

Report to	Southern Wiltshire Area Board
Date of Meeting	11/03/2021
Title of Report	Community Area Work Plan

Introduction

- (1) All Wiltshire Council Area Boards are compiling reports to record the output from 'conversations' held since June 2020 as part of the local priorities resetting process. This process has drawn on the latest Joint Strategic Needs Assessment data, local Covid-19 response and recovery work, parish council consultations and the views of colleagues involved in health and wellbeing initiatives.

Recommendations

Councillors are asked to agree the following recommendations:

- (1) That the Area Board approves and adopts the attached Work Plan (appendix 1)
- (2) That the Area Board notes the results from the community communications survey in Appendix 2, and considers the key findings, with a view to agreeing key actions intended to strengthen communications within, between and for the benefit of parishes and the community area as a whole.
- (3) That the Area Board formally adopts the new local Eco Friendly Villages directory, which has been produced to help the community area increase activity associated with the target of Wiltshire becoming a carbon neutral county by 2030, and to proactively encourage all in their divisions to adopt some of the initiatives listed in the directory.
- (4) That the Area Board follows a similar rolling prioritisation process to that followed by the Community Area Transport Group (CATG) – agreeing which top 5 pieces of work on the attached plan it will focus on in 2021/22.
- (5) That the Area Board will prioritise its resources including funding upon those issues identified in the status report.
- (6) That the Area Board requests the Community Engagement Manager to work with key partners, agencies and community groups to encourage them to consider where they are best placed to take actions around the priorities identified.
- (7) That regular updates are submitted to the Area Board on progress made in relation to its own action plan.
- (8) That the Area Board expresses its thanks to those who gave their time to help bring this report and its appendices together.

Work Plan Priorities

(1) The work plan is structured according to the following priorities (set in no particular order) :

- Community Communications
- Community Eco Projects
- Tackling ASB
- Health & Wellbeing:
 - a. Loneliness & Isolation of Older People
 - b. Rural Isolation of Families & Younger People
 - c. Physical Health & Wellbeing
 - d. Mental Health & Wellbeing
 - e. Dementia
- Youth Engagement

Work Plan Projects & Initiatives

- 1) A corresponding list of projects and initiatives sit alongside those priorities, some of which have started, others of which will commence, covid-permitting, as soon as possible. These are either area board led or partner/community group led.
- 2) Appendix 2 is an update relating to the Community Communications work carried out so far
- 3) Appendix 3 is an update relating to the Eco Villages work carried out so far
- 4) The Plan also attempts to record ongoing tasks associated with each project, and some corresponding notes.
- 5) This plan will be presented to the new Area Board in May and then brought back quarterly for review.
- 6) As said previously, the area board certainly cannot do it all, and it is good to see that partners are leading on a number of the projects and initiatives.
- 7) Adopting a rolling prioritisation process, as successfully adopted by the CATG, will help the board, its partners, parish councils and colleagues, to maintain an ongoing focus and review mechanism that will ensure time and resources are being deployed to a top 5 set of tasks at any given time.

Conclusion

The Work Plan is a useful document for the Area Board to keep track of the different activities and projects occurring in relation to the latest set of local priorities, as derived from consultations and conversations held since June 2020. It is a dynamic document, to be revised, adapted and updated as matters change, needs arise, and projects are completed. The Work Plan will be drawn upon by partners, services, community groups, parish councils and many others, and will hopefully provide a useful resource to them for their own areas of activity in this Community Area.

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