

AGENDA

Meeting: WESTBURY AREA BOARD
Place: Bratton Jubilee Hall, Melbourne Street, Bratton BA13 4RW
Date: Thursday 18 October 2012
Time: 7.00 pm

Including parishes of Bratton, Coulston, Dilton Marsh, Edington, Heywood and Westbury

The Area Board welcomes and invites contributions from members of the public. The chairman will try to ensure that everyone who wishes to speak will have the opportunity to do so.

If you have any requirements that would make your attendance at the meeting easier, please contact your Democratic Services Officer.

Refreshments and networking opportunities will be available from 6:30pm.

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Items to be considered	Time
<p>1. Chairman's Welcome and Introductions</p>	7.00pm
<p>2. Apologies for Absence</p>	
<p>3. Minutes (<i>Pages 1 - 10</i>)</p> <p>To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 16 August 2012.</p>	
<p>4. Declarations of Interest</p> <p>Councillors are requested to declare any non-pecuniary and pecuniary interest or dispensations granted by the Standards Committee.</p>	7.05pm
<p>5. Chairman's Announcements (<i>Pages 11 - 24</i>)</p> <p>Chairman's Announcements can be discussed and members of the public can ask questions but they are not an item on the agenda open for debate; officers / people with the knowledge on the subject are not usually present to answer questions or provide additional information.</p> <p>However members of the public do have an opportunity to ask for any further information to be included as an item for a future agenda.</p> <p>(a) Wiltshire & Swindon Local Nature Partnership</p> <p>A Steering Group formed in January 2012 with representation from Wiltshire Council, Swindon Borough Council, Wiltshire Wildlife Trust and the AONBs to guide the development of a Local Nature Partnership (LNP) in Wiltshire & Swindon. As of July 2012 the Wiltshire & Swindon LNP has been officially recognised as a LNP by Government.</p> <p>This information sheet provides a brief update on the progress that has been made and invites contributions from interested parties in relation to the strategic direction and future work of the LNP.</p>	

Further information is included in the agenda pack.

(b) Barrier Busting Proposals

Volunteers, community groups and social enterprises of many kinds have great ideas about how they could make their neighbourhood a better place to live and would like to play a bigger role in local life but sometimes barriers get in the way. Red tape, rules and regulations stop people putting good ideas into action. Not only is this frustrating – it means that local people miss out.

The Government have a 'Barrier Busting Team' to help with this problem.

Further information is included in the agenda pack.

(c) Minerals Sites in Wiltshire and Swindon

Wiltshire Council and Swindon Borough Council jointly submitted the Proposed Submission draft Aggregate Minerals Site Allocations Local Plan to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government on 20 July 2012 along with supporting evidence reports and proposed minor modifications to the Plan stemming from the final, pre-submission round of consultation held earlier this year.

Copies of all submission documents including copies of representations made and other supporting documents which, in the opinion of the councils, are relevant to the preparation of the Site Allocations Plan are available to view on the councils' website and at Council Offices.

Further information is included in the agenda pack.

(d) Informal Adult Education In Wiltshire – update

At its meeting held on 10th September 2012, Cabinet received a report on the outcome of the consultation on adult education in Wiltshire which had been undertaken and invited the cabinet to determine the future role of Wiltshire Council in respect of the provision of informal adult education. The full report can be found at

<http://cms.wiltshire.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=141&MId=6122&Ver=4>

Further information is included in the agenda pack.

(e) Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) for Wiltshire – Consultation

Wiltshire Council is in the process of preparing a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) charging schedule. CIL is a new charge that local authorities in England can place on new development in their area. The money generated through the levy will contribute to the funding of infrastructure to support growth.

Further information is included in the agenda pack.

(f) Crosspoint and the Voluntary and Community Services Awards

(g) Westbury and the Proposed Changes to Rail Services

Councillor Richard Gamble, Portfolio Holder for Public Transport, will speak on this item.

6. Community Area Grants (Pages 25 - 30)

7.25pm

To consider the following applications for funding from the Community Area Grants Scheme:-

- (a) Westbury Town Council – to replace and improve CCTV system - £5,000 requested.**
- (b) Bratton Recreation Ground Skate Ramp – to install a skate ramp at the village recreation ground - £1233 requested.**
- (c) Health Eating Project – area board councillor led grant application £1870 requested.**
- (d) Trowbridge Sea Cadet Unit – To purchase a minibus - £5,000 requested.**
- (e) Youth Funding** To agree £4,040 youth funding should be earmarked for the purchase of keep fit /activity equipment for teenagers. The funding to be transferred to Westbury Town Council to help fund this project.

7.	<p>Legacy of 2012</p> <p>Cllr Jane Scott, Leader of the Council will make a presentation, including the showing of a video recording, on the Legacy of 2012.</p>	7.40pm
8.	<p>Westbury Community Area Community Plan</p> <p>Carole King, Chairman of the BA13+ Community Area Partnership, will make a presentation. Hard copies of the presentation slides will be provided on each table for members of the public.</p>	8.00pm
9.	<p>Westbury Campus</p> <p>The Revd Jonathan Burke, Chairman of Shadow Community Operations Board (SCOB) will present a verbal update at the meeting.</p>	8.10pm
10.	<p>Community Asset Transfer (<i>Pages 31 - 34</i>)</p> <p>To consider the Community Asset Transfer of the Leigh Park Community Centre from Wiltshire Council to the Leigh Park Community Association. A report is attached.</p>	8.15pm
11.	<p>Housing Need and Review of Wiltshire's Housing Allocations System</p> <p>To receive information on the review of Wiltshire's Housing Allocations system. A presentation will be made by Nicole Smith, Head of Strategic Housing.</p>	8.20pm
12.	<p>Partner and Community Updates (<i>Pages 35 - 40</i>)</p> <p>To note the written reports and receive any updates from the following:-</p> <p>Town and Parish Councils</p> <p>Wiltshire Police</p> <p>Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service</p> <p>NHS Wiltshire</p> <p>Community Area Young People's Issues Group (CAYPIG)</p>	8.40pm
13.	<p>Community Area Transport Group (<i>Pages 41 - 42</i>)</p>	8.50pm

To consider an update report on the work of the Community Area Transport Group and to approve funding for its projects. A report is attached.

14. **Issues Update**

To receive any verbal updates.

15. **Preview of December Meeting**

The next meeting of the Westbury Area Board will be held at The Laverton on Thursday 13 December 2012. It will be a special themed meeting devoted to subjects, projects and issues concerning children, young people and families. The meeting will be slightly earlier than usual with refreshments from 5.30pm and the meeting starting at 6.00pm. Everyone is very welcome.

9.00pm

MINUTES

Meeting: WESTBURY AREA BOARD
Place: Paragon Hall, Haynes Road, Westbury BA13 3HA
Date: 16 August 2012
Start Time: 7.00 pm
Finish Time: 8.50 pm

Please direct any enquiries on these minutes to:

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Papers available on the Council's website at www.wiltshire.gov.uk

In Attendance:

Wiltshire Councillors

Cllr David Jenkins, Cllr Russell Hawker and Cllr Michael Cuthbert-Murray (Chairman)

Wiltshire Council Officers

Sally Hendry, Westbury Community Area Manager
Julia Cramp, Service Director for Commissioning and Performance
Marie Gondlach, Democratic Services Officer

Town and Parish Councillors

Westbury Town Council – Sue Ezra, Gordon King, Stephen Andrews, Christine Mitchell
Coulston Parish Council – R.J Bayliffe
Edington Parish Council – M.E Jones
Heywood Parish Council – Francis Morland, Keith Young

Partners

Wiltshire Police – Inspector Lindsey Winter
Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service – Mike Franklin
BA13+ Community Area Partnership – Carole King, Jonathon Burke

Total in attendance: 36

<u>Agenda Item No.</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>
1	<p><u>Chairman's Announcements, Welcome and Introductions</u></p> <p>The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Westbury Area Board and introduced the following announcements:</p>
1.1.	<p><u>Police and Crime Commissioner</u></p> <p>The Chairman reminded people that the elections for the first ever Police and Crime Commissioner for the Wiltshire Police area would take place on Thursday 15 November 2012. Further information can be found on www.wiltshire-pa.gov.uk/index.php/pcc.</p>
1.2.	<p><u>Street Lighting Savings</u></p> <p>The consultation had been extended until 30 September 2012 and further details on the proposal can be found on the Wiltshire Council Website. The views of the police, local Town and Parish Councils, other public bodies and those affected by the proposals would be sought and the results of the consultations would be reported to Cabinet before a decision was made regarding the implementation of the changes.</p> <p>Concerns were raised by Westbury Town Council regarding the negative impact this could have on future CCTV cameras to be installed.</p> <p>ACTION: Sally Hendry to check that lights could be turned back on if there was a need to do so.</p>
1.3.	<p><u>State of the Environment Report</u></p> <p>The Chairman explained that paper copies of the report would be made available at the Westbury Library and that further details were available on the Wiltshire Intelligence Network.</p>
1.4.	<p><u>Update on the MBT plant under construction on the Northacre trading estate.</u></p> <p>Councillor David Jenkins invited people to have a look at the site and the building if they were interested. He explained that there was not much to report until the site was operational. The next meeting of the liaison group would be on 27 September 2012.</p> <p>A member of the public raised concerns over the increase in heavy vehicle traffic, the amount of waste to be sent to landfill and whether there was a local market for this type of fuel.</p> <p>ACTION: Councillor David Jenkins offered to contact Hills and ask them to respond to these questions.</p> <p>The Chairman offered to invite someone from Hills to attend a future meeting of</p>

	the Area Board should people wish to have an opportunity to ask questions.
1.5.	<p><u>Allotments</u></p> <p>The Chairman was delighted to announce that some land had been identified in Westbury, although it was very overgrown and would need some work done before it could be used as allotments.</p> <p>Following due process the allotment land was now subject to Town Council approval and a Community Asset Transfer (CAT), which could take some time. The CAT process would hand over the land from the ownership of Wiltshire Council to that of Westbury Town Council.</p>
1.6.	<p><u>Westbury Arts Festival</u></p> <p>The Chairman reminded all present that the Westbury Arts Festival would be starting on 21 September 2012, all information was on the festival's website www.wmafestival.co.uk. Festival brochures were available to view on each table.</p>
1.7.	<p><u>Crosspoint</u></p> <p>The Chairman congratulated Crosspoint as it had been shortlisted for a 2012 Voluntary and Community Sector Award in the section nominated by an area board.</p>
2	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from: Councillor Julie Swabey, Unitary Councillor for Ethandune Ian Cunningham Keith Harvey Mike Parker</p>
3	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>
4	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p>The Chairman explained that at the 14 June 2012 meeting of the Westbury Area Board an amendment should have been made to the minutes of the meeting held on 19 April 2012 but that events at the meeting distracted from proposing the amendment.</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 19 April 2012 have since been approved and signed, therefore cannot be amended, however the Chairman wished for the following amendment to be noted: "Cllr Cuthbert-Murray supported the motion, emphasising that he did not support either the Eastern or Western route but that a discussion did need to happen" to read "Cllr Cuthbert-Murray supported the motion and strongly emphasised that he did not support an Eastern route though he agreed that a discussion did need to happen to find a suitable route, which is why he supported the motion".</p>

	<p><u>Decision</u> The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman with the following amendment: 8.7 This led to a member of the public to address the Area Board and question the comments made by Councillor Hawker in a letter to the White Horse News.</p>
5	<p><u>Section 106 Update</u></p> <p>Sally Canter, Head of Admin & Technical Support, Development Services introduced the report included in the agenda and explained that 18 months ago work had started in gathering information on all Section 106 Agreements across Wiltshire Council.</p> <p>She explained that Section 106 Agreements were legal agreements used in the planning process to help address issues that would result from new developments. She pointed out that these agreements detailed specifically how the money could be spent.</p> <p>Sally invited everyone to take some time to look at the appendix to the report (which could be printed on A3 paper from the website) and let her know what may be missing or did not look right so that it could be addressed:</p> <p>Post: Development Services Administration Team, Monkton Park, Chippenham, SN15 1ER Telephone: 01249 706630 Email: sally.canter@wiltshire.gov.uk</p>
6	<p><u>Volunteering in Wiltshire</u></p> <p>Karen Scott, Voluntary and Community Sector Development Manager, Communities & Voluntary Sector Support and Rachel Brookes from Volunteer Centre Wiltshire delivered a short presentation on Volunteering in Wiltshire and explained that they aimed to make volunteering available and accessible and a nice experience.</p> <p>GROW (the Support Service for Voluntary & Community Groups in Wiltshire) can help organisations to develop services and opportunities for volunteers. Call IT on 0845 521 6224 or browse www.volunteercentrewiltshire.org.uk</p> <p>Wiltshire Council was one of only four local authorities having been selected and given funding for a pilot project on Time Credits. Working with SPICE the project was underway in Chippenham and launched this month in Bemerton Heath in Salisbury. The aim is to incentivise people to get involved with volunteering and works on a simple scheme: one hour of time a person volunteers earns them one time credit which in turn can be exchanged for one hour of an activity or class, or another person's time. There is no monetary value to the credits.</p> <p>More details can be found on: www.facebook.com/chippenhamtimecredits www.wiltshire.gov.uk/wiltshiretimecredits</p>

	<p>In response to questions asked the following was clarified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SPICE was working closely with schools in the pilot areas and would do so in future; • The time credit actually tended to become secondary in South Wales where the project started and volunteers cared more about the personal satisfaction they gained, however the project was monitored nationally; • The project should next be launched in Tidworth and Pewsey in collaboration with the Community Area Partnerships. The SPICE project only had one employee which meant that there was not enough resources to go out to all areas therefore the aim was to help and support the Community Area Partnerships; • There was no policy at Wiltshire Council to allow people to volunteer, however the outcome of the 2012 events pilot were being evaluated and would be presented to Cabinet in November 2012.
7	<p><u>Visiting Cabinet Member</u></p> <p>Councillor John Brady, Cabinet Member for Finance, Performance and Risk, presented his portfolio and explained that the main task was to monitor and set budgets with the Head of Finance. His portfolio also included Risk and Performance which were monitored closely and regularly reported to Cabinet and Council. There was a four year plan for Performance and its delivery was pretty good so far, especially considering that Wiltshire Council had chosen to set high targets.</p> <p>He gave some numbers to give an idea of the scale of the budget and its implications, for example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 256 Town and Parish Councils with their own precepts; • 203,000 properties in Wiltshire for which Council Tax had to be collected (second equal biggest collection in the Country with Leeds, only Birmingham had more to collect); • Wiltshire Council only has reserves of £11.7M (which made it the 353rd lowest reserves out of 355 Local Authorities); • A balanced budget was expected for 2011-12, at the time there was a predicted surplus of £126,000; • £36M efficiency saving had been realised in the last financial year and £32M efficiency savings were expected for the next financial year; • Wiltshire Council received only £228 per person for government grants, when the national average was £342. <p>During the ensuing conversation points and issues including the following were considered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wiltshire had one of the highest Council tax collection rate in the Country (98%), with 77% paid by direct debit; • Car parking charges was not in Councillor Brady's portfolio, however it should be noted that reductions in collection rates was not unique to Wiltshire as the present financial situation meant that many people cut

	<p>down on travelling by car. If parking was made free then the £6M shortfall would have to be found elsewhere in the budget;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There had been no confirmation from Central Government regarding grants money, including the one awarded to Local Authorities maintaining the Council Tax Freeze. Wiltshire Council was working on a “worst case scenario”.
8	<p><u>Partner and Community Updates</u></p> <p>Documents for the NHS, Police and Fire and Rescue updates were included in the agenda pack.</p> <p>Additional verbal updates were received from:</p>
8.1.	<p><u>BA13+ Community Area Partnership Update</u></p> <p>Carole King, newly appointed chair of the BA13+ Community Area Partnership, was delighted to say that the Community Plan was in its final stage and would be presented to the Westbury Area Board on 18 October 2012.</p> <p>The next meeting of the partnership would be on 6 September, venue to be confirmed.</p>
8.2.	<p><u>Wiltshire Police Update</u></p> <p>Inspector Lindsey Winter informed those present of changes to the Neighbourhood Police Team as Matt Stewart would be leaving to join Wiltshire Police and PCSO Hannah Jameson would be coming from Warminster.</p> <p>Inspector Winter urged everyone to be prudent during the holiday season and invited them to consider informing their Neighbourhood Watch Team if leaving their home unattended. In responding to questions asked she explained that work was still on-going with partners dealing with the group of youth mentioned at the last meeting.</p> <p>The Chairman asked Inspector Winter to send best wishes to Matt Stewart and to let him know that young people in Westbury had thought well of him.</p>
8.3.	<p><u>Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service Update</u></p> <p>Mike Franklin explained that he was working on re-designing his update report for the area boards to ensure it was easily read and understood; a draft format would be sent to the Area Board for consultation.</p> <p>Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service was in phase 1 of its three year plan due in 2013. Individuals as well as organisations and Town and Parish Councils were invited to engage with the development of the plan by registering as a Stakeholder.</p> <p>Mike Franklin invited all those interested to apply for a FREE Home Fire Safety Visit by completing the form available at the meeting.</p>

	<p>Copies of both forms would also be made available at the library.</p> <p>He finished by reminding everyone that voluntary organisations could use the small meeting room at the Westbury Fire Station free of charge.</p> <p>In response to questions asked Mike Franklin clarified that the home visits did not include a Carbon Monoxide monitor but that the officers carrying out the home visit would have a portable detector and would signal any issues. The intention was to carry out an in-depth survey of Westbury to determine the level of the problem with carbon monoxide.</p> <p>With regards to false alarm the situation was being monitored and “repeat problems” would be resolved when possible.</p>
8.4.	<p><u>CAYPIG (Community Area Young People Issues Group)</u></p> <p>Tony Nye, replacing Sally Wilcox during her maternity leave, talked about on-going projects including open nights on Tuesdays, project night on Wednesdays, outreach in villages (Edington, Bratton and Leigh Park) on Thursdays and “girls only” night on Fridays.</p> <p>Tony Nye explained that he was keen to work on “leisure credits” to be piloted around Westbury this summer (volunteering “earns” you “leisure credits”); he had also started talking to the Area Board to see if these could be rolled out to the community in future.</p> <p>The issue of Youth Advisory Group (YAG) would be discussed at the CAYPIG meeting in September.</p>
9	<p><u>Issues Updates and Westbury Forward progress</u></p> <p>Sally Hendry reminded the meeting of the Westbury Forward event held earlier this year when we had the opportunity to look at the findings of the joint strategic assessment on a range of health and other issues affecting our community, From that the community raised a number of issues that needed action and these were incorporated into the community plan which will be presented to the area board at our October meeting.</p> <p>She said the area board has been working with other organisations like the Community Area Partnership, the town council, voluntary groups and local people to address the issues raised and pointed out that three of the grants considered at this area board meeting relate to issues raised at Westbury Forward:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • job club • dental health awareness campaign • dog fouling prevention campaign <p>Other issues we are working on include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>tourism</u> - improvement of the viewing area on the edge of town – here we are working with a voluntary group to provide steps down to the bridlepath so linking up a walk. We are also exploring replacing and

	<p>reviewing the information boards in the viewing area in order to encourage visitors to not only find out more about the horse but also about the history and interesting aspects of the surrounding area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving the open space and lakes area off the Mead • Securing allotments for use by the community • Securing a new bus route to serve the primary care centre and helping fund new bus stops and signage for pedestrians and cyclists to the new facility. <p>ISSUES: Among issues raised since the last area board were speeding concerns on Trowbridge Road and Oldfield Road – metro counts have been raised in both sites to assess the speed - there were also concerns about dogs fouling on playing fields at Leighton, and flytipping on Brook Lane.</p> <p>After considerable discussion, a revised route for the Westbury Weaver bus service was agreed on a trial basis. Full details of the timetable and route would be made available as soon as possible. Councillor Hawker asked Leigh Park should be marked on the map and that Main Way should be rewritten correctly as Mane Way.</p>
10	<p><u>Community Area Transport Group (CATG) Update</u></p> <p>The Community Area Manager introduced the report and explained that the CATG had made some recommendations for consideration by the Area Board.</p> <p>Decision:</p> <p>To agree:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £2,500 funding for signage on new and existing routes • £2,500 for additional bus stop on new primary centre bus route • £1000 to fund a pedestrian survey in Edward Street
11	<p><u>Community Area Grants</u></p> <p>The Community Area Manager introduced the report in the agenda and each application in turn.</p>
11.1.	<p><u>Jubilee Players (Bratton) - application for £535 to replace 12 scenery flats and purchase cables and a two way radio for productions.</u></p> <p>Decision:</p> <p>To approve the grant of for £535 to replace 12 scenery flats and purchase cables and a two way radio for productions.</p> <p>Reason:</p> <p>The Jubilee Players comprise a thriving village amateur dramatics group which was founded in 1997. It provides regular plays and performances ensuring</p>

	<p>affordable ticket prices to ensure maximum community participation. Members of the community are involved in the productions not only acting but also set design and construction, lighting, costumes, front of house and publicity. The project demonstrates links to the Local Agreement for Wiltshire ambition "Building Resilient Communities".</p>
11.2.	<p><u>Area Board Project - application for £1,000 towards funding for an awareness campaign in pre school dental health</u></p> <p>Decision:</p> <p>To approve the grant of £1,000 towards funding for an awareness campaign in pre-school dental health</p> <p>Reason:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data in the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment for 2010 showed the Westbury community area was 19th out of 20 community areas in Wiltshire for the state of dental health in 5 year olds. The average numbers of children showing fillings, decayed or missing teeth at five was 2.9% compared with 1.6% in Wiltshire. • The JSA data for 2011 showed that four Lower Super Output Areas (LSOAs) in Westbury Community Area are in the most deprived 20% in Wiltshire and that 16.8% of families can be classified as vulnerable.
11.3.	<p><u>Area Board Project - application for £2,000 towards funding for the set up and running of a job club</u></p> <p>Decision:</p> <p>To award the grant of £2,000 towards funding for the set up and running of a job club</p> <p>Reason:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joint Strategic Assessment data: the March 2011 Claimant Count figures showed that the percentage of the working age population who were claiming Jobseeker's Allowance in Westbury Community Area was 2.6%, the fourth highest in the county. This compares to 2.1% across the whole of Wiltshire. • Current statistics demonstrate a higher than national average number of 18-24 year olds looking for work in the Westbury area. In May 2012 in the Westbury Ham 3.3% were out of work compared to 2.7% in West Wiltshire. 42.2% of these were aged 18-24 compared with 31.4% in West Wiltshire and 28.5% nationally. In Ethandune 1.6% were claiming JSA but of these 41.7% were aged 18-24. (for these figures and up to date data please visit http://www.nomisweb.co.uk/)

11.4.	<p><u>Area Board Project - application for £1,500 towards funding of an awareness campaign ref dog fouling</u></p> <p>Decision:</p> <p>To approve the grant of £1,500 towards funding of an awareness campaign ref dog fouling</p> <p>Reason:</p> <p>In the Environment section of the Westbury Forward community planning event held earlier this year, concerns about dog fouling and the need for action and awareness was listed as a priority.</p>
12	<p><u>Future Meeting Dates, Forward Plan, Evaluation and Close</u></p> <p>The next meeting of the Westbury Area Board will be held on Thursday 18 October 2012 at Bratton Jubilee Hall, Melbourne Street, Bratton, BA13 4RW.</p>

Chairman's Announcements

Subject:	Wiltshire and Swindon Local Nature Partnership (LNP)
Officer Contact Details:	Zoe Pittaway, Wiltshire & Swindon LNP Coordinator, hosted at Wiltshire Wildlife Trust, Tel: 01380 725670 extension 279, Email: zoep@wiltshirewildlife.org
Weblink:	LNP website currently under development
Further details available:	Further details on LNPs can be found on Defra's website: http://www.defra.gov.uk/environment/natural/whitepaper/local-nature-partnerships/

Summary of announcement:

Over the last 6 months the Local Nature Partnership (LNP) has been developing across Wiltshire and Swindon. LNPs were introduced by Government in June 2011 as a new mechanism to help improve the health of our local environment. Ultimately LNPs will aim to raise the profile of the natural environment and enhance partnership working, in particular supporting the environment sector to engage more effectively with the business, community and health sectors.

All developing LNPs across the Country were asked to submit an application to Defra by 6th June 2012 outlining how the new partnership would function and what the LNP would aim to achieve. The Wiltshire & Swindon LNP engaged with a wide diversity of stakeholders from a range of sectors via workshops, meetings and talks. All of the feedback and comments that we received were incorporated in to the development of the LNP to ensure we built a useful and dynamic partnership.

Over the last two months we have been waiting to hear if our application for LNP status has been successful and I am now pleased to announce that the Wiltshire & Swindon LNP has officially been recognised by the Secretary of State. The Wiltshire & Swindon LNP Board will be meeting for the first time in September 2012.

Please find attached a short information sheet outlining what an LNP is, why the partnership will be important and how the LNP will function. Most importantly we hope you will be keen to respond to the key questions that we have included in the information sheet.

We will continue to keep you updated on the progress of the LNP and look forward to hearing from you soon.

WILTSHIRE & SWINDON LOCAL NATURE PARTNERSHIP

Information sheet for Community Area Boards

A Steering Group formed in January 2012 with representation from Wiltshire Council, Swindon Borough Council, Wiltshire Wildlife Trust and the AONBs to guide the development of a Local Nature Partnership (LNP) in Wiltshire & Swindon. As of July 2012 the Wiltshire & Swindon LNP has been officially recognised as a LNP by Government.

This information sheet provides a brief update on the progress that has been made and invites contributions from interested parties in relation to the strategic direction and future work of the LNP.

What is a Local Nature Partnership?

- LNPs have been introduced by **Government** as a new mechanism for people and organisations to **work together** to **protect and restore our local environment** more effectively.
- LNPs will drive **positive change** for the **environment** in the **local area**, taking a **strategic approach** to manage the environment for the benefit of **nature, people and the economy**.
- Importantly LNPs will encourage a **wide range** of **partners** to **work together** from many different sectors, helping to **secure new funding** to **support joint projects** and initiatives.

Why is the LNP important?

The environment is often undervalued in today's economy, without a healthy environment we would not be able to function in our customary manner. The 'State of the Environment Report 2012 for Wiltshire and Swindon' presents worrying evidence of the decline in our local environment over recent decades and the unsustainable impact of our lifestyles. Here are just a few reasons why we need to act:

- There are many essential **ecosystem services** we all rely on such as: clean air and water, pollination services, flood protection and raw materials that regulate and maintain our planet. We need to understand the impact of human activity on these **ecosystem services** to ensure we not exploit them irreversibly.
- There is growing recognition that the environment is essential to our economy and social well-being, attractive environments encourage business investment and tourism.
- A healthy environment provides the underlying basis for healthier lifestyles; the local environment provides neighbourhoods with character and their own identity.

How will the Wiltshire & Swindon Local Nature Partnership function?

The aim of the LNP is to ensure that it adds value to on-going work and creates opportunities for better partnership working in the future. A new governance arrangement has been developed and the following structure has been proposed:

LNP wider partnership:

The **wider partnership** will comprise of a diversity of organisations, charities, businesses and individuals with an interest in securing a healthy local environment in Wiltshire & Swindon. An **annual forum** will be organised, providing the opportunity for partners to come together and discuss the priorities and actions of the LNP and wider environment. A **LNP website** will also be launched and provide a means for people to be updated on the progress of the LNP.

LNP Working Groups:

Working Groups will be formed to assist with delivery of new projects and initiatives, the LNP will be keen to promote and support new working relationships especially between partners across the business, tourism, public health, community and environment sectors.

LNP Coordinator

An **LNP Coordinator** will be in place as a main point of contact and also to support the working groups and organise the annual forum. They will also be responsible for maintaining the website and assisting with securing funds for joint projects.

LNP Board

An **LNP Board** has been recruited and will provide a strong **strategic steer** for the LNP with **senior leaders** supporting the Board from a **range of sectors**. The Board will develop a long term Strategic Plan for the wider environment and seek new funding opportunities to support the objectives set out in the Strategic Plan.

Importantly the **LNP Board** will provide the opportunity for a diverse group of stakeholders to contribute towards **local decision making** relating to the natural environment, working closely with the local authorities, **Local Enterprise Partnership (LEPs)** and the newly forming **Health & Wellbeing Boards**.

HOW can Community Area Boards get involved?

We are at a very early stage of developing the partnership and there are many important environmental issues that the LNP needs to address. The LNP is being created to improve partnership working and would welcome the views and comments from local communities.

It is vital that community and voluntary groups are aware of the developing LNP and understand this new mechanism that will provide contacts, information, advice and support to help communities develop ideas/projects that support the local environment. We have outlined 6 key questions below that are based on the main objectives of the LNPs- please contact us with any comments as we welcome your feedback:

- **How should the LNP Partnership engage with groups/organisations outside of the environment sector?** *Such as local communities?*
- **How could the LNP support local communities more effectively?** *Providing support to develop sustainable neighbourhood plans, supporting local Green infrastructure developments?*
- **How should the LNP ensure that economic growth also supports the environment?** *Work with the Local Enterprise Partnership and local businesses to make them more aware of their impact on the environment, encouraging joint ventures?*
- **How should the LNP ensure future developments are environmentally sustainable?** *The LNP Board will give the environment a strategic voice, working closely with local authorities aiming to ensure developments incorporate environmentally sound outcomes*
- **How will the LNP encourage healthier living and promote high levels of well-being?** *E.g: The LNP will work with the health sector to raise awareness of the health benefits of actively engaging with the environment*
- **What evidence will the LNP rely on to make key decisions about the environment?** *How do we ensure the decisions we are taking on based on reliable and representative data for the local environment?*

If you would like to be kept updated on the progress of the LNP or if you have any questions/ideas for partnership working please contact:

Zoe Pittaway, Wiltshire & Swindon LNP Coordinator,
ZoeP@wiltshirewildlife.org or 07584 528639

Chairman's Announcements

Subject:	Barrier Busting Proposals
Officer Contact Details:	David Bowater Programme Lead (Communities) David.Bowater@wiltshire.gov.uk Tel: 01225 713978
Weblink:	http://barrierbusting.communities.gov.uk/
Further details available:	http://barrierbusting.communities.gov.uk/

Summary of announcement:

Barrier Busting Proposals

Many people have great ideas about how they could make their neighbourhood a better place to live.

Volunteers, community groups and social enterprises of many kinds would like to play a bigger role in local life. But sometimes barriers get in the way. Red tape, rules and regulations stop people putting good ideas into action. Not only is this frustrating – it means that local people miss out.

The Government have a 'Barrier Busting Team' to help with this problem.

New rules have been put in place for the way in which 'Barrier Busting' proposals can be submitted to government by local authorities, under the Sustainable Communities Act.

The rules retain the requirement that Wiltshire Council consults its communities and reaches agreement on proposals before submitting them.

The new rules mean, however, that the Local Government Association (LGA) can ask the Secretary of State to look again at proposals submitted by local authorities that have been turned down.

Examples of previous proposals submitted can be found on the government's Barrier Busting Portal:

<http://barrierbusting.communities.gov.uk/>

Anyone can use the portal to submit proposals directly. However, asking Wiltshire Council to submit a proposal means that the LGA can choose to appeal the decision if they are unhappy with the result.

If you have a suggestion for a barrier busting proposal that you think Wiltshire Council should submit, please say why and email these to: David.Bowater@Wiltshire.gov.uk

Chairman's Announcement

Minerals Sites in Wiltshire and Swindon

Wiltshire Council and Swindon Borough Council jointly submitted the Proposed Submission draft Aggregate Minerals Site Allocations Local Plan (the Site Allocations Plan) (formerly Development Plan Document (DPD))¹ to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government on 20 July 2012 along with supporting evidence reports and proposed minor modifications to the Plan stemming from the final, pre-submission round of consultation held earlier this year.

The Site Allocations Plan sets out a series of proposals for locating 7 new sand and gravel quarries within the plan area² to meet the councils' locally derived forecast provision requirements of 1.2 million tonnes per annum through the plan period up to 2026. Details of these sites are presented below.

Proposed minerals site name/location	Size of site hectares (ha)	Estimated resource yield	Current land use	Community Area
Cox's Farm	106.1	2,400,000	Agricultural	Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade
Blackburr Farm	49.7	812,000	Agricultural	
North Farm	75.6	300,000	Agricultural	
Land east of Calcutt	172.6	2,200,000	Agricultural	
Land at Cotswold Community	38.56	2,760,000	Agricultural/ former educational and residential facility	Malmesbury
Land near Compton Bassett	23.4	450,000	Agricultural	Calne
Extensions to Brickworth Quarry	25.2	1,948,000	Agricultural/ Woodland	South Wiltshire

The Site Allocations Plan has been developed with a restoration led approach at its heart (seeking biodiversity and amenity enhancements **not** the landfilling of putrescible waste), advocating upfront consideration of suitable after uses for the minerals sites in the document.

Copies of all submission documents including copies of representations made and other supporting documents which, in the opinion of the councils, are relevant to the preparation of the Site Allocations Plan are available to view on the councils' website at <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/planninganddevelopment/planningpolicy/mineralsandwastepolicy/aggregatemineralssiteallocations.htm> and on the councils' dedicated online consultation portal: <http://consult.wiltshire.gov.uk/portal>.

For those without access to a computer, hard copies of the documents can be viewed in the Council's offices in Chippenham (Monkton Park), Devizes (Browfort), Salisbury (Milford Street) and Trowbridge (County Hall and Bradley Road) and Swindon Borough Council (Wat Tyler House) as well as all local libraries.

¹ For minerals and waste matters, Wiltshire Council prepares its policy framework jointly with Swindon Borough Council.

² For minerals planning, the plan area delineates the boundary of Wiltshire and Swindon, excluding the New Forest.

Please note, due to office closures, documents will only be available at Browfort until 30th September 2012 and at Bradley Road until the 30th November 2012.

The Site Allocations Plan is now being subjected to an independent examination, conducted by the Planning Inspectorate to determine if the Plan can be considered sound. This is a continuous process running from the date of submission through to the receipt of the appointed Planning Inspector's Report.

Part of this process will involve hearing sessions where those invited to attend will have the opportunity to respond to matters raised by the appointed Planning Inspector. These hearing sessions are provisionally scheduled to commence on 23 October 2012. Once confirmed, all details relating to the examination process will be advertised and made available online. In addition, information will be sent directly to all those who made representations at the last stage in the plan preparation process informing them as to how they can get involved in the examination process.

Officer Contacts: Minerals and Waste Policy Team on 01225 713429
Email mineralsandwastepolicy@wiltshire.gov.uk

Weblink:

<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/planninganddevelopment/planningpolicy/mineralsandwastepolicy/aggregatemineralssiteallocations.htm>

Further details:

<http://consult.wiltshire.gov.uk/portal>

Chairman's Announcements

Subject:	Informal Adult Education In Wiltshire - update
Officer Contact Details:	Simon Burke Head of Business and Commercial Services Schools and Learning Wiltshire Council Tel. 01225 713840 Simon.burke@wiltshire.gov.uk

Summary of announcement:

At its meeting held on 10th September 2012, Cabinet received a report on the outcome of the consultation on adult education in Wiltshire which had been undertaken and invited the cabinet to determine the future role of Wiltshire Council in respect of the provision of informal adult education. The full report can be found at <http://cms.wiltshire.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=141&MId=6122&Ver=4>

The cabinet agreed to support the option which had been recommended by ten area boards and Children's Select Committee and resolved:

- i. that the council adopt the role to facilitate the provision of informal adult education at a local level;
- ii. to approve the appointment of a 0.6 full-time equivalent part-time adult education officer to work with local community networks to develop a sustainable locally-based adult education provision including information on, and promotion of, opportunities;
- iii. to allocate budget of £32,000 from the revenue savings accrued from the closure of Urchfont Manor College to meet the costs associated with the appointment.

It is envisaged that the adult education officer will work with a few community areas at a time, to develop appropriate systems which will become sustainable. The officer's work could relate to the development of the community campuses if supported by the relevant area boards.

We will now seek to appoint to this position as soon as possible. When in post, the officer will be able to brief Area Boards on the priorities for their work and how it may benefit individual community area.

Chairman's Announcements

Subject:	Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) for Wiltshire – Consultation
Officer Contact Details:	CIL@Wiltshire.gov.uk
Weblink:	http://consult.wiltshire.gov.uk/portal
Further details available:	The charging schedule and supporting documents can be viewed online at: www.wiltshire.gov.uk/communityinfrastructurelevy

Summary of announcement:

What is the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)?

Wiltshire Council is in the process of preparing a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) charging schedule. CIL is a new charge that local authorities in England can place on new development in their area. The money generated through the levy will contribute to the funding of infrastructure to support growth.

Why has Wiltshire decided to implement the Levy?

Government, through legislation, has restricted the ability of local authorities to pool funding for off-site infrastructure and expects them to develop CIL. The government believe that this tariff based approach provides the best framework to fund new infrastructure in a fair and transparent manner. CIL will provide 'up front' certainty about how much money developers will be expected to contribute.

How will money from CIL be spent?

CIL is designed to contribute towards bridging the 'funding gap' between the total cost of new infrastructure required to support development and the amount of funding available from other sources. Wiltshire Council's Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP) identifies a range of physical, community and 'green' infrastructure projects that will be required to support the level of development as set out in the Wiltshire Core Strategy. Informed by the IDP, a list (known as the Regulation 123 list) will identify and prioritise which infrastructure projects will be eligible to receive money from CIL. CIL regulations also propose to allow the council to allocate a share of the levy raised in a local area to deliver infrastructure that local communities want – although this 'meaningful proportion' is yet to be set by the government.

Consultation on the preliminary draft charging schedule

A preliminary draft charging schedule has been developed which sets out the proposed charging rates for Wiltshire. The council considers that the preliminary draft charging schedule strikes an appropriate balance between contributing to funding infrastructure and not putting development across Wiltshire at risk.

In accordance with Regulation 15 of the CIL Regulations 2010 (amended 2011), comments are invited on the preliminary draft charging schedule during the consultation period starting 1 October and ending 12 November 2012 at 5pm.



Easy guide to the Community Infrastructure Levy

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What development will be liable to pay CIL?

CIL can be applied to most new buildings with 100m² or more of gross internal floor-space (or involves the creation of at least 1 dwelling), and is charged per square metre on net additional floor-space. The amount of CIL a development is liable to pay is based on its size, type and location. The rate(s) of CIL are set locally by the charging authority (Wiltshire Council) and are published in a charging schedule. The levy is payable by the developer on commencement of development.

What are the proposed CIL rates for Wiltshire?

The preliminary draft charging schedule proposes the following CIL charging rates by type of development in Wiltshire:

Development type	CIL charge (£/sq m)
Residential	£70
Retail (except retail warehouse, supermarkets and similar development)	£0
Retail warehouse, supermarkets and similar development	£175
Student housing and hotels	£70
All other uses	£0

How have these rates been calculated?

The proposed CIL rates have been informed by an up-to-date development plan (Draft Wiltshire Core Strategy), infrastructure planning evidence base (Infrastructure Delivery Plan) and viability assessment (prepared by consultants BNP Paribas). Having examined all available evidence it is considered that the proposed rates strike an appropriate balance between contributing to funding infrastructure and ensuring development across Wiltshire remains viable.

How can I comment on the preliminary draft charging schedule?

Comments are invited on the preliminary draft charging schedule during the consultation period starting 1 October and ending 12 November 2012.

The charging schedule and supporting documents can be viewed:

- online at www.wiltshire.gov.uk/communityinfrastructurelevy
- at libraries and the council's main office hubs.

We welcome your comments via the following means:

- online consultation portal: <http://consult.wiltshire.gov.uk/portal>
- email: CIL@wiltshire.gov.uk
- post: Spatial Planning, Economy & Regeneration, Wiltshire Council, County Hall, Bythesea Road, Trowbridge, Wiltshire, BA14 8JN.

What is the timetable for implementing CIL in Wiltshire?

Representations received on the preliminary draft charging schedule will be taken into consideration in preparing the draft charging schedule. Following an additional period of consultation on this second draft, the charging schedule will then be examined in public by an independent inspector.



How will the levy affect planning obligations?

Developer contributions are currently collected through 'Section 106' planning obligations. Planning regulations state that there should be no 'double charging' for infrastructure through CIL and Section 106. So only CIL money pooled from multiple developments will be used to fund infrastructure on the 'Regulation 123' list. After a CIL charging schedule is adopted, planning obligations will still be used to deliver site-specific, direct requirements, without which a development should not be granted planning permission. As it stands, planning obligations will continue to be used to fund the provision of affordable housing, but this may change in the future.

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18 October 2012

Community Area Grants and Funding

Purpose of Report

To ask councillors to consider applications seeking the following funding from 2012/13 Area Board Grants:

1. Westbury Town Council for £5,000 to part fund replacement and enhancement of CCTV system
2. Bratton Recreation Ground Skate Ramp – to install a skate ramp at the village recreation ground - £1233 requested
3. Healthy eating project – area board councillor led grant application - £1870 requested
4. Trowbridge Sea Cadet Unit – To purchase a minibus - £5,000 requested.
5. To agree £4,040 youth funding should be earmarked for the purchase of keep fit /activity equipment for teenagers. The funding to be transferred to Westbury Town Council to help fund this project.

1. Background

Background

- 1.1. Area Boards have authority to approve Area Grants under powers delegated to them by the Deputy Leader and Cabinet member for Adult Care, Communities and Housing (4 April 2012). Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the Area Board Grants Guidance 2012/2013.
- 1.2. In accordance with the Scheme of Delegation, any decision of an Area Board that is contrary to the funding criteria and/or the officer's recommendation would need to demonstrate that the application in question has a wider community benefit, and give specific reasons for why this should justify an exception to the criteria.
- 1.3. The emphasis in the Coalition Government's Localism agenda supports the ethos of volunteering and community involvement and the nurturing of resilient communities. With this in mind Community Area Grants (CAGs) should be encouraged from and awarded to community and voluntary groups. Likewise, Small Grants (new this year) should be awarded to similar groups, as well as unconstituted groups of people wanting to improve things near to where they live.

- 1.4. Applications of up to and including £1,000 can be made for a Community Area Grant, which will not require matched funding. Amounts of £1,000 - £5000 will be required to find matched funding. The area board will rarely award more than £5,000.
- 1.5. Small Grants, new for this year, will fund up to £350 where the total cost of the project does not exceed £350. This grant is aimed at enabling groups (including those not formally constituted) to implement projects, involving local people to make their community a better place to live.
- 1.6. Area boards will not consider Community Area Grant (CAG) applications from town and parish councils for purposes that relate to their statutory duties or powers that should be funded from the local town/parish precept. However this does not preclude bids from town/parish councils, encouraging community projects that provide new opportunities for local people or those functions that are not the sole responsibility of the town/parish council.
- 1.7. In addition to CAGs and Small Grants, Councillors can submit an Area Board/Councillor Led Initiative. This enables area boards to tackle sticky community issues and/or community identified priorities. Cabinet have emphasised that they do not wish these to be used to avoid complying with Community Area Grant criteria or for filling gaps where there are council service shortfalls. The application process and form has been updated to bring it in line with the other grants.
- 1.8. Officers are required to provide recommendations in their funding reports (except in the case of Area Board/Councillor led initiatives), although the decision to support applications is made by Wiltshire Councillors on the Area Board.
- 1.9. Funding applications will be considered at every ordinary Area Board meeting.
- 1.10. Applicants are encouraged to contact and seek funding help from Charities Information Bureau (CIB) who work on behalf of Wiltshire Council. CIB support community and voluntary groups, town and parish councils to seek funding for community projects and schemes both from the Area Board and other local and national funding sources.
- 1.11. Paper copies of funding applications no longer appear as part of the agenda in an attempt to reduce paper. They are however available on the Wiltshire Council web site with the area board agenda papers and hard copies available upon request.

- 1.12. The 2012/2013 funding criteria and application forms are available on the council's website (www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboard) and paper versions are available from the Community Area Manager.
- 1.13. All recipients of area board funding are expected to complete and return an evaluation form as soon as the project or activity has been completed and this should be accompanied by receipts and invoices, as well as photographs if possible. Failure to return the evaluation requested will preclude them from being considered for any future funding from the area board. This applies to all grants made by the area board.
- 1.14. In 2012/13 the Westbury Area Board has been allocated a budget of £40,447. Following successful grant applications there is £27,694 remaining in this year's budget.

2. Main Considerations

- 2.1 Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2012/13 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed before 31 March 2013.
- 2.2 Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting until 31 March 2013.

3. Environmental Impact of the Proposals

- 3.1 Community Area Grants will contribute to the continuance and/or improvement of cultural, social and community activity and wellbeing in the community area, the extent and specifics of which will be dependent upon the individual project.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 Awards must fall within the Area Boards budget allocated to the Westbury Area Board.

5. Legal Implications

- 5.1 There are no specific legal implications related to this report.

6. HR Implications

- 6.1 There are no specific HR implications related to this report.

7. Equality and Inclusion Implications

- 7.1 Community Area Grants give all local community and voluntary groups, town and parish councils an equal opportunity to receive funding towards community based projects and schemes.
- 7.2 Implications relating to individual grant applications are outlined within section 8 – Officer recommendations.

8. Officer recommendations

Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
Westbury Town Council	To replace, upgrade and improve the town's CCTV cameras.	£ 5,000

8.1.1 Officers are of the opinion that this application meets 2012/13 grant criteria.

8.1.2 The project demonstrates links to the Local Agreement for Wiltshire ambition Building Resilient Communities and to the Westbury Community Area plan which lists community safety as a priority.

Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
Bratton Recreation Ground committee	Funding for a skate ramp to be sited at the village recreation ground	£1,233

8.2.1 This project has been led by young people in the village. It aims to place a half pipe skate board ramp on the Recreation Ground to provide a safe place for children aged 10+ to play on their scooters, skateboards and BMX bikes. It will also encourage young adults and children to access the other amenities available in the field such as all weather gym equipment, football and basketball. Fundraising has already taken place. Officers are of the opinion this meets 2012/13 grant criteria.

8.2.3 This project demonstrates links to the Local Agreement for Wiltshire ambition Building Resilient Communities and to the Westbury Community Area plan which lists the need for more facilities for young people and children.

Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
Extended Schools	Funding for a range of healthy eating and cooking projects for local schools	£1,870

8.3.1 This is an area board led grant linking to the issues raised at Westbury Forward. See separate report.

Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
Trowbridge Sea Cadets	Purchase of a minibus	£5,000

8.4.1 Officers are of the opinion that this application only partly meets the grant criteria for 2012/13. The application does demonstrate links to the Local Agreement for Wiltshire ambition Building Resilient Communities and to the Westbury Community Area plan which lists the need for more facilities for young people and children. However the area board members may like to consider how much benefit this application demonstrates for the Westbury community area and take into account the low number of young people from the Westbury community area who currently attend Sea Cadets – namely four. Trowbridge Area Board has awarded £5,000 towards this scheme.

Youth Funding allocation 2012/13		
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8.5.1 This relates to the £4,045 funding earmarked for youth projects. It is recommended this should help fund new activity equipment for older children. See separate report for details.

SALLY HENDRY
Westbury Community Area Manager

WESTBURY AREA BOARD
18TH OCTOBER 2012

COMMUNITY ASSET TRANSFER

Leigh Park Community Centre, Westbury

Executive Summary

This report deals with the transfer of the Leigh Park Community Centre, Westbury to be transferred to Leigh Park Community Association in accordance with Wiltshire Council's Community Asset Transfer Policy.

Proposal

The Area Board is asked to consider the transfer of a long leasehold interest in Leigh Park Community Centre, Westbury to Leigh Park Community Association.

Reasons For Proposal

This proposal supports and implements Wiltshire Council's Community Asset Transfer Policy.

Recommendation

To approve the transfer subject to the matters referred to in paragraph 9 of the report.

Sally Hendry

Westbury Community Area Manager

WESTBURY AREA BOARD
18TH OCTOBER 2012

COMMUNITY ASSET TRANSFER

Leigh Park Community Centre, Westbury

Purpose of Report

1. The Area Board is asked to consider the transfer of Leigh Park Community Centre, Westbury to Leigh Park Community Association.

Background

2. Wiltshire Council is supporting the principle of the transfer of community assets in order to empower and strengthen local communities. The Council believes that transferring appropriate public assets to communities leads to more responsive services that better meet local people's priorities.
3. Transfer of an asset can also provide the opportunity to lever more resources into a community and provide a more accessible and responsive base from which to deliver local services.
4. A community group or organisation can benefit from greater financial stability and build confidence through having ownership (or long term security through a lease) of a physical asset. This financial sustainability can help the organisation become less dependent on grants, provide security for further borrowing and opportunities for further growth.
5. Typically, organisations that would be considered appropriate are Voluntary and Community Groups/Associations, Town or Parish Councils, Trusts or Charities, or Social Enterprise Groups.

The proposal before the Area Board

6. Leigh Park Community Centre is currently being built in accordance with conditions attached to a planning permission granted for the development of nearby land by Persimmon Homes. The new facility is to be managed by Leigh Park Community Association. The most appropriate way of allowing this to happen is the transfer of a long leasehold interest to the Association.
7. The proposal meets the requirements for consideration by the Area Board.

8. The Community Area Manager has consulted with Strategic Property Services, who have undertaken appropriate consultation with service departments across the Council. Local consultation has been undertaken by the applicant in accordance with the application checklist and the outcome of the consultation is included within the application. Cllr Hawker, the local member, has been apprised.

The views of Council officers

9. On behalf of the Council, Strategic Property Services (who have overall responsibility for the Council's estates and property) has provided the following observations to the Area Board.
 - 9.1 The property is still owned by Persimmon Homes. Ownership will transfer to Wiltshire Council after the community centre has been built. The lease cannot be completed until ownership of the land has passed to Wiltshire Council.
 - 9.2 As the hall has not yet been built, this is a new venture. It is, therefore, considered that the transfer should be on a long leasehold basis rather than a freehold as is normally the case.
 - 9.3 There will be a covenant restricting use of the property to community purposes.
 - 9.4 The property has been designed as a community hall. All running costs will be met by Leigh Park Community Association. Therefore, there are no financial implications.

Recommendation

10. To approve the transfer subject to the matters referred to in paragraph 9 above.

Sally Hendry
Westbury Community Area Manager



Crime and Community Safety Briefing Paper Westbury Community Area Board 4th October 2012

Current Priorities:

Up-to-date details of the current news about Neighbourhood Policing Teams, including, profiles, priorities and forthcoming community consultation events can be found on the Wiltshire Police Website.

🖥️ Visit the new and improved website at: www.wiltshire.police.uk

Team News:

Ps Debra ASHLEY

Town Team:

Pc Jo Philpott
PCSO Neil Turnbull
PCSO Hannah Jamieson

Rural Team:

Pc Darren Foulger
PCSO Lukas Breedt

WESTBURY PERFORMANCE:

EG Westbury	Crime				Detections	
	September 2010 - August 2011	September 2011 - August 2012	Volume Change	% Change	September 2010 - August 2011	September 2011 - August 2012
Victim Based Crime	871	795	-76	-9%	19%	19%
Domestic Burglary	57	34	-23	-40%	16%	29%
Non Domestic Burglary	89	73	-16	-18%	3%	8%
Vehicle Crime	72	119	47	65%	6%	9%
Criminal Damage & Arson	218	185	-33	-15%	12%	16%
Violence Against The Person	168	139	-29	-17%	50%	43%
ASB Incidents (Year to Date)	446	345	-101	-23%		
<p>Wiltshire Police are compared against a group of 8 most similar forces. Wiltshire Police have performed in line with peers and better than average for Total Crime & Violence Against the Person in the previous 12 month period (August 2011 - July 2012)</p>						
<p>* Detections include both Sanction Detections and Local Resolution</p>						

The performance figures for Westbury and the surrounding villages this reporting period continue to show better results when compared to this time last year. This is good news.

The figures for Westbury Town show a reduction in all crime types, except vehicle crime, and a reduction in the overall number of crimes being reported.

Detection rates are also slightly improved.

Vehicle Crime across the whole area remains a challenge and the local neighbourhood policing team continue to liaise with the specialist policing teams in Melksham and our colleagues in Avon and Somerset where some of the offenders are suspected to be travelling from.

There are continuous press releases appealing for information and potential witnesses to incidents who are likely to know more, some reports of sightings of vehicles and descriptions have already proved extremely useful.

The local NPT have been working closely with the businesses within Westbury and the Trading Estate where there are some vulnerable premises that have been repeatedly targeted for metal, fuel thefts and vehicle crime.

The business watch scheme will hopefully make the difference that is hoped, the motives of the scheme being similar to that of Neighbourhood Watch.



Wiltshire Police Authority

1. **Mr Ricky Rogers** is an Independent Member of the Wiltshire Police Authority and has the responsibility for overseeing police matters in the Community Area. He can be contacted via Wiltshire Police Authority: 📞 01380 734022

or 🌐 <http://www.wiltshire-pa.gov.uk/feedback.asp>

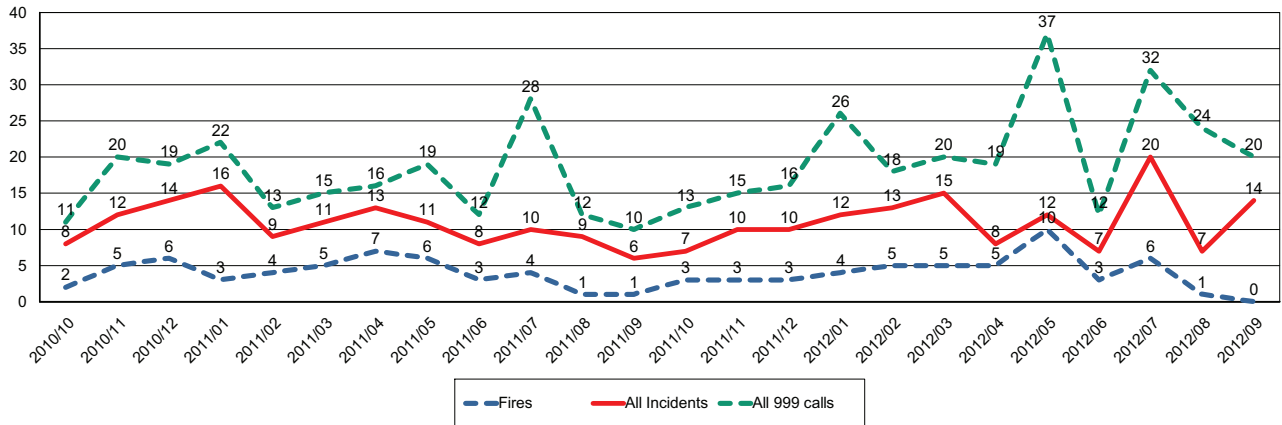
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Sector Inspector
4th October 2012



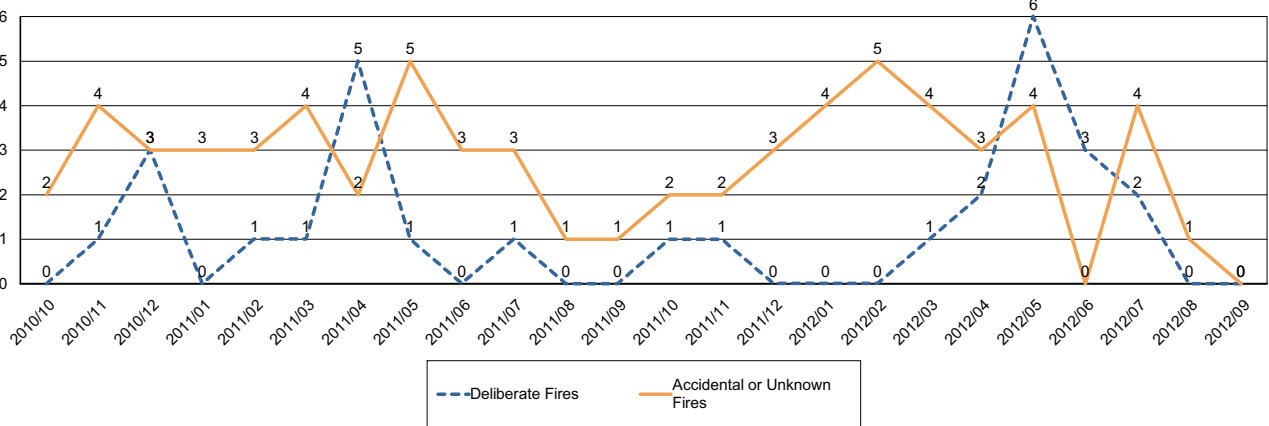
Report for Westbury Area Board

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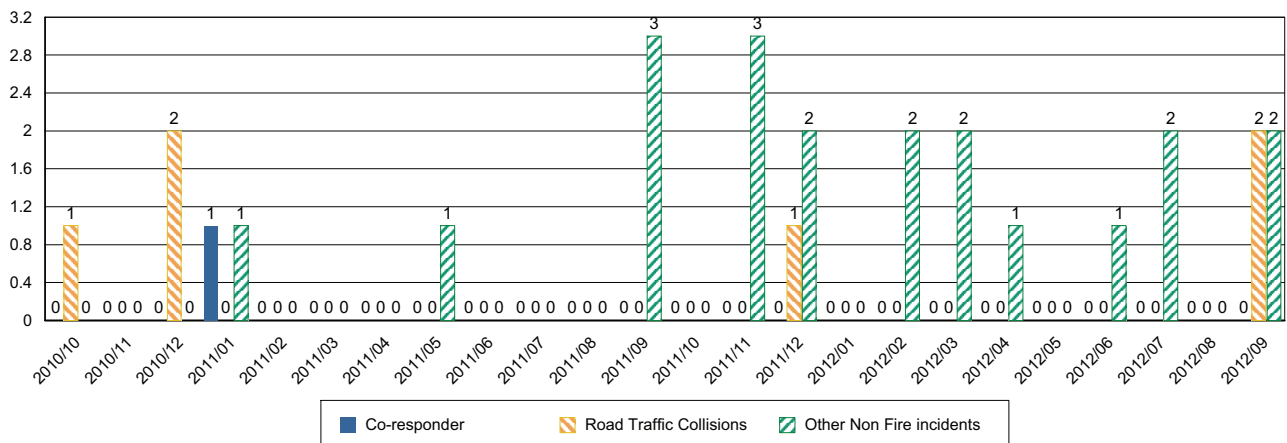
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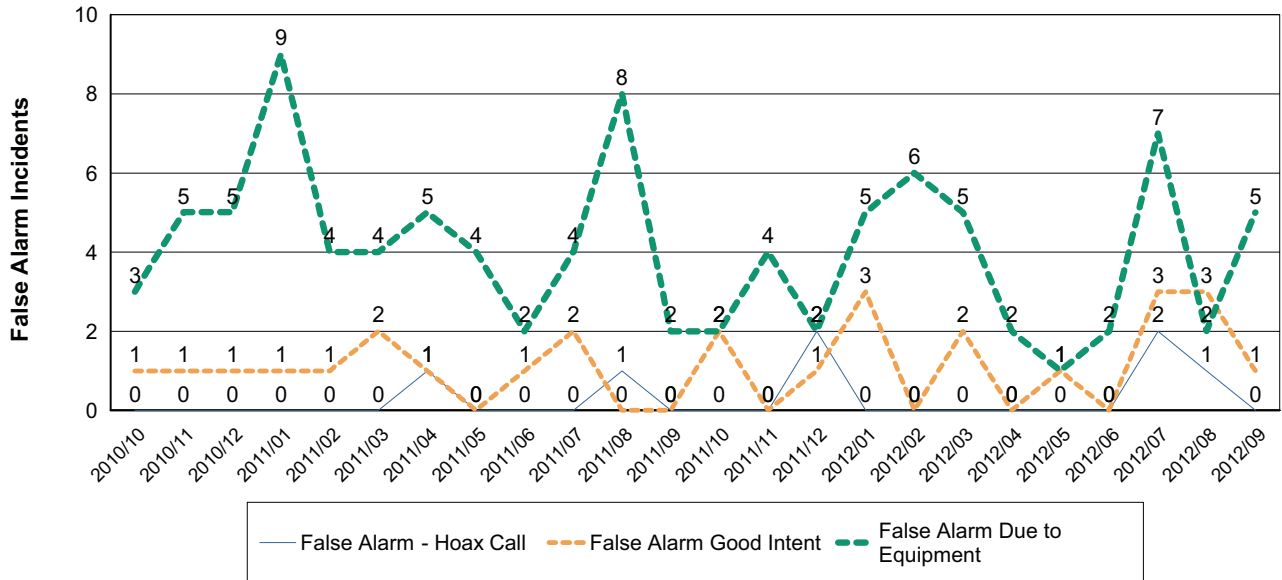
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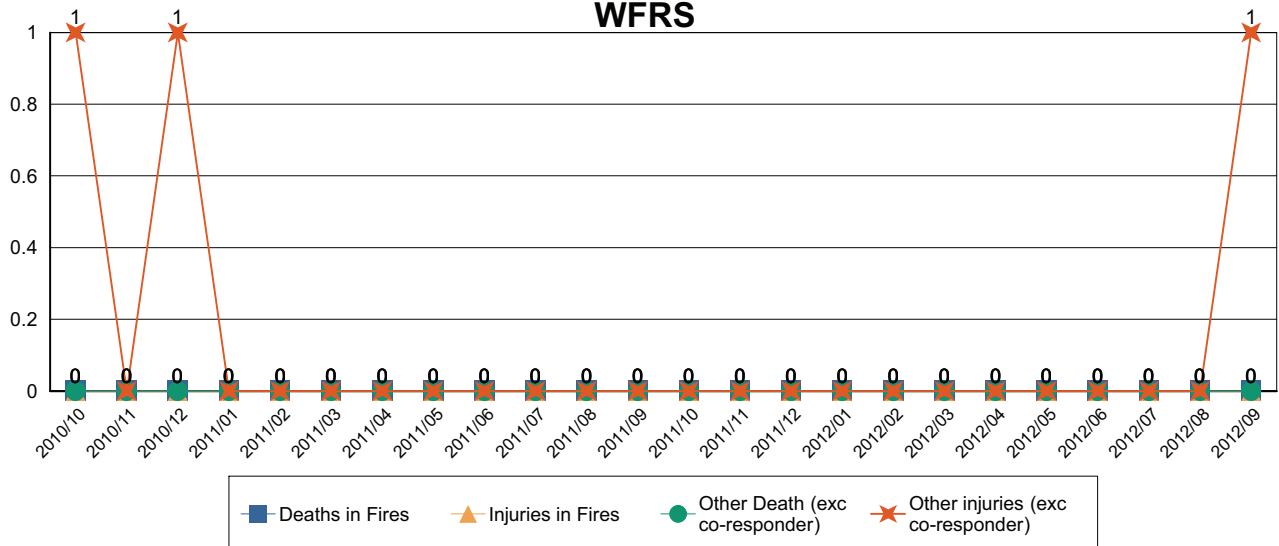
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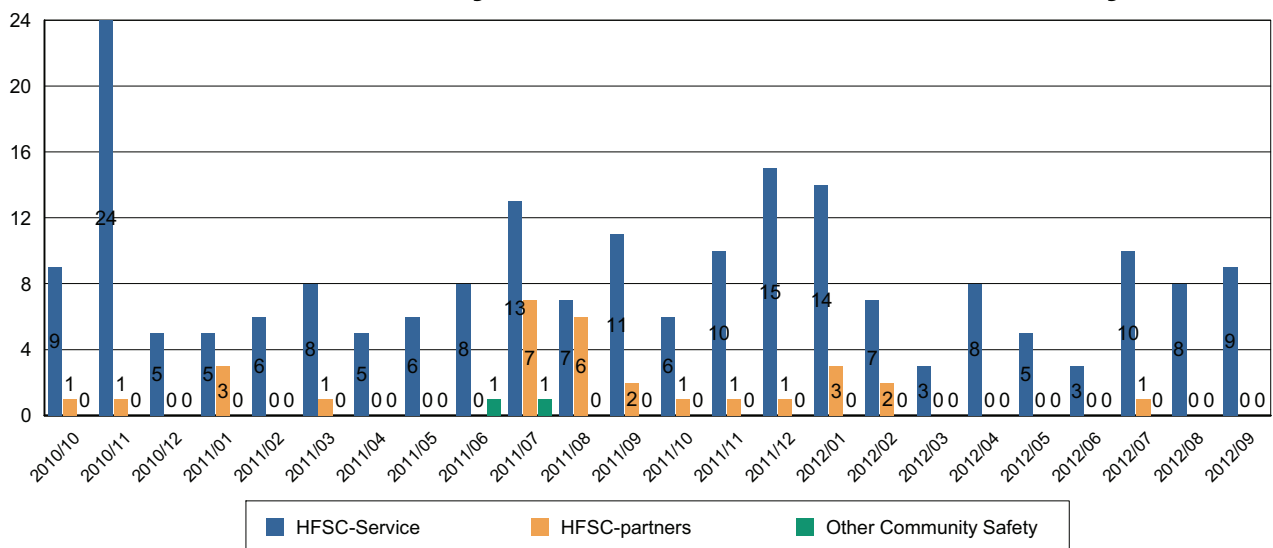
Number of False Alarm Incidents



Death & Injuries in incidents attended by WFRS



Home Fire Safety Checks and other domestic safety



Comments and Interventions overleaf

Westbury Area Board

18 October 2012

Community Area Transport Group

1. Background

In 2012/13 the 18 area boards were again allocated a discretionary budget of £250,000 to involve them in the assessment and selection of small scale transport schemes to be progressed in their community areas. Westbury area board was allocated £10,320.

The funding allocation is for capital funding and can only be used to provide new and improved infrastructure. It is suitable for schemes that improve safety, increase accessibility and sustainability by promoting walking; cycling and public transport and improve traffic management. It cannot be used to fund maintenance schemes or to pay for revenue functions such as passenger transport.

2. Westbury Community Area Transport group (CATG)

Westbury area board agreed to the establishment of a Community Area Transport Group (CATG) to consider issues /schemes with the support of highways officers and make recommendations to the area board. The current membership of the Westbury CATG comprises of Westbury area board councillors and representatives from parishes, the Community Area Partnership, the community and the police. Highways officers also attend all meetings.

3. CATG Meeting 2012

At its meeting on 20 September the CATG discussed a variety of local transport issues including:

- Action plan for improving road safety on B3097 near Tumblewood School
- Progress on funding application for Edington junction
- Start of Edward Street pedestrian and vehicle survey
- Update on request for pavement on B3098 at Edington
- Update on request for pavement at Tower Hill, Dilton Marsh
- Plans for improved road markings at Gooselands roundabout
- Update on request for footpath on B3098 near viewing area
- Upgrade and improvement of footpath between Avebury Close and Station Road
- Request for painted pavement between Bratton and Fitzroy Farm on B3098.

- Pedestrian usage of route to new primary care centre and uncontrolled crossing on Mane Way
- Review of signage into Leigh Park

4. Recommendations

That Westbury area board agree the recommendations of the CATG:

- To spend £800 on improving road markings at Gooselands roundabout
- To spend £600 on a pedestrian survey at the White Horse health centre
- To spend £3,000 towards the cost of improving the footpath between Avebury Close and Station Road
- To confirm commitment of £6,000 towards improvement of the junction at Edington – to be carried over to next financial year.

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