform Strategy, approved by the Board in October 2008. One of the key aspects of the strategy is encouraging and supporting people to make lifestyle changes (stopping smoking, sensible drinking and keeping an eye on your weight) that can help prevent many forms of cancer. Cervical, breast and bowel cancer screening offer a better opportunity for early diagnosis and successful treatment.

In 2008, the year when the strategy was introduced, NHS Wiltshire invested an extra £1.1million on early detection and screening services, bringing its total cancer spend to £6.7million for the year. The Cancer Survival Index for Primary Care Trusts covers all cancers, and has been designed to monitor the effectiveness of cancer services in PCT areas. It is adjusted for differences

between PCTs in the profile of their resident cancer patients by age, sex and type of cancer.

Chippenham celebrates new NHS dental practice

A new dental practice in Chippenham offering NHS treatment to around 12,000 patients opened officially on 24 September 2010. Guest of honour Duncan Hames, MP for Chippenham 'cut the ribbon' at the Hathaway Dental Practice. He was joined children from nearby New Road Nursery, who last year won the prestigious Gold Award from NHS Wiltshire's Happy Little Teeth programme. Happy Little Teeth works with children aged 0-5, their families and carers, to promote healthy teeth and stop children being scared of the dentist's chair.

The Hathaway Practice, which started seeing patients in spring 2010, is the flagship of a three-year, £3million+ investment in NHS dentistry in Wiltshire. Run by established dental providers Dr Michael Frain Ltd., the practice has state-of-the-art accommodation for 5 dentists, 2 hygienists and an oral health promoter. It currently has 5,500 NHS patients on its books, with capacity for at least another 6,500 over the coming two years.

Overnight stays for partners to continue at PAW

A pilot scheme offering partners an overnight stay after the birth of their baby at the Princess Anne Wing (PAW) of the Royal United hospital in Bath has been so successful that Wiltshire Maternity Services have decided to run it indefinitely.

The Annual General Meeting and Board meeting of NHS Wiltshire will be held on Wednesday 17 November at 10am - **2010 at Southgate House**. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

Papers are published a week before the meeting on www.wiltshire.nhs.uk or on request from Stacey Saunders, NHS Wiltshire (tel: 01380 733839, email: stacey.saunders@wiltshire.nhs.uk). For further information or copies of documents referred to above, please contact Jo Howes, Community Engagement Manager, 01380 733929 or jo.howes@wiltshire.nhs

Corsham Area Board

19th October 2010

Recommendations for Corsham Community Area LTP Schemes

Wiltshire Council was originally awarded £4.4M in 2010/11 to cover the whole county. The majority of this funding was allocated to the Area and Theme-based Strategies to cover the whole county.

A discretionary highways budget of £250k was set aside for area boards to deliver schemes requested by the community.

At the Corsham Area Board on June 8th 2010 Councillor Dick Tonge informed the meeting that Corsham Area Board was allocated £10,943 to identify priorities and deliver smaller schemes in the community area. He also informed the area board of the process for identifying and funding transport schemes in the community areas. The Boards were being asked to start small highways groups to work with Wiltshire Highways team to set priorities within community areas. It was agreed that the Chairman and other members of the area board would arrange to meet outside of the meeting to discuss priorities and discuss further.

Two meetings have taken place with representatives from Corsham Area Board, town and parish councils, Transcoco and CCAN.

Following the second meeting of the Corsham Community Area Transport Group held on the 15th September 2010. Consideration was given to the relevant highway issues and requests received via the Corsham Area Board issue raising process. It also considered the outstanding requests for highway improvements which had previously sought funding through the Wiltshire Council's Integrated Transport allocation of its LTP settlement. The following schemes were identified as the priorities for further development using highways monies at the disposal of Corsham Area Board.

1. Investigate the introduction of improved cycle facilities linking the Rudloe Estate with the existing Corsham cycle network. The investigation is to include the introduction of an improved crossing facility on the B3109 Bradford Road, in the vicinity of Westwood Road.

2. Investigate the provision of a footway linking Silver Street with the Recreation Field in Colerne.

Originally £10,943 was allocated to Corsham Area board for LTP projects and £4,377 for youth transport/access to services. The group recommended that they should utilise the funding available for youth transport as it would be an identifiable link to Corsham Primary School (formally Box Highlands) and no other alternatives for this funding have been suggested.

This will equate to a total of £15,320 being available for LTP schemes in the Corsham Community Area.

Corsham Area Board is asked to consider and support these recommendations.

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Scheme Requests in The Corsham Community Area - Prioritised List

Street / Area Location	Town / Village	Scheme Description	No. of ped/cyc accidents	T & I Scores	People potential benefiting	School Travel Scores	Local Amenity	Economy Scores	Linkages	Enviro Scores	OVERALL SCORES
A4 Box	Box	Pedestrian improvements/pavement widening on railway bridge	0	5	2	10	8	0	12	5	42
Rudloe Estate - Westwood Road	Rudloe	Pedestrian crossing	0	4	6	10	4	0	12	5	41
C151 Bath Road, Colerne	Colerne	Footway from Silver Street to recreation field near 15 Green Lane	0	2	6	10	4	0	12	5	39
A4 Box (near Ashley)	Box	Provision of cycling facilities	4	1	6	10	8	0	2	5	36
Cross Keys crossroads	Corsham	Pedestrian Improvements/dropped kerbs	0	2	5	0	8	0	12	5	32
South Place	Corsham	Priority / give way scheme	0	5	8	0	10	0	7	0	30
The Linleys, Gastard	Corsham	Provision of footway	0	5	2	0	2	0	12	5	26
Rudloe Estate - Leafy Lane/Westwood Road	Rudloe	Traffic calming	0	4	6	10	4	0	2	0	26
A4/Bradford Road	Corsham	Installation of roundabout	2	6	2	0	2	0	2	0	14
The Linleys, Gastard	Corsham	Traffic Calming	0	5	2	0	2	0	2	0	11
Hastings Road	Corsham	One way system	0	-2	2	0	8	0	2	0	10

Area Board Outstanding Issues

B3353 Pound Pill/Prospect

Provision of footway between Stokes Road and primary school to allow access to new zebra crossing.
Improvements on narrow footway near railway bridge.
Traffic calming.

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Report to	Corsham Area Board
Date of Meeting	19 October 2010
Title of Report	Community Area Grants

Purpose of Report

To ask Councillors to consider 1 application seeking 2010/11 Community Area Grant Funding

1. Corsham Community Area Neighbourhood Watch Group (CCANNW) – Award £1,000 to provide visible Neighbourhood watch signs to all new registered schemes within the area.

1. Background

- 1.1. Area Boards have authority to approve Area Grants under powers delegated to them by the Deputy Leader and Cabinet member for Community Services (27 February 2010). Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the Area Board Grants Guidance for funding.
- 1.2. In accordance with the Scheme of Delegation, any recommendation of an Area Board that is contrary to the funding criteria would need the approval of the Leader, the appropriate Cabinet Member or the Cabinet.
- 1.3. In accordance with the Area Board Grants Guidance officers are required to provide recommendations in their report, however, the decision to support applications and to what level is made by Wiltshire Councillors on this Area Board.
- 1.4. Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting.
- 1.5. Corsham Area Board has been allocated a 2010/2011 budget of £43,772 for community grants, community partnership core funding and councillor led initiatives. The carry forward from the 2009/2010 budget is £4332.00 this equates to a total budget of £48,104 for the 2010/2011.
- 1.6. A decision has been made in 2010/2011 that paper copies of funding applications will no longer appear as part of the agenda in an attempt to reduce volume of paper used. However, the application forms will be available on the Wiltshire Council web site and hard copies available upon request.
- 1.7. The 2010/2011 funding criteria and application forms are available on the council's website (www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards) or paper versions are available from the Community Area Manager.

Background documents used in the preparation of this report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Area Grant Application Pack 2010/11• Corsham Community Area Plan
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2. Main Considerations

- 2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2010/11 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.
- 2.2. There will be 2 further rounds of funding during 2010/11. The remaining will take place on;
 - 30 November 2010
 - 1 February 2011

3. Environmental & Community Implications

Community Area Grants will contribute to the continuance and/or improvement of cultural, social and community activity and wellbeing in the community area, the extent and specifics of which will be dependent upon the individual project.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1. Awards must fall within the Area Boards budget allocated to the Corsham Area Board.
- 4.2. If grants are awarded in line with officer recommendations, Corsham Area Board will have a balance of £26,134.43

5. Legal Implications

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

6. HR Implications

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

7. Equality and Inclusion Implications

- 7.1. Community Area Grants give all local community and voluntary groups, Town and Parish Councils an equal opportunity to receive funding towards community based projects and schemes.
- 7.2. Implications relating to individual grant applications are outlined within section 8 – “Officer Recommendations”.

8. Officer recommendations

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.1	Corsham Community Area Neighbourhood Watch Scheme	To provide visible neighbourhood watch signs to all new registered schemes within the area.	£1,000

8.1.1. Corsham Community Area Neighbourhood Watch Scheme – To award £1,000 to provide visible neighbourhood watch signs within the area.

8.1.2. This application meets the grant criteria for 2010/11.

8.1.3. This application demonstrates a link to the Corsham Area Community Plan "Reducing crime and reducing the fear of crime"

8.1.4. Corsham Community Area Neighbourhood Watch Scheme are a new group in the area and is a not for profit organisation.

8.1.5. This project has the support of Wiltshire Police, Wiltshire Anti Social Behaviour Officer and the MoD Police.

8.1.6. A decision not to fund this project will probably result in it not happening owing to limited funding opportunities.

Appendices:	Appendix 1 Grant application – Corsham Community Area Neighbourhood Watch Scheme
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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Report to CORSHAM AREA BOARD
Date of Meeting 19 OCTOBER 2010
Title of Report LPSA FUNDING BID: WILTSHIRE VOICES

What is Wiltshire Voices?

Wiltshire Voices is a project to encourage broader participation in civic life. It is designed to ensure that the needs of all local people are properly understood and addressed.

Background

A recent review of the Area Boards revealed concern that some sections of the community are not fully engaged. These groups are often absent from meetings and events and their needs are not well understood. The Boards were criticised for focusing too heavily on the needs of the 'usual suspects.'

Responding to the challenge

Wiltshire Council's Cabinet considered this issue carefully. It has challenged the Area Boards to respond positively at local level. The Cabinet encouraged the submission of a funding bid to support this work and the Performance Reward Grant (PRG) Panel has given 'in-principle' support subject to approval by the Boards.

A focus on positive local action

Wiltshire Voices is about changing lives – not glossy reports. We want information in the form of personal stories, articles and recordings that will challenge, question and prompt responses. The information will be tailored to meet the needs of different people – such as service professionals, community groups, schools, parish councils and the media. The aim is to generate discussion, learning, ideas and - most importantly - *action*.

A lasting legacy

Wiltshire Voices is about making a lasting difference. New ways of involving people will be developed and this will become the way we do business not an optional add-on. With help from localised public services, communities will be finding and delivering solutions to local challenges and issues. Grants and funding will be better targeted to support projects that really make a difference. Priorities and plans will be more clearly focused on the needs of local people and our work will centre around improving lives not services. Over time these things will help make Wiltshire a better place for everyone.

Capacity and resources to deliver

Instead of each Board trying to engage many groups it is proposed that each Board works intensively with one priority group in its locality. Across Wiltshire this will mean that the needs of 18 different community groups will be addressed. The bid proposes that each Board is allocated a sum of £3,000 to complete its own local project. The work will be coordinated by the Community Area Manager and involve councillors, service providers and community groups – *but most importantly local people*. Each project will take around 8 months and Wiltshire Voices will be complete by summer 2012 at the latest.

The full bid is available to view at tinyurl.com/32xqeyo

To enable Wiltshire Voices to proceed, the Area Board is asked to support this bid for PRG funding.

Wiltshire Voices

- What?** To make sure a wider range of voices are heard by:
- engaging a broader cross section of the community in the work of the Area Boards - 'not just the usual suspects.'
 - ensuring that the loudest voices do not always dominate
 - better understanding the needs of those who cannot or do not speak up for themselves
 - creating new ways for people to participate
 - encouraging more community based inclusion projects
 - developing community plans that focus on the needs of the whole community
- Why?** A survey conducted in Spring 2010 revealed serious concerns about the lack of involvement of 'everyday people' and harder to reach groups. In response, Wiltshire Council issued a challenge to the Area Boards to broaden community engagement.
- Who?**
- The project will focus on and involve those whose needs are less well understood.
 - The 18 Community Area Managers will facilitate the work across Wiltshire
 - Partner agencies, frontline service officers, support workers, carers, voluntary services and councillors will be involved
 - A small project team will lead the work in each area.
- How?**
- Project team of key people to plan and manage the project
 - Desk research and information gathering
 - Face to face engagement with target group
 - Recording, documenting and presenting
 - Publishing and promoting
 - Action planning
- When?** Commencing in Autumn 2010 and concluding by early Summer 2012
- Progress?** Area Boards across Wiltshire have been looking to identify target groups. So far, the following provisional programme has been established.

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| • Amesbury | <i>(Council tenants and leaseholders)^</i> |
| • Bradford on Avon | <i>(Boaters)^</i> |
| • Calne | <i>(People with mobility issues)^</i> |
| • Chippenham | <i>(Disability allowance claimants)*</i> |
| • Corsham | <i>(NEETS)^</i> |
| • Devizes | <i>(Victims of domestic violence)*</i> |
| • Malmesbury | <i>(Rural isolation and access)^</i> |
| • Marlborough | <i>(Recently retired)^</i> |
| • Melksham | <i>(Everyday people who currently do not participate)^</i> |
| • Pewsey | <i>(Rural families on low incomes)*</i> |
| • Salisbury | <i>(Drug users)^</i> |
| • Southern Wiltshire | <i>(Gypsies and travellers)^</i> |
| • South West Wiltshire | <i>(Young people in rural areas)^</i> |
| • Tidworth | <i>(Army dependents)^</i> |
| • Trowbridge | <i>(Teenage parents)^</i> |
| • Warminster | <i>(Older people in residential care)^</i> |
| • Westbury | <i>(Elderly people living at home)^</i> |
| • Wootton Bassett & Cricklade | <i>(Stroke sufferers)*</i> |

[^] provisionally agreed

^{*} subject to confirmation



Performance Reward Grant Scheme

APPLICATION FORM

To be returned to:

Karen Spence, Performance Manager, Performance Team

Email: wiltshirelaa@wiltshire.gov.uk

Area Board	All Area Boards
Form submitted by (contact for all queries)	<p>Cllr Chris Williams Portfolio Holder for communities Chairman Tidworth Area Board</p> <p>(Contact: Mary Cullen, Area Boards Team)</p>
Name of initiative	Wiltshire Voices
Brief Description of Initiative	<p>This project and LPSA bid to resource it was a specific recommendation from Wiltshire Council's Cabinet on 23rd March 2010 which considered the recommendations arising from the Review of Area Boards. It has the full support of Cllr Chris Williams, Portfolio holder for Communities.</p> <p>Background Community engagement and empowerment have been high on the political agenda over recent years and are likely to continue to be significant requirements for local authorities.</p> <p>Key drivers for this include the need to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • address the democratic deficit- rebuilding public confidence, making local government more transparent and accountable • increase active citizenship- to deliver more cohesive communities and increase 'social capital', • improve service quality and efficiency • deliver a fairer and more equal society. <p>The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 requires local authorities and other organisations to provide meaningful opportunities for involvement of a representative mix of local people using a variety of engagement activities.</p>

Statutory guidance makes it clear that appropriate engagement and empowerment should be embedded as standard practice throughout authorities, central to service delivery, policy and decision-making.

Whilst Wiltshire Council is an exemplar authority, having developed our innovative Area Boards approach and having received Green Flag status for our community engagement activities, there is much more that we can do with our partners to ensure that meaningful opportunities for involvement continue to be provided and developed.

The recent review of Area Boards concluded that the Council and partners needs to do more to ensure that a representative cross section of the community is engaged at local level. This presents significant challenges in terms of reaching out to hear the voices of the traditionally excluded and harder to reach groups and also attracting new people to our area board meetings.

The Wiltshire Voices is a two year initiative which will challenge our Area Boards to develop new and innovative approaches to community engagement and empowerment, particularly focused on engaging with hard to reach and traditionally excluded groups.

The project will bring benefits to some of the most disadvantaged people in Wiltshire. It will also both benefit and challenge the Council, its partner organisations such as the Police, the NHS, Wiltshire Fire and Rescue and the MoD as well as the voluntary sector organisations, our Town and Parish councils and community partnerships.

This project has the following objectives:

1. To ensure that Wiltshire Council and its partners continue to meet obligations under the Duty to Involve and further develop our understanding of the communities we serve, their needs and aspirations
2. To build on and further develop existing community engagement good practice as developed by the Council and its partners
3. To test out a range of approaches and techniques for widening participation and involvement of those groups who are hard to engage and traditionally excluded
4. To develop a toolkit of tested approaches to engaging with different groups.
5. To produce a resource documenting the learning from this activity for use by the Council and dissemination to other partners and local authorities

6. To direct Council and partners resources more effectively in the future, feeding into budget setting processes and targeting areas and communities of greatest need, thereby delivering services which are more responsive and better tailored to the needs of our local communities
7. To ensure that a wider cross section of the population have access to our community grants awards, to bring forward and support projects from a wide range of groups and individuals. This will contribute to narrowing opportunity gaps and further develop social capital.
8. To help deliver on our Equalities and Diversity targets e.g. gathering further data and knowledge of Wiltshire's diverse communities, supporting elected members' understanding of equalities and inclusion
9. To Developing the role of area boards in promoting equalities and inclusion, contributing to community cohesion.
10. To ensure that a wide range of perspectives are fed into community planning processes, including the work of the Wiltshire Assembly and its thematic partnerships
11. To broaden and deepen the membership and further develop the capacity of our community partnerships.

Project details

Each Area Board will be allocated £3,000 and will be challenged to develop a community engagement initiative that reaches out to the most disadvantaged groups and those with whom contact to date has been limited. Community Area Managers, equalities team, partners and Local Elected members will undoubtedly already have ideas for how this money should be targeted, reflecting gaps in attendance at Area Board meetings and local knowledge of particular groups and communities.

Our Community Area profiles, information from People's Voice, Mosaic and other information provided by our partners e.g. JSNA will help facilitate the process, providing a good understanding of the demographics of our community areas, key issues and target groups.

Once a target group or topic area has been identified, the Community Area Manager will set up a Project team which includes and elected member, a voluntary sector organisation representative, a member of a user group where possible, an appropriate partner representative and relevant professional officers. We will also have advice and support from our Equalities Team.

Phase one will involve desktop research to explore the demographics of where people are, to find out what engagement

has happened previously, the approaches to engagement which have worked best, what needs have been identified and how these could be addressed and ongoing engagement made possible through partnership working at Area Boards.

Phase two will involve direct engagement with the identified groups using a range of forms and formats, based on knowledge of what works but also allowing for the development of new and innovative approaches which we can test out together. The engagement is likely to take a variety of forms from web and technology based schemes, to video or radio work, to more traditional face to face interviews, group work and survey type activities.

All approaches will be documented in the third phase of the project in 2011-2012 and the aim is to bring these together into 'Wiltshire Voices' a life story resource which will bring the perspectives of a wide range of people into view and facilitate better understanding of needs and issues faced by people living in Wiltshire and the ways in which partners have come together to respond to these through our Area Boards.

The resources developed will include an Issue Book, tracking an issue through the perspective of one person and looking at how it was resolved. We will also produce a DVD showing a range of life stories. We will also develop presentation materials to disseminate the approach we have adopted and the learning acquired through the process.

The fourth Phase is Influence, where our work on Wiltshire Voices will be publicised to other authorities and partners. It will be promoted for use in our schools to further learning, promote good relations and understanding between different people thereby contributing to our community cohesion objectives. It will also be promoted through our libraries and through community partnerships and other organisations.

The work will have the support of the Equality and Human Rights commission and the IDEA both of whom have offered time with Wiltshire Council to develop these types of initiatives. The involvement of these partners will also ensure that the work is promoted to other authorities, thus further raising the profile of Wiltshire Council.

Please put a cross against the ambition(s) that this initiative will support	Building resilient communities	X
	Improving affordable housing	
	Lives not services	X
	Supporting economic growth	

	Safer communities	X
	Protecting the environment	
	Action for Wiltshire – combating the recession	
Amount of funding sought	£54,000.00	

What will this money be spent on? (please show split between capital and revenue. For capital expenditure guidance – see Appendix 1 in the Bid Pack)	Total Project Cost £60,000		
	Item	Capital	Revenue
	18 area boards X £3,000 community engagement initiatives		£54,000
	Total		£54,000.00

Please describe how your initiative will support the ambition(s) indicated above, and summarise the action that will be taken	<p>The initiative will support the LAW ambition of Building Resilient Communities by creating neighbourhoods where residents feel that they belong to the local community. Through reaching out to traditionally excluded and hard to reach groups we will show that their views and needs are important to the Council and its partners.</p> <p>This project will support our ambitions around Lives not Services as residents will share their views about what needs to be done to improve their local area and quality of life. This will feed into our services and ensure that they are delivered in a more responsive way. Residents involved in the project will also gain in confidence and develop new skills, contacts and networks which will have long term benefits both for themselves and for the council and its partners.</p> <p>This project will also support the development of our community partnerships into the future as the community profile information is enhanced and their membership base is broadened and deepened through contact with new people. This will in turn ensure the development of community plans with more local buy in and local relevance.</p> <p>This project will further develop the local leadership role of our elected members and community representatives, many of whom will have had limited experience or knowledge of engaging with disadvantaged groups.</p>
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	<p>It will also improve the way in which organisations in Wiltshire work together. It will require and enable close working relationships between voluntary sector groups, Community Area Managers, Community Partnerships, equalities groups and town and parish councils.</p> <p>It will also contribute to creating stronger and more inclusive communities by bringing people together, providing opportunities for learning about each other and helping develop local solutions to identified local need.</p> <p>The project will contribute to the Council's performance on a range of National Indicators including</p> <p>NI 1- % of people who feel people from different backgrounds get on well together in their local area NI 2- % of people who feel that they belong to their neighbourhood NI 3 – Civic participation in decision-making in the local area (more people will get involved in our area boards through broader range of agenda items emerging and broader range of groups applying for grant awards). NI 4- % of people who agree they can influence decisions in their locality (as above) NI 5- overall/general satisfaction with local area NI- 140 Fair treatment by local services</p> <p>The initiative will also contribute to perceptions of safer communities as people learn more about each other and some of the barriers and misconceptions people have about each other are broken down.</p> <p>The initiative will reflect our commitment under the existing equality schemes to promote involvement , participation and engagement of diverse communities in Wiltshire, thereby increasing civic participation and local community cohesion</p>
<p>What makes this initiative a local priority (e.g. evidence from research and local support)</p>	<p>As noted previously, the Review of Area Boards carried out after the first six months of operation, concluded that in order for the Council and its partners to fully meet our aspirations to involve local people more fully in decision making, more needed to be done to engage with a wider cross section of the community in the process.</p> <p>Evidence from discussion at Chair's meetings and the recent Review of Area Boards, suggests that only a narrow cross section of people in our communities are currently represented at our Area Boards. The risks inherent in this include;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area Board agendas are not always reflective of the real issues and concerns of local people

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our community planning process is only informed by a limited number of voices and perspectives, the needs and aspirations of a significant number of people are not identified or reflected within it. This can lead to disillusionment, lack of buy in to community partnerships and residents feeling that they do not have a say or a stake in community plans and the decisions that affect them. • Public funding is targeted at the wrong local priorities • Access to our community grants pot will be limited to those groups and organisations used to participating and developing funding applications e.g. parish and town councils and large charitable organisations. This does not enable the council to effectively target its resources to narrow existing gaps in opportunity and to address inequality • Significant issues affecting specific groups in the community may not be identified or addressed, affecting residents' quality of life and impacting negatively on community cohesion. • The Council fails to meet its duties and targets around equality and inclusion under the equality schemes, and will not be able to enhance our commitment to promote the right to civic participation under the human rights regulations • Our services are designed around the needs of a few • We may not be making best use of the information and expertise provided by our partner agencies, organisations and voluntary sector groups.
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<p>How will you know you have been successful?</p>	<p>We will know we have been successful when we have</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brought together a range of partners onto our Project teams • Identified target groups in each community area, in consultation with elected members, community partnerships and our partners in both the statutory and voluntary sectors and user groups and through the use of MOSAIC and other demographic datasets at our disposal • Researched past and current initiatives and incorporated the learning and best practice from these into new collaborative ways of working • Designed engagement initiatives across our Area Boards in consultation with our partners as above • Secured the participation of representatives of target groups in the initiative • Developed mechanisms and approaches which work and document these • Continued involvement of groups in our area board processes • Altered over time, the overall profile of those participating in
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	<p>our Area Boards process (this is wider than attendance at Area Board meetings, it also includes participation in using our issues system, participation in community events, participating in agenda setting, participating in community planning and in the work of our community partnerships and the online community networking resource proposed by WFCAP)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Altered over time the overall profile of those applying for community grants and the target groups funded. • Have developed a learning resource drawing upon the engagement experiments, documenting real people's experiences and what works in terms of securing their ongoing engagement • Seen realignment of our services and those of our partners to better address local needs • seen improvements in the percentage of people feeling overall satisfaction with their area, that they have a say in their local community, that people from different backgrounds get on well together and that they belong to their neighbourhoods and can influence decisions in their local area (National Indicators as above) • Shared our learning with other partners and local authorities • Improved trust and confidence of diverse communities in the Wiltshire council and public services overall
<p>How will you measure the impact? (may have more than one measure)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18 inclusion/engagement projects will be trialled • There will be a greater diversity of voices and perspectives heard at our Area Board meetings. For example in Warminster, community radio brings the voices of local people into the Area Board meetings, on a range of items. • There will be more locally generated agenda items at Area Boards • There will be an increase in the number of issues reported through our issues system by the target groups identified • There will be an increase in the number of grant applications received from the target groups • There will be an increase in the representation of target groups at our Area Board meetings, either directly or through advocates • We will measuring requests for our learning resource DVD • We will monitor the changing Profile of community Area Networks • We will monitor the membership of our Community Partnerships • Our community plans will be more reflective of local communities.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is your improvement target (s), and when do you expect to achieve this/these? 	<p>The improvements targets are</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improvements will be measured through the above methods. Whilst this is still early in the operation of our Area Boards and our baseline figures have not as yet been produced, we will be working on this over the next year and will be able to measure improvements as we go forward. • We will also monitor the scores for NI's 1,2,3,4,5 and 140. If this project or some of the elements of it are successful, there will be an increase in all of these results. <p>These NI's are monitored by the Place Survey. The next one takes place in 2010 which may be too soon to see improvements generated by this project. Following this, the survey will be repeated in 2010 which may be ideal timing in capturing the success of this project.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How will you ensure that the improvement continues after the end of the initiative? 	<p>We will ensure that the improvement continues at the end of the initiative by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working more effectively with our partners to share information and undertake joint consultation and engagement activity • Adding the names of those who have participated onto our Community Area Networks (our databases of local contacts) to which we send regular information and seek feedback on the operation of our area boards and request agenda items. • Monitoring the profile of those on our CAN with a view to developing a more representative sample • Ensure that those who have participated receive our regular Just a Minute newsletters giving information about our area boards, grants awarded and agendas and details of future meetings • Use the techniques and approaches which have been tested on an ongoing basis, allowing for their further development and refinement • Continue to monitor the participants at our area board meetings and the types of agenda items coming to our Area Boards • Link those participating in the engagement initiative into our community partnerships • Monitor the distribution of our community grants and the types of projects and groups funded on an annual basis • Monitor the levels of community engagement in our community partnerships and community planning processes

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share learning across the council and with our partner agencies such as NHS Wiltshire and other organisations and authorities • Use Mosaic and other research tools to help identify target groups and communities and ensure representation of a wide cross section of people in the Area Boards process on an ongoing basis.
<p>Who will benefit from this initiative?</p>	<p>We anticipate that a wide range of people will benefit from this initiative as we target groups such as</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young people • Older people • Black and Ethnic Minority residents • Disabled people including people with sight and hearing impairments • People with limiting long term health conditions • Gypsy and traveller communities • Social housing tenants • People with Learning Disabilities • Carers • LGBT people • Victims of Anti-Social Behaviour • Army families • Migrant workers • Homeless people • Stroke Victims • People with mental health difficulties • People receiving home care • Boating communities • Single parents • NEETS <p>There will also be benefits for the Council and its partners in terms of increased knowledge about our local communities, delivery on our equality and diversity targets, increased understanding of local need and the opportunity to design our services and allocate resources more effectively in response to these.</p> <p>There will be benefits for a range of local voluntary groups and organisations as we involve them in scoping and running community engagement initiatives. This will include opportunities for closer working and collaboration, sharing of resources and knowledge and securing future funding for projects.</p> <p>The project will have benefits for our elected members in terms of broadening their experiences of working with different groups and</p>

	<p>communities. This will support and reinforce our equalities commitments to provide training for elected members in equality and diversity issues. The project will also promote our elected members in their community leadership roles.</p> <p>Our partners and other authorities will benefit from this initiative as we disseminate the good practice and share the learning from Wiltshire.</p> <p>Our authority is also likely to benefit in terms of enhanced reputation. We are well placed to spearhead this type of learning, as we are already recognised as a leading authority in community engagement and empowerment.</p>
<p>Confirm no unfunded commitments from this initiative</p>	<p>I confirm that there will be no unfunded financial commitments arising from this initiative.</p>
<p>What are the key risks to success and how will these be managed?</p>	<p>.The key risks are that</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Some engagement initiatives will fail to produce wider or sustained engagement of particular groups.</p> <p>This risk will be managed by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Involving key partners at an early stage to draw upon their knowledge experience and expertise e.g. carers organisations or gypsy and traveller liaison services. • Accepting that not all groups will want to be fully engaged on an ongoing basis but will have knowledge and information about how to get involved should they wish to. It is also important that we recognise that the process of engagement is as important as the outcome. • Allowing for advocacy and experts in particular fields to help input on behalf of these groups. <p>There is a risk that our partner organisations will not engage in the process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This risk is unlikely to materialise as there are significant benefits for all partners in participating in the project. We have already demonstrated good partnership working in responding to the information provided in the JSNA and in our work with the Police and town and parish councils around Community Speedwatch and other local initiatives. We are keen to develop our partnership working with the Mod and to look at the need of army families in particular.

Who will manage the initiative	The initiative will be managed by The Area Boards Team Contact Mary Cullen Team Leader Area Boards Team (south) 01722 434260

Signed:

Cllr Chris Williams, Wiltshire Council Portfolio Holder for Communities (on behalf of All Area Boards)



Dated:

CORSHAM AREA BOARD

Date	Cabinet Member Attending	Location	Area Board Agenda Items	Other events happening (provisional)
30 November 2010	Portfolio Holder (To be confirmed)	The Pavilion, Box	<p>Community Items:</p> <p>Partner items: Partner Updates</p> <p>Corporate items: 2011 Census – Local Perspectives Results of Flooding Consultation Budget Consultation New Approach to Face to Face Customer Access Parish Steward Scheme</p> <p>Community Area Grants will be considered.</p>	
2 February 2010	Portfolio Holder (To be confirmed)	Corsham Town Hall	<p>Community Items:</p> <p>Partner items: Partner Updates</p> <p>Corporate items: Outcome of Leisure Facilities Review Dog Control Orders Street Trading</p> <p>Community Area Grants will be considered.</p>	

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