

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL

EXTRAORDINARY MEETING – 12 DECEMBER 2012 SOUTH WEST WILTSHIRE AREA BOARD

(URGENT BUSINESS - ADDITIONAL ITEM)

Delegated Power to the Community Area Manager for the purposes of Community Newsletter

1. Purpose of the Report

1.1 The purpose of this report is to ask the Area Board to consider whether it wishes to delegate power to the Community Area Manager to take an urgent decision before the next scheduled Area Board meeting on 6 February 2013, in relation to funding the distribution of a Community Newsletter providing an update to local residents of the Tisbury Community Campus plans.

2. Background

2.1 The South West Wiltshire Area Board has already delegated £750 to make decisions in the 2012/13 financial year, but it is not yet known whether this amount will be sufficient for this work.

2.2 The proposal to grant delegated power to the Community Area Manager, in consultation with the Chairman, would enable an urgent decision to be made without the need for an extraordinary meeting. The details of the decision would then be reported to the next meeting of the board to ensure transparency.

2.3 The Tisbury Shadow COB (Community Operations Board) worked alongside a design team to carry out a feasibility assessment of the Tisbury Campus proposal. This proposal (including the enhanced option) was approved by Wiltshire Council's Cabinet on 23 October 2012. The full Cabinet paper is available via the link below (item 11):

<http://cms.wiltshire.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=141&MId=6824&Ver=4>

2.4 As a result of this decision, the Tisbury Shadow COB decided to produce a community newsletter to ensure as many local people as possible are made aware of the developments and are informed about what the campus aims to achieve. At the time of this report, the content and distribution of the newsletter is still being finalised and, therefore, it is not possible to present a full report to the Area Board. The Tisbury Shadow COB consider that this newsletter should be sent out as soon as possible, hence this action being taken so that there is not a delay until the next Area Board meeting to approve funding.

3. Recommendation

3.1 It is proposed that the South West Wiltshire Area Board agrees:

That in respect of the urgent matter above, the Community Area Manager, in consultation with the Chairman of the South West Wiltshire Area Board, be granted delegated authority to make a decision on expenditure for the purposes of distributing a community newsletter that will provide an update on the Tisbury Campus project, before the scheduled Area Board meeting on 6 February 2013.

A report explaining the decision and the reasons why it was considered to be urgent shall be reported to the next ordinary meeting of the area board to ensure that such decisions are subject to public examination.

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