

Developing Communities

Swindon Borough Council and Parishes will work together on the development and implementation of the Swindon Plan and more generally when making decisions to shape services and policies that affect our communities.

Swindon Borough Council will:

- Engage with Parishes on issues and services that impact their residents, allowing sufficient time for dialogue and will provide feedback on outcomes.
- Give the Local Councils Forum and Parishes the opportunity to engage in the development of the Swindon Plan and any other Swindon-wide or strategic Council plans.
- Give timely consideration to requests from Parishes for the transfer of any service, land, or asset and implement any agreed transfer within a timely manner.

Parish & Town Councils will:

- Respond to all consultations within deadlines set by Swindon Borough Council.
- Provide local knowledge of issues/concerns of the communities they serve, and work with Borough Officers and Councillor(s) to find resolutions.
- Recognise the strategic role of Swindon Borough Council in tackling issues that look beyond individual Parish boundaries.
- Consider preparing Community projects for all or parts of their parish.

Community Plans/Projects

Borough Councillors and Officers will support Parishes that wish to prepare and implement Community Projects for the betterment of all or part of their parish.

Parishes will:

- Consider designating proposals as Community Projects
- Encourage the wider community to engage in identifying, developing and implementing Community Projects.
- Liaise with Borough Officers and Councillors in drafting Community Project plans
- Oversee implementation of accepted Community Projects
- Consider making Community Plans along the lines of the Swindon Plan

Swindon Borough Council will:

- Nominate an Officer to facilitate the development and implementation of designated Community Projects by Parishes
- Support the planning of Community Projects with Officer engagement
- Review draft Projects for regulatory and policy compliance and financial viability
- Accept sound Community Projects for implementation by Local and Borough Councils as appropriate.
- Give like support to Parishes wishing to make Community Plans