



## **Report to Corsham Area Board 22 March 2012**

### **CORPORATE OBJECTIVES**

The Town Council's Corporate Plan sets out a number of priorities for 2012/13.

Our major focus for the year will be:

**Asset Management** – We will ensure that the Town Council's assets make a positive contribution to the Council's aims into the future. This will include a review of the Town Council's operational land, buildings and structures to ensure that they are sufficient to meet the requirements of the local community.

**Cycle Network** – We want to help develop a comprehensive cycle network for Corsham and the surrounding settlements. Through the Cycle Network Meetings and Wiltshire Council we aim to make progress with the high priority routes. We also plan to increase opportunities for people to cycle by improving signing and promotion.

**Tourist Information Service** – We will ensure that there is a successful Tourist Information Service which promotes Corsham as a worthwhile destination to visit. We will produce an updated and realistic tourism plan to manage, develop and promote Corsham as a tourist destination.

**Springfield Leisure Centre and Community Campus** – Corsham deserves a successful Community Campus with good leisure facilities which are integrated into the surrounding area. We will support proposals for a Community Campus in order to improve facilities in the Springfield area.

### **SERVICE REVIEWS**

The Town Council has an ongoing programme of service reviews. The following areas are being reviewed in 2012/13:

- Amenity sites, street furniture, footpaths, top-up litter collection and tree planting.
- The grants scheme for local groups.

## **PROJECTS**

Several projects will be carried out or progressed during 2012/13. These include:

- Children's Play Area improvements including Westwells, Meriton and Springfield
- Provision of allotments (subject to availability of land). We have some money set aside but the search for suitable land is proving difficult
- New transport initiatives – Nothing specific as we haven't decided what the highest priority should be
- Building survey and repairs to Arnold House - The listed building will require substantial maintenance over the next few years
- Further work towards the cemetery extension – This is a complex project due to the nature of the land and the need to minimise impact on water sources
- Additional litter bins – We plan to replace some of the litter bins in high profile areas with ones which are more robust and in-keeping
- Purchase of a mechanical street sweeper – This will be used primarily on Town Council sites but will also enhance Wiltshire Council's street cleaning service in key locations
- Replacement of Christmas lights (Phase II) – We will be completing improvements in the High Street and replacing older lights in other town centre areas
- Replacement flower planters – We have a modest budget to replace a few of the older planters so that we can maintain our high standards in the South West in Bloom competition and keep the town looking as attractive as we can

These projects are managed through three committees: Finance and General Purposes; Amenities and Leisure.

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