

## **Malmesbury & Villages Community Area Planning Update**

### **1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1. To share with Members the results from a Community Planning event held in December 2005.
- 1.2. To encourage members to support the on-going Community Planning process.

### **2. Recommendations**

- 2.1. **That Members note the contents of this report**
- 2.2. **In their community leadership role, Members recognise the importance of their involvement in the community planning process**
- 2.3. **That Members actively encourage the involvement of the community in working with the Malmesbury & Villages Community Area Partnership to deliver the Malmesbury & Villages Community Plan and report back to this Committee in May/June 2006 on actions which they have undertaken to advance this work.**

### **3. Links to the Corporate Business Plan Priorities:**

- 3.1. Community Planning can be linked to the Council's priority of Partnership Working. This approach of community engagement, working towards building true community spirit and a caring society will also support the delivery of a range of the Council Priorities including those associated with Equalities and Diversity and Healthy Lifestyles.

### **4. Background**

- 4.1. The Malmesbury & Village Community Plan 2005-2015, was launched in May 2005 by the Malmesbury and Villages Community Area Partnership (M&VCAP).
- 4.2. Representatives from all parishes, (be their representatives of the Parish Councils or not) were invited to be involved throughout the consultation period, compilation and dissemination of the Plan, while currently they are also being encouraged to work together to seek solutions to the many issues raised in document.
- 4.3. The Community Planning process is supported by officers from both the County and District Councils.
- 4.4. Invitations to the action planning event held in December 2005 were sent to all Parish Councils, District and County Councillors in Area 1. Key statutory, business, voluntary and community organisations were invited, as were all those people who had been previously been involved in the development of the Plan. In addition a number of new members of the community were invited, having been identified by current members as active members of their communities.
- 4.5. The event, hosted by M&VCAP, was held on 8<sup>th</sup> December; the purpose of which was to identify priority themes and actions to be addressed by M&VCAP and its partners. It was hoped that as well as identifying the issues and actions, people attending this event would commit to forming Issue Groups to take forward the work on behalf of the M&VCAP.

### **5. The Programme**

- 5.1. Those attending the event were invited to prioritise issues within the Community Plan, which they felt should be addressed over the coming 18 months - 2 years. Subsequently they were invited to join interest groups based on the 8 community planning themes. Members of these groups were asked to look at the priorities identified and identify proposals to address the priorities, resources, timescale and people willing to take forward the issues.

- 5.2. Prioritisation of issues involved the use of different coloured sticky dots. Green was identified as high priority, yellow as medium importance and orange lower priority. In order to create a meaningful picture when interpreting the results, the different coloured dots were given a score, green dots being scored as 3, yellow, 2 and orange 1.

## **6. Outcomes**

- 6.1. The key outcomes may be found in the table in Appendix 1. Where there were tangible projects coupled with enthusiasm, issue groups will be established. These appear to be in the following areas:

- ∅ Education & Lifelong Learning
- ∅ The Environment, Land-based & Countryside Issues
- ∅ Transport
- ∅ Social Care & Health

- 6.2. It was recognised that there were a number of cross cutting issues that would necessitate Issue Groups to liaise between one another.

- 6.3. It will be the responsibility of the M&VCAP at their meeting to be held on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2006 to agree a way forward in terms of moving these Issue Groups forward at a local level and where relevant to refer issues to other agencies.

## **7. Discussion**

- 7.1. It is important that M&VCAP are afforded support from the statutory, business, voluntary and community sectors in order that they can address the diverse range of issues identified in the Community Plan. District and County Councillors have considerable influence in the community area and it is hoped that they will use this to champion future and continuing involvement from all Parish Councils and community groups with whom they have contact and represent.

## **8. Financial Implications**

- 8.1. There are no financial implications directly related to this report.

## **9. Community and Environmental Implications**

- 9.1. The involvement of a wide cross section of individuals and organisations in working towards the delivery of the Malmesbury & Village Community Area Plan should help to ensure that community needs and priorities are addressed in a way that maximises the use of available resources for local people.

## **10. Human Resources Implications**

- 10.1. There are no Human Resources implications directly relating to this report.

### **Documents used in the preparation of Report**

Malmesbury & Village Community Area Plan 2005 - 2015

### **REPORT OF THE COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT STRATEGIC MANAGER TO AREA 1 COMMITTEE 25 JANUARY 2006**

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