

MINUTES

Meeting: Trowbridge Area Board
Place: Online Meeting
Date: 7 January 2021
Start Time: 7.00 pm
Finish Time: 8.20 pm

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In Attendance:

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

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

	<p>Future High Streets Fund – Attention was drawn to the announcement on 26 December 2020 of the provisional award of £16.3m of the £23.85m bid that had been made by Wiltshire Council to the Fund.</p> <p>Rory Bowen, interim Head of Economic Regeneration provided further updates at the request of the Chairman. It was stated that technical work would now be undertaken for 26 February 2021 to secure the provisional award. Work would also take place on intention to deliver on all priorities with the level of funding, including how to phase activity, secure co-funding and re-analyse all elements. It was confirmed this was not a public exercise but engagement with the government, and that whilst the council felt there was a strong case to secure the entire provisional award, there was a risk that there could be a reduction in the final award. It was confirmed that though there had been engagement with the Town Council to gain its support, Wiltshire Council was the submitter of the bid.</p> <p>It was agreed a further update would be held at the next meeting of the Board.</p> <p><i>The following announcements were received in the meeting after Minute 64</i></p> <p>Healthy Us – The written update on the weight management programme was noted.</p> <p>Census 2021 – The written update on preparations for the 2021 Census was noted.</p> <p>Jubilee Wood Extension – It was noted that Wiltshire West District Scouts had circulated details of its plans to purchase three fields adjacent to their current Jubilee wood site to expand the campsite and area. They would be communicating with the parish council, as well as undertaking fundraising efforts.</p>
5	<p><u>PCC Precept Consultation</u></p> <p>Jerry Herbert, Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner, provided an update on work of the police across the last year, and the consultation on the precept proposal from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner.</p> <p>Details were provided on the establishment of the new rural crime, increases in recruitment, and investment in cyber-crime investigation and intelligence. It was proposed to increase the precept by 6.9%, equivalent of up to £15 per year for an average Band D household. This would support the recruitment of 46 additional officers, bolster community policing teams as well as maintain other essential services and continuation of delivery of service.</p> <p>Consultation on the proposal would run from 5 January 2021 to 2 February 2021 at www.wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk.</p>

	<p>The Board discussed the update, seeking details of work undertaken by Police Community Support Officers, the cyber-crime teams and work on domestic violence.</p> <p>In relation to the national lockdown as a result of Covid-19, the Deputy Commissioner stated he the Commissioner were briefed three times per week by the Chief Constable, and that behaviour and compliance was usually very good, though there had been an increase in breaches over the holiday period. Fixed penalty notices were not issued in every circumstance and every notice was reviewed by the Deputy Commissioner, though the national emphasis was increasing on taking enforcement action in respect of breaches of the rules.</p> <p>The Board thanked the Deputy Commissioner for his update, and asked all those present to publicise the consultation on the precept proposal.</p>
6	<p><u>Partner Updates</u></p> <p>Updates from partners were received as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Wiltshire Police Sgt Leighton Williams was in attendance and noted the update on police action for the national lockdown provided by the Deputy Commissioner. Further updates were provided on hotspot areas in the town such as the town park and a rise in use of e-scooters illegally. Four new Police Community Support Officers had joined the local team and it was agreed to provide a list of the new officers. ii. Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service There was no update iii. Town and Parish Councils The written update from Trowbridge Town Council was noted. The Chairman thanked the town council on behalf of Hilperton Prish Council for question raised at the recent meeting on 5 December 2020 on spatial planning matters. There was discussion of plans for the town council to offer the Civic Centre free of charge for the use of vaccination roll out. <p>It was noted from Hilperton that at its most recent meeting it had set its precept.</p> <p>It was noted from North Bradley that meetings were ongoing, with concerns around upcoming boundary changes, but that dialogue had been undertaken with the Town Clerk. A recent application for a food outlet within the White Horse Business Park had been objected to by the parish, which it hoped would be supported by others.</p> <p>Further updates were received as follows:</p>

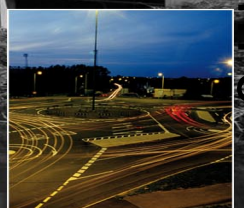
	<p>iv. Local Youth Network A webinar had been intended on a Child Friendly Project in Leeds which it was hoped to deliver something similar for Trowbridge, with a meeting with the Child Wellbeing Partnership taking place on 11 January 2021.</p> <p>v. Trowbridge Wellbeing Centre Development Group It was stated the level of funding and subsequent action from the Future High Street Fund would be relevant to further development of the area, with further updates on that expected at the next meeting.</p>
7	<p><u>Funding</u></p> <p>The application from JP Counselling for £2500.00 was deferred to the next meeting.</p> <p>The application from Splash for the Splash in Trowbridge project seeking £5000.00 was introduced by the applicant. On the motion of Councillor Steve Oldrieve, seconded by Councillor Andrew Bryant, it was,</p> <p><u>Resolved:</u></p> <p>To award £5000.00 to Splash (Part of Community First) for the Splash in Trowbridge Project.</p> <p><u>Reason:</u></p> <p>The application met the community grants criteria.</p>
8	<p><u>Local Plan Review Consultation</u></p> <p>An update was received from Georgina Clampitt-Dix, Head of Spatial Planning on the Local Plan Review consultation, which would run from 13 January 2021 to 9 March 2021.</p> <p>It was stated that in addition to the Local Plan Review the consultation would include the scope of the Gypsies and Travellers Development Plan Document Plan. These were necessary exercises to update the Local Plan with requirements for new homes and distribution across main settlements and villages. There would also be a focus on how planning policies could be shaped to address climate change.</p> <p>An online event would be held for the Trowbridge area on 27 January 2021, with events focused on rural events (villages) on 1 and 2 February 2021.</p> <p>Information for both plans including how to comment would be available 13 January 2021 on Council's website:</p>

	<p>http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/planning-policy- local-plan-review-consultation http://wiltshire.gov.uk/planning-gypsy-travellers</p> <p>Other resources to find out more about what the Local Plan consultation involves and how to comment were provided at http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/planning-policy- local-plan-review, email spatialplanningpolicy@Wiltshire.gov.uk or phone 0300 456 0100.</p> <p>The Board then discussed the update, requesting any information from Spatial Planning be circulated to all Board Members, and seeking details of the scope of the reviewed plans to include issues of infrastructure planning required for growth. It was confirmed biodiversity was recognised along with climate change as relevant and there were documents for people to comment upon those issues within the plan documentation.</p> <p>The Board thanked Georgina for the update and urged people to respond to the consultation.</p>
9	<p><u>Urgent items</u></p> <p>There were no urgent items.</p>

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Precept Consultation January 2021

Deputy PCC Jerry Herbert



What is the role of the PCC?

Voice

- Voice of the people of Wiltshire and Swindon

Accountable

- Hold the Chief Constable and Force to account

Deliver

- Cut crime and deliver effective and efficient policing

What has been delivered this year?

Rural Crime

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

Officers

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

Cyber-Crime

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

What am I proposing?

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

What will the increase deliver?

AN EXTRA £1.25 A MONTH WOULD DELIVER...



We will be able to support the recruitment of 46 additional officers for Wiltshire in 2021/22



Further investment of officers in to the frontline - further protecting rural communities



Bolstering of our Community Policing teams, using community intelligence to target the issues that matter to you



Dealing with issues of vulnerability and tackling highest harm offences



Maintaining other essential services and continuation of the delivery of service you demand from your local police force

Have your say – Survey!



**Police and Crime Commissioner for
Wiltshire and Swindon**



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**Consultation open from Tuesday 5 January to
Tuesday 2 February 2021**

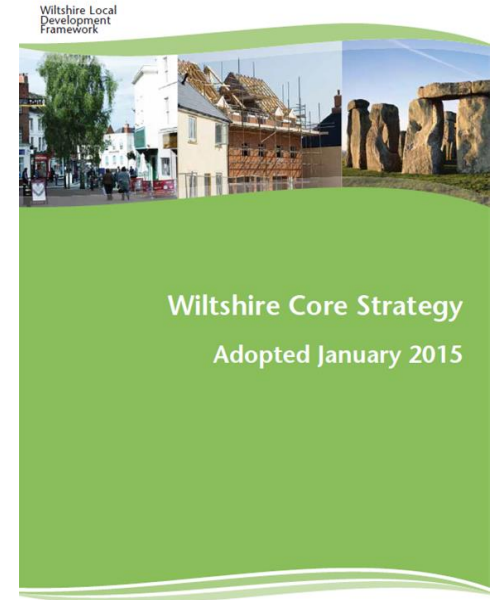
Item 8 - Consultation to inform Wiltshire Local Plan Review

Georgina Clampitt-Dix

Head of Spatial Planning

What are we consulting on and why?

- Wiltshire Local Plan Review; and
- Scope of the Gypsies and Travellers Development Plan Document Plan
- Wiltshire Core Strategy needs to be updated to provide for new homes, jobs and infrastructure, while balancing protection of environment
- Plans will look ahead to 2036 - they will be used to determine planning applications



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

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

Gypsies and Travellers Plan - what are we consulting on?

An overview

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

How can you get involved?

- Consultation on both plans commences Wed13 Jan until Tues 9 March 2021
- Information for both plans including how to comment available 13 January on Council's website:

<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/planning-policy- local-plan-review-consultation>

<http://wiltshire.gov.uk/planning-gypsy-travellers>

- Online events to find out more about what the Local Plan consultation involves and how to comment (sign up via <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/planning-policy- local-plan-review>, email spatialplanningpolicy@Wiltshire.gov.uk or phone 0300 456 0100):

Planning for Trowbridge event - 7pm to 8pm, 27 January 2021

Rural events (villages) - 7pm to 8pm, 1 & 2 February 2021

How can you get involved?

- Comments can be submitted in the following ways:
 - Online via the above links;
 - By email to: spatialplanningpolicy@wiltshire.gov.uk; and
 - Post to: Spatial Planning, Economic Development and Planning, Wiltshire Council, County Hall, Trowbridge, BA14 8JQ.
- Comments received will help shape the draft Local Plan and draft Gypsies and Traveller Plan - these will be consulted on late 2021
- If you wish to speak to a planning policy officer about the consultations contact the council on 0300 456 0100

Over to you...

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

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