

AGENDA

Meeting: CHIPPENHAM AREA BOARD
Place: Sixth Form Centre, Sheldon School, Chippenham, SN14 6HJ
Date: Monday 7 January 2013
Time: 7.00 pm

Including the Parishes of Biddestone, Castle Combe, Chippenham Without, Chippenham, Christian Malford, Grittleton, Hullavington, Kington Langley, Kington St Michael, Langley Burrell, Nettleton, North Wraxall, Seagry, Stanton St Quintin, Sutton Benger and Yatton Keynell

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

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

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

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Or Victoria Welsh (Chippenham Community Area Manager), direct line 01249 706446 or (email) victoria.welsh@wiltshire.gov.uk

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Wiltshire Councillors

Desna Allen – Queens & Sheldon (Chairman)	Peter Hutton – Cepen Park & Derriards
Chris Caswill – Monkton	Mark Packard – Pewsham (Vice Chair)
Paul Darby – Hardenhuish	Nina Phillips – Cepen Park & Redlands
Bill Douglas – Hardens & England	Judy Rooke – Lowden & Rowden
Howard Greenman - Kington	Jane Scott OBE– By Brook

	Time
<p>1 Chairman's Welcome and Introductions</p>	7:00pm
<p>2 Apologies</p>	
<p>3 Minutes (<i>Pages 3 - 14</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 5 November 2012. ii. Actions from previous minutes. 	
<p>4 Declarations of Interest</p> <p>Councillors are requested to declare any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests, or dispensations granted by the Standards Committee.</p>	
<p>5 Chairman's Announcements (<i>Pages 15 - 24</i>)</p> <p>To include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Impact of Welfare Reform in Wiltshire ii) Understanding Autism iii) Wiltshire Online: Connectivity and Provision iv) Legacy for Wiltshire 	
<p>6 Town, Parish and Partner Updates (<i>Pages 25 - 46</i>)</p> <p>To note the written reports and receive updates from any partners who wish to contribute:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Parish and Town Councils ii. Wiltshire Police iii. Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service iv. NHS Wiltshire v. Chippenham and Villages Area Partnership (ChAP) vi. Chippenham Vision vii. Chippenham Campus Development Team viii. Community Area Young People's Issues Group (CAYPIG) ix. Youth Strategy Update x. Other Community Groups 	7:05pm
<p>7 Chippenham Partnership of Schools</p> <p>Judy Edwards will give a presentation on the aims, structure and projects of the Chippenham Partnership of Schools.</p>	7:20pm
<p>8 Markets DVD - Voxpops</p> <p>Cllr Mark Packard will introduce the Markets DVD</p>	7:35pm

9	<p>Parish Spotlight</p> <p>Kington St Michael Parish Council will provide a presentation.</p>	7:40pm
10	<p>Area Board Focus Areas 2012/13 (Pages 47 - 50)</p> <p>To receive updates on the Area Board's Focus Areas for 2012/13, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Road Safety – Lead Councillor: Bill Douglas ii. Crime & Community Safety – Lead Councillor: Peter Hutton iii. Deprivation – Lead Councillor: Chris Caswill 	7:50pm
11	<p>Report from the Skate Park Task Group (Pages 51 - 76)</p> <p>The Skate Park Task Group will present a report on its findings following the consultation exercise undertaken to gauge public interest in the proposed Riverside site.</p> <p>The Board will be asked to consider its content and respond to any recommendations that may be contained.</p>	8:00pm
12	<p>Visiting Cabinet Representative</p> <p>Councillor Fleur de Rhe-Philippe will talk about her responsibilities for Economic Development and Spatial Planning, and respond to any questions.</p> <p><i>Note – questions may be submitted in advance – please email sharonl.smith@wiltshire.gov.uk by Wednesday 2 January 2013.</i></p>	8:40pm
13	<p>Area Board Funding (Pages 77 - 84)</p> <p>To consider the following applications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Chippenham Children's Parliament - £1,000 towards the Chippenham E-Safety project ii. Kington St Michael Parish Council - £2,000 towards the installation of a Community Shelter iii. Wilts and Berks Canal Trust - £4,929 towards raising the towpath/ cycleway iv. Area Board Project - £1,000 to deliver a Job Fair for local young people. <p>Grants application packs are available from the Community Area Manager or at: http://cms.wiltshire.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=161&MId=7556&Ver=4</p>	8:50pm
14	<p>Evaluation and Close (Pages 85 - 86)</p> <p>The Chairman will invite any remaining questions from the floor</p>	9:00pm

and will welcome the submission of new Community Issues.

The next agenda planning meeting will take place on Tuesday 15 January from 10am at Monkton Park office. Any parish or town council representative interested in attending should contact the Community Area Manager or the Chairman.

The meeting is asked to note the future meeting dates below and the Forward Plan is attached for information.

Future Meeting Dates

Monday, 4 March 2013

7.00 pm

Neeld Hall, Chippenham

Monday, 1 July 2013

7:00 pm

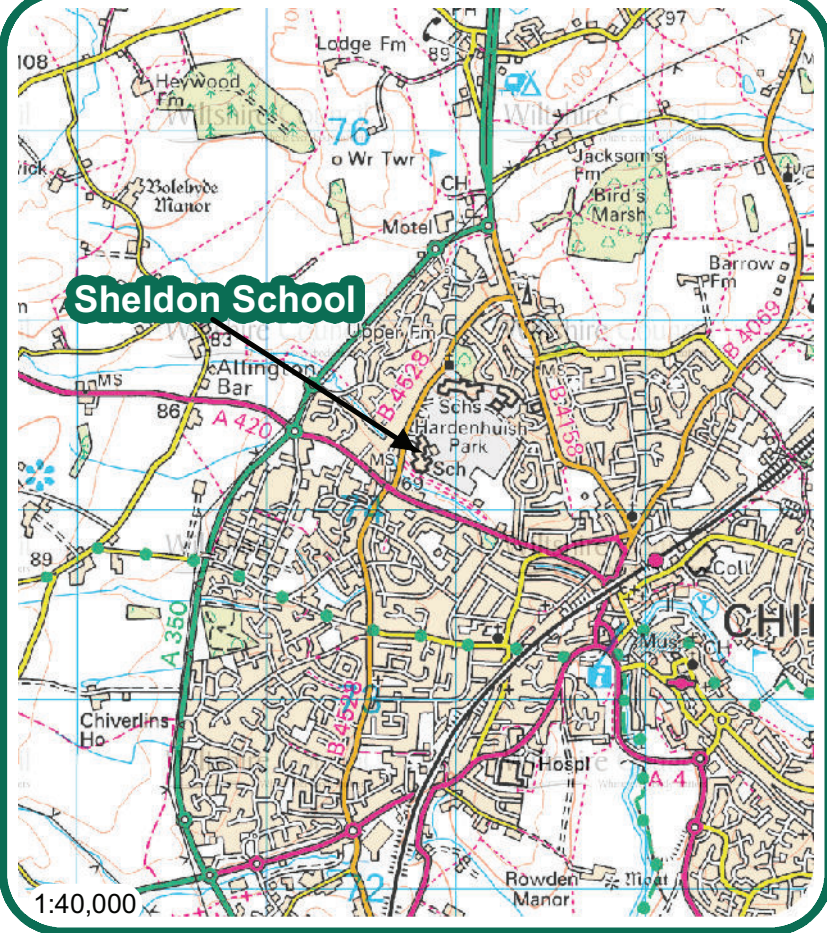
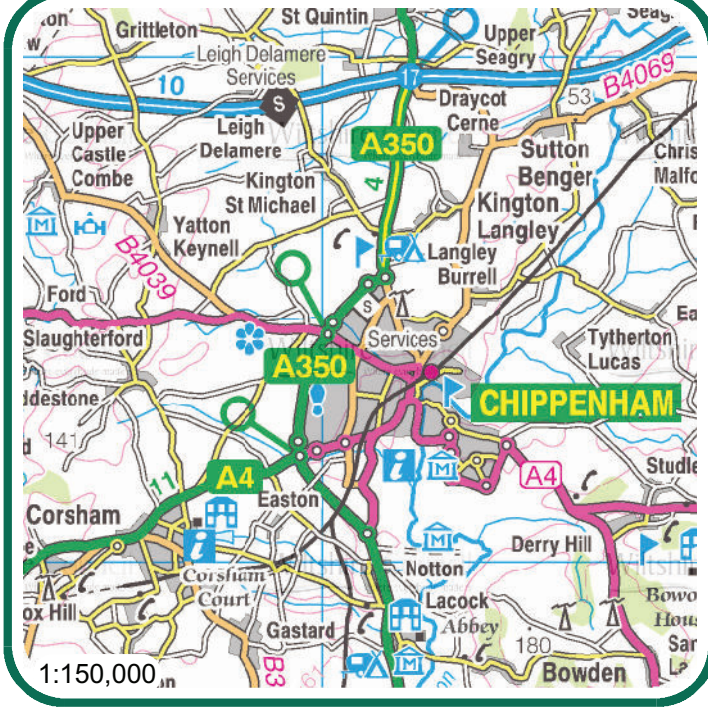
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Monday, 2 September 2013

7:00 pm

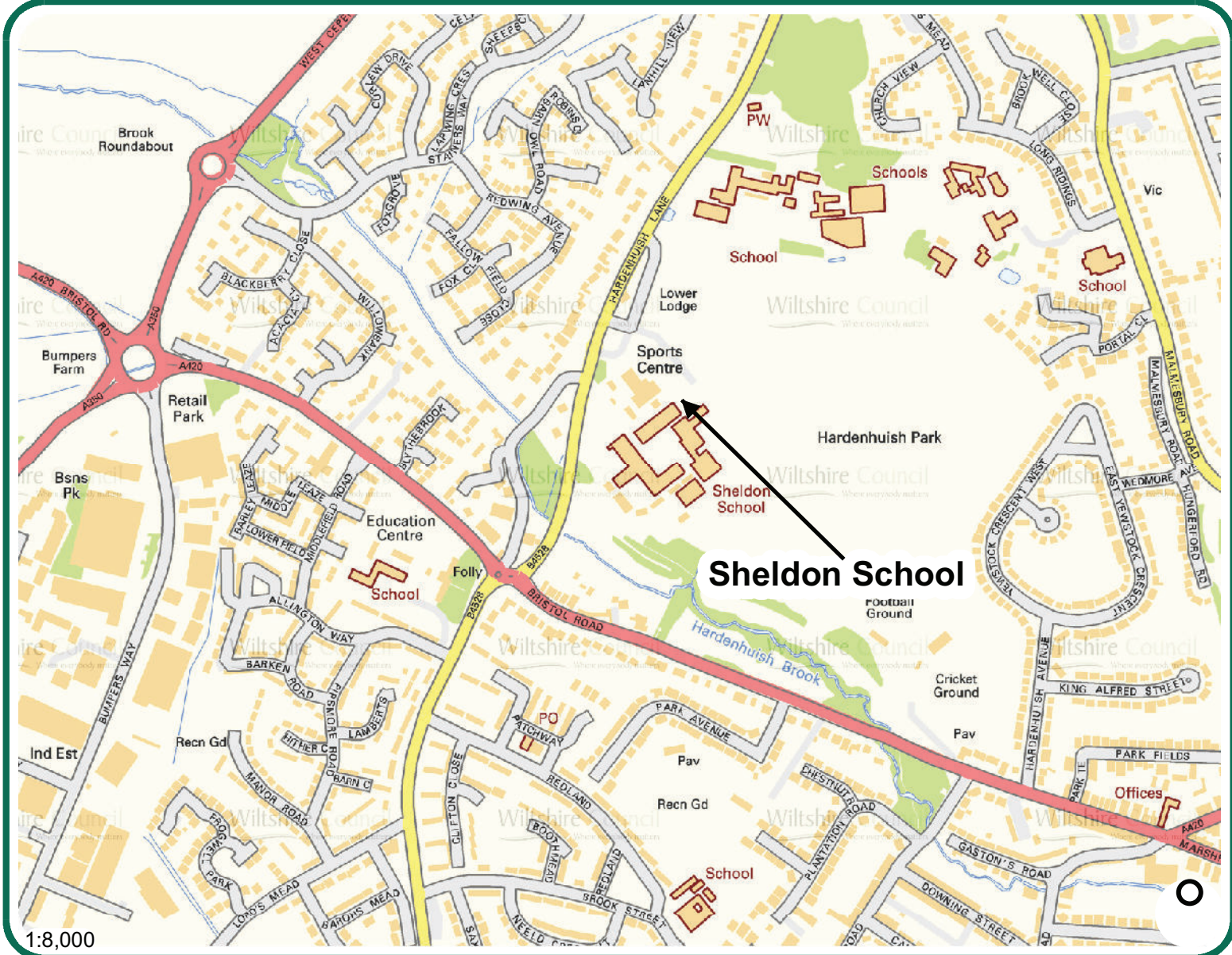
Wiltshire Council, Monkton Park Offices, Chippenham

*Please note that there will not be a meeting of the
Chippenham Area Board in May 2013 due to the
pre-election period*



Sheldon School
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MINUTES

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Place: Council Chamber, Monkton Park, Chippenham SN15 1ER
Date: 5 November 2012
Start Time: 7.00 pm
Finish Time: 9.00 pm

Please direct any enquiries on these minutes to:

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In Attendance:

Wiltshire Councillors

Cllr Desna Allen (Chairman), Cllr Chris Caswill, Cllr Paul Darby, Cllr Bill Douglas, Cllr Howard Greenman, Cllr Peter Hutton, Cllr Nina Phillips, Cllr Judy Rooke and Cllr Jane Scott OBE

Wiltshire Council Officers

Victoria Welsh, Chippenham Community Area Manager
Parvis Khansari, Service Director for Strategic Services (Highways & Passenger Transport)
Sharon L Smith, Democratic Services Officer
Laurie Bell, Director Communications

Town and Parish Councillors

Chippenham Town Council – Harry Purdon, Sue Wilthew, Elizabeth Kennedy, John Scragg
Biddestone and Slaughterford Parish Council – Rachel deFossard, Alison Butler
Chippenham Without Parish Council – Ken Kennedy
Christian Malford Parish Council – K Bolter
Hullavington Parish Council – Sharon Neal
Kington Langley Parish Council – Sue Webb, Den Webb

Partners

Wiltshire Police – Insp Phil Stayning

Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service – Mike Franklin

Chippenham Vision – Tim Martienssen

Total in attendance: 52

<u>Agenda Item No.</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>
1	<p><u>Chairman's Welcome and Introductions</u></p> <p>The Chairman, Councillor Desna Allen, welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the councillors and officers present.</p>
2	<p><u>Apologies</u></p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from:</p> <p>Cllr Mark Packard (Vice Chairman) Judy Edwards and Jill Owen from Chippenham Partnership of Schools</p>
3	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p><u>Decision</u> The minutes of the meeting held on 3 September 2012 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.</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 drew the Boards attention to the announcements as detailed on the agenda and asked that attendees who may not have had the opportunity to visit the 'Campus Consultation' stand available in the foyer try and do so if they have the opportunity.</p> <p>Further announcements were made as follows:</p> <p><u>WIN Public Meeting</u></p> <p>The next public meeting of WIN would be held on 14 November at the Assembly Hall, Melksham. Refreshments would be served from 10:00am with the meeting itself running from at 10:30am to 1:00pm.</p> <p><u>Alcohol Awareness Week</u></p> <p>19 to 24 November was Alcohol Awareness Week. Some Councillors in the South had taken a pledge not to drink alcohol during this period and the Chairman proposed that Councillors in the North may wish to consider taking a similar pledge, noting that the Chippenham area had one of the highest alcohol related hospital admissions in the County.</p>

Visiting Cabinet Representative

Cllr John Noeken, Cabinet member for Resources was introduced by the Chairman and asked to provide an update on his area of responsibility.

In introduction clarification was provided that the area was wide ranging and included Legal Services, Democratic Services, Procurement and Human Resources.

Key aspects of Cllr Noeken's portfolio included Customer Services and Systems Thinking where further details of the two were provided as follows:

Customer Services

- The Council continued to work towards minimising the number of sites across the county to 3 main hubs which would result in anticipated savings of approximately £4.5m per year.
- The Customer Services teams were now being dispersed amongst the 3 main hubs and dealt with over 65,000 calls, 10,000 face to face enquiries and 4,000 e-mail enquiries per month.
- The average connection rate achieved to date in 2012/13 was 93% (the Council target was 90%).
- The 'Tell us Once' service was introduced approximately 12 months ago. The aim of the service was to ensure only one call was required for the notification of deaths with all appropriate organisations contacted as a result (such as DWP, HMRC and DVLA).
- Key achievements included that the Customer Services team had been awarded Wiltshire Council's 'Team of the Year' in 2010/11.

Systems Thinking

- The purpose of systems thinking was to ensure customers and communities remained the focus of the Council's services with services redesigned to work in this context.
- The professional skills of Customer Services were being utilised to champion and promote systems thinking, i.e. by direct engagement with the public.
- Wiltshire Council has the largest and fastest growing programme of systems thinking review in the country with reviews starting in leisure and planned roadworks. A combined review was also underway with the police authority.

	<p>Questions arising included a status update on the Browfort building in Devizes where clarification was made that a consultation was currently underway in relation to its future use.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked the attending Cabinet representative for his presentation.</p>
7	<p><u>Youth Funding - Participatory Budgeting</u></p> <p>The Chairman welcomed the Youth Groups in attendance to present their projects for funding from the Area Board. Each Group was invited to address the Board and the audience invited to vote on whether to support the proposal following each presentation.</p> <p>£2,119 was made available from the Board which it was agreed would be awarded through a participatory budgeting style activity.</p> <p>The following projects were presented:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ChAP/Youth Work Team Partnership requested £2,500 towards the ‘Splash Up’ project. • Chippenham Netball Club requested £2,400 towards a youth team kit. <p>Upon vote, both projects received support of the audience which resulted in a shortfall in funding should all projects receive their requested funds. As a result the Chairman proposed the following 3 options:</p> <p>Option 1: That £2,119 be awarded to one applicant</p> <p>Option 2: That the balance of £2,119 be split between the two applicants (i.e. that each be awarded £1,059.50)</p> <p>Option 3: That £2,781 be vired across from the Area Board Fund to the Youth Fund to cover the shortfall and enable the Area Board to make the full award requested by both applicants for their projects.</p> <p>Upon vote Board members opted in favour of Option 3 and both applications were awarded the full funding requested.</p> <p>Decision:</p> <p>That ChAP/Youth Work Team Partnership is granted £2,500 towards the ‘Splash Up’ project.</p> <p>That Chippenham Netball Club is granted £2,400 towards a youth team kit.</p>
8	<p><u>Community Area Grants</u></p> <p>The Area Board considered the following applications to the Community Area Grant Scheme 2011/12:</p> <p>i. <u>Sports Wiltshire CIC</u></p>

The sum of £980 was requested towards the Introduction of Archery project.

Decision

The Area Board awarded the sum of £980 to Sports Wiltshire CIC.

Reason: The application met the Community Area Grant Criteria 2011/12 and would provide support to active and successful clubs.

ii. **Cherish Chippenham CIC**

The sum of £928 was requested for the purchase of weights and lights for use with the Cherish Chippenham Gazebos and marquees.

Decision

The Area Board awarded the sum of £928 to Cherish Chippenham CIC.

Reason: The application met the Community Area Grant Criteria 2011/12 and would increase support for community facilities and events and encourage a range of cultural opportunities for both residents and visitors to the area.

iii. **Chippenham Rugby Football Club**

The sum of £1,000 was requested towards the launch and development of the under 15s girls rugby team.

Decision

The Area Board awarded the sum of £1,000 to Chippenham Rugby Football Club.

Reason: The application met the Community Area Grant Criteria 2011/12 and would provide support to active and successful clubs and increase support for community facilities and events and encourage a range of cultural opportunities for both residents and visitors to the area.

iv. **Chippenham Rotary and Inner Wheel Trust Ltd**

The sum of £5,000 was requested towards Rotary Hall Kitchen Improvements.

Decision

The Area Board awarded the sum of £5,000 to Chippenham Rotary and Inner Wheel Trust Ltd conditional upon the balance of funding being in place.

Reason: The application met the Community Area Grant Criteria 2011/12 and will increase support for community facilities and events.

v. **Sevington School Project Trustees**

The sum of £10,000 was requested towards the Sevington School Project.

	<p>The Area Board agreed that Sevington Victorian School was a very rare resource and an exception should therefore be made to the normal maximum award of £5,000. An award of £10,000 would help to ensure that the good custody and upkeep of the school could continue and would be available for the benefit of many more in the future.</p> <p><u>Decision</u> The Area Board awarded the sum of £10,000 to Sevington School Project Trustees conditional upon the balance of funding being in place.</p> <p><u>Reason:</u> <i>The application met the Community Area Grant Criteria 2011/12 and would increase support for community facilities and events and encourage a range of cultural opportunities for both residents and visitors to the area.</i></p>
9	<p><u>Youth Advisory Group Appointments</u></p> <p>The Wiltshire 11-19 Commissioning Strategy, agreed by Cabinet and the Wiltshire Children & Young People’s Trust in September 2011 included the formation of Youth Advisory Groups to enable young people to have a real say about services in their local area. These were to be chaired by a young person under the age of 25 with over 50% of the membership under the age of 19.</p> <p>The Area Board were invited to appoint a Chippenham Area Board and Parish Council representative to the Group.</p> <p><u>Decision:</u></p> <p>Cllr Peter Hutton and Cllr Bill Douglas were appointed the Area Board representatives.</p> <p><u>POST MEETING NOTE:</u></p> <p>Following the meeting Cllr Bill Douglas withdrew as an Area Board representative due to existing commitments.</p>
10	<p><u>Town, Parish and Partner Updates</u></p> <p>Updates from partners were received as follows:</p> <p>i. Parish and Town Councils</p> <p>The written reports contained within the agenda pack were noted. An update from Kington Langley Parish Council was circulated at the meeting.</p>

Ken Bolter from Christian Malford Parish Council raised concern over the amount of flooding experienced in the area over recent days.

Cllr Howard Greenman confirmed that many flooding issues had been reported to the Highways team, including areas of Christian Malford and that the Parish Council should continue to liaise with the Flood Working Group to address ongoing issues.

Emergency Planning were busy over the weekend dealing with the unusual amount of rainfall and snow. Priority was given to flooding issues relating to people and their properties.

ii. Wiltshire Police

The written report from Wiltshire Police was noted.

Inspector Stayning confirmed that following a restructure of staff he would now lead the policing teams for Chippenham, Calne and Corsham. Having been appointed to the position recently, he looked forward to working with the Area Boards in the future.

The Board wished Inspector Stayning luck in his new role and requested that thanks be recorded to the outgoing Inspector Schorah.

iii. Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service

The written report as circulated with the agenda was superseded by the report as circulated at the meeting for the month of October. A further update on the impact of the recent weekend flooding was also circulated. This included that between the hours of 8am and 2pm firefighters attended approximately 40 flooding related incidents across the County.

iv. NHS Wiltshire

No update was provided.

v. Chippenham and Villages Area Partnership (ChAP)

A written update was circulated which included that an informal meeting had taken place to explore ways in which the partnership could work more effectively. Although the structure and terms of reference of the group were to be revisited all project work would continue as agreed in the meantime.

vi. Chippenham Vision Board

The process of consulting with key stakeholders and developers continued. It was hoped that a more detailed presentation would be

available to the Area Board at a later date.

vii. Chippenham Shadow Community Operations Board

The update provided was noted. This included that a consultation was now underway which would run until 30 November to determine what facilities the campus should contain and the services to be provided.

The name of the Operations Board had now changed to 'Chippenham Campus Development Team' to better reflect the purpose of the Board.

viii. Community Area Young People's Issues Group (CAYPIG)

No further update was provided.

ix. Youth Strategy Update

The update provided was noted.

x. Lyneham Steering Group

No update was provided.

xi. Chippenham Partnership of Schools

No update was provided.

xii. Skatepark Task Group

The Chairman drew attention to the progress report contained within the Agenda. The report had been requested at the last meeting of the Board by the Vice Chairman in the absence of the Chairman.

In acknowledging that there were several members of the public in attendance, the Chairman agreed to take several questions from the floor although reiterated that the report did not contain any recommendations but was a progress report only.

This included whether an environmental impact assessment had or would be undertaken with clarification given that this would be done after the public consultation meeting to be held on 26 November 2012.

Upon further questioning it was confirmed that the Task Group had undertaken a good assessment of all outdoor sites. Noting that on-going costs would be applicable for any in-door facility as well as potential costs associated for use, the Task Group had not pursued this avenue at the current time.

	<p>It was suggested that the Board members should still visit the Devizes indoor skate park site to gain a better understanding of the facilities that could be offered. It was understood that the entrance fee applicable to use the facilities was £2.50 per hour and that an in-door site be considered as part of the public consultation meeting on 26 November, together with the implications of the skate park on the proposed site at Monkton Park on the Folk Festival.</p> <p>Confirmation was provided that the Task Group had received a clear mandate to look at potential sites to house a skate park site in the Chippenham area. This had been undertaken and the findings reported.</p> <p>All residents were encouraged to attend the public meeting on 26 November where an overview of the work of the Task Group would be given and the results of the survey/consultation held to date provided.</p> <p>It was also important that as many residents attend, including the younger generation, to ensure all views were considered as part of the consultation.</p> <p>A full report, inclusive of the recommendations of the Task Group, would be presented to the Area Board for consideration once the findings of the consultation exercise were fully known.</p>
11	<p><u>Area Board Focus Areas 2012/13</u></p> <p>Updates were received as follows:</p> <p>i. Road Safety Councillor Bill Douglas reported that several issues would be presented to the CATG for consideration including details of the Driver Awareness Scheme.</p> <p>Members of the public were reminded that as a first point of call their local councillor should be contacted as it was possible some issues could be resolved without the need to register through the Issues log.</p> <p>ii. Community Safety Group Councillor Peter Hutton reported that the Purple Flag had been awarded to Salisbury. Purple Flag (similar to the Blue Flag scheme on beaches) was designed as an objective assessment and was awarded to Salisbury in recognition of the safety of the city at night.</p> <p>The Group planned to meet with Salisbury members to find out further information on how Chippenham could seek a similar status.</p> <p>iii. Deprivation Councillor Chris Caswill reported that a meeting had taken place where</p>

	<p>child poverty in the Chippenham area was discussed and the affects Welfare Reform was likely to have on the less well off.</p> <p>A full report would be presented to the Area Board in January.</p>
12	<p><u>Community Area Transport Group</u></p> <p>The Board were asked to consider and approve the recommendations from the CATG as outlined within the report as circulated in the agenda pack.</p> <p>Ensuing discussion included that Cllr Rooke was disappointed that Lowden Tunnel had not been included in the list of schemes recommended for prioritisation but was pleased to see that the scheme would be retained for further consideration.</p> <p>In noting that consultation would be undertaken with local residents Cllr Rooke requested to be kept informed.</p> <p>Upon vote the recommendations as detailed within the report were approved as follows:</p> <p><u>Decision:</u> To approve the schemes recommended for prioritisation in 2012/13 as outlined within Appendix 1 of the report.</p> <p>To approve the schemes recommended for retention and further consideration in 2012/13 as outlined within Appendix 2 of the report.</p> <p>To remove the Highways Improvements Requests as detailed within Appendix 3 of the report.</p> <p>To agree the deployment of Speed Indicator Devices (SID) as detailed within Appendix 4 of the report.</p>
13	<p><u>The Legacy of 2012</u></p> <p>Laurie Bell, Director Communications, gave a presentation regarding the Jubilee and Olympics celebrations that had taken place throughout 2012, and spoke about the importance of keeping the legacy of these events alive within local communities.</p> <p>Some of the key highlights and positive impacts of the events included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional spend on events days was estimated to be over £1 million – not including any tourism impact • Hotels and B&B's in Salisbury were fully booked w/c 9 July for the Hudson's Field event • Visit Wiltshire website had the highest monthly number of visits since records began in 2008

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was a substantial return on investment (£290,000) <p>Laurie encouraged people to think of ways and ideas for keeping the Legacy of 2012 alive within their communities and confirmed that her team were happy to provide support and advice if required.</p> <p>People within the Chippenham Community area were also encouraged to send details of any events or activities arising or expected to take place from the Year of Celebration to the Wiltshire Council Communications Team.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked Laurie Bell for the presentation.</p>
14	<p><u>Evaluation and Close</u></p> <p>The Chairman thanked everyone for attending the meeting. The next meeting of the Chippenham Area Board would take place on Monday 7 January 2013.</p> <p>All those in attendance who had provided e-mail details would be sent a link to the Survey Monkey following the meeting to provide evaluation of the meeting.</p> <p>The next agenda planning meeting would take place on 20th November at 10:00am. Any parish or town council representative interested in attending should contact the Community Area Manager or the Chairman.</p>

Chairman's Announcement

Subject:	Impact of Welfare Reform
Officer Contact Details:	Emma Cooper Community Partnership Manger 01225 718627 Emma.cooper@wiltshire.gov.uk
Weblink:	http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/counciltaxhousingandbenefits/welfare2012reform.htm
Further details available:	From Wiltshire Council on: 0300 4560100

Summary of Announcement:

On 8 March 2012 the Welfare Reform Act 2012 was approved. This government change to welfare is designed to simplify the benefit system and encourage people to work. It will affect many people across the country and if you are in receipt of benefit, or an employer, then it will affect you too. The council is working with partners to make sure information and support is available to all those who need it. The changes include:

- Benefit cap
- Under-occupation rules (housing benefit)
- Universal credit
- Disability Living Allowance
- New Council tax scheme
- New social fund

Further information is available on the council's website: <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/counciltaxhousingandbenefits/welfare2012reform.htm>. Or telephone the council on: 0300 456 0100

An 'infographic' has been commissioned by Wiltshire Money which is the financial inclusion partnership for the county. The film is less than 4 minutes long and we will watch this now: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dd29tTwwT8>

'Understand autism'

Wiltshire Area Boards 2012/13

"Treat me the way they would like to be treated. Take into account my disability but remember me and my rights" (Wiltshire resident)

Introduction – What is autism?

Autism is a lifelong condition that affects how a person communicates with, and relates to other people and the world around them.

Autism is a spectrum condition, which means that, while all people with autism share certain difficulties, their condition will affect them in different ways.

The three main areas of difficulty which all people with autism share are sometimes known as the 'triad of impairments'. People have difficulties with:

1. social communication (e.g. difficulty with both verbal and non-verbal language, interpreting comments very literally, while thinking that people always mean exactly what they say)
2. social interaction (e.g. difficulty recognising or understanding other people's emotions and feelings, and expressing their own, which can make it hard to fit in socially)
3. social imagination (e.g. difficulty understanding and predicting other people's thoughts or behaviour and making sense of abstract ideas or situations outside of the immediate daily routine).

"The complexities of communication with people with autism are more than just a noisy room and speaking plainly" (Wiltshire resident)

Why are we going to area boards?

“they feel alone and alienated as people will often give them a wide berth”

(Wiltshire resident)

1. It can be hard to create awareness of autism as people with the condition do not 'look' disabled: parents of children with autism often say that other people simply think their child is naughty; while adults find that they are misunderstood. We would therefore like to share how autism affects individuals in Wiltshire so there is more understanding about the condition.
2. We have worked with a lot of local people with autism and their families to form a plan about how changes will be made. We would like to share this with you and see where your local area can support any improvements.

Why this area is important?

- **Autism is not uncommon**

It is estimated that 1 in every 100 people have autism and therefore in Wiltshire, we estimate that over 4,500 individuals are affected by the condition.

In Wiltshire, we know about (a little over) one thousand children and adults with the condition. Many of these people will also have a learning disability or mental health problem (autism, in itself, is neither).

We therefore believe that there are over 3,500 people in Wiltshire with autism who are unknown and may not get any support from other means.

This may well be appropriate as many people with autism can live relatively independent lives, however, because of the hidden nature of the condition, many people have also said that they find it difficult to get the right understanding and support, at the right time, from the same local services as everyone else.

We think that this could affect around 2000 in Wiltshire who have a form of autism (aspergers or high functioning autism) which is 'hidden' but nevertheless, may still struggle in life.

Very often, without low level natural and community support or understanding, these individuals tend to come to the attention of statutory services later on in life; this is usually at crisis point which has a negative impact on the individual and tends to be much more intensive and costly.

“Bewildered, not knowing where to turn” (Wiltshire resident)

“Prevention and support is much better than trying to pick up pieces afterwards” (Wiltshire resident)

- **Poor outcomes**

People with autism tend to have significantly poorer outcomes than others. As an example, national research shows that only 15% of adults with autism have a job. In comparison, the employment rate for disabled people, as a whole, is 48% indicating the low rates. This is despite the fact that many people with autism have unique skills and abilities that can help a business thrive (ie. problem solving skills, attention to retail, ability to retain detailed factual knowledge, excellent memory, technical abilities etc).

“Use of careful planning, strategy and therapeutic relationships can steer them through this [work] successfully developing their self awareness and ability to cope” (Wiltshire resident)

- **The Autism Act 2009 places duties on local areas**

“It seems that there is the assumption that at 18, all problems cease”

(Wiltshire resident)

In March 2010, the first ever strategy for improving the lives of adults with autism in England was published.

This strategy set out a number of key actions and recommendations which the government decided were the most important:

1. Making sure that more people understand about autism.
2. Making it easier for adults to get a diagnosis of autism. A diagnosis is when a doctor tells someone that they have autism.
3. Making it easier for adults with autism to choose how they live, and get the help that they need to do this.
4. Helping adults with autism to find jobs.
5. Helping local councils and health services to write plans so that the adults with autism who live in their area get the help that they need.

If you would like to find out more detail about what the strategy says, please follow this link: www.autism.org.uk/dhstrategy

The Wiltshire Autism Partnership

To help Wiltshire plan how to make these key priorities happen, a 'Wiltshire Autism Partnership' meet five times per year. This group includes people with autism, parent/ carers and professionals from different teams, agencies and organisations.

The group have done a lot of work to consult with local people. They have developed a strategy and are now finalising a plan detailing how the changes will be made. To view these documents, please visit:

<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/healthandsocialcare/disabilities.htm>

How area boards can help?

“Awareness that certain groups in our communities are more sensitive and vulnerable.....gives me faith that this can be extended to those on the autistic spectrum” (Wiltshire resident)

To promote more understanding and acceptance about the nature of autism in the local area: improved recognition, awareness and minor adjustments in the community would alone, contribute significantly. We would therefore welcome the opportunity to hear your views and ideas for improvements as the success of this work will be limited if there is a 'standalone' approach.

Useful websites

- <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/healthandsocialcare/disabilities.htm>
- <http://www.autism.org.uk/>

Contacts

For further information about the autism work please contact the disabilities commissioning team on 01225 718559 or email: disabilities@wiltshire.gov.uk

If you are a carer or person with autism (or think you may have autism) and feel that you may need some help, please contact 0300 456 0111 and someone will be able to tell you about the process of having an assessment to see if you are eligible for support.

Chairman's Announcement

Subject:	Wiltshire Online: Connectivity and Provision
Officer Contact Details:	Wiltshire Online Team
Weblink:	www.wiltshireonline.org

Summary of Announcement:

The Wiltshire Online Programme aims to bring availability of standard and superfast broadband to homes and businesses across the county.

The main aims of the programme are:

- A minimum of 85%, hopefully up to 95% of premises being able to access superfast broadband by 2015
- All premises to have access to a minimum broadband service of 2Mbps by 2015.

The procurement for superfast broadband was launched on 2 July with British Telecom being announced as preferred bidder on the 12 November. Following a period of contract finalisation and final approval by the government, Wiltshire Council is anticipating signing the contract at the end of January.

In February, the Wiltshire Online Programme should then be able to provide details about the overall percentage coverage of superfast broadband, the technologies to be used and high level information about the rollout plans. An update will be given to Area Boards either by providing a chairman's announcement and links to the Wiltshire Online Web site, or by a presentation.

Once the contract has been awarded, BT will build their delivery team and start upon their detailed surveying of the infrastructure across Wiltshire. Surveying will occur in phases across Wiltshire with the network rollout following shortly afterwards in that area. The timescales for this and the number of surveys to be completed will be shared after the award of the contract.

Though specific information about each community area will not be available from February, the Wiltshire Online Programme will be able to provide more specific information as the project progresses through the phases of implementation. Ahead of each phase each Community Area affected will be provided with detailed information about the forthcoming rollout particulars, including, practical advice and also guidance on how to respond to any questions.

At any time the website www.wiltshireonline.org will have the most up to date information and the Wiltshire Online Team is available to speak to.

Chairman's Announcement

Subject:	Legacy for Wiltshire
Officer Contact Details:	Carlene Robinson Senior Project Support Officer 01225 713152 Carlene.robinson@wiltshire.gov.uk
Weblink:	Follow 2012 A year of Celebration at:  
Further details available:	Carlene Robinson Senior Project Support Officer 01225 713152 Carlene.robinson@wiltshire.gov.uk

Summary of Announcement:

This year has been an overwhelming success for Wiltshire and it was wonderful to see our communities come together and celebrate. The community spirit and sense of pride that was apparent across the county was unique, and to see more than half our population attend this year's events just shows what we can achieve when we work together.

The challenge now is to keep that spirit and sense of achievement and pride alive, and to create a lasting legacy for Wiltshire. Keeping the momentum of this year going into 2103 and beyond will be good for our county. We need to take every opportunity to encourage communities to continue to come together, to take action to keep our economy buoyant and to encourage people to keep active and healthy.

This year we held a series of community evening events that provided a forum to share ideas and plans and to update on key information. We would like to reconvene these meetings in the new year to focus on what we can do in 2013 to create a lasting legacy and by working together how we keep the success of this great year going.

We would like to invite you to attend one of the following events;

Wednesday 16 January, at the Corn Exchange, Devizes

Wednesday 23 January, at the Guild Hall, Salisbury

Thursday 31 January, at County Hall, Trowbridge

Thursday 7 February at the Town Hall, Chippenham

All the evenings will start with tea and cakes at 6pm. The meeting will start at 6.30pm, finishing by 8pm.

Update for Chippenham Area Board

Update from	Chippenham Town Council
Date of Area Board Meeting	9 th January 2013

Headlines/Key Issues

- **STANLEY PARK SPORTS FACILITY:** was awarded 'The Grass Roots Sports-ground of the Year 2012' by the Institute of Groundsmanship on 6th December. This is a second award in twelve months for this site owned and managed by the Town Council.
 - This success came after a Monitoring and Evaluation Report by the Football Foundation. The assessment report and feedback gave Stanley Park the highest possible score. – an excellent example of best practice.
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- **The Neeld Hall:** After the consultation, plans are now going forward to make improvements to the Neeld Hall. It is hope that the project will be completed by 2016 as funding permits.
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- **Fishing Lakes at Stanley Park:** Plans are well in hand to develop the fishing lakes at Stanley Park.
 - The Town Council continues to work with partner Cherish Chippenham, the Independent Traders, Chamber of Commerce, Chippenham Vision, Chippenham, Area Partnership and Wiltshire Council on projects to benefit the town. This includes the launch of the BID project (Business Improvement District).
 - The possible acquisition of Monkton Park (the Grassy bit) by the Town is on hold until the work by COB is concluded.

DATES:

January: The new Town Council website will be launched.

12th February: Annual Pancake Races in Chippenham High Street (am). Why not get a team together and join in the fun.

Cllr. Andrew Noblet
Leader
Chippenham Town Council

Update for Chippenham Area Board

Update from	Grittleton Parish Council
Date of Area Board Meeting	7 th January 2013

Headlines/Key Issues

- Precept maintained at 2011/12 level.

- Parking issues in The Street, Grittleton – Parish Council sub-committee to discuss.

- Poor condition of verges in Sevington – Highways Authority agreed to action repair programme.

- Community Team asked to clean railings on Church Bend.

Update for Chippenham Area Board

Update from	Kington Langley Parish Council
Date of Area Board Meeting	Monday 7 th January 2013

Headlines

- Dispensations - Members who were to be engaged in discussions relating to the budget and precept for 2013/2014 - all filed an application for a dispensation. It was delegated to the Clerk for the granting of the dispensations under the Localism Act 2011 S33(1). Although members were very co-operative in this - the general feeling was that this was absurd. A lot of people's time has been wasted on this subject.
- Issues have been raised and are to be considered at the next CATG meeting - these issues are Speeding on the C154 & C153, Continuation of the upgrade of the footpath on the Kington St. Michael Road and Yellow hatches at the Plough Lane traffic lights on the A350.
- The provision of additional burial space is being investigated as St. Peter's churchyard will be full in the not too distant future. The Parish Council is corresponding with the Bristol Diocese.
- The Parish Council has agreed to take part in the Emergency Exercise to take place on the 24th April 2013. Councillor John Foster is our new Community Emergency Volunteer.
- Kington Langley Commons are to be professionally metal detected. This will take place in the new year.
- Kington Langley will soon have another bench to maintain. The Brethren have kindly donated a bench and it is to be sited on the green opposite The Plough Public House on the 27th October.

Projects

- Assets of Community Value - Part 5 of the Localism Act 2011 headed "Community Empowerment" The Parish Council has submitted a list of land and buildings of community value. It is understood that this list is to be kept by the principal authority. Please could it be confirmed that this list has been accepted?
- The Drainage issue at Silver Street is still on-going. It is understood that the team who are to carry out this work have been called out to more pressing emergencies. It is hoped that this project will be high on Wiltshire Council's priority list when determining the next budget.
- Other projects may transpire following the decision of the three issues filed with CATG.

Update for Chippenham Area Board

Future Events/Dates for the diary

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- Parish council meeting dates for 2013: All Mondays except where indicated - 14th Jan, 4th Feb, 11th Mar, Tuesday 9th April (Annual Parish Meeting) 15th April, 13th May (Annual meeting of the parish council), 3rd June, 1st July, 5th Aug, 2nd Sept, 7th Oct, 4th Nov and 2nd Dec.
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Update for Chippenham Area Board

Update from	Castle Combe Parish Council
Date of Area Board Meeting	07.01.12

Headlines/Key Issues

- Overnight on 24th/25th November twelve houses in Castle Combe were flooded, the majority through the river overflowing but in some cases through water rising through the floor due to the saturated high water table. A Flood Group Working Party has been formed by residents and includes members of the Parish Council. The Working Party is in contact with the Environment Agency which will be undertaking a Problem Identification Study in January, the results of which will be debated by the Working Party with the Unitary Council in its statutory responsible capacity as Lead Local Flood Authority, regarding measures to (1) Understand the causes and timelines (2) Action the Environment Agency and/or the Unitary Council to prepare a Flood Prevention Plan (3) Establish emergency cross-parish early warning procedures and communications (4) Implement preventative measures as soon as possible.

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- A Community Issue has been raised requesting urgent installation of a footpath on the B4039 between Whitegates and the village car park due to the danger to pedestrians, including children, along this busy highway. We have offered to host a site meeting as soon as possible with the Chippenham Area Transport Group and Highways.

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- We have arranged to take part once again in the next Emergency Planning Exercise.
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Crime and Community Safety Briefing Paper Chippenham Community Area Board January 2013



1. Neighbourhood Policing Team

Sgt: Philip Connor

PC Sarah Pulman
PC Paul Mcquillan
PCSO Barbara Young
PCSO Ali Duncan,
PCSO Toni Brown
PCSO Aaron Rowe
PCSO Helen Bray
PCSO Linda Staples
PCSO Claire Hannam
PCSO Sarah Hardwidge
PCSO Michelle Nears
PCSO Will Taylor
PCSO Val Wagstaff
Chippenham Rural Team
PC Emma Higgins
PCSO Elizabeth Duncan

2. NPTs - Current Priorities & Consultation Opportunities:

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

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

3. Performance and Other Local Issues:

Drug Warrant

Police have seized cannabis worth up to £4,000 from a Chippenham house. The suspected cannabis factory was raided by Chippenham police on Monday 26th November..

They were given information from inside the local community that the one-bedroom house in Roman Way, Pewsham, was being used for cultivating the drug.

Police obtained a warrant from North West Wiltshire Magistrates' Court and raided the house at 9.38am.

Officers forced the door and found nine plants inside. They had been stripped and a large quantity of leaves and buds were nearby.

Extractor fans and lighting were among items of equipment seized and officers also found evidence of seedlings being planted and cultivated in the kitchen.

A total of 15 police officers and police community support officers based in Chippenham, Calne and

Corsham, plus a number of scenes of crime officers, were involved in the raid.

The occupier of the rented house was not in at the time, however he has since been arrested and is currently on bail .

Traffic Warden Assaulted

A traffic warden was forced to take refuge behind two parked cars after a driver blew his top when she gave him a parking ticket in Chippenham. The incident ended with the female enforcement officer's hand-held computer being ripped from around her neck, causing bruising for which she needed treatment at Chippenham Hospital. It happened on Monday 12 November at the Bath Road car park, and resulted in Daniel Mallett, 24, of St Peters Close, Chippenham, appearing before North Wiltshire Magistrates Court the following day. He was charged with one count of assault, a second charge of stealing a hand-held computer device worth £2,000, and a third charge of criminal damage by trying to destroy or damage the stolen property. Mallett pleaded guilty on basis to the offences at the first hearing. Mallett has been released on bail with an electronically tagged curfew while a pre-sentence report is obtained and will appear back at court on December 3.

The resulting Court case for Mallett resulted in him paying £100 in compensation and to Participate in Aggression Replacement Treatment as directed by Probation for 18 Months.

Chippenham Blues and Zuz's.

Chippenham NPT held a Bluez n Zuz youth disco on the 9th November, it was the first to be held at the new venue JAX and we were pleased to attract 114 youngsters to the event!

Thank you to everyone that helped support the event, either leaflet dropping at the schools this week or supervising the youths on the evening, its all contributed to making the project a huge success.

The discos are important to us as they provide young people with a safe environment to socialise in and have fun. They also give the youngsters a chance to get to know their local police officers and to show that we are approachable! Many thanks also to our Special Constables who volunteered their time last night, they were keen to interact with the youngsters in a friendly and professional manner. Our next disco is on Friday 7th Dec 19:00-21:00 hours

Operation Ebenezer – Shoplifting Operation for Chippenham, Calne and Corsham.

Christmas period visible patrol strategy OP EBENEZER High visibility patrols in shopping area in Chippenham town centre, High St, Retail Parks and Supermarkets. High Visibility patrols of Corsham Town Centre and Calne Town centre Officers to be allocated between 10.00 -18.00hrs with focus at the weekend. To monitor potential offenders and deal with any incidents. To Stop check nominal's known to be involved in criminality within the town centre. To enforce a positive and robust offender management programme to prevent reoffending during this period. Operation is being lead by NPT but there will be support from Police response and Emery Gate and Borough Parade Security.

The close working relationship NPT have with the Security Teams working in Chippenham resulted in a female being detained for shoplifting from 3 different stores during the course of the day. The female, who had mental health issues, was detained and dealt with by way of Local Resolutions. NPT and Security teams will continue to work closely and deal robustly with any offences.

Crime Prevention 'Stay and Pay' Campaign

This campaign will begin on Monday 26 November and will include the distribution of posters and stickers promoting the 'Stay and Pay' slogan, a training package for petrol station staff and the circulation of information and advice through the media.

In the week commencing Monday 19 November NPT officers and staff will be briefed at the four hub stations by DS Jo Clement and will receive posters (A3/A4/A5) to be displayed in the kiosks and stickers (A5/A6) to be placed on the fuel pumps.

NPTs are asked to distribute the posters and stickers to the petrol stations in their beat areas.

19 petrol stations across Wiltshire have been identified as the most frequently targeted for forecourt crime. NPT officers and staff who have these petrol stations in their beat areas are asked to provide the petrol station staff with these posters and stickers, as well as guidance notes which outline the signs to look for to identify potential offenders in the forecourt.

This campaign *could* result in the displacement of forecourt crime to other petrol stations across the Force area and for this reason NPT officers and staff are asked to distribute the guidance notes only to ALL petrol stations within their beat areas. NPT officers and staff will also be asked to obtain feedback from petrol station managers in relation to this crime prevention campaign and the feedback and crime recording results will be reviewed and evaluated.

Partner Agencies

Chippenham NPT and GreenSqaure and Aster Housing have been working closely and have been able to improve the life of local residents. In the past couple of months the Police and Housing associations working together have issued 2 injunctions and 1 ABC Contract. Both the injunctions carry strict conditions to protect the public and all conditions carry the power of arrest. ABC contract has been issued in relation to ASB and drug use within a block of flats. Police and Housing are continuing to monitor the injunctions and ABC.

Operation Atlantic – dedicated drug team.

A male was stopped close to Chippenham Town Centre believed to involved in distributing drugs. The male was stopped by Police Officers and found to have class A drugs on him. The male in question is currently on bail awaiting court date.

Phil Connor – Police SGT Chippenham.

EP Chippenham	Crime				Detections	
	December 2010 - November 2011	December 2011 - November 2012	Volume Change	% Change	December 2010 - November 2011	December 2011 - November 2012
Victim Based Crime	1965	1882	-83	● -4%	23%	24%
Domestic Burglary	80	71	-9	● -11%	8%	14%
Non Domestic Burglary	145	172	27	● 19%	7%	2%
Vehicle Crime	212	204	-8	● -4%	7%	8%
Criminal Damage & Arson	482	368	-114	● -24%	13%	15%
Violence Against The Person	335	374	39	● 12%	48%	43%
ASB Incidents (Year to Date)	1597	1298	-299	● -19%		

Wiltshire Police are compared against a group of 8 most similar forces. Wiltshire Police have performed in line with peers and better than average for Victim Based Crime and Domestic Burglary in the previous 12 month period (November 2011 - October 2012).

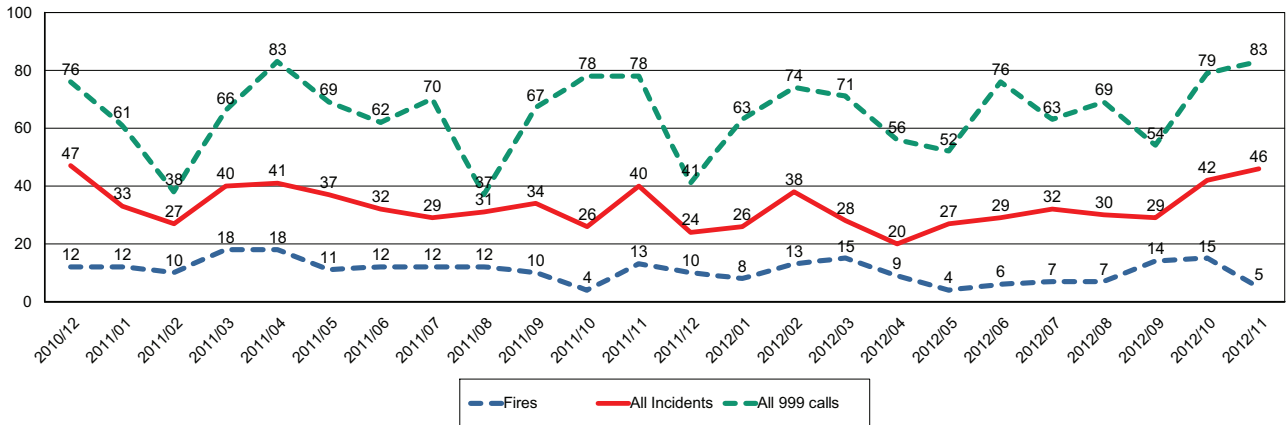
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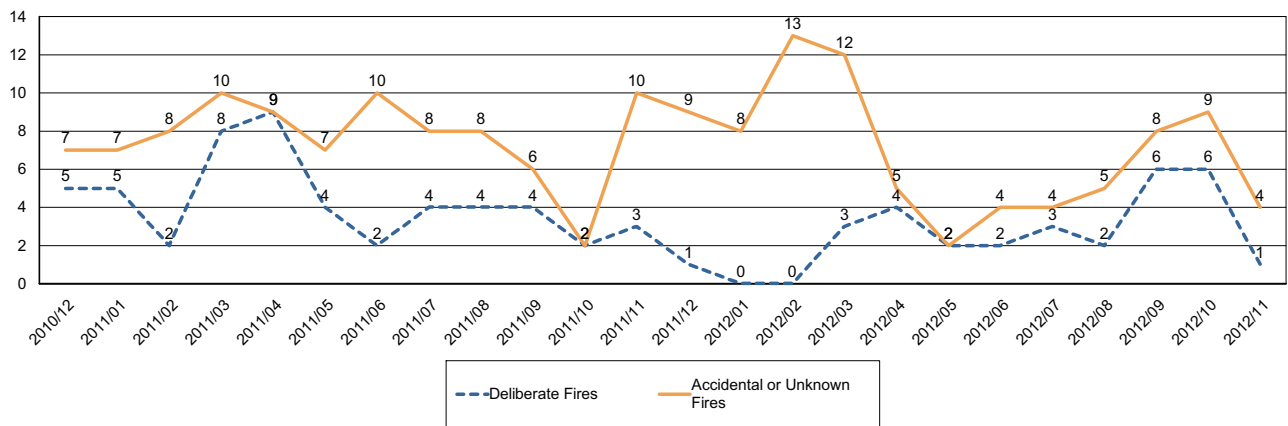
Report for Chippenham Area Board

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

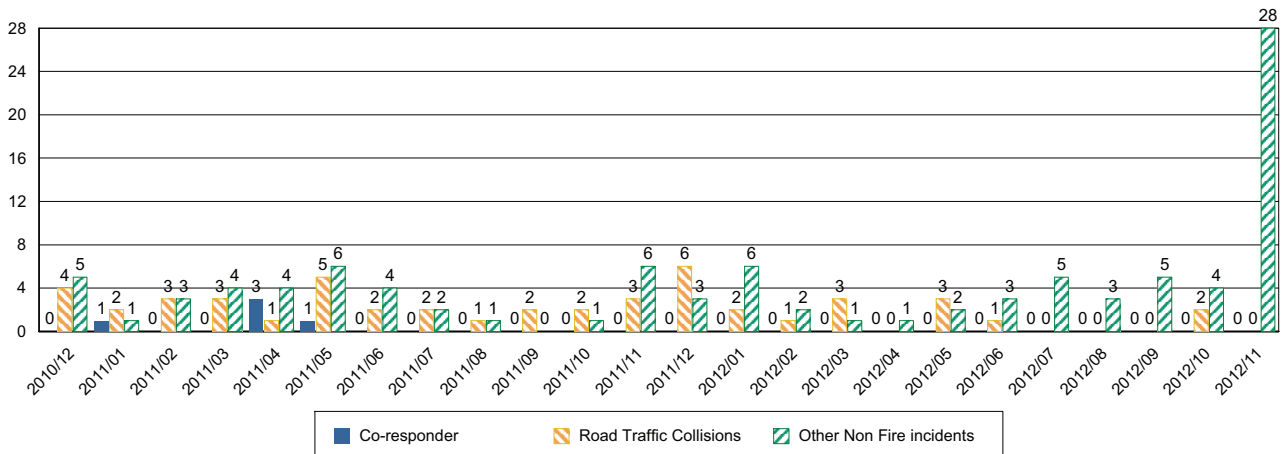
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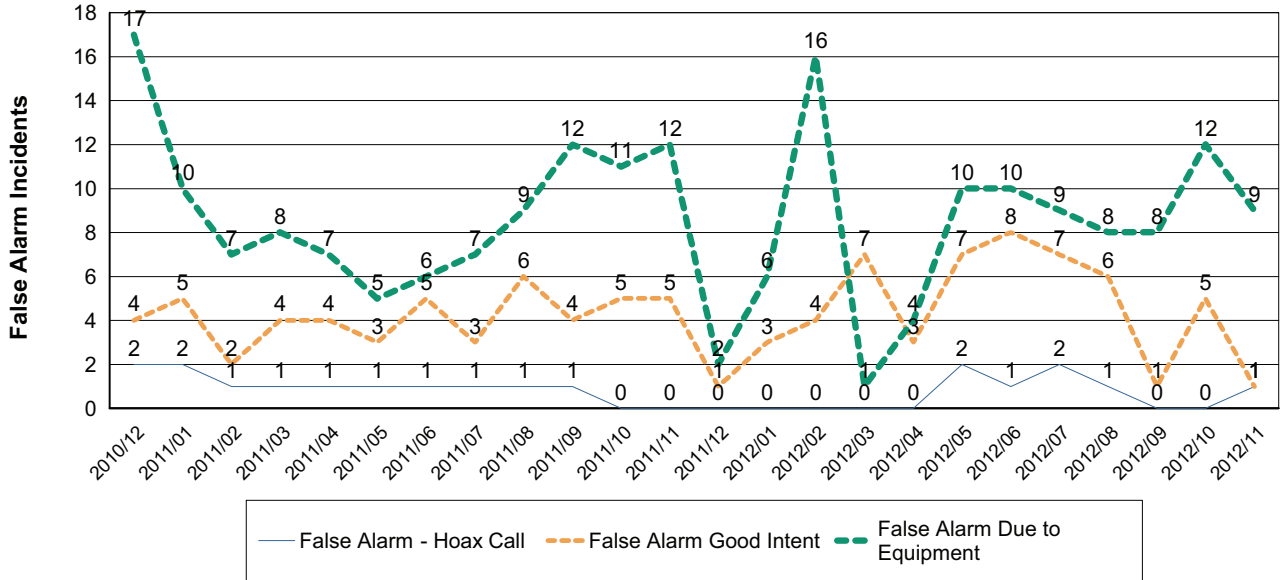
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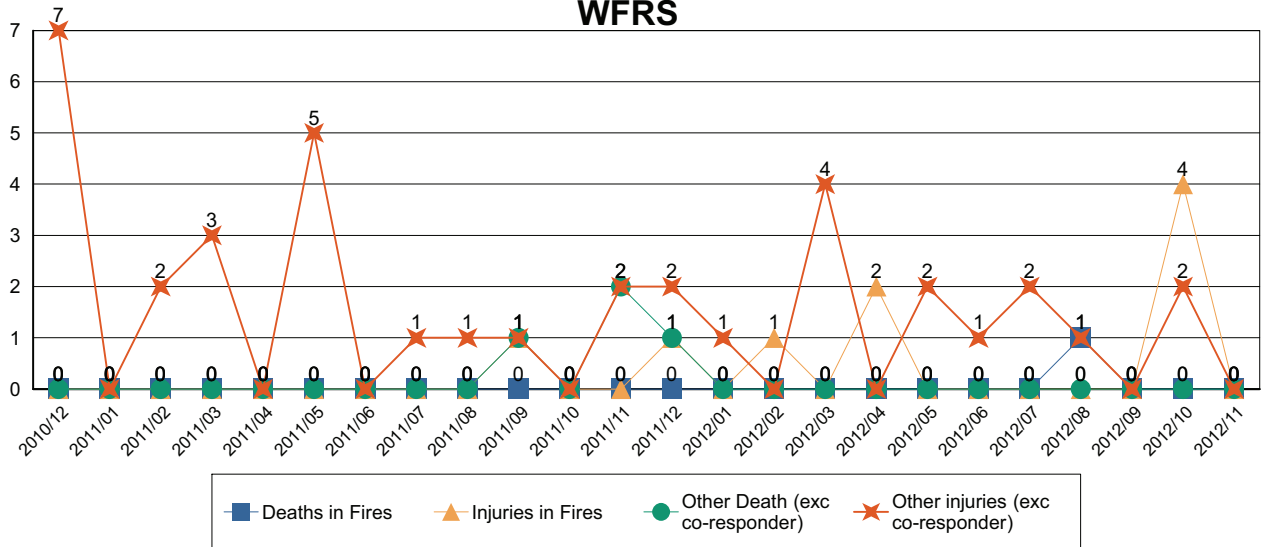
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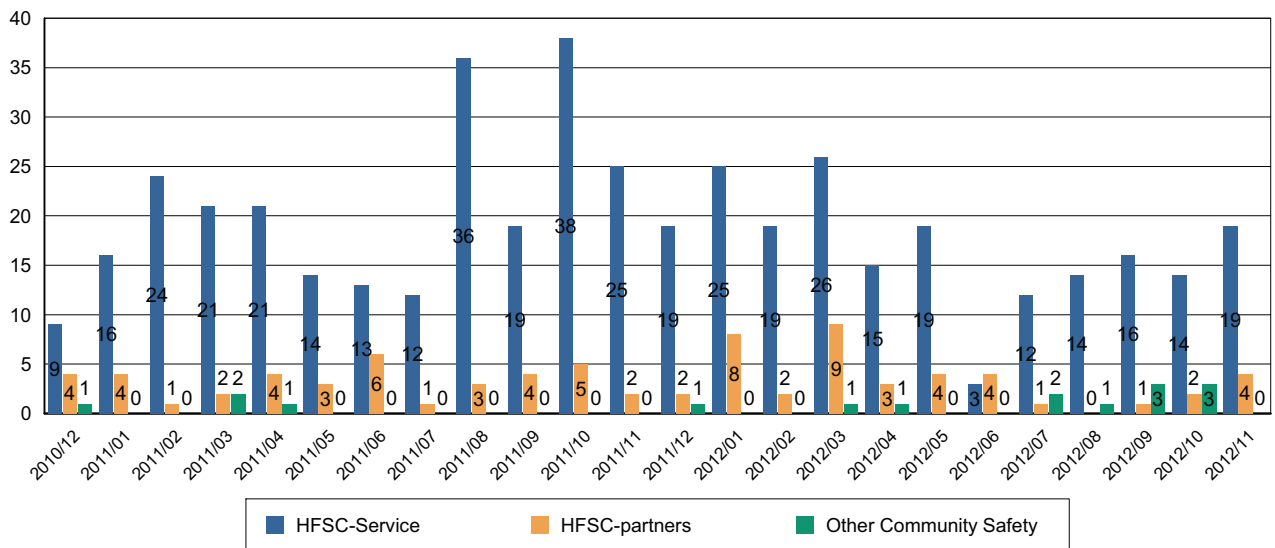
Number of False Alarm Incidents



Death & Injuries in incidents attended by WFRS



Home Fire Safety Checks and other domestic safety



Comments and Interventions overleaf

December 2012 update

Get the jab, get Flu Safe

NHS Wiltshire is encouraging people to have their flu jab. Flu is a highly contagious infection that anyone can catch, but it can be very serious for some. For most people flu is a relatively mild illness from which they recover in a week or two – yet every year people become seriously ill because they don't get their free flu jab.

People in the 'at risk' group are more vulnerable to the effects of seasonal flu and it's recognised that they can go on to develop a more serious illness, such as bronchitis and pneumonia.

Flu is not the same as a cold and it affects people of all ages. If you're in any of the at-risk groups listed below you can get a free flu jab from your GP.

- everyone aged 65 years and over (including those who will be 65 by March 31 2013)
- all pregnant women irrespective of their stage of pregnancy
- Adults and children over six months with long term heart, lung, kidney, liver or neurological conditions
- people with diabetes
- anyone who has a reduced immunity because of an illness or medical condition
- people with asthma
- anyone in long-stay residential care
- carers of disabled or elderly people and healthcare workers that are in direct contact with patients

The flu jab is completely safe, even for pregnant women, and it can't give you flu as it does not contain any live virus.

Get the best protection for yourself and your family by being flu free this winter and book your appointment today.

Choose Well campaign

NHS Wiltshire is appealing to the public not to go to A&E departments this winter unless they genuinely have a very serious or life threatening health problem.

Every year hospitals report that the number of people using A&E inappropriately is increasing – costing the millions of pounds – when there are more suitable health services available.

The Choose Well campaign aims to encourage people to find a more appropriate service for minor injuries and ailments. In particular, the campaign will focus on providing information to:

families with young children

young people aged 15 – 24

people with long term conditions such as diabetes or respiratory problems.

The Choose Well campaign asks the public to think about how serious their health problem is and then choose the right service:

- For very minor problems such as a hangover, indigestion, or a grazed knee, people should self-care
- For minor infections, coughs and colds, advice can be given by local pharmacies
- For ailments such as stomach pain and vomiting, a persistent cough or ear pain call your GP surgery, visit your local walk in centre or your minor injuries unit. Details can be found at www.nhs.uk A mobile phone friendly web-link is also available at <http://bit.ly/nhsnwQR>

If you are not sure which service to choose, call NHS Direct on 0845 4647.

Non-Urgent Patient Transport Services

The Department of Health defines non-emergency Patient Transport Services (PTS) as the non-urgent, planned, transportation of patients with a medical need for transport to and from a premises providing NHS healthcare and between NHS healthcare providers.

This can and should encompass a wide range of vehicle types and levels of care consistent with the patients' medical needs.

We are seeking the opinion of local people who use non-urgent patient transport on how the current service is being provided and encourage you to complete the questionnaire and share your views.

Please go to our website to complete our questionnaire:

<http://www.wiltshire.nhs.uk/Default.aspx?LocID-01Inew02q.RefLocID-01I007003001.Lang-EN.htm>

If you would like a hard copy of the Questionnaire, please call the communications department on 01380 736010.

The next PCT Cluster Board Meeting will be held on **Weds 23rd January** – venue TBC. 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, email: stacey.saunders@wiltshire.nhs.uk

Update for Chippenham Area Board

Update from	Chippenham Campus Development Team (CDT)
Date of Area Board Meeting	7 th January 2013

Overview

The Chippenham Campus Development Team (CDT) has been completing the first round of user consultation that ran from 1st October to 30th November. The consultation utilised a variety of methods to receive responses that included:

- Questionnaire included within the talk of the town magazine (distributed to approximately 20,000 households)
- Questionnaires located at the town hall, library, Monkton Park, heritage centre and Olympiad
- Online questionnaires
- Use of the Wiltshire Council communications trailer that was located at Morrison's, Sainsbury's and the town centre
- Use of QR codes on posters for access questionnaire via a smart phone/tablet
- Questionnaires located at local doctors, halls and with local shops around community area
- Use of images boards to gain views from people who may not wish/able to complete the questionnaire
- Visits to local groups to complete the image boards or questionnaire forms
- Visits to the bus and train stations to hand out forms and posters
- Liaising with Chippenham college to pass out consultation forms to students

A total of 631 responses were received from the user consultation which the CDT will be reviewing to develop a user consultation report to inform the area board of the findings. The CDT will be developing a service provider questionnaire that will provide key information for the development of an outline working proposal.

Key Headlines

- Completion of the first phase of user consultation
- Variety of consultation methods used to gain as wider responses as possible
- CDT will be developing consultation report to highlight the key findings
- Development of service user questionnaire.

Signed:

Date:

Update for Chippenham Area Board

Update from	IYS Chippenham Youth Work Team
Date of Area Board Meeting	Monday 7 January 2013

Headlines

- Wiltshire Youth Strategy - ongoing
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- Awaiting Integrated Youth Services new structure to see impact on local community based service.
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- Maintaining local provision in Bridge Centre (Duke Of Edinburgh Award, Chillax Café, Skate shed), Riverbank (bands, arts, dance and Bridging Project) and Outreach work.

Projects

- Hardenhuish Woods project in partnership with Senior Countryside Ranger; aimed at NEET young people continues every other Thursday until end of March.
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- Chippenham Youth Advisory Group – working on building representative direct participation of young people.
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- Re launch of Splash Up project – first conservation date 26th January; established group currently helping to recruit new participants

Future Events/Dates for the diary

- YAG dates – 23.1.13 9.30- 11.30am at Stanley Park
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- CAYPIG meeting 21.2.13 7-8.30pm – young people’s experiences/views and attitudes workshop at Bridge centre outcomes; to feed into Drugs Awareness week (8,8 &11th March)
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Please return completed form to Penny Bell, Democratic Services Officer, by 21 February
email: penny.bell@wiltshire.gov.uk tel: 01249 706613

Youth Work Report to Chippenham Area Board -7th January 2013

Background

Youth work is a part of the Integrated Youth Service and we provide a range of services to young people from open access youth work to targeted support for those young people with additional needs to young people requiring specialist services.

Youth Work Offer

“Wiltshire Council’s Youth work provision is ‘needs led’, developmental and community based. It is built on a youth work curriculum. This means: that we keep the needs of young people central to our practice at all times; that we work with them in the context of their own communities; and that we help them to develop the wide range of skills, knowledge and understandings they need to make a success of their transition from ‘child’ to ‘independent adult and active citizen’. Clearly, this indicates that there is far more to youth work than the stereotype of supervising young people playing pool and table tennis in youth clubs. The latter bears little relation to the reality and breadth of the work, which when accurately described is all about the skilful and subtle art of informal education” **Learning from Life, July 2010, Wiltshire Council**

Future of Youth Work in Chippenham

Since 2009 the Council has used the Staffing Funding Formula to allocate the funds we have available across each Community Area so that everyone can see that there is a fair allocation. The formula is as follows:

- 25% of the total budget as a fixed amount for each community area
- 50% based upon the numbers of 13-19 year olds in each community area
- 10% based upon deprivation using the indices of multiple deprivation
- 10% based upon rurality/sparsity
- 5% held centrally to cover emergency and/or training/maternity cover

There are no plans to change this arrangement so whatever the size of the youth work budget it will be allocated across the County using the above. Clearly I do not know what the future holds or how the Council will decide what it’s priorities are in the future, but to date Wiltshire has remained committed to providing services for young people at a time when other Authorities have significantly reduced their spend on youth work.

Youth Advisory Groups (YAGs)

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.

The purpose of YAGs is to build on the work which Area Boards and young people have completed through their local Community Area Young Peoples Issues Group (CAYPIG) around increasing the voice and influence of young people. YAGs are a development of the CAYPIG and will be very much an opportunity for young people to hold local providers of services, including Wiltshire Council, to account for the service they provide and to also work with young people to see how we can improve services.

It is for each Area Board to decide through consultation with young people whether they wish to retain the CAYPIG and link this to the YAG or to replace the CAYPIG with the YAG. This is a local decision and to date across the County different community areas have taken different decisions which is fine as we are keen to respond to local demands. This is part of our ongoing commitment to ensure that young people are involved in influencing the design and delivery of services they use and key to this is the involvement of young people in Area Boards

Local Picture

Chippenham has a well established Youth Strategy which is integral to the Area Board so in many ways is ahead of the developments across the County. Dates have been set for the year and training has also been organised for young people to ensure they can take an active, equal role in the Youth Advisory Group. A local elected member has been identified from the Area Board and we will provide regular updates to the Area Board. There have been local discussions around identifying an appropriate Chair but this has not been resolved yet and a lot of work has been put in to try to ensure there is good representation from a range of young people, not just those who are in contact with the Youth Work Team e.g. a number of the YAG meetings are being held in schools to encourage their involvement. The Youth Work Team Leader, Richard Williams, will be the lead on this area of work as it is a priority for the coming year.

Kevin Sweeney

20th December 2012

Chippenham Area Board Child Poverty (Deprivation) Initiative

Interim Report by Cllr Chris Caswill to the 7 January 2013 Area Board meeting

Background

At its meeting on April 30, the Area Board agreed that Deprivation would be one of its three Focus Areas for 2012/13. This decision was prompted by the 2011 Joint Strategic Assessment for Chippenham report that 10% of the children in the Community Area were living in poverty. This was the joint second highest percentage of any of the Wiltshire areas.

Action taken

At the time it was felt that the scope of the Board initiative should be extended to include wider issues of deprivation but it has become clear that the wider remit is too large to tackle sensibly with the time and resources available. The work done has pragmatically concentrated on the question of child poverty, albeit within a wider deprivation framework.

The first step was to look more closely at the data which underlie the headline 10% figure. This was done in conjunction with staff from Public Health and the Rise Children's Centre. The core data are produced by the Office for National Statistics (ONS) for the inelegantly titled Lower Layer Super Output Areas (LSOAs) which have been created to provide areas of approximately equal size across country, whose boundaries are expected not to change over time. These do not map neatly onto local authority ward boundaries but can for the most part be associated with individual wards.

In the Chippenham Community Area there are five LSOAs with notably high proportions of children living in poverty. At the last count, 34% of children living in Chippenham Hill Rise NW and 30% of children in Chippenham Queens E were identified as living in poverty as then defined. The three other areas with high levels were Chippenham Audley S, Chippenham Avon E and Chippenham London Road W. The available indicators also suggest that families living in these areas will suffer from multiple aspects of deprivation, such as poor levels of educational attainment, poor health and relatively high levels of antisocial behaviour and crime.

Secondly I read a number of national and local reports, including the Council's Child Poverty Strategy and the Joint Strategic Assessment. Of the many national reports the 'Everyday Insecurity' study¹ is recommended for its detailed analysis of benefits and the likely effects of upcoming changes. Thirdly I identified a number of people actively concerned with these issues locally (in housing associations, the voluntary sector, public health, schools, churches) and invited them to an informal brainstorming meeting on the situation in Chippenham and possible future action. I am very grateful for their contributions and what follows draws heavily on that discussion.

Some interim conclusions

The vast majority of families living below the poverty level in the Chippenham Community Area will get financial support from a range of welfare benefits. Unless Chippenham is somehow atypical, some of those families will have one or more adults in full or part-time low income work. Whether workless or not their benefit income is now under pressure from the Government's 'welfare reforms', such as the overall cap on benefits and reductions in Council Tax relief, Child Tax Credits, Incapacity Benefit, Disability Living Allowances and Housing Benefit. So their circumstances are very likely to get worse in the coming year, and it is reasonable to suppose that the number of children and families in Chippenham living in poverty is likely to increase. It is hard to imagine that the numbers of families and children living in these reduced circumstances in Chippenham can be solely or even primarily ascribed to unwillingness to work and excessive dependency on the welfare state.

These changing circumstances will in any case increase pressures on family finances. Nationally it is estimated that 3.6 million households have no savings and no assets to fall back on. The cumulative effect of benefit changes is likely to push many local families beyond the "tipping point " and into debt, or further into debt. Many will resort to pay day loans all doorstep lenders, and pay horribly high interest. Alternative sources of credit are too few, and not sufficiently accessible.

National reports and local knowledge indicate that the everyday realities of poverty for both adults and children are likely to include shortages of food, clothing and heating. As yet detailed local evidence is not available but it has been said that it is readily to hand.

On the positive side there is a wide range of institutions and agencies dedicated to providing advice and support, including children's centres, schools, the local authority, housing associations and voluntary organisations. Government policy is also to involve

¹ "Everyday Insecurity: Life at the End of the Welfare State", New Economics Foundation, November 2012, available online

private sector organisations as part of its package of welfare reforms. Wiltshire Council is probably the most significant (and certainly the largest) of the involved organisations - with multiple roles including provider of social services support, housing and housing policy, educational resources, collector of local tax, guardian of public health and most recently provider of emergency finance.

Whilst it is encouraging that there are so many involved in the support process, this is a complicated picture. If it seems complicated from the provider side, it must appear even more complicated to many families struggling to make ends meet.

Some interim recommendations

In these troubling circumstances, the question for the Area Board is whether it can make a useful and positive contribution. I believe it can and recommend that it does. The Board is a local community leader with strong connections to Wiltshire Council. It also has connections to and includes a significant group of local public and voluntary organisations. It is a forum for discussion and has a remit to reach out to the Chippenham public.

And there is an appetite for leadership in this area, to increase awareness of the problems faced by those local families and their children who are having to cope below the poverty line, to review and improve the support which is and could be available, and to encourage communication at this local level between the many agencies who are in different ways engaged in providing that support and advice.

Specifically I recommend that the Board agree to continue this initiative, and commit to holding a special meeting on local child poverty within the next six months. Subject to those agreements, I propose the following short term actions:

- an invitation to Wiltshire Voice to facilitate discussions of these issues with affected families in the Chippenham Community Area
- a request to Wiltshire Council for help with preparation of an easily accessible set of LSOA data on child poverty in Chippenham
- a meeting between local organisations and representatives and Wiltshire Council officers to discuss possible next steps, including ways of getting accessible advice and support to hard pressed families
- requests to local schools for information on any issues which they are encountering, and steps taken to provide other help for pupils who are financially disadvantaged, supporting the Council's initiative to encourage take up of free school meals

- requests to the Town and Parish Councils, CHAP and the COB to consider contributions they can make, and their involvement in the ongoing discussions
- continuation of the informal local network which was established at and after the brainstorming meeting
- a particular focus in these discussions on problems of debt and saving
- consideration of what more can be done locally to communicate with hard to reach families

For the longer term I recommend exploration of the possibility, and value, of setting up an independent Chippenham Poverty Forum to provide a continuing local focus on these challenges.

If it is agreed to go forward on these lines, a further report will be provided to the next Board meeting.

(Cllr) Chris Caswill

19 December 2012

Report to	Chippenham Area Board
Date of Meeting	7th January 2013
Title of Report	Skatepark Project Report

Purpose of Report

To ask Councillors to approve the following recommendations from the Chippenham Skatepark Task Group:

- The addition of 2 new volunteers to the Task Group
- The Public Protection Team to carry out a review of the design criterion
- The Task Group commission a second noise assessment of the area near to The Olympiad Leisure Centre from another independent noise expert
- The Task Group engage specialists to create a design for a Skatepark near The Olympiad Leisure Centre that will mitigate against noise
- The Task Group to include CCTV in the project brief

1. Background

- 1.1. Young people in the community area have been actively campaigning for a new Skatepark since the removal of the previous facility in 2001.
- 1.2. Chippenham Community Area has the largest population of the 18 Community Areas within Wiltshire Council but despite this, is one of the few towns without a Skatepark.
- 1.3. The provision of a Skatepark in Chippenham is a priority in the Community Plan.
- 1.4. The Task Group is cogniscent of the negative history with the previous steel constructed facility installed in Monkton Park by North Wiltshire District Council.
- 1.5. Following the formation of the Skatepark Task Group in November 2010, approximately 20 sites were considered on land owned by Wiltshire Council, land owned by Chippenham Town Council and land in private ownership.
- 1.6. The Task Group found most unsuitable for a variety of reasons e.g. Risk of flooding, landowner declined permission, too remote, overhead cables etc
- 1.7. An indoor facility has been considered and in the opinion of the Task Group should not be pursued instead of an outdoor facility. Ideally the group would wish to see both indoor and outdoor options in Chippenham as is the case in other areas. The group does not view an outdoor facility as in conflict with an indoor offer, it is viewed as complementary.
- 1.8. Indoor Skateparks require ongoing running costs for resources, heating, lighting, maintenance and qualified staff. There is no identified budget for this.
- 1.9. Indoor Skateparks will inevitably exclude some users unable to afford entrance fees.
- 1.10. The Task group is focussing on an outdoor facility which it is confident will provide:
 - a) Free access to everyone wishing to use it
 - b) A key facility for a large number of young people
 - c) Encourage healthy outdoor physical activity
 - d) It would help to move skaters (skaters, scooters etc) away from public car parks and other public sites thereby reducing conflict with other members of the public
 - e) A well designed park of concrete construction can enhance a public area as well as providing a resource for those involved in the sport. It would provide a focus for skaters that presently skate in/on areas for which they are not designed.
 - f) A well designed and sited Skatepark provides a safe place for young people to go, meet with others of a similar interest. It helps foster a sense of identity, culturally, geographically and personally
 - g) A well designed facility will enable the space to continue to be used for other occasional events and activities
 - h) Concrete Skateparks offer designers the opportunity of engineering the facility into the landscape. Bunding that flows with the contours of the facility can create an aesthetically pleasing public space and something that people can be proud of

- i) It helps to create a positive relationship with and between young people contributing to local social capital and social cohesion. It contributes to a sense of self worth by recognising and responding to the needs of young people
- j) It can have economic benefits for the town centre as users are likely to purchase refreshments in the town, and parents may be encouraged to shop in town whilst their children play
- k) It contributes to a reduction in anti-social behaviour by focussing energy and attention into a more productive and rewarding outlet
- l) Young people of Chippenham have actively campaigned for the facility. Responding to their request would encourage their engagement and participation in developing their community.
- m) It would contribute to a reduction in travel to other towns to access appropriate facilities.

1.11. At the Area Board meeting on 9th January 2012 the Area Board agreed to support the following recommendations made by the Skatepark Task Group:

- a. Chippenham Skatepark Task Group to formally ask Chippenham Town Council to consider whether they have any objections to a public consultation exercise to install a concrete construction Skatepark in Monkton Park.
- b. Consultation to include a public meeting specifically for residents adjacent to the proposed site and consultation with the wider community area.
- c. Acoustic guidance from the Public Protection Team will be followed and a comprehensive noise impact assessment will be commissioned

1.12. Chippenham Town Council Amenities Committee formally responded following their meeting on 14th March 2012 to confirm the following: *Recommendation that: The Head of Service Delivery responds to Chippenham Area Board via the Skatepark Task Group, confirming that Chippenham Town Council has no objection to a public consultation exercise being undertaken to install a concrete construction Skatepark in Monkton Park.*

1.13. The initial phase of consultation began with an article in the “Talk of the Town” newsletter published by Chippenham Town Council and an on line survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/ChippenhamSkateparkSurvey> Residents have been invited to indicate whether they support the proposed site of River Island.

1.14. Noise Assessment was commissioned from an independent company MACH Acoustics. Guidance and advice from Senior Officers in the Public Protection team was followed.

1.15. At the request of the Task Group, the Noise assessment has been scrutinised by Senior Officers in the Public Protection Team. The existing noise report lacks clarity. A clearer report has therefore been requested, to solely assess the River Island site which, in the professional opinion of Public Protection, will not adversely impact on residential amenity.”

1.16. The Chairman of the Task Group and a Senior Public Protection Officer met with a

local resident at his request to address concerns raised. The resident did not accept reassurance that the proposed site of River Island would not have an adverse impact upon amenity or cause statutory nuisance.

1.17. The Task Group is confident that the guidance received from Professional Officers in the Public Protection Team & Independent Acoustics experts is accurate.

1.18. The Task Group agreed that in view of the past history with the Monkton Park site, a final further Noise Survey would be commissioned at No. 40 Sadlers Mead. It was felt that this would illustrate the efforts of the Task Group to be open and transparent and would reinforce earlier findings.

1.19. The Task Group agreed that response to queries must be proportionate and no further exceptions should be made. Any subsequent queries should be addressed through the Planning process.

1.20. As part of the consultation, a survey was carried out via “Survey Monkey” on line and an article in the Town Council “Talk of the Town” Newsletter:

On line responses	Postal	Total
727	285	1012

Support	Did not support	Did not state
628	376*	8

- a) Many of those who did not support the proposed site suggested instead sites that had been considered by the Task Group e.g. Monkton Park near to the Olympiad Leisure Centre, Stanley Park, Westmead.
- b) A large proportion of those who did not support the site were attendees of the Folk Festival.
- c) *It should be noted that a significant number of those who did not support the site do not live locally. As not everyone provided their address, exact numbers are not available.

1.21. A public consultation meeting was hosted by the Task Group on Monday 26th November. The purpose of the meeting was to:

- a) To give an overview of the work of the Task Group
- b) Presentation of noise assessments results
- c) Present the results of the survey/consultation
- d) Have experts available to answer questions
- e) Provide reassurance about proposed site
- f) Provide potential design options to enhance the area and enable the space to continue to be used for other activities on occasion (e.g. Folk Festival)

- g) Discuss concerns
- h) Provide an opportunity to hear all views; those who support the site and those who do not
- i) Provide an opportunity for young people to comment
- j) To outline the next phase

A summary of the meeting is available and can be found at Appendix 1.

1.22. As the summary of the meeting shows, attendees at the meeting urged the Task Group to reconsider siting the Skatepark in the main body of Monkton Park near to The Olympiad Leisure Centre.

1.23. As the summary of the meeting shows, attendees at the meeting urged the Task Group to review the design criterion.

<p>Background documents used in the preparation of this Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes of Chippenham Area Board meeting 9th January 2012 • Chippenham Town Council Amenities Committee minutes 14th March 2012 • Summary of Public Consultation meeting 26th November 2012
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2. Main Considerations

2.1 The Task Group is of the opinion that the site in the main body of Monkton Park near to The Olympiad Leisure Centre is suitable for the following reasons:

- a) It is central
- b) It is a safe widely used park environment
- c) Informal supervision (i.e. people using the park) will limit opportunities for anti-social behaviour
- d) It is situated adjacent to a leisure centre (The Olympiad) which is entirely appropriate for an outdoor sporting facility
- e) It is situated close to the town centre which may well bring economic benefits to local shops in the High Street
- f) Monkton Park has frequent patrols by the Neighbourhood Police Team and the Team is now based in Monkton Park offices
- g) Local young people engaging with the Youth Development Service have expressed preference for Monkton Park
- h) Young people of Chippenham have actively campaigned for the facility. Responding to their request would encourage their engagement and participation in developing their community.
- i) Chippenham Children's and Youth Parliament has indicated they support this location
- j) It has been assessed as a suitable and preferred site by 3 independent contractors
- k) Informal consultation at the River Festival identified Monkton Park as the preferred option with members of the public from a very wide age range
- l) The Ombudsman report did not conclude that Monkton Park should not be the site for a future Skatepark. The Ombudsman stipulated that a redesign was required.
- m) A new redesigned Skatepark will be of concrete construction and will reduce noise

levels significantly and mitigate against noise issues that were a problem with the previous steel construction Skatepark installed by NWDC

n) Good access to the site for emergency services and construction crew

2.2 The Task Group is aware that there are various potential plans for Monkton Park currently under consideration by Cherish Chippenham, Chippenham Vision Board and Chippenham Campus Development Team. The Task Group has therefore asked each of these stakeholders for a position statement regarding the proposal to install a Skatepark in Monkton Park near to The Olympiad Leisure Centre. These statements can be found at Appendices 2, 3 and 4.

3. Task Group Recommendations

Ref. 3.1	Anthony Milner Local resident, businessman and ex skater Former member of the National Committee of Skatesmart
	Dick Stanger Local resident and volunteer Years of experience working with young people

3.1.1 Appoint Anthony Milner and Dick Stanger to the Skatepark Task Group

3.1.2 Two volunteers have approached the Task Group and expressed an interest in joining the group.

3.1.3 The Task Group is of the opinion that both volunteers have skills and experience that will be of benefit to the project.

Ref. 3.2	Carry out a review of the design criterion
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3.2.1 The Public Protection Team to carry out a review of the design criterion.

3.2.2 The Task Group note that the noise assessments of Skatepark facilities is not stipulated in policy or in law.

3.2.3 Attendees at the public meeting specifically requested the Task Group review the design criterion

3.2.4 The Task Group is of the opinion that it is appropriate to review the design criterion to establish whether it is reasonable and relevant

Ref. 3.3	Commission a second noise assessment of the area near to The Olympiad Leisure Centre from another independent expert
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3.3.1 The Task Group commission a second noise assessment of the area near to The Olympiad Leisure Centre from another independent noise expert

3.3.2 The Task Group is of the opinion that it is appropriate to commission a second independent noise assessment to address any remaining concerns.

Ref. 3.4	Engage specialists to create a design for a Skatepark near The Olympiad Leisure Centre that will mitigate against noise
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3.4.1 The Task Group engage specialists to create a design for a Skatepark near The Olympiad Leisure Centre that will mitigate against noise

3.4.2 The Task Group is of the opinion that it would be helpful to have some specific designs created to illustrate how a facility can be designed to mitigate against noise

Ref. 3.5	CCTV to be included in the project brief
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3.5.1 The Task Group to include CCTV in the project brief

3.5.2 The Task Group is of the opinion that the addition of CCTV will help to address concerns about anti social behaviour

Appendices:	Appendix 1 – Summary of Public Consultation meeting 26 th November 2012 Appendix 2 – Position statement form Cherish Chippenham Appendix 3 – Position Statement from Chippenham Campus Development Team Appendix 4 – Position Statement from Chippenham Vision Board
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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Summary of Public Consultation Meeting

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Welcome & Introduction

Councillor Desna Allen, Chairman of Chippenham Skatepark Project Task Group, welcomed everyone to the meeting. She explained the following:

- The meeting was a public consultation not a formal council meeting
- The majority of the meeting would be devoted to “Question & Answer” time after presentations
- Those present were asked to respect all points of view expressed, everyone was entitled to express their opinion
- As many questions as possible would be answered at the meeting, but a comments sheet and box were provided for any additional comments or questions
- As this was not a formal meeting no minutes will be produced, however, key points discussed will be recorded and uploaded to the website. Hard copies will be available upon request.

Background of Project – Why the Skatepark is a Priority

- It was always intended that a replacement would be provided for the Skatepark facility that was removed
- The provision of a Skatepark for Chippenham was identified as a priority in 2005 in the Chippenham and Villages Community Plan
- A Skatepark remained a priority when the Community Plan was reviewed in 2009
- The Youth Development Service and Extended Schools Service (Chippenham Children’s Parliament) have advised Chippenham Area Board that children and young people in the area continue to site a Skatepark as one of the facilities they would most like to see in the town.
- Chippenham Vision Board identified a Skatepark as a priority for the town in their draft strategy
- In response, Chippenham Area Board made the provision of a Skatepark an Area Board priority in May 2010
- The Skatepark Task Group was set up in November 2010 and the Terms of Reference for the group were agreed at the Chippenham Area Board meeting on 22nd November 2010
- Chippenham currently has one Skate facility, “The Skate Shed” at the Bridge Centre which is available 2 days a week for young people over the age of 11.
- The Bridge Centre is due to close as part of the redevelopment of Bath Road site. An agreement between Wiltshire Council and the developers ING was signed in December 2011. The Bridge Centre will be demolished and alternative locations are therefore being sought for the range of facilities and services currently being delivered from the Bridge Centre.
- There is currently no S106 money specifically designated for the installation of a Skatepark.
- Wiltshire Councils Strategic Projects & Development Manager is in negotiations with ING regarding the relocation costs of existing Council facilities at the Bridge Centre. One of these items relates to the skate facility. No figure has been finalised to date.

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Explanation of criteria used

- The Task Group considered available land (Wiltshire Council, Town Council and land in private ownership NB no funds to purchase, enquiries made with a view to land being made available by owner e.g.: Rugby Club
- Central - Less “territorial issues” The Task Group does not recommend a remote location on the outskirts for young people,
- Sufficient space (An average Skatepark is 45m by 25m)
- Good access
- Safe for users
- Supporting infrastructure (Toilets, refreshments etc)

The Role of the Task Group

- To investigate options and provide updates to every Area Board meeting, Task Group members are always present to answer any questions
- To make recommendations to Area Board, the Task Group is not a decision making body
- Best practice from other Skatepark Projects (e.g. Devizes) has been adopted
- Conscious of historical problems with the last facility (installed by the previous authority NWDC) the Task Group is keen to consult with the public and other users on the work to date before making a recommendation to the Area Board.

Summary of Progress

Councillor Peter Hutton, Vice Chairman of Chippenham Skatepark Project Task Group, provided a brief overview of other sites that were considered but not taken forward:

i.	Abbeyfield/Hardens Farm This site is named in the Core Strategy for houses, business start up and employment
ii.	Bristol Road This area has a known flooding problem. It is narrow and secluded, which may pose security issues. The Police did not feel it was a good option.
iii.	Bumpers Farm This land in the ownership of a private developer and it is understood that there is a covenant on the land which would not allow it to be used for a Skatepark.

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iv.	Charter Road (1) This is a flood plain and conservation area. Not felt to be a suitable option by the police due to anti-social behaviour in the area. Territorial issues anticipated.
v.	Charter Road (2) This is a flood plain and conservation area. Not felt to be a suitable option by the police due to anti-social behaviour in the area. Territorial issues anticipated. An existing play area owned by Chippenham Town Council would need to be moved. Redevelopment costs would be prohibitive.
vi.	Derriads Barn This location has a listed building on it and is also adjacent to a pond and wildlife area/nature reserve. It is also very close to residential properties.
vii.	Forest Gate This site was felt to be too far out of town to be suitable.
viii.	Hygrade This site would need considerable redevelopment. Redevelopment costs would be prohibitive. It is understood that there are plans for residential/retirement flats. The area is on a flood plain.
ix.	John Coles Park It is owned by Chippenham Town Council. This is a formal park which does not lend itself to any additional facilities as it already has a MUGA.
x.	Ivyfields This area is prone to flooding and has underground pipes. The conservation area would need to be taken into account.
xi.	Kingsley Road Not central and some territorial issues anticipated. Not felt to be the best option by the Police.
xii.	Lovers Walk Next to a very busy road with several large over hanging trees. Roots of the trees and water culvert would impact upon construction. Above ground construction would be required due to underground culvert. On culvert means potential weight issues/restrictions.
xiii.	Lowden Yard Redevelopment would be required as there was previously a garage on this site. The cost to redevelop would be prohibitive. Very close to residential properties.
xiv.	Network Rail Network Rail submitted a planning application for the site in August 2011 to extend the current Station Car Park and to have the land designated operational land for the railway.
xv.	Rugby Club Chippenham Rugby Club was approached but declined to make any of their land available as they have other plans for the area.

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xvi.	Rugby Club (Disused Road) Narrow site adjacent to footbridge with overhead cables. Energy companies require space for maintenance. Isolated and not central.
xvii.	Stanley Park Chippenham Town Council formally considered making land at Stanley Park available for a Skatepark facility at their meeting on 16 th November 2011. The decision was: <i>Chippenham Town Council rejects the request made by the Chippenham Skatepark Task Group that land at Stanley Park Sports Ground be made available for the provision of a future Skatepark.</i>
xviii.	Westcroft Redevelopment would be needed as this was previously a rubbish tip, the ground is therefore contaminated and the cost of making this good would be prohibitive.
xix.	Wood Lane Currently a car park. It is felt that the loss of car parking spaces would not be appropriate. Adjacent to residential properties.
xx.	<p>Indoor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Property Cost • Ongoing maintenance costs (e.g. lighting, heating, building maintenance) • Employee Costs (Training, salaries, CRB checks) • A charge for use will need to be made to at least cover costs; therefore not all potential skaters will be able to use the facilities when they want because of cost or session bookings. • Usage tends to be session based and therefore money making sessions (such as parties) will take precedence over casual skating • Normally operated by an entrepreneur therefore no guarantee of longevity • Access restricted to opening times • The general public and skaters do not get a chance to mix or casually observe the users in action. • The Task Group is of the opinion that an indoor facility should complement an outdoor facility, not be pursued instead of an outdoor facility

Advice from Independent Contractors/Site visits

- 3 independent contractors were invited to view shortlisted sites
- Advice and guidance from all 3 was broadly similar, all finding Monkton Park to be the best option

Rationale for proposal of River Island site

- It meets the criteria
- Available land
- Central, less “territorial issues”
- Sufficient space
- Good access
- It is a safe widely used park environment
- Informal supervision (i.e. people using the park) will limit opportunities for anti-social behaviour
- Supporting infrastructure. It is situated adjacent to the town centre (access to toilets, refreshments,

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first aid etc)

- It is situated close to the town centre which may well bring economic benefits to local shops in the High Street
- Monkton Park has regular & frequent patrols by the Neighbourhood Police Team
- The Youth Development Service has activities based in The Olympiad Leisure Centre nearby
- It has been assessed as suitable by independent contractors
- It has been assessed as suitable by an independent noise consultant
- A new Skatepark will be of concrete construction and will reduce noise levels significantly and mitigate against noise issues that were a problem with the previous steel construction Skatepark installed by NWDC
- The materials used to make the wheels on scooters, skates and skateboards have improved in the last decade and also reduce the noise issues of the past
- There is good access to the site for emergency services and construction crew
- Car parking and good access by public transport (bus and train), good, safe access by foot (easy to avoid busy roads and road crossings)
- The map used in the consultation was just an indication of the area, not to scale, size
- Initial informal consultation with young people and parents - confirmed they like the site

Results of Public Consultation

- Consultation was carried out via:
 - "Survey Monkey" on line
 - An article in the Town Council "Talk of the Town" Newsletter
- 727 received on line
- 285 by post
- Total 1012
- 628 supported the site
- 376 did not support the site
- 8 did not state Yes or No and chose just to provide comments

Current use of space

- The Task group vision is to make the space as flexible as possible, not to prevent other activities, the group welcome input from other users
- There are innovative designs available which would enable continued occasional use of the space for other events and activities (e.g. Folk Festival)
- The Task Group very much hopes that other users will contribute to the design

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- It is unfortunate that until now the majority of comments in the press have been negative, referring to the Skatepark as “an ugly monstrosity” and “a blot on the landscape” this need not be the case with careful planning, there are some innovative designs examples available
- The Task Group would like to form a design team made up of skaters and other existing users to agree a design that meets all needs.

Noise Assessments

- The Skatepark Task Group resolved to follow best practice and commission a comprehensive independent noise impact assessment and then follow the acoustic guidance.
- The Senior Public Protection Officer gave an overview of how his team is consulted on Planning Applications and how an application of this type would be dealt with.
- He also spoke about BS4142/LAMax for residential impact
- He advised that is no recognised tool for impact on commercial premises. Office users have the right to an open window for ventilation; this will also be taken into consideration by the Task Group.

Community Benefits of a Skatepark

A member of ChAP (Chippenham and Villages Area Partnership) outlined the following Community Benefits for a Skatepark:

Skating Community

- It is recognised that skateboarding and other associated activities contribute to fitness and health.
- The pursuit of sporting and athletic excellence which is demonstrated every day in every quality Skatepark could be nurtured in Chippenham through the provision of a free-to-use, easy to access, publically owned Skatepark.
- Large numbers of children & young people of Chippenham enjoy skateboarding and scootering. Many of them use the sessions provided at the Skate Shed situated at the Bridge Centre.
- Many also travel to outdoor Skatepark facilities in other Wiltshire towns, and further afield, such as those in Bristol and Midsomer Norton. Some spend a considerable amount on fares to such locations, and some are driven there by their parents.
- By providing a Skatepark in the centre of our town we will enable our young people to skate safely, in a purpose built facility, near to their homes; and parents would be able to leave youngsters to enjoy the activities, while perhaps doing their shopping or having a coffee in their own town, instead of having to drive many miles away, as they have to do at present.

Wider Community

- Skateparks provide a focus for young people, and place where they can meet and hang out.
- It encourages social and recreational interaction and a more acceptable alternative to meeting on the street, or indeed skateboarding in inappropriate or unsafe locations, as happens now in our town.

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- In order to take part in the use of an outdoor Skatepark, it is essential to learn patience and respect as well as concern for the safety of themselves and others. It is accepted that active sports have a major benefit to those who take part and for society itself.
- An outdoor skate park will extend and enhance the leisure offer in the town.
- It will be free and accessible to all, and proximity to the town centre will also bring economic benefits.
- A well designed and constructed skate park will attract visitors from outside the town; it is very common for skaters to travel long distance to experience different parks. Skaters and their parents will often spend money in shops near to a park.
- Giving young people somewhere to go, somewhere that they have designed, worked for and are stewards of, leads to a sense of ownership. There is evidence suggesting that skate parks can have a positive effect on crime rates, this could only be good for our town.
- Skateboarding, roller-blading and BMX riding are exhilarating to perform and exhilarating to watch. With the right design our skate park could become a place where the wider public come to watch the impressive feats of the users.
- Monkton Park would be an ideal and central location and with the right design a skate park would complement and enhance the public space and the leisure offer in Chippenham

Skaters perspective

Anthony Milner introduced himself as an ex British Squad Speed Skater, and a skating coach. He wanted to reassure people that the concrete construction of modern Skateparks deadens sound and the materials used to construct wheels has also greatly improved.

“Skatesmart” is a National Organisation for freestyle skaters, Anthony spoke of the opportunities to provide skate lessons/training sessions, they could start off in hall. A good skate facility could enable the formation of a speed skating club, freestyle skating, skate hockey, all of which would be benefit for the local community and provide positive activities for our local young people.

Parent’s perspective

Brett Conway introduced himself as a parent who regularly travels with his children to a wide variety of Skateparks. He stated that the noise generated was imperceptible. He also spoke of the potential benefit to the town, of skaters and their parents will purchase refreshments from local cafes and be encourage to come into town.

Youth Development Service

There is clearly a need for both indoor and outdoor Skatepark facilities. In addition to the Skateboarders the facilities will be used by the large number of scooter riders. Based on the experience of the Youth Development service running the skate shed we believe a skate park would be used by Skateboarders the facilities will be used by the large number of scooter riders, and BMX’ers. From observation made on the use of Monkton Park and John Cole park on a Saturday and Sunday morning, younger children would also probably use the facility as scooters are extremely popular with this age group too. The need is not going away. Chippenham needs to allow for the needs of young people as it develops and grows.

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Skater

A professional skater stated that neither Stanley Park nor land near Chippenham Rugby Club would be the preferred choice for Skateboarders. Both sites can be very windy which can be dangerous for users. River Island is potentially a good location; however, the proximity to the river may increase construction costs.

Neighbourhood Police

Using the Skatepark in Calne as a current example, the Neighbourhood Police Team Sergeant stated that in his experience very little anti-social behaviour was caused by users of Skateparks. Non skaters were responsible for a recent incident in a park and it was Skateboarders who alerted the police to the incident. The Neighbourhood Police Team is very supportive of any initiative to create facilities for young people.

Questions & Answers

The discussions included the following points:

Q. There is a lot said about the need for the facility, however, doubt was expressed about the analysis of the sites, was it valid? No criteria, no scoring. Can't believe there won't be any problems with noise. When the wheels impact noise is created.

A. *Senior Public Protection Officer explained that instantaneous noise had been measured and included in the noise impact assessments carried out by the independent consultant. The required levels had been met comfortably.*

Thinks it should be near The Olympiad and existing Multi Use Games Area (MUGA). No disruption to Folk Festival, an event which everyone in the town benefits from and enjoys. Not compatible to convert space 4 days per year.

A representative of the Folk Festival raised the following points: The Folk Festival Committee was disappointed not to have been consulted until now. He had visited 120 shops in Chippenham today, every single one wants the site to be next to The Olympiad and the MUGA. The Folk Festival is very keen to see a Skatepark in Chippenham but do not believe River Island is a suitable location. Folk Festival does not accept that it will be possible to co-exist with a Skatepark. How will a 600 seat marquee fit onto the site? Not possible to run 2 things at the same time.

A. *The purpose of this evenings meeting is to consult and gather views from everyone including the Folk Festival. Other points noted.*

Senior Youth Development Co-ordinator stated that it was a challenge to us all in the local community to consider how to make things work for everyone's benefit. Every year, The Arts & Media Suite in The Olympiad (run by the Youth Development Service) is given up to The Folk Festival. Compromise and collaboration should not be a problem. We need to consider how we are going to meet the needs of children and young people in the future.

Q. Councillor Bill Douglas stated: The Task Group had carried out excellent assessments, he thought it was wrong to discount an indoor facility on cost grounds, he didn't believe the consultation was valid because people don't know where River Island is, Chippenham Vision Board has produced some ideas for the area to use it for leisure purposes, he supports a Skatepark anywhere in Monkton Park but not River Island which he felt to be unsuitable for an ugly Skatepark, the Town Council has a responsibility to its youth, he didn't understand why Stanley Park can't be considered.

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A. Task Group Chairman reminded Councillor Douglas that Stanley Park was owned by Chippenham Town Council and that the Town Council had formally been asked to consider releasing some space for a Skatepark facility. The Town Council has confirmed that it does not feel it would be appropriate to provide space at Stanley Park.

The Head of Service Delivery at Chippenham Town Council stated that the Council via its Amenities Committee on 16th November 2011, resolved to reject the request made by the Chippenham Skatepark Task Group that land at Stanley Park Sports Ground be made available for the provision of a future Skatepark. It was further explained that the Town Council made the decision following consideration of a number of factors including:

- the location of Stanley Park which is on the eastern edge of the town. Stanley Park is too remote, not central, not easily accessible*
- is a 'closed site' which is locked at night and the facility should be 'open and available' at all times as most public play areas are*
- there are implications with the Football Foundation and the fact that some £2m in grant funding has been received for the development of the site as a football facility. Further development of the site for any further alternative sports might compromise these grant conditions*
- the skate and the current BMX users themselves have stated that Stanley Park is not suitable due to the high degree of wind: a comment made by a young person at the January 2012 Area Board meeting".*

Q. A suggestion was made that the Skatepark was put back in the same area as the previous one, next to Council offices was suggested. Is a 0db criterion realistic?

A. Councillor Hutton welcomed the endorsement of central Monkton Park, if the Task Group is to revisit Monkton Park, he asked the Folk Festival representatives for their views on returning the facility to the site near the Olympiad and MUGA.

Festival Director Bob Berry confirmed that the Folk Festival has no objections to the area next to The Olympiad. The Festival organisers are happy that this area would not have an adverse impact upon either the delivery of a festival or the young people's access and enjoyment of a Skatepark.

Councillor Jane Scott stated: The young people of the Chippenham community have been asking us all for a Skatepark for years, towns across the county including Corsham, Melksham and Calne all have them in public parks, she is very sorry that Chippenham hasn't been able to deliver a facility for its young people, Monkton Park is a public open space, noise happens in a public open space, she does not think that the proposed site on River Island is the best option, the best site available is next to the Olympiad Leisure Centre, young people have said they want a Skatepark outside, how can we deliver this?.

Q. Understood the purpose of the evening was to consider River Island, not to justify the need for a Skatepark.

A. The Chairman explained that some people had challenged the need for a Skatepark at all, it was therefore felt that a brief outline of the background confirming the reason the facility was a priority was important.

Q. A resident of Sadlers Mead referred to correspondence from 2nd April which stated that there would be no increase in noise. His concern is that peace and quiet of residents is not disturbed, the noise made by a Skatepark would be deafening for up to 16 hours a day. He stated that when the noise generated reaches houses in Sadlers Mead it will exceed acceptable levels. Why hasn't auralization been provided by MACH Acoustics? Wiltshire Council has a duty to ensure that noise levels are not exceeded.

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A. Senior Public Protection Officer confirmed that all of the necessary noise assessments had been carried out, indeed an additional assessment at the residents property had been carried out, and all of the results confirmed that the resulting levels were below the background levels. The assessments confirmed that there would be no adverse impact upon amenity to the residents of Sadlers Mead if a Skatepark was installed on River Island. The results of the additional assessment were as follows:

Existing measured background noise level L90	41
Calculated Leq Ref 82 dB	22
BS4142 Criteria: 0dB target	-19
BS4142, with the + 5dB correction	-14
Predicted Lmax - 104 dB	44

That is to say, -14dB(BS4142) even with the additional +5dB that the resident felt should be used. And the LAMax of 44dB is 11dB below the target level of 55dB.

The officer confirmed that "Auralization" had been carried out in the form of short film clips; however, he did not feel that clips on You Tube were particularly helpful. A visit to a Skatepark would be a better demonstration of the noise levels

A resident of Sadlers Mead stated: everyone wanted the children to have a Skatepark, a lot of people in Chippenham will be angry if the Task Group proceeds with Monkton Park, he will take legal action if the Task Group goes ahead, is the Council prepared waste tax payers money and face a bill for £100,000, there is no guarantee that there won't be complaints from office buildings.

Councillor Hutton pointed out that it was precisely because the Council has no intention of wasting Council Tax Payers money that the Task Group has taken time to examine as many sites as possible.

Q. An architect working with Cherish Chippenham stated: he had come to the meeting to to listen and gather information. Cherish Chippenham has asked him to do produce some design ideas for the Riverside; there were concerns that a Skatepark might jeopardise future plans for that area. How might the area be designed, semi permanent integration attenuate noise, he had designs available.

A. The Chairman stated that the Task Group had not had the benefit of seeing the designs, but looked forward to future discussions.

Q. A resident of Sadlers Mead stated that she had visited at the Skateshed and was horrified at the premises, she has also visited the Corsham concrete Skatepark and spoke with users, she was quite impressed, as a former environmental health officer she didn't think there was a noise issue, however, the previous facility next to the Olympiad generated problems with anti-social behaviour and drug use.

A. The Community Safety Manager for Wiltshire Council stated that circumstances had changed significantly since the problems experienced 11 years ago. Chippenham now has a very effective Neighbourhood Police Team (NPT), the NPT patrols include the Monkton Park area, Chippenham now has PCSOs in post which was not the case 11 years ago, the PCSOs regularly engage and interact with young people, police personnel are based in Monkton Park Offices right next to the proposed sites, there is also a DPPO (Designated Public Place Order) which was not in place 11 years ago, the DPPO gives the Police additional powers to deal with the consumption of alcohol in public places. Residents were reminded to report any issues promptly and bring them to the attention of the Police and Wiltshire Council.

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Q. A member of the public asked why agreement is not being reached with developers; surely there should be a gain of amenity not loss of amenity?

A. *The Vice Chairman stated that funding will come but development hasn't started yet.*

Q. Parent of skaters stated that her family currently travel a long way to other Skateparks including indoor facilities. What is needed and wanted is an outdoor space available every day, the skaters want it in a place where they will be accepted and not criticised, she did not support River Island as she felt it was too dangerous next to the river, this area should be managed for wildlife and enhance Chippenham, a Skatepark would be detrimental to drainage for the area, suggested the site of the old Post Office.

A. *The Chairman advised this site had already been sold for other purposes*

A young person stated that young people have waited a long time for a Skatepark, he felt it would be easy to organise a way that River Island could be used for both activities – a Skatepark and festivals, no need to stop either activity, please could prompt action be taken to progress the Skatepark project.

A mountain bikes coach who works with young people stated that Chippenham should be proud of River Island and should consider applying to award it "Town Green" status. It is not a flood plain; it sits above the level of the weir. Nestlé previously owned River Island and when ownership passed to NWDC, there were probably conditions attached to the future use of the land. He desperately wants a Skatepark for our young people; it should be central and available 100% of time, we need a vision for our young people. He opposed the River Island site and believes that other sites should be reconsidered for a concrete Skatepark e.g.: back in central Monkton Park, perhaps with a roof and one side to mitigate against noise or possibly Lovers Walk, it might be possible to overcome issues with this site.

Q. Town Councillor Andy Phillips stated he was very disappointed at the tone of the debate from some attendees, more had been said about what was not wanted than what we do want, it was particularly negative and unfortunate for threats to be made. He does not support River Island site, the previous location in central Monkton Park near the Olympiad is the best location for a Skatepark, a lot has changed since the noise issues that were experienced years ago, why is Monkton Park is so different to other public parks in Wiltshire? He would like to challenge the noise criterion; does it still apply after all of these years? He asked the Task Group to review the design criterion and the central Monkton Park site.

A. *The Chairman asked for a written answer to be provided for Councillor Phillips regarding his request for the design criterion to be reviewed. The Senior Public Protection Officer stated that the design criterion of Odb above background noise is not policy or law it is a criterion. He also stated that when the previous Skatepark was installed, no criterion was breached, the noise assessment did not take place until after the facility had been installed. The previous metal ramps were closed not because it was a Skatepark but because the facility created a noise nuisance.*

A young person stated that he and his friends use Skateparks very regularly and the sound is not deafening, none of them have gone deaf. They have had complaints about trespassing and are told off for skating in the wrong place, they do not want to be a nuisance, they just need a Skatepark.

Melody Thompson, Chair of Cherish Chippenham stated that there was clearly an overwhelming desire to have the Skatepark back in central Monkton Park near the Olympiad Leisure Centre; there are ways to reduce noise. In the meantime, Cherish Chippenham is investigating the possibility of providing a temporary mobile Skatepark facility, they will have one available on their family fun day in May, would Chippenham Area Board consider funding until a permanent facility is built?

A. *The Chairman confirmed that she looked forward to hearing more about the mobile Skatepark facility*

A Chippenham Youth Outreach Worker stated that the outreach team is street-based and work in the evenings to deal with any anti-social behaviour issues should they arise, the community in Chippenham needs to be open-minded, invest in our young people and bring them into the heart of the community in the town centre.

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A Folk Festival Manager stated that the event brings people from around the world, it is set apart from many other festivals because it is set in the town centre, a Skatepark is essential for young people, but it is difficult to see how the space would enable the festival to co-exist with Skatepark. Other sites should be reviewed. He agreed with the Folk Festival Directors earlier statement that the festival organisers would certainly be able to work with a Skatepark in central Monkton Park near the Olympiad.

A young person stated that he participates in a lot of sporting activities including rugby at a regional level. He also rides BMX and uses Skateparks. Due to the lack of facility in Chippenham he and friends have to travel to other parks, they can't skate after school because there is nowhere to go. He also stated that the Folk Festival gave its participants an opportunity to celebrate and enjoy their skills and abilities, he and his friends were just asking for the opportunity to enjoy their skills and abilities. Please provide a Skatepark.

A young person stated that people arriving in Chippenham for the first time would not find a Skatepark as attractive as the open green space of River Island as it currently is. She felt that Monkton Park near the Olympiad is a good place for concrete Skatepark.

- The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and contributing to the discussion.
- What we've discussed this evening will inform the next steps. .
- The Skatepark Task Group aims to make recommendations to Chippenham Area Board at their next meeting on 7th January 2013.

Cherish Chippenham Skate Park Position Statement**15th December 2012**

Cherish Chippenham strongly believe the best location for the Chippenham Skate park is on Monkton Park next to the Olympiad and not Island Park for several reasons:

- This is a central location offering easy access for all students across the Town
- Close proximity to the train station will offer access to skaters from other locations
- Near the college and Olympiad to complement our town's leisure facilities
- Supports town centre shops where food and drinks can be bought
- Offers safety for everyone as right in front of the Community Neighbourhood Police Team at Wiltshire Council Monkton Park offices
- Street Youth Workers have an office based in the Olympiad offering quick access to the site
- The police agree a central location is a good way of keeping teenagers gathered at one point

We have had some designs drawn up with the Skate Park based at this location incorporating some features which we believe would help to reduce any potential noise impact a from a concrete site and these are available on the website.

Furthermore, we believe Island Park would provide an ideal location for an outdoor stage together with a hard standing area to support the Folk Festival and other Town Centre Festivals which will increase the vibrancy and footfall into Chippenham Town Centre and is also displayed on our drawings.

With three senior schools in Chippenham, we hope that Wiltshire Council Skate Board Task Force has the courage to stand up for the majority by voting for an outstanding skate park in Monkton Park instead of being threatened by the minority.

We also hope that the elections in May 2013 do not impede the decision on this important facility for the Youth of Chippenham.

Chippenham Campus Development Team Skate Park Position Statement
17th December 2012

As a result of early findings from the first round of the Campus survey, interim engagement/consultation with service providers and a sampling of public opinion the CDT are able to confirm a strong consensus supporting enhanced/improved youth provision within Chippenham.

A clear requirement has emerged for the provision of a skate park venue within a town centre location, however many felt the River Island site may prove to be on the wrong side of the river and somewhat detached from the initial thinking emerging from the CDT on a possible Campus location.

The CDT recognises significant gaps exist in youth provision and endorses an enhanced requirement; details outlining the shortfall will be addressed in a subsequent report to the Area Board.

In every respect a future Campus provides the ideal opportunity to co-locate youth provision. Therefore the opportunity should not be lost to optimise capital generated from the disposal of the Bridge Centre to enhance fully integrated youth provision which should include a skate park.

Whilst a Campus site has yet to be discussed there is an emerging consensus in support of the environs in the proximity of Monkton Hill, the Olympiad and Chippenham College.

Chippenham Vision Board Skate Park Position Statement 15th December 2012

Chippenham Vision commissioned a consultant team led by AECOM and including DTZ to prepare a sustainable Strategic Framework and Masterplan for the regeneration of central Chippenham to attract and channel new investment into the town centre.

This Strategic Framework document forms the basis for the Masterplan. This Framework is based on an analysis of how the region, Chippenham and its town centre are performing and planning for housing and employment growth. Principles and areas where intervention can improve the town centre are set out, which will be tested and developed in more detail at the Masterplan stage. The Framework and the Masterplan take their direction from the agreed Vision for Chippenham.

CHIPPENHAM VISION

- Chippenham will strive to be as attractive as possible in terms of shopping and leisure provision and will emphasise its role as a Riverside Market Town surrounded by beautiful countryside and attractive villages.
- Chippenham will recognise and build on its natural assets and its important heritage will be cherished. Its setting on the River Avon will be its defining and connecting feature combined with the historic centre, the market, pleasant parks and open spaces; creating a thriving artery and distinctive identity for the town.
- Chippenham will be a place where young people choose to stay to live and work, because of the excellent education facilities, the choice and quality of work, range of leisure opportunities and access to housing.
- Chippenham will be a retail destination of choice for the surrounding area due to its range of shops, excellent market, lively cafes and restaurants and leisure facilities which are complemented by its programme of events, festivals and activities.
- Chippenham will take advantage of its excellent rail and road links and its position on the high tech corridor between London, Bristol and beyond. It will strengthen its offer and role as a business location ensuring people can live and work locally.
- Chippenham will have an integrated approach to transport so that traffic flow will be more efficient, the town centre will be less congested and there will be improved access for sustainable modes of transport.

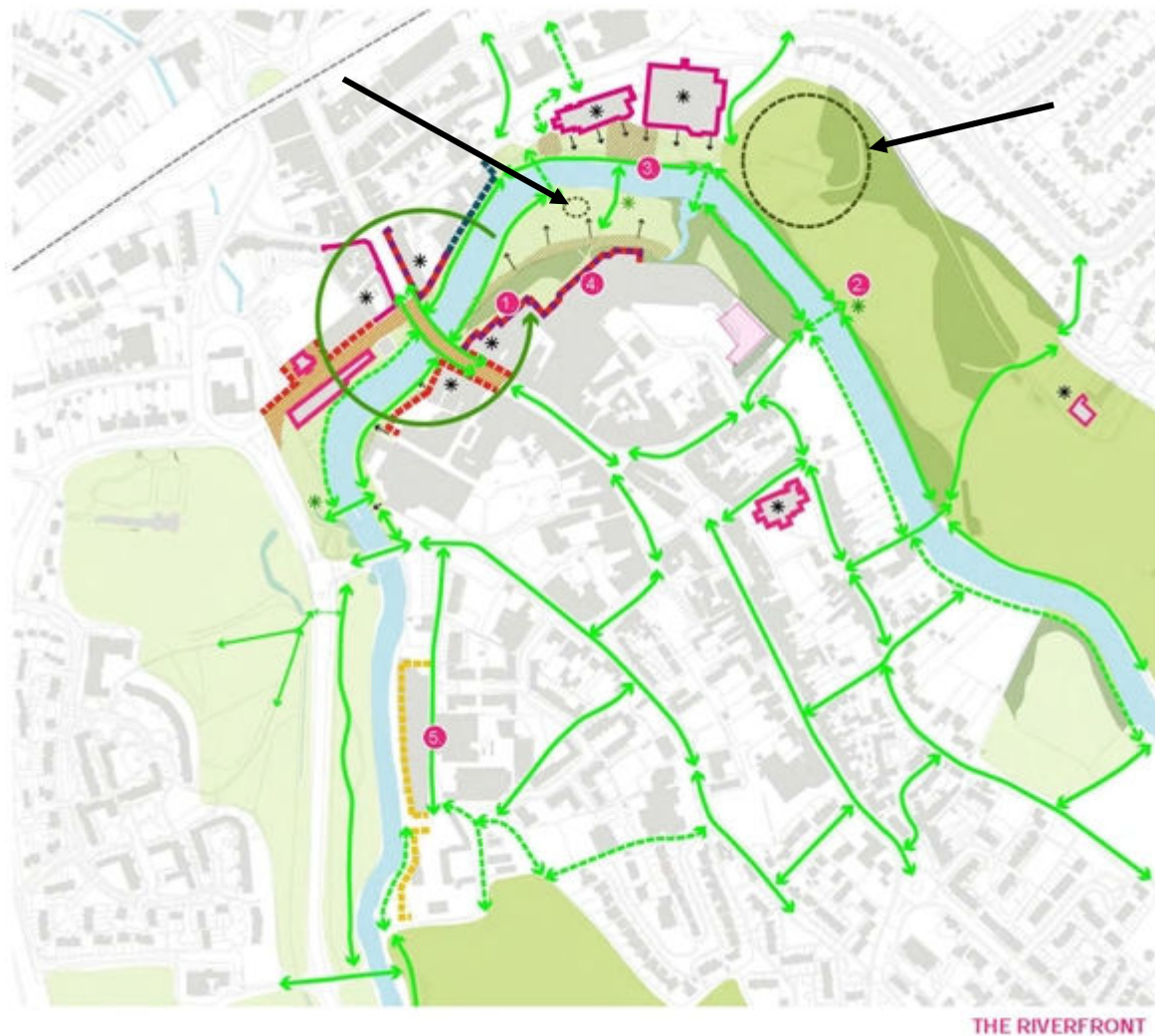
The Framework identifies two sites with potential for enhanced outdoor leisure uses in the town centre area. These are indicated by arrows on the map below.

The Framework does not specify the types of uses to which these spaces should be put to. The Riverfront is the primary character area which binds together all the other character areas. It is the key asset area for Chippenham as a market town. The Framework promotes an enhanced role for the River Avon and associated green spaces as a focus for leisure and recreation uses and improved links between the High Street and a Civic and Academic quarter to the north.

Improved hard and soft landscaping and a more intensive use of the green spaces to the south of the Council offices and The Olympiad and to the north of Emery Gate can act as a transition between the High Street and Monkton Park. The coordinated approach for improvements to these spaces and the opportunities to provide additional crossings can enhance new active frontages on both banks and provide more opportunities for people to utilise the riverside.

The enhanced leisure activities near the riverfront must take into account acoustic sensitivities of both existing residential and potential uses. Opportunities for creating new riverside connections for pedestrians will be explored where they can promote useful linkages.

The Framework identifies the objective of achieving active frontages and improved relationships of key buildings to the riverfront marked on the map below as number 4. This objective may not be complementary with a leisure structure such as a skate park in close proximity. The larger space on the other side of the river is likely to be more appropriate for such a use.



Report to	Chippenham Area Board
Date of Meeting	7th January 2013
Title of Report	Area Board Funding

Purpose of Report

To ask Councillors to consider 3 applications seeking 2012/13 Community Area Grant Funding and 1 Area Board Project/Councillor led Initiative. Officer recommendations:

1. Chippenham Children's Parliament - Award £1,000 towards the Chippenham E-Safety project
2. Kington St Michael Parish Council - Award £2,000 towards the installation of a Community Shelter, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place
3. Wilts and Berks Canal Trust – Award £4,929 towards raising the towpath / cycleway, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place
4. Area Board Project – Award £1,000 to deliver a Job Fair for local young people

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 (4th 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. Chippenham Area Board has been allocated a 2012/2013 budget of **£68,917** for Community Area Grants, Small Grants, Community Partnership core funding and Area Board/Councillor Led initiatives.
- 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 not normally 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 community issues and/or community identified priorities. Cabinet has emphasised that it does not wish these applications to be used to avoid complying with Community Area Grant criteria or for filling gaps where there are council service shortfalls. The application process and form has been updated to bring it in line with the other grants.

- 1.9. Officers are required to provide recommendations in their funding reports (except in the case of Area Board/Councillor led initiatives), although the decision to support applications is made by Wiltshire Councillors on the Area Board.
- 1.10. Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting.
- 1.11. Applicants are encouraged to contact and seek funding help from Charities Information Bureau (CIB) who work on behalf of Wiltshire Council. CIB support community and voluntary groups, town and parish councils to seek funding for community projects and schemes both from the Area Board and other local and national funding sources.
- 1.12. The 2012/2013 funding criteria and application forms are available on the council's website (www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards) and paper versions are available from the Community Area Manager.
- 1.13. A decision was been made in 2010/2011 that paper copies of funding applications will no longer appear as part of the agenda in an attempt to reduce volume of paper used. However, the application forms will be available on the Wiltshire Council web site and hard copies available upon request.
- 1.14. All recipients of Area Board funding are expected to complete and return an evaluation form as soon as the project or activity has been completed and this should be accompanied by receipts and invoices, as well as photographs if possible. Failure to return the evaluation requested will preclude them from being considered for any future funding from the Area Board. This applies to all grants made by the Area Board.
- 1.15. On 30th April, Chippenham Area Board took the decision to delegate responsibility to the Community Area Manager, in consultation with the Area Board Chairman and/or Vice Chairman, to approve expenditure of up to £1,000 between Area Board meetings.
- 1.16. The delegated power is only intended to be used for matters of urgency which cannot wait until the next meeting of the Area Board and would not be used as a matter of routine. The majority of decisions will continue to be taken at a public meeting.
- 1.17. A budget of £6,900 ring-fenced for the needs of young people has again been made available in 2012/2013. This will be allocated using the "Participatory Budgeting" method.
- 1.18. Chippenham Area Board has a separate Community Area Transport Group (CATG) Highways Funding budget of £39,587 for 2012/13.
- 1.19. Funding awarded to date totals £38,091; this includes the £2,781 vired across to the Youth Budget on 5th November 2012. Other expenditure has been £175 for the hire of Sheldon School Hall for the Public Consultation meeting on the Skatepark project. This leaves a balance of **£30,651** for 2012/13.

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

- 2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2012/13 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.
- 2.2. There will be 6 rounds of funding during 2012/2013. The first took place on 30th April 2012, the second on 9th July, the third on 3rd September, the fourth on 5th November, the fifth is contained in this report and the final round will take place on **4th March 2013**, the **deadline for applications 21st January 2013**.
- 2.3. Chippenham Area Board was allocated a 2012/2013 budget of **£68,917** for Community Area Grants, Small Grants, Community Partnership core funding and Area Board/Councillor Led initiatives.

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 Chippenham Area Board.
- 4.2. If grants are awarded in line with officer recommendations, Chippenham Area Board will have a balance of **£21,722**.

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	Chippenham Children’s Parliament	Chippenham E-Safety project	£1,000

8.1.1. Chippenham Children’s Parliament – Award £1,000 towards the Chippenham E-Safety project.

8.1.2. This application meets funding criteria 2012/13.

8.1.3. This application demonstrates links to the Community Plan “concerns over the general health of children and young people, especially within the urban areas” and “reducing the fear of crime”.

8.1.4. This application demonstrates links to Wiltshire Council’s priorities in the Local Agreement for Wiltshire “help local communities develop their own priorities and improvements” and “provide the strong foundations for children and young people’s development”.

8.1.5. The Parliament receives a very modest budget of £500 per year from the Chippenham Partnership of Schools.

8.1.6. Cyber-bullying has been raised by children and young people as a key issue. This project will develop their responses to the inappropriate use of technology and also offer a group of students to gain experience developing and delivering a real product for the community. This project will also engage teachers and parents and raise awareness in monitoring children and young people’s use of the internet and mobile phones.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.2	Kington St Michael Parish Council	Community Shelter	£2,000

8.2.1 Kington St Michael Parish Council – Award £2000 towards the purchase of a community shelter, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place.

8.2.2 This application meets funding criteria 2012/13.

8.2.3 This application demonstrates links to the Community Plan including “support for people to improve their own health, through increased exercise”, “insufficient play and recreation areas, for children up to the age of 16”, “insufficient outdoor sports

facilities and playing fields”, “a lack of facilities for teenagers” and “access for people with disabilities to all public facilities in the community area”.

8.2.4 This project demonstrates links to Wiltshire Councils priorities in the Local Agreement for Wiltshire “enable people to improve their long term health and well being”, “support more people to have independent and fulfilling lives as part of their local community” and “provide the strong foundations for children and young people’s development”.

8.2.5 The shelter will be maintained and insured by Kington St Michael Parish Council using precept funds.

8.2.6 Officers are of the opinion that this shelter will increase the usage of the outdoor area and increase the health benefits for a wide range of the community.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.3	Wilts & Berks Canal Trust	Towpath / Cycle-way raising at Pewsham	£4,929

8.3.1 Wilts & Berks Canal Trust – Award £4,929 towards raising the Towpath / Cycleway at Pewsham, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place.

8.3.2 This application meets funding criteria 2012/13.

8.3.3 This application demonstrates links to the Community Plan that highlights the “lack of green tourism”, “the concerns over the general health of children and young people, especially within the urban areas” and “the lack of transport facilities and cycle-ways.”

8.3.4 This application demonstrates links to Wiltshire Councils priorities in the Local Agreement for Wiltshire by “enabling people to improve their long term health and well being”.

8.3.5 The project links to Wiltshire Council priorities around improving young people’s and adults participation in positive activities, encouraging healthy lifestyles, improving the local area, increasing the number of people involved in regular volunteering and improving local biodiversity.

8.3.6 Officers are of the opinion that raising the towpath will increase its use by a wide section of the community and will provide a multi-generational facility.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.4	Area Board Project/Councillor Led Initiative	Job Fair	£1,000

- 8.4.1 Funding is sought to deliver a Job Fair for local young people.
- 8.4.2 The project demonstrates a link to the Community Plan “Access to basic skills & adult learning courses to increase the level of literacy”.
- 8.4.3 The Joint Strategic Assessment 2011 for Chippenham shows an increase in young people not in employment, education or training “NEET”.
- 8.4.4 Chippenham Area Board will be collaborating with other local stakeholders to deliver the event.
- 8.4.5 The aim of the project is to improve young people's capacity to compete for jobs including the development of skills and improving access to employment and training opportunities

Appendices:	Appendix 1 grant application – Chippenham Children’s Parliament Appendix 2 grant application – Kington St Michael Community Shelter Appendix 3 grant application – Wilts & Berks Canal Trust Appendix 4 – Area Board Project – Job Fair
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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CHIPPENHAM AREA BOARD FORWARD PLAN

Please note that this is a working document which is subject to change due to availability of the relevant officers/partners and relevant time scales.

Date	Location	Provisional Agenda Items	Cabinet Member Attending
Monday 4 March 2013	Neeld Hall, Chippenham	Health and Wellbeing Chippenham Blogsite Area Board Achievements	Portfolio Holder (to be confirmed)
Upcoming		Review of Local Bus Services – date tbc (from May 2013 onwards) Asset Management Strategy – date tbc	

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