

## **Melksham Area Board 13 October 2010**

### **Chairman's Announcements**

#### **Gypsy and Traveller Site Consultation**

Consultation planned on possible new Gypsy and Traveller sites following on from the work carried out in April and June this year has now been put on hold. The issues consultation used figures proposed in the draft South West Regional Spatial Strategy as the basis of future need for Gypsy and Traveller sites. The Regional Spatial Strategy has now been revoked and it falls to local authorities to determine the right level of site provision. Officers are currently assessing existing information about the level of need for new Gypsy and Traveller sites in Wiltshire to make sure the development plan document progresses with the correct local targets for new site provision. This has affected the overall timetable for the preparation of the Gypsy and Traveller Site Allocations document. The Area Board will be informed once a revised project timetable on the provision of new sites for the travelling community is available.