

What we are aiming to achieve here is an Area Profile and Action plan for the Forum. This will include evidencing need, highlighting challenges, identifying priorities and setting out an action plan.

This is an on-going piece of work and will take some time to achieve. The Chew Valley had the opportunity to look at this in detail but due to a very busy agenda its not possible to look at this in detail tonight.

However, some work has already been carried out on what the issues are and this was done back in September last year under the CVAP. I have also reviewed the parish plans to see if there were other common issues across the area that were missing. So to review the issues that you highlighted, there were categorised under eight themes where you highlight specific issues.

#### Traffic, access and public transport

- Increase in traffic volume, speeding and rat runs across the whole area
- Car parking/charging/lack of control
- Lack of pavements and safe walkways for pedestrians
- Opportunity for Park and Ride facilities to Bristol and Bath from Keynsham and Whitchurch

#### Children & Young people

- Impact of reduction of the Children's Centre service is of great concern
- Support for families / parenting advice and help
- Lack of facilities for young people
- Lack of funding for youth centres and youth workers

#### Developments and Infrastructure

- Impacts of the major developments in Keynsham on surrounding villages particularly traffic.
- Prepare for developing (housing) – improve infrastructure schools, roads, traffic, health

#### Economic Development & Enterprise

- More jobs in Keynsham
- Need for workspace in Keynsham
- Empty shops and the role of the High Street (Keynsham)

#### Environmental Sustainability and Climate Change

- Development of green belt (including gypsies and travellers)
- Protecting rural England & character of villages and village life
- Fracking
- Air quality
- Neighbourhood maintenance - Verge cutting and litter

#### Health & Wellbeing

- Increase in use of Food Banks
- Welfare benefit cuts and the impact on families & children
- Ageing population & social isolation
- Public Transport to the RUH

- Extend and promote the Village agents scheme

#### Stronger Communities

- Lack of affordability of services and facilities – eg Care & Repair costs are very high, community facilities need to be affordable
- Maintain Keynsham's identity – not as a suburb of Bristol
- Lack of affordable housing for local people
- Lack of available land for affordable housing
- Getting the right balance of housing tenure
- Differences between town and rural communities
- Not sure how possible it would be to share resources between Parishes? (talking specifically about youth provision)
- Improve local leisure facilities
- Loss of identity – risk of villages/towns joining up
- Village Halls and Community assets are important
- Increased need for Food Banks and CAB – concerned about poverty & public sector cuts
- NIMBYISM – problem in the rural area

#### Safer Communities

- Anti-social Behaviour

What we do need to do is look at setting the Forum some priorities. We need to be realistic about what we can achieve and we shouldn't put our efforts into areas where work is currently undertaken. Need to continue to review the priorities and the area profiles may highlight further priorities for the Forum's to focus on.

When you review the eight themes that have been highlighted some the needs are being met by programmes already being undertaken, such as the Placemaking and Neighbourhood plans, so where should the Forum focus its approach.

The Chew Valley agreed two priorities:-

#### Access to services

- thinking rural and delivering within a rural setting?
- focus should be on older and vulnerable people's services?
- Health and wellbeing services for all ages?

#### Traffic, access and public transport

- Access for health related issues?
- Access to school and work?
- Access for leisure?

Not suggesting that the Keynsham Area Forum focusses on these priorities but it is impossible for the Forum to look at all eight themes and make these a priority. Need to focus our efforts on the areas that really matter.