

Corsham Area Community Partnership

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Corsham Area Community Partnership (CACP) has now started work on the new updated Community plan. This is being shaped by information from a range of sources including the following documents:

- The Big State ' Roadshow' Community Engagement Events
- Tomorrow's Voice Autumn 2008 Survey Results
- Corsham Community Area Survey 2008 results
- State of Community Area 2008
- Internal review of existing community plan

CACP believes this gives as an up-to-date and comprehensive overview of the issues and aspirations of people of all ages living, working and visiting the community area as it is realistically possible to achieve.

It is intended that the new Community Plan will be a more flexible and dynamic document available both in print and online which will enable it to change more immediately in response to current needs.

The Partnership intends to launch the key headline findings in the new Community plan at a public event on 21 April. This community meeting will also see the creation of a newly elected Chair with a new Steering Group and appropriate Action Groups to take the work forward.

CACP has also been working on its new Terms of Reference. These will meet the Minimum Operating Standards as proposed at the latest meeting of the Wiltshire Federation of Community Area Partnerships (WFCAP) which I attended as well as reflecting its role as a hub in a network of community organisations, groups and individuals throughout the Corsham Community Area.

CACP has now agreed its budget for 2009-2010 and this has been submitted with a request for funding to Nikki Lewis, Director of Community Leadership and Support (WCC), on behalf of the new Unitary Council.

CACP is pleased that, since it first raised its concerns over 'Youth Issues' in Colerne, there have been several actions which have led to a meeting focusing on this issue at Colerne Village Hall on 17 Feb 2009. CACP feels this is a good example of how an issue raised by the community through the partnership can lead to a series of positive outcomes – in this case involving the Pilot Area Board, the Parish Council, Statutory agencies and other relevant groups. In this particular case, outcomes include a Mapping Survey of the existing survey and a Young People consultation exercise. It is also planned to identify potential premises to meet young people's needs, recruit volunteers to train as youth workers and provide some research funding to develop the initiative. A subsequent meeting is planned for 26 March at the Village Hall at 6.30pm.

The CACP has been through a year of considerable change but has emerged reinvigorated and with a strong sense of purpose and vision. It looks forward to making a valuable contribution to the new Corsham Area Board later this year.

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