

CHIPPENHAM AREA COMMUNITY PLANNING UPDATE

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1. To update Members on the developments in Community Planning for Area 3 in 2005/06.
- 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 Chippenham Area Community Partnership (ChAP) to deliver the Chippenham Area Community Plan, and report progress back to this Committee.**

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. Representatives from all parishes were invited to be involved throughout the consultation, compilation and dissemination of the Community Plan. The Chippenham Forum met in September 2004 to prioritise the issues, needs and aspiration of Community Area 3. See Appendix A.
- 4.2. The Chippenham Area Community Partnership (ChAP) launched the Chippenham Area Community Plan for 2005-2015, in June 2005.
- 4.3. The launch event was extremely well attended by representatives from County, District, Town and Parish Councils, together with key statutory, business, voluntary and community organisations, and members of the community.
- 4.4. People were invited to join Special Interest Groups (SIGs) in order to focus on the concerns and priorities identified in the Community Plan.
- 4.5. Officers from both the County and District Councils support the Community Planning process.

5. The Programme

- 5.1. Those attending the SIGs meetings were invited to identify which priorities within the Community Plan, they felt should be addressed over the coming 18 months - 2 years.
- 5.2. The SIGs continue to meet on a regular basis to progress the work on selected projects.

6. Outcomes

- 6.1. The key outcomes may be found in Appendix A. Where there were tangible projects coupled with enthusiasm, SIGs have been established. These are as follows:

- Transport
- Crime & Community Safety
- The Environment
- Culture & Leisure
- Youth Issues

Projects underway include Youth Shelters, Recycling, A Community Transport Hub, A Youth Festival, and Litter Campaign.

It is hoped that SIGs for the remaining themes of Housing, Health and the Economy will be established in the coming months.

6.2. It was recognised that there were a number of cross cutting issues that would necessitate SIGs liaising between one another, and indeed other groups already in existence.

6.3. The ChAP steering group will monitor the progress of the SIGs, and assist where possible to agree a way forward at a local level, and where relevant to refer issues to other agencies.

7. Discussion

7.1. It is important that ChAP 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.

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 Chippenham Area Community 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

Chippenham Area Community Plan 2005 – 2015
Report of Meeting of Chippenham Community Forum

REPORT OF THE COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT STRATEGIC MANAGER TO AREA 3 COMMITTEE 5th JUNE 2006.

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