

MINUTES

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In Attendance:

Wiltshire Councillors

Cllr Derek Brown OBE, Cllr Brian Dalton, Cllr Mary Douglas, Cllr Sven Hocking (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Atiqul Hoque (Chairman), Cllr Ricky Rogers and Cllr John Walsh

Wiltshire Council Officers

Lisa Moore, Democratic Services Officer
Marc Read, CEM - Salisbury
Victoria Moloney, Head of South Wiltshire Economic Recovery
Robert Murphy, Principal Officer, Transport Policy
Richard Walters, Head of Service - Major Projects

Partners

Wiltshire Police – Inspector Pete Sparrow

Total in attendance: 38

<u>Agenda Item No.</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>
20	<p><u>Welcome and Introductions</u></p> <p>The Chairman, Cllr Atiqul Hoque welcomed everyone to the first online meeting of the Salisbury Area Board and invited the members of the Board to introduce themselves.</p>
21	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies for absence had been received from:</p> <p>Cllr Matthew Dean</p>
22	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p><u>Decision</u> The minutes of the meeting held on 16 June 2020 were agreed as a correct record and would be signed by the Chairman.</p>
23	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>Cllr Rogers noted that he had previously worked for the grant applicant Studio Theatre and stated that he would abstain from discussion and the vote on that application.</p>
24	<p><u>Chairman's Updates</u></p> <p>The Chairman gave the following updates:</p> <p><u>Covid-19 Response</u> Salisbury has seen an incredible response to the COVID19 pandemic with volunteers across the city leading the response and strategic partners working collaboratively to support our communities.</p> <p>He gave a personal thank you, to every single person that stepped up and ensured that those members of the city that needed support got it and that nobody was left behind.</p> <p>Noting a recent example of this, when on Silver Sunday (1st October), the Board's Older People's Champion, Irene Kohler, oversaw the delivery of afternoon teas to 175 older people from across the city.</p> <p>For more information about this, and to watch the film that Irene had produced, about what life in lockdown was like for older people in the city, visit www.silversalisbury.co.uk</p>

25	<p><u>Information items</u></p> <p>The Board noted the following written updates and information items attached to the agenda or available online:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Covid 19 • Area Board Boundary Review: A consultation on the Draft Recommendations of the Electoral Review Committee for Area Board boundaries to take effect for May 2021. • Connect 5 – mental health & wellbeing training programme.
26	<p><u>Partner and Community Updates</u></p> <p>The Board noted the following updates available in the agenda:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Police – written update b) Salisbury BID – online c) Air Quality Group – minutes <p>The Chairman also welcomed Inspector Pete Sparrow, who gave a verbal update, the main pointes were:</p> <p>Salisbury had recently been allocated 5 new PC's and 3 new PCSO's from November. This increase would help during these rather strange times.</p> <p>Covid had had a huge impact on crime, it had dropped off in March and April, but was starting to rise again now, however based on averages for the last 2 years, crime still remained low.</p> <p>A recent focus was centred around Culver Street carpark area, with partnership working to try and apply a problem-solving approach. Some funding had been allocated to additional CCTV coverage for the area.</p> <p><u>Questions</u></p> <p>Thank you for all the work that you do. Grateful that we are policed by consent. Aware that in some places where lockdown was eased, some people went crazy, was that the case for Salisbury and if so had it since resumed to normality?</p> <p><u>Answer:</u> One area it did show in was reporting in domestic abuse. Since August this had now dropped back down to the average of where you expect it to be. Could be down to risk assessments or because schools are back, it needs more analysis to see.</p>
27	<p><u>The Maltings and River Park - Update</u></p> <p>The Board received an update from Richard Walters, Head of Service, Major Projects. A copy of the presentation slides are attached to the minutes.</p>

Maltings Regeneration Update:

- In terms of the wider maltings regeneration project, since the pandemic, plans to make purchases has been on hold.
- The previous scheme was reliant on the developer securing buyers for the gym and hotel. With the delivery of that scheme on hold we have had to think again about the wider approach.
- Beyond library block, the council continues with a plan to deliver a regeneration with the benefits that we are seeking.
- Timing conditions on the £6m Local Growth Fund (LGF) Grant required it to be spent by March 2021. Prior to pandemic there were plans to use £4m on a new library and the remainder on the River Corridor Scheme, now named the River Park Scheme.
- Working with partners and LEEP continues.
- Secured funding from Environment Agency of £11m and plans to deliver flood mitigation works.
- Resumed discussions with landowners, over the summer.
- Paper due to be considered by Cabinet in November.
- The market was still in a volatile state, we would need to take careful independent advice.
- The economic landscape had changed significantly

Questions

- Was it fair to say that we were in a situation where the current library site was not likely to change for some time and that the money had been put over to river park, is that it?
- Answer: We have the LGF money which had a deadline on when it had to be spent. If we could have spent in on the Library then we would have, but we moved it to the River Fund project otherwise it would have been lost. We plan to do something with cultural quarter and market walk. We were currently exploring what the opportunities were. It made sense for the library to remain in the maltings regeneration area for time being, it would stay where it was until a new plan could be brought forward.
- Throughout the development of the Maltings we have asked how had the expected shape changed due to use of the internet. It was also likely that Covid had brought forward changes, so what is the shape of the city likely to be, in terms of experience rather than spending?

Answer: The Covid situation had accelerated trends. The way people use the city centre was different these days, it was more about the experiential side of things. The Playhouse, City hall, pubs, restaurants were all experiencing strains, this may go on for some time. It was difficult to know what that would look like even in 12 months' time. There was more demand for residential in city centres and workspace facilities that accommodate new trends.

- A request for updates on four areas of the scheme had been requested by Cllr Rogers ahead of the meeting. He asked that Richard provide those answers to the Board when available. He asked whether there was still a development partner and whether they were solidly involved in the project. The public would like to know.

Answer: The relationship we have with Nuveen was that of a landlord and tenant. The potential to bring in the private sector was still there.

- The timelines of the construction phases and when you know where the permanent home of the library would be, could you bring this to the Board?

Answer: Yes

- In October last year in phase 1 at Malt House Lane, there had been a change of policy by the council to decline signing the new let in favour of a purchase negotiation. Now nothing happening on that site. If you buy out Nuveen would the library still remain on that site?

Answer: During engagement with Nuveen we were making sure the public purse was protected. We could not reach an agreement and they were unable to deliver against that. That site had the benefit for a hotel and a library, there was no reason why we couldn't take that forward in a commercial way. If we make an acquisition, there were other hotel operators out there we could liaise with. There was a demand for more hotel space in Salisbury once the pandemic had reduced.

- Pleased that the £6m had been protected. Sad there was such a keenness to bulldoze the old British Heart Foundation building. Was Travelodge still interested? Answer: I don't know, that is something that Nuveen could negotiate.

- Was Tesco on board in all of this and would the project still be attractive if there were more houses and less shops. How can you develop Market Walk if the library was still there?

Answer: We would not have it as a fully residential scheme, it would need to be mixed use.

- Could something be done to the old Heart Foundation site to make it look better maybe something temporary? Answer: It was owned by Nuveen so not easy to do anything with it immediately. If acquired, we may then

	<p>be able to.</p> <p><u>River Park – update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The basic concept was shown to the Board during the consultation phase. • The whole scheme was based around a partnership with the Environment Agency (EA), with a sizable budget of £18m. The EA was responsible up to the edge of the park at the Maltings. • Development principles included Biodiversity, River Improvements, Flood Risk and Water Management.
28	<p><u>High Street Fund - Update</u></p> <p>The Board received an update from Victoria Moloney, Head of South Wilts Economic Recovery Team.</p> <p>There had been no announcement regarding a decision on the bid for a High Street Fund (HSF). The deadline had been pushed back a month to the end of July. A decision was expected in autumn. The council had been asked for one more piece of work and was still on track for a November timescale.</p> <p>Projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Train Station forecourt, • Fisherton Gateway • Heritage Living & Artisan Space <p>There had been reactions as a result to Covid. There were many listed buildings around Salisbury, which were expensive to hold and change. There was a project to work with landlords across the city.</p> <p>Questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Was the picture of the station a creative representation? <u>Answer:</u> We are at creative representation stage, the designs were not finalised. • What was happening from the railway point of view, they had plans for a double story car park. Was that moving along still? <u>Answer:</u> They support the principle, we would continue the discussions regardless of the outcome of the HSF. They did have a parking programme due to be signed off by department for transport, I will ask for an update on that and feedback.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Was the funding available potentially up to £25m, and was that dependent on phase 2 of People Friendly Streets? <u>Answer:</u> Yes, £25m was the total a location could bid for at one time, our total bid was close to £17m when we tested the proposals. It was for the decisionmakers to decide how that played out. In terms of the phase 2 of the pedestrian project these were separate projects. We would consider at the time, but not a linked project. • What was the feeling on whether we would be successful with the bid? <u>Answer:</u> We would push really hard for Salisbury; it has had a difficult time. However, we cannot predict an outcome, we struggle with the perception that Salisbury was wealthy which is not the case.
29	<p><u>People Friendly Streets</u></p> <p>The Board received a presentation from Robert Murphy, Principal Transport & Development Manager. The presentation slides are attached to the minutes.</p> <p><u>Background and context.</u> One key objective of the Central Area Framework (CAF) was to create People Friendly Streets.</p> <p>A consultation was held in Late July / early Aug 2020, with 784 residents and business owners participating in sharing their views on the scheme.</p> <p>Changes were then made to the consulted scheme and a revised proposed plan produced. These were shown in the presentation. The Experimental Traffic Regulations Orders (ETRO) related to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three bus gates on Castle Street, Fisherton Street and Catherine Street (adding to existing restrictions elsewhere in the city centre) • A 7.5t weight limit (10am to 4pm) • No left turn (except for exempted vehicles) from Chipper Lane on to Castle Street • Removal of on-street pay and display spaces from Catherine Street and Milford Street (west of Brown Street) <p>A council decision was made on 29 September, following consultation with Police and others.</p> <p>Jo Pattison – Parking Services Manager explained that the basis of the scheme was that people could still access the area if they fit into one of the listed criteria.</p> <p>Proposed enforcement system:</p>

User	Details
Blue Badge holders	Pre-register via the MiPermit portal with two vehicle registrations
Residents (within low traffic zone) and their visitors	Will need to apply for an access permit via the MiPermit portal
Buses / Coaches	Vehicle registrations obtained from bus / coach companies; others will be identified by Parking Services reviewing camera footage and adding the vehicle registration to an approved list of exempt vehicles.
Taxis	Vehicle registrations will be added to the approved list from Taxi Licensing data/records
Loading / Unloading	Communications with local businesses to establish an initial approved list
Collections / drop-offs at shops	Shops will need to apply for permit on behalf of customer
Funerals and weddings	Permit required (details tbc)
Builders / demolition vehicles	Permit required (details tbc)
Utility vehicles	Vehicle registrations obtained from utility companies; others will be identified by Parking Services reviewing camera footage and adding the vehicle registration to the approved list

There would be an approved list of number plates such as taxis and buses, and all vehicles passing through the area would be monitored by a camera enforcement system. Users were able to apply on the MiPermit portal to register if they met the criteria.

When a vehicle was captured entering the area, it would go into a viewing suite, to be assessed. If it was a bus or taxi or a vehicle that met the criteria it would then be added to the approved list of users.

Because it was known that some people may drive into the area not realising there was a need for a permit, there would be a period of time where the council would issue warning notices. This would be an interim period only.

Rob noted that there was the ability to make changes, so the scheme would be monitor and the information looked at to understand what was going on in Salisbury. Vivacity Labs had been commissioned to record the data. There would also be additional air quality monitoring.

The council was also developing a contingency plan with Highways England to

	<p>address trigger points with appropriate actions.</p> <p>An additional £1.3m in funding had also been secured from SWLEP. Some of the schemes to be developed would be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refurbishments and improvement in Culver Street. • An eCycle hire scheme and additional cycle parking • Parklets - to be installed • Bus stop replacements and reconfiguration • Car share scheme expansion • New wayfinding markers <p><u>Questions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would the pay and display be removed or remain in chipper lane, as the trade in the evening heavily relied on a delivery service. <u>Answer:</u> Delivery drivers were able to apply for loading and unloading permits which were valid for a month. If a business was regularly using a vehicle we could extend the permit time if needed. Not onerous and all permits are free. • I am a member of the safer Salisbury Group, many of the blue badge holders do not use the internet or have a mobile phone, some have no idea about the scheme, they are very worried. As the council had a list of all blue badge holders, could you write to them to advise on how they can pre-register? <u>Answer:</u> We are in the process of contacting all blue badge holders in the Salisbury area. Those without access to the internet, all you have to do is provide the serial number, and the team would provide the badges for them. • Could Salisbury consider allowing registering cars that were tax exempt? <u>Answer:</u> We would have to look at the legality of that. • What would happen if a visitor with a blue badge came in? <u>Answer:</u> We always advise and educate on a first occasion for blue badge holders. • This is a trial which gives us a chance to do lots of things we would not normally be able to do.
30	<p><u>Area Board Funding</u></p> <p>Funding available at this meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Area Grants £46,420 • Youth Funding £20,532 • Health & Wellbeing £3790

The Board considered the funding requests as detailed in the report attached to the agenda.

Community Area Grants

My Salisbury - Community Journalism Media Training, requested £4971.92

Andy Munns spoke in support of the project to run workshops to enable community journalists to represent the city. To purchase equipment to enable more people to take part due to not having their own equipment.

Decision

My Salisbury was awarded £4971.92 towards the Community Journalism Media Training .

Reason – The application met the Community Area Grants Criteria 2020/21

Studio Theatre – Ground Works, requested £4384.80

Hugh Abel spoke in support of the project to carry out groundworks at the theatre site.

Decision

Studio Theatre was awarded £4384.80 towards the Ground Works.

Reason – The application met the Community Area Grants Criteria 2020/21

Young People Funding

Rise 61 – Creative Hub, requested £5000.

Robin Imeson spoke in support of the project which was also supported by the Bemerton Heath Inter Agency group. Helping young people tell a different story with their lives.

Decision

Rise 61 was awarded £5000 towards the Creative Hub.

Reason – The application met the Community Area Grants Criteria 2020/21

Health & Wellbeing Funding

Cancer Support Salisbury – requested £1000
Sue Waldron spoke in support of the project.

Decision

Cancer Support Salisbury was awarded £1000 towards the set up costs.

	<p><u>Reason</u> – The application met the Community Area Grants Criteria 2020/21</p> <p>Wiltshire Music Centre, Celebrating Age Phase 2, requested £1500 Cassy Tate spoke in support of the project.</p> <p><u>Decision</u> Wiltshire Music Centre was awarded £1500 towards the Celebrating Age Phase 2 project.</p> <p><u>Reason</u> – The application met the Community Area Grants Criteria 2020/21</p>
31	<p><u>Close</u></p> <p>The Chairman thanked everyone for attending the online meeting and noted that the next meeting of the Salisbury Area Board would be held online on Thursday 3 December 2020, at 6.00pm.</p>
<p><u>Presentation Slides</u></p>	