

# Chairman's Announcements

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| <b>Subject:</b>                 | <b>Corsham Masterplan</b>   |
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## Summary of announcement:

Work has begun on the production of a masterplan for Corsham; consultants Arup and DTZ have been appointed to undertake the specialist work involved.

The development of Corsham is identified in the Strategic Economic Plan (SEP) for Wiltshire and Swindon. There are a number of key opportunities and potential developments which need to be planned to enable the town to manage growth sustainably, these include: development of a high-tech digital economy cluster, the proposed development of a campus for Bath Spa University, release of surplus MoD land and an aspiration to re-open Corsham Station.

The masterplan will feed into and inform the Neighbourhood Plan and is being developed in close partnership with the town. The project steering group is chaired by Cllr Dick Tonge. It will involve a level of local consultation and that is also being co-ordinated with local partners to avoid 'consultation fatigue'

It is requested that the team developing the masterplan presents its work and findings to the Area Board in July. The project is due to be complete by the beginning of September and therefore this would be an opportune moment for the Area Board to comment on the proposals.