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Community Engagement and Governance

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Dear all,

**Re: Update requested at Area Board meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2016**

At the July Area Board meeting, a written update was requested from the Area Board with respect to the current status of the Campus in Royal Wootton Bassett.

As you are aware, when the Campus project was first mooted in Wiltshire, Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Community Area was brought forward in the programme due to the fire at the Leisure Centre.

The concept behind campuses is that a number of organisations would join together to provide an enhanced, multi-party facility to benefit the local community through community engagement and local service provision. A lot of hard work was put in by the Shadow Campus Operation Board (SCOB)s in both Cricklade and Royal Wootton Bassett to come up with something that could work in our Community Area.

The difficulty in Royal Wootton Bassett has always been the availability of any land and that has not changed.

The passage of time has afforded Wiltshire Council the opportunity to review the outcomes of the Campus Programme and it has become increasingly obvious that the model as originally proposed is not necessarily right for all communities, and a revised model is now being rolled out in other areas, based on a Community Hub and Health & Wellbeing Centre.

Royal Wootton Bassett has an extremely popular and heavily used library right in the centre of the town, and it was a stated aim of the RWB SCOB to retain the library. It is considered that a Community Hub model would be ideal for RWB based on the library building.

Discussions have already taken place between RWB Town Council & Wiltshire Council as to how the library could be better used. Further investigations are taking place about remodelling the library building to provide flexible community space, and this is now looking very promising.

Wiltshire Council is in the process of identifying ring fenced funding to take this project forward and would welcome the continued commitment of RWB Town Council to further improve the facilities that can be offered either at the library and/or the Health and Wellbeing Centre.

Yours sincerely,

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