

Devizes Area Board 24 May 2010

Chairman's Announcements

Appointment of Chairman and Vice Chairman

The Area Board met immediately after the Annual Council meeting on 18 May to appoint a Chairman and Vice Chairman for the next municipal year.

Youth Worker Staffing Allocations

Historically youth work has not been a statutory service so funding has been haphazard and opportunistic which has resulted in some community areas having considerably more resources than others.

The Education and Inspection Act made it a statutory duty on local authorities to "secure positive activities for young people using a youth work approach" and also to publicise a youth offer explaining what is available for young people, aged 13-19 in the local authority area. The Development Service for Young People commissioned a graduate trainee to research how the core youth work staffing resources of the Council were allocated across the 20 community areas. It became clear that there was unfairness in the current allocation and it was agreed that in terms of fairness it would be best if we could allocate resources based on some form of formula.

Following national research it became clear that a number of authorities had considered a similar approach, but there was no consistency in terms of what was included in each formula. After consultation with youth work staff the following formula was agreed:

- 25% of the total budget as a fixed amount for each community area
- 50% based upon the numbers of 13-19 year olds in each community area
- 10% based upon deprivation using the indices of multiple deprivation
- 10% based upon rurality/sparsity
- 5% held centrally to cover emergency and/or training/maternity cover

For more information, please contact:

David Whewell, Head of Youth Work

Kevin Sweeney (Operations Manager)

David.whewell@wiltshire.gov.uk

Kevin.sweeney@wiltshire.gov.uk

01225 713772

01380 735780

Air Quality Strategy for Wiltshire

The Environment Act 1995 places a duty on local authorities to monitor air quality within their areas having regard to national and European air quality objectives.

Wiltshire is a high quality environment, however we have a number of locations where air quality objectives are not being met. These failures are in general associated with vehicle emissions and congestion and have health implications.

We would welcome your views on the Air Quality Strategy, which has been developed as an over arching document detailing our approach to air quality. Consultation on the document remains open until 18th June 2010.

If you would like to contribute your views, please contact Gary Tomsett, Environmental Protection Specialist Team Manager, on 01722 434340 or gary.tomsett@wiltshire.gov.uk.

Annual Programme of Highways Work for 2010-11

The annual programme of highway maintenance and improvement schemes for 2010/11 has been approved. This information is presented on an individual community area basis and is available on the Council's website under Community Area Highway Information.

The information includes lists of proposed highway and related works for 2010/11 with facts and figures about the roads in your area.

Web link:

<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/parkingtransportandstreets/roadshighwayspavements/areaboardhighwayinformation.htm>

Further enquiries should be made to Spencer Drinkwater, Principal Transport Planner, on 01225 713480.