

**ABINGDON AREA COMMITTEE PROSPECTUS FOR 2006/07**

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<p><b>Transport</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bus services and linkages with community transport services</li> <li>• Reduced traffic congestion</li> <li>• Improved and expanded cycle tracks</li> <li>• Improved road maintenance</li> <li>• Greater consultation to ensure a more systematic and co-ordinated transport system</li> <li>• Improved parking provision</li> </ul>	<p>The Abingdon Area Committee would like to support suitable groups who are able to take these projects forward</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To provide start up support for a group wanting to organise a community bus service for Abingdon and the surrounding area</li> <li>• Information to encourage more cycling and walking</li> </ul>	<p>Better access, from outlying parts of Abingdon and the villages, to town centre shops and services</p> <p>Encouraging cycling and walking to reduce congestion and promote healthy lifestyles</p>

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<p><b>Access to Services</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved, reliable and relevant current information about services, events etc.</li> <li>• Enhanced communication</li> <li>• More extensive consultation</li> <li>• Increased access to and use of new technology</li> <li>• Greater and better networking opportunities</li> <li>• More local access points (eg, shops and local facilities)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consultation on services for young people - do they meet the needs of young people?</li> </ul>	<p>Finding out (rather than assuming) what young people really want</p>

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<p><b>Recreation, Culture and Leisure</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expanded range of facilities/affordable venues</li> <li>• Support for better networking among local associations</li> <li>• Greater use of development control opportunities to secure open spaces</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New affordable entertainment &amp; sports activities in Abingdon</li> </ul>	<p>More things for young people to do and things that encourage a healthy lifestyle (<i>also in Local Area Agreement</i>)</p>

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<p><b>Safe and Supportive Communities</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Better information to allay the fear of crime</li> <li>• Additional measures to tackle anti-social behaviour</li> <li>• More visible policing</li> <li>• Better enforcement of traffic regulations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Projects to positively develop young people's energy and creativity (<i>also in Local Area Agreement</i>)</li> <li>• Projects to allay the fear of crime for older people</li> </ul>	<p>Reducing the risk of anti-social behaviour, drug and alcohol misuse</p> <p>Reducing the isolation of older people</p>

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<p><b>Town and Village Vitality</b></p>	<p><b>Economic</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support for economic vitality across all sectors including small rural businesses.</li> </ul> <p><b>Community</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reduce a sense of isolation and alienation amongst older people</li> <li>Promote and support volunteering</li> <li>Foster a spirit of community by developing infrastructure and breaking down barriers between different groups</li> <li>Encourage local issues groups</li> <li>Take account of village plans</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Village action plans for the hinterland surrounding Abingdon</li> <li>Projects that encourage town centre shopping</li> <li>Projects to maintain and improve community facilities</li> </ul>	<p>Identifying local priorities and linking them to district, county, regional and national priorities</p> <p>Maintaining an interesting, attractive and lively town centre</p> <p>Providing local places for local people to meet and get involved in their community</p>

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<p><b>Environment</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduce litter both in streets and fly tips <i>(also in Local Area Agreement)</i></li> <li>• Increase recycling facilities</li> <li>• Greater engagement and education of communities on environmental issues</li> <li>• Ensure services are provided in a sustainable manner</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Projects that encourage companies and organisations to save energy and recycle <i>(also in Local Area Agreement)</i></li> </ul>	<p>Improving the quality of the local environment</p>

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<p><b>Housing</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide more genuinely affordable housing, particularly for key workers, young families and local people <i>(also in Local Area Agreement)</i></li> <li>• Ensure balanced housing developments</li> <li>• Identify more exception sites</li> <li>• Provide more and better facilities for homeless people</li> </ul>	<p>The Abingdon Area Committee would like to support suitable groups who are able to take these projects forward</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Projects that reduce the risk of homelessness; particularly among young people</li> </ul>	<p>Reducing the risk of criminality and abuse</p>

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<p><b>Education and Lifelong Learning</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Encourage greater co-ordination between learning institutions</li> <li>• Promote the social/community/individual benefits of learning (<i>also in Local Area Agreement</i>)</li> <li>• Support parents and guardians</li> <li>• Promote learning opportunities for older people</li> </ul>	<p>The Abingdon Area Committee would like to support suitable groups who are able to take these projects forward</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A database of local learning opportunities</li> <li>• Promote learning opportunities (particularly ICT) for older people</li> </ul>	<p>Encouraging uptake of the many courses that are already available</p> <p>Bridging the 'digital divide'</p>

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<p><b>Health and Wellbeing</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase support for older people to avoid isolation</li> <li>• Maximise opportunities for older people to exercise</li> <li>• Greater support for young parents</li> <li>• Improve education generally</li> <li>• Increase use of local facilities <i>(also in Local Area Agreement)</i></li> </ul>	<p>The Abingdon Area Committee would like to support suitable groups who are able to take these projects forward</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Projects that support young parents <i>(also in Local Area Agreement)</i></li> <li>• Projects that encourage children &amp; young people to exercise <i>(also in Local Area Agreement)</i></li> </ul>	<p>Giving children a good start in life</p> <p>Tackling the risk of obesity</p>

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