

Wiltshire Council

Full Council

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Item 6 – Public Participation

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To Cllr Richard Clewer, Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for MCI, Economic Development, Heritage, Arts, Tourism and Health & Wellbeing and Interim Cabinet Member responsible for Finance & Procurement, Commissioning and Commercialisation

I have recently been made aware of the sudden formation of the Chippenham Town Centre Partnership Board. My questions about this are:

Question (P22-03)

- a) Who, and at which point, was it decided who the Board members would be?

Response

The establishment of a partnership board was included in the cabinet report July 2021. That included the likely members of the partnership and that it would be chaired by the local MP. As a partnership it is for that body to decide who should be invited to be board members for the benefit of Chippenham not Wiltshire Council. The model follows national best practice.

- b) The ToR states "*Partner organisations will be asked to align their resources and activity with the activities proposed by the principal leads*". Does this mean that CTC is bound by what is decided within the Board and the Board can overrule CTC resolutions?

Response

The purpose of the board is to align resources and strategically plan for Chippenham town centre. There is no way in which the board can and would overrule the governance of the individual partners in terms of the use of their resources and decision. The Governance section of the Boards ToR is instructive and is reproduced below,

The Chippenham Town Centre Partnership Board will provide strategic direction, serve as a sounding board and oversight for the Programme of activities it will define and agree. It is not a fund holding body so partner organisations will be responsible for the individual projects commissioned by them, seeking authority and reporting through their established reporting structures including seeking the necessary authority for the involvement of the Place Board.