

Report on Ilminster Forum to Area West 15 June 2016

With the aid of a Powerpoint presentation, the Area West Development Team Leader Lead gave a presentation on the work of Ilminster Forum. She explained that over the past year a significant amount of work had taken place to produce a new Ilminster Community Plan. A household survey was delivered to consult residents on issues relating to the town centre, green spaces, community life, safety and getting about. 853 surveys were completed, a return rate of 31%. The survey highlighted that a wide variety of community sources were used by residents including the Chard & Ilminster News and Facebook. 89% of respondents had said that walking was the main way they get about in Ilminster and the country footpaths and the Recreation Ground were the two most regularly used green spaces in and around the town. Members were informed that the Ilminster Forum was continuing to analyse the data to identify all issues of concern to residents and would draw up a list of potential projects and hold a public consultation. The survey data and public consultation would be used to draft a new Community Plan with accompanying Action Plan for Ilminster.

The Area West Development Team Leader highlighted some of the other projects that ABCD had been involved with including:

- Defibrillator project
- Party in the park –to be held on 28thAugust
- Produce market –held on the first Saturday of the month

The Chairman thanked the Area West Development Team Leader for her presentation.

RESOLVED:

- (1) That the report be noted;
- (2) That the work of Ilminster Forum continues to be supported.