

AGENDA

Meeting: DEVIZES AREA BOARD
Place: Devizes Sports Club, London Road, Devizes SN10 2DL
Date: Monday 23 March 2015
Time: 6.30 pm

Including the Parishes of All Cannings, Bishops Cannings, Erlestoke, Bromham, Devizes Town, Easterton, Etchilhampton, Great Cheverell, Little Cheverell, Market Lavington, Marston, Potterne, Roundway, Rowde, Stert, Urchfont, West Lavington and Worton

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 6.00pm.

Please direct any enquiries on this agenda to Libby Beale (Democratic Services Officer), on 01225 718214 or elizabeth.beale@wiltshire.gov.uk or Richard Rogers (Community Area Manager), on 07771 547522 or richard.rogers@wiltshire.gov.uk

All the papers connected with this meeting are available on the Wiltshire Council website at www.wiltshire.gov.uk

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Wiltshire Councillors

Cllr Liz Bryant, (Bromham, Rowde & Potterne)
Cllr Peter Evans, (Devizes East)
Cllr Sue Evans, (Devizes North)
Cllr Richard Gamble, (The Lavingtons and Erlestoke)

Cllr Simon Jacobs, (Devizes and Roundway South) (Chairman)
Cllr Laura Mayes, (Roundway)
Cllr Philip Whitehead, (Urchfont and the Cannings) (Vice Chairman)

	Time
<p>1 Welcome</p> <p>To welcome those present to the meeting.</p>	6:30pm
<p>2 Apologies for Absence</p> <p>To receive any apologies for absence or substitutions for the meeting.</p>	
<p>3 Minutes (<i>Pages 1 - 14</i>)</p> <p>To confirm and sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 26 January 2015.</p>	
<p>4 Declarations of Interest</p> <p>To receive any declarations of disclosable interests or dispensations granted by the Standards Committee.</p>	
<p>5 Chairman's Announcements (<i>Pages 15 - 22</i>)</p> <p>To receive the following Chairman's Announcements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Universal Credit explained • The future of 'Safe Places' in Devizes • Healthwatch Wiltshire update 	6:35pm
<p>6 Partner Updates (<i>Pages 23 - 30</i>)</p> <p>To receive updates from the following partners:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Wiltshire Police b. Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service c. Health Services d. Devizes Community Area Partnership e. Devizes Campus Team f. Schools updates g. Town and Parish Councils 	6:40pm
<p>7 Building a Legacy for Wiltshire- Bringing communities together in the Devizes Area</p> <p>To receive an interactive presentation from the Community Area Manager on activities and events on offer in the Devizes area and across Wiltshire for 2015.</p>	6:50pm

8	<p>Is Devizes ready to tackle the Wiltshire energy challenge? (Pages 31 - 40)</p> <p>An update and interactive session from Matt Maynard on how Wiltshire is tackling the current energy challenge and on 'green' initiatives in the Devizes community area.</p>	7:05pm
9	<p>Open Floor</p> <p>An opportunity for local people, groups and organisations to discuss issues of importance for the Devizes area.</p>	7:20pm
10	<p>Area Board Working Groups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Gulls Working Group To consider any updates from the working group. · Local Youth Network (LYN) (Pages 41 - 52) To receive the minutes of the last LYN management group meeting and an update from the Community Youth Officer. To consider the following application for Youth funding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Devizes Youthy- £2884.84 · Community Area Transport Group (CATG) (Pages 53 - 60) To receive the minutes and consider recommendations arising from the last Community Area Transport Group (CATG) meeting held on 9 March 2015. 	7:50pm
11	<p>Area Board Funding (Pages 61 - 68)</p> <p>To consider the following applications to the Community Area Grants scheme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potterne Cricket Club -£5,000 towards enlarging and levelling of pitches; • Devizes and District Association for the Disabled- £598 for new hand dryers at the Nursteed Community Centre; • West Lavington Village Hall- £3,278 towards upgrading the hall; • Cheverell Magna Parish Council -£900 towards a new marquee and tables; • Devizes Eisteddfod - £1,703.54 towards a staging system. 	8:10pm

12 **Member-led initiative** (*Pages 69 - 70*)

8:25pm

To consider a member-led initiative from Cllr Sue Evans to fund a BMX track at Green Lane.

13 **Evaluation and Close**

8:40pm

Future Meeting Dates

Monday, 18 May 2015

6.30 pm

Devizes Sports Club, London Road, Devizes SN10
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MINUTES

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In Attendance:

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Cllr Liz Bryant, Cllr Peter Evans, Cllr Sue Evans, Cllr Richard Gamble,
Cllr Simon Jacobs (Chairman), Cllr Laura Mayes and Cllr Philip Whitehead (Vice
Chairman)

Wiltshire Council Officers

Richard Rogers (Community Area Manager)
Libby Beale (Democratic Services Officer)
Sally Willox (Community Youth Officer)
Wendy Higginson (Community Youth Officer)
Fiona Rae (Business Support Officer)
Sarah Hanks (Highways Officer)

Town and Parish Councillors

Devizes Town –Nigel Carter, Andy Geddes, S Fisher, Judy Rose
Bromham - Jean Collens
Easterton – R Bulson
Erlestoke –Stan Jonch, Chris Saunders
Roundway – Andy Geddes, Ivon Beig
Rowde – Jackie Bawden, Rebekah Jeffries
Urchfont – Nicky Mitchell, Helen Gibb
West Lavington - Mike May
Worton – Richard Wiltshire

Partners

Wiltshire Police & Crime Commissioner's Office -Kieran Kilgallen

Wiltshire Police –Inspector Matt Armstrong

Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service – Mike Franklin

Devizes Community Area Partnership- Ian Rose, Tony Aldridge , Philip Mackie

Devizes Chamber of Commerce

Total in attendance: 57

<u>Agenda Item No.</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>
1	<p><u>Welcome</u></p> <p>The Chairman welcomed those present to the meeting.</p>
2	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from: Jon Baldwin, Dr Helen Osborne and Dr Sanfordhill.</p>
3	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p>Resolved:</p> <p>To confirm and sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 24 November 2014 and the Special Meeting held on 1 December 2014.</p>
4	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>There were no declarations of disclosable interests.</p>
5	<p><u>Chairman's Announcements</u></p> <p>The Chairman drew attention to documents in the agenda pack which detailed a public consultation on the Stonehenge and Avebury World Heritage Site Management Plan 2015 and a performance management report from the Clinical Commissioning Group.</p> <p>The Chairman explained the role of Healthwatch Wiltshire in monitoring dementia services in the local area.</p> <p>The Canal and River Trust were looking for interested groups to 'adopt' sections of the Kennet and Avon Canal.</p> <p>Cllr Whitehead announced a petition had been received calling for super-fast broadband in the All Cannings Exchange. The Councillor expressed his support for the petition and the business necessity of high-speed broadband; it was confirmed Wiltshire Council was currently surveying the All Cannings Exchange.</p> <p>Jasper Selwyn, Devizes Passengers, updated that Community First would be funding a consultant to assist the development of a new bus timetable between Devizes and Pewsey.</p> <p>The Chairman encouraged businesses in Devizes to subscribe to CCTV</p>

	<p>supported by Devizes Development Partnership as it was helping to reduce crime in the area.</p>
6	<p><u>Partner Updates</u></p> <p>Inspector Matt Armstrong, Wiltshire Police, updated that PC Helen Clarke would shortly be replaced by PC Andy List and Community Messaging would be launched on 5 February 2015. An overview of local crime levels was provided and was praised by Cllr Gamble.</p> <p>Mike Franklin, Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service, advised that consultation on the merger with Dorset Fire and Rescue Service was ongoing until 28 January 2015. If the merger was approved, the service would be Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service and it's Board would consist of 15 members from each county.</p> <p>Cllr Nigel Carter, Devizes Campus Team, updated that a potential site for Campus development had been submitted to Wiltshire Council for consideration.</p> <p>Malcolm Irons, Devizes School, updated on recent activity at the school and encouraged those present to buy tickets for its performance of Oliver due to start on 28 January 2015.</p>
7	<p><u>Wiltshire and Swindon Police and Crime Commissioner- Precept consultation</u></p> <p>Kieran Kilgallen, Chief Executive (OPCC) explained there was likely to be an increase to the precept from 2015 of 1.9%. It was emphasised the increase was not an increase in the Council Tax by Wiltshire Council and was needed as the Police Service would receive a 5% cash reduction in its funding from central government. The consultation on the precept increase would be running until 4 February 2015. During a question and answer session it was confirmed that strategic alliances with Avon and Somerset Police, the sharing of buildings and reductions in back-office funding would cover the remaining funding shortfall.</p> <p>Members discussed Wiltshire Council's precept and members of the public agreed it would be reasonable for the Council to increase it's precept due to reductions in funding.</p>
8	<p><u>Devizes Community Area Partnership</u></p> <p>Philip Mackie, DCAP, gave an overview of work undertaken by the organisation.</p>

	<p>In particular the group had been promoting 'Devizes means business' and had produced three films to promote the town</p> <p>Resolved:</p> <p>To grant DCAP approximately £1,997 for outstanding funding following the production of three films to promote business in Devizes.</p>
9	<p><u>Gulls Working Group</u></p> <p>Cllr Laura Mayes updated the Area Board on the progress of the working group examining the gull problem in Devizes. A plan to prevent breeding had been developed and would need to be implemented for three years. Thanks were given to Roundway Parish Council for its £5,000 contribution to the project; Devizes Town Council and Public Protection at Wiltshire Council would also be asked to contribute.</p> <p>Resolved:</p> <p>To grant approximately £3,200 towards a project to prevent the gull problem in Devizes.</p>
10	<p><u>Area Board Projects</u></p> <p>The Community Area Manager, Richard Rogers explained projects the Area Board was championing in response to local priorities identified in the Joint Strategic Assessment (JSA):</p> <p>The Area Board would be running a Volunteering day on 4 May 2015 in partnership with the Lyons Club. The event would aim to produce 750 more hours of volunteering in the Devizes area.</p> <p>SPICE credits were to be launched in the Community area, the credits would be a currency to encourage volunteering; hours spent volunteering would be exchanged for activities nationally and locally.</p> <p>'Beat the Street' was Championed by Cllr Philip Whitehead; the project would be launched in Summer 2015 and encourage local people to walk rather than drive in Devizes. The aim was to help people be more active, reduce traffic in the town and improve air quality.</p>

	<p>Funding for films to document experiences of young people with SEND had already been approved by the Area Board and filming was due to start in July.</p> <p>Margaret Bryant had worked to organise career and mentoring sessions at Devizes School in the 2014-15 school year, the project had proved very successful and would run again in 2015-16. The scheme would now be accredited, it was hoped this would encourage even more students to participate.</p> <p>The Area Board considered two Member Initiatives:</p> <p>Resolved:</p> <p>To grant £2,000 to support a volunteering day in Devizes.</p> <p>To grant £2,500 to undertake mentoring and promote apprenticeships.</p>
11	<p><u>Local Youth Network</u></p> <p>Sally Willox, Community Youth Officer, highlighted the young peoples' priorities in the Devizes area she had identified through consultation. In many instances activities identified by young people were already being catered for in the area, in these cases the officer would work to link young people with existing providers. It was highlighted that grants were also available from the Area Board to develop new opportunities for young people. The Area Board was updated on recent LYN projects, in particular the group was considering establishing a young persons' cafe.</p> <p>The Area Board considered recommendations from the Community Youth Officer.</p> <p>Resolved:</p> <p>To note the minutes of the LYN Management Group meetings.</p> <p>To approve the Membership of the LYN Management Group as detailed in the agenda pack.</p> <p>To agree the transfer of £2,600 agreed expenditure from the Area Board general budget to the Area Board Youth Funding budget, for funding a film for SEND young people in the Devizes Area.</p> <p>To grant £250.17 from the Youth budget for a young person's art competition and exhibition.</p>

Community Area Grants

Applicants to the Community Area Grant Scheme were invited to speak to their application and describe the community benefit of previous grants they had received:

Thanks to a previous Area Board grant Urchfont Village Hall had been able to improve its kitchen to make it suitable for catering. A new funding application for a secure reception area would allow a satellite doctors surgery to continue at the hall.

Bishops Canning Cricket Club thanked the Area Board for previous funding which had allowed them to coach more children. A new application was made to improve storage facilities at the club which needed upgrading.

West Lavington BMX track was in need of re-building and expansion following much use. An error in the agenda pack was corrected, £2,468 of Area Board funding was applied for by the Young Club in order to rebuild and expand the track.

Devizes Bowls Club required funding to improve drainage and build a veranda following damage from storms in 2014.

Devizes Outdoor Celebratory Arts, thanked the Area Board for previous funding permitting the purchase of a confetti canon. The group was now responsible for Devizes Carnival and required more equipment.

John Thomson, Chairman of Devizes Sports Club, explained work to improve the washrooms at the club would help the venue to be let for occasions thus generating income to keep subscriptions down.

The Area Board considered applications for funding from the Community Area Grants scheme

Resolved:

To grant Urchfont Village Hall £5,000 for improvements to the hall and to allow a local surgery.

To grant Bishops Canning Cricket Club £5,000 for a safe hut for storage.

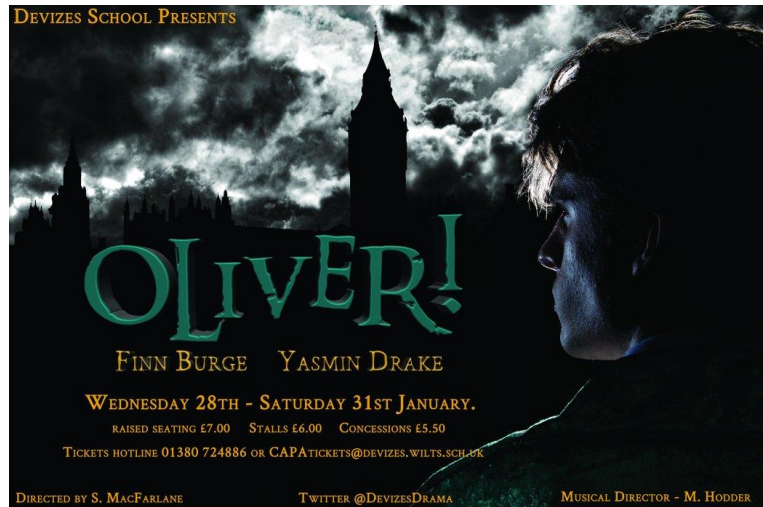
To grant West Lavington Village Hall (Youth Club) £2,468 to rebuild and expand the BMX track.

To grant Devizes Bowls Club £5,000 to build a verander and improve drainage.

	<p>To grant Devizes Outdoor Celebratory Arts £1928.40 for equipment.</p> <p>To grant Devizes Sports Club £5,000 for improvements to the club.</p>
13	<p><u>Community Area Transport Group (CATG)</u></p> <p>Members considered recommendations arising from the last Community Area Transport Group (CATG) meeting held on 12 January 2015.</p> <p>Resolved:</p> <p>To grant approximately £1,000 for an initial survey to examine pedestrian count and practicalities of three crossings proposed by Potterne Parish Council.</p> <p>To grant approximately £200 for signs being erected on the A360.</p> <p>Members received a report from Highways and Transport on the progress made on implementing road resurfacing and safety schemes in 2014/15; it was explained Wiltshire Council now had more funding available to maintain highways.</p> <p>Resolved:</p> <p>To note the report.</p> <p>To approve the list of proposed highway maintenance schemes in the Devizes area for 2015/16.</p>
14	<p><u>Evaluation and Close</u></p> <p>The next ordinary meeting of the Area Board would be on 23 March at Devizes Sports Club.</p>

Oliver!

This year's Devizes School musical is Oliver! There are 5 performances from Wednesday 28th January to Saturday 31st January (matinee performance on Saturday as well as an evening). This will be another school spectacular following in the footsteps of other sell-out hit productions in recent years – Billy Elliott, Grease, Hairspray, The Wizard of Oz as well as performances at Disneyland, Paris last year. Tickets for Oliver have been on sale since just before Christmas and are already sold out on most nights.



6th Form News

- A level results last year were **again outstanding**.
 - A*-B = 49%
 - A*-C = 80%
 - Av pts score per entry 226pts
 - This is the 5th year of outstanding results in the sixth form, placing us in the top flight of sixth forms in the country.
- The new sixth form centre, built almost two years ago remains a shining and inspirational asset to the school and for the young people of Devizes and surrounding area. We therefore actively encourage all Year 11 students in our own school and surrounding schools to apply for places in our sixth form. Applications for the next academic year are due in the next few weeks.



New Applied Learning Centre Open

The newly refurbished D block is now our modern, IT-rich, light and spacious "Applied Learning Centre". It consists of 9 large classroom spaces and two Food Technology labs and a Textiles specialist classroom. It also contains part of our Specialised Learning faculty. All of the new classrooms contain full class-sets of computers and the whole block is designed to make the most of modern learning and studying methods. It's called the Applied Learning Centre because it mainly houses applied subjects such as Business Studies, IT, Media, Physical Education, Life Skills and Design Technology.



Solar Power on the roof

At the beginning of November last year we officially switched on our new solar powered roof. The entire roof of the Science block and the Applied Learning Centre is covered with 200 solar panels supplying the school with carbon-free electricity all year round. The whole scheme was supplied in partnership with Kennet Community Energy Limited (KCEL), a Community Benefit Society developing renewable energy for the benefit of the communities in north and east Wiltshire. The installation is expected to generate 44,500kWh of energy and save about 24 metric tons of carbon dioxide on an annual basis.



Reaching out for disadvantaged students – Pupil Premium funding – Closing the Gap

Like nearly all schools in the country, we receive targeted funding to support the most vulnerable and disadvantaged children. Nationally there is a gap between the attainment of these disadvantaged young people and the rest of the school population. The government’s mission is to try to close this gap to help build a more equal society.

At Devizes School we take this challenge very seriously and we are making excellent progress in developing strategies and practical interventions that are designed to overcome the disadvantages that many of our students face. 28% of our students are deemed to be disadvantaged by either their circumstances or financial background.

We have joined a national scheme called “Challenge the Gap” and a more locally organised scheme coordinated by Wiltshire Council.

Excellent progress is being made measured by:

- improving attendance,
- better parental engagement,
- improved progress and attainment,

for this significant minority in our school.

Proposal of a support group for young people

A small group of students have identified a need for a support group for young people in the Devizes community area. Sally Willox (Youth Development Officer) and a member of staff at school have been approached and meetings are taking place to try to develop this idea.

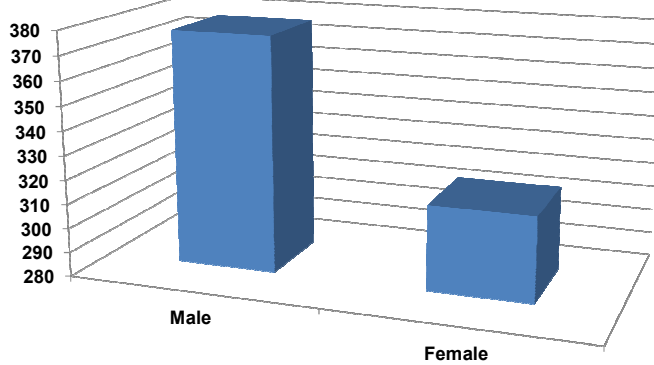
Invictus Games

As part of our fund-raising activities and the ongoing work of the PE department on Wed 14th January we hosted Andy Philips who won a gold medal for team GB in the Archery competition at the Invictus Games in September last year. All students had the opportunity to take part in events such as Wheelchair basketball, Seated Volleyball, Indoor Athletics, Blind football, Weightlifting/Rowing, Goalball, New Age Kurling and Boccia. Almost £300 was raised for “Help for Heroes”.

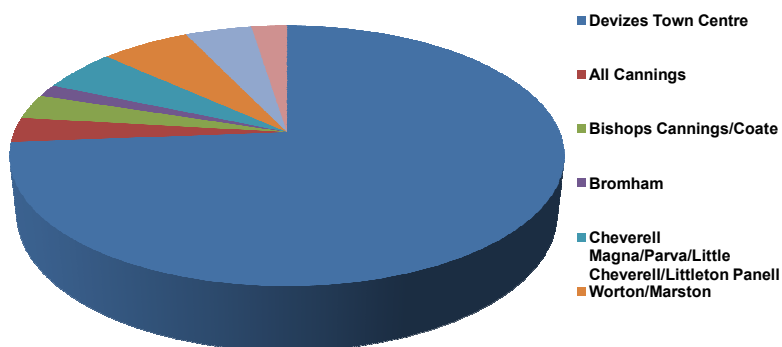


This reflects on the recently completed needs assessment through surveys with young people across the Devizes Community area (during Oct 14-Jan 15). More detailed analysis is available on request.

Needs assessment-Data Analysis-young people from Devizes Community Area aged 12-19 (up to 25 SEND)

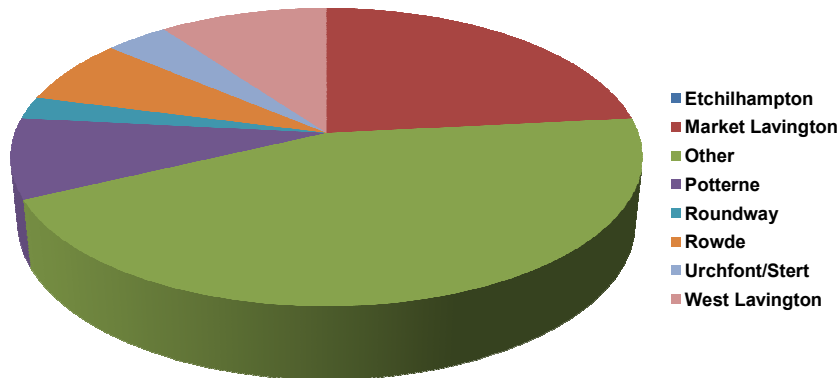


Where young people consulted live in the Devizes Community Area



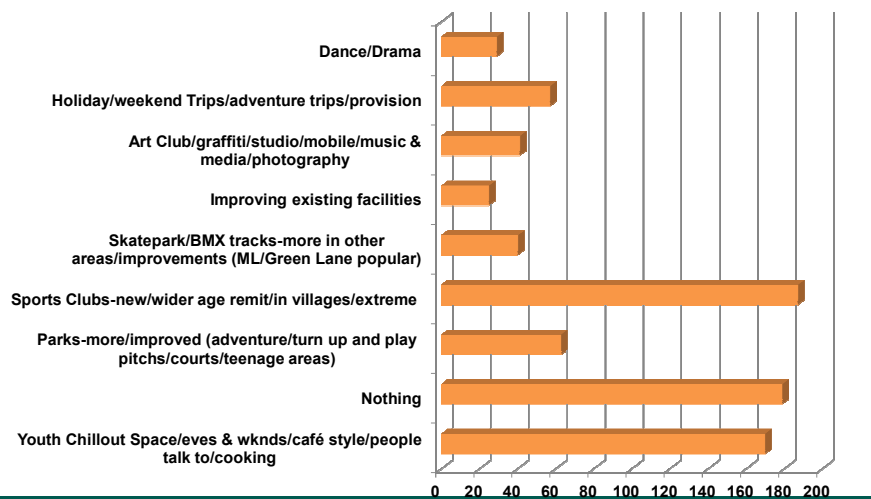
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Top priorities identified by young people



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The plan-positive activities overview for Devizes Local Youth Network

- **What next**, after the needs assessment (this is still ongoing but approximately quarter young people consulted to date). This overview is in the agenda pack.
- Secure provision for young people-approach local community, work in partnership to develop existing provision, establish new groups. Encourage & support Youth Grant funding applications to meet young people's needs. Reduce duplication by community mapping.
- Engage young people in all stages-champion their voice
- Produce strategic plan through LYN management group


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Why ensure diverse, needs led provision is in place?

- To ensure children and young people's achieve the best possible outcomes for themselves
- To ensure they can access early help and intervention when needed
- To ensure children and young people are safeguarded from harm. Adopt an inclusive, accessible approach
- To help children and young people achieve, be healthy, happy and resilient
- To enable young people & their communities to come together to develop responsive, locally driven positive activities

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Local Youth Network Management Group Meeting and wider LYN

Management Group meeting will take place February 2nd
5.30pm Estcourt Rooms, Estcourt Crescent .

There will be a wider Local Youth Network event primarily for young
people 12th February 2015. There will be a wider local youth
network event at a later date.

Contact Sally Willox for more details:

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Chairman's Announcements

Subject:	Universal Credit – background and update on steps to roll out the scheme
Officer Contact Details:	Ian P Brown, Revenue & Benefits Direct Line: (01225) 716701
Further details available:	Ian P Brown

Summary of announcement:

Universal Credit will begin in Wiltshire on 16 March 2015, following an announcement by the Wessex branch of the Department of Work and Pensions (DWP)

Many people on benefits believe that the financial risks of moving into work are too great. For some, the gains from work, particularly if they work part-time, are small, and any gain can easily be cancelled out by costs such as transport.

The government believes that:

- the current benefit system is too complex
- there are insufficient incentives to encourage people on benefits to start paid work or increase their hours

Through Universal Credit the government is aiming to:

- make the benefit system fairer and more affordable
- reduce poverty, worklessness and welfare dependency
- reduce levels of fraud and error

The intention of reforming the welfare system is to help more people to move into and progress in work, while supporting the most vulnerable.

Universal Credit (UC) is the latest national welfare benefit which will eventually replace six other benefits provided by the DWP and HMRC. UC will eventually replace Income Support, Income Based Job Seekers Allowance, Income based Employment Support Allowance, Child Tax Credit, Working Tax Credit and Housing Benefit.

Claimants will always be encouraged to apply on line and report any change in circumstance, on line. The completed claim will not be processed locally but in a Service Centre in either Glasgow or Bolton. (A slide set entitled UC Welcome Pack is attached)

It is important to note that in this initial phase, which runs from 16 March 2015 to May 2016, only single, unemployed people will qualify for UC. Couples, families with children and those in work but entitled to any of the benefits listed above, will either be transferred or asked to apply for UC from May 2016 onwards. Based on the qualifying criteria it is estimated 3,000 residents could qualify for UC in Wiltshire 2015-16. Every UC award will be paid monthly, in arrears, and claimants will receive their payment direct, approximately five weeks after the claim is registered.

Some support will be available to those who either struggle with the delay in payment, through an advanced payment made by the DWP, which will then be recovered from on-going payments. When rent is not paid on time a landlord can apply to the DWP for an alternative payment arrangement (known as an APA).

Whilst support in terms of budgeting will be made available through the council, management of complex debt may require referral to agencies better equipped, in this case the Citizens Advice Bureau. The council's role will be to ensure that residents are supported in the initial stages of their claim and:

- To provide access to computers,

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- Assistance to get on line and apply on line
- Budgeting support and money advice
- Supporting vulnerable claimants and providing access to discretionary funds and local welfare provision.

A great deal of work has already taken place to provide agencies with information about the transition to universal credit. The DWP and the council have spent considerable time in negotiations to develop a Delivery Partnership Agreement which includes a framework for payment to meet aspects of our service delivery. Wiltshire is therefore well placed to be one of the first local authorities in the west to support the roll out of universal credit and set out below is some of the preparatory work.

- The Wiltshire Online project and the provision of 180 new computers in our libraries.
- The council's corporate research team produced an extensive report entitled Universal Credit: analysis of risk.
- Joint working between the DWP and librarians in conjunction with other voluntary groups to support people to access information and apply for benefits online.
- Undertaken a project to replace the current paper based housing benefit application form with a web based E-form.
- The provision of training through children's centres to stakeholders and voluntary sector in conjunction with Wiltshire Money.
- The involvement of Wiltshire staff working with the DWP at the highest level in terms of project planning and attendance at Technical Working Groups in London.
- A track record of delivering change, particularly welfare reforms, through partnership working across Wiltshire.
- Robust and carefully managed discretionary schemes (Local welfare provision, Discretionary Housing Payments and the latest discretionary council tax reduction) that can be used to support those in the most difficult financial circumstances

There are details on the next page of the eligibility criteria and details of the information claimants will need to make a claim online.

For further information about any of the research papers or details regarding any of the projects above please contact either Ian P Brown, Head of Revenues and Benefits, Julie Higinbotham, Benefits Manager at Wiltshire Council or Jackie Tuckett, Partnership Manager at the DWP.

There is extensive information made available on the government's own [website](#).

Universal Credit Expansion Eligibility

Claimants must:

- Be single.
- Must have a National Insurance Number.
- Be aged between 18 and 60 and six months.
- Not own or partially own the home they live in.

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- Not be homeless or live in support or exempt accommodation.
- Not live in the same household as a member of the regular or reserved army who is absent from home on duty.
- Be a British citizen, resident in the United Kingdom (UK) for the last two years (not absent outside the UK during those two years for four weeks or more).
- Not have a child or qualifying young person (QYP) living with them some or all of the time.
- Not be an adopter with whom a child is expected to be placed within the first two months of the UC claim or a foster parent.
- Not be liable to pay child support maintenance.
- Not be responsible for providing care to a person with physical or mental impairment, unless on a paid or voluntary work basis.
- Must not have a fitness for work note or applied for a fitness for work note. Claimant must declare themselves fit for work.
- Must not be considered as having limited capability for work.
- Not be pregnant, or have been pregnant in the last 15 weeks.
- Not require a person acting on their behalf e.g. Personal Acting Body (PAB) or Corporate Acting Body (CAB).
- Not be in education or training of any kind.
- Not be self-employed.
- Not be a company director or part of a limited liability partnership.
- Be unemployed or declared earned income for the first month of the UC claim is not expected to exceed £330.
- Capital must not exceed £6000.
- Must have a bank, building society, post office or current account with a credit union.
- Must not be entitled to old rules Employment and Support Allowance (ESA), old rules Jobseekers Allowance (JSA), Income Support (IS), Incapacity Benefit (IB), Severe Disablement Allowance (SDA) , Disability Living Allowance (DLA), OR Personal Independence Payment (PIP).
- Must not be awaiting a decision on a claim for old rules ESA, old rules JSA, IS, Child Tax Credit (CTC), Working Tax Credit (WTC) or Housing Benefit (HB).
- Must not be awaiting the outcome of an application to revise a decision of non-entitlement to old rules ESA, old rules JSA, IS and HB.
- Must not have an undecided appeal against non-entitlement to old rules ESA, old rules JSA and IS.

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Subject:	Devizes Safe Places
Officer Contact Details:	tmasonipmwmsp@btinternet.com julie.locks@victimsupport.org.uk
Further details available:	wiltshiresafeplaces.wordpress.com

Summary of announcement:

This is an urgent request for volunteers to be on the Devizes Safe Places steering group.

Safe Places offers immediate low level support to anyone who needs it when they are out and about in their community.

It requires businesses to sign up to the scheme and place a highly visible window sticker in their window.

Devizes was the pilot for the scheme and was deemed a success however due to various reasons it no longer has a steering group and may not be able to continue in the long term.

Safe Places has been really successful and continues to roll out across Wiltshire. We anticipate that the whole of Wiltshire will be part of this national initiative by the end of 2015.

To allay any concerns it is not expected that Safe places will need to support high numbers of people it just offers:

- REASSURANCE
- VALUABLE NETWORKING OPPORTUNITY FOR PRIVATE/PUBLIC AND VOLUNTARY SECTORS
- GREATER AWARENESS OF THE HEALTH ISSUES PEOPLE FACE. (Sometimes making it difficult for them to be part of the community)

Another positive outcome of the scheme has been the number of enquiries from parents and support organisations who have asked for details about where the Safe Places are so they can be more confident about sending those they care for out and about in their communities. This is also applies to victims of bullying. Knowing where these safe places are allows them to carry on with normal activities, reassured that they can go into one of these places if they feel intimidated.

For more info please contact the Wiltshire Implementation Team on the above emails.



Update for Area Boards - February 2015

Focusing on Dementia

One of Healthwatch Wiltshire's (HWW) top priorities is dementia. This is because of what local people told us when we attended the 'what matters to you' events which were hosted by Community Area Partnerships and Area Boards in 2014. We have been working with local charities in Wiltshire to monitor the new Wiltshire dementia strategy. We are working with Alzheimer's Support, Alzheimer's Society, Age UK Wiltshire, Age UK Salisbury and District, Carer Support Wiltshire and Swan Advocacy.

We have held workshops across the county, where local people have been invited to share their experiences of local dementia services. Over 120 people participated in the workshops. People were also given the opportunity to take part in a one-to-one interview with a member of HWW staff or a trained volunteer. HWW is collating all the feedback and putting together a report of the findings to date. Further workshops are scheduled for later in the year, where we will continue to gather feedback. Please do get in touch with HWW if you would like to participate in the workshops.

Consultation on Specialist Dementia Hospital Care in Wiltshire

NHS Wiltshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) is consulting on the permanent location of specialist dementia hospital care. To help them make a decision about where this care should be, they want to hear what local people think. HWW has been independently facilitating the consultation. This has involved public meetings, talking to people in service user groups, inviting people to complete a questionnaire, and encouraging people to talk to us and tell us what they think.

HWW has now held all of the dementia consultation events, and is currently in the process of pulling together all of the feedback into a report. This report will be widely available for everyone to read and help with the decision making process, ensuring that people's voices are heard. The report will be available around the 17 March 2015. If you would like a copy then please contact us.

Wiltshire's Better Care Plan

HWW want to make sure that health and social care services for older people in Wiltshire are working well for them, their unpaid carers and their families. We are speaking to older people and their unpaid carers about their journey through the health and care system and encouraging them to share their experiences. We want to understand whether they, their families and unpaid carers are involved as much as they wanted to be in decisions about their care.

This is all part of Wiltshire's Better Care Plan which is designed to put patients at the centre of their care, provide care closer to home, prevent avoidable hospital admissions, and ensure patients can leave hospital as soon as they are well enough to either return home or continue their care in another setting. Wiltshire Council and NHS Wiltshire Clinical Commissioning Group have agreed to work together to achieve all this. More information about Better Care can be found here: <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/better-care-plan-summary.pdf>

Contact us:

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HWW will be collecting together all the feedback it receives about people's experiences and reporting this back to local people, commissioners, and providers of services.

Devizes Community Area Board

March 2015



1. Neighbourhood Policing

Team Sgt: Vincent Logue

Town Centre Team

Beat Manager – PC Chris Mead

PCSO – Paula Yarranton

PCSO – Melissa Camilleri

PCSO – Sarah Greenman

PCSO – Kelly Watts

Rural North Team

Beat Manager – PC Andy List

PCSO –

PCSO – Fiona Marno

Rural South Team

Beat Manager – PC James Sheate

PCSO – Phil Greenaway

2. NPTs - Current Priorities & Consultation Opportunities:

Up-to-date details about Neighbourhood Policing Teams including team membership, current priorities and forthcoming community consultation events can be found on our Wiltshire Police Website.

Visit the website at: www.wiltshire.police.uk

3. Police and Crime Commissioner: Mr Angus Macpherson

PCC website: www.wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk

4. Local Issues/notable crimes

Devizes North Rural EZ13

Bromham

1 Burglary was reported in Bromham where some Jewellery has gone missing. It is not possible to ascertain the facts of the offence.

Rowde

We have dealt with two matters in Rowdeford school, an assault and damage to a vehicle.

Bishop Cannings

No reportable incidents

Coate & Horton

No reportable incidents

All Cannings

No reportable incidents

Stert & Etchilhampton

No reportable incidents

Devizes South Rural EZ14

Urchfont

No reportable incidents

Market Lavington and Easterton

On the 28th January damage was caused to a car in South Cliffe Road, Market Lavington
On the 31st January damage was caused to The Churchill pub, West Lavington. Enquiries are ongoing.

Worton

No reportable incidents.

Erlstoke

No reportable incidents

Little Cheverill

No reportable incidents

Great Cheverill

No reportable incidents

Devizes Town EZ11

With the significant number of offences taking place within the EZ11 beat area it is not possible to comment on specific offences. Since the last Area Board In January to 9th March 2015 I can give the following overview:

There have been 9 burglaries reported. Of these 9, two were dwellings. Nothing was taken from the houses. The remainder were garages or commercial premises. This is an increase of three offences from the comparable reporting period last year.

9 Offences of criminal damage have been reported. There is no recognisable pattern or type of offence. This is a reduction for the same reporting period last year when there were 17 offences recorded.

The numbers of thefts remain static at about 36 offences. And for the same reporting periods, the number of offences of theft from retail premises is the same at 22.

There has been a reduction in reports of violence from 45 to 30. A significant drop is noticed in those offences taking place in public places. This is down from 22 to 9.

There has been an increase in the number of reports of anti-social behaviour from 23 last year to 30 this year. The number of incidents taking place in public remains static at 16. The increase is largely attributable to reports of comments made between parties on social media and other forms of electronic communication.

CRIME & DETECTIONS (compared to previous rolling 12 months)

Taking all the information from Devizes as a whole, performance remains positive.

The summary chart on the following page reflects this.

EZ Devizes NPT	Crime				Detections*	
	12 Months to February 2014	12 Months to February 2015	Volume Change	% Change	12 Months to February 2014	12 Months to February 2015
Victim Based Crime	1069	990	-79	-7.4%	25%	19%
Domestic Burglary	38	34	-4	-10.5%	26%	6%
Non Domestic Burglary	128	119	-9	-7.0%	24%	4%
Vehicle Crime	93	61	-32	-34.4%	1%	3%
Criminal Damage & Arson	243	198	-45	-18.5%	16%	14%
Violence Against The Person	316	276	-40	-12.7%	32%	29%
ASB Incidents	1017	922	-95	-9.3%		

I am not able to make the meeting on the 23rd March due to another operational matter. I have requested PC Chris Mead as the Town Beat manager to attend in my place. Please be kind to him and save any awkward questions for me.

Matthew Armstrong
Sector Commander
Devizes Melksham Pewsey Marlborough

January update 2015

A single Children's Community Health Service for Wiltshire

Children's Community Health Services consist of fourteen different services for children:

- Health Visiting Service
- Family Nurse Partnership
- School Nursing and National Child Measurement programme
- School-aged immunisation programme
- Children's Learning Disability Nursing
- Integrated Occupational Therapy and Physiotherapy
- Speech and Language Therapy
- Children's Community Nursing
- Community Paediatrics
- Community Paediatric Audiology (West Wiltshire only)
- Safeguarding Named Nurses
- Looked After Children
- Portage (Salisbury area only)
- Child Health Information Service (CHIS)

In Wiltshire, these services are currently delivered by five separate organisations.

As a result of listening to, consulting and involving service users, it has been determined that services and support for the county's children and young people can be improved by delivering services via a single contract.

Wiltshire CCG, Wiltshire Council and NHS England are jointly re-commissioning the services to create a single Children's Community Health Service for Wiltshire. It will mean that every child, young person and family across the county, no matter where they live, will have access to the same and all services and support. Services will be easier to access and there will be a potential for improved joint work with GPs, Wiltshire Council and other partners.

Service users have been extensively involved in developing the new service. Children and young people and parent and carers have been at the heart of consultation and engagement, working alongside professionals in shaping Wiltshire's new Children's Community Health Service. As well as public events on the service, there have been a series of meetings, workshops, focus groups and on-line surveys.

The new improved service will be in place from March 2016. The tendering process is currently underway.

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Royal United Hospital, Bath acquires the Royal National Hospital for Rheumatic Diseases

The proposed acquisition of the Royal National Hospital for Rheumatic Diseases NHS Foundation Trust (RNHRD) by the Royal United Hospital Bath NHS Foundation Trust (RUH) has now been approved, health sector regulator Monitor announced.

Joint working with the RUH will secure the future of the renowned specialist services of the RNHRD and allow patients in the area and beyond to continue to access world class care and expertise. The acquisition takes place on 1 February 2015.

The RNHRD endoscopy service is the only clinical service to move to the RUH on 1 February. Combining the endoscopy services will give patients access to greater choice of appointments and the assurance of nationally accredited standards of care.

Patients, GPs and other relevant partners have already been engaged with and informed of this change.

All other RNHRD clinical services will continue to be provided from the RNHRD hospital and patients will be seen and treated by the same team of staff.

Specialist Dementia Care

NHS Wiltshire CCG and Wiltshire Council are currently running a public consultation, through Healthwatch Wiltshire, on the future location of where specialist dementia hospital care in Wiltshire will be delivered.

Specialist dementia care is currently being temporarily provided at Amblescroft South in Salisbury and has been provided there since the closure of Charter House, Trowbridge in February 2013. There are also additional beds available in Swindon and Bath and this provision will continue.

The consultation is asking the public to share their views on the three locations that have been put forward for a permanent place for specialist dementia care to be provided from, and the three possible locations are: Charter House, Trowbridge; Avebury Ward at Green Lane Hospital, Devizes; and Amblescroft South, Foundation Way, Salisbury.

The public consultation started on 1 December 2014 and is running until 10 March 2015.

More information on the consultation can be found on Healthwatch Wiltshire's website:

<http://www.healthwatchwiltshire.co.uk/consultation-specialist-dementia-care>

Integrated Community Teams

Wiltshire's pioneering Neighbourhood Teams, who were set up across the county to deliver community health care, are now developing even further and, in conjunction with Great Western Hospital and Wiltshire Council are transforming into 20 Integrated Teams, providing health and social care services to the population of Wiltshire.

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The aim of the teams is to deliver community health and social care in an integrated, seamless way - a total care environment in the community where the patient lives, supporting them to continue to live at home, or stay locally for as long as possible without having to go into hospital.

The integrated teams will be GP led, with each team serving a population of approximately 20,000 people. Each team consists of primary healthcare workers and community care people from the NHS, Council and other agencies.

Three pilot sites have already been set up in Bradford-on-Avon, Salisbury City and Calne, and the remaining 17 teams hope to be operational by the end of September 2015.

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WILTSHIRE COUNCIL

DEVIZES AREA BOARD
23 March 2015

**IS YOUR COMMUNITY READY TO TACKLE THE WILTSHIRE
ENERGY CHALLENGE?**

Purpose of Report

1. To raise awareness and engage the Devizes community in how the council is tackling the energy challenge.

Relevance to the Council's Business Plan

2. Reducing carbon emissions and preparing for unavoidable climate change addresses two of the council's priorities:
 - (i) To protect those who are most vulnerable - through reducing fuel poverty and ensuring communities are prepared for the impacts of climate change.
 - (ii) To boost the local economy - through stimulating green jobs locally.
3. The council's Business Plan commits the council to reducing its carbon footprint and increasing recycling (p18). The Plan (Outcome 3) also aspires to:
 - reducing fuel poverty in the county;
 - lowering the carbon footprint of households, businesses and public services through energy efficient buildings and renewable technology;
 - promoting sustainable transport;
 - supporting people and places to deal with unavoidable climate impacts, such as flooding.

Background

Cabinet report

4. In September 2014, Wiltshire Council became a signatory to the Local Government Association's Climate Local initiative, which replaced the Nottingham Declaration on climate change. The significant progress made to tackle fuel poverty and promote low carbon technologies was noted at this time and Cabinet requested that further public engagement on this matter be sought through the area boards. The council's Climate Local [action plan](#) has since been published on the council website.

Climate Local

5. By signing up to [Climate Local](#), councils across the country are capturing the opportunities and benefits of action on a changing climate, through leading by example, saving on their energy bills, generating income from renewable energy, attracting new jobs and investment, reducing flood risks and managing the impacts of extreme weather. 92 councils have signed up to date.
6. Wiltshire Council has been taking action on climate change since 2009 and continues to drive down carbon emissions across the county. The Climate Local initiative provides a mechanism for communicating and recognising these achievements.
7. According to government data, Wiltshire's per capita carbon emissions have fallen from 8 tonnes of carbon dioxide (tCO₂) in 2005 to 6.7 tCO₂ in 2012. This reflects a reduction in emissions nationally, but remains higher than the 2012 South West average of 6.1tCO₂ and national average of 6.2 tCO₂. The higher figure for Wiltshire is entirely attributable to higher transport emissions, as domestic and industry emissions match the national and regional averages. This cannot be explained by emissions from the M4 motorway or diesel railways. They are excluded from these figures as deemed to be outside the scope of local authority influence.

Main Considerations for the Council

Achievements

8. The council aims to reduce its annual carbon footprint by 11,823 tCO₂ by March 2017 compared with its 2010/11 footprint. In February 2014, the council's second [Carbon Management Plan](#) was published, showing significant progress in reducing the council's carbon footprint and generating annual savings on energy bills. The energy consumption data for 2013/14 shows further progress.
9. A review of progress and up-to-date consumption data were set out in the [Appendices](#) to the 16 September 2014 Cabinet report. Highlights include:
 - 661 planning applications for renewable technologies were received, of which 93% were approved.
 - The council facilitated the insulation of 1,430 homes across Wiltshire using £0.5 million invested by energy companies.
 - The council has attracted a further £1.4 million external funding for carbon reduction projects plus a £0.6 million 0% loan.
 - 112 invest to save energy efficiency projects have been implemented at a cost of £4.1 million, saving 2,475 tonnes of CO₂ and £730,000 on council energy bills annually (includes 2014/15 projects).
 - The council has set up an Energy Management System certified to ISO50001 standard.
 - Business mileage emissions were reduced by a third in 2013/14 from 2010/11 peak.
 - Over thirty schools have engaged in programmes to reduce their energy costs and carbon emissions.

- The Wiltshire Core Strategy includes specific policies around renewable energy and sustainable construction.
- Installation of biomass boilers at twelve schools and one campus, generating income from the sale of heat and the government's renewable heat incentive, while saving on schools' running costs.
- Installation of the largest single-roof local authority-owned solar panel system in the UK on the new Northacre Resource Recovery Centre in Westbury, covering an area equivalent to seven tennis courts.
- Installation of 2,500 high efficiency boilers in council housing by 2018.

More information about council carbon reduction projects and environmental community activity in the Devizes community area is included at **Appendix 1**.

Next steps

10. The council's ECO Strategy (2011) sets out the development of four action plans:
 - A Carbon Management plan for the council
 - A Climate Change Adaptation plan for the council
 - A Renewable Energy Action plan for the county
 - A Low Carbon Transition plan for the county
11. It was agreed by the ECO board in 2012 to streamline the number of action plans by developing a single Energy Resilience Plan for aspects relating to renewable energy, the low carbon transition and affordable warmth in Wiltshire as a whole. The aim of this new plan to be developed in 2015 is to cover all aspects of making Wiltshire a more self-sufficient county when it comes to meeting its energy requirements.
12. There are to be four main themes running through the plan:

• Sustainable transport	• Renewable energy
• Energy efficiency	• Affordable warmth
13. The development of the Energy Resilience plan provides the opportunity to work with large businesses, communities and public bodies to capture existing initiatives to drive down energy demand in the county and identify future opportunities. The council's Green Economy Team are speaking to large energy consumers in Wiltshire to find out what plans they have in place to reduce their energy costs, and to the energy sector and community energy groups who want to invest in new technologies to deliver clean energy more locally. Through this process we are identifying where there are opportunities for energy resilience in Wiltshire and the actions necessary to see these come to fruition.
14. The plan will set out how we and others in the county are working to make our energy use more secure, affordable and sustainable. Behind much of this work is the drive to reduce energy waste and our dependence on fossil fuels. Through the development of the plan we can explore the opportunities for Wiltshire securing a low carbon future linked with long-term sustainable growth. We can understand how homes, buildings and industry can become

more energy efficient and match demand for energy through a varied mix of renewable and low carbon technologies. We will be able to identify opportunities for affordable low emission vehicles and efficient alternatives to the car. The energy resilience plan will identify a network of local businesses which are able to create new jobs and skills to emerge through a thriving low carbon economy.

15. The plan's broad objectives will include: reducing carbon emissions across all sectors; maximising economic opportunities; encouraging local energy generation and low carbon infrastructure; and enabling an active role for communities.

Environmental Impact of the Proposals

16. Reducing the council's environmental impact is the subject of this report.

Financial Implications

17. By taking actions to reduce energy use, the council stands to make significant savings given that total energy and transport costs for the council were £13.6 million in 2013/14, including £0.4 million for costs relating to the Carbon Reduction Commitment (CRC).
18. Total spend on energy and transport costs (excluding CRC) was approximately £13 million in 2009/10 and £12 million per year for the subsequent three financial years. Over the period 2009/10 to 2013/14, the unit prices paid by the council for gas have increased by 50% and electricity by 8%. This shows the importance of reducing consumption to avoid large increases in bills.
19. The council has spent £4.1 million on energy efficiency and renewable energy projects since 2009 (including 2014/15 projects). These are projected to generate £0.73 million savings per year, paying back in less than six years on average.
20. In addition, the council is investing in an oil to biomass conversion programme across twelve schools at a cost of £2.7 million. Projected income to the council from the renewable heat incentive for schools and campuses using biomass boilers comes to circa £4 million over 20 years.
21. The council has succeeded in obtaining £1.4 million external funding for carbon reduction projects (including £0.4 million for electric vehicle charging points) plus a £0.6 million 0% loan for energy efficiency investments.
22. The CRC scheme cost for 2013/14 came to £0.42 million, of which schools paid £0.16 million. Costs for 2014/15 and beyond are projected to be £0.5 million per annum which will need to be borne corporately as schools are no longer included in the CRC scheme.

23. Under the CRC scheme, the cost has risen from £12 per tonne at the start of the scheme to £16.10 per tonne in 2015/16. It is expected that this will continue to rise in line with the Retail Price Index (RPI) year on year.
24. Any further financial implications identified through the Energy Resilience Plan will be addressed through the ECO board.

Legal Implications

25. There are no specific legal implications stemming from this voluntary initiative. However, addressing climate change is a key requirement for local authorities, as set out in the Climate Change Act 2008. Further information on the council's responsibilities relating to Climate Change and to the legislative and policy framework can be found in the [report](#) to Cabinet dated 22 June 2010 (Agenda Item 103). In addition, since that date, the Energy Act 2011 has been enacted which sets out the legal framework for the Green Deal, as well as the CRC Energy Efficiency Scheme Order 2013 which sets out revisions to the CRC scheme.

Equality and Diversity Implications

26. The council's work to promote insulation schemes has focused particularly on vulnerable households as they are most at risk of fuel poverty. For example, project ACHIEVE trained up unemployed young people to deliver energy saving advice and devices to vulnerable households.

Recommendation

27. That the Area Board notes the progress the council has made in tackling the local energy challenge and in particular the initiatives in the Devizes community area outlined at **Appendix 1**.

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Appendices:

- Appendix 1 Overview of council carbon reduction projects and community activity in the Devizes community area

Energy Saving Projects in Devizes

The following are examples of energy projects in the Devizes Community Area.

Invest to save projects

The Carbon Management Plan has enabled investment across the county in a range of projects on the council's own buildings and estate. As part of this large programme the following 'invest to save' projects have been implemented in the Devizes Community Area.

Devizes Leisure Centre - combined heat and power (CHP)

This project installed technology to generate electrical power and heat for the leisure centre. The CHP unit is situated in the main plant room of the building. The unit has dramatically reduced the cost of running the leisure centre by generating electricity for use on site, instead of drawing it from the National Grid. Heat is a side product of this process and is used to heat the pool water. After two years of operation the CHP unit, along with a boiler replacement at the centre, have saved close to £77,000 in energy costs. This is significant when compared to a total annual energy bill of approximately £114,000 (2013/14).

Devizes Leisure Centre – lighting upgrades

A series of lighting upgrades have been implemented at the leisure centre. These include replacing lighting in the pool and sports hall with modern and more energy efficient equivalents. The new lights have the benefit of reducing glare and provide a brighter environment with reduced energy consumption.

In some areas occupancy sensor controls have also been installed to ensure that lights are not left on in unoccupied spaces.

Bradbury Manor (residential care centre) – solar pv installation

The solar panels at Bradbury Manor were completed in December 2014. This installation is expected to save the council £660 a year on electricity bills, with an income of £2,550 a year (from the feed-in tariff and selling energy back to the grid) for the next 20 years of operation.

Project	Annual saving (£)	Annual CO₂ saving	Year completed	*Total savings to date (£)
Devizes Leisure Centre – combined heat and power and boiler replacement	£38,448	154	2012	£76,896
Devizes Leisure Centre – heat recovery	£8,948	60	2011	£35,792
Devizes Leisure Centre – sports hall lighting upgrade	£4,712	25	2011	£18,851
Devizes Leisure Centre – general lighting	£2,351	13	2011	£9,406
Devizes Leisure Centre – pool hall lighting upgrade	£2,226	12	2014	£2,226
Devizes Leisure Centre – plant room	£1,761	17	2011	£7,044

pipe insulation				
Devizes Leisure Centre – variable speed drives on pool pumps	£1,440	12	2011	£5,760
Devizes Leisure Centre – occupancy sensors on storage areas	£121	0.6	2013	£242
Rowdeford School – draught proofing, glazing and external doors	£890	10	2012	£2,672
Kennet House - external lighting upgrade (LED)	£895	5	2013	£1,790
Bradbury Manor, Devizes – solar pv installation	£660‡	6	2014	£2,350

*Represent estimated full year savings since completion

‡ Income is £2,550 a year from the feed-in tariff

Other projects

Biomass boiler programme

During 2013 and 2014 the Council invested in an ambitious programme of biomass boiler installations in twelve schools which were previously heated by oil.

Rowdeford School, Bishops Cannings Primary School and St Barnabas Primary School (Market Lavington) are among those which have benefited from a new biomass boiler. These new systems, running on wood fuel, are able to generate income through the government's Renewable Heat Incentive which pays a tariff back to the council for the next 20 years of operation. The school benefits from a new fuel source that is sustainably sourced in the UK; increasing local energy resilience and reducing carbon emissions.

Collaborative low carbon schools service

The Collaborative Low Carbon Schools Service was a programme developed by the Carbon Trust to support local authorities and schools to work together to achieve effective school carbon management. Wiltshire Council worked in partnership with ten local schools to help reduce their carbon emissions and energy costs.

Rowdeford School and All Cannings C.E. Primary School were among those selected to work on a pilot project in 2011/12. The schools had an energy audit undertaken and implemented a number of behavioural changes to reduce energy use. Simple measures such as labelling and switching off lights and equipment were shown to be successful in reducing energy use and got the whole school involved.

Rowdeford School was recognised in 2014 for their work on sustainability projects and were awarded the EcoSchools Green Flag.

Sustainable Energy Across the Common Space (SEACS)

Through the EU funded SEACS programme, an energy ambassador was employed by Wiltshire Council to work with schools for 18 months, from late 2012 to early 2014.

St Barnabas Primary School participated in the programme and took part in a number of activities to introduce energy themes into lessons. Pupils took part in an energy audit of school buildings, an insulation toolkit was used in science lessons and the energy ambassador ran sessions using a thermal imaging camera.

Local area initiatives

Sustainable Devizes

Sustainable Devizes is a local group of people who are developing low carbon initiatives and promote opportunities to live more sustainably. Established in 2008, the group's interests are wide ranging and include energy, transport, consumption and waste. Informal monthly meetings are held at Southgate Inn, Devizes.

Projects underway include developing an updated local food directory for produce available in and around Devizes. They also host two transport action groups to promote sustainable transport; Cycle Devizes and Devizes Passengers.

Currently a key focus for the group is to develop Sustainable Devizes into a Transition Town group.

www.sustainabledevizes.org.uk

Kennet Community Energy

Kennet Community Energy Limited (KCEL) is a Community Benefit Society which developed from the energy working group of Transition Marlborough. KCEL are engaged in developing renewable energy for the benefit of the communities in north and east Wiltshire. Members of the organisation invest to fund a growing portfolio of projects, initially focusing upon solar PV and biomass technologies. Their first solar PV projects, Wadworth Brewery Visitor Centre and Devizes School, are now up and running.

www.kennetenergy.org.uk

Local Youth Network update for March 2015

Devizes Local Youth Network Management Group
Notes and actions from 2 February 2015

Attendance-

Sean Kemp-Devizes young person
Emily Banks-Devizes young person & Wiltshire Youth Disabled Group
Cllr Andy Johnson-Devizes Town Council
Cllr Simon Jacobs-Wiltshire Council Cllr & Devizes Area Board Chair
Cllr Richard Gamble-Wiltshire Council Cllr
Richard Rogers-Devizes Community Area Manager
Sally Willox-Devizes Community Youth Officer
Damian Haasjes-Voluntary & Community sector representative
Jack Oatley-Apprentice Youth Worker Devizes

Apologies-

Daniela De Cet-Lavington School Deputy Head teacher & student reps
Margaret Bryant-local Business representative/young people's mentoring champion and Devizes School Governor
PC James Sheate-Devizes NPT
Cllr Philip Whitehead-Wiltshire Council Cllr
Julie Nipress-Community Sector representative

NOTES

ACTIONS

<p>Notes and actions agreed from last Local Youth Network from Monday 8th December 2014 (through Area Board). No comments to add today.</p>	
<p>Must ensure the wider Local Youth Network is functioning effectively, this can include anyone interested in developing young people's positive activities across the community, young people and adults. This operates through communication in the main, with sub groups establishing as and when required, to develop young people's projects. Sally Willox is communicating continuously with the wider community, those whom have a vested interest in young people. This is the way forward to developing new positive opportunities for young people.</p> <p>Richard Rogers added that Wiltshire Council</p>	<p>Sally W to continue networking, informing the community of the role of the new model and Community Youth Officer. Update wider Local Youth Network template continuously and circulate to LYN Management Group.</p> <p>To arrange a wider LYN event for the wider community to come together. Proposed for August 2015 and approach Braeside. Focus on taster sessions for young people that meet their identified priorities through the needs assessment, a meet and greet for community groups/organisations, sharing of good practice and ideas, as well as possible training sessions. Sally Willox to lead</p>

<p>has 'resource packs' available in terms of planned events, where young people could link into, rather than planning a new event from scratch. These opportunities could provide a foundation for a community LYN event. E.g.-May cycling week, June Magna Cart event.</p>	<p>implementation.</p>
<p>The needs assessment was received well at the area board on 28th January 2015. The data shows clear priorities for what young people would like in their communities and will form the plan for the Devizes LYN. It is important to share this to the wider community and to refer to it when receiving applications for youth grants and young people's projects. The needs assessment will set the work plan for the coming year.</p> <p>Cllr Jacobs commented on how important it is to use existing resources across the community to meet young people's needs, secondary schools have fabulous facilities, as does Devizes Sports Centre. However, it was highlighted by others that not all young people wish to return to their schools once the day is over but will frequent other facilities. Cllr Johnson reminded everyone to ensure those young people with special educational needs and disabilities are catered for when developing new opportunities/activities.</p> <p>The needs assessment will now be fed into a strategic plan for the Devizes LYN. This is being developed county wide by Early Help.</p>	<p>Sally Willox to distribute needs assessment tot LYN management group and to the wider community, to meet requests.</p> <p>Sally Willox to explore the possibilities of using schools facilities to develop young people's projects in the future. Trampolining and circuit training were 2 identified priorities and these could be met through partnership working with the schools and or sports centre.</p> <p>Sally Willox to write the Devizes LYN Strategic Plan, with support from the LYN management group. This will form the basis of the work plan for this coming year and the priorities from young people to be put into action first.</p>
<p>Update of young people's projects-The SEND film, of which had a youth grant approved at the 28th January area board meeting, is underway. Sally Willox is working with Create Studios, WEST and young people. The project will provide a valuable insight into the difficulties and</p>	<p>Sally Willox to feed back on progress at next LYN management group meeting.</p>

challenges faced by both young people and employers, in relation to securing employment/training opportunities. Filming with both young people and employers will commence in March 2015. There is a working task group in place comprising of Sally Willox Community Youth Officer, colleagues from the WEST (Wiltshire Employment Support Team), Create Studios and young people.

Young people's art competition, 10th year young people's art competition and exhibition in conjunction with The Lawrence Society of Art. This received a youth grant application, awarded at the January area board. The competition offers an opportunity for young people to take part in art during the months prior to the judging and to enter their work, for exhibition, with a chance to be awarded a prize. This project is organised and run by volunteers from the Devizes area. Art featured high in the recent young people's needs assessment so this provided a positive activity for young people across the community to engage in.

Open youth club provision for young people- this featured as a priority for young people in the needs assessment. Looking at the individual surveys completed by young people, it is clear that they wish to have provision to use where they live, especially in villages, as well as a facility in the town centre. It was discussed that village hall availability be explored and that a satellite provision be developed. This links to an earlier LYN meeting discussion whereby a town centre youth club provision can be established, then satellite sessions from this, using the same team of 'staff' can go out to villages and operate. Aster Housing still keen to engage in this process and to

Sally Willox will ascertain numbers of young people that engaged in this opportunity and provide feedback at the next LYN management group in April.

Sally Willox and other LYN members to begin visiting village halls and other suitable premises to ascertain suitability for hosting young people's activities. This includes great Cheverell's hall facilities, Erlestoke 'converted church' and Brickley Lane hall provision.

be involved in a sub group.

The Devizes Youthy project will be putting in an application for youth grant funding shortly and the steering group is working very positively. The steering group comprises of local adult and older young people, as volunteers, from a variety of backgrounds. This will provide a one evening per week provision within Devizes Leisure Centre's community space, which was used as Devizes Youth Centre previously.

Bromham Parish Council has sought support and advice from Sally Willox in relation to developing a youth club in the village. A group session is taking place with young people from the village, on Thursday 19th March 2015 at John Bentley School. This is where most of Bromham young people go to school.

St Arbucks youth café suggestion. Young people have said through the needs assessment that they would like to have a youth café in the area that covers Market Lavington, West Lavington and neighbouring villages. After discussions, it was suggested that they approach existing St Arbucks Café in Market Lavington to explore the possibility of having an evening per week for young people only. Sally Willox has met with the management committee there and they are keen to explore this further. This project idea meets the top identified priorities through the needs assessment.

It was highlighted how important it is to have LYN management group membership from

Sally Willox has been supporting this steering group and will continue too. Policies, procedures, DBS clearances, training and insurances being verified. Training sessions in relation to Youth Work with young people scheduled for April 2015, lead by Sally Willox.

Sally Willox meeting young people from Lavington School who reside in that area and are keen to develop this project. This is scheduled for Monday 16th March 3.30pm, along with members of the St Arbucks staff team and management committee.

Sally W continue schools development work and to engage with young people.

secondary schools and the importance of them engaging in this process. Community Youth Officer will continue to act as a go between as she has developed links and relationships with the 3 main schools. It will take time to identify the appropriate adult and young person representatives. It is vital schools are involved, both adults and young people. Schools need to realise and see the benefit of engaging with the Local Youth Network and Community Youth Officer, so they can see the benefit to engage fully.

Sally W has continued to engage positively with Devizes School recently, through tutor times. Assemblies have taken place at Lavington School and been positive. Young people are being engaged with by Sally Willox, carrying out the needs assessment has helped this because young people have been leaving their contact details for Sally to communicate with them. Many of these young people wish to get involved with the wider LYN, the management group and future working task groups.

It is important that young people are central to this LYN, especially the management group and it is still early days but must engage young people soon. Sally Willox raised that a separate youth network be established because young people don't know enough about the LYN presently and it is a big ask for them to turn up at a meeting full of adults they don't know well. Sally is engaging with young people a lot and developing positive relationships but this take a long time. Lots of young people have shown interest and are being communicated with. It is important to acknowledge the need for regular times to meet young

Sally Willox to establish a Youth Network for young people only, as a sub group of the LYN management group. Representatives from this will then attend the LYN management group and rotate amongst themselves. First Youth Network is 24th February 2015 Estcourt Rooms, then 25th March 2015 Devizes Leisure Centre Community Space (old youth centre).

people, as face to face contact is vital.

POST 2ND FEB EVENTS-

The Young people's LYN development held on 12th February 2015 was successful. This enabled promotion and engagement with young people to ensure they are involved. Young people developed ideas linked to the needs assessment in terms of identified priorities. They broke into three groups, working with local artists to develop meaningful projects. One group worked with Fired Thoughts Art Studio to develop a proposed idea for young people to hold a youth café in St Arbucks Market Lavington. They produced individual monoprints exploring what they would use a youth café for. Group two engaged with another local artist, Jennie Quigley, producing comic strip and postcards in relation to Devizes Youthy, the vision behind having a town centre youth club. Group three worked with Create Studios to produce a short animated film to highlight the need for more sporting activities, especially a BMX track at Green Lane.

Sally Willox to ensure the short film and examples of young people's work is available at the Area Board meeting on 23rd March 2015.

To maintain contact with these young people as they all expressed a desire to be engaged with the LYN and future projects/working groups.

Scoring youth grant applications needs revising as it is very lengthy and cumbersome. Ideally, young people should be the main ones scoring applications submitted. The LYN management group as a whole will provide feedback on applications for youth grants and then one single scoring sheet will be compiled. This will then be the LYN management group's recommendations to proceed to the area board. The concerns with scoring applications will be taken to managers by Sally Willox.

Sally Willox to feedback concerns to Kevin Sweeney, manager within Early Help, lead for youth work. Ultimately this is down to Commissioners to revise as they wrote the new model and scoring framework, therefore the process still needs to be implemented and followed.

**Next LYN Management Group meeting-
April 13th 2015 4.30-6pm.**

It was suggested that the LYN management group meetings move locations from time to time, to ensure young people especially can attend, at a place more convenient to them. This action may also assist other community partners and stake holders to participate. It would be advantageous to change times so that both adults and young people could come straight from school/work/after school clubs and not miss out on or interfere with evening activities and commitments.

Future LYN management group meeting dates-June 15th 2015 4.30pm (venue TBC), 17th August 2015 (venue TBC), 12th October 4.30pm (venue TBC). Youth network sub groups will take place prior to each LYN management group meeting. These will be promoted to young people through Sally Willox Community Youth Officer.

Sally Willox to enquire about holding this at Devizes School and inform the LYN management group.

These meetings to take place in alternative locations, Sally Willox will arrange and confirm during April 2015.

Recommendations from the LYN management group for the Area Board on 23rd March 2015 to consider.

1.Devizes Youthy youth grant application-received 02/03/15 requesting a total amount of £2884.84-the local youth network management group have scored, provided feedback and discussed this application (in-between LYN meetings-this was previously agreed to happen). This project is detailed in the notes above from the 2nd February LYN management group meeting.

It will provide an positive opportunity and provision for young people aged 13-19 to engage in a safe activity, where they can socialise with peers, have trusting,

competent adults to talk to, participate in diverse developmental and fun sessions, develop their self-confidence and self-esteem and be able to explore young people's issues. This meets the identified priorities of the recent needs assessment and has necessary, required policies in place. This is being verified by Sally Willox, Devizes Community Youth Officer. The application meets Wiltshire Council's requirements and funding criteria. Representatives from the group will be at the area board meeting.

2. To confirm and approve the notes and actions from 2nd February 2015 local youth Network Management Group meeting.

Author-Sally Willox Community Youth Officer-9th March 2015

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL

Devizes AREA BOARD
23 March 2015

Youth Grants Area Board funding application

1. Purpose of the Report

To ask the Area Board to consider one application seeking 2014/15 Youth Grants funding:

Devizes Youthy-. A project which will provide a positive opportunity and provision for young people aged 13-19 to engage in a safe activity, where they can socialise with peers, have trusting, competent adults to talk to, participate in diverse developmental and fun sessions, develop their self-confidence and self-esteem and be able to explore young people's issues.

The application submitted is available on the following link:

http://portal.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboard_grants/yp_pa_grants_list.php

Background

1.1 Area Boards have authority to approve Youth Grants area applications as per the Leaders Guidance for Community Area Grants on positive Activities for Young People, adopted by Devizes Area Board on 29th September 2014. Area Boards will allocate their dedicated youth funds in accordance with this guidance issued by the Leader, meeting requirements of the Constitution. These decisions will take place at the public meetings to ensure that consideration on how the Youth Grants funding is deployed is open and transparent.

1.2 Area Boards must comply with the statutory equality and safeguarding duties as well as the council's rules on contracts and procurement and the code of conduct, as well as ensuring the Community Youth Grants criteria is met. Area Boards have been delegated the responsibility to ensure positive activities for young people are secured sufficiently to improve their well-being and to ensure support from Wiltshire Council Children's Services has been received. This support will fundamentally come from the local areas Community Youth officer so Area Boards need to be sure this resource has been offered and enabled.

1.3 The Community Youth Officer is required to provide recommendations from the Local Youth Network management group through a report submitted to the Area Board. These recommendations will be generated from the Local Youth Network management group through the use of a scoring sheet matrix of each Youth Grant

funding application. Community Area Boards must take into account these recommendations, advice and guidance.

1.4 When considering funding applications, the Area Board must ensure there is evidence that young people have participated in the decision making process. This will have been verified by the Community Youth Officer.

1.5 Area Boards must ensure that safeguarding and quality assurance standards have been met and that and must have the necessary policies and procedures in place to meet legal requirements. The Community Youth Officer will have carried out these checks on the group that has submitted an application for funding.

1.6 Applications of up to and including £5000 can be made for a Community Youth Grant and those that have sought match funding will carry more weighting.

1.7 Applications that involve and benefit groups of vulnerable young people will be given extra weighting when coming to a decision.

1.8 Applications must help meet the identified needs, priorities and outcomes for young people in the area that the Local Youth Network has provided through its community needs analysis.

1.9 Applications must be for positive activities for young people aged 13-19 (up to 25 years of age for young people with special additional needs and or disabilities and must be for new projects and or support community projects, not retrospective applications. The Community Youth Grant funding is for revenue based positive activities for young people and is ring-fenced for this purpose.

1.10 Those applying for funds must be a voluntary or community sector organisation or have a sponsor organisation. Applications may be received from a parish/town council or school or other statutory service, providing conditions of application have been met, as per criteria. Groups of young people may apply providing they have the support of a supporting/sponsor organisation.

1.11 Area Boards will not consider Community Youth Grant applications from town and parish councils or schools/other statutory bodies for purposes that relate to fund their normal services and or activities

1.12 The funding is not to replace other local funding which is used to support services and activities for young people and the Area Board is required to ensure the funding enhances and complements local provision/resources.

1.13 The Area Board will ensure that impact assessment will form a condition of any funding decision to enable monitoring of the effectiveness of positive activities. The Community Youth Officer and the Local Youth Network management group will carry this role out. This will include recipients completing and returning evaluation forms and accounts of expenditure.

1.14 The emphasis of this Community Youth Grants funding is to support the ethos of the community-led model for the provision of positive activities for young people,

which supports young people and their communities to come together to develop a local response to meet local needs. Therefore, applications that embrace and evidence this should be encouraged.

1.15 Area Boards will consider funding applications at every meeting whilst there is still funds available.

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

<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council/areaboards/communityyouthactivitiesgrants.htm>

Background documents used in the preparation of this report-

- Leaders guidance for Community Area Boards on Positive Activities for Young People
- Devizes Local Youth Network Management Group notes and actions
- Positive Activities for Young People local Youth Network (LYN) Terms of Reference
- Positive Activities Toolkit for Community Area Boards

2. Main Considerations

2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that Youth Grants awarded in the 2014/2015 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of it being awarded.

2.2. Councillors will need to decide and be assured that young people and the community will benefit from the funding being awarded and the project/positive activity proceeding.

2.3. Councillors will need to ensure measures have been taken in relation to safeguarding children and young people.

2.4 Councillors will need to ensure that young people have been central to each stage of this Community Youth Grant funding application.

3. Implications

Environmental and community implications

3.1. Area Board grants contribute to the improvement of positive leisure-time activities for young people throughout their local community and the intention will be for the awarding project to add to this. The specific project will determine the scope of this.

Financial implications

3.2 No specific ones to report.

Legal Implications

3.3 No specific legal implications to report.

HR Implications

3.4 No specific implications to report

Equality and Diversity Implications

3.5 This project is specifically aimed at and therefore open and accessible to all young people aged 13- 19 and up to age 25 for those individuals with special educational needs and or disabilities.

4. Recommendations

That the application meets the grants criteria and is a revenue based project, meeting locally determined need, to provide a positive activity for young people. The project will provide a positive opportunity and provision for young people aged 13-19, up to age 25 for individuals with special educational needs and disabilities. This will enable young people to engage in a safe environment, where they can socialise with peers, have trusting, competent adults to talk to, participate in diverse developmental and fun sessions, develop their self-confidence and self-esteem and be able to explore young people's issues. The project meets the identified priorities of the recent needs assessment and has necessary, required polices in place. This is being verified by Sally Willox, Devizes Community Youth Officer.

That the Area Board agree funding of £2884.84 from the Youth Grants budget for 'Devizes Youthy'.

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DEVIZES AREA BOARD
23 March 2015

COMMUNITY AREA TRANSPORT GROUP
MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 9 March 2015

Purpose of the Report

To provide an update and recommendations to Devizes Area Board from the meeting of the Community Area Transport Group meeting held on Monday 9th March 2015.

Notes of Meeting

Devizes CATG Notes, March 9 2015

Present:

- Peter Evans - Devizes Town Council
- Ann Lumb - Great Cheverell Parish Council
- Kelvin Nash – Devizes Town Council
- Kristian Price – Wiltshire Council
- Gareth Rogers - Senior Engineer, Wiltshire Council
- Richard Rogers - Community Area Manager for Devizes, Wiltshire Council
- Steve Valentine – Roundway Parish Council (first part only)
- Philip Whitehead – Member of Devizes Area Board and Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport

- Philip Salaman - Marston Parish Council

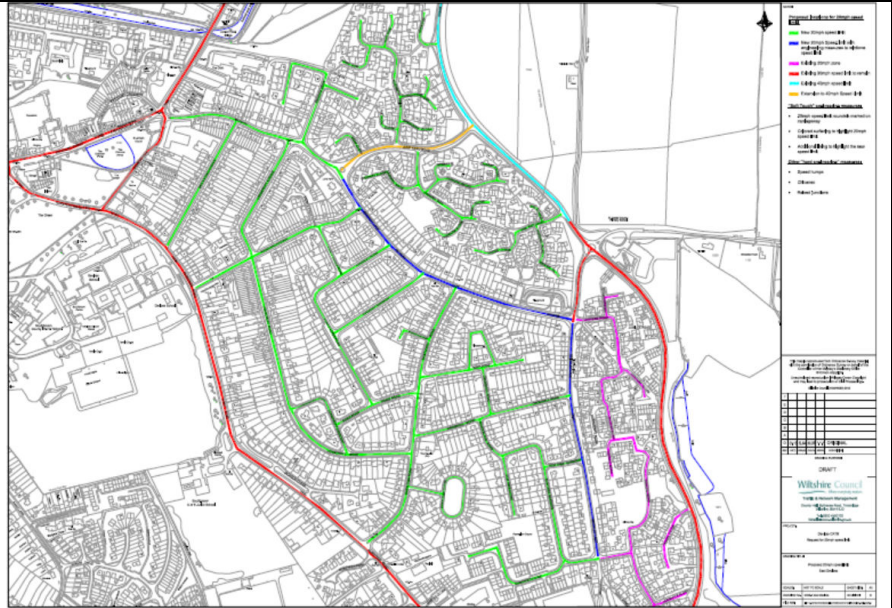
Apologies

- Rob Edwards – Potterne PC
- Kelvin Nash – Devizes Town Council

Welcome	Rob Edwards has let the CATG know that he can no longer commit to these meetings and will no longer be attending.
Funding Update	GR presented the current funding situation: Current budget credit - £8,243 (See summary at end of notes)
Marston Parish Council – Request for change in speed limit for 30mph in village and accompanying signs	Marston parish Council attended the meeting to make the case that although not signed; the speed limit in the village should be 30mph rather than 60mph. The basis for this was around the density of lamp posts in the area. GR advised that the criteria is more complex than this and in rural areas, factors such as the density of housing are also considered The key question is whether there is a de-restriction order in place and the result of this would decide the next steps that

	<p>should be taken.</p> <p>Alongside this, evidence of actual speeds is required so that the exact problem can be identified and tackled</p> <p>ACTION – Explore whether a de-restriction order exists. (GR)</p> <p>ACTION – Get some data and evidence upon true speeds (GR)</p> <p>ACTION – Look at the road markings and make sure they are all clear (KP)</p>
<p>Roundway Parish Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request for hard standing at Bus Stop • Request for signage at Quakers Walk to deter motorbikes 	<p>The Parish Council are asking for permission to put some slabs down for a hard safe standing at the bus stop along Windsor Drive. Currently people have to stand on grass or the road.</p> <p>KP advised that a proper tarmac hard area with edging is required rather than slabs.</p> <p>Roundway Parish Council has agreed to pay the cost. It was agreed that the preferred way of completing this is for Wiltshire Council to undertake the work although it will take longer than if Roundway brought in an approved contractor themselves.</p> <p>ACTION – SV to let GR know the exact location (SV)</p> <p>ACTION – Confirmation of cost to be given to Roundway PC before commissioning the work (GR)</p> <p>RECOMMENDATION – Subject to agreement by Roundway Parish Council to pay costs, Wiltshire Council to carry out the work. (GR)</p> <p>The improvements to the path have been widely welcomed. However there is a perception that it has attracted more use from motorbikes and horses. The question is raised by the Parish Council regarding what can be done to prevent this?</p> <p>The group commented that signs rarely stop misuse. To prevent motor vehicles and horses, a physical barrier such as a staggered gate or kissing gate is required.</p> <p>However, Quakers Walk is not a highway and is therefore not</p>

	<p>an issue for the CATG</p> <p>ACTION – Pass the concern to Paul Millard in rights of way team as it is not a highway and not a CATG issue. Ask for SV to be kept informed (RR)</p>
<p>Snuff Street being used as rat run</p>	<p>Cllr Carter asked the CATG to consider the wider issue of signposting of Snuff Street as well as road markings which he suggested encourage rather than discourage entry from the Market Place. He requested that the 'one way' arrow to be removed and, if practicable, replaced with markings that mimic those on the sign.</p> <p>The group felt that the road is clearly signposted and if abused then it is an offence and a police issue. The fact that it this occurs at a specific time suggests that those who do this know that it is not permitted.</p> <p>The Devizes Town Council are now aware of this concern and can decide to raise it with the Police if they wish to do so.</p>
<p>Assessment of the 20mph requests for Devizes East and Urchfont</p>	<p>The group considered the assessment reports</p> <p>Both schemes have been considered appropriate for 20mph.</p> <p><i>Urchfont</i> – The group requests that consideration be given to the 20mph starting as near to the main road as possible</p> <p><i>Devizes East</i> – The assessment recommends that the majority of roads were appropriate for 20mph. Softer touches or/and traffic calming measures could be used to bring speeds down where 20mph is not appropriate. (See map below)</p>



The group supported both schemes but requested that they are refined and to explore if there is any match funding available for implementation

RECOMMENDATION – To support taking forward both schemes

ACTION – The assessments to be given to the Town Council to consider whether they would support them and if they would help with funding. (KN)

The group were asked whether 2 more schemes should be looked at for the coming year. It was felt that they were useful to identify areas where more attention for pedestrians should be given. Whilst not always appropriate for all situations, it was agreed to consider future schemes.

ACTION – Put together list of potential 20mph areas including those that have been already assessed and any new requests. Bring to next CATG meeting (RR/GR)

ASB near Bishops Cannings

Following damage to the car park and ASB, signage and a dummy camera is requested to be installed.

RECOMMENDATION - £500 contribution from the CATG for this work to take place

Cheverell Magna Parish Council

- **School Lane**

The Parish Council are requesting the installation of a new sign to mark “School Lane”

<p>Sign</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on informal crossing and bollards 	<p>The Parish Council believe that this request has already been made. KP will look at whether an order has been submitted. If it has, KP will report back to the meeting on progress. If not, then an order will need to be made.</p> <p>ACTION – Look at whether there is an order and if not start one (KP)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Civil Engineering work has been completed. • The work associated with the Buff High Friction Surfacing and Road Markings has been delayed due to weather / carriageway conditions, but will be undertake shortly. • During the design process it was identified that the available footway width was insufficient to allow for the introduction of bollards as this would have resulted in narrowing the remaining width to below a satisfactory level that would accommodate wheelchair and pushchairs users.
<p>Stert Parish Council – Request for a new sign that is accurate at the fork in the village</p>	<p>Some vehicles are driving down the road into Stert which is a dead end and then driving through the farm and back on to the main road.</p> <p>KP advised that a ‘No Through Road’ may be the appropriate way of tackling this issue.</p> <p>ACTION – Talk to Stert Parish Council about what is required (KP)</p>
<p>UPDATES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. Rowde Metro Count The Parish Council have informed the Community Area Manager that a metro count by the school is not required. The foliage has been cut making the signs for the schools more visible II. Rotherstone – Reconstruction of the pavement The road has been resurfaced over the years and is now the same height as the pavement ACTION – Speak to Peter Bingley about the situation (GR) III. Caen Hill The work is underway IV. Urchfont The bus stop should be ordered by the end of March although the work may take a while to be completed 	

V. Cycle Stands	This is programmed for April 2016
VI. Potterne	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signs at Freith 	A survey has been done and the signs will be ordered shortly
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crossings 	<p>Following on from the surveys of possible crossing points, the findings are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>From Ryeleaze steps to footpath on Highlands wall side</i> – Not enough people want to cross to make it viable 2. <i>Opposite existing Post Office to Rookes Lane</i> - An Assessment was carried out about 7 years ago which showed a number of people crossing. This was possibly because of the post office. Any scheme would lose a number of parking spaces 3. <i>Bottom of Blounts Court estate to the Bash (George & Dragon)</i> – There is nothing that can be done at this location <p>ACTION – Report back a summary of these findings to Potterne Parish Council to see how they wish to take this forward. (GR)</p>
AOB	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dates of future meetings 	<p>Monday mornings are no longer available for the chairman.</p> <p>The next meeting will be on the 6th May at 10am in the Uffington Room, Kennet House.</p> <p>Subsequent meetings will be on each Wednesday two weeks before the area board meeting.</p> <p>They will all start at 10am at a venue to be advised</p>

Devizes CATG
FINANCIAL SUMMARY

BUDGET 2014-15

CATG ALLOCATION 2014-15	£15,751.00	CATG ALLOCATION 2014-15
		£24,920.29 2013-14 underspend
Contributions		
Area Board	£0.00	
Dauntsey School	£20,000.00	West Lavington Zebra crossing
Rowde Parish Council	£296.50	50% Costs to maximum £1500
Urchfont Parish Council	£8,100.00	
Total Budget 2014-15	£69,067.79	
Commitments carried forward from 2012-13		
New Park Street bus stop pole	167.07	Complete - awaiting bill
Commitments carried forward from 2013-14		
West Lavington Ped Enhancements	1,583.00	Outstanding Works Omitted from Initial Phase
Devizes Experimental Coach Parking	1,190.00	Remaining for Traffic Regulation Order Costs
West Lavington Zebra Crossing	25,000.00	Complete - awaiting final account
Devizes Cycle Parking	2,356.89	Order Value
Caen Hill Pedestrian improvements	4,000.00	Indicative cont to maint works (+ 4,000 from Melksham)
Actuals from 2014-15		
Bath Road Ped Crossing Survey	775.00	Actual
Devizes, Long Street Weight Restriction Assessment Initial scoping	1,279.00	Actual
TBC		
TBC		
Commitments 2014-15		
Rowde Chestnut Close / Springfield Road Dropped Kerb Crossing:	594.00	Order Value
Great Cheverell Crossing Point & On Carriageway Footway	2,126.42	Order Value
Speed Limit Implementation (C8 & C20)	8,000.00	Estimate
Urchfont Crossing & Bus Provision	13,100.00	Estimate
Potterne Pedestrian Crossing Investigation	1,000.00	Estimate
Frieth' Nameplate Signs	400.00	Estimate
Total commitment 2014-15	£61,571.38	
Remaining Budget 2014-15	£7,496.41	Underspend

Recommendations to Devizes Area Board

The area board is asked to agree the following three recommendations:

1. Subject to agreement from Roundway Parish Council to pay for costs, to agree for a hard standing being erected at the bus stop along Windsor Drive.
2. To implement 20mph speed restriction at Urchfont Village and Devizes East as recommended in the assessments
3. To contribute £500 towards signage and a dummy camera at Bishops Cannings car park to prevent anti-social behaviour.

Report Author: Richard Rogers, Devizes Community Area Manager

Report to	Devizes Area Board
Date of Meeting	23 March 2015
Title of Report	Area Board Grants

Purpose of Report

To ask Councillors to consider 5 applications seeking 2014/15 Community Area Grant Funding.

1. **Potterne Cricket Club** are seeking £5,000 towards enlarging and levelling of pitches
2. **Devizes and District Association for the Disabled** are seeking £598 for new hand dryers at the Nursted Community Centre
3. **West Lavington Village Hall** are seeking £3,278 towards upgrading the hall
4. **Cheverell Magna Parish Council** are seeking £900 towards a new marquee and tables
5. **Devizes Eisteddfod** are seeking £1,703.54 towards a staging system

The full applications can be viewed on the following link:
http://portal.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboard_grants/grants_list.php

All these applications meet the grants criteria and are presented to the Area Board for consideration

1. 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 (5th April 2013). Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the Area Board Grants Guidance.
- 1.2. In 2014/15 the officer is required to only ensure that the request meets the funding criteria but not to make any recommendations.
- 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.
- 1.4. The allocation for Devizes Area Board in 2014/2015 is a capital only grants system
- 1.5. Applications of up to and including £1000 can be made for a Community Area Grant, which will not require matched funding. Amounts of £1001 - £5000 will be required to find matched funding. The area board will rarely award more than £5,000.
- 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, councillors can submit an Area Board/Councillor Led Initiative. This enables area boards to tackle 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.
- 1.8. Officers are not required to provide recommendations in their funding reports. The decision to support applications is made by Wiltshire Councillors on the Area Board.
- 1.9. Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting whilst there is money available.
- 1.10. 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.
- 1.11. The funding criteria and application forms are available on the council's website <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council/areaboards/areaboardscommunitygrantsscheme.htm>

- 1.12. 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.

<p>Background documents used in the preparation of this Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area Board Grant Guidance as presented for delegated decision • Devizes Community Area Plan • Devizes Joint Strategic Needs Document
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2. Main Considerations

- 2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2014/15 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.
- 2.2. Councillors will need to decide whether the community benefit will warrant the request.
- 2.3. This is the final round of funding during 2014/2015.

3. Environmental & Community Implications

- 3.1. Area Board Grants 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 Devizes Area Board.
- 4.2. All awards are subject to the condition that no payment will be made until all other match funding has been confirmed.
- 4.3. If the award is granted, there will remain £10,840 of capital money. However the

Area Board Members are also looking to find £15k in order that a BMX track can be erected alongside the skate park at Green Lane.

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 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.

7.2. Implications relating to individual grant applications are outlined within section 8 – Officer Recommendations.

8. Officer Comments

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8	Potterne Cricket Club	Enlargement and leveling of pitches at Potterne Cricket Club	£5k towards a project costing £14,784

- I. This application meets the grants criteria and has been classified as a capital project
- II. The project is to add two extra playing pitches to the existing playing surface of six pitches. This will increase the playing capacity by a third. The scheme would also simultaneously 're-grade' the existing playing surface to improve their quality and durability.
- III. The additional funding for the project is being provided by the club's reserves and pledges from individual members.
- IV. The Club currently serves @200 members as well as being used by county and district sides for training and matches. However it is over subscribed for the size of its square.
- V. Whilst the grant application meets the criteria, the Area Board should note that Potterne Cricket club has received several grants from the area board previously as shown below. Demand for the any funding that the Area Board has is also increasing.

- £4,900 in Jan 2010
- £5,000 in Jan 2011
- £4,000 in July 2012
- £5,000 in Nov 2013

9. Officer Comments

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
9	Devizes and District Association for the Disabled	Hand dryers	£598

- I. This application meets the grants criteria and has been classified as a capital project
- II. The funding is to provide two new automatic electric hand dryers in the toilets to reduce use of paper hand towels
- III. As the application is for under £1k no match funding is required
- IV. Nursteed Centre is used by 15 groups of disabled people. Whilst the building is currently owned by Wiltshire Council, Devizes and District Association for the Disabled are responsible for the maintenance.

10. Officer comments

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
10	West Lavington Village Hall	Upgrade of hall	£3,278 towards a project costing £6,556

- I. This application meets the grants criteria and has been classified as a capital project
- II. The project is to upgrade lighting and carry out additional electrical works in the village hall.
- III. This is the first of 6 phases of work to upgrade the whole village hall
- IV. West Lavington Village Hall has applied for a grant already this financial year. However this was for the BMX track which is a different project

11. Officer comments

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
11	Cheverell Magna Parish Council	Purchase of marquee and tables	£900 towards a project costing £1,800

- I. This application meets the grants criteria and has been classified as a capital project
- II. The parish council wishes to purchase a marquee and 20 tables for use by village organisations for village events
- III. The Parish Council is providing 50% of the funding. As this is not a project that does not have to be financed from the parish precept, it can be considered by the area board

12. Officer comments

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
12	Devizes Eisteddfod	Purchase of staging	£1,703 towards a project costing £3,407

- I. This application meets the grants criteria and has been classified as a capital project
- II. The project is to purchase of a multi-level stage system to enhance the performance experience of the 1000+ young people from the Devizes area who take part in the annual Devizes Eisteddfod and its other events.
- III. The Eisteddfod receives its income from entry fees and only has enough reserves to commit to 50% of the costs
- IV. Over 1000 young people took part in the 2014 event. A staging system needed to be hired to accommodate the 'Young Choir of Wiltshire' satellite event. This was expensive and the decision has been taken to try and purchase one instead.

V. The staging will be housed at St Johns Church Devizes and being portable can be used by other local organisations in the area.

No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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Area Board Project – BMX Track

1. What is the project?

For several years, there has been a demand for both a skate park and BMX site. It was decided that the initial focus should be upon delivering a skate park and this was opened in autumn 2014. This has proved to be a very popular facility and attention has now turned to the provision of a BMX site to increase the provision available

Work, led by Devizes Town Council has been taking place with potential bikers on the design of the park. This has progressed sufficiently to now look to take forward the project and put in place funding, permissions and any other requirements

The Area Board is committed to helping provide positive activities for young people and is proposing to secure funding to enable the project to be delivered

2. Where is the project taking place?

The BMX track will be sited next to the new skate park at Green Lane, Devizes

3. When will the project take place?

It is hoped that the project can take place during 2015

4. What are the Community benefits/evidence of need/desired outcomes?

The provision of a BMX site is in response to identified community need and will provide a much wanted facility for people to use.

5. Who will manage/be responsible for this project?

The project will be managed and maintained by the Town Council working with Devizes Area Board and other stakeholders

6. Costs/quotes/ match funding?

The Area Board is looking to secure £15,000 of funding for the Town Council to be able to deliver the project.

The Area Board are asked to initially agree to the remaining capital funding to be ring fenced for this project. If all of the grants applications that are being considered at this meeting are awarded, this would be @£10,840. Discussions will need to take place with the LYN and other partners on how best to secure the remaining funding.

7. Additional information

Devizes Town Council’s Recreation and Properties Committee have authorised officers to work with interested parties to develop a BMX track at Green Lane.

