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**Southern Wiltshire Area Board  
Communities Opportunities Board (COB)**

**1. Purpose of the Report**

- a) To provide an update following recent discussions of the COB;
- b) To ask the board to agree a set of proposals from the COB.

**2. Background**

- 2.1 The COB last met on the 9<sup>th</sup> December to consider the implications for the Southern Wiltshire Area, from Wiltshire Council's Cabinet Position Statement (November 2014) on the future of the campus delivery programme.
- 2.2 A main implication is, that with over £70m committed to 8 campus projects in the county, community areas not included in those 8, including Southern Wiltshire have been invited to devise their own local business plans to bring forward smaller scale community hub proposals for consideration by cabinet on a case by case basis.
- 2.3 The Southern Wiltshire COB has confirmed its intention to proceed as invited, but are all the more cautious not to unduly raise expectations locally, bearing in mind uncertainties regarding future funding for the development of subsequent campus/hubs beyond those 8 already funded.

**3. COB Proposals**

- (a) Alderbury, Winterslow and Downton are agreed as offering the most likely campus locations in our community area if we are to be limited to a three-campus solution.
- (b) To reflect the differences in these locations and the village clusters in which they sit it is proposed that campus consultations should be conducted locally by separate, locally-constituted mini-COBs.
- (c) The local member for each of the three locations will set up the mini-COB and, if not personally leading the mini-COB, will keep a watching brief over its work.

- (d) Each mini-COB will consult with its local community and surrounding villages regarding the needs and aspirations for any campus project(s) in that location and report to the main COB.
  
- (e) The main COB will devise a terms of reference for each of the mini-COBs and keep a watching brief on the work of the mini-COBs. It will also (i) undertake the work of establishing what council services are being delivered in each campus location cluster (and therefore what opportunities might exist for providing council service points or hot desk arrangements); and (ii) provide guidance on aspects of constructing a Business Plan for each location to include, for example, notional health improvements resulting from improved activity opportunities.

#### 4. **Recommendations**

The Southern Wiltshire Area Board is asked to discuss and agree the proposals in (3) above.

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