



Western Area Committee

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REPORT

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FINAL DRAFT OF COMMUNITY PLANS FOR MERE, TISBURY AND WILTON COMMUNITY AREAS

Report Summary

To present the final draft of the community plans for the Mere, Tisbury and Wilton community areas. The Area Committee is invited to make any final comments prior to the adoption of the plans by Cabinet and Council and to discuss how it can assist in taking forward the priorities identified in each plan.

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 have now reached the end of their 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 will cover the period 2004-09. The community strategy will capture issues that are 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 2005 - 2009 are currently in their final draft phase and are due to be formally adopted by the Board of the South Wiltshire Strategic Alliance in November 2004. Early consultation drafts of the Western area plans were previously circulated for comments in April/May, but there have been substantial changes to the plans as a result of feedback.

There are six plans for South Wiltshire, one for each community area. Each plan summarises the main issues for the area which have been identified by consultation with local people. The plan also sets out what is being done to address these issues and what action will be taken over the next five years.

3. Recommendations

- (1) That the Area Committee make final amendments to the plans for Cabinet to consider on 24 November 2004;
- (2) That the Area Committee endorse the three area community plans and take an active part in their delivery;
- (3) That Community Champions meet with the interested local people to develop initiatives in the area supported by their Community Planner.

4 Background Papers

- The Mere, Tisbury and Wilton Area community plans are currently being distributed to all Parish Councils, District and County Councillors in the area. They are also available electronically from www.southwilts.com/site/swsa.
- Area Committee report, April/May 2004 - Community Area Plans & Local Plan Activity
- Area Committee report, Nov 2003 - Community Leadership: The Way Forward
- Cabinet Report, 25 June 2003 – Community Planning update

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
- **Consultation Undertaken:** On-going consultation is carried out as part of the community planning process