

Marlborough Area Board Youth Transport Task Group

Proposal for consideration by Marlborough Area Board at its meeting 31 August 2010

Background

At its meeting of 22 June 2010, Marlborough Area Board considered suggestions for improving transport for young people, with an allocation of £5k that Wiltshire Council has awarded to each area board. Following this, and the subsequent MaVCAP meeting on 13 July, an area board task group was convened, chaired by Councillor Peggy Dow, which met on 22 July 2010 to consider the matter further.

At this stage, the task group has developed an outline proposal for a pilot project to commence during September and October 2010. The group will meet again on 23rd September to review progress and to work on a more detailed and fully costed proposal, once it has been possible to test the level of demand for the project.

Outline proposal

To use the £5k to pilot minibus transport from the villages to a number of activities for young people, aged 13-19, between September 2010 and March 2011.

The range and variety of activities will be based on the aspirations expressed by young people who took part in the 'Dreams & Wishes' project.

Three planned activities have already been identified as being suitable for the transport project. These are:

- **Saturday 4 September**- 'Skate Jam' at Salisbury Recreation Ground
- **Friday 10 September**- Marlborough Downs Movies (MDM) showing of 'the Prince of Persia', Cert 12 A at St John's
- **Saturday 30 October**- 'Slum Survivor' event to raise awareness and funds for people who live in slum settlements in the poorest parts of the world.

Young people who engage in these activities, and who use the minibus service, will be asked to evaluate the project and to suggest future activities, so that a rolling programme is developed.

The project will be promoted through distribution of flyers (such as the sample attached), inclusion on the Sparksite for young people, inclusion in the Community Area Network mailing list and through word of mouth, by asking each parish to nominate a young person to act as a contact point.

Community First will provide consultancy and legal advice to the task group, identify and co-ordinate minibuses, recruit and register vehicles to join the Wiltshire All Vehicles Sharing Scheme (WAVeSS), recruit, train and CRB check additional drivers, for a fee of £944 to be allocated from the £5k.

Request to Marlborough Area Board

- i To agree to the commitment of a budget of £5k to provide minibus transport for 13-19 year olds to a number of clearly identified activities, between September 2010 and March 2011.
- ii To support the provision of three minibuses, with qualified drivers and attendant staff, to pick up and drop off young people from the villages to each of the three activities outlined above, subject to the exact costs being provided at the November meeting of Marlborough Area Board
- iii To delegate to the task group the facility to plan transport provision for further activities aimed at young people, providing they are within the allocated budget of £5k. This is subject to an update report from the task group to each area board meeting detailing: progress of the project, expenditure incurred, planned activities and forecast costs.