

26th July 2022

Southern Wiltshire Area Board – Councillors catch up on work plan priorities

Key comments from the catch up:

- (1) The attached slides were discussed alongside the current work plan
- (2) General agreement that, bearing in mind the number of tasks on the work plan and the limited resources available, particularly since the last officer restructure, the work plan should be viewed as a long-term document, with expectations managed that the different tasks be achieved over 2-3 years rather than just 1
- (3) Also, general agreement, with some caution, that opportunities to deliver joint initiatives with Salisbury & South West Wilts ABs be explored. With an autumn Youth Employment event at Wiltshire College being the first of these, which Rich and Karen are about to scope up
- (4) Environment Priority
 - a) General agreement with the list of tasks
 - b) Suggest a working group is needed to include parish councillors and other key leads from partners who were invited to the 27th April 2022 event in Whiteparish, especially grass root passionate folk like Lover Repair Café
 - c) **Desirable to convene this working group asap, to keep up the momentum and interest from the 27th Apr (KL to action with Andy asap)**
 - d) **KL to check** with Andy and Ian about the Laverstock Schools Travel Plan WG task – as perhaps this one sits more under a ‘miscellaneous’ heading, rather than ‘environment’ heading in the work plan
 - e) Greening Campaign task is a good idea, but the name is not everyone’s cup of tea and may need revising, whilst appreciating that the initiatives within the campaign hold good merit and should be pursued where appropriate. Also, we will need to be careful to manage opinions/relationships with the various stakeholders involved, including some parish councils which have already raised concerns about Wiltshire Council’s ‘greening/wilding’ initiatives recently
- (5) Health & Wellbeing Priority
 - a) General agreement with the list of tasks, **but KL to check in with Richard C** about dementia, which currently isn’t specifically listed, despite the demographic/jsna data which suggests this to be a high priority for this community area

- b) An underpinning task is to attempt similar hard copy/simple flyer/booklet style initiatives (like Silver Salisbury, but more regular and for the whole of the area) – publishing these to ensure that older/vulnerable adults are so much better aware of the existing infrastructure of activity/social groups ongoing in most villages. KL holds a spreadsheet of the majority of these groups. **KL to explore with the Safer Salisbury Group what processes they follow to produce the flyers/booklets they periodically distribute across Salisbury**

(6) Youth Priority

- (a) General support for the tasks listed
- (b) Requested 2 additional tasks **(KL to action with Rich, Zoe, Ian)**
 - (i) An online engagement inviting all youth leads from the 'local youth network' list of contacts in the community area (the scout leaders, sports coaches, youth club volunteers, police reps, probation rep, school leads etc), to discuss their work and how the area board can continue to support it...as a precursor to an
 - (ii) 'in the room' youth event/fair where activity leads attend to raise their profile; young people attend to engage in fun activities and learn about new opportunities to join local clubs or engage with the area board; councillors, parish councils, police, schools, church and other related representatives attend to demonstrate their overall involvement in youth support/engagement in the community area