

Chairman's Announcements

Subject:	Informal Adult Education In Wiltshire - update
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Summary of announcement:

At its meeting held on 10th September 2012, Cabinet received a report on the outcome of the consultation on adult education in Wiltshire which had been undertaken and invited the cabinet to determine the future role of Wiltshire Council in respect of the provision of informal adult education. The full report can be found at <http://cms.wiltshire.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=141&MId=6122&Ver=4>

The cabinet agreed to support the option which had been recommended by ten area boards and Children's Select Committee and resolved:

- i. that the council adopt the role to facilitate the provision of informal adult education at a local level;
- ii. to approve the appointment of a 0.6 full-time equivalent part-time adult education officer to work with local community networks to develop a sustainable locally-based adult education provision including information on, and promotion of, opportunities;
- iii. to allocate budget of £32,000 from the revenue savings accrued from the closure of Urchfont Manor College to meet the costs associated with the appointment.

It is envisaged that the adult education officer will work with a few community areas at a time, to develop appropriate systems which will become sustainable. The officer's work could relate to the development of the community campuses if supported by the relevant area boards.

We will now seek to appoint to this position as soon as possible. When in post, the officer will be able to brief Area Boards on the priorities for their work and how it may benefit individual community area.