TROWBRIDGE LOCAL KNOWLEDGE: LOCAL ACTION EVENT

UPDATE FROM TCAF ON ACTIONS TO DELIVER THE TOP PRIORITIES FROM THEMATIC SESSIONS

TRANSPORT INCLUDING ACCESS & TRAFFIC

Top Priorities:

1. Addressing accessibility for walkers & cyclists also improving signage and publicity – **Action needed**: To improve linkages for footpaths/cycle paths and filling in gaps. Need for better signposting and improved publicity using a range of media & the schools.
2. A350 improvements particularly at West Ashton & Yarnbrook with new developments helping fund these improvements.

CULTURE INCLUDING LEISURE, RECREATION, HERITAGE & THE ARTS

Top Priorities:

1. A strategy for Culture **Ba14 Culture have a cultural strategy which will be reviewed this year**
2. Need to return funding in Trowbridge that was invested in The Arc – **BA14 Culture are applying for funding to fill this gap by commissioning 2-3 pieces of Professional arts in various venues throughout the town.**
3. Being seen as the County Town via Arts & Culture – **The work in point 2 should go some way to highlighting Trowbridge as the county town. Also the 2 week long arts festival planned for the Autumn.**

HOUSING & THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Top Priorities:

1. Production of affordable sustainable housing – **Actions needed**: Free land released to social housing developers from Council.
2. Financial wellbeing to enable people to afford housing - **Actions needed**: Make credit unions more accessible; financial education for young in school; money management awareness

CRIME & COMMUNITY SAFETY

Top Priorities:

1. Volunteers - **Actions needed**: Mapping; briefing of current groups; strategy & coordination
2. Anti social behaviour approach to signal crimes. Priority to deal with problems early
3. Punishment doesn’t fit the crime - Actions needed: Improved restorative justice – community panels. Parental responsibility

HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

Top Priority:

1. Supporting potential hospital patients to avoid hospital by community support eg Dementia patients, minority groups

ECONOMY INCLUDING TOURISM & EMPLOYMENT

Top Priority:

1. Developing the Leisure economy - Actions needed: Development of Town Hall, Leisure and Sports complex – This should be incorporated into the Campus which is about to start public consultation. TCAF support the rugby club development on land opposite Paxcroft Farm in Hilperton.

EDUCATION & LIFELONG LEARNING

Top Priority:

1. Narrow the attainment gap for LSO and other areas - Actions needed: Budget for a hardship fund; mentoring scheme – At the most recent ECM and Community meeting (Every Child Matters), The mentoring scheme was discussed as narrowing the gap is one of the main focuses for Collaborative Schools Ltd.

SPORT & ACTIVE LEISURE

Top Priority:

1. Work to provide a multi sport hub club for outdoor sports (club house & pitches including artificial pitches for continuous use) & a Leisure complex for indoor activities - Actions needed: Need to get all the sports clubs to get together and pool resources. – TCAF sit on the Sports and Outdoor pitches group who are trying to look at pooling resources across a number of Trowbridge Sports clubs.

ENVIRONMENT INCLUDING COUNTRYSIDE & LAND BASED ISSUES

Top Priority:

1. Protection of green space & green corridors through built areas to include growing spaces – LEAF group are looking at taking a more active role in celebrating our Green Spaces and are currently planning an Apple Day to be held in a school orchard in October 2012.