

## South West Wiltshire Area Board Community Planning Event - Next Steps

### ACTION LOG

Area prioritised by Area Board	Issue identified	Action identified	Latest update (23 January 2013)
1 - Economy, jobs and skills	Assisting existing small / medium sized businesses and encouraging new businesses	Support required for managing role (business mentor)	New Wiltshire Business Support Service is now available through Wiltshire Council partnership with Wessex Chambers. More information available at <a href="http://www.wessexchambers.org.uk/business-support/introduction.php">http://www.wessexchambers.org.uk/business-support/introduction.php</a> .
		Favourable business rates for new businesses	Tisbury campus site will benefit from successful European funding bid for business incubation units.
		Supporting the needs of local businesses	Cllr Richard Beattie taking lead - Area Board project to be considered on 6.2.12, to support work of local businesses through the local business chambers/association. Will include close working with the AONB, particularly in connection with their sustainable rural tourism pilot programme.
	Cost of heating oil	Bulk buying schemes	Bulk buying scheme now in place through Community First; more information available at <a href="http://www.communityfirst.org.uk/index.php/cf-bulk-oil-buying">http://www.communityfirst.org.uk/index.php/cf-bulk-oil-buying</a> . Service has been promoted through blogsite and newsletters.

<p>Broadband / mobile phone reception</p>	<p>Increase in downloading speeds, filling in 'not spots.'</p>	<p>Wiltshire Online project, BT have been chosen as preferred bidder. Wiltshire and South Gloucestershire Councils (under name Great Western Broadband, GWB) completing contract finalisation and looking to sign at the end of January. Area Board update due in February, providing details of roll out plans. Once contract is awarded BT will start detailed surveying across Wiltshire. More specific information to SWW will be made available in due course. More information available at <a href="http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/wiltshireonline/">www.wiltshire.gov.uk/wiltshireonline/</a> Grant funding awarded to East Knoyle Village Website on 17.10.12 to complement infrastructure work.</p>
<p>Promoting tourism / training opportunities</p>	<p>More awareness of events happening across the community areas</p>	<p>Community blogsite launched in September 2012. This aims to offer various opportunities to share what is happening in the community areas, with local people taking ownership of the site. Weekly mailshot to Community Area Network currently carried out to highlight blogsite content. Area Board currently exploring opportunities to run another professional cycle tour race in Wilton in 2013/14, highlighted as an example which the Area Board will look to promote for local businesses. 2012 Legacy discussed at AB meeting on 17.10.12; AB will consider applications for events in 2013. Area Board project to be considered on 6.2.12 to fund unpaid intern to work alongside AONB on their sustainable rural tourism pilot programme.</p>

	Youth unemployment	Transportation required - cost of car insurance and fuel means car ownership not viable	Plans to provide educational training at Tisbury Community Campus are part of proposal agreed by Cabinet.
		Young people need to be able to access local, relevant training opportunities	Plans to provide educational training at Tisbury Community Campus are part of proposal agreed by Cabinet. Wiltshire apprenticeship campaign launched in Salisbury on Tuesday 9th October 2012 <a href="http://bit.ly/Orhjrj">http://bit.ly/Orhjrj</a>
		Volunteering a way into work	Volunteering item brought to Area Board in June 2012 to raise awareness. Further promotion / links with local groups is an essential part of the new community blogsite.
2- Health and the Environment	Water supply / demand	Represent interests of South West Wiltshire community areas to ensure future water supply is secured	Wessex Water grid project in progress, aiming to improve supply and deal with water quality issues. Planned reduction of some abstraction licenses. Area Board will continue to monitor and Councillors represent the interests of the area.
	Sustainable living	Promote toilet hippos / water butts and other forms of sustainable living	Opportunities to promote issues through the new community blogsite.
	Highest rate of asthma per ... in Wilton out of all 20 Community Areas	Establish reasons and suggest possible actions	Former WilCAP members currently working on a report
	Wildlife	Create wildlife corridors and link all wildlife areas rather than isolated pockets, encourage biodiversity	Burcombe PC received grant for community orchard and wildlife area in August 2012. The Area Board would encourage funding applications from other parishes that meet this aim.

	Health issues relating to aging population		WC considering a strategy which aims to prevent older people from falling and breaking bones; consultation closed on 13 September 2012. Area Board granted funding for Nadder Close Gardening Club on 17.10.12 to launch group, enabling people to socialise and remain fit/healthy.
3 - Housing	Affordable housing	Get empty homes back in use	Info sent out to Community Area Network re. Empty Homes Officer on 18.6.12. On 3rd October there were 109 properties identified as long term empty properties (more than 6 months), 5.91% of total number of empty properties, 1.08% of total number of households in area.
		Change social housing criteria	Area Board consulted on 17.10.12 on a future review of Wiltshire's Housing Allocations System. This led to an extraordinary meeting being held on 12.12.12 to explore issues around housing in more detail. Attendees were invited to vote and a majority voted that a priority for social housing should be given to those with a local connection to the area. This feedback from South West Wiltshire Area Board will form part of the full, future Housing Allocations review. Further details on this are available - please email <a href="mailto:stephen.harris@wiltshire.gov.uk">stephen.harris@wiltshire.gov.uk</a>
		Local houses for local people	
		Key worker housing	

