

## Update for Chippenham Area Board

<b>Update from</b>	<b>Chippenham Vision Board</b>
<b>Date of Area Board Meeting</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> March 2010

### Headlines

- **Conservation Area Management Plan.** This important and valuable document is out to consultation, which will give it more planning weight: the Vision has responded positively to the consultation and the Area Board is urged to do likewise.
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- **Chippenham Master Plan.** Preparation is well advanced for the procurement documents for the opportunity studies of the three key sites of Bath Road / Bridge Centre, Riverside / Westmead and Station Hill / Langley Park. Meetings are planned with landlords and/or developers for all three sites. The Vision will meet with Development Control to press for appropriate use of Avonside House due to its strategic position at the entrance to Westmead. A 3D mapping tool has been procured to assist with this work.

### Projects

- **Riverside.** The Vision Board has funded a design and feasibility study by Nicholas Pearson Associates for a floating pontoon in Monkton Park, and a canoe landing stage upstream of JD Wetherspoons. The Performance Reward Grant 'Expression of Interest' approved by the last Area Board has been forwarded to the Thematic Partnerships for comment. Supplementary evidence will be supplied and the Performance Reward Grant Panel will consider the application at the end of March.
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- **Youth development strategy.** The Performance Reward Grant 'Expression of Interest' for a Skate Park for Chippenham (approved by the last Area Board) has been forwarded to the Thematic Partnerships for comment. Supplementary evidence will be supplied and the Performance Reward Grant Panel will consider the application at the end of March.
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- **'Closure' of National Cycle Route 4.** Press reports that part of the Sustrans route has been closed are incorrect as a right of way still exists. The Vision Board will discuss with the Rights of Way manager improvements for disabled and advisory notices where cyclists should dismount.
  - **Resources.** Tim Martienssen has been appointed as full-time Vision Director for Chippenham (Adam Nardell will become the full-time Vision Director for Trowbridge). Commencement date will be in April/May, but Tim is already attending meetings to ensure a smooth hand-over. Officers have been identified by the Council to support the Vision Board, and the Board Chairman will meet with them on 12<sup>th</sup> March.

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### **Future Events/Dates for the diary**

- **Chippenham River Festival 2010** – August 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> (jointly promoted with ChAP). New events this year will include Raft Racing and a parachute display by the Red Devils. Please support with generous sponsorship and by entering teams for the Raft Races (£10 a head).

Signed: John Clark

Date: 25<sup>th</sup> February 2010