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### MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 20 FEBRUARY 2024 AT COUNCIL CHAMBER - COUNTY HALL, BYTHESEA ROAD, TROWBRIDGE, BA14 8JN.

#### **Present:**

Cllr James Sheppard (Chairman), Cllr Andrew Davis (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Phil Alford, Cllr Liz Alstrom, Cllr Chuck Berry, Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling, Cllr Nick Botterill, Cllr David Bowler, Cllr Richard Britton, Cllr Allison Bucknell, Cllr Richard Budden, Cllr Clare Cape, Cllr Trevor Carbin, Cllr Daniel Cave, Cllr Mary Champion, Cllr Sam Charleston, Cllr Pauline Church, Cllr Richard Clewer, Cllr Zoë Clewer, Cllr Mark Connolly, Cllr Caroline Corbin, Cllr Kevin Daley, Cllr Brian Dalton, Cllr Jane Davies, Cllr Matthew Dean, Cllr Dr Monica Devendran, Cllr Adrian Foster, Cllr Gavin Grant, Cllr Howard Greenman, Cllr Ross Henning, Cllr Sven Hocking, Cllr Nick Holder, Cllr Ruth Hopkinson, Cllr Jon Hubbard, Cllr Peter Hutton, Cllr Tony Jackson, Cllr Mel Jacob, Cllr Simon Jacobs, Cllr George Jeans, Cllr Johnny Kidney, Cllr Carole King, Cllr Gordon King, Cllr Edward Kirk, Cllr Jerry Kunkler, Cllr Jacqui Lay, Cllr Kathryn Macdermid, Cllr Dr Brian Mathew, Cllr Laura Mayes, Cllr Dr Mark McClelland, Cllr Charles McGrath, Cllr Ian McLennan, Cllr Dominic Muns, Cllr Dr Nick Murry, Cllr Nabil Najjar, Cllr Kelvin Nash, Cllr Christopher Newbury, Cllr Jack Oatley, Cllr Paul Oatway QPM, Cllr Andrew Oliver, Cllr Ashley O'Neill, Cllr Stewart Palmen, Cllr Bill Parks, Cllr Sam Pearce-Kearney, Cllr Antonio Piazza, Cllr Tony Pickernell, Cllr Horace Prickett, Cllr Nic Puntis, Cllr Tamara Reay, Cllr Pip Ridout, Cllr Rich Rogers, Cllr Ricky Rogers, Cllr Paul Sample JP, Cllr Mike Sankey, Cllr Jonathon Seed, Cllr Martin Smith, Cllr Caroline Thomas, Cllr Ian Thorn, Cllr Elizabeth Threlfall, Cllr Jo Trigg, Cllr Tim Trimble, Cllr Mark Verbinnen, Cllr David Vigar, Cllr Iain Wallis, Cllr Derek Walters, Cllr Bridget Wayman, Cllr Stuart Wheeler, Cllr Philip Whitehead, Cllr Suzanne Wickham, Cllr Christopher Williams, Cllr Graham Wright and Cllr Robert Yuill

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#### 1 **Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Helen Belcher OBE, Steve Bucknell, Ernie Clark, Sarah Gibson, and Tom Rounds.

*Note: Cllr Antonio Piazza provided his apologies, but due to the length of the meeting was able to arrive shortly after 1800, before the meeting concluded.*

The Chairman also noted and welcomed the return of Cllr Ian Thorn to Full Council following a period of illness.

#### 2 **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 October 2023 were presented for consideration. Subject to a correction to the attendance details to remove reference to Cllr Daniel Cave, it was,

## **Resolved:**

**To approve and sign the minutes as a true and correct record.**

### **3 Declarations of Interest**

Cllrs Sam Charleston and Brian Dalton both declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in Item 9 - Housing Revenue Account - by virtue of each separately renting a council owned garage.

It was confirmed each had been granted a dispensation following meetings of a Dispensation Sub-Committee, in order to remain in the room during discussion of the relevant item, but that they would not participate in debate or vote on the matter.

During discussion of the budget at Item 8 Cllr George Jeans withdrew from the meeting in his capacity as a Member, due to a Non-Registerable Interest by virtue of his wife holding a Blue Badge. He did not participate during debate and did not participate in the vote on the amendment relating to Blue Badge charging.

### **4 Chairman's Announcements**

#### **Deaths of Serving Members**

The Chairman announced that both Cllr Tony Trotman and Bob Jones MBE had sadly passed away since the last meeting of the Council on 30 November 2023 and 4 January 2024 respectively. Members held a minute's silence in honour of Cllrs Trotman and Jones.

Cllr Trotman was the Member for Calne Chilvester and Abberd since 2009, also serving as the Chairman of the Northern Area Planning Committee since that time. He was previously a Member on Wiltshire County Council, North Wiltshire District Council, and Calne Town Council, where he served as Mayor on four occasions.

Cllr Jones was the Member for Cricklade and Latton since 2013. He was also a Member of Cricklade Town Council and Vice-Chairman of the Dorset and Wiltshire Fire Authority. Before becoming a councillor, he served in the Royal Air Force and was also a recipient of the Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE).

A number of Members paid tribute to Cllrs Trotman and Jones, including Cllrs Richard Clewer, Ian Thorn, Graham Wright, Ricky Rogers, Gavin Grant, Howard Greenman, Ashley O'Neill, Paul Oatway QPM, and Ross Henning.

Members praised both Councillors for their commitment to public service and passion for their local communities. Their knowledge, kind and caring demeanours alongside their impacts upon their respective divisions and the wider County were emphasised, and Members expressed deep loss at their

passings and how missed they would be. Condolences were sent to both Cllrs Trotman and Jones' family and friends and to all those who had the pleasure of knowing them over their lifetimes.

#### Death of Former Councillors and Others

The Chairman paid tribute to the following former Members of the Council and holders of public office:

Cllr Howard Marshall was the Member for Calne Central from 2009 – 2017 and was also the Mayor of Calne in 2009 and 2015. He sadly passed away on 5 September 2023.

Cllr John Syme was a former County Councillor for Warminster West, and former district and current Town Councillor for Warminster. He sadly passed away on 5 January 2024.

Councillor Chris Cochrane was the Member for Salisbury Fisherton and Bemerton Village from 2009 – 2013. He sadly passed away on 10 January 2024.

Sir Christopher Benson was the former High Sheriff of Wiltshire, and he sadly passed away on 21 January 2024.

#### Chairman's Engagements

Since the last meeting of Council, there had been the following engagements attended by the Chairman:

- 11 November 2023 – Imber Service of Remembrance, St Giles' Church, Imber
- 12 November 2023 – Chippenham Remembrance Day Service, St. Andrew's Church, and wreath laying at the War Memorial, Market Place.

Since the last meeting of Council, there had been the following engagements attended by the Vice-Chairman:

- 1 November 2023 – RBL Field of Remembrance Opening Service, Lydiard Park, Swindon
- 11 November 2023 – Chippenham Town Council Armistice Day Commemoration, Town Hall
- 12 November 2023 – Trowbridge Remembrance Day Service, St. James' Church and wreath laying at the War Memorial, Trowbridge Park
- 27 November 2023 – Coronation Tree Planting Ceremony by HM Lord-Lieutenant of Wiltshire at County Hall
- 15 December 2023 – County of Wiltshire Carol Service, Garrison Church, Larkhill
- 5 February 2024 – Royal Visit by HRH The Princess Royal to St John Ambulance, Beacon Business Centre, Devizes

- 8 February 2024 – Royal Visit by HM Queen Camilla to Salisbury Cathedral for a special concert, supporting several well-known Wiltshire charities.

### New Years Honours List

The Chairman announced that a number of Wiltshire residents had received national recognition in the recent New Year's Honours List and congratulated those who had been honoured.

### CBE

- Hettie Barkworth-Nanton – For services to people affected by domestic abuse and homicide.
- Prof. Margaret Rae – For services to Public Health and to Public Health Standards.

### OBE

- Lt. Col. (Retd) David Whimpenny – For voluntary service.

### MBE

- Joanne Loftus – For services to Defence.
- Alexandra Vincent – For services to Research Funding.
- Belinda Winstone – For services to Military Families.
- Penny Brown – For services to Salisbury Hospital fundraising.

### BEM

- John Boyne-Aitken – For services to Heritage Crafts.
- Hilary Jenkins – For services to the community, particularly during Covid-19.
- Dr Christopher Kent – For services to Music and Musicology.

## 5 Petitions

On receipt of the petitions report, it was,

### Resolved:

**That Council note the update on petitions.**

## 6 Public Participation

The Chairman explained the procedure that would be followed for public participation at the meeting in accordance with the constitution.

Although statements and questions would normally be considered during the relevant agenda item, as it was likely to be a lengthy meeting the Chairman offered the opportunity to those present for questions and statements to be received under Item 6 instead.

Details of questions received during the item are detailed below. The full list of questions submitted for the meeting together with responses were set out in the Agenda Supplement.

Question P24-01 - Clive Spencer

A written response was provided as detailed in the Agenda Supplement. A supplementary question was asked relating to government's preferred options for the on new future homes standards, and whether this would be sufficient to maximise the energy performance of new and existing buildings and if it could impact on zero carbon targets.

Cllr Richard Clewer, Leader of the Council, stated he agreed with the concerns expressed, and that he had often sought to push government to move quicker in relation to energy efficiency housing standards.

Question P24-03 - Andrew Nicolson

A written response was provided as detailed in the Agenda Supplement. A supplementary question was asked on whether work had been undertaken to review the rail strategies referred to in the question, and when would the public consultations take place on the Local Transport Plan and how long would they be open.

Cllr Caroline Thomas, Cabinet Member for Transport, Street Scene, and Flooding, responded by stating that work was ongoing on all strategies linked to the Local Transport Plan. She noted the limited role of the council in relation to rail, and that it was awaiting government guidance but was developing its strategies, with consultations aimed for Summer 2024.

Question P24-04 - Andrew Nicolson

A written response was provided as detailed in the Agenda Supplement. A supplementary question was asked seeking clarity on reference to pathways to a carbon neutral study for Wiltshire, and for details on consultation with stakeholders and if it included local public transport groups, neighbouring authorities and national active travel groups.

Cllr Caroline Thomas, Cabinet Member for Transport, Street Scene, and Flooding, responded by stating the consultation was on issues and opportunities, and would liaise with officers for details on those who had been consulted.

Question P24-05 - Adrian Temple-Brown on behalf of Julian Jones

A written response was provided as detailed in the Agenda Supplement. A supplementary question was asked on whether the council had defined any climate or environment related catastrophe which would cause it to recommend zero meat or dairy consumption and make fixing the climate and environment its top priority.

Cllr Nick Holder, Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change, stated that the data referenced within the submitted question was based on an intensity of farming which did not apply in Wiltshire, and noted Motion 24-01 -

Supporting Wiltshire's Farmers and Food Producers - which was to be debated later in the meeting.

Question P24-10 - Jeremy Wire

A written response was provided as detailed in the Agenda Supplement. A supplementary question was asked on what the council's policy on reporting to Members the environmental impacts of Motion 24-01 - Supporting Wiltshire's Farmers and Food Producers - and whether its Climate Team was looking at methane emissions.

Cllr Nick Holder, Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change, stated that the debate on the Motion would determine whether officers would then undertake work on any impacts.

A statement was then received from Hazel Parker on behalf of Box Parish Council asking that the proposed reduction in funding for Visit Wiltshire be reconsidered.

A statement was then received from Peter Wragg, Chairman of Visit Wiltshire, stating the organisation had outperformed targets and had been highly praised by Visit England, and that sought continued investment by the council for benefit of the county.

A statement was then received from Brig Oubridge, noting the five-year anniversary of the passing of a climate emergency motion by the council. He stated the problems facing the climate were more severe than ever and encourage the council to tackle the issue through insulation of houses to appropriate standards and bringing forward policies such as food collection, demand further funding from central government, and work with other local authorities co-operatively.

A statement was then received from Francis Morland regarding the council tax approval proposals at Item 10, stating that the precept setting meeting of Dilton Marsh Parish Council had not been quorate, and that this issue needed to be addressed.

Note: The Cabinet Member for Finance, Development Management, and Strategic Planning, provided an update on the point raised by Mr Morland during consideration of that item later in the meeting.

A statement was received from Adrian Temple-Brown regarding the Wiltshire Design Guide. He raised concerns regarding the environmental and carbon impacts of development, and that the council was not taking action to address the problems.

A statement was received from Adrian Temple-Brown regarding Motion 24-01 - Supporting Wiltshire Farmers and Food Producers - regarding the difficulties for farmers to unshackle from environmentally damaging practices, and that

diversification into rewilding and reforestation was essential. He urged the council to be vocal about the damage caused by livestock emissions.

Question P24-06 - Adrian Temple-Brown on behalf of Julian Jones

A written response was provided as detailed in the Agenda Supplement. A supplementary question was asked regarding annual government figures regarding the county's ruminant population, and calculation of global heating estimated to be caused by that population.

Cllr Nick Holder, Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change, asked the questioner to contact him directly for a written response.

## 7 **Treasury Management Strategy Statement 2024/25**

The Chairman invited Cllr Nick Botterill, Cabinet Member for Finance, Development Management, and Strategic Planning, to present a report on the treasury management strategy statement for 2024/25.

Cllr Botterill moved the proposals set out in the report, seconded by Cllr Richard Clewer. He provided details of the volume of financial transactions a council the size of Wiltshire undertook each year, and that sound treasury management was integral to achieving balanced budgets and investments to ensure a prevention led approach to services. The report included summaries of capital plans, minimum revenue provision policy, annual investment strategies and other details.

The Chairman then invited comments from Group Leaders. Cllr Richard Clewer, Leader of the Council, stated the council's approach to managing and controlling finances was open to full scrutiny and indicated the council's approach was appropriate and effective.

Cllr Ian Thorn, Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group, supported the comments of the Leader of the Council that treasury management was at the core of how any council could run efficiently and ensure resources for projects and services it wished to delivery. He supported the report and proposals.

Cllr Graham Wright, deputising for the Independent Group indicated his personal support for the report, and Cllr Ricky Rogers, Leader of the Labour Group, stated he supported the proposals.

The Chairman then opened the item to debate.

In support of the motion there was a comment that rises in interest rates created opportunities and risks which saw many local authorities encounter problems, and tributes were paid to the council's financial team to make information accessible to Members. It was stated borrowing was being prudently managed.

In opposition to the motion there was a comment that there was significant underperformance for Wiltshire Council in its capital programme, and that a lack of spending in appropriate areas this was as significant as overspending. The

comment also questioned if the council had the capacity and knowledge in project management to manage a significant increase in expenditure in forthcoming years, and whether this was deliverable.

Cllr Botterill summarised after debate, stating capital expenditure was about justifiable, controlled and deliverable costs, and that it was not sensible to look at capital totals and conclude it was the result of underdelivery. He stated that often if capital has to be moved into future years estimates this was due to prudent behaviour to ensure taxpayer money was spent to best effect.

It was then,

**Resolved:**

**That Council:**

- a) **Adopt the Minimum Revenue Provision Policy (paragraph 26 – 28);**
- b) **Adopt the Prudential and Treasury Indicators (paragraphs 17 – 25, 41 – 47 and Appendix A);**
- c) **Adopt the Annual Investment Strategy (paragraph 65 onwards);**
- d) **Delegate to the Director of Finance and Procurement (S151 Officer) the authority to vary the amount of borrowing and other long-term liabilities within the Treasury Indicators for the Authorised Limit and the Operational Boundary;**
- e) **Authorise the Director of Finance and Procurement (S151 Officer) to agree the restructuring of existing long-term loans where savings are achievable or to enhance the long-term portfolio;**
- f) **Agree that short term cash surpluses and deficits continue to be managed through temporary loans, deposits and money market funds;**
- g) **Agree that any surplus cash balances not required to cover borrowing are placed in the most appropriate specified or non-specified investments, particularly where this is more cost effective than short term deposits; and delegate to the Director of Finance and Procurement (S151 Officer) the authority to select such funds;**
- h) **Agree the Investment Policy (paragraph 69);**
- i) **Agree the Creditworthiness Policy (paragraph 73).**

*In accordance with the Constitution there was a recorded vote.*

*Votes for the motion (85)*

*Votes against the motion (1)*

*Votes in abstention (1)*

*Details of the recorded vote are attached to these minutes.*



## 8 Wiltshire Council Budget 2024/2025 and MTFS Update 2024/25-2026/27

### Budget Introduction

The Chairman introduced the item and provided details of the reports which had been circulated. He explained the procedures to be followed for consideration and debate of the budget, including debate on any proposed amendments.

He then invited Cllr Richard Clewer, Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Economic Development, Military-Civilian Integration, Heritage, Arts, Tourism, Health and Wellbeing, to present the proposed budget.

Cllr Clewer proposed a motion to adopt the recommendations as set out on Pages 82-83 of the Summons. This was seconded by Cllr Nick Botterill, Cabinet Member for Finance, Development Management, and Strategic Planning.

It was stated that nearly three years ago the administration had been elected on a clear manifesto of policies, which had been incorporated into a formal business plan for the council. He considered that the administration had delivered on those policies, highlighting Local Plan proposals that new houses should be zero carbon, reduction in fly tipping, progress on delivering over a thousand new council houses, being ahead of schedule on making the council carbon neutral by 2030, investment on roads, pothole repairs, renovating and expanding leisure centres, construction of the Silverwood SEND academy, reducing the number of homes required by the Local Plan, support for the council's reablement and other investments and actions.

Cllr Clewer reported that the budget identified in detail savings that would be required, without cutting council services or utilising reserves, with the plans extending forward three years. He noted that many other local authorities were in very difficult financial positions requiring emergency funding from government, but this was not the case in Wiltshire. He praised Members and Officers for having made tough decisions to plan for the long term, transforming services and focusing on prevention and early intervention, which was especially important due to nearly 60% of the budget being spent in adult and social care. He commended that despite financial pressures faced the council was still able to invest and was seeking to further improve enforcement in planning. He criticised amendments that had been proposed in previous years, which he stated would have left the council in a less robust financial position.

Details were also provided of the additional funding the government had announced after the initial publication of the budget papers, and how this was proposed to be utilised including on upgrading rural play areas and additional investment in SEND and children's services early help and prevention support.

### Scrutiny Comments and Group Leader Responses

The Chairman then invited Cllr Graham Wright, Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee, to comment on the proposed budget and present the report of the meeting of the committee held on 25 January 2024 to discuss the budget proposals. Cllr Wright also presented the report of the

meeting of the committee held on 12 February 2024 to discuss submitted budget amendment proposals.

Each meeting had included questions and comments designed to explore the impact and implications of any budget proposals or amendment proposals, following formal or informal meetings of the three select committees to discuss the budget as it related to their remit, and consideration by the Financial Planning Task Group. Cllr thanked all those who had participated in the scrutiny process, and Cllrs Ian Thorn and Gavin Grant for providing their amendments for discussion and scrutiny.

#### Public Participation

A statement was then received from Dawn Wilson, Chair of the Pewsey Vale Tourism Partnership, regarding funding in respect of Visit Wiltshire.

#### Group Leader Responses

The Chairman then invited group leaders to comment on the proposed budget.

Cllr Ian Thorn, Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group, thanked officers for their professional support to the group in preparing amendments which would be moved by Members of his group, those involved in the scrutiny process for their comments, and Cllr Grant for his role in presenting the amendments. He noted some of the proposals had been rejected by Council in previous years, but he considered that where benefits existed the group would seek to persuade Council once again. He thanked the people of Wiltshire and town and parish councils, for all they contributed to the county.

In response to the Leader's presentation of the budget he criticised what he saw as political reference to other authorities' financial struggles, particularly where political change had occurred with them quite recently. He noted the large influence of central government on local government financing.

Cllr Thorn commented on the additional funding which had been announced, and proposals for its allocation, but that delivery was the most significant factor, and the funding needed to be well spent. He talked about the huge challenge of adult social care, and questioned how long local government could bear the costs. He also raised the Stone Circle council owned company, and the potential risks for councils when operating such entities, though he supported the aim of developing more council owned homes. He confirmed he did not support the budget as proposed.

Cllr Ricky Rogers, Leader of the Labour Group, thanked the Leader for his speech and the work undertaken to deliver a balanced budget. He stated all Members were elected to represent their communities, and it was important to express the views and concerns of their residents. He discussed the inefficient use of resources in dealing with potholes, and the limited capacity to address the issue even where funding was in place. He gave examples of confusion in management of council resources. He criticised the model of local government privatising many functions, and highlighted costs associated with contract inflation for services which were not delivered in house.

Cllr Rogers raised the 2% social care levy, noting comments from Prime Ministers on plans to address problems in social care which he said had not materialised. He raised concerns that for decades local government had been able to address local matters such as grass cutting and gully clearing proactively rather than reactively, but that this no longer seemed to be the case, pointing to flooding in Salisbury as a consequence.

In relation to the Housing Revenue Account he noted rents were increasing a further 7.7%. He said the rent had increased over 20% in the last four years, and criticised the formula which was used to set the increases for people who could not afford it. Finally, he said that savings from staff terms and conditions from two years ago had still not been made, noting there was ongoing dispute with one trade union, and criticised management actions made in response to that dispute without reference to Members.

Opportunity was provided for Group Leaders to move any amendments not listed on the agenda. None were moved.

The meeting then entered into debate on the budget proposal from the Leader. Before discussion began, a break was taken for lunch from 12:50-13:50.

#### Amendment A

The Chairman then invited Cllr Gavin Grant, to move and present proposed Amendment A, as set out in the Summons. This was seconded by Cllr Gordon King.

Cllr Grant explained that the amendment involved an additional £3000 funding to each Area Board for social welfare funding, and central funding of a further £36k for additional applications by the Boards. He stated most Area Boards utilised all their current wellbeing funding budgets, and he argued that such spending was an effective use of resources as it often unlocked further funding for the community from other sources.

He noted high increased in requests for support, and argued there was a demonstrated need. He gave details of the funding arrangements for the amendment, and he stated that the particular reserve allocation did not touch upon planning enforcement. He stated the budget involved making decisions about priorities, and with families and communities struggling he argued the amendment sought to address this and enable Members to direct funding most effectively through their local knowledge.

Cllr Grant also thanked the officer team for their technical support in preparing his three amendments.

The Chairman then invited comments from Group Leaders on Amendment A.

Cllr Richard Clewer stated he did not support the amendment, which he did not consider was evidence based, and would use funding otherwise proposed for enforcement activity which needed more resourcing.

Cllr Gordon King supported the amendment, highlighting the positive community role of the Area Boards, stating the proposal would enable them to have a bigger impact in their areas.

Cllr Ricky Rogers welcomed the amendment, and stated he would support it if it was clear that the responsible officers, who looked after multiple community areas, had the capacity to deal with increased in application activity as a result of increased grant funding.

#### Amendment A Debate

The Chairman therefore opened debate on Amendment A.

Comments made in support of the amendment included that there was a great deal of local demand, with the Area Boards best placed to identify isolated pockets of deprivation within their areas who would benefit from even a small increase in available funding. It was argued the voluntary sector, supported by the council, would be an effective means of combating the cost-of-living crisis and assisting some of the most vulnerable, with grant awards also leveraging other funding to assist local areas. It was suggested this approach to tackling counter need was a solution to over centralisation in the council.

Comments made against the amendment included that evidence had not been provided of a demonstrated need for the funding, which it was argued had no longer term plan and no indication of how or the cost of its administration, and that without a strategy in place it would not be an effective use of council funding.

Other comments in debate included that the three submitted amendments represented a very small proportion of the proposed budget and did not have a significant impact, and that more funding for Area Boards was a good thing, but lacking criteria the proposal was not sufficiently clear.

Cllr Grant, as mover of the amendment, then responded to comments made in debate. He argued that there was clear evidence of local demand for additional funding to support local welfare, and that with all grant funding allocation it was not possible to identify in advance specifically where the funding would be spent. He stated the increase was modest in terms of the overall budget but would have an impact in improving lives, and that officers would be able to resolve any questions regarding administration of the additional funding.

Cllr Richard Clewer, as mover of the original budget motion, then responded to the comments made in debate. He stated that the council's current evidence-based approach was working well, and that not supporting the amendment did not mean there was not support for the Area Boards or the work they undertook. He argued the council worked with the voluntary sector effectively, but that expending the limited resources available required proper assessment of where money would come from and the impacts of utilising it, not simply highlighting areas where more funding might be considered beneficial, which led to poor financial management.

There was then a vote on the proposal as follows:

*Votes for the amendment (28)*

*Votes against the amendment (57)*

*Votes in abstention (2)*

*In accordance with the Constitution there was a recorded vote. Details of the recorded vote are attached to these minutes.*

The vote was therefore lost.

#### Amendment B

The Chairman then invited Cllr Gavin Grant, to move and present proposed Amendment B, as set out in the Summons. This was seconded by Cllr Gordon King.

Cllr Grant noted the debate on the same issue at the budget meeting in 2023, calling the rejection of the proposal a fundamental mistake. He argued holders of Blue Badges should be able to park freely in council car parks and stated several other authorities had such a policy. He said Blue Badge holders were not all well-off, and that many faced additional cost challenges as a result of conditions which qualified them for use of a Blue Badge.

The Chairman then invited comments from Group Leaders on Amendment B.

Cllr Richard Clewer stated he did not support the amendment, noting the change regarding Blue Badges took place 2 years ago. He stated most Blue Badges were issued due to mobility issues associated with age, not reasons of poverty. He argued appropriate adjustments needed to be in place, such as moving parking machines closer to disabled parking, and providing additional time for those with Blue Badges, which had been done.

Cllr Gordon King supported the amendment and stated many Blue Badge holders found it more difficult to organise themselves comfortably for parking matters compared to those without a Blue Badge. He argued the amendment provided people who would be struggling with more freedom.

Cllr Ricky Rogers supported the amendment. He added a comment regarding ongoing disputes with council management and parking officers.

#### Amendment B Debate

The Chairman therefore opened debate on Amendment B.

Comments made in support of the amendment included that being able to park on double yellow lines was not a substitute for the convenience and safety of using proper car parking spaces and should not be encouraged, that the current policy was an unnecessary burden, that reasonable adjustments such as the moving of parking meters were not always in place or may be broken, that the current charging was effectively a penalty on those with Blue Badges, that the amendment had a small financial cost but would have a big impact on those

affected which included vulnerable people, that Blue Badges were not free, and those using them had fewer options for travel as they could not for example use most buses.

Several comments were made criticising the Leader of the Council for his comments regarding Blue Badge holders, arguing that many Blue Badge holders did not qualify due to age related mobility issues but that the badges had been issued to people of all ages due to various conditions, and that the argument put by the Leader was inaccurate and out of touch.

Comments made against the amendment included that it was not clear that it would significantly advantage those with Blue Badges, that the funding being used was needed for other priorities, that Blue Badge holders were able to park on double yellow lines, that the original purpose of Blue Badges when first brought in was not related to financial assistance but to health and mobility, that the financial impact was unclear, and that car parks were being updated to be more accessible for those with disabilities.

Cllr Grant, as mover of the amendment, then responded to comments made in debate. He stated that data was not held on the income generated from the current policy for Blue Badge holder parking, so it was not possible to strictly address this, so the amendment was based on estimates from Finance officers, with the amendment stated to be financially viable.

Cllr Richard Clewer, as mover of the original budget motion, then responded to the comments made in debate. He highlighted the ringfenced funding from parking revenue to support bus services, and that many local authorities also charged for Blue Badge parking. He stated that on data he had seen most, not all, Blue Badges were issued for age related mobility issues, which did not ignore that there were others issued for different reasons. To address concerns that not everyone in receipt of a Blue Badge required the financial assistance of free parking he stated it would be ideal if it was possible to identify those who were struggling but this was not the case, and he added that he had met with disability groups who had not raised the main problem as one of finance, but mobility and access.

There was then a vote on the proposal as follows:

*Votes for the amendment (28)*

*Votes against the amendment (54)*

*Votes in abstention (4)*

*In accordance with the Constitution there was a recorded vote. Details of the recorded vote are attached to these minutes.*

The vote was therefore lost.

Following the vote a point of personal explanation was raised by Cllr Jon Hubbard, arguing that government figures on why Blue Badges were issued did not support the Leader's position.

### Amendment C

The Chairman then invited Cllr Gavin Grant, to move and present proposed Amendment C, as set out in the Summons. This was seconded by Cllr Gordon King.

Cllr Grant explained that the contract with Visit Wiltshire was coming to an end or already ended, and the amendment allowed for partnership working with an equivalent body if necessary. He noted comments received under public participation raising concerns around not having a local visitor economy partnership in place, not based solely within the local authority. He stated there were risks of not being able to work with bodies such as Visit England or Visit Britain as a result, which given the importance of tourism to the economy would be detrimental to Wiltshire. He argued the council should continue to support a body with the expertise and knowledge necessary to deliver for the sector.

The Chairman then invited comments from Group Leaders on Amendment C.

Cllr Richard Clewer stated he did not support the amendment. He said the council had decided to end funding for Visit Wiltshire two years ago and to recommission at this stage would be a significant undertaking. He noted that Local Enterprise Partnership functions were now coming back under council responsibility, and the council had been looking at how to take advantage of that moving forward. He highlighted the Towns programme which included funds for a tourism strategy and argued that Wiltshire had been underperforming in relation to tourism in the Southwest of England.

Cllr Gordon King supported the amendment and argued that if there had been issues with Visit Wiltshire the council should have worked with them to make necessary changes. He said that the current lack of Visit Wiltshire funding would not be positive for the county.

Cllr Ricky Rogers supported the amendment, drawing parallels with arts funding in arguing the economies it would help generate exceeded the cost of the funding.

### Amendment C Debate

The Chairman therefore opened debate on Amendment C.

Comments made in support of the amendment included that Visit Wiltshire provided a valuable service, that support had been expressed from several town and parish councils and that funding would be lost without Visit Wiltshire. It was argued that the decision was not good for economic development, and that the council may not have the expertise or capacity to undertake the same functions. It was stated that the administration did not support bringing in house functions in many other service areas.

Comments made against the amendment included that many tourism sites existed which people used, that funding for Visit Wiltshire had not been intended to be permanent and that it did not represent value for money. The delivery of Wiltshire based applications for tourism information was highlighted,

with support for the work that could be undertaken by officers to support economic development.

Cllr Grant, as mover of the amendment, then responded to comments made in debate. He highlighted the number of website hits for Visit Wiltshire and the number of businesses involved, and argued the council's proposals in the area may be useful but would not replace the good work which arose from Visit Wiltshire, but that the proposal provided time to develop or work with others if that was appropriate.

Cllr Richard Clewer, as mover of the original budget motion, then responded to the comments made in debate. He said the council had detailed plans through its Towns programmes, where the most people visited, and was developing a cohesive strategy regarding tourism and the local economy. He stated that the council had raised issues with Visit Wiltshire over many years, but that the organisation had failed to engage with the council regarding those issues.

There was then a vote on the proposal as follows:

*Votes for the amendment (28)*

*Votes against the amendment (55)*

*Votes in abstention (4)*

*In accordance with the Constitution there was a recorded vote. Details of the recorded vote are attached to these minutes.*

The vote was therefore lost.

A break was then held from approximately 17:20-17:35.

#### Budget debate

There being no further amendments, the Chairman returned to debate on the original budget motion as moved by the Leader.

Comments made in support of the budget during the course of the meeting included that the council had prudent financial management which ensured continued investment in services, without the closure of libraries or leisure centres, and its focus on preventative spending reduced demand. Long-term strategies in key areas such as adult social care and reablement had led to appropriate savings in a planned way.

Successes were highlighted such as the council's Children's Services being rated as outstanding by Ofsted, and funding for flooding prevention. Highways maintenance investment was raised, and that no amendments had been proposed to increase this.

Other comments made included noting the limited budgetary options available to councils, and the ongoing pressures arising from inflation and cost-of-living. There was discussion of services and assets being devolved to town and parish councils, and how effectively this was managed.



Comments made in opposition to the budget during the course of the meeting included stating that spending on highways maintenance was below comparable authorities, and that increasing reserves when there was so much pressure on services was not the right option at the present time. There was criticism on the lack of progress on developing the Maltings site in Salisbury, and that the budget lacked ambition, with it stated many residents saw a decline in services such as planning enforcement and school maintenance.

Other comments made in the debate included that the council needed to improve the usage of its buildings, possibly rationalising the number of them, and raising concerns on the impact for developers on fees relating to phosphorus credits.

Cllr Richard Clewer, as mover of the original budget motion, then responded to the comments made in the debate. He stated comments in opposition had not suggested ways to meaningfully improve on the proposed budget and had focused on small changes only. He argued the amendments would have used money intended for enforcement. In relation to the Maltings development, he said it was not viable on the basis originally planned, and further consideration would be needed following completion of the river park project. He addressed comments relating to Stone Circle, the cost of borrowing, additional funding for children with SEND, and ongoing engagement with trade unions.

In conclusion it was argued the budget was evidenced based and focussed on prevention, delivering effectively to tackle pressing issues whilst ensuring savings for the future.

At the conclusion of debate, it was therefore,

**Resolved:**

- a) That a net general fund budget of 2024/25 of £490.298m is approved;
- b) That the Council Tax requirement for the council be set at £351.077m for 2024/25 with a Band D charge of £1,805.73, an increase of £1.65 per week;
- c) That the Wiltshire Council element of the Council Tax be increased in 2024/25 by the following:
  - i. A 2.99% general increase;
  - ii. Plus a levy of 2% to be spent solely on Adult Social Care;
- d) That the Extended Leadership Team be required to meet the revenue budget targets for each service area as set out in Appendix 1 to this report, for the delivery of council services in 2024/25;
- e) That the Extended Leadership Team be required to deliver the revenue savings plans for each service area as set out in Appendix 1 to this report, over the MTFS period 2024/25 to 2026/27;
- f) That the changes in the fees and charges as set out in Appendix 4 are approved;
- g) That the Capital Programme 2024/25 to 2030/31 is approved;
- h) That the Capital Strategy set out in Appendix 2 is approved;

- i) That the DSG budget as approved by Schools Forum is ratified;
- j) That the Medium-Term Financial Strategy, the forecast balanced budget over the 2024/25 and 2025/26 financial years and the MTFS 2024/25 to 2026/27 is endorsed.

*In accordance with the Constitution there was a recorded vote.*

*Votes for the motion (57)*

*Votes against the motion (18)*

*Votes in abstention (7)*

*Details of the recorded vote are attached to these minutes.*

9 **Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Revenue and Capital Budget Setting 2024/25 including Dwelling Rent Setting 2024/25, MTFS Update and 30-Year Business Plan Review**

The Chairman invited Cllr Phil Alford, Cabinet Member for Housing, Strategic Assets, and Asset Transfer, to present a report recommending the council approve the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Business Plan, Budget, and associated housing funding decisions.

Cllr Alford proposed a motion to approve the recommendations set out in the report, seconded by Cllr Richard Clewer. Details were provided of the capital programme, the proposed 7.7% rent increase, retrofitting of properties to be more energy efficient, and the work undertaken by officers to improve the finances for residents.

Comments were then made on the proposals by Group Leaders as follows:

Cllr Clewer, Leader of the Council, supported the proposal, noting the impact of inflation and importance of ensuring properties remained fit for purpose and the funding cost of doing so.

Cllr Gordon King, Deputy Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group, discussed the large borrowing requirement needed to carry out the business plan, and supported the proposal.

Cllr Ricky Rogers, Leader of the Labour Group, noted his motion moved at the budget meeting in 2023 seeking to reduce the level of rent increase which had been defeated, but that the council needed to meet its ambitious spending commitments to make necessary improvements as set out in the programme.

There were no further comments in debate.

It was then,

**Resolved:**

**That Council:**

- a) **Approve the HRA Annual Revenue Budget for 2024/25 as described in the report and Appendix 1.**
- b) **Approve the increase of 7.7% (CPI+1%) to Dwelling Rents and Garage Rents for 2024/25**
- c) **Approve the HRA Capital Programme for 2024/25 as described in the report and Appendix 2.**
- d) **Note the reviewed and updated assumptions in the HRA 30-Year Business Plan as detailed in the report.**

*In accordance with the Constitution there was a recorded vote.*

*Votes for the motion (76)*

*Votes against the motion (0)*

*Votes in abstention (2)*

*Details of the recorded vote are attached to these minutes.*

## 10 **Council Tax Setting 2024/25**

The Chairman invited Cllr Nick Botterill, Cabinet Member for Finance, Development Management, and Strategic Planning, to present a report on the calculation of and setting of Council Tax for the year 2024/25.

Cllr Botterill moved the proposals set out in the report, seconded by Cllr Richard Clewer. He noted the technical requirements of the report, and provided details of the proposed precept for the parish of Clarendon Park which had not been confirmed at the time of publication of the agenda for the meeting and the figures as published were correct.

Secondly, he noted the public statement under Minute 6 and confirmed the council had been informed Dilton Marsh Parish Council had not been able to formally agree their precept proposal but had a meeting scheduled later in the week. He stated Wiltshire Council did not expect any change to the precept figure as indicated by the parish council. It was therefore proposed to use powers in the Local Government Finance Act 1992 and the subsequent regulations to anticipate the precept as the amount to which officers had been notified, in order to set the budget and agree the Council Tax level, as Wiltshire Council was legally required to do.

There were no comments from Group Leaders, or further debate.

It was then,

### **Resolved:**

1. **That it be noted that on 13 December 2023 Cabinet met and approved:**

- (a) the Council Tax Base 2024/25 for the whole Wiltshire Council area as 194,423.87 [Item T in the formula in Section 31B(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the "Act")] and,
- (b) for dwellings in those parts of its area to which a Parish precept relates as in the attached Appendix.
2. To calculate that the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2024/25 (excluding parish precepts) is £ 351,077,014.78.
3. That the following amounts be calculated for the year 2024/25 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Act:
- (a) £1,128,309,438.35 (Gross Revenue Expenditure including transfers to reserves, parish precepts and any collection fund deficit) being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act taking into account all precepts issued to it by Parish Councils).
- (b) £605,285,111.25 (Gross Revenue Income including transfers from reserves, General Government Grants and any collection fund surplus) being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.
- (c) £523,024,327.10 (Net Revenue Expenditure including parish precepts) being the amount by which the aggregate at 3(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 3(b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act as its Council Tax requirement for the year. (Item R in the formula in Section 31A(4) of the Act).
- (d) £1,974.06 (Wiltshire Council band D tax plus average Town & Parish Councils Band D Council Tax) being the amount at 3(c) above (Item R), all divided by Item T (2 above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B(1) of the Act, as the amount of its Council Tax for the year (including Parish precepts), as shown below:

Band A £	Band B £	Band C £	Band D £	Band E £	Band F £	Band G £	Band H £
1,316.04	1,535.38	1,754.72	1,974.06	2,412.74	2,851.42	3,290.10	3,948.12

- e) £32,726,540.10 (Aggregate of Town & Parish Council Precepts) being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish Precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act (as per Appendix C).
- (f) £1,805.73 (band D Council Tax for Wiltshire Council purposes only) being the amount at 3(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 3(e) above by Item T (2 above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts:

<b>Band A £</b>	<b>Band B £</b>	<b>Band C £</b>	<b>Band D £</b>	<b>Band E £</b>	<b>Band F £</b>	<b>Band G £</b>	<b>Band H £</b>
1,203.82	1,404.46	1,605.09	1,805.73	2,207.00	2,608.28	3,009.55	3,611.46

*In accordance with the Constitution there was a recorded vote.*

*Votes for the motion (78)*

*Votes against the motion (1)*

*Votes in abstention (2)*

*Details of the recorded vote are attached to these minutes.*

## 11 **Pay Policy Statement 2024/25**

The Chairman invited Cllr Ashley O'Neill, Cabinet Member with responsibility for Staffing, to present the report which provided an update on the pay policy statement for 2024/25.

The proposals set out in the report were moved, seconded by Cllr Stuart Wheeler, Chairman of the Staffing Policy Committee.

Details were provided of additions in relation to severance payments, and changes to the ratio between highest and lowest salaries.

There were no comments from Group Leaders. Following a minor comment regarding reference to the net annual budget within the report, it was then,

### **Resolved:**

**That Council approve the updated pay policy statement set out in Appendix 1.**

*In accordance with the Constitution there was a recorded vote.*

*Votes for the motion (77)*

*Votes against the motion (0)*

*Votes in abstention (2)*

*Details of the recorded vote are attached to these minutes.*

## 12 **Wiltshire Design Guide**

The Chairman invited Cllr Nick Botterill, Cabinet Member for Finance, Development Management, and Strategic Planning, to present the report endorsing the Wiltshire Design Guide for approval as a supplementary planning document. He moved the proposals set out in the report, seconded by Cllr Richard Clewer.

Cllr Botterill stated the good design should be inherent in new buildings, and that principles should be applied to ensure this, taking account of the particulars of local areas rather than imposing a single uniform style.

The Chairman invited comments from Group Leaders. Cllr Richard Clewer, Leader of the Council, noted the guide had taken some time to produce, and though it was not wholly enforceable it would be something to which developers had to take note of in their proposals.

Cllr Gordon King, Deputy Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group, welcomes the guide as enhancing the council's core planning policies, and the recognition of the diversity of housing found across Wiltshire.

There were no comments made in debate.

It was therefore,

**Resolved:**

**That Council:**

- a) **Notes the response to the consultation on the draft Wiltshire Design Guide Supplementary Planning Document (the WDG) set out in the Consultation Statement at Appendix 1.**
- b) **Endorses the amended WDG as set out in Appendix 2.**
- c) **Approves the final version of the WDG (Appendix 2) for adoption as a supplementary planning document.**
- d) **Delegates to the Corporate Director Place, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance, Development and Strategic Planning, the power to undertake the final stages associated with the formal adoption and publication of the WDG, including any minor textual changes in the interests of clarity and accuracy.**

*In accordance with the Constitution there was a recorded vote.*

*Votes for the motion (72)*

*Votes against the motion (0)*

*Votes in abstention (5)*

*Details of the recorded vote are attached to these minutes.*

**13 Notice of Motion 24-01: Supporting Wiltshire Farmers and Food Producers**

On invitation of the Chairman Cllr Nabil Najjar proposed the motion as set out in the agenda, which was seconded by Cllr Elizabeth Threlfall.

Cllr Najjar stated that Wiltshire was the most farmed county in the South West of England, and noted the tough job facing farmers including dealing with the impacts of climate change and geopolitical uncertainty. He explained the motion was intended to set out the support of Wiltshire Council for farmers in the council area, including through promotion of local produce and support for rural ways of life whilst working proactively with farmers to meet carbon net zero targets.

Cllr Nick Holder, Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change responded to the motion. He noted comments made by the Wiltshire Climate Alliance regarding the impacts of methane and farming, which he said could be discussed further including by the Climate Emergency Task Group. He expressed his support for the motion.

The Chairman moved that the Council debate the motion, which was seconded by the Vice-Chairman.

Group Leaders were then invited to comment on the motion. Cllr Richard Clewer, Leader of the Council, supported the motion. He stated climate change actions regarding working with and supporting farmers in long term stewardship of the land, understanding the issues they were facing, and assisting them where possible.

Cllr Gordon King, Deputy Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group stated his support for farmers and the motion.

The Chairman then opened the item for debate.

Comments in support of the motion included the backing of farmers and food producers, and welcoming any active actions the council could offer toward that aim. The high-quality meat and dairy produce of Wiltshire was praised, alongside the need to enhance the countryside and seek opportunities to diversify without sacrificing valuable food producing land.

There were no comments in direct opposition to the motion.

Other comments asked whether the council's policies all aligned on the issues, including raising the issue of an incinerator being constructed next to the largest dairy factory in the county. There were comments in support of the principle of the motion, but which questioned whether there was sufficient detail in how the support offered would materialise, and comments on the importance of food security and against the selling of farmland. Difficulties facing the farming industry were detailed.

At the conclusion of the debate Cllr Holder responded to a comment regarding options on the treatment of food waste.

Cllr Najjar then responded to the debate, thanking Members for their support of the motion. He stated if approved this would set a clear stance which could then

be incorporated into council policy and actions developed. He also discussed the balance between food security and environmental preservation.

At the conclusion of debate, it was therefore,

**Resolved:**

**Wiltshire Council is committed to supporting local farmers and food producers across our county. Britain has some of the highest animal welfare standards in the world and Wiltshire Council should engage and work in partnership with our poultry, arable and livestock farmers to ensure they can continue to enhance our countryside and contribute to our nation's food security.**

**The Council must work to support them by being sympathetic to diversification opportunities and by promoting local produce through our new Wiltshire Marque labelling programme.**

**As a Council, we will be vocal in opposing attempts to diminish the role our meat, dairy, and arable farmers play in our rural way of life.**

**In line with our environmental commitments, Wiltshire Council should, where practical, provide food at council events sourced from local suppliers. This includes meat, fish, dairy, fruit, and vegetables.**

**Wiltshire Council should also work to raise awareness of the importance of shopping locally, wherever possible, taking advantage of home-grown, affordable, and nutritious food, especially through our farm shops, reducing the “food miles” on our plates and supporting our producers.**

*In accordance with the Constitution there was a recorded vote.*

*Votes for the motion (70)*

*Votes against the motion (0)*

*Votes in abstention (3)*

*Details of the recorded vote are attached to these minutes.*

14 **Notice of Motion 24-02: S.106 Agreements**

On invitation of the Chairman Cllr Mike Sankey proposed the motion as set out in the agenda, which was seconded by Cllr Nic Puntis.

Cllr Puntis stated the motion had been submitted following his experience of community facility provision and S.106 legal agreements agreed through the planning processes. He provided examples of unusable sports facilities and the difficulties in expanding those that existed over an extended period.

Cllr Nick Botterill, Cabinet Member for Finance, Development Management, and Strategic Planning, responded to the motion, stating that the council could learn



from some past experiences with S.106 legal agreements, and supported the proposal.

The Chairman moved that the Council debate the motion, which was seconded by the Vice-Chairman.

Group Leaders were then invited to comment on the motion. Cllr Richard Clewer, Leader of the Council, supported the motion in ensuring the management of community sporting facilities. He stated climate change actions regarding working with and supporting farmers in long term stewardship of the land, understanding the issues they were facing, and assisting them where possible.

Cllr Gordon King, Deputy Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group thanked Cllr Sankey for the explanation for his motion and offered support. Cllr Graham Wright, deputising for the Independent Group, offered his personal support for the motion.

The Chairman then opened the item for debate.

Comments in support of the motion included that some problems with development could have been avoided as part of the process for preparing a S.106 legal agreement, and the motion should help improve that situation. The need to take account of future management and maintenance of assets and facilities was highlighted.

There were no comments directly opposed to the motion.

Other comments raised examples of what was seen as loose wording within legal agreements relating to development which had led to local issues, and difficulties relating to use of school facilities.

During debate an issue was raised with the wording of the motion, including binding the council to secure agreement with all stakeholders, and at what stage completion of any management plan would be required. Following discussion with the Monitoring Officer, and a proposed amendment from Cllr Richard Clewer, the mover and seconder of the motion amended the wording of the motion as follows:

*This Council requires the completion of a community sporting use management plan involving **all** relevant stakeholders as **appropriate as part of a pre-cursor to** future section 106 agreements involving the delivering of facilities that involve community sporting use.*

At the conclusion of the debate Cllr Botterill responded to a comment made in debate regarding the use of school facilities as part of community sporting use.

Cllr Sankey had the opportunity to respond to the debate, and made no further comments.

At the conclusion of debate, it was therefore,

**Resolved:**

**This Council requires the completion of a community sporting use management plan involving relevant stakeholders as appropriate as part of future section 106 agreements involving the delivering of facilities that involve community sporting use.**

*In accordance with the Constitution there was a recorded vote.*

*Votes for the motion (64)*

*Votes against the motion (0)*

*Votes in abstention (4)*

*Details of the recorded vote are attached to these minutes.*

15 **Parish Name Changes**

The Chairman invited Cllr Ashley O'Neill, Chairman of the Electoral Review Committee, to present the report of the Committee recommending changes to the names of two parishes under s.75 of the Local Government Act 1972.

It was proposed to change the name of Lea & Cleverton to Lea, Garsdon, & Cleverton, and to change the name of Luckington to Luckington and Alderton. The proposals had come from the relevant parish councils.

The Chairman invited comments from Group Leaders. Cllr Richard Clewer, Leader of the Council, and Cllr Gordon King, Deputy Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group, expressed support for the proposals.

During a short debate a query was raised noting that Full Council could approve, or not, the proposals from the parish councils, but not amend them without their consent, and whether the use of ampersands, or not, was correct. It was stated this would be confirmed, and it is noted for the minutes that the proposals were presented as received from the parish councils.

At the conclusion of discussion, it was then,

**Resolved:**

**That Council:**

**1) Approve the name changes to the following parishes and parish councils:**

- a) Luckington to be changed to Luckington and Alderton;**
- b) Lea & Cleverton to be changed to Lea, Garsdon, & Cleverton;**

**2) Authorise the Solicitor to the Council to make any necessary legal orders and notifications to enact the above changes.**

**16 Announcements from Cabinet and Committees**

There were no announcements from Cabinet Members, Committee Chairmen, or on other matters.

**17 Membership of Committees**

The Chairman moved a motion to ratify an appointment to the Local Pension Board and amend the membership of the Health and Wellbeing Board, seconded by the Vice-Chairman.

He invited Group Leaders to propose any changes to committee appointments, and with agreement of the Vice-Chairman incorporated these into the motion.

It was then,

**Resolved:**

- a) To ratify the appointment of Karl Read as a Member of the Local Pension Board;**
- b) To amend the Membership of the Health and Wellbeing Board so that a representative of the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner can attend on behalf of the Police and Crime Commissioner;**
- c) To make changes to membership of committees as follows:**
  - Cllr Chuck Berry to be appointed as Chairman of the Northern Area Planning Committee;**
  - Cllr Christopher Newbury to be appointed as Vice-Chairman of the Strategic Planning Committee;**
  - Cllr Jonathan Seed to be appointed as a Member of the Strategic Planning Committee;**
  - Cllr Mike Sankey to be appointed as a Member of the Northern Area Planning Committee;**
  - Cllrs Tom Rounds and Gavin Grant to be appointed as Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee;**
  - Cllr Jacqui Lay to be appointed as a Substitute Member of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee;**
  - Cllr Elizabeth Threlfall to be removed as a Member of the Wiltshire Police and Crime Panel;**
  - Cllr Kelvin Nash to be appointed as a Member of the Wiltshire Police and Crime Panel;**
  - Cllr Nike Sankey to be removed as a Member of the Audit and Governance Committee;**

- **Cllr Pauline Church to be appointed as a Member of the Audit and Governance Committee;**
- **Cllrs Richard Budden and Jacqui Lay to be appointed as Members of the Environment Select Committee;**
- **Cllrs Carole King and Ross Henning to be appointed as Substitute Members of the Eastern Area Planning Committee;**
- **Cllr Sam Pearce-Kearney to be appointed as a Member of the Officer Appointments Committee.**
- **To appoint Cllr Paul Sample as a Member of the Dorset and Wiltshire Fire Authority.**

## 18 **Questions from Members of the Council**

One question had been received from Cllr Paul Oatway QPM with a response as detailed in the agenda supplement.

A supplementary question was asked seeking reassurance that when changes to kerbside collection took place that it would be well planned and communicated, to avoid the disruption and public health issues seen in Swindon Borough Council with their recent changes.

Cllr Nick Holder, Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change began by paying tribute to waste officers and contractors, stating that the council was delivering 99.6% on time collections. He offered assurance a plan was already in place to deliver changes to food waste collection and other changes. He noted the problems in Swindon with bins not being collected, and stated through negotiations with the government it had been confirmed £5m in capital had been provided to introduce the new collections in 2027, so unlike Swindon there would be sufficient community bin collection and household collections, and there would not be political interference causing disruption as had been seen there.

(Duration of meeting: 10.30 am - 8.20 pm)

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## Full Council Meeting - 20 February 2024 - Members Attendance

Councillor Name	Time in (Meeting start – 10:30)	Time Out (Meeting close – 20:20)
Phil Alford	10:30	Meeting close
Liz Alstrom	10:30	Meeting close
Helen Belcher OBE	Apologies	Apologies
Chuck Berry	10:30	Meeting close
Ian Blair-Pilling	10:30	Meeting close
Nick Botterill	10:30	Meeting close
David Bowler	10:30	Meeting close
Richard Britton	10:30	Meeting close
Allison Bucknell	10:30	Meeting close
Steve Bucknell	Apologies	Apologies
Richard Budden	10:30	Meeting close
Clare Cape	10:30	18:15
Trevor Carbin	10:30	Meeting close
Daniel Cave	10:30	Meeting close
Mary Champion	10:30	Meeting close
Sam Charleston	10:30	Meeting close
Pauline Church	10:30	Meeting close
Ernie Clark	Apologies	Apologies
Richard Clewer	10:30	Meeting close
Zoë Clewer	10:30	Meeting close
Mark Connolly	10:30	19:15
Caroline Corbin	10:30	18:55
Kevin Daley	10:30	Meeting close
Brian Dalton	10:30	19:10
Jane Davies	10:30	Meeting close
Andrew Davis	10:30	Meeting close
Matthew Dean	10:30	Meeting close
Dr Monica Devendran	10:30	Meeting close
Adrian Foster	10:30	Meeting close
Sarah Gibson	Apologies	Apologies
Gavin Grant	10:30	Meeting close
Howard Greenman	10:30	Meeting close
Ross Henning	10:30	20:15
Sven Hocking	10:30	Meeting close
Nick Holder	10:30	Meeting close
Ruth Hopkinson	10:30	19:40
Jon Hubbard	10:30	Meeting close
Peter Hutton	10:30	Meeting close
Tony Jackson	10:30	Meeting close
Mel Jacob	10:30	18:45

Simon Jacobs	10:30	Meeting close
George Jeans	10:30	18:00
Johnny Kidney	10:30	Meeting close
Carole King	10:30	Meeting close
Gordon King	10:30	Meeting close
Edward Kirk	10:30	Meeting close
Jerry Kunkler	10:30	Meeting close
Jacqui Lay	10:30	19:45
Kathryn MacDermid	10:30	Meeting close
Dr Brian Mathew	10:30	Meeting close
Laura Mayes	10:30	Meeting close
Dr Mark McClelland	10:30	Meeting close
Charles McGrath	10:30	Meeting close
Ian McLennan	10:30	18:55
Dominic Muns	10:30	Meeting close
Dr Nick Murry	10:30	13:00
Nabil Najjar	10:30	Meeting close
Kelvin Nash	10:30	Meeting close
Christopher Newbury	10:30	Meeting close
Ashley O'Neill	10:30	Meeting close
Jack Oatley	10:30	Meeting close
Paul Oatway QPM	10:30	Meeting close
Andrew Oliver	10:30	15:25
Stewart Palmen	10:30	18:45
Bill Parks	10:30	Meeting close
Sam Pearce-Kearney	10:30	Meeting close
Antonio Piazza	18:10	Meeting close
Tony Pickernell	10:30	Meeting close
Horace Prickett	10:30	Meeting close
Nic Puntis	10:30	Meeting close
Tamara Reay	10:30	Meeting close
Pip Ridout	10:30	Meeting close
Rich Rogers	10:30	18:55
Ricky Rogers	10:30	18:55
Tom Rounds	Apologies	Apologies
Paul Sample JP	10:30	Meeting close
Mike Sankey	10:30	Meeting close
Jonathon Seed	10:30	Meeting close
James Sheppard	10:30	Meeting close
Martin Smith	10:30	Meeting close
Caroline Thomas	10:30	Meeting close
Ian Thorn	10:30	13:00
Elizabeth Threlfall	10:30	Meeting close
Jo Trigg	10:30	Meeting close
Tim Trimble	10:30	17:25
Mark Verbinnen	10:30	Meeting close

David Vigar	10:30	Meeting close
Iain Wallis	10:30	Meeting close
Derek Walters	10:30	12:55
Bridget Wayman	10:30	Meeting close
Stuart Wheeler	10:30	Meeting close
Philip Whitehead	10:30	Meeting close
Suzanne Wickham	10:30	Meeting close
Christopher Williams	10:30	Meeting close
Graham Wright	10:30	Meeting close
Robert Yuill	10:30	Meeting close

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## Recorded Vote – Council – 20 February 2024

*Details of resolutions included within the minutes*

### Item 7 – Treasury Management Strategy

Vote	Councillors	Count
For	<p>Cllr Phil Alford, Cllr Liz Alstrom, Cllr Chuck Berry, Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling, Cllr Nick Botterill, Cllr David Bowler, Cllr Richard Britton, Cllr Allison Bucknell, Cllr Richard Budden, Cllr Clare Cape, Cllr Trevor Carbin, Cllr Daniel Cave, Cllr Mary Champion, Cllr Sam Charleston, Cllr Pauline Church, Cllr Richard Clewer, Cllr Zoë Clewer, Cllr Mark Connolly, Cllr Caroline Corbin, Cllr Kevin Daley, Cllr Brian Dalton, Cllr Jane Davies, Cllr Dr Monica Devendran, Cllr Adrian Foster, Cllr Gavin Grant, Cllr Howard Greenman, Cllr Ross Henning, Cllr Sven Hocking, Cllr Nick Holder, Cllr Ruth Hopkinson, Cllr Jon Hubbard, Cllr Peter Hutton, Cllr Tony Jackson, Cllr Mel Jacob, Cllr Simon Jacobs, Cllr George Jeans, Cllr Johnny Kidney, Cllr Carole King, Cllr Gordon King, Cllr Edward Kirk, Cllr Jerry Kunkler, Cllr Jacqui Lay, Cllr Kathryn Macdermid, Cllr Dr Brian Mathew, Cllr Laura Mayes, Cllr Dr Mark McClelland, Cllr Charles McGrath, Cllr Dominic Muns, Cllr Dr Nick Murry, Cllr Nabil Najjar, Cllr Kelvin Nash, Cllr Christopher Newbury, Cllr Ashley O'Neill, Cllr Jack Oatley, Cllr Paul Oatway QPM, Cllr Andrew Oliver, Cllr Stewart Palmen, Cllr Bill Parks, Cllr Sam Pearce-Kearney, Cllr Tony Pickernell, Cllr Horace Prickett, Cllr Nic Puntis, Cllr Tamara Reay, Cllr Pip Ridout, Cllr Rich Rogers, Cllr Ricky Rogers, Cllr Mike Sankey, Cllr Jonathon Seed, Cllr Martin Smith, Cllr Caroline Thomas, Cllr Ian Thorn, Cllr Elizabeth Threlfall, Cllr Jo Trigg, Cllr Tim Trimble, Cllr Mark Verbinnen, Cllr David Vigar, Cllr Iain Wallis, Cllr Derek Walters, Cllr Bridget Wayman, Cllr Stuart Wheeler, Cllr Philip Whitehead, Cllr Suzanne Wickham, Cllr Christopher Williams, Cllr Graham Wright and Cllr Robert Yuill</p>	85
Against	Cllr Matthew Dean	1
Abstain	Cllr Andrew Davis	1

## Item 8 – Wiltshire Council Budget 2024/25 and MTFs Update 2024/25-2026/27

### Amendment A

Vote	Councillors	Count
For	Cllr Liz Alstrom, Cllr David Bowler, Cllr Richard Budden, Cllr Clare Cape, Cllr Trevor Carbin, Cllr Sam Charleston, Cllr Caroline Corbin, Cllr Brian Dalton, Cllr Adrian Foster, Cllr Gavin Grant, Cllr Ross Henning, Cllr Ruth Hopkinson, Cllr Jon Hubbard, Cllr Mel Jacob, Cllr George Jeans, Cllr Carole King, Cllr Gordon King, Cllr Kathryn Macdermid, Cllr Dr Brian Mathew, Cllr Ian McLennan, Cllr Stewart Palmen, Cllr Sam Pearce-Kearney, Cllr Ricky Rogers, Cllr Paul Sample JP, Cllr Martin Smith, Cllr Jo Trigg, Cllr Tim Trimble and Cllr David Vigar	28
Against	Cllr Phil Alford, Cllr Chuck Berry, Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling, Cllr Nick Botterill, Cllr Richard Britton, Cllr Allison Bucknell, Cllr Daniel Cave, Cllr Mary Champion, Cllr Pauline Church, Cllr Richard Clewer, Cllr Zoë Clewer, Cllr Mark Connolly, Cllr Kevin Daley, Cllr Jane Davies, Cllr Matthew Dean, Cllr Dr Monica Devendran, Cllr Howard Greenman, Cllr Sven Hocking, Cllr Nick Holder, Cllr Peter Hutton, Cllr Tony Jackson, Cllr Simon Jacobs, Cllr Johnny Kidney, Cllr Edward Kirk Cllr Jerry Kunkler, Cllr Jacqui Lay, Cllr Laura Mayes, Cllr Dr Mark McClelland, Cllr Charles McGrath, Cllr Dominic Muns, Cllr Nabil Najjar, Cllr Kelvin Nash, Cllr Christopher Newbury, Cllr Ashley O'Neill, Cllr Jack Oatley, Cllr Paul Oatway QPM, Cllr Andrew Oliver, Cllr Bill Parks, Cllr Tony Pickernell, Cllr Horace Prickett, Cllr Nic Puntis, Cllr Tamara Reay, Cllr Pip Ridout, Cllr Rich Rogers, Cllr Mike Sankey, Cllr Jonathon Seed, Cllr Caroline Thomas, Cllr Elizabeth Threlfall, Cllr Mark Verbinnen, Cllr Iain Wallis, Cllr Bridget Wayman, Cllr Stuart Wheeler, Cllr Philip Whitehead, Cllr Suzanne Wickham, Cllr Christopher Williams, Cllr Graham Wright and Cllr Robert Yuill	57
Abstain	Cllr Andrew Davis and Cllr James Sheppard	

### Amendment B

Vote	Councillors	Count
For	Cllr Liz Alstrom, Cllr David Bowler, Cllr Richard Budden, Cllr Clare Cape, Cllr Trevor Carbin, Cllr Sam Charleston, Cllr Caroline Corbin, Cllr Brian Dalton, Cllr Adrian Foster, Cllr Gavin Grant, Cllr Ross Henning, Cllr Ruth Hopkinson, Cllr Jon Hubbard, Cllr Mel Jacob, Cllr Carole King, Cllr Gordon King, Cllr Edward Kirk, Cllr Kathryn Macdermid, Cllr Dr Brian Mathew, Cllr Ian McLennan, Cllr Stewart Palmen, Cllr Sam Pearce-Kearney, Cllr Ricky Rogers, Cllr Paul Sample JP, Cllr Martin Smith, Cllr Jo Trigg, Cllr Tim Trimble and Cllr David Vigar	28
Against	Cllr Phil Alford, Cllr Chuck Berry, Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling, Cllr Nick Botterill, Cllr Richard Britton, Cllr Allison Bucknell, Cllr Pauline Church, Cllr Richard Clewer, Cllr Zoë Clewer, Cllr Mark Connolly, Cllr Kevin Daley, Cllr Jane Davies, Cllr Matthew Dean, Cllr Dr Monica Devendran, Cllr Howard Greenman, Cllr Sven Hocking, Cllr Nick Holder, Cllr Peter Hutton, Cllr Tony Jackson, Cllr Simon Jacobs, Cllr Johnny Kidney,	54

Vote	Councillors	Count
	Cllr Jerry Kunkler, Cllr Jacqui Lay, Cllr Laura Mayes, Cllr Dr Mark McClelland, Cllr Charles McGrath, Cllr Dominic Muns, Cllr Nabil Najjar, Cllr Kelvin Nash, Cllr Christopher Newbury, Cllr Ashley O'Neill, Cllr Jack Oatley, Cllr Paul Oatway QPM, Cllr Andrew Oliver, Cllr Bill Parks, Cllr Tony Pickernell, Cllr Horace Prickett, Cllr Nic Puntis, Cllr Tamara Reay, Cllr Pip Ridout, Cllr Rich Rogers, Cllr Mike Sankey, Cllr Jonathon Seed, Cllr Caroline Thomas, Cllr Elizabeth Threlfall, Cllr Mark Verbinnen, Cllr Iain Wallis, Cllr Bridget Wayman, Cllr Stuart Wheeler, Cllr Philip Whitehead, Cllr Suzanne Wickham, Cllr Christopher Williams, Cllr Graham Wright and Cllr Robert Yuill	
Abstain	Cllr Daniel Cave, Cllr Mary Champion, Cllr Andrew Davis, and Cllr James Sheppard	4

### Amendment C

Vote	Councillors	Count
For	Cllr Liz Alstrom, Cllr David Bowler, Cllr Richard Budden, Cllr Clare Cape, Cllr Trevor Carbin, Cllr Sam Charleston, Cllr Caroline Corbin, Cllr Brian Dalton, Cllr Matthew Dean, Cllr Adrian Foster, Cllr Gavin Grant, Cllr Ross Henning, Cllr Ruth Hopkinson, Cllr Jon Hubbard, Cllr Mel Jacob, Cllr Carole King, Cllr Gordon King, Cllr Kathryn Macdermid, Cllr Dr Brian Mathew, Cllr Ian McLennan, Cllr Stewart Palmen, Cllr Sam Pearce-Kearney, Cllr Ricky Rogers, Cllr Paul Sample JP, Cllr Martin Smith, Cllr Jo Trigg, Cllr Tim Trimble and Cllr David Vigar	28
Against	Cllr Phil Alford, Cllr Chuck Berry, Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling, Cllr Nick Botterill, Cllr Richard Britton, Cllr Allison Bucknell, Cllr Daniel Cave, Cllr Mary Champion, Cllr Pauline Church, Cllr Richard Clewer, Cllr Zoë Clewer, Cllr Mark Connolly, Cllr Kevin Daley, Cllr Jane Davies, Cllr Dr Monica Devendran, Cllr Howard Greenman, Cllr Sven Hocking, Cllr Nick Holder, Cllr Peter Hutton, Cllr Tony Jackson, Cllr Simon Jacobs, Cllr Johnny Kidney, Cllr Edward Kirk, Cllr Jerry Kunkler, Cllr Jacqui Lay, Cllr Laura Mayes, Cllr Dr Mark McClelland, Cllr Charles McGrath, Cllr Dominic Muns, Cllr Nabil Najjar, Cllr Kelvin Nash, Cllr Christopher Newbury, Cllr Ashley O'Neill, Cllr Jack Oatley, Cllr Paul Oatway QPM, Cllr Andrew Oliver, Cllr Bill Parks, Cllr Tony Pickernell, Cllr Horace Prickett, Cllr Nic Puntis, Cllr Tamara Reay, Cllr Pip Ridout, Cllr Rich Rogers, Cllr Mike Sankey, Cllr Jonathon Seed, Cllr Caroline Thomas, Cllr Elizabeth Threlfall, Cllr Iain Wallis, Cllr Bridget Wayman, Cllr Stuart Wheeler, Cllr Philip Whitehead, Cllr Suzanne Wickham, Cllr Christopher Williams, Cllr Graham Wright and Cllr Robert Yuill	55

Vote	Councillors	Count
Abstain	Cllr Andrew Davis, Cllr George Jeans, Cllr James Sheppard and Cllr Mark Verbinnen	4

### Budget Motion

Vote	Councillors	Count
For	Cllr Phil Alford, Cllr Chuck Berry, Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling, Cllr Nick Botterill, Cllr Richard Britton, Cllr Allison Bucknell, Cllr Daniel Cave, Cllr Mary Champion, Cllr Pauline Church, Cllr Richard Clewer, Cllr Zoë Clewer, Cllr Mark Connolly, Cllr Caroline Corbin, Cllr Kevin Daley, Cllr Jane Davies, Cllr Dr Monica Devendran, Cllr Howard Greenman, Cllr Sven Hocking, Cllr Nick Holder, Cllr Jon Hubbard, Cllr Peter Hutton, Cllr Simon Jacobs, Cllr Johnny Kidney, Cllr Edward Kirk, Cllr Jerry Kunkler, Cllr Jacqui Lay, Cllr Laura Mayes, Cllr Dr Mark McClelland, Cllr Charles McGrath, Cllr Ian McLennan, Cllr Dominic Muns, Cllr Nabil Najjar, Cllr Kelvin Nash, Cllr Christopher Newbury, Cllr Ashley O'Neill, Cllr Jack Oatley, Cllr Paul Oatway QPM, Cllr Bill Parks, Cllr Antonio Piazza, Cllr Tony Pickernell, Cllr Nic Puntis, Cllr Tamara Reay, Cllr Pip Ridout, Cllr Rich Rogers, Cllr Ricky Rogers, Cllr Mike Sankey, Cllr Jonathon Seed, Cllr Caroline Thomas, Cllr Elizabeth Threlfall, Cllr Mark Verbinnen, Cllr Iain Wallis, Cllr Stuart Wheeler, Cllr Philip Whitehead, Cllr Suzanne Wickham, Cllr Christopher Williams, Cllr Graham Wright and Cllr Robert Yuill	57
Against	Cllr Liz Alstrom, Cllr Richard Budden, Cllr Trevor Carbin, Cllr Sam Charleston, Cllr Brian Dalton, Cllr Adrian Foster, Cllr Gavin Grant, Cllr Mel Jacob, Cllr Gordon King, Cllr Kathryn Macdermid, Cllr Dr Brian Mathew, Cllr Stewart Palmen, Cllr Sam Pearce-Kearney, Cllr Paul Sample JP, Cllr Martin Smith, Cllr Jo Trigg, Cllr David Vigar and Cllr Bridget Wayman	18
Abstain	Cllr David Bowler, Cllr Andrew Davis, Cllr Matthew Dean, Cllr Ruth Hopkinson, Cllr Tony Jackson, Cllr Carole King and Cllr James Sheppard	7

**Item 9: Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Revenue and Capital Budget Setting  
2024/25 including Dwelling Rent Setting 2024/25, MTF5 Update and 30-Year  
Business Plan Review**

<b>Vote</b>	<b>Councillors</b>	<b>Count</b>
For	Cllr Phil Alford, Cllr Liz Alstrom, Cllr Chuck Berry, Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling, Cllr Nick Botterill, Cllr David Bowler, Cllr Richard Britton, Cllr Allison Bucknell, Cllr Richard Budden, Cllr Trevor Carbin, Cllr Daniel Cave, Cllr Mary Champion, Cllr Pauline Church, Cllr Richard Clewer, Cllr Zoë Clewer, Cllr Mark Connolly, Cllr Caroline Corbin, Cllr Kevin Daley, Cllr Jane Davies, Cllr Matthew Dean, Cllr Dr Monica Devendran, Cllr Adrian Foster, Cllr Gavin Grant, Cllr Howard Greenman, Cllr Sven Hocking, Cllr Ruth Hopkinson, Cllr Jon Hubbard, Cllr Peter Hutton, Cllr Tony Jackson, Cllr Mel Jacob, Cllr Simon Jacobs, Cllr Johnny Kidney, Cllr Carole King, Cllr Gordon King, Cllr Edward Kirk, Cllr Jerry Kunkler, Cllr Jacqui Lay, Cllr Kathryn Macdermid, Cllr Dr Brian Mathew, Cllr Laura Mayes, Cllr Dr Mark McClelland, Cllr Charles McGrath, Cllr Ian McLennan, Cllr Dominic Muns, Cllr Nabil Najjar, Cllr Kelvin Nash, Cllr Christopher Newbury, Cllr Ashley O'Neill, Cllr Jack Oatley, Cllr Paul Oatway QPM, Cllr Stewart Palmen, Cllr Bill Parks, Cllr Sam Pearce-Kearney, Cllr Antonio Piazza, Cllr Tony Pickernell, Cllr Nic Puntis, Cllr Tamara Reay, Cllr Pip Ridout, Cllr Ricky Rogers, Cllr Paul Sample JP, Cllr Mike Sankey, Cllr Jonathon Seed, Cllr Martin Smith, Cllr Caroline Thomas, Cllr Elizabeth Threlfall, Cllr Jo Trigg, Cllr Mark Verbinnen, Cllr David Vigar, Cllr Iain Wallis, Cllr Bridget Wayman, Cllr Stuart Wheeler, Cllr Philip Whitehead, Cllr Suzanne Wickham, Cllr Christopher Williams, Cllr Graham Wright and Cllr Robert Yuill	76
Against	None	0
Abstain	Cllr Andrew Davis and Cllr James Sheppard	2

## Item 10: Council Tax Setting 2024/25

Vote	Councillors	Count
For	Cllr Phil Alford, Cllr Liz Alstrom, Cllr Chuck Berry, Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling, Cllr Nick Botterill, Cllr David Bowler, Cllr Richard Britton, Cllr Allison Bucknell, Cllr Richard Budden, Cllr Trevor Carbin, Cllr Daniel Cave, Cllr Mary Champion, Cllr Sam Charleston, Cllr Pauline Church, Cllr Richard Clewer, Cllr Zoë Clewer, Cllr Mark Connolly, Cllr Kevin Daley, Cllr Brian Dalton, Cllr Jane Davies, Cllr Matthew Dean, Cllr Dr Monica Devendran, Cllr Adrian Foster, Cllr Gavin Grant, Cllr Howard Greenman, Cllr Sven Hocking, Cllr Nick Holder, Cllr Ruth Hopkinson, Cllr Jon Hubbard, Cllr Peter Hutton, Cllr Tony Jackson, Cllr Mel Jacob, Cllr Simon Jacobs, Cllr Johnny Kidney, Cllr Carole King, Cllr Gordon King, Cllr Edward Kirk, Cllr Jerry Kunkler, Cllr Jacqui Lay, Cllr Kathryn Macdermid, Cllr Dr Brian Mathew, Cllr Laura Mayes, Cllr Dr Mark McClelland, Cllr Charles McGrath, Cllr Ian McLennan, Cllr Dominic Muns, Cllr Nabil Najjar, Cllr Kelvin Nash, Cllr Christopher Newbury, Cllr Ashley O'Neill, Cllr Jack Oatley, Cllr Paul Oatway QPM, Cllr Stewart Palmen, Cllr Bill Parks, Cllr Sam Pearce-Kearney, Cllr Antonio Piazza, Cllr Tony Pickernell, Cllr Nic Puntis, Cllr Tamara Reay, Cllr Pip Ridout, Cllr Ricky Rogers, Cllr Paul Sample JP, Cllr Mike Sankey, Cllr Jonathon Seed, Cllr Martin Smith, Cllr Caroline Thomas, Cllr Elizabeth Threlfall, Cllr Jo Trigg, Cllr Mark Verbinnen, Cllr David Vigar, Cllr Iain Wallis, Cllr Bridget Wayman, Cllr Stuart Wheeler, Cllr Philip Whitehead, Cllr Suzanne Wickham, Cllr Christopher Williams, Cllr Graham Wright and Cllr Robert Yuill	78
Against	Cllr Caroline Corbin	1
Abstain	Cllr Andrew Davis and Cllr James Sheppard	2

## Item 11: Pay Policy Statement 2024/25

Vote	Councillors	Count
For	Cllr Phil Alford, Cllr Liz Alstrom, Cllr Chuck Berry, Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling, Cllr Nick Botterill, Cllr David Bowler, Cllr Richard Britton, Cllr Allison Bucknell, Cllr Richard Budden, Cllr Trevor Carbin, Cllr Daniel Cave, Cllr Mary Champion, Cllr Sam Charleston, Cllr Pauline Church, Cllr Richard Clewer, Cllr Zoë Clewer, Cllr Mark Connolly, Cllr Caroline Corbin, Cllr Kevin Daley, Cllr Brian Dalton, Cllr Jane Davies, Cllr Matthew Dean, Cllr Dr Monica Devendran, Cllr Adrian Foster, Cllr Gavin Grant, Cllr Howard Greenman, Cllr Sven Hocking, Cllr Nick Holder, Cllr Ruth Hopkinson, Cllr Jon Hubbard, Cllr Peter Hutton, Cllr Tony Jackson, Cllr Simon Jacobs, Cllr Johnny Kidney, Cllr Carole King, Cllr Gordon King, Cllr Edward Kirk, Cllr Jerry Kunkler, Cllr Jacqui Lay, Cllr Kathryn Macdermid, Cllr Dr Brian Mathew, Cllr Laura Mayes, Cllr Dr Mark McClelland, Cllr Charles McGrath, Cllr Ian McLennan, Cllr Dominic Muns, Cllr Nabil Najjar, Cllr Kelvin Nash, Cllr Christopher Newbury, Cllr Ashley O'Neill, Cllr Jack Oatley, Cllr Paul Oatway QPM, Cllr Bill Parks, Cllr Sam Pearce-Kearney, Cllr Antonio Piazza, Cllr Tony Pickernell, Cllr Nic Puntis, Cllr Tamara Reay, Cllr Pip Ridout, Cllr Ricky Rogers, Cllr Paul Sample JP, Cllr Mike Sankey, Cllr Jonathon Seed, Cllr Martin Smith, Cllr Caroline Thomas, Cllr Elizabeth Threlfall, Cllr Jo Trigg, Cllr Mark Verbinnen, Cllr David Vigar, Cllr Iain Wallis, Cllr Bridget Wayman, Cllr Stuart Wheeler, Cllr Philip Whitehead, Cllr Suzanne Wickham, Cllr Christopher Williams, Cllr Graham Wright and Cllr Robert Yuill	77
Against	None	0
Abstain	Cllr Andrew Davis and Cllr James Sheppard	2

## Item 12: Wiltshire Design Guide

Vote	Councillors	Count
For	<p>Cllr Phil Alford, Cllr Liz Alstrom, Cllr Chuck Berry, Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling, Cllr Nick Botterill, Cllr David Bowler, Cllr Richard Britton, Cllr Allison Bucknell, Cllr Richard Budden, Cllr Trevor Carbin, Cllr Daniel Cave, Cllr Mary Champion, Cllr Sam Charleston, Cllr Pauline Church, Cllr Richard Clewer, Cllr Zoë Clewer, Cllr Mark Connolly, Cllr Kevin Daley, Cllr Brian Dalton, Cllr Jane Davies, Cllr Matthew Dean, Cllr Dr Monica Devendran, Cllr Adrian Foster, Cllr Gavin Grant, Cllr Howard Greenman, Cllr Sven Hocking, Cllr Nick Holder, Cllr Ruth Hopkinson, Cllr Jon Hubbard, Cllr Peter Hutton, Cllr Tony Jackson, Cllr Simon Jacobs, Cllr Johnny Kidney, Cllr Carole King, Cllr Gordon King, Cllr Edward Kirk, Cllr Jacqui Lay, Cllr Kathryn Macdermid, Cllr Dr Brian Mathew, Cllr Laura Mayes, Cllr Dr Mark McClelland, Cllr Charles McGrath, Cllr Dominic Muns, Cllr Nabil Najjar, Cllr Kelvin Nash, Cllr Christopher Newbury, Cllr Ashley O'Neill, Cllr Jack Oatley, Cllr Paul Oatway QPM, Cllr Bill Parks, Cllr Sam Pearce-Kearney, Cllr Antonio Piazza, Cllr Tony Pickernell, Cllr Nic Puntis, Cllr Tamara Reay, Cllr Paul Sample JP, Cllr Mike Sankey, Cllr Jonathon Seed, Cllr Martin Smith, Cllr Caroline Thomas, Cllr Elizabeth Threlfall, Cllr Jo Trigg, Cllr Mark Verbinnen, Cllr David Vigar, Cllr Iain Wallis, Cllr Bridget Wayman, Cllr Stuart Wheeler, Cllr Philip Whitehead, Cllr Suzanne Wickham, Cllr Christopher Williams, Cllr Graham Wright and Cllr Robert Yuill</p>	72
Against	None	0
Abstain	<p>Cllr Caroline Corbin, Cllr Andrew Davis, Cllr Ian McLennan, Cllr Ricky Rogers and Cllr James Sheppard</p>	5



**Item 13: Notice of Motion 24-01: Supporting Wiltshire Farmers and Food Producers**

<b>Vote</b>	<b>Councillors</b>	<b>Count</b>
For	Cllr Phil Alford, Cllr Liz Alstrom, Cllr Chuck Berry, Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling, Cllr Nick Botterill, Cllr David Bowler, Cllr Richard Britton, Cllr Allison Bucknell, Cllr Richard Budden, Cllr Trevor Carbin, Cllr Daniel Cave, Cllr Mary Champion, Cllr Pauline Church, Cllr Richard Clewer, Cllr Zoë Clewer, Cllr Jane Davies, Cllr Andrew Davis, Cllr Matthew Dean, Cllr Dr Monica Devendran, Cllr Adrian Foster, Cllr Gavin Grant, Cllr Howard Greenman, Cllr Sven Hocking, Cllr Nick Holder, Cllr Ruth Hopkinson, Cllr Jon Hubbard, Cllr Peter Hutton, Cllr Tony Jackson, Cllr Simon Jacobs, Cllr Johnny Kidney, Cllr Carole King, Cllr Edward Kirk, Cllr Jerry Kunkler, Cllr Jacqui Lay, Cllr Kathryn Macdermid, Cllr Dr Brian Mathew, Cllr Laura Mayes, Cllr Charles McGrath, Cllr Dominic Muns, Cllr Nabil Najjar, Cllr Kelvin Nash, Cllr Christopher Newbury, Cllr Ashley O'Neill, Cllr Jack Oatley, Cllr Paul Oatway QPM, Cllr Bill Parks, Cllr Sam Pearce-Kearney, Cllr Antonio Piazza, Cllr Tony Pickernell, Cllr Nic Puntis, Cllr Tamara Reay, Cllr Pip Ridout, Cllr Rich Rogers, Cllr Paul Sample JP, Cllr Mike Sankey, Cllr Jonathon Seed, Cllr James Sheppard, Cllr Martin Smith, Cllr Caroline Thomas, Cllr Elizabeth Threlfall, Cllr Jo Trigg, Cllr Mark Verbinnen, Cllr Iain Wallis, Cllr Bridget Wayman, Cllr Stuart Wheeler, Cllr Philip Whitehead, Cllr Suzanne Wickham, Cllr Christopher Williams, Cllr Graham Wright and Cllr Robert Yuill	70
Against	None	0
Abstain	Cllr Gordon King, Cllr Dr Mark McClelland and Cllr David Vigar	3

## Item 14: Notice of Motion 24-02: S.106 Agreement

Vote	Councillors	Count
For	Cllr Phil Alford, Cllr Liz Alstrom, Cllr Chuck Berry, Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling, Cllr Nick Botterill, Cllr David Bowler, Cllr Richard Britton, Cllr Allison Bucknell, Cllr Richard Budden, Cllr Trevor Carbin, Cllr Daniel Cave, Cllr Mary Champion, Cllr Pauline Church, Cllr Richard Clewer, Cllr Zoë Clewer, Cllr Jane Davies, Cllr Matthew Dean, Cllr Dr Monica Devendran, Cllr Adrian Foster, Cllr Gavin Grant, Cllr Howard Greenman, Cllr Sven Hocking, Cllr Nick Holder, Cllr Jon Hubbard, Cllr Peter Hutton, Cllr Tony Jackson, Cllr Simon Jacobs, Cllr Johnny Kidney, Cllr Carole King, Cllr Gordon King, Cllr Edward Kirk, Cllr Jerry Kunkler, Cllr Kathryn Macdermid, Cllr Dr Brian Mathew, Cllr Laura Mayes, Cllr Dr Mark McClelland, Cllr Dominic Muns, Cllr Kelvin Nash, Cllr Ashley O'Neill, Cllr Jack Oatley, Cllr Paul Oatway QPM, Cllr Bill Parks, Cllr Sam Pearce-Kearney, Cllr Antonio Piazza, Cllr Tony Pickernell, Cllr Nic Puntis, Cllr Tamara Reay, Cllr Paul Sample JP, Cllr Mike Sankey, Cllr Jonathon Seed, Cllr Martin Smith, Cllr Caroline Thomas, Cllr Elizabeth Threlfall, Cllr Jo Trigg, Cllr Mark Verbinnen, Cllr David Vigar, Cllr Iain Wallis, Cllr Bridget Wayman, Cllr Stuart Wheeler, Cllr Philip Whitehead, Cllr Suzanne Wickham, Cllr Christopher Williams, Cllr Graham Wright and Cllr Robert Yuill	64
Against	None	0
Abstain	Cllr Andrew Davis, Cllr Christopher Newbury, Cllr Pip Ridout and Cllr James Sheppard	4