

## Appendix 2

### Lyneham – Issues and Actions

The Lyneham Steering Group welcomed the government announcement (July 2011) that Defence Technical Training will move to Lyneham from 2013, after the departure of the RAF. The priority for Wiltshire Council and the Lyneham Steering Group (LSG) is safeguarding the future of Lyneham during the transition period and beyond.

Outlined in the table below are ‘issues’ concerning the transition from RAF Lyneham to Defence Technical Training (DTT), Lyneham. Overall, the LSG and local community face 2 specific challenges:

- First, dealing with the drawdown of RAF Lyneham and the phased move of Defence Technical Training into the Lyneham site
- Second, dealing with economy and community related issues during this transition period (Note: these issues will not necessarily arise in the order shown below)

The table focuses on the wider economy and community related issues that need to be addressed in the months ahead. This is ‘work in progress’ and based upon information received from the Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board, chambers of commerce, DTT, LSG, RAF Lyneham, and the Military Civilian Integration (MCI) Programme Sponsoring Group.

#### **Key dates:**

- November 2011 – Current RAF/dependant population approximately 1000
- April 2012 – Move of 1 Air Mobility Wing to RAF Brize Norton with approx 300 personnel
- September 2012 – All remaining moves to RAF Brize Norton due to be completed (C130J Hercules simulators, Tactical Medical Wing, 47 Air Despatch Squadron, Royal Logistics Corps). All remaining services will close down. Staff will reduce to approximately 100, declining to zero between September and December 2012
- 31<sup>st</sup> December 2012 – latest date for RAF Lyneham to close





#### **Notes:**

1. DTT is likely to establish a team of approximately 30 at Lyneham by summer 2012.
2. ‘Ownership’ of the Lyneham site will pass from RAF Lyneham, part of 2 Group at AIR Command, to DTT, part of 22 (Training) Group at AIR Command.
3. DTT will be asked to notify the LSG of significant dates beyond December 2012.



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Issue	Action required	Suggested 'lead'	Priority by 'traffic light' system
<b>Improving communications</b>			
<p>Need to maintain good communications with key groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DTT</li> <li>• Area Boards</li> <li>• Parish/Town Councils</li> <li>• RAF HIVE</li> <li>• Chambers of Commerce</li> </ul>	<p>Establish effective and regular communication flows.</p> <p>Comment: On-going task for LSG members.</p>	LSG	●
<b>Accommodation/housing:</b>			
<p>LSG and partners need to be aware of how many Service families remain in SFA at Lyneham during the drawdown period, and DIO plans for housing prior to the arrival of DTT and beyond?</p>	<p>Determine approximate numbers of Service families in SFA.</p> <p>Comment: recommend DIO to be invited to LSG meeting to advise group on plans for housing in context of DTT move to Lyneham.</p> <p>Note Army personnel based at Cirencester, Hullavington, and South Cerney use Lyneham SFA.</p>	RAF Lyneham, DIO Housing	●
<b>Children and young people</b>			
<p>What is the future of the Youth Club (RAF facility)?</p>	<p>Determine future of Youth Club building and resources.</p> <p>Comment: In September 2012 the Youth Club will close and the Airplay programme will cease. Future requirement for Youth Club to be determined.</p>	RAF Lyneham/Wiltshire Council (Youth Development Service)/ Lyneham & Bradenstoke Parish Council	●




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<p>What support will be offered to maintain support groups and activities e.g. parent and toddler groups provided by the RAF?</p>	<p>Determine alternative arrangements, if possible.</p> <p>Comment: No RAF facilities will be available to support these groups from September 2012. The closure of some facilities may occur much earlier as a result of the reduced availability of RAF personnel to administer and support these facilities.</p>	<p>Wiltshire Council (Early Years and Childcare Service/Youth Development Service)</p>	
<p>When will the RAF HIVE close?</p>	<p>Determine plans for the future of the HIVE at Lyneham.</p> <p>Comment: HIVE Information Centres provide information support to all members of the Service community.</p>	<p>RAF Lyneham/DTT</p>	
<p><b>Economy/support for economic development</b></p>			
<p>What support, if any, will be offered to local businesses during the transition from RAF Lyneham to DTT when there is likely to be a 'lull' in trade?</p>	<p>Determine nature of business support needed.</p> <p>Comment: Lyneham will be included in the action plan for the new Swindon and Wiltshire Local Enterprise Partnership.</p>	<p>Wiltshire Council (Economy &amp; Enterprise Service)/NWEP/ Chambers of Commerce</p>	
<p>What action can be taken to encourage MoD to use local procurement, whenever possible?</p>	<p>Influence MoD/DTT procurement policy.</p> <p>Comment: Recommend LSG write to MoD and DTT in support of local procurement.</p>	<p>Wiltshire Council/Chambers of Commerce</p>	

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<b>Funding</b>			
<p>What is the position regarding Council Tax when SFA becomes empty, including the funding implications for the parish council(s)?</p>	<p>Determine Council Tax position.</p> <p>Comment: It is essential that the Lyneham &amp; Bradenstoke Parish Council is informed, at an early stage, of the overall number of houses being included in the calculation for Council Tax. A severe drop in numbers used in the calculation will adversely affect the remaining residents, if the parish Precept is to remain the same.</p> <p>Note: MoD pays contributions in lieu of Council Tax (CILOCT) to Wiltshire Council under an agreement with DCLG. Wiltshire Council has started the process and set the formula used to calculate next year's Council Tax.</p>	<p>Wiltshire Council/Lyneham &amp; Bradenstoke Parish Council</p>	
<b>Health</b>			
<p>How can Service families use of local NHS services be monitored in the transition period?</p>	<p>Aim is to ensure access to appropriate services.</p> <p>Comment: To be considered by LSG</p>	<p>Wiltshire NHS</p>	



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<b>Infrastructure</b>			
<p>What arrangements will be put in place to do work currently done at Lyneham by RAF contractors e.g. clearing ditches in winter, tree cutting, grass cutting, etc?</p>	<p>Determine transitional arrangements.</p> <p>Comment: The maintenance contracts currently in place that address these issues will remain active until December 2012. After this time, responsibility for MoD owned land will pass to DTT.</p> <p>Note: Some work around Lyneham has been carried out by the RAF on a 'goodwill' basis. For SFA areas, responsibility lies with DIO Housing and Wiltshire Council.</p>	DIO Housing/Wiltshire Council	●
<p>What arrangements will be put in place to insure/maintain the play areas in the SFA estates?</p>	<p>Determine transitional arrangements.</p> <p>Comment: The Lyneham &amp; Bradenstoke Parish Council needs to be involved in any discussions about the play areas, currently maintained and insured by MoD, especially if the parish council is asked to take on responsibility for them. Such changes would need to be budgeted for well in advance.</p>	DIO Housing	●

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<p>What alternative arrangements need to be put in place involving civilian housing in Lyneham and within surrounding villages (e.g. Hilmarton, etc) which rely on RAF Lyneham for water supplies?</p>	<p>Utility supply arrangements to be determined to establish if this is a significant issue.</p> <p>Comment: Where the lease documents state the MoD is obliged to provide this service to surrounding homes it will do so.</p>	<p>DIO Housing</p>	
<p>What arrangements will be made to care for the memorials at RAF Lyneham when the base transfers to DTT?</p>	<p>To be reviewed.</p> <p>Comment: It is understood the memorials will remain in place and MoD/DTT will take responsibility for them. In addition, the Lyneham &amp; Bradenstoke Parish Council is currently in the process of costing a commemorative stone to the RAF. It must be stressed that there is considerable interest in these memorials, particularly from retired RAF personnel living in the area.</p>	<p>RAF Lyneham/DTT</p>	
<p><b>Schools and education</b></p>			
<p>Crèche and Pre-school:</p>	<p>To be investigated in view of DTT announcement.</p> <p>Comment: To be reviewed with Bumble Bees Crèche and the 2</p>	<p>Wiltshire Council (Early Years and Childcare Service)</p>	




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	Pre-school groups, Lyneham Village Independent Pre-school and Little Albert's Pre-school.		
Primary:	To be investigated in view of DTT announcement.  Comment: To be reviewed with Lyneham Primary School.	Wiltshire Council (Early Years and Childcare Service)	●
Secondary:	To be investigated in view of DTT announcement.  Comment: To be reviewed with Wootton Bassett School.	Wiltshire Council (Early Years and Childcare Service)	●
<b>Site security</b>			
What are the plans to maintain site security at Lyneham?	To be investigated in view of DTT announcement.  Comment: It is anticipated that responsibility for site security will pass from RAF Lyneham to DTT.	RAF Lyneham/DTT	●
How does DIO plan to ensure that SFA homes remain secure during the transition period, so that they do not become a target for housebreaking or criminal activity?	Overall security of SFA is a DIO responsibility.  Comment: Policing will be of interest to the Lyneham & Bradenstoke Parish Council, particularly whether the present housing of the Community Policing Team will continue under DTT.	DIO Housing/DTT	●

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<p>What plans have been put in place to ensure the continued safety and security of the remaining occupied SFA when a significant number are likely to be empty during the transition period?</p>	<p>To be investigated.</p> <p>Comment: It is anticipated that there will still be a police presence in Lyneham the form of the MoD Community Policeman, and an RAF Community Policeman, well into 2012. This is in addition to the policing resources provided by Wiltshire Constabulary. Also, the RAF Police will continue to undertake regular patrols of the SFA areas. Again, the Lyneham &amp; Bradenstoke Parish Council is interested in this issue, particularly where SFA is likely to be left empty for a long period.</p>	<p>RAF Lyneham/Wiltshire Council/DTT</p>	
<p>How long will the MoD Community Policeman continue to be employed to work within Lyneham?</p>	<p>To be confirmed.</p> <p>Comment: The MoD Community Policeman is expected to be working in Lyneham well into next year. Transitional arrangements to be confirmed with DTT. It is noted that the Lyneham &amp; Bradenstoke Parish Council is interested in this issue.</p>	<p>RAF Lyneham/DTT</p>	
<p>Other – to be added, as required.</p>			

**Legend:**

-  = Issue represents 'high' risk to the community/Wiltshire Council or partners reputation and community cohesion.
-  = Issue represents 'medium' risk to the community/Wiltshire Council or partners reputation and community cohesion.
-  = Issue identified and there should be sufficient time to resolve it.

**Glossary**

CDW	Community Development Worker (RAF post)
CEAS	Children's Education Advisory Service (MoD agency)
CILOCT	Contributions in lieu of Council Tax
DCLG	Department for Communities and Local Government
DfE	Department for Education
DIO	Defence Infrastructure Organisation (formerly Defence Estates)
DTT	Defence Technical Training
DTTCP	Defence Technical Training Change Programme
HIC	Housing Information Centre
LEP	Local Enterprise Partnership (for Swindon and Wiltshire)
NWEP	North Wiltshire Economic Partnership
PFB	Programme Future Brize
SEN	Special Educational Needs
SFA	Service Families Accommodation
SSFA	Substitute Service Families Accommodation