

Warminster Shadow Campus Operations Board (COB) Report to Warminster Area Board

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1. Purpose of the Report

Warminster Campus Operations Board (COB) would like to update the Area Board and community regarding its work on a regular basis. As such, a report will be prepared for each Area Board meeting and there will be a standing item on the agenda where the Shadow COB can update the Area Board.

2. Background

The idea of a *campus* is to bring a number of services and facilities together to provide fit for purpose, flexible spaces, accessible to everyone in our community. A campus will also reduce the pressures and risks to Wiltshire Council (and possibly other public sector bodies) of operating ageing, low quality buildings. One of the main ideas behind a campus is to create *flexible spaces* which can be used for a variety of purposes and by a variety of people or organisations.

3. Main considerations

It has been agreed, that the Warminster campus, along with Trowbridge and Chippenham would be a major regeneration project. Wiltshire Council's cabinet recently agreed:

"In Chippenham, Trowbridge and Warminster the Community Operation Boards (COBs) have undertaken a huge amount of work to seek community views to identify the service needs and facilities required, as well as the most appropriate location for these services. The council's economic development team will work with these COBs to incorporate their views and community input onto development plans, as appropriate."

In Warminster, the Shadow COB has completed the first stage of consultation. A number of suggestions have been put forward regarding the facilities, services and location for the campus.

Following this consultation and options appraisal, the most likely location of the campus will be in the central area of Warminster. The rationale for this includes:

- maximum ease of use for the community
- greatest accessibility
- proximity to other shops and services
- greatest potential for shared service location
- maximum regeneration opportunity
- predominant Wiltshire Council ownership of central area

At the last meeting, Cllr Humphries stepped down as the Chair of the shadow COB but will remain on the group as the Area Board representative. Jim Landry has taken over as the Chair.

4. Future steps for Warminster Shadow COB

- Further analysis of 1st stage consultation
- Further consultation with services and other stakeholders
- Planning for 2nd stage consultation with the community
- Confirmation of ownership of land and buildings in the central area of Warminster
- Consideration of all funding options
- Identify options for development and regeneration
- Confirmation & agreement for the location of the campus in Warminster

Date and time of next Shadow COB: Friday January 30th 2pm – 4pm

5. Recommendations

- That Warminster Area Board note the content of the this report
- The Shadow COB update is a standing item at future Area Board meetings