

SOUTH WEST WILTSHIRE AREA BOARD (13 June 2012)

Community Planning Event – Next Steps

Purpose of the Report

To provide an update on the 2012/13 priorities identified by the South West Wiltshire Area Board, as a result of the Community Planning Event held on 5 March 2012.

Introduction

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 feedback collected at the event was circulated at the Area Board meeting on 11 April 2012 at Charlton Remembrance Hall. If you would like a copy of this feedback please contact Stephen Harris, Community Area Manager (contact details given at the end of this report).

Community Planning Events were held for each of the 18 Area Boards within Wiltshire, and the information collected from these events is currently being compiled centrally in order to identify common themes and issues.

Priorities Identified

Having some identified priorities for the Area Board has real benefits, especially as the Community Plans for Mere, Tisbury and Wilton are no longer in date. It will enable us to focus on issues that residents and stakeholders have identified as a priority. It will also mean that we can direct our efforts and resources to build better relationships with key stakeholders and push for successful outcomes.

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.

Although these areas will be prioritised, other actions raised that the Area Board considers to be achievable will also be tracked.

Next Steps

After agreeing priorities for 2012/13, the Area Board will now undertake a period of consultation and research to agree future actions. A specific update on progress will be reported at future Area Board meetings, and an action log sheet will be kept on the South West Wiltshire Area Board webpage (<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council/areaboards/southwestwiltshireareaboard.htm>)

In addition to the priority areas identified during the Community Planning Event, it was noted in the Joint Strategic Assessment for Wilton that it has the highest rate of admission to hospital for asthma out of all 20 community areas in Wiltshire. 181 admissions per 100,000 people were recorded in Wilton Community Area in 2010/11, which is higher than the Wiltshire rate of 93 per 100,000. Wilton currently has a population of 8,780, which equates to 16 people admitted to hospital in 2010/2011.

Due to these findings, WilCAP are currently undertaking a project to explore these issues further and report back on possible actions for the future.

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.

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