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## **Report to Trowbridge Area Board 14th March 2013.**

### Steering Group Update

Kate Oatley has returned and is supporting TCAF for 15 hours per week with Tracy Sullivan continuing for 8 hours per week.

The Core Strategy will be available for public consultation again from 7th May and will be open until June.

Next Steering Group meeting to be held on April 29<sup>th</sup> at 4pm.

### **Neighbourhood Partnership**

1. This group supported by Doug Ross has organised for an event to be held in The Shires (the old Argos premises) to share information and give support to the community on the Welfare Reform. This is to be held on Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> of March.
2. The housing agenda is to be supported through the neighbourhood partnerships. Any strategic developments will be discussed and managed outside of the group and involving the relevant TCAF members.
3. The Tasking Group will identify and key areas of work that will be taken on as the need arises rather than holding a regular Community Safety meeting as TCAF has previously done.

### **BA14 Culture**

1. Has secured £90,000 from Arts Council England, £30,000 from Wiltshire Council, in kind support from TCAF and £2000 from the Town Council to deliver a 2 year project to programme professional performance, workshops and visual art across the community area. Tracy Sullivan has been appointed as Director of the Trowbridge Arts Projects, supported by an assistant Trish Brown who will have 1 day funded by The Chamber of Commerce who she will also support for 2 of her 3 days per week.
2. The Town Council has so far only committed to one years funding of this project and further £2000 has been projected as unconfirmed funding in the project budget for year 2.

### **Economy and Transport**

1. TCAF continue to attend the Transforming Trowbridge meetings. The next draft of the Masterplan is due to be publish for community consultation in the coming weeks.

2. Trowbridge County Town Initiatives meetings are also attended and Doug Ross is continuing to support the benchmarking work already submitted to look at how Trowbridge compares to other market towns in terms of its town centre footfall.
3. TCAF hosted the workshop on the building of the new school to be built in the East of Trowbridge, Castlemead. The tender to potential managers of the school has now gone out.

### **Health & Social Care**

This group is meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> March to look at the direction of the group and how best to move forward. It is anticipated that the group will hold fewer formal meetings allowing officer time to be spent on live projects.

### **Collaborative Schools**

1. Youth Parliament is leading on a campaign on animal welfare, the schools have been asked to design pet poster. There will be an event to short list the best posters on the 17th April
2. The Hub is hosting a training session for professionals on the Welfare Reforms on the 19th March
3. This year's Apple Day will be held on October 12th
4. Big Lunch a legacy from Olympics will be held on Sunday June 2nd and will be hosted at The Mead
5. Children's centre for free camping holiday
6. Tesco have changed policy- will give community groups/ charities vouchers to spend in Tesco on food. Cheryl is community champion contact at Tesco
7. Wiltshire College now have sports Development Officers. To encourage college students to take part in more community sports.
8. The group is working on an application to the Area Board to develop a volunteer body of translators to support family access to other support services