

**WILTSHIRE COUNCIL
CORSHAM AREA BOARD**

20th March 2014

What matter to you in the Corsham Community Area Conference report – local priorities for action

1. Purpose of the Report

To update members on the outcome of the ‘What matters to you?’ conference held at The Corsham School on 5th March 2014, and to recommend that Corsham Area Board uses the outcomes from the event to stimulate local action and to inform its priorities for the next two years.

2. Background

The ‘What matters to you?’ conference was held on 20th March and over 120 members of the public and partner agencies took part. The event focused on the data set out in the [Community Area Joint Strategic Assessment 2014-16](#), and used themed roundtable discussion to identify local priorities underpinned by JSA evidence. All participants had an opportunity to vote on the priorities and the results are set out in this report. Following identification and agreement on the priorities the themed roundtables then looked at practical community-led actions that could be taken to address the issues.

The purpose of the event was to:

- Gain a consensus around priorities for the area
- Provide the basis for community-led action and projects over the next two years
- Inform (or become) the community plan for the area
- Provide the Council and partners with a clear focus for actions

Corsham Area Board is now invited to review the priorities and agree how it wishes to initiate and coordinate action working with partners, community groups and the public.

3. Priorities identified

The priorities identified at the event are set out at Appendix 1.

Some project ideas identified at the event are set out in Appendix 2.

4. **Moving forward with community-led action**

To address the priorities, the Corsham Area Board will need to use its strategic influence and delegated powers to shape the delivery of local services and actions. It will also need to use its delegated resources to initiate and support community-led projects. Some of the actions will be easier to address than others and it is important to target areas where tangible outcomes and progress can be delivered. This will help to capitalise on the enthusiasm and momentum generated by the event.

It will be up to the Area Board whether it wishes to champion a particular issue or theme over the next year and target its resources to support community-led initiatives around these themes and issues.

5. **Recommendations**

- That the Area Board adopts the priorities identified by the 'What matters to you' community event and works to facilitate local action to tackle those priorities.
- That the Board considers earmarking funding to promote, initiate and support community-led action around the selected priorities.
- That the Board considers appointing a lead member to champion any priority (priorities) adopted.
- That reports are submitted to the Board on progress made to address the priorities to ensure that positive outcomes are delivered.

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