

Chippenham Area Board – Monday 30 April 2012

Chairman's Announcements

Older Peoples Development Working Group

In January 2011 the Older Peoples Accommodation Strategy was approved by Wiltshire Councils Cabinet. The aim of this strategy is to develop modern and fit for purpose facilities to meet current and future needs and expectations of the people of Wiltshire through partnership working.

Wiltshire Council is delivering a mixed use development on the Council owned Middlefields / Hungerdown Lane Site in Chippenham to meet the needs of vulnerable residents. The developments will include:

- 60 unit extra care scheme predominantly for older people
- 80 bed nursing / dementia care home for older people
- 10 unit respite centre for people with a learning disability
- Supported living accommodation for people with a learning disability

This will be delivered in partnership with one of its extra care framework providers, who will be appointed following a competitive tendering process, and its strategic partner the Orders of St John Care Trust, who will operate the new care home facility. It is the intention for this new development to replace Seymour House and for the residents and staff to transfer to the new facility.

We are asking for volunteers to form a working group which will report progress of the developments to the Area Board.

The aim of the Working group will be:

- To ensure that the community have an opportunity to understand and inform the development.
- To ensure the development and its associated facilities meets the needs of local community
- To support the integration of the development with local services
- To provide a consultative voice for local people
- To reflect service user views and opinions
- To ensure that the nature of the development is reflective of person centred services
- To promote interest in the scheme within the community and for the working group members to act as local champions for the scheme
- To support the Area Board on development of the Extra Care build and report progress at regular intervals

The Council is looking for 3-5 community representatives, a Local Councillor, 1 – 2 Church representatives, a GP / Health representative, 1-2 voluntary sector representatives and a Cabinet or portfolio holder.

If you are interested please can you ring Jane Worrall on 01225 718373 or email her on jane.worrall@wiltshire.gov.uk.

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