

**SOUTHERN WILTSHIRE AREA BOARD
(15 December 2011)**

A Focus on Local Employment

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1. To approve funding for Jobs Clubs up to 31 March 2012.
- 1.2. To commit to fund the costs associated with next year's job clubs.
- 1.3. To approve retrospective funding of £120 for the Salisbury Journal Job Fair and associated newspaper adverts for Voluntary Job Club Coordinator positions.

2. Job Club Development

- 2.1. The Southern Wiltshire Area Board has established 2 Job Clubs, in Downton and Old Sarum.
- 2.2. The Area Board is now seeking Volunteers to run the Job Clubs. There has been plenty of interest in these positions and the Community Area Manager is working with the volunteers to enable them to take on the Job Clubs in the New Year, running them on a fortnightly basis.
- 2.3. The main purpose the of the Job Clubs is to:
 - Provide a friendly environment where job seekers can come to improve their job search skills and share experiences with other job seekers.
 - Encourage local employers to use the job club to source new employees to fill vacancies.
 - Offer guidance for job seekers about other agencies/organisations who might be able to assist them with their situation/job search.

3. Recommendations

It is recommended that:

1. The Board funds £370 for the running costs of the Job Clubs up to 31 March 2012.
2. The Board commits to fund the running costs of £700 for April 2012/ March 13. (Funding to come from 2012/13 budget once budget is confirmed).
3. The Area Board acknowledges the £120 spent on the Job Fair and adverts for volunteer recruitment.