



## **Report to the Area Board 14 November 2013**

### **Progress since the September Board Meeting**

The SCOB is extremely grateful for the unanimous support its Working Proposal received from the September Area Board Meeting and the continued interest shown by the Board. Since that meeting the SCOB has also briefed and gained support from:

- Trowbridge Town Council
- Trowbridge Chamber of Commerce
- Trowbridge County Town Initiative
- Trowbridge in Bloom
- Trowbridge Community Area Future

Since the Board meeting work has been focused on two areas:

### **Financial Delivery**

The council needs to determine the affordability of the Campus, i.e. can the capital be found to build it and whether it is deliverable over the required period of time. Officers have now given assurances that the council is committed to the delivery of a campus for Trowbridge. The deliverability of any campus scheme will be directly related to the site and following the strong community steer in the consultation potential sites are being evaluated. This includes a particular focus on the central area of the town.

### **Working with Partners**

For the Campus to be really effective it is important that it takes into account the potential to work with partner organisations such as the police, health and voluntary sector. More work needs to be done on this, particularly regarding the delivery of some form of wellness facility as set out in the proposal which requires engagement from health. It is important that opportunities for working with others for the benefit of the community and to meet needs is not lost. In addition to external partners the SCOB are continuing to consider the needs of Council services, for example the SCOB have a visit planned to the Riverbank Centre in Chippenham and are continuing their dialogue with some of the other partners.

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