

Council

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 15 OCTOBER 2024 AT COUNCIL CHAMBER - COUNTY HALL, BYTHESEA ROAD, TROWBRIDGE, BA14 8JN.

Present:

Cllr Bridget Wayman (Chairman), Cllr Christopher Newbury (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Phil Alford, Cllr Liz Alstrom, Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling, Cllr Nick Botterill, Cllr David Bowler, Cllr Richard Britton, Cllr Richard Budden, Cllr Clare Cape, Cllr Trevor Carbin, Cllr Daniel Cave, Cllr Mary Champion, Cllr Sam Charleston, Cllr Pauline Church, Cllr Ernie Clark, Cllr Richard Clewer, Cllr Zoë Clewer, Cllr Mark Connolly, Cllr Caroline Corbin, Cllr Kevin Daley, Cllr Brian Dalton, Cllr Jane Davies, Cllr Andrew Davis, Cllr Matthew Dean, Cllr Dr Monica Devendran, Cllr Nick Dye, Cllr Adrian Foster, Cllr Gavin Grant, 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 George Jeans, Cllr Johnny Kidney, Cllr Carole King, Cllr Gordon King, Cllr Jerry Kunkler, Cllr Jacqui Lay, Cllr Kathryn Macdermid, Cllr Robert MacNaughton, Cllr Dr Brian Mathew MP, Cllr Laura Mayes, Cllr Dr Mark McClelland, Cllr Charles McGrath, Cllr Dominic Muns, Cllr Dr Nick Murry, Cllr Nabil Najjar, Cllr Kelvin Nash, Cllr Jack Oatley, Cllr Andrew Oliver, Cllr Ashley O'Neill, Cllr Stewart Palmen, Cllr Sam Pearce-Kearney, Cllr Tony Pickernell, Cllr Horace Prickett, Cllr Nic Puntis, Cllr Tamara Reay, Cllr Pip Ridout, Cllr Ricky Rogers, Cllr Tom Rounds, Cllr Paul Sample JP, Cllr Mike Sankey, Cllr Jonathon Seed, Cllr James Sheppard, 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 Stuart Wheeler, Cllr Philip Whitehead, Cllr Suzanne Wickham, Cllr Christopher Williams, Cllr Graham Wright and Cllr Robert Yuill

56 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Helen Belcher OBE, Chuck Berry, Allison Bucknell, Steve Bucknell, Sarah Gibson MP, Howard Greenman, Simon Jacobs, Edward Kirk, Ian McLennan, Paul Oatway QPM, Bill Parks, Antonio Piazza and Richard Rogers.

In addition, it was noted that Cllr Ian Thorn would not be present during the morning session due to a personal matter, and Cllr Gordon King would be deputising on behalf of the Liberal Democrat Group.

57 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 24 July 2024 were presented for consideration. On the proposal of the Chairman, seconded by the Vice-Chairman, it was:

Resolved:

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

58 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

59 **Chairman's Announcements**

Through the Chair there were the following announcements:

a) **Chairman's Engagements**

A list of engagements attended by the Chairman since 24 July 2024 were detailed as set out below:

- 3 September 2024 - Merchant Navy Day flag raising ceremony, County Hall, Trowbridge
- 22 September 2024 - Wiltshire Campaign for the Protection of Rural England Best Kept Village Competition presentation day. Winning plaques were presented to Upper Seagry (medium village award), Hankerton (small village award), Ashton Keynes (large village award), and Urchfont (Laurence Kitching 'winner of winners' award).

b) **Medals**

The following Wiltshire and Swindon resident received a medal during this period:

- Lisa Hall, Coronation Medal (for direct contribution to Coronation on 6 May 2023), Scouts, North Swindon

c) **Staff Announcements**

The Chairman noted that since the previous meeting Lucy Townsend had formally begun her role as Chief Executive on 16 August 2024 and wished her every success in her new position.

The Chairman also updated Council about other changes to the council's Extended Leadership Team since the last meeting, following meetings of the Officer Appointments Committee.

Darryl Freeman had been appointed as Interim Corporate Director, Children and Education, and Florah Shiringo had been appointed as the Interim Director, Families and Children.

The Chairman further placed on record her thanks and best wishes to Andy Brown, Deputy Chief Executive and Corporate Director, Resources, who had accepted the post of Deputy Chief Executive and Executive Director, Finance

and Corporate Services (Section 151 Officer), at Surrey County Council. On behalf of the Council the Chairman expressed gratitude for his work and wished him every success in his new role, which he started on 14 October 2024.

c) Deaths

It was noted that former MP for the Devizes Constituency known as Michael Ancram had passed away on 1 October 2024. He was MP for the constituency from 1992 to 2010. The Chairman had sent the council's condolences go to his friends and family.

d) Agenda

The Chairman explained that the Motion 24-09 had been withdrawn by the mover and seconder, so would not be considered at the meeting.

60 **Petitions**

An updated report set out in Agenda Supplement 2 was presented which gave Council details of the seven petitions received since the last meeting of the council, together with the response which had been provided.

On the proposal of the Chairman, seconded by the Vice-Chairman, it was:

Resolved:

That Council notes the update on petitions as detailed in Agenda Supplement 2.

61 **Public Participation**

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

Details of six questions submitted and the responses to them were set out in Agenda Supplement 2.

Questions which did not relate to an agenda item were received under this item.

Question P24-28 – Colin Gale (Chairman of Rushall Parish Council)

A supplementary question was asked by Mr Gale about whether the drain head could be rebuilt as soon as possible on Devizes Road, Rushall.

Cllr Nick Holder, Cabinet Member for Highways, Street Scene and Flooding, responded that he would discuss the issue further with officers and that a written response would be provided in due course.

Question P24-28 – Colin Gale (Chairman of Rushall Parish Council)

Mr Gale asked a supplementary question about whether full clearance of the drainage ditch for Rushall Bridge could be programmed quickly given the wet weather conditions expected in the coming months.

Cllr Holder explained that the instruction to clear the ditch had been issued and it would be programmed in due course. He would speak to officers to find out further information and contact Mr Gale with a date when the works could take place.

62 **Annual Update on the Council's Response to the Climate Emergency**

The Chairman called upon Cllr Dominic Muns, Cabinet Member for Waste and Environment, to introduce the annual update on the council's response to the climate emergency. He moved the recommendations included within the report, which were seconded by Cllr Richard Clewer, Leader of the Council.

Cllr Muns reported that significant progress was being made against all the climate strategy delivery themes. The council was on track to meet its objective of being carbon neutral, in its direct emissions, by 2030. He explained that the council's Climate Delivery Strategy Plan and Carbon Neutral Council Plan would be fully updated by the end of the year to set out the priorities for 2025 and beyond. He noted that Wiltshire Council directly controlled around 0.2 percent of Wiltshire's emissions, and was increasing support to residents and businesses to help them reach net zero. He gave thanks to officers for their hard work in driving forward the plans and highlighted that a full list of the achievements would be included in the delivery plan presented at the end of the year.

Group Leaders were then given the opportunity to comment. Cllr Richard Clewer, Leader of the Council, reiterated the progress that was being made towards reducing the council's direct emissions and stated that he would welcome a faster reduction in emissions across the county as a whole. He emphasised that he was continuing to lobby hard through UK 100, the Countryside Climate Network, and the County Council Network to ensure that the views of rural communities were represented to national policymakers. He welcomed that there were not currently any air quality exceedances in the county and that there had been an increase in the rate of tree planting.

Cllr Gordon King, Deputy Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group, stated that he agreed with the importance of reducing emissions. He recognised that setting wide ranging objectives within a set timeframe was a large undertaking and that some slippages would be inevitable. He was pleased that the work to reduce the council's direct emissions was largely on track and commended the work that had taken place.

Cllr Ricky Rogers, Leader of the Labour Group, stated that he was broadly in support of the direction of travel and gave thanks to officers for the tremendous work that they were doing.

Cllr Graham Wright, the Chairman of Climate Emergency Task Group, also took the opportunity to praise officers. He explained that the task group had met the previous week and would meet again the following week, continuing its ongoing work to explore and assess work taking place.

The Chairman then opened the item for general debate.

There was praise for the efforts made by Wiltshire Council in reducing its direct emissions, including within its Highways department. However, some members expressed frustration that there had not been greater progress in reducing indirect emissions, including from outsourced contracts and burning waste. It was claimed that a recent report had estimated that 30 percent of emission reductions nationwide required intervention from local authorities, and that local authorities could influence up to 82 percent of emissions.

Other areas discussed included the importance of healthy rivers and the efforts being made to reduce transport emissions. It was noted that the Wiltshire Connect on demand bus service in Pewsey Vale had improved uptake in public transport. There were plans to extend the scheme towards Malmesbury and Mere, which would also help to drive down overall emissions.

At the conclusion of the discussion, Cllr Muns welcomed the comments made about the reduction in the council's direct emissions. In response to some of the concerns raised about indirect emissions, he noted that Wiltshire Council was extracting information about the environmental impact of its suppliers, so it could consider this data as part of contract negotiations. Evidence of this was that Milestone and Wiltshire Council had been shortlisted for the Edie Net Zero Awards in the category of supply chain decarbonisation. He also felt that generating energy from some waste was a pragmatic step that was more beneficial than landfill. He emphasised the importance of public opinion in reducing emissions and boosting recycling.

It was then,

Resolved:

That Full Council notes the actions taken in response to the climate emergency following the last update in October 2023, including the council's annual Greenhouse Gas Report, the KPI scorecard, and the direction of travel for 2025.

63 **Wiltshire Local Plan Review - Submission of Draft Plan**

The Chairman called upon Cllr Nick Botterill, Cabinet Member for Finance, Development Management and Strategic Planning, to introduce the report. Cllr Botterill moved the motion set out in the report, which was seconded by Cllr Richard Clewer, Leader of the Council.

Cllr Botterill gave an overview of the complex processes, including formal consultation processes, that had taken place ahead of production of the the

draft Local Plan, explaining that over 10,000 responses had been received and considered. He outlined some of his concerns about national changes to the way that housing need was calculated, which he felt had seen a shift in the prioritisation of development from cities to rural areas. He reported that Wiltshire was expected to deliver 3,476 new homes per year under these changes, an 81 percent increase on the previous target of 1,911.

Cllr Botterill reported that the draft Local Plan presented was realistic and sound. He outlined some of the key principles within it, including achieving high environmental standards, delivering affordable housing, and a brownfield site first approach. He urged Council to recommend that the draft Local Plan be submitted to the Inspector, as it would mean that Wiltshire would benefit from transitional arrangements set out in the government's consultation on the changes to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). This would allow the housing numbers that underpinned the draft Local Plan to be used going forward, although a new draft Local Plan would have to be developed in the longer term to meet the government's revised targets.

Public statements were then received from Andrew Nicolson, Wiltshire Climate Alliance, and Adrian Temple Brown.

Group Leaders were then given the opportunity to comment.

Cllr Richard Clewer, Leader of the Council, endorsed Cllr Botterill's view that the draft Local Plan should be sent to the Inspector. He commended the plan, explaining that new housing would be built to net zero standards and would achieve a 20 percent biodiversity net gain. Other benefits of the draft Local Plan were that it would improve the council's control over what, and how, development was built, by giving it a six-year housing land supply. It would also deliver military and affordable housing. He criticised attempts in Full Council to delay progression of the draft Local Plan to its Reg 19 consultation in 2023.

Cllr Gordon King, Deputy Leader of the Liberal Democrats Group, thanked officers for providing a briefing about the proposals. He noted that he regretted that an amendment put forward by the Liberal Democrat Group, in July 2023, to undertake a further Reg 18 consultation had been defeated.

Cllr Ernie Clark, Leader of the Independent Group, agreed that the draft Local Plan should be submitted to the Inspector and felt that there had been sufficient opportunity for people to put their views forward. He observed that local plans were always contentious and that some parish councils would likely take the plan to judicial review.

Cllr Ricky Rogers, Leader of the Labour Group, highlighted his disappointment that an amendment proposed by Cllr Ian McLennan had been rejected and so would not be moved at the meeting, but noted that he respected the decision. He reiterated that the Labour Group had concerns about Core Policy 30 (Land East of Church Road, Laverstock) in the draft Local Plan and the protection that it offered to small villages. However, he felt that it was important for the Local

Plan to be updated, and he called for greater progress towards developing the engine sheds site in Salisbury.

The Chairman noted that the issue raised by Cllr McLennan needed to be raised with the Inspector.

The item was then opened to general debate by the Chairman.

There were numerous comments criticising the increase in the government's housing targets for Wiltshire and stressing the importance of having an up-to-date Local Plan to ensure that decisions were not forced upon communities. Several members raised specific concerns about the housing allocation in their divisions. A member expressed regret that a site that had not been listed when the draft Local Plan went out for Reg 18 consultation had been added by the time of the Reg 19 consultation. Frustrations were also expressed that Wiltshire was currently unable to demonstrate a five-year housing land supply and that, in their view, the appropriate infrastructure was not in place to support the level of development required by central government. There was also a comment that the draft would likely not be approved due to the increased requirements imposed by central government.

A number of the new policies in the draft Local Plan were welcomed. Some of the updated policies were singled out for praise, including Core Policy 87 (Embodied Carbon) for helping to reduce emissions, Core Policy 96 (Water Resources), for protecting water supplies, and Core Policy 65 (Existing Employment Land) for protecting local businesses. Another suggestion was that the wording of some core policies could be strengthened to provide greater protection, including Core Policy 92 (Conserving and Enhancing Dark Skies). Evidence of recently approved housing developments failing to comply with national space standard requirements was requested to be published.

Following concerns raised about the highway infrastructure available to support development near the Harnham area of Salisbury, Cllr Nick Holder, Cabinet Member Highways Street Scene and Flooding said that he would ask officers to provide information about the A338 Salisbury Junction to Salisbury Area Board.

At the conclusion of the debate, Cllr Botterill welcomed the support for submitting the draft Local Plan to the Inspector. He stated that as long as the draft Local Plan was submitted for inspection within a month of the government's responses to the NPPF, it could be assessed under existing policy arrangements. He also clarified that there would be an opportunity for residents to have a further say if the draft Local Plan was submitted to the Inspector. He then advised that the query about space standards should be raised with officers.

He also took the opportunity to respond to some of the local issues raised by members about their divisions. He acknowledged the challenges associated with clearing contamination on the brownfield site at the engine shed in Salisbury and stated his desire to move the project forward. He noted that there

were complexities in securing developer funding for a new railway bridge in Westbury but that they were still looking at ways which it could be delivered.

Cllr Botterill emphasised that it did not appear there was sufficient interest from developers, or enough tradespeople, to deliver 3,500 homes per year in the county.

At the conclusion of the debate, it was:

Resolved:

That Full Council, having considered the response from the formal consultation:

- 1) Approves the submission of the Wiltshire Local Plan Review, Pre-submission Draft Plan at Appendix 1 to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government for independent examination together with relevant associated documentation;**
- 2) Directs that submission is accompanied by a request that the Inspector appointed to carry out the examination recommends any modifications necessary to make the Plan sound and legally compliant in accordance with Section 20(7C) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended); and**
- 3) Authorises the Director of Planning to take or authorise such steps as may be necessary for the independent examination of the Plan to be completed, including:**
 - a) Make appropriate arrangements for submission of the Plan and the completion and submission of all documents relating to the Plan;**
 - b) Make all necessary arrangements for examination including - the**
 - c) appointment of a Programme Officer; the undertaking and/or**
 - d) commissioning of other work necessary to prepare for and participate at examination; proposing main and/or minor modifications to the Plan and/or modifications to the Policies Map; entering into Memorandums of Understanding and Statements of Common Ground; and the delegation to officers and other commissioned experts to prepare and submit evidence, representations and submissions to the examination and, where necessary, appear at any hearing sessions and represent the council; and**
 - e) Implement any consequential actions relating to the examination,**
 - f) including undertaking any consultation that may be necessary, and publishing the recommendations and reasons of the person appointed to carry out the examination.**

In accordance with the constitution there was a recorded vote.

Votes for the motion (80)

Votes against the motion (1)

Votes in abstention (1)

Details of the vote are attached as an appendix to the minutes.

64 **Enforcement Policy**

The Chairman called upon Cllr Richard Clewer, Leader of the Council, to introduce the item. Cllr Clewer moved that the Enforcement Policy be adopted, which was seconded by Cllr Laura Mayes, Deputy Leader of the Council.

Cllr Clewer spoke in support of the motion, explaining that enforcement was vital in preventing harm to people and the environment. It also ensured that there was a level playing field in the planning system. He argued that the policy would be a good way of bringing all the council's enforcement policies together to ensure a joined-up approach. He noted that complex enforcement situations often required enforcement in a number of different areas and was pleased to report that fly tipping was down by 40 percent.

Other Group Leaders then had the opportunity to comment.

Cllr Graham Wright, Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee, praised the new policy and urged Council to adopt it.

The item was then opened to wider discussion and debate by the Chairman.

A number of comments were made in support of the motion. Praise was given for the partnership work between agencies, such as the Canal and River Trust. The increase in resources for the Enforcement Management Group and reduction in fly tipping were also welcomed.

A number of members emphasised the need to make sure that policies were enforced in a proportionate 'common sense' manner, for example when people left second hand items outside of their homes. Other issues discussed included the balance between protecting civil liberties and ensuring strong financial penalties for those breaching policies.

One member stressed the importance of ensuring that projects, due to be implemented by Wiltshire Council using S106 funding, were delivered in a timely manner, so that the council was setting a good example to other agencies.

Cllr Clewer then had the opportunity to respond to the points raised. He welcomed the support for the proposals and reassured Council that the need for proportionately was referenced throughout the Enforcement Policy. He noted that £0.800m had been invested into resourcing enforcement and reiterated that the policy would help to prevent harm to people and the environment.

At the conclusion of the debate, it was then,

Resolved:

That Full Council adopt the Enforcement Policy as set out at Appendix 1.

In accordance with the constitution there was a recorded vote.

Votes for the motion (83)

Votes against the motion (0)

Votes in abstention (0)

Details of the vote are attached as an appendix to the minutes.

65 **Statement of Licensing Policy**

The Chairman called upon Cllr Dominic Muns, Cabinet Member with responsibility for Licensing, to introduce the item. Cllr Muns moved the proposals, which were seconded by Cllr Peter Hutton.

Cllr Muns explained that Wiltshire Council had a statutory duty to review its Licensing Policy every five years and that there were approximately 2,000 licensed premises in Wiltshire that were covered by the policy. He confirmed that a public consultation, that had taken place between April and May 2024, had received 35 responses, most of which related to Temporary Event Notices. He explained that there were no substantial changes to the policy although, some of the wording relating to Temporary Event Notices had been revised to reflect the feedback. Cllr Muns took the opportunity to thank the public that had participated in the consultation as well as officers for their work on the revised draft. He also thanked the Licensing Committee for scrutinising the draft policy and for recommending its adoption by Council.

Group Leaders then had the opportunity to comment on the motion.

The Chairman then opened the item for general debate.

Cllr Hutton, Chairman of the Licensing Committee, reassured Council that they held a number of licensing sub-committees throughout the year to ensure that the four licensing objectives were upheld. He reported that he had asked officers to ensure that a comprehensive training package was in place for new members joining after the elections in May 2025.

There being no further comments in debate or summation, it was then,

Resolved:

That Full Council approved the Statement of Licensing Policy (2024-2029) (Appendix 1) under the Licensing Act 2003 which will come into effect from 1 November 2024.

In accordance with the constitution there was a recorded vote.

Votes for the motion (80)
Votes against the motion (0)
Votes in abstention (1)

Details of the vote are attached as an appendix to the minutes.

66 **Statement of Gambling Principles**

The Chairman invited Cllr Dominic Muns, the Cabinet Member with responsibility for gambling policy, to introduce the report. Cllr Muns moved that the statement of gambling principles be adopted, which was seconded by Cllr Peter Hutton.

Cllr Muns explained that local authorities had a statutory obligation to review their statement of gambling principles every three years. He highlighted that the statement did not apply to online gambling. However, small lotteries, betting shops, adult gaming centres and family entertainment centres would be covered by the policy. A consultation had been held in July and August, with 14 comments received. All the comments had been reviewed and the feedback added to the updated policy, but there had not been no substantial changes.

Group Leaders then had the opportunity to comment on the statement.

The Chairman then opened the item to wider debate.

The Chairman of the Licensing Committee, Cllr Hutton, reported that Wiltshire Council did send out communications highlighting the dangers of excessive online gambling. Even though online gambling was not technically a responsibility of Wiltshire Council they did see it as part of their duty of care to residents.

There being no further comments in debate or summation, it was then,

Resolved:

That Full Council approves the Gambling Statement of Principles (2025-2027) (Appendix 1) under the Gambling Act 2005 which will come into effect from 1 January 2025.

In accordance with the constitution there was a recorded vote.

Votes for the motion (77)
Votes against the motion (0)
Votes in abstention (0)

Details of the vote are attached as an appendix to the minutes.

Senior Management Structure - Changes and Designation of the statutory function of Director of Children's Services (DCS)

The Chairman invited Cllr Ashley O'Neill, Cabinet Member for Governance, IT, Broadband, Digital and Staffing, to introduce a report regarding the designation of statutory roles following changes to the senior management structure at the council. He moved the recommendations as set out in the agenda, which were seconded by Cllr Richard Clewer, Leader of the Council.

Cllr O'Neill noted that the appointment of the new Chief Executive, Lucy Townsend, had created a vacancy in the role of Corporate Director, People. An interim appointment was made for a Corporate Director for Children and Education to partially replace the role of Corporate Director People. He explained that the Chief Executive had used emergency powers to designate the statutory role of Director of Children's Services to that role and was also intending to appoint a Corporate Director for Care and Wellbeing. He asked that Council agree to abolish the role of Corporate Director, People, approve the new role of Corporate Director for Care and Wellbeing and to note the creation of the new Corporate Director for Children and Education post. The Corporate Director Resources would also lose the designation of Deputy Chief Executive.

He reported that the Chief Executive felt that the changes would increase the ability of the council to deliver preventative measures and improve outcomes for residents. The budgetary implications of the change in roles was outlined.

Group Leaders then had the opportunity to comment on the proposals.

Cllr Richard Clewer, Leader of the Council, stated that he saw the creation of the additional post as a sensible move given the high proportion of the council's budget that was spent on caring for vulnerable adults. Given that resources supported the delivery of other services he also felt it was appropriate for this to be a corporate director role. He explained that the management structure was a matter for the Chief Executive but was done in close consultation with political leaders at the council.

Cllr Gordon King, Deputy Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group, endorsed the changes, which he felt reflected the priorities of the council.

The Chairman then opened the item for debate. There being no comments received, it was then,

Resolved

That Council:

- 1) Approves the deletion of the post of Corporate Director People;**
- 2) Approves the creation of the new post of Corporate Director Care & Wellbeing;**

- 3) **Note and ratify the designation of statutory role of Director of Children's Services (DCS) to the new position of Corporate Director, Children and Education;**
- 4) **Note that other designated statutory roles are unchanged as a result of the restructure and remain with existing posts:**
 - a) **Head of Paid Service, Returning Officer (RO) and Electoral Registration Officer (ERO) with the post of Chief Executive**
 - b) **Section 151 with the post of Director – Finance and Procurement**
 - c) **Director of Adult Services (DASS) with the post of Director – Adult Social Care**
 - d) **Director of Public Health (DPH) with the post of Director – Public Health**
 - e) **Monitoring Officer with the post of Director - Legal and Governance**

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at approximately 12:50pm until 1.30pm.

68 **Motion No. 2024-05 - Winter Fuel Payments**

The meeting reconvened at approximately 1:35pm.

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

Cllr Threlfall introduced the motion by speaking in objection to the government's decision to end winter fuel payments for pensioners not in receipt of pension credit. She described the decision as precipitous and stated that it would force many people to choose between eating and heating. She provided statistical information in support of the view that the decision could impact many pensioners near the poverty line and even lead to excess deaths.

It was stated a large proportion of the 160k pensions living in Wiltshire would face an income reduction for the coming winter and noted that Wiltshire has a higher proportion of pensioners than the national average, with many eligible but not currently in receipt of pension credits. A contrast was made with the decision to end the winter fuel payment for many less well-off pensioners, whilst simultaneously committing to award pay rises to workers on what could be considered comfortable salaries. Cllr Threlfall argued that it was essential that Wiltshire Council signposted pensioners to where they could get help and encouraged Council to support the motion requesting the Chancellor of the Exchequer review the decision.

Cllr Richard Clewer, Leader of the Council and relevant Cabinet Member, agreed with Cllr Threlfall's statements. He argued that that the decision by the government to withdraw winter fuel allowance for pensioners, at the same time as awarding £9 billion in above inflation pay increases in an unsuccessful attempt to prevent public sector strikes, was the wrong priority. He highlighted

that most pensioners had a fixed income, so a future uplift in the state pension would cover other rises in the costs of living and not the withdrawal of the winter fuel allowance. He reported that the Department of Work and Pensions and Wiltshire Council were working to encourage eligible pensioners to claim pension credit.

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

Other Group Leaders then had the opportunity to comment on the motion.

Cllr Ian Thorn, Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group, congratulated Cllr Threlfall on moving the motion, which he fully supported. He criticised the onerous process that pensioners had to go through to apply for pension credit and emphasised the importance of ensuring that Wiltshire Council communicated with people that were impacted by the changes.

Cllr Jon Hubbard, deputising for the Independent Group Leader, noted that they would give their views on an individual basis, but stated his personal concerns about the winter fuel payment decision and about the impact on the most vulnerable, though he questioned why Council had not raised similar concerns about decisions made during the previous government.

Cllr Ricky Rogers, Leader of the Labour Group, explained that, whilst he disagreed with much of the preamble to the motion, he did support the motion itself. He reported that the General Secretary of the Unite Union had moved a similar motion at the Labour Party conference. He noted that some wealthier pensioners did not need the winter fuel payment and stated that his preference would have been for the government to set a higher threshold, so it was targeted to those most in need, but was happy to support the motion as set out.

The Chairman then opened the debate for general discussion.

There were a large number of comments from members across all of the political groups in support of the motion. Many members expressed their strong opposition to the government's proposal to withdraw the winter fuel payments. Several members shared concerns from their relatives about the withdrawal of the winter fuel allowance and highlighted the difficulties that they had had in helping them to apply for pension credit.

Other comments made included raising the disproportionate impact that the measures would have on Wiltshire, the financial backdrop to the decision and need for some difficult decisions to be made by government, discussion over the level of payment reduction which would occur as a result of the decision, the role of town or parish councils in highlighting the issue, and how to raise appropriate awareness.

Some members felt that the wording of the motion could be strengthened by mandating, rather than requesting, that officers coordinate a social media and press campaign to help pensioners register for pension credits. Others raised

what they considered inconsistency in the Council not raising objections to previous government policies which they considered had impacted vulnerable persons in Wiltshire.

There was wide agreement about the need to raise awareness about pension credit, so that those entitled to claim it were doing so. It was noted that Wiltshire Council would work closely with the Department for Work and Pensions to raise awareness. The Department for Work and Pensions would be writing to all pensioners in receipt of housing benefit on 1 November, to encourage them to apply for pension credit before 21 December. In addition to publishing information on Wiltshire Council's website, and through social media, leaflets would be available in Wiltshire's libraries being run as warm spaces. Members could also encourage information to be sent out via, area boards, town and parish councils, parish magazines and other channels. It was also noted that the Wiltshire's MPs might have the opportunity to raise the issue in Parliament.

Cllr Richard Clewer, as the relevant Cabinet Member, then had the opportunity to respond to the points raised during the debate. He welcomed the broad agreement across Council and said that he would look forward to writing to the Chancellor as requested.

Cllr Threlfall, as mover of the motion, thanked councillors for their support. She noted that she was satisfied with the wording in the motion requesting officers to help pensioners register for pension credits.

It was then,

Resolved:

We therefore request that the Leader of the Council write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Rachel Reeves MP, urging a review of Labour's decision to end the Winter Fuel Payment. We also encourage officers to coordinate a social media and press campaign to show Wiltshire residents how to check their eligibility and register for pension credits.

In accordance with the Constitution there was a recorded vote.

Votes for the motion (74)

Votes against the motion (0)

Votes in abstention (3)

Details of the recorded vote are attached to these minutes.

69 **Motion No. 2024-06 - Private Motor Vehicles**

On the invitation of the Chairman, Cllr Dominic Muns proposed the motion as set out in the agenda, which was seconded by Cllr Nick Holder.

Cllr Muns emphasised the importance of retaining public opinion in working towards net zero targets and warned against counterproductive forms of environmental activism. Concerns were raised by Cllr Muns that the impact of imposing Low Traffic Neighbourhoods (LTNs) was often to disperse, rather than reduce, traffic. He argued that the rural landscape of Wiltshire meant that careful consideration would be required before introducing such measures in the county. Statistical evidence was provided, including that 44 percent of Wiltshire's population lived in villages and that 28 percent of people were unable to access a town centre within half an hour, by walking or using public transport. Cllr Muns emphasised that the motion did not divert from Wiltshire Council's Air Quality Action Plan but recognised the disparity in travel opportunities between Wiltshire's residents and those in large urban conurbations.

Cllr Tamara Reay, Cabinet Member with responsibility for transport, responded and welcomed the motion. She was pleased to report that Wiltshire's Local Transport Plan would come forward to Cabinet in November 2024 and that transport emissions in Wiltshire had fallen by two percent over the past year. She stressed that she was keen to do more to improve the availability of sustainable transport options and spoke about several measures that were being implemented, such as 23 electric busses being purchased for use in Salisbury from 2026. Other examples included the introduction of the Wiltshire Connect demand responsive transport service, which had been used by over 48,000 people, and the creation of seven new Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans in towns.

Members of the public that had registered to make a statement were then given the opportunity to speak.

Andrew Nicholson, on behalf of Wiltshire Climate Alliance, and Katherine Reed both made statements in opposition to the motion.

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

Group Leaders were then given the opportunity to comment.

Cllr Richard Clewer, Leader of the Council, welcomed the motion. He spoke about the need to ensure that decarbonisation did not penalise residents. He noted that environmental policy needed to be implemented in a way that respected the rural character of Wiltshire, including its reliance on the use of private motor vehicles. He explained that lots of good work was going on to support active travel in Wiltshire but that he would not support measures to force people out of their cars unless alternative dedicated infrastructure was in place. He argued that cars should be decarbonised, not penalised.

Cllr Ian Thorn, Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group, stated he could not support the motion, which he argued was trying to solve a problem that did not exist, and that he did not see the logic of a motion from the group that ran the council telling themselves how to run the council. He agreed that high car usage

was necessary in the county and that policies should require community support but described the motion as divisive for communities.

Cllr Ricky Rogers, Leader of the Labour Group, explained that he was confused about the need for the motion when there were not any plans to introduce LTNs in Wiltshire.

The Chairman then opened the item for general debate.

During the debate Cllr David Vigar, proposed an amendment, which was seconded by Cllr Adrian Foster, to add the following wording to the end of the motion:

This council will pursue all means to increase accessible and affordable walking and cycling opportunities, as well as public transport services, across the county to provide sustainable alternatives to car travel.

Cllr Muns, the proposer of the original motion, did not accept Cllr Vigar's suggestion as a friendly amendment. He explained that Wiltshire Council was already taking measures to increase opportunities for sustainable travel, so the additional wording was unnecessary. He also emphasised that punitive measures were being implemented in other parts of the country to restrict car use that would not be appropriate in Wiltshire.

Group Leaders then had the opportunity to comment on the proposed amendment.

Cllr Clewer, Leader of the Council, stated that he could not support the amendment as he did not feel that it was thought through. He explained that agreeing to support all means would create an open-ended financial commitment that had the potential to bankrupt the council.

Cllr Thorn, Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group, welcomed the amendment and thought that it showed healthy ambition.

Cllr Jon Hubbard, deputising for the Independent Group, commented that the original motion refused to support any scheme to force people out of private vehicles and the amendment supported all means to help people do this, with both therefore being open ended.

Cllr Rogers, Leader of the Labour Group, stated that he remained open minded on the amendment.

The Chairman then opened the amendment to general debate.

Points made in support of the amendment included that it encouraged the promotion of health in the community. A member noted that a study of LTAs had shown that they helped to promote walking and to reduce crime.

Points made in opposition to the amendment included that it would create an unlimited financial commitment, was an example of reactive policymaking and was unnecessary given that the original motion did not oppose all schemes to reduce vehicle usage.

Cllr Vigar, as mover of the amendment, then had the opportunity to comment. He stated that his amendment would not create an unlimited financial commitment and had been deliberately misinterpreted by some members. He said that he would be content to amend the wording to 'any economical means' if it reassured members. He also highlighted that it committed to pursuing, rather than adopting, all means.

The mover of the original motion, Cllr Muns, then had the opportunity to comment.

There was then a vote on the amendment.

Votes for the amendment (27)

Votes against the amendment (41)

Votes in abstention (7)

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.

The Chairman re-opened debate on the original motion.

There were comments endorsing points raised during debate on the amendment.

Views expressed in support of the motion emphasised that measures to restrict car use tended to have a disproportionate impact on poorer and disabled drivers, and that the motion did not dilute the council's commitment to promoting active travel. The motion was praised as a measure against what some members perceived to be extreme policies implemented in other areas. It was stated that it that pay-per mile schemes could be imposed in future and that LTNs had been forced on some other areas despite strong local opposition.

Speaking in opposition to the motion some members stated that LTNs often enjoyed the support of residents in areas where they were implemented. There were several comments from members emphasising that they were not aware of any plans to impose schemes on Wiltshire to restrict car use, so did not see a need for the motion. Other statements criticised the language in the motion as inflammatory and argued that the motion should be worded in a more positive fashion to promote active travel.

Cllr Reay, the Cabinet Member with responsibility for transport, was given the opportunity to speak in accordance with the constitution.

At the conclusion of the debate, Cllr Muns, mover of the motion, stressed that the logic of the motion was simple and that it acknowledged the discrepancy in travel opportunities between Wiltshire residents and those living in large cities. He highlighted that some members that had described the motion as unnecessary had also expressed reservations about schemes implemented schemes in Bath and North East Somerset or Oxfordshire. He also reemphasised that the motion did not dilute the council's commitment to tackle air quality.

It was then,

Resolved:

We ask that this Council refuses to support any scheme that seeks to force people out of their private vehicles without a high quality, efficient, reliable and cost-effective alternative. Until every person who stands to be affected by such schemes has a viable alternative means of travel for education, employment, healthcare, and leisure, we request that this Council refuses to incorporate such controls over our residents.

In accordance with the Constitution there was a recorded vote.

Votes for the motion (41)

Votes against the motion (23)

Votes in abstention (12)

Details of the recorded vote are attached to these minutes.

70 **Motion No. 2024-07 - Five-Year Land Supply**

On the invitation of the Chairman, Cllr Nick Botterill proposed the motion as set out in the agenda, which was seconded by Cllr Philip Whitehead.

Cllr Botterill identified what he saw as the deep flaws in the use of the housing land supply metric in the planning system. He highlighted that Wiltshire Council had granted permission for around 18,000 unbuilt homes, enough to demonstrate at least a nine-year housing land supply based on current requirements. However, as only 47 percent of the homes granted permission were expected to be completed by March 2028, the council was only able to demonstrate a 3.85-year housing land supply based on government measurements. He reminded Council that as Wiltshire was not able to demonstrate a five-year housing land supply, the tilted balance in the planning system restricted their ability to prevent speculative development on green field sites.

It was argued that deficiency in the housing land supply was due to the actions of developers rather than Wiltshire Council. He argued that the system created an incentive for developers not to build on allocated sites, as it gave them a better chance of gaining permission to build on more lucrative but unallocated sites. As a result many large local authorities were unable to demonstrate the

requisite housing land supply. Cllr Botterill encouraged Council to support the motion to urge the new government to rethink the current system.

Cllr Richard Clewer, Leader of the Council, stated that the issues raised went to the heart of what was wrong with the planning system, as the way that the five-year land supply was measured allowed developers to game the system. He informed Council that the latest figures were that Wiltshire had approved planning permission for 18,837 unbuilt homes and there were around one and a half million nationwide. He emphasised that Wiltshire needed to build homes in accordance with the Local Plan but risked having decisions imposed at appeal that were only in the interests of developers.

He reported that he had lobbied the previous government heavily about this issue and that they had started to take his feedback onboard. He had also met with the new minister in his capacity as housing spokesperson for the County Council Network to press for a system that compelled developers to build. He emphasised that no developer would be willing to build houses at a rate which saw average house prices fall.

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

Other Group Leaders were then invited to comment on the motion.

Cllr Ian Thorn, Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group, spoke in support of the motion. He stated that different governments had been happy to allow the development industry to provide virtually all the country's social housing and huge swathes of its social infrastructure, rather than enforcing plan led development. He felt that the system had been working against communities for decades. He also noted that he had recently read that Dorset was able to demonstrate a five-year housing land supply.

Cllr Thorn then proposed an amendment to add the following words to the end of the motion, seconded by Cllr Gordon King, as he argued that developer inaction was a key factor:

Council also calls on the Leader of the Council to write to the Secretary of State to introduce legislation to compel developers to build consented plots within a set timescale.

The meeting then adjourned at approximately 4:20pm and returned at approximately 4:35pm.

When the meeting resumed, Cllr Botterill confirmed that he would not accept the amendment as a friendly amendment.

The Chairman then invited Group Leaders to comment on the proposed amendment.

Cllr Clewer, Leader of the Council, explained that he was unable to support the amendment as the legislation relating to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) already existed and Wiltshire Council had already made representations about it. He also stressed that if all 18,837 unbuilt homes approved in Wiltshire were completed within a set timescale that it could far exceed the demand for housing. Although he welcomed the intention of the amendment, he felt it was a blunt instrument that would have unintended consequences.

Cllr Jonathan Seed interjected to propose that the meeting move to the vote, noting the proposer of the amendment, Cllr Thorn, was not present to speak to his amendment. Cllr Richard Britton seconded Cllr Seed's proposal.

Cllr Paul Sample JP sought to raise a point of order that Cllr Thorn had been held up in a queue.

The Chairman called for a vote on whether to put the amendment proposed by Cllr Thorn to a vote without further debate. After the vote, she declared that there were a majority against, and that debate would proceed.

Cllr Seed then raised a point of order seeking a recorded vote to confirm a majority had been against his proposal. The Chairman confirmed she was of the view there had been a majority and debate would therefore proceed.

Upon his return Cllr Thorn was invited to speak on his amendment in his capacity as Group Leader of the Liberal Democrats. Cllr Thorn described his amendment as common sense and said it got to the heart of the issue.

Cllr Jon Hubbard, deputising for the Independent Group, spoke in support of the amendment as he felt that it reinforced the original motion.

Cllr Ricky Rogers, Leader of the Labour Group, stated that he supported the amendment as well as the sentiment of the original motion.

After the Group Leaders had spoken, the Chairman then opened the general debate on whether to add the amendment to the motion.

Statements in objection to the amendment included that the only realistic mechanism to compel developers to build was to withdraw permissions and that this would exacerbate issues with the five-year land supply. It was felt that the only solution was to reform the way in which the five-year housing land supply was measured so that Wiltshire Council were held accountable for the number of permissions granted and developers were accountable for the completion rate.

Statements in support of the amendment noted that central government were the only body that could compel developers to build and that it would strengthen the original motion.

At the conclusion of the debate on the amendment, Cllr Thorn was given the opportunity to speak as its proposer. He noted concerns raised about the potential withdrawal of permissions. However, he highlighted that the request to compel developers to build was not made in isolation but was part of a representation asking the Secretary of State to review the wider five-year land supply mechanism. He also noted that withdrawing planning permission on site would have a significant impact on the balance sheet of housebuilding companies.

Cllr Botterill, the proposer of the original motion, then responded, emphasising that compelling all permissions to be built in five years would create a significant oversupply. He believed building that number of houses was undeliverable in that timeframe and compelling developers in that way would not withstand legal challenge.

There was then a vote of whether to add the amendment to the motion.

Votes for the amendment (25)

Votes against the amendment (35)

Votes in abstention (0)

Details of the recorded vote are attached to these minutes.

The Chairman gave the opportunity to the Group Leaders that had not already spoken on the original motion to do so.

The Chairman then opened original motion to general debate.

One member stated that he did not see the need for the debate as the new government's consultation on changes to the NPPF had closed on 24 September. He stated that the position of the new government was, in his view, that all planning authorities should be compelled to maintain a five-year housing land supply. He did not believe that there was any chance of the government changing their position. Another member stated that it was Wiltshire Council's responsibility to stand up against development that was not in accordance with the democratically approved Local Plan.

Other issues discussed included how Wiltshire Council was going to make progress towards demonstrating a four-year housing land supply before the government passed its legislation on the NPPF.

Cllr Botterill, as the mover of the motion, was given the opportunity to make closing remarks. He stated that emerging local plans at latter stages of scrutiny, such as Wiltshire's, would continue to be examined under the version of the NPPF they were submitted under. He also confirmed that it had been announced that local authorities would be required to demonstrate a five, rather than four-year housing land supply. Whilst he wanted Wiltshire to demonstrate a five-year supply he did not feel this was not possible without cooperation from developers.

It was then,

Resolved:

This Council calls on the Leader of the Council to write to the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, the Shadow Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government and the MPs representing Wiltshire to make them aware of the manifest flaws in the Housing Land Supply measure as currently applied and as proposed as part of the government's planning reform consultation.

In accordance with the Constitution there was a recorded vote.

Votes for the motion (59)

Votes against the motion (1)

Votes in abstention (1)

Details of the recorded vote are attached to these minutes.

71 **Motion No. 2024-08 - Wiltshire's Rivers**

On the invitation of the Chairman, Cllr Robert MacNaughton, proposed the motion as set out in the agenda, which was seconded by Cllr Ashley O'Neill.

Cllr MacNaughton stated that he felt very strongly that human waste needed to be taken out of Wiltshire's rivers. He explained that lots of people he met shared his deep concern about the state of rivers and the natural environment, including local MPs. He referenced public reporting stating that 84 percent of Britain's rivers were in poor health. He noted that Calne had held its first river festival in 2021, for the River Marden, and a well-attended river blessing in 2023, so there was widespread support for improving river quality. He then spoke about the importance of Wiltshire Council working constructively with water companies to understand what they were going to do to reduce the amount of sewage in Wiltshire's rivers.

Cllr Dominic Muns, the Cabinet Member for Waste and Environment, responded and spoke in support of the motion.

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

Group Leaders were then invited to comment on the motion.

Cllr Richard Clewer, Leader of the Council, welcomed the motion, which he felt would send a strong message to water companies about the need to meet their legislative responsibilities. He explained that Natural England and European Union policy had put too much onus on new housing developments to address nutrient issues in rivers. He felt that there had also been a long-term underinvestment in infrastructure.

Cllr Ian Thorn, Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group, praised Cllr MacNaughton and those that had worked alongside him for drafting the motion. Cllr Thorn then shared his experiences of attending river blessings with Cllr MacNaughton and outlined some of his concerns about the natural environment.

The Chairman then opened the motion to wider debate.

There were many comments made in general support of the motion. The need to have constructive dialogue with water companies was stressed, especially given well reported concerns about regulation, investment in infrastructure, and setting the right level of bills for consumers. One member noted that they had spoken to Wessex Water in advance of the meeting and that they had stated that they welcomed the opportunity to work with Wiltshire Council. Another suggestion was for an overarching water policy for the county that included upgrading septic tanks and measures in the draft Local Plan to reduce water consumption in new homes.

The impact the rivers could have on public health and safety was also raised, especially during times of flooding. It was reported that water companies attended the two Operational Flood Working groups in Wiltshire and held productive discussions about issues such as storm overflow into rivers. It was suggested that the Wessex Rivers Trust charity could also be invited to meetings. There was also praise for the cross-party way in which the motion had been prepared.

At the conclusion of the debate, the Cabinet Member, Cllr Muns, then had the opportunity to comment.

Cllr MacNaughton, as mover of the motion, thanked his fellow councillors for working on a cross-party basis and for their supportive comments.

It was then,

Resolved

- 1) Council is disappointed by the water industry's failure to prevent sewage being discharged into Wiltshire's Rivers. We call on water companies operating in Wiltshire; Wessex Water, Thames Water, and Southern Water to make the required investment to protect our Rivers as a priority.**
- 2) Council requests a meeting with executives of Wessex Water, Thames Water and Southern Water to receive greater clarity on future investment in the overdue upgrades to our sewage systems in Wiltshire.**
- 3) Council calls on Wessex Water, Thames Water and Southern Water to join the Council in engaging with the government and Oftwat to discuss how the burden of the necessary investment in Wiltshire is addressed.**

In accordance with the Constitution there was a recorded vote.

Votes for the motion (60)
Votes against the motion (0)
Votes in abstention (0)

Details of the recorded vote are attached to these minutes.

72 **Motion No. 2024-09 - Resurfacing Works, Western Way, Salisbury**

The Chairman noted that the motion proposed by Cllr Ricky Rogers and seconded by Cllr Caroline Corbin, had been withdrawn. It was noted that resurfacing works on Western Way either had, or were about to, commence.

73 **Motion No. 2024-10 - Salisbury Transportation Strategy**

On the invitation of the Chairman, Cllr Ricky Rogers proposed the motion as set out in the Summons, which was seconded by Cllr Sam Charleston.

Cllr Rogers explained that Salisbury Area Board had been seeking information for a lengthy period about its bid to the Salisbury Transportation Fund through the Local Highway and Footway Improvement Group (LHFIG). He explained that the Area Board had gone through due process but had yet to receive an answer.

Cllr Tamara Reay, Cabinet Member with responsibility for transport, was then given the opportunity to respond directly to the motion, but had no comment.

The Chairman moved that the motion be referred to the Leader for appropriate action without debate, which was seconded by the Vice-Chairman. Cllr Rogers confirmed that he was happy for the matter to be referred to the Leader. It resolved the Leader would therefore write to the proposers of the motion, with a copy sent to all Members of the Council, advising them what steps he proposed to take.

It was therefore,

Resolved:

To refer the motion to the Leader for any appropriate action.

74 **Proposed Changes to the Constitution**

The Chairman invited Cllr Ashley O'Neill, Cabinet Member with responsibility for Governance, to move the motion to approve the proposed changes to the Constitution, which was seconded by Cllr Richard Clewer, Leader of the Council.

Cllr O'Neill referred Council to the report details in the agenda setting out proposed changes to Protocol 2 (Terms of Reference of the Wiltshire Pension Fund Committee and Local Pension Board) and Protocol 6 (Complaints Procedure) of the Constitution.

Group Leaders then had the opportunity to comment. Cllr Ricky Rogers, Leader of the Labour Group, stated that the changes were well written and supported the motion.

The Chairman then opened the item for general debate.

A statement was made in general support of the motion, and it was noted that the changes had been considered by the Constitution Focus Group and Standards Committee.

There being no further comments in debate or summation, it was then,

Resolved:

That Council approve the following updated sections of the Constitution:

- 1) Protocol 2A - Terms of Reference of the Wiltshire Pension Fund Committee**
- 2) Protocol 6 - Complaints Procedure**

In accordance with the Constitution there was a recorded vote.

<i>Votes for the motion</i>	<i>(59)</i>
<i>Votes against the motion</i>	<i>(0)</i>
<i>Votes in abstention</i>	<i>(0)</i>

Details of the recorded vote are attached to these minutes.

75 **Appointments Report**

The Chairman invited Cllr Ashley O'Neill, Cabinet Member with responsibility for governance, to move the motion to extend the appoint of the council's Independent Persons, which was seconded by Cllr Richard Clewer, Leader of the Council.

Cllr O'Neill explained that changes had been requested by officers and would allow the appointed Independent Persons to continue their service beyond the end of the council term, until August 2025. The changes would allow any Code of Conduct related matters to be appropriately dealt with until additional recruitment took place.

Group Leaders then had the opportunity to comment before the Chairman opened the item for general debate.

A comment was made in support of the proposals and thanks were given to the independent members for their hard work and analysis in interacting with and advising regarding Code of Conduct complaints.

There being no further comments in debate or summation, it was then,

Resolved:

That Council extend the terms of the council's three Independent Persons until August 2025.

76 **Announcements from Cabinet and Committees**

There were no announcements.

77 **Membership of Committees**

Group Leaders proposed changes to membership of committees. On the proposal of the Chairman, seconded by the Vice-Chairman, it was then,

Resolved:

1) To make the following changes to Committees:

- **That Cllr Mike Sankey be removed as a Member of the Standards Committee, Children's Select Committee, and Northern Area Planning Committee**
- **That Cllr Mike Sankey also be removed as a Substitute for the Standards Assessment Sub Committee and Western Area Planning Committee.**
- **That Cllr Richard Britton be added as a Member of the Standards Committee.**
- **That Cllr Caroline Thomas be added as a Member of the Children's Select Committee.**
- **That Cllr Ashley O'Neill be added as a Member of the Northern Area Planning Committee.**
- **That Cllr Iain Wallis be added as a Substitute for the Standards Committee.**
- **That Cllr Nick Holder be added as a Substitute for Western Area Planning Committee.**
- **That Cllr Stuart Wheeler be added as a Substitute for the Northern Area Planning Committee and the Western Area Planning Committee.**
- **That Cllr Sam Pearce Kearney be added as a Member of Eastern Area Planning Committee.**
- **That Cllr Dr Brain Mathew MP be removed as a Member of the Eastern Area Planning Committee.**
- **That Cllr Bowler be added as a Substitute to the Eastern Area Planning Committee.**

2) That Council ratify the reappointment of Marlene Corbey to the Local Pension Board as a Scheme Member representative (Unison representative) for a period of four years.

78 **Questions from Members of the Council**

The Chairman highlighted that there were 11 questions submitted by Members for the meeting within the scope of the constitution. The questions, together with any written responses, were listed in Agenda Supplement 2.

It was noted that the questions submitted by Cllr David Vigar had been taken under Minute 63. As Cllr Edward Kirk sent his apologies for the meeting, a written response to Question 24-35 would be included with the minutes.

For Question 24-36 relating to Stone Circle, Cllr Jon Hubbard asked supplementary questions on whether the houses purchased were all used to meet demand on the housing list and whether any priority had been given to care leavers. He also asked whether there would be any payment of the referenced loan before the expiry of the 50-year period and, if so, how those payments were being met.

Cllr Phil Alford, Cabinet Member for Housing, said that he would provide a written response to the supplementary questions.

(Duration of meeting: 10.30 am - 5.55 pm)

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Item 18 – Members’ Questions

From Cllr Edward Kirk – Trowbridge Adcroft Division

To Ian Blair-Pilling, Cabinet Member for Public Health, Communities, Leisure and Libraries

Question (24-35)

At the Trowbridge Area Board on Thursday 3rd October, where the Cabinet Member for Leisure, Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling provided an update and asked for any questions from the Public or Councillors on the Trowbridge Leisure Centre, which is being built on the East Wing Car Park. The Cabinet Member refused/declined (failed to answer) my question on what the alternative plans were for Staff Car Parking and whether Residents/Visitors and Workers in the Town (the Public), would still receive Free Car Parking on Saturdays and Sundays in the remaining County Hall car parking spaces.

The Cabinet Member made bold statements regarding the high level of project management and planning behind this much needed Trowbridge Leisure Centre and stated that the planning application is already in and that they have a projected start date of early next year. Given these facts, I do not think it is unreasonable to have a direct answer now to the question:

What are the alternative plans for Staff Car Parking and will the Public still receive Free Car Parking on Saturdays and Sundays in the remaining Wiltshire Council Staff Car Parking spaces at County Hall?

Response:

Following the proposal to build the new the new Trowbridge Leisure Centre on the County Hall east wing site, there will be less available space at this location. A car parking review is being undertaken to both understand occupancy rate of staff car parks and to replace the majority (if not all) of spaces that will be lost because of the Leisure Centre build to ensure there continues to be adequate spaces to accommodate staff and visitors

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Recorded Votes – Council – 15 October 2024

Details of resolutions included within the minutes

Item 8 – Wiltshire Local Plan Review

Voting		
Vote	Councillors	Count
For	<p>Cllr Phil Alford, Cllr Liz Alstrom, Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling, Cllr Nick Botterill, Cllr David Bowler, Cllr Richard Britton, Cllr Richard Budden, Cllr Clare Cape, Cllr Trevor Carbin, Cllr Daniel Cave, Cllr Mary Champion, Cllr Sam Charleston, Cllr Pauline Church, Cllr Ernie Clark, Cllr Richard Clewer, Cllr Zoë Clewer, Cllr Mark Connolly, Cllr Caroline Corbin, Cllr Kevin Daley, Cllr Jane Davies, Cllr Andrew Davis, Cllr Dr Monica Devendran, Cllr Adrian Foster, Cllr Gavin Grant, Cllr Ross Henning, Cllr Sven Hocking, Cllr Nick Holder, Cllr Jon Hubbard, Cllr Peter Hutton, Cllr Tony Jackson, Cllr Mel Jacob, Cllr George Jeans, Cllr Johnny Kidney, Cllr Carole King, Cllr Gordon King, Cllr Jerry Kunkler, Cllr Jacqui Lay, Cllr Kathryn Macdermid, Cllr Robert MacNaughton, Cllr Dr Brian Mathew MP, 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 Andrew Oliver, Cllr Stewart Palmen, Cllr Sam Pearce-Kearney, Cllr Tony Pickernell, Cllr Horace Prickett, Cllr Nic Puntis, Cllr Tamara Reay, Cllr Pip Ridout, Cllr Ricky Rogers, Cllr Tom Rounds, 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 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>	80
Against	Cllr Matthew Dean	1
Abstain	Cllr Brian Dalton	1

Item 9 – Enforcement Policy

Voting		
Vote	Councillors	Count
For	<p>Cllr Phil Alford, Cllr Liz Alstrom, Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling, Cllr Nick Botterill, Cllr David Bowler, Cllr Richard Britton, Cllr Richard Budden, Cllr Clare Cape, Cllr Trevor Carbin, Cllr Daniel Cave, Cllr Mary Champion, Cllr Sam Charleston, Cllr Pauline Church, Cllr Ernie Clark, Cllr Richard Clewer, Cllr Zoë Clewer, Cllr Mark Connolly, Cllr Caroline Corbin, Cllr Kevin Daley, Cllr Brian Dalton, Cllr Jane Davies, Cllr Andrew Davis, Cllr Matthew Dean, Cllr Dr Monica Devendran, Cllr Nick Dye, Cllr Adrian Foster, Cllr Gavin Grant, 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 George Jeans, Cllr Johnny Kidney, Cllr Carole King, Cllr Gordon King, Cllr Jerry Kunkler, Cllr Jacqui Lay, Cllr Robert MacNaughton, Cllr Dr Brian Mathew MP, 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 Andrew Oliver, Cllr Stewart Palmen, Cllr Sam Pearce-Kearney, Cllr Tony Pickernell, Cllr Horace Prickett, Cllr Nic Puntis, Cllr Tamara Reay, Cllr Pip Ridout, Cllr Ricky Rogers, Cllr Tom Rounds, 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 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>	83
Against	None	0
Abstain	None	0

Item 10 – Statement of Licensing policy

Voting		
Vote	Councillors	Count
For	<p>Cllr Phil Alford, Cllr Liz Alstrom, Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling, Cllr Nick Botterill, Cllr David Bowler, Cllr Richard Britton, Cllr Richard Budden, Cllr Clare Cape, Cllr Trevor Carbin, Cllr Daniel Cave, Cllr Mary Champion, Cllr Sam Charleston, Cllr Pauline Church, Cllr Ernie Clark, Cllr Richard Clewer, Cllr Zoë Clewer, Cllr Mark Connolly, Cllr Caroline Corbin, Cllr Kevin Daley, Cllr Brian Dalton, Cllr Jane Davies, Cllr Andrew Davis, Cllr Dr Monica Devendran, Cllr Nick Dye, Cllr Adrian Foster, Cllr Gavin Grant, Cllr Ross Henning, Cllr Sven Hocking, Cllr Nick Holder, Cllr Ruth Hopkinson, Cllr Jon Hubbard, Cllr Peter Hutton, Cllr Mel Jacob, Cllr George Jeans, Cllr Johnny Kidney, Cllr Carole King, Cllr Gordon King, Cllr Jerry Kunkler, Cllr Jacqui Lay, Cllr Robert MacNaughton, Cllr Dr Brian Mathew MP, 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 Andrew Oliver, Cllr Stewart Palmen, Cllr Sam Pearce-Kearney, Cllr Horace Prickett, Cllr Nic Puntis, Cllr Tamara Reay, Cllr Pip Ridout, Cllr Ricky Rogers, Cllr Tom Rounds, 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 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>	80
Against	None	0
Abstain	Cllr Matthew Dean	1

Item 11 – Statement of Gambling Principles

Voting		
Vote	Councillors	Count
For	<p>Cllr Phil Alford, Cllr Liz Alstrom, Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling, Cllr Nick Botterill, Cllr David Bowler, Cllr Richard Britton, Cllr Richard Budden, Cllr Clare Cape, Cllr Trevor Carbin, Cllr Daniel Cave, Cllr Mary Champion, Cllr Sam Charleston, Cllr Ernie Clark, Cllr Richard Clewer, Cllr Zoë Clewer, Cllr Mark Connolly, Cllr Caroline Corbin, Cllr Kevin Daley, Cllr Brian Dalton, Cllr Jane Davies, Cllr Andrew Davis, Cllr Matthew Dean, Cllr Dr Monica Devendran, Cllr Nick Dye, Cllr Adrian Foster, Cllr Gavin Grant, Cllr Ross Henning, Cllr Ruth Hopkinson, Cllr Jon Hubbard, Cllr Peter Hutton, Cllr Mel Jacob, Cllr George Jeans, Cllr Carole King, Cllr Gordon King, Cllr Jerry Kunkler, Cllr Jacqui Lay, Cllr Robert MacNaughton, Cllr Dr Brian Mathew MP, 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 Andrew Oliver, Cllr Stewart Palmen, Cllr Sam Pearce-Kearney, Cllr Horace Prickett, Cllr Nic Puntis, Cllr Tamara Reay, Cllr Pip Ridout, Cllr Ricky Rogers, Cllr Tom Rounds, 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 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>	77
Against	None	0
Abstain	None	0

Item 13a – Motion 2024-05 – Winter Fuel Payments

Voting		
Vote	Councillors	Count
For	<p>Cllr Phil Alford, Cllr Liz Alstrom, Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling, Cllr Nick Botterill, Cllr David Bowler, Cllr Richard Britton, 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 Andrew Davis, Cllr Matthew Dean, Cllr Dr Monica Devendran, Cllr Nick Dye, Cllr Gavin Grant, Cllr Ross Henning, Cllr Nick Holder, Cllr Ruth Hopkinson, Cllr Peter Hutton, Cllr Tony Jackson, Cllr George Jeans, Cllr Carole King, Cllr Gordon King, Cllr Jerry Kunkler, Cllr Jacqui Lay, Cllr Robert MacNaughton, Cllr Dr Brian Mathew MP, 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 Stewart Palmen, Cllr Sam Pearce-Kearney, Cllr Tony Pickernell, Cllr Horace Prickett, Cllr Nic Puntis, Cllr Tamara Reay, Cllr Pip Ridout, Cllr Ricky Rogers, Cllr Paul Sample JP, Cllr Mike Sankey, Cllr Jonathon Seed, Cllr James Sheppard, 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>	74
Against	None	0
Abstain	Cllr Adrian Foster, Cllr Jon Hubbard and Cllr Dr Mark McClelland	3

Item 13b – Motion 2024-06 – Private Motor Vehicles

Private Motor Vehicles Amendment

Amendment status:  Rejected

Voting		
Vote	Councillors	Count
For	Cllr Liz Alstrom, Cllr David Bowler, Cllr Richard Budden, Cllr Clare Cape, Cllr Trevor Carbin, Cllr Sam Charleston, Cllr Brian Dalton, Cllr Nick Dye, 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 Robert MacNaughton, Cllr Dr Brian Mathew MP, Cllr Stewart Palmen, Cllr Sam Pearce-Kearney, Cllr Horace Prickett, Cllr Paul Sample JP, Cllr Martin Smith, Cllr Jo Trigg, Cllr David Vigar, Cllr Derek Walters and Cllr Graham Wright	27
Against	Cllr Phil Alford, Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling, Cllr Nick Botterill, Cllr Richard Britton, 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 Andrew Davis, Cllr Matthew Dean, Cllr Nick Holder, Cllr Peter Hutton, Cllr George Jeans, Cllr Jerry Kunkler, Cllr Jacqui Lay, Cllr Dr Mark McClelland, Cllr Charles McGrath, Cllr Dominic Muns, Cllr Nabil Najjar, Cllr Christopher Newbury, Cllr Ashley O'Neill, Cllr Tony Pickernell, Cllr Nic Puntis, Cllr Tamara Reay, Cllr Mike Sankey, Cllr Jonathon Seed, Cllr Caroline Thomas, Cllr Elizabeth Threlfall, Cllr Tim Trimble, Cllr Mark Verbinnen, Cllr Iain Wallis, Cllr Bridget Wayman, Cllr Stuart Wheeler, Cllr Philip Whitehead, Cllr Suzanne Wickham, Cllr Christopher Williams and Cllr Robert Yuill	41
Abstain	Cllr Caroline Corbin, Cllr Dr Monica Devendran, Cllr Dr Nick Murry, Cllr Kelvin Nash, Cllr Pip Ridout, Cllr Ricky Rogers and Cllr James Sheppard	7

Private Motor Vehicles:

Motion status:  Carried

Voting		
Vote	Councillors	Count
For	Cllr Phil Alford, Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling, Cllr Nick Botterill, Cllr Richard Britton, 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 Andrew Davis, Cllr Dr Monica Devendran, Cllr Nick Holder, Cllr Peter Hutton, Cllr Tony Jackson, Cllr Jerry Kunkler, Cllr Jacqui Lay, Cllr Laura Mayes, Cllr Dr Mark McClelland, Cllr Charles McGrath, Cllr Dominic Muns, Cllr Nabil Najjar, Cllr Christopher Newbury, Cllr Ashley O'Neill, Cllr Tony Pickernell, Cllr Nic Puntis, Cllr Tamara Reay, Cllr Pip Ridout, Cllr Jonathon Seed, Cllr James Sheppard, Cllr Caroline Thomas, Cllr Elizabeth Threlfall, Cllr Mark Verbinnen, Cllr Iain Wallis, Cllr Bridget Wayman, Cllr Stuart Wheeler, Cllr Philip Whitehead, Cllr Suzanne Wickham and Cllr Christopher Williams	41
Against	Cllr Liz Alstrom, Cllr David Bowler, 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 George Jeans, Cllr Gordon King, Cllr Dr Nick Murry, Cllr Stewart Palmen, Cllr Ricky Rogers, Cllr Paul Sample JP, Cllr Martin Smith, Cllr Ian Thorn and Cllr Graham Wright	23
Abstain	Cllr Richard Budden, Cllr Nick Dye, Cllr Carole King, Cllr Robert MacNaughton, Cllr Kelvin Nash, Cllr Sam Pearce-Kearney, Cllr Horace Prickett, Cllr Mike Sankey, Cllr Jo Trigg, Cllr David Vigar, Cllr Derek Walters and Cllr Robert Yuill	12
Not Present	None	0

Item 13c – Motion 2024-07 – Five-Year Land Supply

Amendment - Five-Year Land Supply:

Amendment status:  Rejected

Voting		
Vote	Councillors	Count
For	Cllr Liz Alstrom, Cllr David Bowler, Cllr Richard Budden, Cllr Clare Cape, Cllr Trevor Carbin, Cllr Sam Charleston, 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 Robert MacNaughton, Cllr Stewart Palmen, Cllr Sam Pearce-Kearney, Cllr Ricky Rogers, Cllr Paul Sample JP, Cllr Martin Smith, Cllr Ian Thorn, Cllr Jo Trigg, Cllr David Vigar and Cllr Derek Walters	25
Against	Cllr Phil Alford, Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling, Cllr Nick Botterill, Cllr Richard Britton, Cllr Mary Champion, Cllr Pauline Church, Cllr Richard Clewer, Cllr Zoë Clewer, Cllr Jane Davies, Cllr Andrew Davis, Cllr Matthew Dean, Cllr Nick Holder, Cllr Peter Hutton, Cllr Jerry Kunkler, Cllr Jacqui Lay, Cllr Laura Mayes, Cllr Dr Mark McClelland, Cllr Charles McGrath, Cllr Dominic Muns, Cllr Nabil Najjar, Cllr Christopher Newbury, Cllr Ashley O'Neill, Cllr Nic Puntis, Cllr Tamara Reay, Cllr Jonathon Seed, Cllr James Sheppard, Cllr Caroline Thomas, Cllr Elizabeth Threlfall, Cllr Mark Verbinnen, Cllr Iain Wallis, Cllr Bridget Wayman, Cllr Philip Whitehead, Cllr Suzanne Wickham, Cllr Christopher Williams and Cllr Robert Yuill	35
Abstain	None	0
Not Present	None	0

Five-Year Land Supply:

Motion status:  Carried

Voting		
Vote	Councillors	Count
For	Cllr Phil Alford, Cllr Liz Alstrom, Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling, Cllr Nick Botterill, Cllr David Bowler, Cllr Richard Britton, Cllr Richard Budden, Cllr Clare Cape, Cllr Trevor Carbin, Cllr Mary Champion, Cllr Sam Charleston, Cllr Pauline Church, Cllr Richard Clewer, Cllr Zoë Clewer, Cllr Brian Dalton, Cllr Jane Davies, Cllr Andrew Davis, Cllr Adrian Foster, Cllr Gavin Grant, Cllr Ross Henning, Cllr Nick Holder, Cllr Ruth Hopkinson, Cllr Jon Hubbard, Cllr Peter Hutton, Cllr Mel Jacob, Cllr Carole King, Cllr Gordon King, Cllr Jerry Kunkler, Cllr Jacqui Lay, Cllr Robert MacNaughton, Cllr Laura Mayes, Cllr Dr Mark McClelland, Cllr Charles McGrath, Cllr Dominic Muns, Cllr Nabil Najjar, Cllr Christopher Newbury, Cllr Ashley O'Neill, Cllr Stewart Palmen, Cllr Sam Pearce-Kearney, Cllr Nic Puntis, Cllr Tamara Reay, Cllr Ricky Rogers, Cllr Paul Sample JP, Cllr Jonathon Seed, Cllr James Sheppard, Cllr Martin Smith, Cllr Caroline Thomas, Cllr Ian Thorn, Cllr Elizabeth Threlfall, Cllr Jo Trigg, Cllr Mark Verbinnen, Cllr David Vigar, Cllr Iain Wallis, Cllr Derek Walters, Cllr Bridget Wayman, Cllr Philip Whitehead, Cllr Suzanne Wickham, Cllr Christopher Williams and Cllr Robert Yuill	59
Against	Cllr George Jeans	1
Abstain	Cllr Matthew Dean	1
Not Present	None	0

Item 13d – Motion 2024-08 – Wiltshire's Rivers:

Motion status:  Carried

Voting		
Vote	Councillors	Count
For	Cllr Phil Alford, Cllr Liz Alstrom, Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling, Cllr Nick Botterill, Cllr David Bowler, Cllr Richard Britton, Cllr Richard Budden, Cllr Clare Cape, Cllr Trevor Carbin, Cllr Mary Champion, Cllr Sam Charleston, Cllr Pauline Church, Cllr Richard Clewer, Cllr Zoë Clewer, Cllr Brian Dalton, Cllr Jane Davies, Cllr Andrew Davis, Cllr Matthew Dean, Cllr Adrian Foster, Cllr Gavin Grant, Cllr Ross Henning, Cllr Nick Holder, Cllr Ruth Hopkinson, Cllr Jon Hubbard, Cllr Mel Jacob, Cllr George Jeans, Cllr Carole King, Cllr Gordon King, Cllr Jerry Kunkler, Cllr Jacqui Lay, Cllr Robert MacNaughton, 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 Stewart Palmen, Cllr Sam Pearce-Kearney, Cllr Nic Puntis, Cllr Tamara Reay, Cllr Ricky Rogers, Cllr Paul Sample JP, Cllr Jonathon Seed, Cllr James Sheppard, Cllr Martin Smith, Cllr Caroline Thomas, Cllr Ian Thorn, Cllr Elizabeth Threlfall, Cllr Jo Trigg, Cllr Mark Verbinnen, Cllr Iain Wallis, Cllr Derek Walters, Cllr Bridget Wayman, Cllr Philip Whitehead, Cllr Suzanne Wickham, Cllr Christopher Williams and Cllr Robert Yuill	60
Against	None	0
Abstain	None	0
Not Present	None	0

Item 14 – Proposed Changes to the Constitution:

Motion status:  Carried

Voting		
Vote	Councillors	Count
For	<p>Cllr Phil Alford, Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling, Cllr Nick Botterill, Cllr David Bowler, Cllr Richard Britton, Cllr Richard Budden, Cllr Clare Cape, Cllr Trevor Carbin, Cllr Mary Champion, Cllr Sam Charleston, Cllr Pauline Church, Cllr Richard Clewer, Cllr Zoë Clewer, Cllr Brian Dalton, Cllr Jane Davies, Cllr Andrew Davis, Cllr Matthew Dean, Cllr Adrian Foster, Cllr Gavin Grant, Cllr Nick Holder, Cllr Ruth Hopkinson, Cllr Jon Hubbard, Cllr Mel Jacob, Cllr George Jeans, Cllr Carole King, Cllr Gordon King, Cllr Jerry Kunkler, Cllr Jacqui Lay, Cllr Robert MacNaughton, 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 Stewart Palmen, Cllr Sam Pearce-Kearney, Cllr Nic Puntis, Cllr Tamara Reay, Cllr Ricky Rogers, Cllr Paul Sample JP, Cllr Jonathon Seed, Cllr James Sheppard, Cllr Martin Smith, Cllr Caroline Thomas, Cllr Ian Thorn, Cllr Elizabeth Threlfall, Cllr Jo Trigg, Cllr Mark Verbinnen, Cllr David Vigar, Cllr Iain Wallis, Cllr Derek Walters, Cllr Bridget Wayman, Cllr Philip Whitehead, Cllr Suzanne Wickham, Cllr Christopher Williams and Cllr Robert Yuill</p>	59
Against	None	0
Abstain	None	0

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Full Council Meeting – 15 October 2024 – Members’ Attendance

Councillor Name	Time in (Meeting start – 10.30)	Time Out (Meeting close – 17:55)
Phil Alford	10:30	Meeting close
Liz Alstrom	10:30	17:40
Helen Belcher OBE		Apologies
Chuck Berry		Apologies
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		Apologies
Steve Bucknell		Apologies
Richard Budden	10:30	Meeting close
Clare Cape	10:30	Meeting close
Trevor Carbin	10:30	Meeting close
Daniel Cave	10:30	16:00
Mary Champion	10:30	Meeting close
Sam Charleston	10:30	Meeting close
Pauline Church	10:30	Meeting close
Ernie Clark	10:30	15:15
Richard Clewer	10:30	Meeting close
Zoë Clewer	10:30	Meeting close
Mark Connolly	10:30	16:20
Caroline Corbin	10:30	16:20
Kevin Daley	10:30	Meeting close
Brian Dalton	10:30	Meeting close
Jane Davies	10:30	Meeting close
Andrew Davis	10:30	Meeting close
Matthew Dean	10:30	Meeting close
Dr Monica Devendran	10:30	16:00
Nick Dye	10:30	Meeting Close
Adrian Foster	10:30	Meeting close
Sarah Gibson MP		Apologies
Gavin Grant	10:30	Meeting close
Howard Greenman		Apologies
Ross Henning	10:30	17:40
Sven Hocking	10:30	12:45
Nick Holder	10:30	Meeting close
Ruth Hopkinson	10:30	Meeting close
Jon Hubbard	10:30	Meeting close
Peter Hutton	10:30	17:15
Tony Jackson	10:30	16:15

Mel Jacob	10:30	Meeting close
Simon Jacobs	Apologies	
George Jeans	10:30	Meeting close
Johnny Kidney	10:30	13:00
Carole King	10:30	Meeting close
Gordon King	10:30	Meeting close
Edward Kirk	Apologies	
Jerry Kunkler	10:30	Meeting close
Jacqui Lay	10:30	Meeting close
Kathryn MacDermid	10:30	12:05
Dr Brian Mathew MP	10:30	15:45
Laura Mayes	10:30	Meeting close
Dr Mark McClelland	10:30	Meeting close
Charles McGrath	10:30	Meeting close
Ian McLennan	Apologies	
Dominic Muns	10:30	Meeting close
Dr Nick Murry	10:30	16:00
Nabil Najjar	10:30	Meeting close
Kelvin Nash	10:30	16:20
Christopher Newbury	10:30	Meeting close
Ashley O'Neill	10:30	Meeting close
Jack Oatley	10:30	14:35
Paul Oatway QPM	Apologies	
Andrew Oliver	10:30	12:50
Stewart Palmen	10:30	Meeting close
Bill Parks	Apologies	
Sam Pearce-Kearney	10:30	Meeting close
Antonio Piazza	Apologies	
Tony Pickernell	10:30	Meeting close
Horace Prickett	10:30	Meeting close
Nic Puntis	10:30	16:30
Tamara Reay	10:30	Meeting close
Pip Ridout	10:30	16:00
Rich Rogers	Apologies	
Ricky Rogers	10:30	Meeting close
Tom Rounds	10:30	14:20
Paul Sample JP	10:30	Meeting close
Mike Sankey	10:30	16:20
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	Meeting close
Elizabeth Threlfall	10:30	Meeting close
Jo Trigg	10:30	Meeting close
Tim Trimble	10:30	15:45

Mark Verbinnen	10:30	Meeting close
David Vigar	10:30	Meeting close
Iain Wallis	10:30	Meeting close
Derek Walters	10:30	Meeting close
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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