

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11

SOUTH WEST WILTSHIRE AREA BOARD
22 JUNE 2011

COMMUNITY ASSET TRANSFER

Allotment Gardens, Weaveland Road Tisbury SP7 9LG

Executive Summary

This report deals with an application for the transfer of allotment land to Tisbury Parish Council in accordance with Wiltshire Council's Community Asset Transfer Policy.

Proposal

The Area Board is asked to consider an application submitted by Tisbury Parish Council for the transfer of land located at Weaveland Road, Tisbury (see map attached at Appendix 1). The applicants' proposal is set out at Appendix 2.

Reasons For Proposal

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

Recommendation

The Area Board is recommended to approve the transfer

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Purpose of Report

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Background

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

The application before the Area Board

6. The application from Tisbury Parish Council is attached at Appendix 2 and relates to the transfer of land at Weaveland Road, Tisbury.
7. The application was submitted in accordance with the Council's application process and meets the requirements for consideration by the Area Board.
8. The Community Areas Manager has consulted with Strategic Property Services, who have undertaken appropriate consultation with service

departments across the Council. Local consultation has been undertaken by the applicant in accordance with the application checklist and the outcome of the consultation is included within the application.

The views of Council officers

9. On behalf of the Council, Strategic Property Services (who have overall responsibility for the Council's estates and property) have confirmed that they have no comments
10. A report on title is attached at Appendix 3.

Main issues for consideration by the Area Board

11. It is understood that the transfer would have the support of local people and is of community benefit.
12. There are no major implications for Wiltshire Council of the transfer.

Recommendation

13. Having carefully considered the application and the views of Council officers, the Area Board is invited to approve the transfer.

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Appendices:

1. Location map
2. Application
3. Report on Title