

Report to	Southern Wiltshire Area Board
Date of Meeting	27/05/2021
Title of Report	Community Area Work Plan

Introduction

All Wiltshire Council Area Boards have compiled reports to record the output from 'conversations' held since June 2020 as part of the local priorities resetting process. This process has drawn on the latest Joint Strategic Needs Assessment data, local Covid-19 response and recovery work, parish council consultations, views of colleagues involved in health and wellbeing initiatives, and the Southern Wiltshire Area Board councillors (at the January 2021 and March 2021 meetings).

Recommendations

Councillors are asked to agree the following recommendations:

- (1) That the Area Board approves and adopts the attached Work Plan (appendix 1)
- (2) That the Area Board follows a rolling prioritisation process – agreeing which top 6 pieces of work from the Work Plan it will focus on in 2021/22 (see appendix 2)
- (3) That the Area Board hosts up to 4 community engagement events in 2021/22, covering themes such as Young People, Eco-Friendly Villages, Health & Wellbeing, Parish & Community Group Networking.
- (4) That the Area Board appoints councillors and community volunteers to work in conjunction with the CEM to provide leadership and capacity for each of the Work Plan's priorities:
 - i. Strengthening arrangements for village and area board communications and improving their impact
 - ii. Facilitate eco-friendly villages and projects
 - iii. Continual focus on maintaining a strong sense of community safety
 - iv. Loneliness and isolation of older people
 - v. Rural Isolation of families and young people
 - vi. Youth Engagement
 - vii. Physical Health & Wellbeing
 - viii. Mental Health & Wellbeing
 - ix. Support people living with Dementia
- (5) That the Area Board notes the action list (at appendix 3) relating to Work Plan priority: *Strengthening arrangements for village and area board communications and improving their impact.*

- (6) That the Area Board will prioritise its resources, including funding, upon those issues identified in the Work Plan.
- (7) That the Area Board requests the Community Engagement Manager to work with key partners, agencies and community groups to encourage them to consider where they are best placed to take actions around the priorities identified.
- (8) That regular updates are submitted to the Area Board on progress made in relation to its own Work Plan.

Conclusion

The Work Plan is a useful document for the Area Board to keep track of the different activities and projects occurring in relation to the latest set of local priorities, as derived from consultations and conversations held since June 2020. It is a dynamic document, to be revised, adapted and updated as matters change, needs arise, and projects are completed. The Work Plan will be drawn upon by partners, services, community groups, parish councils and many others, and will hopefully provide a useful resource to them for their own areas of activity in this Community Area.

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