

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL

SOUTH WEST WILTSHIRE AREA BOARD (17 October 2012)

Update on South West Wiltshire Area Board Priorities

Purpose of the Report

This report provides an update on South West Wiltshire Area Board priorities, as set for 2012/13.

Background

On 5 March 2012 South West Wiltshire Area Board, TAPCAP (Tisbury & Parishes Community Area Partnership) and WilCAP (Wilton Community Area Partnership) hosted a Community Planning Event at Dinton Village Hall. The aims of this event were to share information collated in the Joint Strategic Assessments for Mere, Tisbury and Wilton Community Areas and gather feedback on what the priority actions for the Area Board should be in 2012/13. Various stakeholders took part in this event, including local residents, Parish Councils, statutory services and voluntary groups.

The Community Planning Event looked at issues relating to eight topic areas:

- Housing
- Community Safety
- Children and Young People
- Health and Well-being
- Economy, Jobs and Skills
- Transport
- Arts, Culture and Leisure
- Environment

The South West Wiltshire Area Board recognises that it is better to set achievable goals, and has, therefore, decided to focus on the following areas for 2012/13:

- Economy, Jobs and Skills.
Priorities identified at the Community Planning Event include; supporting existing small/medium sized businesses and encouraging new businesses to start, measures to tackle youth unemployment, cost of heating oil, faster broadband speeds.
- Health and the Environment.
Priorities identified at the Community Planning Event include; tackling water supply/demand issues in the area, sustainable living, health issues relating to an aging population.

- Housing.
Priorities identified at the Community Planning Event include; affordable housing for local people, tackling fuel poverty.

Under each topic area, various actions have been identified through the Planning Event process. An action log, to track progress on these issues, has been created and an updated version can be found on South West Wiltshire Area Board's webpage;

www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council/areaboards/southwestwiltshireareaboard.htm

An updated action log will also be provided at all future Area Board meetings.

The Area Board also wants to explore potential projects that it can look to champion in 2012/13, in connection with the agreed priorities. In addition, there is an ongoing opportunity for local groups to apply for funding through the Community Area Grants scheme (more information is available by following this link;

<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council/areaboards/areaboardscommunitygrantsscheme.htm>). The Area Board is inclined to look favourably on projects that help to provide solutions to some of the issues raised.

Action Log update

The update for October 2012 is provided in the attached appendix.

Appendices:	Appendix 1 – South West Wiltshire Area Board Community Planning Event Next Steps – ACTION LOG
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