



Arts & Health

Peter Tyas – WC Head of Arts talked about a recent conference in Bristol:

<http://www.culturehealthwellbeing.org.uk/>

There are various initiatives across the country at the moment looking at the impact of the arts on health & well being. There is a cross-party group setting up in the House of Commons to discuss this.

In Wiltshire the council are looking at the arts to help bridge gaps with elderly, Voluntary sector officer David Crisfield is convening events in early autumn on elderly people's issues and the arts will be a focus.

RCP – Future Role

Brief discussion on the future role of the RCP board and its action plan.

<https://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/24596657/website%20docs%20and%20review%20docs/rcp%20action%20plan.pdf>

It was felt that currently the RCP action plan focuses on what individual groups that make up the board are doing, yet really the RCP board should provide something additional and therefore a tasking group will look at possibilities and we will review this at the next meeting. It's important that the RCP has influence at Council level and to the Wiltshire Assembly. It was noted that there could be such a wide remit within Resilient Communities that rather than spread too thinly it's important to prioritise and work where there are currently gaps and where the board together can provide added value. The next action plan needs to have more evidence and SMART objectives.

Equalities Mapping

Jackie Guinness – WC Senior Researcher presented statistics from the recent census release.

<http://www.intelligencenetwork.org.uk/population-and-census/>

There has been an 8.8% rise in population in Wiltshire since 2001, one of the highest rises for a county suggesting Wiltshire's popularity as a place to move into. 2011 population = 471,000. However there is a real imbalance of the demographic with the county appealing to those retiring or with young families but not so much to youth and young professionals meaning a real gap in the 18-40 bracket, due to lack of higher education provision and high level employment as well as cost of house prices. A spike in the population at 40s & 50s age group is something the county need to address imminently as it will put added pressures on local services as that age group reaches old age.

There is current work through the Government's City Deal

<https://www.gov.uk/government/policies/giving-more-power-back-to-cities-through-city-deals> to bring more Higher Education provision into the county, with technical colleges at Swindon and Salisbury and a Bath Spa campus being planned at Hartham Park, Corsham.

2011 census was most accurate yet and Wiltshire's results were second best in country – this is due to real emphasis being put on enabling minority groups to fill in their census forms, so military, boaters and travellers were given extra support.

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8% Wiltshire's population born outside UK – of this 8%, 50% were born elsewhere in Europe.

High German population due to children born in Germany to UK parents whilst posted there in the armed forces.

High African population due to heavy recruiting in Kenya and Ghana during the Iraq war when there was less take up for military job in UK.

11,700 that don't have English as first language, 2000 of these have no english

75,000 have a 'disabling problem'
47,000 providing unpaid care

A piece of work is now being carried out to map health and life statistics on a matrix against the 9 protected equalities characteristics:
<http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/advice-and-guidance/new-equality-act-guidance/protected-characteristics-definitions/> to see if there is any pattern and also to highlight gaps in information.