



1. Discussion on the new JSA chapter – now called 'Your Community' rather than Resilient Communities as in 2011. The chapter focuses on 4 areas:
 - Welfare benefits – income support, carers allowance, disability living allowance & employment support allowance
 - Deprivation including newer data from census 2011 rather than deprivation index – this works to output areas (OAs) rather than LSOAs, the former are smaller and therefore more detailed data
 - What Matters to You survey results (being compiled now from October survey)
 - Rural Facilities survey results which focuses on POs, local stores etc

JSA events will take place from January to April 2014 – important that RCP members and organisations attend these events and inform their own members.

Discussion on how to encourage engagement – potential for using social media at the events?

2. [Equalities report](#)

3. Presentation from LEP
 - The LEP is a partnership between Wiltshire Council & Swindon Borough Council, working with the department of Industry, Business & Skills.
 - Wilts & Swindon LEP bidding for funds for sector specific training to retrain people to develop current skills, especially ex-military personnel. Military is the biggest factor to attract funding for Wiltshire as it brings in requirement for further infrastructure, housing, transport, jobs, schools etc

Main work/revenue streams:

- **City Deal**

2 year project to upskill residents and bring new people back the area – decision on successful LEPs will be made in November. An element of this looks at the need for HE and the shortage of qualified people at levels 6/7 which is MA or phd level.

- **Growth deal**

This runs from 2015-2020 - a decision is due mid 2014 on who has been successful £10billion available spread across 39 LEPs, plus another £10billion available on competitive tendering. The focus is looking for sustainable innovative projects

- **EU SIF**

£88million in total to support NEETs and unemployed

RCP to receive further information from the LEP on these above programmes and income funds. It was agreed that the RCP was an important information base to the LEP and so the LEP will advise Economic Development department of WC of the importance of RCP being included in future discussions.

4. RCP to collate feedback in its action plan and look to future planning and focusing role. Next meeting tbc.

