Chairman's Announcement: Wiltshire Council Financial and Service Plans

A series of meetings to will be hosted by Wiltshire Council to outline it's financial and service plans for 2015 and into the future.

The Council currently spends around £900m each year on more than 350 services. The changing demographics, rising inflation and reduction in funding from central government has meant we have had to find substantial savings which will continue into next year's budget and beyond.

The Council's priority continues to be supporting and assisting those most vulnerable within communities, along with taking action to boost the local economy, safeguarding and creating jobs, and working with communities to help them do more for themselves.

The meetings aim to share plans for the next year and hear from your views and suggestions. Cabinet will be in attendance at each of these events to discuss these challenges in more detail. Information on the meetings is available in the agenda pack. The meetings are expected to run from an hour to a half to two hours.

Those interested in attending a meeting are kindly requested to email <u>sharonl.smith@wiltshire.gov.uk</u> in advance confirming their attendance.

Date	Location	Venue	Time	
26 January	Chippenham	Chippenham	6pm	Refreshments available
		Town Hall		from 5.30pm
27 January	Trowbridge	Atrium, County	5pm	Refreshments available
		Hall		from 4.30pm
3 February	Devizes	Corn Exchange	5.30pm	Refreshments available
				from 5pm
5 February	Salisbury	Guild Hall	5.30pm	Refreshments available
				from 5pm

Meeting schedule: