

AGENDA

Meeting: Trowbridge Area Board

Place: Online meetingOnline meeting

Date: Thursday 25 February 2021

Time: 7.00 pm

Including the Parishes of: Hilperton, North Bradley, Southwick, Trowbridge and West Ashton

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Wiltshire Councillors

Cllr Andrew Bryant, Drynham

Cllr Ernie Clark, Hilperton (Chairman)

Cllr Peter Fuller, Park

Cllr David Halik, Grove

Cllr Edward Kirk, Adcroft

Cllr Steve Oldrieve, Paxcroft

Cllr Stewart Palmen, Central

Cllr Horace Prickett, Southwick (Vice-Chairman)

Cllr Jo Trigg, Lambrok

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	Items to be considered	Time
1	Apologies	7.00pm
	To receive any apologies for absence.	
2	Minutes of Previous Meetings (Pages 5 - 32)	
	To approve the minutes of the meetings held on 7 January 2021 and 11 February 2021.	
3	Declarations of Interest	
	To receive any declarations of disclosable interests or dispensations granted by the Standards Committee.	
4	Chairman's Announcements (Pages 33 - 36)	7.05pm
	To include the following:	
	a) Foster Caringb) Homes of Our Own Event	
5	Partner Updates (Pages 37 - 42)	
	To note the written reports and receive any updates from the following:	
	 a) Wiltshire Police b) Town and Parish Councils c) Local Youth Network d) Any other groups eg Trowbridge Future, Trowbridge Wellbeing Centre Development Group, Child Wellbeing Partnership. 	
6	Water Rescue in the Trowbridge Area (Pages 43 - 48)	7.50pm
	To receive an update from the Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service.	
	A partner update from the service is attached.	
7	Future High Streets Fund	8.10pm
	To receive an update from Rory Bowen, Interim Head of Economic Development on the in-principle offer of £16m made by government.	
8	Funding (Pages 49 - 56)	8.25pm
	At its meeting on 11 February 2021 the Area Board considered a grant from Collaborative Schools Ltd for £30,000.00 for the Community Digital Divide project, with details as attached. The Board made an initial award of £20,000.00.	

As a total of £9,973.66 remains within the combined community and youth grant budgets (£1322.91 and £8650.75 respectively). A proposal has been made that this amount also be awarded to Collaborative Schools Ltd, making a total contribution of £29,973.66 for the Community Digital Divide project.

9 Urgent items

8.30pm

Any other items of business which the Chairman agrees to consider as a matter of urgency.



MINUTES

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Date: 7 January 2021

Start Time: 7.00 pm Finish Time: 8.20 pm

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In Attendance:

Cllr Andrew Bryant, Cllr Ernie Clark (Chairman), Cllr Peter Fuller, Cllr Edward Kirk, Cllr Steve Oldrieve, Cllr Stewart Palmen, Cllr Horace Prickett (Vice-Chairman) and Cllr Jo Trigg

Agenda Item No.	Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision
1	<u>Apologies</u>
	There were no apologies for absence.
2	Minutes of the Previous Meeting
	The minutes of the meeting held on 26 November 2020 were presented for consideration, and it was,
	Resolved:
	To approve and sign the minutes as a true and correct record.
3	Declarations of Interest
	There were no declarations.
4	Chairman's Announcements
	Through the Chair there were the following announcements.

Future High Streets Fund – Attention was drawn to the announcement on 26 December 2020 of the provisional award of £16.3m of the £23.85m bid that had been made by Wiltshire Council to the Fund.

Rory Bowen, interim Head of Economic Regeneration provided further updates at the request of the Chairman. It was stated that technical work would now be undertaken for 26 February 2021 to secure the provisional award. Work would also take place on intention to deliver on all priorities with the level of funding, including how to phase activity, secure co-funding and re-analyse all elements. It was confirmed this was not a public exercise but engagement with the government, and that whilst the council felt there was a strong case to secure the entire provisional award, there was a risk that there could be a reduction in the final award. It was confirmed that though there had been engagement with the Town Council to gain its support, Wiltshire Council was the submitter of the bid.

It was agreed a further update would be held at the next meeting of the Board.

The following announcements were received in the meeting after Minute 64

Healthy Us – The written update on the weight management programme was noted.

Census 2021 – The written update on preparations for the 2021 Census was noted.

Jubilee Wood Extension – It was noted that Wiltshire West District Scouts had circulated details of its plans to purchase three fields adjacent to their current Jubilee wood site to expand the campsite and area. They would be communicating with the parish council, as well as undertaking fundraising efforts.

5 PCC Precept Consultation

Jerry Herbert, Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner, provided an update on work of the police across the last year, and the consultation on the precept proposal from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Details were provided on the establishment of the new rural crime, increases in recruitment, and investment in cyber-crime investigation and intelligence. It was proposed to increase the precept by 6.9%, equivalent of up to £15 per year for an average Band D household. This would support the recruitment of 46 additional officers, bolster community policing teams as well as maintain other essential services and continuation of delivery of service.

Consultation on the proposal would run from 5 January 2021 to 2 February 2021 at www.wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk.

The Board discussed the update, seeking details of work undertaken by Police Community Support Officers, the cyber-crime teams and work on domestic violence.

In relation to the national lockdown as a result of Covid-19, the Deputy Commissioner stated he the Commissioner were briefed three times per week by the Chief Constable, and that behaviour and compliance was usually very good, though there had been an increase in breaches over the holiday period. Fixed penalty notices were not issued in every circumstance and every notice was reviewed by the Deputy Commissioner, though the national emphasis was increasing on taking enforcement action in respect of breaches of the rules.

The Board thanked the Deputy Commissioner for his update, and asked all those present to publicise the consultation on the precept proposal.

6 Partner Updates

Updates from partners were received as follows:

i. Wiltshire Police

Sgt Leighton Williams was in attendance and noted the update on police action for the national lockdown provided by the Deputy Commissioner. Further updates were provided on hotspot areas in the town such as the town park and a rise in use of e-scooters illegally. Four new Police Community Support Officers had joined the local team and it was agreed to provide a list of the new officers.

ii. Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service

There was no update

iii. Town and Parish Councils

The written update from Trowbridge Town Council was noted. The Chairman thanked the town council on behalf of Hilperton Prish Council for question raised at the recent meeting on 5 December 2020 on spatial planning matters. There was discussion of plans for the town council to offer the Civic Centre free of charge for the use of vaccination roll out.

It was noted from Hilperton that at its most recent meeting it had set its precept.

It was noted from North Bradley that meetings were ongoing, with concerns around upcoming boundary changes, but that dialogue had been undertaken with the Town Clerk. A recent application for a food outlet within the White Horse Business Park had been objected to by the parish, which it hoped would be supported by others.

Further updates were received as follows:

iv. Local Youth Network

A webinar had been intended on a Child Friendly Project in Leeds which it was hoped to deliver something similar for Trowbridge, with a meeting with the Child Wellbeing Partnership taking place on 11 January 2021.

v. Trowbridge Wellbeing Centre Development Group

It was stated the level of funding and subsequent action from the Future High Street Fund would be relevant to further development of the area, with further updates on that expected at the next meeting.

7 <u>Funding</u>

The application from JP Counselling for £2500.00 was deferred to the next meeting.

The application from Splash for the Splash in Trowbridge project seeking £5000.00 was introduced by the applicant. On the motion of Councillor Steve Oldrieve, seconded by Councillor Andrew Bryant, it was,

Resolved:

To award £5000.00 to Splash (Part of Community First) for the Splash in Trowbridge Project.

Reason:

The application met the community grants criteria.

8 Local Plan Review Consultation

An update was received from Georgina Clampitt-Dix, Head of Spatial Planning on the Local Plan Review consultation, which would run from 13 January 2021 to 9 March 2021.

It was stated that in addition to the Local Plan Review the consultation would include the scope of the Gypsies and Travellers Development Plan Document Plan. These were necessary exercises to update the Local Plan with requirements for new homes and distribution across main settlements and villages. There would also be a focus on how planning policies could be shaped to address climate change.

An online event would be held for the Trowbridge area on 27 January 2021, with events focused on rural events (villages) on 1 and 2 February 2021.

Information for both plans including how to comment would be available 13 January 2021 on Council's website:

http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/planning-policy- local-plan-review-consultation http://wiltshire.gov.uk/planning-gypsy-travellers

Other resources to find out more about what the Local Plan consultation involves and how to comment were provided at http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/planning-policy- local-plan-review, email spatialplanningpolicy@Wiltshire.gov.uk or phone 0300 456 0100.

The Board then discussed the update, requesting any information from Spatial Planning be circulated to all Board Members, and seeking details of the scope of the reviewed plans to include issues of infrastructure planning required for growth. It was confirmed biodiversity was recognised along with climate change as relevant and there were documents for people to comment upon those issues within the plan documentation.

The Board thanked Georgina for the update and urged people to respond to the consultation.

<u>Urgent items</u>

There were no urgent items.

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Wiltshire and Swindon



Precept Consultation January 2021

Deputy PCC Jerry Herbert



What is the role of the PCC?

Voice

• Voice of the people of Wiltshire and Swindon

Accountable

Hold the Chief Constable and Force to account

Deliver

Cut crime and deliver effective and efficient policing



What has been delivered this year?

Rural Crime

- We were able to establish the new rural crime team
- Made up of one sergeant, three constables and 35 community policing team officers who work as Wildlife and Heritage Crime Officers. An Inspector acts as a tactical lead in addition to members of our Special Constabulary who are used on pre-planned operations.

Officers

- We are on track to recruit this year's target of an additional 65 police officers to the ranks in Wiltshire by March 2021
- This will take our officer numbers from 934 at its lowest to 1,050, the highest number of Wiltshire Police officers in six years. The additional 46 officers in 2021/22 would see officer numbers rise to 1,096 by March 2022.

Cyber-Crime

 We invested further into the Digital Investigations and Intelligence Unit to counter cyber-crime.



What am I proposing?

- Last month, the Government announced that it would deliver 6,000 new officers
 nationally in 2021/22 as part of its plan to increase officer numbers by 20,000. It
 also announced that we can raise the policing part of the council tax next April by
 6.9%, equivalent of up to £15 per year for an average band D household, to help
 fund the increase in officers
- We are therefore asking all residents to support a £15 per household, a year, rise on a band D property in the policing part of council tax for 2021/22. This equates to an extra £1.25 a month.
- I know that in normal times an increase in contributions will be felt by our communities but after this year, I realise this increase will be felt more keenly than ever before.
- Even with the £15 increase, we will still be asking for a lower precept contribution than any other Force in the South West.



What will the increase deliver?





Have your say – Survey!



Police and Crime Commissioner for Wiltshire and Swindon



@PCCWiltsSwindon



www.wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk

Consultation open from Tuesday 5 January to Tuesday 2 February 2021



Item 8 - Consultation to inform Wiltshire Local Plan Review

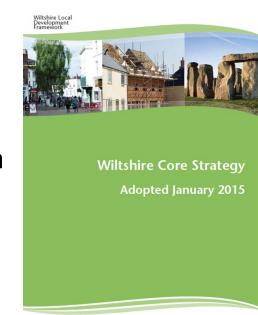
Georgina Clampitt-Dix

Head of Spatial Planning



What are we consulting on and why?

- Wiltshire Local Plan Review; and
- Scope of the Gypsies and Travellers Development Plan Document Plan
- Wiltshire Core Strategy needs to be updated to provide for new homes, jobs and infrastructure, while balancing protection of environment



Wiltshire Council

Plans will look ahead to 2036 - they will be used to determine planning applications



Local Plan Review - what are we consulting on? An overview

- Emerging spatial strategy:
 - Additional new homes and employment land needed (2016 to 2036); based on Government requirements and local evidence
 - Distribution by main settlements and rural areas
 - For rural areas, number of homes for each Local Service Centre and Large Village
- Settlement Statement and Site Selection Report for each main settlement including level of new growth, place shaping priorities, potential sites
- How planning policies could be shaped to addressing climate change



Gypsies and Travellers Plan - what are we consulting on? An overview

- Proposed scope and content of the Plan (previously covered by Local Plan)
- Plan to address permanent and temporary accommodation needs of travelling community up to 2036 including identification of sites
- Also, seeks views on level of need and approach to identifying sites



How can you get involved?

- Consultation on both plans commences Wed13 Jan until Tues 9 March 2021
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Planning for Trowbridge event - 7pm to 8pm, 27 January 2021 Rural events (villages) - 7pm to 8pm, 1 & 2 February 2021



How can you get involved?

Comments can be submitted in the following ways:

Online via the above links;

By email to: spatialplanningpolicy@wiltshire.gov.uk; and

Post to: Spatial Planning, Economic Development and Planning, Wiltshire Council, County Hall, Trowbridge, BA14 8JQ.

- Comments received will help shape the draft Local Plan and draft Gypsies and Traveller Plan - these will be consulted on late 2021
- If you wish to speak to a planning policy officer about the consultations contact the council on 0300 456 0100



Over to you...

- Sign up for the online events
- We want to hear your views please take the time to get involved and submit your comments



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Minute No.	Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision
10	<u>Apologies</u>
	An apology for absence was received from Councillor Horace Prickett.
11	Declarations of Interest
	Councillor Ernie Clark directed attention to his published register of interests.
	Councillor Steve Oldrieve declared a non-pecuniary interest in the grant application from St Thomas Church by virtue of being a member of the church. He stated he would not participate in the debate or vote on that item.
	Councillor Stewart Palmen declared an interest in the grant application from the Trowbridge Weavers Market Group by virtue of being Chair of the group. He stated he would not participate in the vote on that item.
	Councillor Palmen also declared he was a trustee of Trowbridge Future, and so would not vote on the grant application they had submitted.

	Councillor Jo Trigg declared a non-pecuniary interest in grant application by virtue of being Chair of Trustees for Trowbridge Future, and stated he would not participate in a vote on the application they had submitted
12	Chairman's Announcements
	There were no announcements.
13	Funding
	The following grant applications were considered.
13a	Youth Grants
	The Area Board considered the youth grants which had been submitted, with the grant from Whorswellsdown District Girlguiding and Trowbridge Future recommended for approval by the Local Youth Network.
	Accordingly, and on the motion of Councillor Ernie Clark, seconded by Councillor David Halik, it was,
	Resolved: To award £1188.00 to Whorwellsdown District Girlguiding for Covid Recovery.
	To award Trowbridge Future £525.25 for the Animal-based Wellbeing Trip project.
	Reason: The application met the Grant Criteria
13b	Community Grants and Health and Wellbeing Grants
	 The Board considered a grant application from the Kennet and Avon Woodturning Club. Details were sought on the number of members of the club and equipment that would be purchased to stream demonstrations of club activity. Following discussion, and on the motion of Councillor Jo Trigg, seconded by Councillor Steve Oldrieve, it was,
	Resolved:
	To award £1000.00 to Kennet and Avon Woodturning Club for the purchase of live interactive demonstration equipment.
	Reason:
	Reason: The application met the Grants criteria.

ii. The Board considered a grant application from the Monday-Wednesday Club. Details were sought on the application, designed to improve online communication and interaction for members many of whom had been shielding during Covid-19. Following discussion, and on the motion of Councillor Steve Oldrieve, seconded by Councillor Andrew Bryant, it was,

Resolved:

To award £722.00 to the Monday-Wednesday Club for club communication.

Reason:

The application met the Grants criteria.

iii. The Board considered a grant application from Trustees of North Bradley Progressive Hall. Details were sought on the proposed boiler installation and other hall improvements, and of general contributions to the upkeep of the hall from the parish council. Following discussion, and on the motion of Councillor Ernie Clark, seconded by Councillor Steve Oldrieve, it was,

Resolved:

To award £1725.00 to the Trustees of North Bradley Progressive Hall for a Progressive Hall boiler and painting.

Reason:

The application met the Grants criteria.

iv. The Board considered a grant application from the Our Time Project for a health and wellbeing grant, which was recommended for approval by the health and wellbeing group. Details were sought on the application and group, who delivered theatre and movie workshops with elders to stimulate them physically and mentally, and which during Covid-19 needed to work online more. Following discussion, and on the motion of Councillor Ernie Clark, seconded by Councillor David Halik, it was.

Resolved:

To award £950.00 to the Our Time Project for the Covid Response Our Time Trowbridge project.

Reason:

The application met the Grants criteria.

v. The Board considered a grant application from Collaborative Schools Ltd for the Community Digital Divide project. Details were sought on the application to provide IT resources to young people and families in the Trowbridge area impacted by Covid-19. The size of the grant was noted, and the applicant confirmed that an award of £20,000 would enable around 100 devices to be provided, which would be distributed on the basis of deprivation. Following discussion, and on the motion of Councillor Steve Oldrieve, seconded by Councillor Stewart Palmen, it was.

Resolved:

To award £20,000.00 to Collaborative Schools Ltd for the Community Digital Divide project.

Reason:

The application met the Grants criteria.

vi. The Board considered a grant application from the Hilperton Village Hall for £665.00. Details were sought on the application to repair elements of the village hall, and it was confirmed an application had also been made to the parish council for half the cost of the project. Following discussion, and on the motion of Councillor Steve Oldrieve, seconded by Councillor David Halik, it was,

Resolved:

To award £665.00 to the Hilperton Village Hall for Roof and Chimney repair, subject to matched funding from Hilperton Parish Council.

Reason:

The application met the Grants criteria.

vii. The Board considered a grant application from St Thomas Church. Details were sought on the application for refurbishment of the toilet facilities, which was part of a wider refurbishment of the church, and broad community use of the church. Following discussion, and on the motion of Councillor Ernie Clark, seconded by Councillor Stewart Palmen, it was,

Resolved:

To award £5000.00 to St Thomas Church for toilet refurbishment at Holy Trinity Church.

Reason:

The application met the Grants criteria.

viii. The Board considered a grant application from Naturally Social. Details were sought on the application, which involved refurbishing and recycling laptops and other devices and redistributing them to those with a need, with a large increase in such need during Covid-19. It was suggested that they also be able to work with Collaborative Schools in this work. Following discussion, and on the motion of Councillor Steve Oldrieve, seconded by Councillor Jo Trigg, it was,

Resolved:

To award £5000.00 to the Naturally Social for the Wiltshire Digital Drive project.

Reason:

The application met the Grants criteria.

ix. The Board considered a grant application from Help Counselling Services, which was a health and wellbeing grant which had been recommended for approval by the health and wellbeing group. Details were sought on services provided including trained counsellors, and the expansion that had been required over the course of the last year due to Covid-19. Following discussion, and on the motion of Councillor David Halik, seconded by Councillor Jo Trigg, it was,

Resolved:

To award £1300.00 to the HELP Counselling Services for service expansion.

Reason:

The application met the Grants criteria.

x. The Board considered a grant application from Trowbridge Environmental Community. Details were sought on the application to provide masterclasses on reducing waste, particular plastic waste. Following discussion, and on the motion of Councillor Stewart Palmen, seconded by Councillor Steve Oldrieve, it was,

Resolved:

To award £950.00 to Trowbridge Environmental Community for waste free masterclasses.

Reason:

The application met the Grants criteria.

xi. The Board considered a grant application from Group 5. Details were sought on the application, which was to support the charity's work collecting, refurbishing and donating furniture to those with a need in West Wiltshire, referred by hostels, social workers and others. Following discussion, and on the motion of Councillor Steve Oldrieve, seconded by Councillor Jo Trigg, it was,

Resolved:

To award £1000.00 to Group 5 for furniture recycling to needy families.

Reason:

The application met the Grants criteria.

xii. The Board considered a grant application from Families Out Loud, which was a health and wellbeing grant recommended for approval by the health and wellbeing group. Details were sought on the work of the group, which provided support to families impacted by addiction of a family member, including professional counselling and support groups and which was seeking to expand its work in Trowbridge. Following discussion, and on the motion of Councillor Jo Trigg, seconded by Councillor Steve Oldrieve, it was,

Resolved:

To award £5642.97 to Families Out Loud for service expansion in Trowbridge.

Reason:

The application met the Grants criteria.

xiii. The Board considered a grant application from the Trowbridge Weavers Market Group. Details were sought on the application to relaunch the market following successful events in 2019 which had not been able to take place in 2020 due to Covid-19 restrictions. There was discussion of how the group could work with other markets operating locally. Following discussion, and on the motion of Councillor Steve Oldrieve, seconded by Councillor Jo Trigg, it was,

Resolved:

To award £1500.00 to Trowbridge Weavers Market Group for Weavers Market Relaunch.

Reason:

The application met the Grants criteria.

xiv. The Board considered a grant application from the Hilperton School PFA for funding for an all-weather pitch. Details were sought on the level of funding raised for the total project cost, other school facilities, assurance that the pitch would be open to use by other groups in the community and how this could occur, and possible contributions from the parish council. Following discussion, and on the motion of Councillor Andrew Bryant, seconded by Councillor Edward Kirk, it was,

Resolved:

To award £3000.00 to Hilperton School PFA for an all-weather pitch, subject to a matched contribution from Hilperton Parish Council.

Reason:

The application met the Grants criteria.

xv. The Board considered a grant application from the Trowbridge Chamber of Commerce and Invest in Trowbridge. Details were sought on the project to produce artworks to form part of an nature themed art trail around the town to improve its visuals, including potential difficulties in obtaining landlord permission to display in closed or open shopfronts, if the artwork could in future be sold to fund other project investment and whether the Chamber should make community grants. Following discussion, and on the motion of Councillor Steve Oldrieve, seconded by Councillor Stewart Palmen, it was,

Resolved:

To award £5000.00 to Trowbridge Chamber of Commerce and Invest in Trowbridge for Windows on Nature Art Trail.

Reason:

The application met the Grants criteria.

Councillor Edward Kirk requested that his vote in objection be recorded.

xvi. The Board considered a grant application from Wiltshire Wildlife Trust.

Details were sought on the application, part of a wider project monitoring

	and improving water quality for local rivers and streams Following discussion, and on the motion of Councillor Stewart Palmen, seconded by Councillor Jo Trigg, it was,
	Resolved:
	To award £515.52 to Wiltshire Wildlife Trust for a Water Quality Testing Kit.
	Reason:
	The application met the Grants criteria.
14	<u>Urgent items</u>
	There were no urgent items.

Agenda Item 4

Chairman's Announcements

Subject: Fostering in Wiltshire

Web contact:

Email: fostering@wiltshire.gov.uk
Web: www.fosteringwiltshire.uk

Our foster carers do an amazing job, making a massive difference to the life chances of some of Wiltshire's most vulnerable children and young people. Foster carers provide a safe and nurturing home for our children who have experienced abuse, trauma and loss.

We are currently seeking to recruit 100 new foster carers over three years so that our children can continue to live in their local communities, within Wiltshire. We started a campaign back in May 2020 at the start of Foster Care Fortnight to encourage more applications to foster. To date, we have successfully recruited 26 new fostering families towards our target. This is great news, but we still don't have enough to keep all our children in care within Wiltshire, especially for our teenagers.

With more Wiltshire Council foster carers, our children and young people can remain living locally, which means they are more readily able to remain in the same school, see friends and maintain relationships with their family.

We are sharing our message with each area board, with the hope you can encourage people to support and promote our recruitment campaign and highlight the importance of foster care in your local communities.

In all areas, we require more fostering families to look after our children in care. We know that some areas may need a significant increase whereas a few others may only need a few more. We would like our fostering service to get to the position where we are able to offer children a choice of foster carer to best suit their needs.

We especially need more foster carers who want to care for our teenagers and specialist carers, able to look after a parent and child and /or provide an emergency home at a time of crisis and/or look after children with complex medical needs and/or disabilities.

Louise, a 14 year old young person who lives in foster care, has explained below how foster carers can help teenagers deal with the ups and downs of growing up.

"When I've been upset, they've cheered me up. They also help me understand my feelings and help me with my worries. They are also good fun too and don't take things too seriously. Children need foster carers who have lots of time. They listen to what I have to say and are interested in my thoughts. The three things I think are most important for foster carers are: listen to what I say, make me feel like I am a part of their family and get along with me in general."

To become a foster carer, people need to be over 21 years of age and have a spare bedroom. More details are available on the fostering website: www.fosteringwiltshire.uk

Fostering payments vary depending on the skills and experience of the foster carer, starting at £350 per week per child up to a maximum of £1300 per week for a specialist parent and child carer providing an assessment.

People can find out more information by:

- Calling fostering on 0800 1696321
- Emailing fostering@wiltshire.gov.uk
- Visiting <u>www.fosteringwiltshire.uk</u>
- Texting 'Foster' to 60002



Chairman's Announcements

Subject:	Free Online Event – Homes of Our Own
Web contact:	Link: Community-led housing in Wiltshire and Swindon Tickets, Thu 25 Feb 2021 at 12:00 Eventbrite

Homes of Our Own is a newly formed Community Led Housing Hub, operated by Wiltshire Community Land Trust, Community First, Wiltshire Council and Swindon Borough Council.

Community Led Housing offers an opportunity for a community to take an active role in delivering the housing that is needed in their local community. Seend CLT recently submitted a planning application for 10 new affordable homes in Seend, which will be delivered through White Horse Housing.

Seend and White Horse Housing will be speaking at an event about their experience of working with Homes of Our Own to deliver the new homes. This event may be of particular interest to parish and town councils and details are included below.

Developing a Community Led Housing approach to meet the need within your community, enables much greater control over what housing is delivered and where.

Details of the event are here: Housing Events | Homes of Our Own

Link to register for the event is here:

Community-led housing in Wiltshire and Swindon Tickets, Thu 25 Feb 2021 at 12:00 | Eventbrite



Agenda Item 5

WILTSHIRE POLICE

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LOCAL CPT UPDATES:

<u>Increase in Police Community Support Officers and Police Officers</u>

In December 2020 Trowbridge neighbourhoods welcomed four new police community support officers (PCSO) who has spent the last few months bedding into the team and community and have made in roads in to building working relationships with our partners.

As part of the force's commitment to uplifting staff numbers across the county Trowbridge police will be welcoming a further two new PCSO's in early April to the neighbourhood team and an additional five police constables to bolster the numbers on our response teams. This increase will further our ability to police more effectively and efficiently across the town and increase our presence in the areas that cause the most concern.

Contact the CPT Neighbourhood team via Email: TrowbridgeAreaCPT@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk

You can find out more about Trowbridge Area CPT, including news stories and contacts for local officers, on our website: https://www.wiltshire.police.uk/article/5431/Local-Officers-for-Trowbridge-Area-CPT

Follow us on Facebook; Search for Trowbridge Police

Sign up to <u>Wiltshire Community Messaging</u> - free messages from your Police Neighbourhoods team about police and crime matters in your area. This includes community impactive crimes, witness appeals, prevention advice and good news articles. You can also opt to get free messages from other agencies including Neighbourhood Watch, Action Fraud and Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue. Go online and visit <u>www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk</u>

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LOCAL PRIORITIES

PRIORITIES FOR TROWBRIDGE NEIGHBOURHOODS

UPDATE

Priority 1: Anti-Social behaviour (ASB) and Covid -19 breaches

Since the introduction of this most recent lockdown the neighbourhood team, supported by their response and specialist colleagues have been focussing patrols on ASB and CV-19 hotspots. This has tended to include our public spaces, such the Town Park, Southwick Country Park and the Town centre. The increase in patrols has seen a number of fixed penalty notices being issued, children being returned home and a reduction in ASB across these areas.

Over busy weekends there has been a force wide response to the ASB and other public order related offences under the umbrella of Operation QUANTUM. This has involved serial of additional officers, managed by an Inspector. These officers have proactively targeted those committing ASB style offences, thus leaving the core shift to concentrate on their day to day roles. Again, these patrols have been a real success, with a reduction in ASB reports and increase in officers visible within the community.

Priority 2: SPEED ENFORCEMENT

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This has been a constant theme throughout lockdown as there has been local and national concern raised around the increase in speeding offences being committed. Trowbridge police have continued to brief at the commencement of every shift the areas of concern in the town. This information comes from community speed watch and engagement with those in the community. So far in February there have been 10 checks carried out across the town by Trowbridge resulting in over 20 motorists being dealt. Colleagues from our roads policing unit continue to support this initiative by conducting checks on the faster, main arterial routes surrounding Trowbridge, again with positive results.

GET INVOLVED

- You can keep up to date with the latest news in your area by signing up to our Community Messaging service – www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk
- You can follow your CPT on social media https://www.wiltshire.police.uk/Followus
- More information on your CPT area can be found here: www.wiltshire.police.uk and here www.wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk



Trowbridge Child Wellbeing Partnership Report to the Area Board February 2021

Leeds Webinar

On 9th December 2020 7 members of the group attended a webinar given by Child Friendly Leeds explaining how they had developed their approach. Trowbridge is significantly different to Leeds, so it is not possible simply to copy this approach, however, there were some key points that emerged that are helpful to the Partnership.

Five to Thrive Training

The **five to thrive** model is a way of understanding how connected relationships are fundamental to human wellbeing and help us to build resilient communities. The **five to thrive** building blocks describe a sequence of relational activities that build healthy brains in young children and maintain healthy brain function throughout life. The simple key words offer a bridge between professional understanding of neuroscience and everyday experience.

Existing data indicates that feeling safe is a key concern of children and young people living in the Trowbridge area. The Partnership that the **five to thrive approach** would help to address this by changing the environment within the town. Wiltshire Council has a programme of giving **five to thrive** training to those working with children families and young people. The Partnership has made a proposal to cascade this training to all frontline workers in Tribridge and develop a version of it for key people within the community. The thinking is to try and bringing the change in environment referred to above by saturating the area with this approach. Wiltshire Council's FTT Reference Group has agreed to support this proposal and it is hoped to begin to implement it once the mapping has been done to develop a rollout plan.

Engaging Young People

The Partnership's current focus is developing an approach to engage young people around the question What is it like to grow up in Trowbridge and how can we make it better? This will help to give authenticity to the Partnership's vision statement and add to existing data to identify the key actions that need to be taken to make Trowbridge Child Friendly.

Colin Kay
Chair of Trowbridge Child Wellbeing Partnership
February 2021







DORSET & WILTSHIRE FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE WILTSHIRE AREA BOARD REPORT

Community Safety Plan

DWFRS Community Safety Plan can be found on the DWFRS website; http://www.dwfire.org.uk/community-safety-plan/

Prevention

We are committed to making a real difference to the lives of people in Dorset and Wiltshire. Our aim is to reduce the level of risk and harm to our communities from fire, targeting those most at risk. We do this primarily through our Safe and Well visits.

A Safe and Well visit is **FREE** and normally lasts about one hour covering topics such as:

- Using electricity safely
- Cooking safely
- Making an escape plan
- What to do if there is a fire
- Keeping children safe
- Good practice night time routine and other points relevant to you
- Identifying and discussing any further support the occupier may need

Are you or anyone you know:-

- Over the age of 65?
- Need a smoke detector?
- Have a long-term health condition?
- Suffer from poor hearing or sight loss?
- · Would you struggle to escape in the event of a fire?

If you can answer yes to more than one of these questions, then please call us on 0800 038 2323 or visit https://www.dwfire.org.uk/safety/safe-and-well-visits/





Protection

On-going interaction by Protection Team members with Local Authorities, Private landlords and tenants regarding fire safety-related matters: external cladding systems; fire detection and warning systems; fire resisting doors (& self-closers); combustibility/fire resistance of construction materials; commercial and residential sprinklers systems and water-mist suppression systems

General Enquiries

If you have a general fire safety enquiry regarding commercial property, please email fire.safety@dwfire.org.uk and the Fire Safety Team will respond in office hours.

Fire Safety Complaint

If you wish to tell us about fire safety risks in commercial premises, such as locked or blocked fire exits, you have three options:

- You can email the fire safety department at enforcement@dwfire.org.uk
- Call 01722 69 1717 during office hours (9am-5pm).
- Call our Service Control Centre on 0306 799 0019 out of office hours (5pm-9am)

On Call Recruitment

Have you always wondered if you could join the fire service, but haven't had the opportunity to find out more? Have you found yourself seeking your next challenge, keen to give back to the local community or wanting to learn new skills including leadership and teamwork? Then becoming an on-call firefighter is for you.

As a paid position, on-call firefighters commit anywhere between 40 to 120 hours per week, during which time they must be able to respond to the station immediately.

Many have 'normal' jobs during the day, then upon their return home make themselves available overnight or during the weekends. Some of our crew respond from their workplaces during the day, and we are very grateful to their employers for releasing them to perform their vital duties.

Anyone over 18 years old can apply (although you can also apply once you are 17½) you must be able to respond and attend the fire station within 5-8 minutes, you have a good standard of physical fitness (i.e. you are generally active), and you must have the right to work in the UK.

Further information on becoming an On Call Firefighter can be found at www.dwfire.org.uk/working-for-us/on-call-firefighters/ or should you have any questions, you can call **01722 691444**.





Recent News & Events

DWISE: Dorset and Wiltshire Inspirational Safety Education.



The Dorset and Wiltshire Inspirational Safety Education (DWISE) programmes and resources are produced and delivered by the Education Team of Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service. During this period we are providing resources for parents, carers and educators to use which will help children understand how they can help keep themselves safe and well. The resources are designed to support English, maths and art as well as providing safety information and using firefighters to inspire children to be fit and healthy.

For more information please visit: https://www.dwfire.org.uk/education/parents-and-carers/

Advice for people living with dementia



Dementia is a National Health priority in the UK, as the number of people living with the condition continues to increase. Dementia is also a substantial factor in increasing the risk of injury or death from fire in the home.

Fire and Rescue Services across the UK are aware of the link between serious home fires and the elderly, especially those with mobility and memory loss health needs.

For further information please visit: https://www.dwfire.org.uk/safety/advice-for-carers/advice-for-dementia-sufferers/







Boat safety



Boat safety is a priority in Dorset and Wiltshire, as hundreds of people live and work on our waterways, in addition to the thousands of visitors who come each year to enjoy a peaceful holiday in our seaside towns or aboard a narrowboat.

Our Safe and Well visits include people who live on boats – click here to request a visit.

See also:

- The Fire Kills campaign has produced a handy leaflet on <u>Boat Safety</u>
- For further information about general boat fire and CO safety, visit <u>www.boatsafetyscheme.org/stay-safe</u>
- For broader safety advice, visit the Maritime & Coastguard Agency website <u>www.gov.uk/government/organisations/maritime-and-coastguard-agency</u> and the Royal National Lifeboat Institution <u>www.rnli.org</u>

Winter safety



Keeping warm in the winter means using portable heaters, electric blankets or wheatbags – but all of these carry a fire risk.

Please visit our website for more information: https://www.dwfire.org.uk/safety/safety-at-home/seasonal-advice/winter-safety/

The Fire Kills campaign has produced a leaflet on <u>Fire Safety in the Winter</u>.

There is a wealth of good advice at <u>www.metoffice.gov.uk/barometer/advice</u>





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Total Fire Calls for Trowbridge Fire Station for period October – December 2020

Category	Total Incidents
No. of False Alarms	31
No. of Fires	19
No. of Road Traffic Collisions and other Emergencies	29
	79

Local Incidents of Note:

Other Emergencies such as Special Service Calls were mainly to assist other agencies such as the Ambulance Service.

> **David Geddes Station Manager** Email:david.geddes@dwfire.org.uk Mobile: 07826532607



Report to	Trowbridge Area Board
Date of Meeting	25/02/2021
Title of Report	Community Area Grant funding

Provisional Figures	Area Board Grants Budget	H&WB Fund	LYN Fund
Opening balance 2020/21	£70,110.00	£7,700.00	£29,923.00
Grant Applications Awarded to date	£68,787.49	£4,250.00	£21272.25
Current Balance	£1322.91	£3,450.00	£8650.750
Balance if all grants are agreed at this meeting	£0	£200.00	£0

Purpose of the report:

To consider the applications for funding listed below

Applicant	Amount requested
Applicant: Collaborative Schools Ltd	
Project Title: Community Digital Divide	£30000.00
	£20,000.00 awarded on
View full application	11 Feb 21

1. Background

Area Boards have authority to approve Area Grants under powers delegated to them. Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the <u>Area Board Grants Guidance</u>

The funding criteria and application forms are available on the council's website.

2. Main Considerations

- 2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that funding awarded in the 2015/2016 year is made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of it being awarded.
- 2.2. Councillors must ensure that the distribution of funding is in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation to Area Boards.
- 2.3. Councillors will need to be satisfied that the applications meet the Community Area Board grants criteria.

3. Environmental & Community Implications

Grant Funding will contribute to the continuance and/or improvement of cultural,

social and community activity and wellbeing in the community area, the extent of which will be dependent upon the individual project.

4. Financial Implications

Financial provision had been made to cover this expenditure.

5. Legal Implications

There are no specific legal implications related to this report.

6. Human Resources Implications

There are no specific human resources implications related to this report.

7. Equality and Inclusion Implications

Community Area Boards must fully consider the equality impacts of their decisions in order to meet the Council's Public Sector Equality Duty.

Community Area Grants will give local community and voluntary groups, Town and Parish Council's equal opportunity to receive funding towards community based projects and schemes, where they meet the funding criteria.

8. Safeguarding Implications

The Area Board has ensured that the necessary policies and procedures are in place to safeguard children, young people and vulnerable adults.

9. Applications for consideration

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
<u>4049</u>	Collaborative Schools Ltd	Community Digital Divide	£30000.00

Project Description:

This grant will purchase refurbished digital devices to go into the homes of disadvantaged primary aged children. Many do not have the necessary technology that allows access to wellbeing and health support alongside promoting engagement with activities and learning that supports the life chances and aspirations of all ages. The digital poverty divide has been manifestly highlighted due to Covid 19. We will install software and filters ensure devices monitor use and support with internet safety. Devices will be issued within a loan agreement with usage alongside need reviewed regularly. Post Pandemic we will continue to allocate these devices to children and families in need.

Note: The Area Board received the application and initially awarded £20,000 at its meeting on 11 February 2021. A total of £9973.66 could be additionally awarded from the Community and Youth grants budget.

Proposal

That the Area Board determines the application.

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Wiltshire Council

Trowbridge Area Board

25 February 2021

Grant Applications Details for Trowbridge Area Board

ID	Grant Type	Project Title	Applicant	Amount Required
4049		Community Digital Divide	Collaborative Schools Ltd	£30000.00 £20,000.00 awarded at meeting on 11 Feb 21

4049	Community Area	Community Digital	Collaborative Schools	£30000.00
4049	Grant	Divide	Ltd	£30000.00

Submitted: 18/01/2021 15:41:14

ID: 4049

Current Status: Application Received

To be considered at this meeting

1. Which type of grant are you applying for?

Community Area Grant

2. Amount of funding required?

£5001+

3. Are you applying on behalf of a Parish Council?

No

4. If yes, please state why this project cannot be funded from the Parish Precept

5. Project title?

Community Digital Divide

6. Project summary:

This grant will purchase refurbished digital devices to go into the homes of disadvantaged primary aged children. Many do not have the necessary technology that allows access to wellbeing and health support alongside promoting engagement with activities and learning that supports the life chances and aspirations of all ages. The digital poverty divide has been manifestly highlighted due to Covid 19. We will install software and filters ensure devices monitor use and support with internet safety. Devices will be issued within a loan agreement

with usage alongside need reviewed regularly. Post Pandemic we will continue to allocate these devices to children and families in need.

7. Which Area Board are you applying to?

Trowbridge

Electoral Division

8. What is the Post Code of where the project is taking place?

BA14 9EH

9. Please tell us which theme(s) your project supports:

Children & Young People

Economy

Health and wellbeing

Our Community

If Other (please specify)

10. Finance:

10a. Your Organisation's Finance:

Your latest accounts:

08/2019

Total Income:

£215000.00

Total Expenditure:

£278169.00

Surplus/Deficit for the year:

£62228.00

Free reserves currently held:

(money not committed to other projects/operating costs)

£150000.00

Why can't you fund this project from your reserves:

Charity reserves are allocated to allow the organisation to sustain for at least the next 4 financial years.

We are a small community group and do not have annual accounts or it is our first year:

10b. Project Finance:

Total Project cost £60000.00

Total required from Area Board £30000.00

Expenditure (Itemised expenditure)	£	Income (Itemised income)	Tick if income confirmed	£
8 x Chromebooks	2300.00	Wiltshire Community Foundation	yes	2300.00
10 x IPADS	2700.00	Wiltshire Community Foundation	yes	2700.00
10 x refurbished Chromebooks	2450.00	Selwood Housing		2450.00
17 x refurbished Windows laptops	2550.00	Selwood Housing		2550.00
60 x refurbished Chromebooks	14700.00	Trowbridge Area Board		14700.00
102 x refurbished Window laptops	15300.00	Trowbridge Area Board		15300.00
Insurance	500.00	Trowbridge schools/CSL	yes	500.00
Software and security filters	900.00	Trowbridge schools/CSL	yes	900.00
Repair and maintenance	1000.00	Trowbridge schools/CSL	yes	1000.00
Total	£42400			£42400

11. Have you or do you intend to apply for a grant from another area board within this financial year?

No

12. If so, which Area Boards?

Trowbridge

13. Please tell us WHO will benefit and HOW they will benefit from your project benefit your local community?

The issuing of devices will benefit the local community in numerous ways. Our project will help bridge the digital inequality linked to disadvantage which has become blindingly obvious during the unprecedented Covid Pandemic. It will allow impoverished children and families -Access to welfare and health advice impacting on wellbeing and happiness -To communicate with trusted adults and health professionals that they cannot see in person thus supporting their mental health-Equal opportunities to access learning and achieve

academically thus raising aspiration and life chances -A safe platform to communicate with peers and family thus avoiding isolation. By providing IT devices to children in need many families will benefit. For disadvantaged families the pressures to provide IT equipment will be immense. Many are struggling to meet minimum basic need eg increase in the numbers accessing food banks. Evidence is suggesting rising debt amongst low income groups. By removing the pressure of IT concerns families will be able to focus on other priority areas which may go some way to avoiding future debts and financial pressures. The devices will also allow older families members access to online life long learning opportunities. A subliminal benefit will be the reassurance struggling families will gain knowing that community groups organisations and schools are aware of their needs and willing to help. This will build community cohesion establish relationships and promote trust. It will also help build the confidence to seek help when needed in the future.

14. How will you monitor this?

We will issue devices within a loan agreement. We will communicate with children and families to establish feedback and the impact on their families. We will do this anecdotally via feedback forms and via online communication. We will be able to view how much online learning has taken place and will support families to achieve this. We will review our allocations at set times to ensure the need for the device remains and if not we will reallocate.

15. Safeguarding. Please tell us about how you will protect and safeguard those involved in your project

The safeguarding of children and young people families and staff is paramount within Collaborative Schools Ltd CSL. All staff have received basic safeguarding training with those who work more closely with families and vulnerable children receiving more in depth training last a full day. CSL has a Designated Safeguarding Lead Manager who has overall oversight of safeguarding with the organisation and has received advanced two day training. Training is updated in line with national guidance and is compliant to the Safeguarding Vulnerable Peoples Partnership guidelines and is recognised by this body All the member schools of CSL place safeguarding as its top priority with the training systems and processes in place to ensure the safety of all. Every staff member and volunteer of CSL along with member schools is enhanced DBS checked. CSL and member schools hold an up to date Single Central Record in relation to safeguarding checks which is inclusive of checks taken at the point of recruitment ie references. CSL and member schools operate their safeguarding practices within a suite of relevant policies including Child Protection and Online Safety.

16. If your project will continue after the Wiltshire Council funding runs out, how will you continue to fund it?

The project legacy will continue for time. Once the initial spend ie purchasing the devices has taken place Collaborative Schools Ltd and its member schools are committed to insuring the devices ensuring maintenance and repair and regularly reviewing usage/need. This will allow devices to last over time and continue to be used in support of the most vulnerable families promoting education lifelong learning and welfare.

17. Is there anything else you think we should know about the project?

18. DECLARATION

Supporting information - Please confirm that the following documents will be available to inspect upon request:

Quotes:

yes I will make available on request 1 quote for individual project costs over £500 & 2 quotes for project costs over £1000 (Individual project costs are listed in the expenditure section above)

Project/Business Plan:

yes I will make available on request a **project or business plan** (including estimates) for projects where the **total project cost** (as declared in the financial section above) exceeds £50,000 (tick only when total project cost exceeds £50,000).

Accounts:

yes I will make available on request the organisation's **latest accounts**

Constitution:

yes I will make available on request the organisation's Constitution/Terms of Reference etc.

Policies and procedures:

yes I will make available on request the necessary and relevant policies and procedures such as Child Protection, Safeguarding Adults, Public Liability Insurance, Access audit, Health & Safety and Environmental assessments.

Other supporting information (Tick where appropriate, for some project these will not be applicable):

And finally...

yes The information on this form is correct, that any award received will be spent on the activities specified.

