

The Cabinet

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REPORT

Councillor Cole-Morgan : Cabinet Member for Community & Housing

COMMUNITY PLANS

Report Summary:

Cabinet is requested to approve four out of the six community plans following their adoption by area committees and the South Wiltshire Strategic Alliance Board.

1. Background:

Salisbury District Council has a statutory duty to prepare a community strategy for the district, which will form part of its statutory Policy Framework. The previous generation of community plans has now reached the end of its life.

In June 2003, cabinet agreed that six community plans would be developed at a community area level and that a district-wide community strategy would subsequently be developed. These plans and the strategy will cover the period 2004-2009. The community strategy will capture issues common to all areas and will contribute the South Wiltshire perspective to the county-wide community strategy. This work is being done with key partners through the South Wiltshire Strategic Alliance.

2. Current Position:

The community plans for 2004-2009 have been considered at area committee meetings over the last two months. All the plans, except that of the Southern Area, have been approved by their relevant area committee. A revised timetable for the completion of the Southern Area Plan has been agreed with representatives of the Southern Area Committee and the revised plan will be considered in March.

The board of the South Wiltshire Strategic Alliance has considered the plans at its meeting on 23rd November 2004. At that meeting the board did not approve the Nadder Valley Community Plan (Tisbury and surrounding area) following late comments being received from Tisbury Parish Council. This plan will therefore be re-submitted to the Western Area Committee at its meeting in January before being submitted to the Cabinet for approval.

Each community plan summarises the main issues for the area. These were identified by consultation with local people. The plans also set out what is currently being done to address these issues and the action that will be taken over the next five years.

The district-wide community strategy, which will form part of the Council's statutory policy framework will be considered by the Alliance Board in the early part of next year.

As part of each community plan the District Council undertakes to complete certain actions in support of identified issues and priorities. It is considered that the Council should report what has been achieved and what is proposed to meet the local needs and priorities identified in the portfolio plans and corporate plan.

3. Recommendations

- (1) That the cabinet approve the area community plans for the City, Four Rivers (Wilton), Stonehenge (Northern Area), and Mere, community areas;
- (2) That the Nadder Valley and Southern Area plans be submitted to a future cabinet meeting following approval by their respective Area Committees and the Alliance Board;
- (3) That the priorities of area community plans are reflected in the district's portfolio plans and the corporate plan;
- (4) That the district-wide community strategy be submitted to the cabinet following approval by the Alliance Board, prior to being adopted by full council as a policy framework document.

4. Background Papers:

- The community plans are attached.
- A summary report of Salisbury District Council actions contained within all plans.
- Area committee report, April/May 2004 - Community Area Plans & Local Plan Activity.
- Area committee report, November 2003 - Community Leadership: The Way Forward.
- Cabinet report, 25 June 2003 – Community Planning update.

5. Implications:

- **Financial** : None.
- **Legal** : Required to have a Community Strategy.
- **Personnel** : None.
- **Community Safety** : Integral part of the process.
- **Council's Core Values** : Communication with the public.
- **Ward(s) Affected** : All (except Southern Area and Nadder Valley Area).
- **Consultation Undertaken:** On-going and extensive public consultation is carried out as part of the community planning process. Area committees.