

## **Southern Wiltshire Community Opportunities Board – 9 December 2014**

### **Attendance:**

Cllr Richard Britton, Jay Greene, Nigel Sell, Debrah Biggs, Karen Linaker

### **COB members not in attendance:**

Chris Hall, Dave Dunford, Dudley Baker-Beall, Jane Dunlop

### **Introduction:**

1. This meeting was convened to :
  - (a) discuss the attached proposals
  - (b) to update COB members following the publication of the Cabinet's Position Statement regarding the future of the campus delivery programme in November 2014
  - (c) to secure the COB's ongoing commitment to devising campus facilities in this Area
2. Cllr Britton explained the latest position; that over £70m had been committed to 8 campuses in the county, and that the remaining community areas were invited to devise their own local business plans and bring forward smaller scale community hub proposals for consideration by cabinet on a case by case basis. Cllr Britton expressed caution that the COB's future work would need to ensure that expectations were not unduly raised, bearing in mind uncertainties regarding future funding for the development of subsequent campus's/hubs, beyond those 8 already funded.
3. Subject to the approval of the attached proposals at the 29<sup>th</sup> January 2015 Area Board meeting, the COB would write a terms of reference for the proposed "mini-COBs", and devise a questionnaire to go to heads of service in Wiltshire Council, to ascertain facts such as 'how much time do services spend in each of the mini-cob areas', 'to what end', 'how frequently' and 'how this is likely to continue in the next 5 years'.
4. Alongside this, the COB would look to provide guidance on aspects of constructing a business plan for each location.

### **Actions:**

- Cllr Britton and Karen undertook to begin work on the terms of reference, questionnaire and to seek guidance/good examples of business cases devised elsewhere in the county.
- Karen will complete and draft a report to the 29<sup>th</sup> January Area Board meeting, seeking approval of the attached proposals.
- JSA / Core Strategy review – Karen to find out how much progress Tom had made on this to ensure relevant matters can be used to validate our future business cases

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**Summary of proposals**

- 1 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.
- 2 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.
- 3 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.
- 4 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.
- 5 The central COB will keep a watching brief on the work of the mini-COBs but will also (a) 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 (b) providing guidance on aspects of constructing a Business Plan for each location to include, for example, notional health improvements resulting from improved activity opportunities,

If agreed, these proposals will be presented to the Area Board on January 29<sup>th</sup>.

Richard Britton  
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