

## Budget consultation feedback – 10 February 2014

### Summary

#### Key Priorities

Session 1 – Older people	Session 2/4 – Young people	Session 3 - Business
Isolation of elderly/ neighbourhood friends	Youth centres/local youth service – day centres, facilities for all ages	Roads/potholes
Transport (community)	Elderly	Education/business liaison, educational pathways, prepare young people for work
Potential of campuses	Highways/street lighting	Planning process – speed up admin, lack of resource
Health and Social care in the community	Employment, support and training for the youth.	Area board activity economic focused – campuses - speed up

#### Session 1 – Older people

##### Feedback on Area boards

- Not 'thinking outside the box' enough
- Need to be more proactive
- Ineffective use of grants
- Cross community needs! Not young/olds etc (shed project in Melksham)
- Focused view on projects – practical outcomes
- Not user friendly – evening meetings – for the council!
- Needs a 'Big Sell' job – change look and way of working
- Engagement (informal) meetings
- How many people attend? And, why do they attend?

##### Three priorities (group 1):

1. Isolation of elderly
2. Potential of campus – don't let it become another council office
3. Transport – start at bottom – regular round town

##### Three priorities (group 2):

1. Community transport
2. Health and Social Care in the community – joined up thinking
3. Neighbourhood friends

#### Session 2 – Youth

### **Group 1 (Trowbridge, Westbury, Warminster)**

- Facilities for all ages (Youth centre, older people, care)
- Real priorities – not just to make something look more glam!
- More money should be put to places where charities are run e.g. Revival's centre is quite small
- Street lighting
- Skate park needs to be made safer

### **Three priorities:**

1. Facilities for all ages (Youth and elderly)
2. Street lighting – safer in the dark
3. Renovating existing facilities, like skate parks

### **Group 2 (Bradford on Avon)**

- Services for young people: extended hours, less young on the streets, music, jobs, transport (for people in nearby isolated areas to get to a BoA centre), more youth workers (support individuals, exam stress, emotional stress and well being, counselling) sports facilities (free or cheaper).
- Young people don't want the campus! Young people want to keep the youth centres as they are.
- If we're a county where everyone matters, why focus on those perceived as vulnerable – what if we are secretly vulnerable? At home, mental illness, at school (school doesn't act) Why don't we care about everyone?
- Do we not deserve any attention?
- Most of our friends and family go! Where's the number in that?
- We are the vulnerable generation – rapists, paedophiles, violence, crime – a deeper truth.
- Families underneath poverty line
- Sustainable jobs for young people

### **Youth Centres:**

- Safe environment
- Keep centres that are regularly used functioning
- BOA used all day and night all week
- Transport links to smaller and bigger centres

### **Jobs:**

- Equally treated
- Equal opportunities for young people

- Available to young people
- Developing experience – investing in young people – new businesses
- Creating more apprentices – young people, council, variety – getting younger people involved.

### **Group 3 (Bradford on Avon and Salisbury)**

Questions:

- Make them more open/noticeable
- Been told that it might be shut down
- Beginning – saying you have very little money, don't just target the youth centres!
- Saying you don't have money to keep the buildings open
- Visit us -you don't know what we do.

### **Spending money:**

- New roads – updated
- Youth centres – workers
- Things suitable for wheelchairs
- Day centres – entertainment

### **Three priorities:**

1. Highways
2. More and better houses
3. Day centres (youth clubs)

### **Group 4: (Purton)**

- Better public facilities e.g. parks, bus services, funding, youth centres
- Why is there no funding available?

### **Group 5 (Royal Wootton Bassett)**

- Housing and financial support - socialising opportunities
- Health care – integration with the elderly and young
- Youth clubs – employment for staff, building uphold, bringing emotional support, training and a friendly sense of belonging.
- 18 year olds leaving education in need of work/income for housing
- Making jobs available to a wider range of GCSE results
- If we have the largest amount of young people in our region, how come support is lacking due to the local cuts.
- Large population of youth, 8% is large then ( BBC Wilts news)

### **Three priorities:**

1. The elderly people
2. Local youth service
3. Employment and training for the younger generation

### **Group 6 (Trowbridge)**

- Being able to socialise
- Attachments with Youth Leader
- Supports people with LD, SN - cutting these will have an impact on their lives!!
- The bridge project supports people – no support will equal no confidence and social awkwardness.

### **Three priorities:**

1. Youth clubs – activities (building teamwork), the care of people with special needs, presentations, educational, fitness, learn, safety, support of young people, socialising with young people, help dealing with traumatic experiences (through youth centre).
2. Elderly people – centres, volunteers, caring, support, trips, the support of families, conditions (dementia).
3. Environment – roads, activity groups, community areas, fun days as a community.

### **Group 7 (Devizes)**

Funding spent on:

- More mental health services for young people (i.e. counselling)
- Youth shelters
- Youth club at Hillworth Park open 7 days a week
- More career services

### **Three priorities:**

1. Mental health services – counselling etc
2. Youth shelters in parks – providing activities
3. More advisory services – youth staff! Careers, problems, money, health, education

Other:

- Young people find it difficult to get counselling services and seek help from their youth workers. If they get cut where can young people go for help?
- Youth club is a safe place to go. If youth services get cut young people will end up on the streets or parks and feel unsafe. How can we prevent this?

- I am unemployed and knew nothing about career services until I spoke to my youth worker. If services get cut how can young people like me hear about career services?

### **Group 8 (Stourton, Mere, Tisbury, Chilmarte)**

#### **Youth Club**

##### Support

- Health issues
- Problems with school (education)
- Careers
- Relationships
- Life skills
- You mad bro?
- Transport in and out of rural area
- Staffing and/or volunteers – buildings
- Qualification programmes
- Leisure activities for all ages
- Transport for all ages
- Social groups

### **Group 9 (Mere, Tisbury, Purton, Stourton)**

- Keeping youth centre open as it is.
- Transport for people who don't live in local areas
- Mtcv on Tuesdays and Friday's
- Leisure credits help the community
- Opportunity to socialise with friends on Friday
- Parents pay for beavers, scouts, and brownies
- Youth workers give us help and what we need
- Our youth worker has the ability to help us with any home problems or violence and crime outside caused by young people who wouldn't have a youth centre. Who would we turn to? As the people who go to youth centre's now feel confident and trust the youth workers to help us as we have faith in them.
- The relationship we build with our youth workers are the reason we keep coming to the youth centre.
- Most of us go to Dorset schools, so inviting our friends is more difficult due to transport etc.

### **Group 10 (Cricklade)**

1. Better equipment in the youth club;

- Longer hours
  - Xbox/ps3 – YP entertainment
  - Outside equipment
  - Better equipped skate park - a larger area with better ramps
2. Longer hours with the youth service
- With the same faces
  - Trained and volunteers (trained in issues with YP)

### **Session 3 - Businesses**

#### **Group 1 - priorities**

1. Roads/potholes
2. North/South Highway
3. Planning department (admin, lack of resource)
4. Campuses –area board, speed up
5. Education/business liaison
6. My Wiltshire App – communication

#### **Group 2 - priorities**

1. Fund specialised career staff in secondary schools to promote alternative educational pathways
2. Disaster purchasing – locally
3. Business rates relief
4. Speed of planning process
5. Support existing (5 year) businesses
6. Area board activity economic focused

#### **Group 3 - priorities**

1. Broadband everywhere
2. Roads – A350, A36, Bradford on Avon bypass
3. Preparation of young people for work!
4. Competitive advantage for Wiltshire

### **Session 4 - General Public**

No priorities feedback – but the notes below were written during the consultation.

Young people from Bradford on Avon:

- Where would we go for support!
- You never visit our youth centre

- What happened to our youth council?
- When it was just mainly the youths here, you were mostly against the youth and now the adults are here you make it sound different and don't have correct figures and facts so youth and others don't have their view.
- If youth centres are closed, they won't be here to help or anything – youth centres have helped people through so much and if they weren't there they wouldn't be here today.
- If we don't have a centre, where do you expect us to go? There would be more youth doing bad things.
- Why push for 100% of youths in a sector to be involved? Not 100% will EVER go (think about mental illness, anxiety)
- Public would be complaining if youth were hanging on streets
- You have only given us secondary evidence about everything, if you want us to take in what you are saying then we need proof.
- If youths won't attend youth centres (confidence problems) why do you think they would attend any other social activities?
- Surely 8% is better than 0%? Within that 8% some lives have been saved, so if you close that a lot of people wouldn't be here today.
- Doesn't this show our view is more populated than yours after tonight? Take our view into consideration.
- Why not refurbish instead of relocate/rebuild a campus
- Does 'everyone' not include the youth
- If I was suicidal and only felt comfortable to confide in a youth worker in a centre – where would I turn? I wouldn't go to school/home – I'd die!
- How do you define vulnerable? To us, it's as soon as we leave our houses. How do we know who is around the corner.
- At a youth centre parents know that their children are supervised, safe, warm and looked after. What if we were on the streets?