

# MINUTES

**Meeting:** Salisbury Area Board  
**Place:** Five Rivers Health & Wellbeing Centre, Hulse Road,  
Salisbury.SP1 3NR  
**Date:** 19 September 2024  
**Start Time:** 6.00 pm  
**Finish Time:** 8.45 pm

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## **In Attendance:**

### **Wiltshire Councillors**

Cllr Sam Charleston, Cllr Caroline Corbin, Cllr Sven Hocking, Cllr Dr Mark McClelland, Cllr Charles McGrath, Cllr Ricky Rogers and Cllr Paul Sample JP

### **Wiltshire Council Officers**

Dominic Argar – Assistant Multimedia Officer  
Tamzin Earley – Arts and Funding Manager  
Tara Hunt – Senior Democratic Services Officer  
Karlene Jammeh – Engagement and Partnership Lead  
David Redfern – Director – Leisure, Culture and Communities  
Mark Tucker – Director ICT

### **Partners**

Wiltshire Police – Inspector Tina Osborn  
Wiltshire Police – Chief Constable Catherine Roper

**Total in attendance: 35**

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<u>Minute No..</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>
29	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Brian Dalton.</p>
30	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p>The minutes of the last meeting were presented.</p> <p>It was,</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b></p> <p><b>To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 6 June 2024 as a true and correct record.</b></p>
31	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>In relation to Item 11, Area Board Funding – Cllr Paul Sample JP declared an Other Registerable Interest (ORI) in relation to the Youth Grant application from Wiltshire Creative as his daughter worked for them. Therefore, Cllr Sample would not vote on that application.</p>
32	<p><u>Chairman's Updates</u></p> <p>The Chairman gave the following updates:</p> <p><u>Agenda Order</u> The Chairman noted that he would be amending the agenda order slightly, so that the City Hall update is be taken earlier in the agenda, at item 6 (at 6.15pm).</p> <p><u>Salisbury Transportation Strategy</u> At the last meeting the Board moved a motion under the LHFIG Item:</p> <p>“This Area Board writes to the Cabinet Member for Highways, Street Scene &amp; Flooding and the Director of Highways requesting a report with answers to the Area Board Bid for Funding for Local Schemes from the Salisbury Transportation Strategy held funds and present the report and answers to the requests to the next Area Board meeting”</p> <p>The Chairman stated that unfortunately, no response had been received to that request, which had caused frustration. The Board discussed next steps and the possibility of submitting a motion to Full Council. Cllr Ricky Rogers stated that he could draw something up and they would discuss this further outside of the meeting.</p>

	<p>Cllr Sven Hocking stated that he had been talking to the Cabinet Member for Highways and the Cabinet Member for Transport and was leaning quite heavily on them for answers. Cllr Hocking would feedback to the board.</p> <p><u>A303 Stonehenge tunnel</u></p> <p>In July 2024 the government cancelled the A303 Stonehenge tunnel project due to the unavailability of the funding required to deliver the scheme. This decision was extremely disappointing given the many years of working with our partners and key stakeholders to make the case for A303 improvements, and to have reached the point where the main construction work was almost ready to begin following the successful delivery of an extensive piece of advance works along the A360 route north of Salisbury.</p> <p>The Chancellor’s statement did not recognise the huge investment and amount of work that has already taken place to deliver this much-needed scheme to ease traffic congestion and provide opportunity for significant economic growth along the A303 corridor and within the region.</p> <p>The cancellation also meant that local road network improvements, which were part of the wider project, would now not be delivered.</p> <p>The project was now being closed down by National Highways. Once the details of this and the implications for the council were known, there would be a paper taken to Cabinet for consideration later in the year.</p> <p>Wiltshire Council would be considering the next steps to take, both in terms of continuing to press for improvements to the A303 corridor and for local communities, and the potential for alternative solutions to mitigate the impacts of the cancellation of the A303 Stonehenge scheme.</p> <p>Cllr McClelland queried where the update had come from and the Chairman clarified that it had come from Wiltshire Council Communications at the request of the Cabinet Member for Transport and Assets for her Area Board, and Communications had requested that it go to other relevant Area Board’s such as Salisbury and Stonehenge.</p>
33	<p><u>Information items</u></p> <p>The Board noted the Information Items as set out in the agenda pack, these were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community First</li> <li>• Update from BSW Together (Integrated Care System)</li> <li>• Wiltshire Council <a href="#">Consultation Portal</a></li> <li>• Wiltshire Council Information Items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ FACT Family Help Project</li> <li>○ FACT Transitional Safeguarding Project</li> <li>○ Wiltshire Youth Council</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Gypsies &amp; Travellers Development Plan Consultation</li> <li>○ Cost of Living</li> </ul>
34	<p><u>City Hall Update</u></p> <p><i>Note: This item was taken earlier in the agenda than planned, as announced by the Chairman under his updates.</i></p> <p>At the Chairman’s invitation, David Redfern, Director – Leisure, Culture &amp; Communities, gave an update to the meeting regarding ongoing developments relating to the City Hall.</p> <p>It was that progress was being achieved and that regular updates were issued via the council’s communication channels. Savills had been marketing the venue since mid-June 2024 and that process would conclude in September 2024. An article had been also been published in Arts Professional to ensure that the opportunity had been widely circulated. Savills had confirmed that there had been interest from multiple parties in operating the building on a long lease. At the end of September, Savills would ask interested parties to confirm views on the lease and scheduling. Savills would then make recommendations to the council based on the submissions, and officers would then follow the necessary decision making processes to take things forward.</p> <p>It was stated that given the commercial nature of the discussions until such time as any formal contract was agreed, those discussions would be required to remain confidential, but that the Board would continue to receive updates as soon as possible and practicable.</p> <p>The Board then discussed the update, raising various questions and comments.</p> <p>Cllr Paul Sample JP had submitted a question ahead of the meeting which was published with the agenda. A written response had been prepared and this would be attached to these minutes.</p> <p>Cllr Ricky Rogers stated that he and his wife used to regularly attend events at City Hall. They now had to go to the Weymouth Pavilion which was costing him a small fortune, and he would rather that he was able to attend events locally and spend that money locally. A representative from Wiltshire Creative who was in the audience suggested that he may wish to look at the Salisbury Playhouse Programme so that he could attend events there.</p> <p>Chris Bradley of the group Friends of City Hall requested that a reasonable timeline be provided. Whilst the update was slightly positive, he had concerns there was not yet sufficient progress.</p> <p>Mr Redfern acknowledged the concern, and highlighted the three person team working on the matter, additional service matters within his wider directorate that also required focus, and that as City Hall was a commercially sensitive situation</p>

	<p>he was limited in the information that could be divulged at this time.</p> <p>Cllr Caroline Corbin queried how a contractor could be expected to take up the opportunity if there was no timeline to adhere to, and also highlighted that it took a long time to get a programme of events up and running. Cllr Corbin felt that officers needed to provide a timeline so that contractors could meet it. Mr Redfern stated once an operator was chosen they would develop a timeline which could be met.</p> <p>There was also discussion of the length of time the building had been empty and if Wiltshire Council could provide funds to help a provider get set up and get a programme with good names in place. It was stated that Wiltshire Council did not have such funding set aside, but would see what the multiple interested parties could deliver. Cllrs sought assurance that Wiltshire Council would seek extra funding once the deal was resolved as they did not want City Hall to stagnate as a small venue.</p> <p>Cllr Sven Hocking noted that the matter was commercially sensitive, and the impacts of this, and that Wiltshire Council had to get it right even if it took a bit longer to achieve. As Portfolio Holder for Arts, Heritage, and Tourism he stated that he was pushing hard on the project. He also confirmed that the building was being lit, heated and maintained so it was not deteriorating.</p> <p>Cllr Sample noted that it was good news that the council would make good the building prior to letting it. However, he continued to consider the update had not provided adequate information on progress. He felt that residents and bidders deserved more information including a timeline and he questioned how hard this was being worked on. In response to comments Savills had not done the best job marketing City Hall Mr Redfern stated that no stone was being left unturned to get this over the line.</p> <p>Chris Bradley stated that he appreciated the pressure and the scope of the challenge that the officers faced. However, he suspected that Savills would not come back prior to Christmas, so a decision was unlikely prior to then. He also felt that there would be delays following that with February Full Council considering the budget and then the pre-election period and the elections themselves. So, he felt that a decision was not likely until after the elections.</p> <p>There being no further questions or comments, the update was concluded.</p>
35	<p><u>Partner and Community Updates</u></p> <p>The Board noted the written updates attached to the agenda and received the following verbal updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Underpasses Working Group - Cllr Sven Hocking</b> The group had met earlier in the week. Their mission had been to produce a document detailing who was responsible for what, what works needed doing and who was going to fund it. Progress has been made</li> </ul>

	<p>towards the first two objectives. Examples of the type of works required were extra lighting; grounds maintenance; signage (with phone numbers to report any issues) and walkway improvements. A report commissioned from Atkins had stated that the works would cost £250,000. However National Highways stated that it would cost £1.8 million. Hopefully there would be something tangible to report at the next meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Environment Action Group - Cllr Sven Hocking</b> The notes from the June meeting of the group were in the agenda pack. The group had also met the day before the Area Board and a report on that could come to the next Area Board in November. There was a new Air Quality officer called Bret Warren.</li> </ul>
36	<p><u>Chief Constable Catherine Roper</u></p> <p>At the Chairman’s invitation, Chief Constable Catherine Roper introduced herself to the meeting.</p> <p>The Chief Constable stated that in 2022 Wiltshire Police had been put into ‘engage’ which was similar to special measures as it had not been performing well enough. The Chief Constable had joined in March 2023 and had really focused on what was said in the report. In May 2024 Wiltshire Police came out of the engage status as they had improved, however there was still improvements to be made.</p> <p>His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire &amp; Rescue Services (HMICFRS) undertook the independent assessments. Back in 2022 the force had 8 questions from the HMICFRS and had received poor grading. There had been another assessment in August 2024 where they had 9 questions to be graded on. They had improved in 6 of the areas and remained static on 2. A summary of the report and findings could be seen on the Wiltshire Police website: <a href="https://www.wiltshire.police.uk/news/wiltshire/news/2024/august-2024/Wiltshire-Police-improvements-recognised-in-latest-PEEL-inspection-report/">https://www.wiltshire.police.uk/news/wiltshire/news/2024/august-2024/Wiltshire-Police-improvements-recognised-in-latest-PEEL-inspection-report/</a>. The force would respond to the recommendations, such as improving 999 and 101 call handling. It was noted that the dataset for the report was gathered in March, so was already out of date, with some improvements made since then. The Chief Constable wanted to ensure that Wiltshire Police was providing a consistently excellent service.</p> <p>The Chief Constable then invited questions from those in attendance.</p> <p>Cllr Ricky Rogers queried how often the reports by the HMICFRS were done and whether there was a better system to work with the Police to ensure that they were getting things right.</p> <p>The Chief Constable responded that was a continuous programme of assessment and self-audit. It would be a bit overwhelming if there was a large inspection more than every 2 years, so the Chief Constable liked the way it was done and thought it was a good system.</p>

Cllr Caroline Corbin asked if the force were tested on section 136 of the mental health act (section 136 gives police emergency powers. Police can use these powers if they think someone has a mental disorder, is in a public place and needs immediate help. Section 136 says police must think the person needs immediate 'care or control').

The Chief Constable stated that if someone was in mental crisis and needed support, calling 999 was not always the best response. The force was being assessed on their response to these types of calls and were trying to improve things. There was strategic oversight with the right agencies involved, they wanted vulnerable people to get the right care and to get the correct public service to respond at the right time.

Furthermore, the Chief Constable stated that the police were working really hard on engagement, they were the second smallest force in terms of numbers and covered a large geographical area. So, the force was trying to improve visibility, increase social media presence and were also working with some youth organisations. Wiltshire police had launched a Girlguiding challenge badge, and a Scouting version would be launched on 6 October 2024.

In response to a question from Cllr Charles McGrath on Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) patrols, the Chief Constable stated that a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) had been reintroduced in the City Centre and that Inspector Tina Osborn from the Salisbury Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) would give a further update on ASB shortly.

A member of the audience stated that they ran a women's safety project called Making Our City Safer and had worked on Operation Awake with Detective Chief Inspector Lucy Thorn. This encouraged women in public life to report any misogyny received. They had been horrified by some of the online abuse these women received. They queried how Operation Vigilant was doing.

The Chief Constable stated that Operation Vigilant included ensuring that there was high visibility policing and plain clothes patrols in areas where women felt unsafe or there had been incidents. There was also training for officers such as specialist training on domestic abuse and signals officers should look out for. There had been improved outcomes for Violence Against Women (VAW) offences and arrest rates for domestic abuse had doubled. The Chief Constable would provide a written update to be included with a future Area Board agenda.

The Chief Constable handed to Inspector Tina Osborn to provide answers to some questions the Board had submitted ahead of the meeting.

Questions 1: In relation to ongoing, (and seemingly rising) incidents of ASB in various parts of the city – what is the multi-agency strategy to tackle this better than currently?

Answer 1: The Inspector stated that there had been rising reporting of ASB which gave her a better indication of what was happening in the city and enabled priorities to be set based on those reports. In relation to City Centre drinking, the police had worked hard with Wiltshire Council to get the PSPO back up and running. Signage was now in place so that the PSPO could be enforced. This did seem to have lowered alcohol related issues. 10 tickets had been issued. The police also tried to engage with offenders and signpost them to various sources of help.

MacDonalds had been a hotspot in relation to youth ASB, the police had been working closely with them to try to rectify that. MacDonalds now employed security and at certain times of day turned off the music and Wi-Fi. The police were working with some individuals that had been identified to try to educate them on acceptable behaviour.

An audience member stated that they were surprised Fisherton Street had not been raised in relation to ASB as they were aware of many occasions where shop windows and doors had been smashed. The Chief Constable requested the audience member to email her details. It was highlighted that there was a PSPO related to catapults in place across Salisbury.

Question 2: What comes next after the Safer Streets Funding programme for Salisbury? If the equivalent funding had been spent on new police officers how could this have benefitted Salisbury as a whole (especially places such as Bemerton Heath), rather than just the city centre?

Answer 2: This was a question for the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) to answer so they would take that away and request a written response from the PCC. However, they had recreated dedicated NPT's and as part of that they had successfully bid for funding for ASB patrols. So that would continue but was different to the Safer Streets funding.

Questions 3: Please can we have an update on progress to tackle business crime incidents in the city?

Answer 3: The police worked closely with Salisbury Business Improvement District (BID) who held ShopWatch. They wanted more shops to feedback on what crime was happening and they could provide advice as to how to tackle, such as using security devices. The police would be having a focus week to tackle prolific offenders. The police would engage with them first but would deal with them robustly if they did not stop shoplifting. It was felt that issues were underreported.

Question 4: How does the local Wiltshire Police Team in and around Salisbury work with the Military Police, bearing in mind the increase in numbers of new soldiers in and around the city?

Answer 4: This was probably more relevant to Amesbury, as armed forces may



	<p>visit the city in the evenings at the weekend, but they had not seen an increase in incidents. They police did work with the Royal Military Police (RMP) to combat issues.</p> <p>Cllr Hocking raised concerns regarding the dramatic increase in certain types of shops in the city centre, such as nail bars, barber shops and vape shops. His concern was that there was not a demand for so many of them and that there was a possibility they were linked to organised crime.</p> <p>The Chief Constable highlighted that licensing for shops was not a police matter, however organised crime was. The Chief Constable did not feel that what had been described suggested serious organised crime, and there was no evidence for that.</p>
37	<p><u>Gas Network Update</u></p> <p>At the invitation of the Chairman Susan Day, Stakeholder and Engagement Manager and 2 of her colleagues from SGN provided an update on recent and future gas works around Salisbury. They presented a slideshow which is appended to these minutes.</p> <p>In addition, it was noted that damage to gas mains was usually caused by third parties.</p> <p>SGN received a lot of criticism for blocking off sections of road when there was no one working there. It was explained that when there was a gas escape the area would be shut off for works, but then another leak might occur which was more serious, so they had to go and work elsewhere. It was unplanned activities which caused the issues locally, but they did have to undertake repairs to keep the network safe.</p> <p>It was noted that the future planned work starting on 23 September 2024 was not on The Avenue as stated in the slides, it was Wilton Road. They did try to minimise disruption.</p> <p>Apologies were given that communications had not always been as good as one would hope. SGN would work to improve this.</p> <p>In response to a question from Cllr Charles McGrath on the works in Wilton Road and Devizes Road, why all the issues seemed to be occurring at once and at what point they decided that it was necessary to replace the gas mains. SGN stated that in those areas most of the pipes were cast iron and had been put in at a similar time, and therefore expired at a similar time. There was a replacement plan in place, however this had to be undertaken on a risk basis. They analysed the different types of failures to give a risk score to determine what work was required.</p> <p>Cllr Ricky Rogers stated that he was a builder and had accidentally damaged a</p>

	<p>gas main recently, and SGN responded within 30 minutes.</p> <p>Cllrs highlighted that the public got frustrated and anxious when there was traffic lights set up and no one working there.</p> <p>SGN stated that they used contractors to undertake traffic management for them, for example setting up and taking down temporary traffic lights. There had been some mistakes made with communications to the contractors and SGN had learned from those. A new contractor was being employed to undertake traffic management and SGN would be working more closely with them. It was also highlighted that they needed to follow timelines, for example, tarmac needed time to set, so lights may be up and no one working there as they were waiting for the tarmac to set.</p> <p>In response to a question as to who the traffic management contractor was and whether their contact details could be given so that Cllrs could contact them directly to report issues such as lights being in place and no one working there, it was stated that those issues did have to be reported via SGN. Cllrs could let Susan Day of SGN know of any issues.</p>
38	<p><u>Area Board Priorities</u></p> <p>Cllr Sam Charleston, seconded by Cllr Ricky Rogers, proposed the Area Board priorities and lead Cllrs and it was,</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b></p> <p><b>To agree the following Area Board priorities and lead Cllrs for 2024/25:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Youth engagement, employment and positive activity opportunities – Cllr Ricky Rogers</b></li> <li>• <b>Addressing climate change – Cllr Sven Hocking</b></li> <li>• <b>Supporting positive mental health and wellbeing – Cllr Caroline Corbin</b></li> <li>• <b>Supporting under-represented groups – Cllr Caroline Corbin</b></li> <li>• <b>Improving transport and access – Cllr Sven Hocking</b></li> </ul> <p>Karlene Jammeh, Engagement and Partnership Lead, then gave some further details on actions against the priorities, as follows.</p> <p><b>Youth engagement, employment and positive activity opportunities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue to support the Salisbury Youth Forum of partners and to set up and develop a Safe Spaces network – “The YOU Network”.</li> <li>• Develop the AB youth grants panel in partnership with St Joseph’s School.</li> <li>• Practical support of 2 initiatives in 2024/25 for young people’s mental wellbeing.</li> <li>• Practical support that facilitates access to career development.</li> </ul>

	<p><b>Addressing climate change:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Design, deliver, lead a Flood Preparedness event in the Guild Hall – Nov 2024.</li> <li>• Support the City Council and partners to strengthen Salisbury’s Flood Plan.</li> <li>• Achieve up to date position regarding air pollution.</li> <li>• Monitor outputs of Transportation Strategy and LCWIP in achieving modal shift, joining with community initiatives to support this.</li> </ul> <p><b>Supporting positive mental health and wellbeing:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support engagement activities and initiatives with Safer and Supportive Salisbury.</li> <li>• Continue to support the Salisbury Area Board’s Carer’s Champion and Older People’s Champion in promotion of the Silver Salisbury Programme.</li> <li>• To support dementia support groups and activities.</li> <li>• Improve access to healthcare – Develop new digital support sessions for people needing help to book appointments and renew prescriptions online.</li> </ul> <p><b>Supporting under-represented groups:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lead the 'Foodie' network of local partners.</li> <li>• Support all cultural-based community groups/projects to develop opportunities for support.</li> <li>• Support the community conversations project in Bemerton Heath.</li> <li>• Design, deliver and lead a disability themed engagement event.</li> </ul> <p><b>Improving transport and access:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Co-ordinate the Underpasses Working Group to support improvements, including community artwork initiatives.</li> </ul> <p>In addition, thanks were given to the Salisbury Area Board’s Carer’s Champion Helen Dowse and Older People’s Champion Irene Kohler, and many other individuals and community groups for all their hard work.</p> <p>Furthermore, Cllr Ricky Rogers highlighted that with the help of John Glen MP, an accreditation programme for young volunteers at football matches had started and they presented the first awards a week ago.</p>
39	<p><u>Area Board Funding</u></p> <p>The Board noted the budgets remaining for allocation at the meeting in particular noted that there was not enough budget remaining to award all grants in full.</p> <p><b>Community Area Grants:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• God Unlimited (GUL) requested £5,000 towards a GUL Riverside</li> </ul>

classroom.

James Dwyer of GUL spoke in support of the project. The representative explained that GUL had been operating for nearly 24 years and was requesting the grant to replace a classroom. He was aware that the budget was oversubscribed and was happy to be accommodating however it was quite a time critical project. They mainly supported vulnerable and neuro diverse 8 – 14 year olds.

Cllrs discussed the grant and comments included that the applicant had applied to 3 Area Boards for the maximum of £5,000. There was a suggestion of possibly deferring the grant to the November Area Board and for it come back as a Youth Grant having go through the Youth panel. Some Cllrs highlighted that there were several applications for the maximum of £5,000 which they were not so keen on, as it seemed as though applicants were applying for the maximum that they could rather than knowing specifically the amount required and applying for that.

The applicant highlighted that the total cost of the project was £30,000, hence applying for the maximum of £5,000. There was match funding in place as well.

Cllr Sven Hocking proposed to award £2,000 of the £5,000 requested, this was seconded by Cllr Ricky Rogers.

It was clarified that if this was approved, GUL would not be able to go to the Youth Panel for funding the same project in this financial year.

**Decision:**

**God Unlimited (GUL) was awarded £2,000 towards a GUL Riverside classroom.**

***Reason – The application met the Community Area Grants Criteria 2024/25.***

- Community Transport South Wilts requested £5,000 towards a minibus replacement.

Elizabeth Piner of Community Transport South Wilts spoke in support of the application. The aims and objectives were to provide door to door affordable transport for people struggling to get out.

Cllrs were supportive as they wanted to maximise people's opportunity to get out and about.

Cllr Caroline Corbin proposed to award the full amount of £5,000, this was seconded by Cllr Mark McClelland.

**Decision:**

**Community Transport South Wilts were awarded £5,000 towards a minibus replacement.**

***Reason – The application met the Community Area Grants Criteria 2024/25.***

- Broken Bridges Nature Reserve requested £5,000 towards the purchase of land.

Anne Trevett of Broken Bridges Nature Reserve spoke in support of the application and explained the project.

Cllrs discussed the grant and comments included that Broken Bridges was a lovely path, which many had walked on. Many of the users would be from Salisbury, despite the fact that it was located in the South West Wiltshire Community Area. It was also a small percentage of the total funds required. Others were not sure that Community Area Grant Funding should be used for land acquisition.

Cllr Ricky Rogers proposed to award £3,000 of the £5,000 requested, this was seconded by Cllr Caroline Corbin.

**Decision:**

**Broken Bridges Nature Reserve was awarded £3,000 towards the purchase of land.**

***Reason – The application met the Community Area Grants Criteria 2024/25.***

- 10th Salisbury Scout Group requested £1,500 towards Equipment Store.

Chris Labdon of the 10<sup>th</sup> Salisbury Scout Group spoke in support of the application and explained that the Scout Group did not have their own hall but rented space. Volunteers currently kept the kit in their garages and a rented garage which was very impractical. They had the permission to build a wooden store and this grant was to help towards that.

Cllr Ricky Rogers proposed to award the full amount of £1,500, this was seconded by Cllr Charles McGrath.

**Decision:**

**10th Salisbury Scout Group were awarded £1,500 towards an**

**Equipment Store.**

***Reason – The application met the Community Area Grants Criteria 2024/25.***

- Harnham Sports & Social requested £449.50 towards the purchase of a defibrillator.

James Allen Jones spoke in support of the application on behalf of Sarah Safe and highlighted the need for a defibrillator there.

Cllr Sven Hocking proposed to award the full amount of £449.50, this was seconded by Cllr Caroline Corbin.

**Decision:**

**Harnham Sports & Social were awarded £449.50 towards the purchase of a defibrillator.**

***Reason – The application met the Community Area Grants Criteria 2024/25.***

- Harnham Parish Hall requested £578 towards environmental improvements.

James Allen Jones of Harnham Parish Hall spoke in support of the application.

Cllr Sven Hocking proposed to award the full amount of £578, this was seconded by Cllr Ricky Rogers.

**Decision:**

**Harnham Parish Hall was awarded £578 towards environmental improvements.**

***Reason – The application met the Community Area Grants Criteria 2024/25.***

**Older & Vulnerable Adults Grants:**

- Wiltshire Music Centre requested £1,500 towards their Celebrating Age Wiltshire project.

Rebecca Seymour of the Wiltshire Music Centre spoke in support of the project. The project organised high-quality events across the city and there would be 10 events across the year to support older and vulnerable adults.

Cllr Charles McGrath proposed to award the full amount of £1,500, this was seconded by Cllr Caroline Corbin.

**Decision:**

**Wiltshire Music Centre were awarded £1,500 towards their Celebrating Age Wiltshire project.**

***Reason – The application met the Older & Vulnerable Adults Grant Criteria 2024/25.***

- Area Board Initiative requested £500 towards a Salisbury Area Board disability event.

Karlene Jammeh, Engagement and Partnership Lead, spoke in support of the project to work with Salisbury City Council on a disability inclusion event. They wanted to raise awareness and hopefully attract more volunteers to the Disability Interest Group.

Cllr Caroline Corbin proposed to award the full amount of £500, this was seconded by Cllr Sven Hocking.

**Decision:**

**Area Board Initiative were awarded £500 towards a Salisbury Area Board disability event.**

***Reason – The application met the Older & Vulnerable Adults Grant Criteria 2024/25.***

**Young People Grants:**

- Wiltshire Wildlife Trust (WWT) requested £4,600 towards their Blue Influencers Scheme.

Josh Kearse of WWT spoke in support of the project.

The Salisbury Area Board youth panel had recommended an award of £2,000.

Cllr Caroline Corbin proposed the youth panel recommendation of £2,000, this was seconded by Cllr Sven Hocking.

**Decision:**

**Wiltshire Wildlife Trust (WWT) were awarded £2,000 towards their Blue Influencers Scheme.**

***Reason – The application met the Youth Grant Criteria 2024/25.***

- Kingdom Barbell Youth Development Programme requested £5,000 towards youth weightlifting.

George Barsby of Kingdom Barbell spoke in support of the application. The group were a weightlifting club on Churchfields estate. They had been selected to become an inclusion academy and wanted to get young people involved with weightlifting. They had done a demonstration for the youth panel.

The Salisbury Area Board youth panel had recommended an award of £3,000.

Cllr Caroline Corbin proposed the youth panel recommendation of £3,000, this was seconded by Cllr Sven Hocking.

**Decision:**

**Kingdom Barbell Youth Development Programme were awarded £3,000 towards youth weightlifting.**

***Reason: – The application met the Youth Grant Criteria 2024/25.***

- Wiltshire Creative requested £5,000 towards youth music.

Cllr Paul Sample would not vote on this application due to his declaration of interest detailed under minute 31.

Helen Taylor of Wiltshire Creative spoke in support of the application. Despite the youth panel recommendation, the group hoped that the Board would award this grant in full, as without the full award it could affect big events such as Jam Nights and Band Nights.

The Salisbury Area Board youth panel had recommended an award of £3,500.

Cllr Ricky Rogers proposed the youth panel recommendation of £3,500, this was seconded by Cllr Sven Hocking.

**Decision:**

**Wiltshire Creative were awarded £3,500 towards youth music.**

***Reason: – The application met the Youth Grant Criteria 2024/25.***



The Board considered the report and funding recommendations arising from the last LHFIG meeting held on 4 September 2024. On the proposal of Cllr Caroline Corbin, seconded by Cllr Paul Sample it was,

**Resolved:**

**To approve the LHFIG funding recommendations to the following schemes:**

- **4d – Wyndham Road Unsuitable for HGV Signs – £260**
- **4j – Harnham 20mph Speed Limit Assessment - £3,100**
- **4l – Antelope Square Street Lighting Improvements – £6,400**

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**Question (from Cllr Paul Sample) re. City Hall for Salisbury Area Board on 19 September 2024**

On Wednesday 24th July Wiltshire Council voted to adopt Cllr Richard Clewer's Wiltshire Cultural Strategy 2024-2030. How does Wiltshire Council intend to ensure that the social and community benefits contained in the strategy are applied to the selection criteria for the new leaseholder for Salisbury City Hall?

**Response**

We have been working with Savills to market City Hall to prospective tenants. The key objective is to secure a sustainable commercial deal that is viable for both Wiltshire Council and any future tenant, and which ensures City Hall remains an arts and entertainment venue.

It has been confirmed by Savills that there has been interest from multiple parties in taking a long-term lease to operate the building. To ensure complete due diligence, an article was published in an arts publication which provided one more opportunity to promote the long-lease proposal to the whole of the market. At the end of September Savills will ask interested parties to confirm views on the lease and scheduling. Savills will then make recommendations to the council based on the outcomes.

Given the commercial nature of the discussions, until such time as any formal contract is agreed, those discussions will remain confidential.

As part of the process, we have invited any potential interested tenants to submit social value plans. When appropriate we will have separate discussions relating to the added social value that can be delivered through City Hall and how the venue can contribute to the aims and objectives set out in our new Cultural Strategy for Wiltshire.

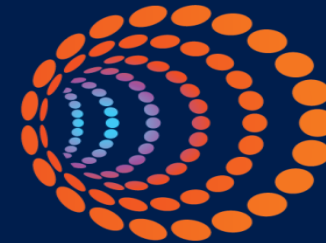
The Area Board will be updated and made aware of any major milestones, including if a deal is reached with a provider.

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# Salisbury Area Board meeting

19 September 2024

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Minute Item 37

# What we do...

**Responsible for Maintaining, Repair and Replacement of the gas network South of England and Scotland**

## Our operational departments

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- **Emergency** responding to public calls for gas escapes, incidents
- **Maintenance** look after pressure regulated equipment and higher pressure pipelines
- **Replacement** responsible for replacement of the gas infrastructure, delivering the regulated 30/30 programme replacing all Tier 1 cast Iron gas mains within 30m of properties by 2032. Replacement of other types of main with risk identified
- **Connections** customer generated connections to the gas networks, this also includes disconnections



# Overview of types of operations

## We carry out several types of work activity affecting communities

- **Emergency** – following public/or identified gas escapes, we have a requirement to respond to uncontrolled escapes within 1hr and controlled within 2hrs – calls significantly increase during winter when demands increase
- **Planned** – working alongside the council Highways Team to plan works – advance notification to customers/wider communications
- **Diversions** - these are customer driven with deadlines attached, normally for other utilities or developers with planned or ongoing works
- **Reinforcement** - new mains that are required to maintain the network at minimum pressures under winter loads, normally a result of housing expansion or additional commercial loads
- **CRG**. This is Condition Review Group approved work. This work is based on identification of an asset that has an increased leakage history over a short span of time and represents an increased risk

# Our emergency teams respond to public reports of gas escapes/leaks

Mains repairs					
	Incode	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
	SP1	12	8	15	3
	SP2	11	18	22	6
	SP4	1	4	6	1
	SP5	4	6	1	
	SP6	3	4	2	3
	SP8	8	17	13	3
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>39</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>16</b>

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Damages					
	Incode	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
	SP1	12	9	7	5
	SP2	10	11	10	5
	SP4	13	12	7	5
	SP5	7	13	4	2
	SP6	2	3	4	3
	SP8	8	9	3	4
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>52</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>24</b>

- Escapes are scored to determine if they need to be worked immediately or can be planned
- Planned escapes mean we may have the opportunity to use innovative methods to repair them such as internal mains spray or the Core & Vac
- In some instances, its deemed that the only suitable method of repair is to replace a section of the main. This is the least favourable option.

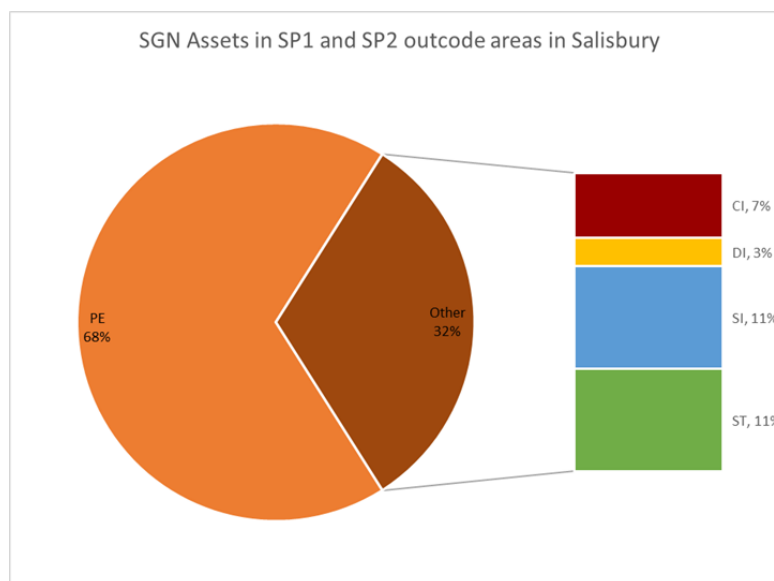


# Salisbury Gas Network Data (data June 2024)

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Category	Material	Length (km)
Plastic	PE	145.20
Non-plastic	CI	14.85
	DI	6.13
	SI	23.73
	ST	23.72
	<b>Total</b>	<b>68.43</b>
<b>Total length (km)</b>		<b>213.63</b>

Category	Material	Percentage
Plastic	PE	68.0%
Non-plastic	CI	7.0%
	DI	2.9%
	SI	11.1%
	ST	11.1%



- PE – Polyethylene
- CI – Cast Iron
- DI – Ductile Iron
- SI – Spun Iron
- ST - Steel



## Tier 1 Iron Mains Remaining (data June 2024)

All tier 1 iron mains within 30m of a property must be replaced by 2032

- Data showing the remaining overall length to be replaced – note: if new properties are built within 30m of a main that currently has no properties within 30m, that main will be added to the population to be replaced

Category	Material	Length (km)
Tier 1	CI	8.03
	DI	5.65
	SI	15.88
<b>Total length (km)</b>		<b>29.56</b>

## Projects planned for 2024/25

- Stratford Road, Salisbury, SP1 3LE – works in progress
- The Avenue, Wilton, Salisbury, SP2 OBT – Leakage driven Tier 1 replacement – starts 23 September
- Seagrim Road, Wilton, SP2 OJY – return required to complete in school holiday 2025

## Locations currently not planned but on our watch list

- Wilton Road, Salisbury Tier 2 steel pipe – from Wilton Road roundabout to roundabout at Fisherton Street

# Communications and Engagement

Planned projects are assessed, high impact projects will have the support of the Stakeholder & Communications team

- Local and community engagement plan
- Bespoke communication, specific details of project – in addition to standard notifications sent to properties directly impacted
- Stakeholder updates and site visits
- Website and social media coverage
- Working with council comms teams to ensure consistent messaging/providing press release

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## Pre-planning and collaborations

Ways we are working to improve forward planning of projects and emergency incident

- Visibility of planned projects making use of Road Manager for collaboration
- Sharing plans year plus in advance with Highways Teams
- Attendance at HAWK meetings – collaboration with other utilities
- **For emergency works** – ensuring Councillors, Stakeholders and Highways teams are kept updated
- Working closer with our Local Resilience Partners – ensuring our



# Winter preparedness for vulnerable customers

## Preparing our people

- New vulnerability awareness training for key roles
- Winter preparedness briefings for all frontline teams
- Volunteer recruitment and briefings

## Four areas of focus

- Providing direct support services to vulnerable customers
- Support for PSR customers – those more impacted by living in a cold and unsafe homes
- Fuel poverty and energy affordability
- Carbon monoxide awareness

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## Energy efficiency tool

- Developed in support with Energy Saving Trust, our website tool provides users with a personalised plan to use energy more efficiently at home

## Extensive partnership network

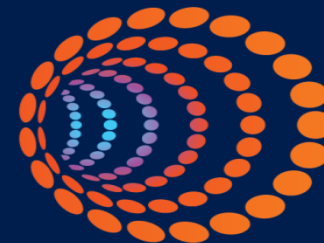
- Extensive partnership network will help us deliver a comprehensive range of programmes to support vulnerable households



# Thank You

## Any Questions ?

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