

Chairman's Announcements - 7 September 2011

Review of Agendas

In an effort to reduce the number of agendas that we recycle at the end of meetings, Malmesbury Area Board is looking into alternative ways of presenting information in a concise way. From this meeting, the Area Board will be trialling the use of a mini agenda, coupled with having more slides.

A few full agenda packs will be provided on each table and a mini agenda will be available for everyone who would like a copy. If you are able to print your paperwork and bring this to the meeting, it would be appreciated.

The intention is for this to be a trial which we will evaluate at a future Area Board meeting.

The Next Visiting Cabinet Representative

To note: Jane Scott, Leader of Wiltshire Council, will be the Cabinet Representative at the next Malmesbury Area Board meeting on 9 November 2011. If you have a question that you would like to ask Councillor Scott, please submit it at the earliest opportunity and by 7 October 2011 to your Democratic Services Officer, Alexa Smith. Questions must be in writing and can be submitted via email at alexa.smith@wiltshire.gov.uk or to:

Monkton Park Office,
Chippenham,
Wiltshire,
SN15 5ER.

New Waste and Recycling Collection Service

As a result of Wiltshire Council becoming a Unitary Authority in April 2009, there have been four different waste and recycling collection services available to residents, depending on where you lived. This costed different amounts, had differing recycling levels and was not a fair service for residents.

From October the council is rolling out service changes so that everyone receives the same level of service, beginning with fortnightly plastic bottles and cardboard recycling collections using blue-lidded bins in the north, west and east. This service is already in place in the south.

In late February 2012, the council will roll out fortnightly non-chargeable garden waste collections, using green lidded bins, for the north, east and south of the county. This service is already in place in the west. Residents will need to opt in to receive the service, ideally by 30th September, and should complete the opt-in form online at www.wiltshire.gov.uk/waste if possible. Alternatively residents can complete the FREEPOST form found in the latest edition of Your Wiltshire magazine, or in the "Coming Soon" leaflet which has been sent out in the post to all residents from week

commencing 4th July. If residents already have a garden waste bin, they do not need to re-apply, and their collections will carry on as usual.

Finally, the weekly household waste collections that the north and south currently have, will be replaced with a fortnightly collection service during March 2012, using existing bins. This service is already in place in the west and the east of the county.

The council would like to take this opportunity to remind residents that:

- all households are entitled to up to two black boxes for recycling glass bottles and jars, paper, food tins, foil, clothes, shoes, aerosols and drinks cans
- All containers need to be out by 7am on the day of collection
- With the exception of the black box collection service, no side waste will be collected

For further information residents can: visit www.wiltshire.gov.uk/waste, call 0300 456 0102 or look out for further information coming in due course.

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Wiltshire's New 'Warm and Well' Free Home Insulation Scheme

There are an estimated 30,000 people in fuel poverty in Wiltshire, who cannot afford to heat their homes adequately. How many live in your community area?

Cold homes impact on the health and wellbeing of your local residents. Would you like to help yourself and other residents save money and improve your home comfort?

The new Wiltshire Warm and Well scheme is open to all home owners and private tenants, and enables residents to improve the energy efficiency of their homes through installing loft and cavity wall insulation – saving money on bills and making homes warmer.

To access the scheme
Freephone: 0800 512 012, or go to <http://www.warmandwell.co.uk>

With Council funding as well as national CERT funding, Wiltshire Warm and Well aims to improve 3,000 homes in financial year 2011/2012.

Wiltshire Council's Core Strategy commits the council to reducing carbon emissions throughout the county. Carbon emissions from domestic properties make up 24% of total emissions. Improving insulation of domestic properties therefore makes a significant contribution to energy saving and therefore carbon emissions reduction.

We urge Area Board partners to get involved and help refer people to the scheme.

If you would like to hold a special event to promote the scheme, or promote it as part of another event you are holding, the 'Green Room' van is available to help, (further details at

<http://www.warmandwell.co.uk> > The Green Room). Leaflets can also be supplied should you be interested, simply email your request to: warm&well@swea.co.uk

Further information on this scheme can be accessed on the Wiltshire World Changers Network website, <http://wiltshireworldchangers.org> or via the Wiltshire Council website, <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/counciltaxhousingandbenefits/housing/housinggrants/homeenergygrants.htm>

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