

AGENDA SUPPLEMENT (1)

Meeting: Council
Place: Council Chamber - County Hall, Trowbridge BA14 8JN
Date: Tuesday 12 July 2016
Time: 10.30 am

The Agenda for the above meeting was published on 4 July 2016. Additional documents are now available and are attached to this Agenda Supplement.

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6 **Public Participation (Pages 3 - 10)**

A statement from Mr Sharl Adabashi is attached.

Questions from Mr Lance Allan, Trowbridge Town Council Clerk, and Cllr Margaret Wilmot, Salisbury City Council, are attached.

COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEWS

6a) **Report on Pending Schemes (Pages 11 - 20)**

A summary of groupings of schemes which shall be considered together, with details of recommendations and relevant report paragraphs, is attached.

An update report regarding the Corsham and Box scheme is attached.

14 **Councillors' Questions (Pages 21 - 38)**

Details of questions from Councillors Ernie Clark, Bill Douglas, Chris Caswill, Christopher Newbury and Chris Hurst, together with responses, are attached.

Agenda Item 6

Trowbridge is YOUR town too

On the 11th of May, I attended a public meeting at County Hall to discuss Trowbridge Town Council's proposals to expand the town's boundaries. This will enable Trowbridge to improve the services it offers to both residents of Trowbridge and the neighbouring areas.

I was saddened though to hear the misguided views of some that neighbouring areas would somehow lose their identity, their sense of community, and their rural idyll, if they were to be included within the boundaries of Trowbridge.

I was also appalled by the view that those who live in a rural area, somehow makes their lives and the lives of their children more precious than those who live in an urban area.. There is a word for it, but I will leave it to the readers to come to their own conclusions.

Allow me to clear a misconception first: a change of boundary would have no bearing on future planning decisions affecting green spaces. Most of us, whether we live in an urban or a rural area, still cherish and enjoy our open spaces, but it is a challenge we sometime win, and sometimes we lose.

On a more fundamental principle of why we want Trowbridge to expand its boundaries: this is not some ambition on the part of politicians who want to expand their sphere of influence.. it is about Trowbridge being supposedly the County Town of Wiltshire, but find it difficult to make its mark due to limited resources.

An expanded boundary would give Trowbridge Extra resources which would allow it to expand services and spend funds more efficiently for the benefit of a larger population.

Some Politicians lead us to believe that they are fighting to protect our identity and our community spirit, when in fact they are missing the big picture and are leading us into splendid isolation.

Trowbridge is our Town.. it is your Town by virtue of the fact that you are our neighbour and make great use of all the services it has on offer. Trowbridge is also the County Town, so let's all work together to make it a place we could all be proud of, regardless of what our postcode says.. Trowbridge is in the DNA of Wiltshire, so let's help it to grow into a destination worthy of its title.

Trowbridge is our town..Trowbridge is YOUR town.. Let's make it a County Town that we can all be proud of.

Sharl Adabashi
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**Questions from Mr Lance Allan, Trowbridge Town Clerk, on behalf of
Trowbridge Town Council**

Question 1 (Ref P16/07)

At the November Full Council meeting Councillor Alan Hill spoke very eloquently about the need for the Wiltshire councillors to be presented with the evidence in order for them to be able to make decisions on this important matter affecting the future of Wiltshire.

In doing so, Councillor Hill made a very simple argument in favour of the decision which was then made at that meeting; that the Community Governance Review Working Party should give further consideration to a number of the proposed boundary changes. Councillor Hill and other Wiltshire Councillors as well as those of us also interested in this issue have waited eagerly for the evidence to be presented, for the evidence to be analysed and assessed and for the arguments in favour and against to be weighed up and a conclusion drawn from the evidence.

How can the Working Group believe that the Community Governance Review (Pending Schemes) report before the Council for consideration today presents the evidence in a clear, coherent and consistent way, supporting the conclusions which have been made in the recommendations contained in the report, in a way which Councillor Hill and others expected and in a way that such a report to the council should be presented, if it is to be taken at all seriously?

Question 2 (Ref P16/08)

With regard to the recommendation at paragraph 8.31, let's consider the evidence and see how clear, coherent and consistent it is.

Two pieces of evidence are cited in the report.

The first is the detailed submission from Trowbridge Town Council, (which presents the case for the proposals).

The second is the recognition by the Working Group that the area consists of '*a mixture of areas where development had already been built out, areas that had allocations in the Core Strategy . . . and areas currently utilised for local employment.*' In paragraph 6, the report states that; '*The Working Group has therefore taken into account any significant development including unimplemented planning permissions and any relevant allocations in the Wiltshire Core Strategy.*' This reflects the government guidance.

In addition the Working Group comments that; '*Schemes 27 and 28 were natural progressions of the urban extension of Trowbridge from scheme 26 where the housing had already been built.*'

Therefore all of evidence presented in the report supports the proposal.

On what clear, coherent and consistent basis does the Working Group justify ignoring the evidence to reach the conclusion that no action is taken?

Question 3 (Ref P16/09)

With regard to the recommendations at paragraph 8.32 and 8.33/8.34, let's consider the evidence and see how clear, coherent and consistent they are.

Three pieces of evidence are cited in paragraph 8.32 of the report.

The first is *'that the response to the consultation showed the majority of respondents disagreed with the proposal.'*

The second looks at access to the area and notes; *'that the only access to this area was from Trowbridge'*

The third looks at improving the boundary and notes *'that the existing boundary was out of date and anomalous.'*

Three pieces of evidence are cited in paragraph 8.33 of the report.

The first looks at access to the area and notes; *'that access to this area of land was only possible via Trowbridge'*

The second looks at improving the boundary and notes; *'that the proposed boundary would be an improvement.'*

The third is *'that the response to the consultation was mixed'*

On what clear, coherent and consistent basis does the working group justify ignoring the evidence from the consultation (in an area with 28 residential properties), giving significantly greater weight to access and improving boundaries in paragraph 8.32, yet at the same time ignoring the evidence relating to access and improving boundaries, giving significantly greater weight to the consultation (in an area with only three residential properties) in paragraph 8.33/8.34?

Question 4 (Ref P16/10)

With regard to the recommendations at paragraph 8.35 to 8.38 and 8.39/8.40, let's consider the evidence and see how clear, coherent and consistent they are.

Two pieces of evidence are cited in paragraphs 8.35 to 8.38 of the report.

The first is the improved boundary; *'Scheme 22 reflected a more easily identifiable boundary'*

The second is the response to the consultation at paragraph 8.36.

Only one piece of evidence is cited in paragraphs 8.39/8.40 of the report.

This is the outcome of the consultation, which was '*strongly in favour of the proposal*'.

On what clear, coherent and consistent basis does the working group justify ignoring the evidence relating to improving boundaries, giving significantly greater weight to the consultation in paragraph 8.35 to 8.38, yet at the same time ignoring the evidence from the consultation, in paragraph 8.39/8.40?

Question 5 (Ref P16/11)

With regard to the recommendation at paragraph 8.45 to 8.48, let's consider the evidence and see how clear, coherent and consistent it is.

Only one piece of evidence is cited in paragraphs 8.45 to 8.48 of the report.

This is the outcome of the consultation, '*the majority of responses came from outside the area and were therefore less influential*'.

In addition the report at paragraph 8.47 includes a statement from the parish council, with no balancing statement from the town council.

On what clear, coherent and consistent basis does the working group justify ignoring the only evidence they cite in paragraph 8.45 to 8.48, on the basis that the consultation is less influential because responses come from outside the area, when for Schemes 21, 23 and 103 they have completely ignored the views of respondents who live in the areas concerned? How does the Working Group justify the inclusion of statements from one side, statements which could be made equally about both alternative proposals? Surely the only conclusion to be drawn from the inconsistency, incoherence and lack of clarity is that the Working Group has yet again failed to provide evidence to justify its conclusions?

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Questions from Cllr Margaret Wilmot, Salisbury City Council

Question (Ref P16/12)

The Community Governance Review report at para 8.17 states that “The Working Group were mindful that the Hampton Park area was designated as part of the urban extension of Salisbury within the Core Strategy but understood that there were no further allocations within the Parish of Laverstock and Ford Council.

Were the Working Group not aware that Longhedge, although also considered to be part of the housing for the Salisbury settlement area, is a strategic allocation within the current boundaries of Laverstock & Ford parish council?

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Summary and Scheme Running Order

Community Governance Review

Running Order

- 1) Corsham and Box
- 2) Trowbridge and surrounding area
- 3) Salisbury and Laverstock and Ford – not before 2.00pm

Public Speaking and Scheme Grouping

The Chairman of the Council, having considered the interrelated nature of many of the schemes to be determined, intends to consider groups of schemes together where possible, and the recommendations taken together.

As such, it is proposed that for each distinct group the regular approach to public speaking at full council will be utilised. Therefore, for each group of schemes, up to 3 members of the public may make a statement not exceeding 3 minutes each in support of the recommendations of the Community Governance Review Working Group, and up to 3 members of the public may make a statement not exceeding 3 minutes in opposition to the recommendations of the Community Governance Review Working Group.

The Chairman will exercise his discretion where deemed appropriate.

The schemes will be taken in groups as follows, in an order deemed appropriate at the meeting:

Corsham and Box

Scheme 102 – Box and Corsham

Trowbridge Group 1

Schemes 18 (Halfway Close and Brook – Hilperton Parish Council proposal)

Scheme 22 (Paxcroft Mead – Trowbridge Town Council proposal)

Scheme 23 (Hulbert Close, Ferris Way and Oxford Gardens)

Trowbridge Group 2

Scheme 19 (Wyke Road – Hilperton Parish Council proposal)

Scheme 20 (Wyke Road – Trowbridge Town Council proposal)

Scheme 25 (Hilperton Gap South – Trowbridge Town Council proposal)

Scheme 103 (Albert Road, Osborne Road and Victoria Road – Hilperton Parish Council Proposal)

Trowbridge Group 3

Scheme 26 (Old Farm – Trowbridge Town Council Proposal)

Scheme 27 (West Ashton Road Employment Land – Trowbridge Town Council proposal)

Scheme 28 (Ashton Park Urban Extension – Trowbridge Town Council proposal)

Scheme 29 (White Horse Business Park – Trowbridge Town Council proposal)

Trowbridge Group 4

Scheme 21 (Shore Place – Trowbridge Town Council proposal)

Trowbridge Group 5

Scheme 24 (Lady Down Farm – Trowbridge Town Council proposal)

Salisbury and Laverstock and Ford Group 1

Scheme 100 (Merger of Laverstock and Ford Parish Council with Salisbury City Council – Salisbury City Council Proposal)

Salisbury and Laverstock and Ford Group 2

Scheme 2 (Bishopdown Farm – Laverstock and Ford Parish Council proposal)

Scheme 3 (Hampton Park – Salisbury City Council proposal)

Scheme Summaries

Schemes on which the CGR Working Party consulted		Current parish	To parish	Report Paragraphs
102	Corsham and Box	Box	Corsham	8.19-8.25/ Supplement 1
<p>That Council approves the recommendation of the Working Group that the compromise scheme for Corsham and Box as set out on the attached plan in Supplement 1 is approved</p>				

Trowbridge Group 1

18	Properties within Halfway Close and Brook	Hilperton	Trowbridge	8.35-8.38
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RECOMMENDED – That the proposal to re-align the boundary between Hilperton Parish Council and Trowbridge Town Council, as described within Scheme 18, is approved.

(NB. As Scheme 22 was a direct alternative to Scheme 18, the approval of the latter scheme means that Scheme 22 is not approved.)

22	Properties within Paxcroft Mead South of Hilperton Drive	Hilperton	Trowbridge	8.35-8.38
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RECOMMENDED – As no.18

23	Properties within Hulbert Road	Trowbridge	Hilperton	8.39-8.40
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RECOMMENDED - That no action is taken in respect of Scheme 23.

Trowbridge Group 2

19	Properties within Wyke Road	Trowbridge	Hilperton	8.45-8.48
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RECOMMENDED - That no action is taken in respect of either Scheme 19 or 20.

20	Properties within Wyke Road	Hilperton	Trowbridge	8.45-8.48
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RECOMMENDED – As no. 20.

25	Hilperton Gap South	Hilperton	Trowbridge	8.41-8.44
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RECOMMENDED - That no action is taken in respect of Scheme 23.

103	Albert Road, Osborne Road, Victoria Road and Wyke	Trowbridge	Hilperton	8.49-8.50
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RECOMMENDED - That no action is taken in respect of Scheme 103.

Trowbridge Group 3

26	Old Farm	West Ashton	Trowbridge	8.29-8.31
That no action is taken in respect of Schemes 26, 27, 28 and 29.				
27	West Ashton Road Employment Land	West Ashton	Trowbridge	8.29-8.31
RECOMMENDED – As no. 26				
28	Ashton Park Urban Extension	West Ashton	Trowbridge	8.29-8.31
RECOMMENDED – As no. 26				
29	White Horse Business Park	North Bradley	Trowbridge	8.29-8.31

Trowbridge Group 4

21	Properties within Shore Place	Wingfield	Trowbridge	8.32
RECOMMENDED – That the proposal to move properties within Shore Place from Wingfield Parish Council to Trowbridge Town Council, as described within Scheme 21, is approved.				

Trowbridge Group 5

24	Lady Down Farm			8.33-8.34
RECOMMENDED - That no action is taken in respect of Scheme 24.				

Salisbury and Laverstock Group 1

100	Merger of Laverstock and Ford Parish Council with Salisbury City Council	Laverstock and Ford	Salisbury	8.3-8.9
Recommendation: That the proposal to merge the Laverstock and Ford Parish into Salisbury City Parish be not approved.				

Salisbury and Laverstock Group 2

2	Properties within Bishopdown Farm (part)	Salisbury	Laverstock	
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				8.10-8.18
<p>Recommendation: That the proposal to move properties at Bishopdown Farm from Salisbury City Council to Laverstock and Ford Parish Council, as described in Scheme 2, is approved.</p> <p>(NB. As Scheme 3 was a direct alternative to Scheme 2, the approval of the latter scheme means that Scheme 3 is not approved.)</p>				
3	Properties within Hampton Park (part)	Laverstock	Salisbury	8.10-8.18
<p>Recommendation: As No.2</p>				

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Community Governance Review – Corsham and Box Update

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 Following the publication of the substantive report on the outcome of the consultation on the Community Governance Review, this report updates the Council on the most recent discussions and consideration of a possible compromise scheme for the Corsham and Box area.

2. Background

2.1 The substantive report informed Council that at a meeting on 23 June 2016 between the Chairman of the Working Group and representatives of Corsham and Box Councils, the possibility of agreeing a new boundary line by way of a compromise was discussed. The formal approval of this scheme was subject to confirmation by both Councils – Box Parish Council on 30 June and Corsham Town Council on 6 July.

2.2 Both Councils have now met and have agreed the proposed compromise scheme as set out in the attached Appendix.

2.3 The Working Group is of the view that the Council should approve the proposed compromise scheme on the basis that: -

- A. It would replace the outdated anomalous boundary that dissected crucially important sites with a clear linear boundary;
- B. It places nationally important industrial sites within one council area, Corsham Town, which would be better placed to support and develop the economic vibrancy and cohesion of the area.

3. Recommendations

That Council approves the recommendation of the Working Group that the compromise scheme for Corsham and Box as set out on the attached plan is approved.

Ian Gibbons

Associate Director Legal and Governance and Monitoring Officer

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Background Papers

Letters and documents from councils

Appendices

Mapping for compromise scheme

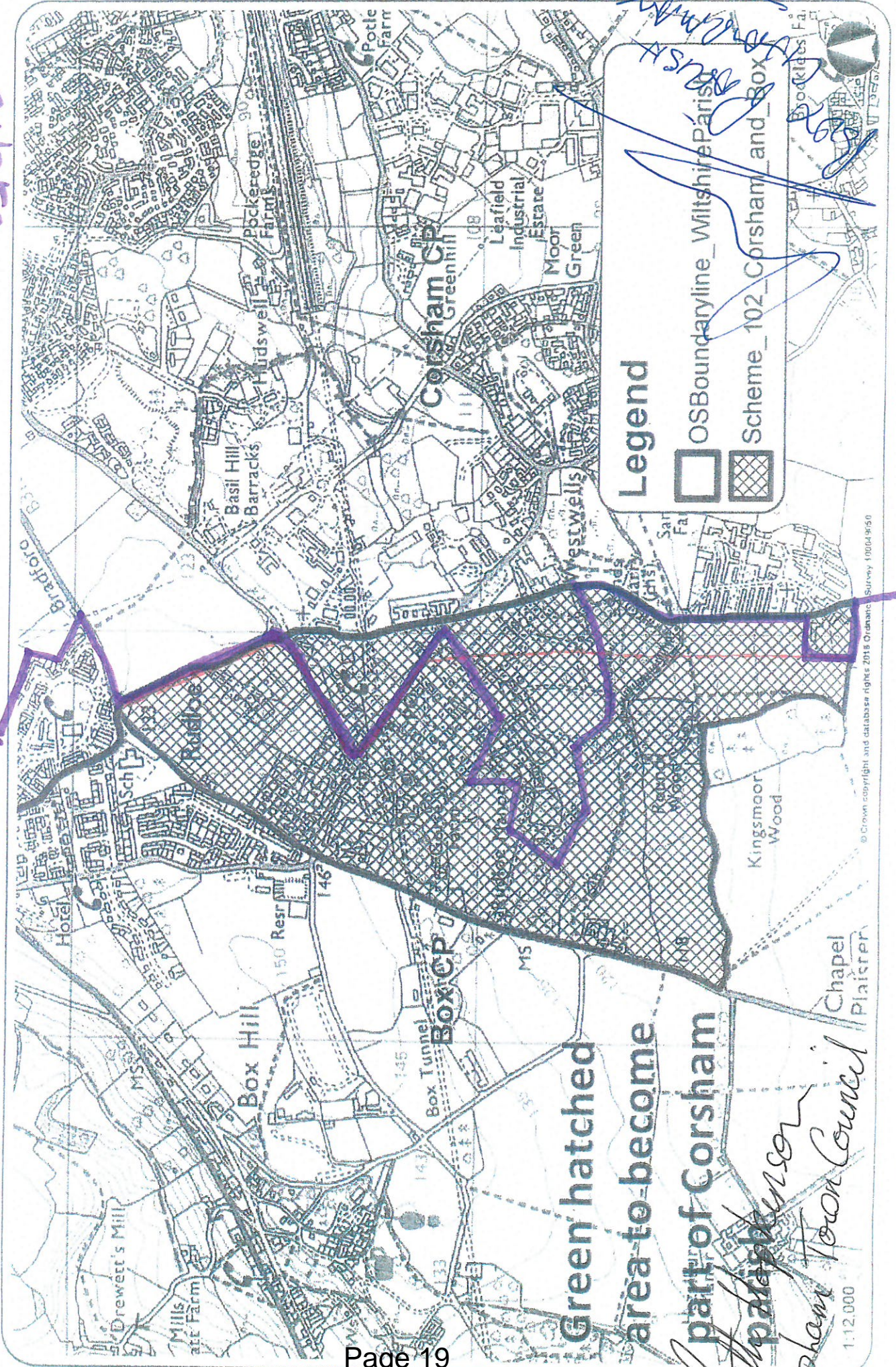
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SCHEME 102 Corsham and Box

November 2015 Wiltshire Council meeting amendment

Where everybody matters

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Green hatched
area to become
part of Corsham

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Corsham Town Council

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Councillor Questions Update

Questions Received

1. A total of 13 questions from Councillors have been received since the last meeting of Full Council on 10 May 2016.
2. Details of questions submitted and the order they will be received at the meeting are shown at Appendix 1. Responses are included at Appendix 2.
3. A total of 9 questions were received by the first deadline of 28 June 2016, and were therefore guaranteed written responses as attached to this report.
4. 4 further questions then were received by the final deadline of 5 July 2016. These were therefore not guaranteed written responses. Where a verbal response was provided a written response will follow within five working days of the meeting.
5. In accordance with Paragraph 62 of Part 4 of the Constitution, no more than 20 supplementary questions may be asked at any one meeting, with no more than 1 supplementary per question submitted. As the number of questions received for this meeting are fewer than 20, there will be no need to restrict the number of supplementary questions to 20.
6. Where a question relates to an item on the agenda appearing before the receipt of Councillors' questions, it may be taken under that item. This will still count toward the total of 20 questions to be received in total at the meeting.
7. The Chairman will go through the questions and responses and as is customary, take them as read and giving the questioner an opportunity to ask one relevant supplementary question for each question submitted.

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Appendix 1 - Councillor Questions Summary

Appendix 2 - Questions and Responses

Appendix 1 - Councillor Submitted Questions Summary

Questions will be received in the order listed below, unless a question is relevant to and taken under a specific agenda item.

Questions for Council (attached at Appendix 2)

Ref	Questioner	Date Received	Written or Verbal	Subject	Cabinet Member/Committee Chairman
16/21	Cllr Ernie Clark	24/6/16	Written	5Year Land Supply	Cllr Toby Sturgis
16/22	Cllr Bill Douglas	28/6/16	Written	Affordable Housing	Cllrs Richard Tonge/Toby Sturgis
16/23	Cllr Chris Caswill	28/6/16	Written	FOI Requests	Cllr Stuart Wheeler
16/30*	Cllr Christopher Newbury	30/6/16	Verbal	Code of Conduct	Cllr Stuart Wheeler
16/32	Cllr Chris Hurst	3/7/16	Verbal	Hate Crimes	Cllr Jerry Wickham
16/24	Cllr Chris Caswill	28/6/16	Written	Chippenham Skate Park	Cllrs Baroness Scott/Jonathon Seed
16/31*	Cllr Christopher Newbury	30/6/16	Verbal	Code of Conduct	Cllr Stuart Wheeler
16/33	Cllr Ernie Clark	4/7/16	Verbal	Settlement agreements	Cllr Stuart Wheeler
16/25	Cllr Chris Caswill	28/6/16	Written	Chippenham Skate Park	Cllr Baroness Scott/Jonathon Seed
16/26	Cllr Chris Caswill	28/6/16	Written	Sustainability and Transformation Plan	Cllr Baroness Scott/Wickham
16/27	Cllr Chris Caswill	28/6/16	Written	Sustainability and Transformation Plan	Cllr Baroness Scott/ Jerry Wickham
16/28	Cllr Chris Caswill	28/6/16	Written	Sustainability and Transformation Plan	Cllr Baroness Scott/ Jerry Wickham
16/29	Cllr Chris Caswill	28/6/16	Written	Help to Live at Home	Cllr Jerry Wickham

**To be taken under item 8 – Recommendations of the Standards Committee on Changes to the Constitution*

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Councillor Ernie Clark, Hilperton Division

To Councillor Toby Sturgis, Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning, Development Management, Strategic Housing, Operational Property and Waste

Question (Ref16-21)

At a cabinet meeting earlier this year, you replied to my question by stating that the five year housing land supply figures for the North And West Housing Market Area were in the process of being prepared.

- a) What progress has been made and when will the 2016 figure be announced?
- b) Do you agree that this delay is placing many area of the county at risk from speculative planning applications?

Response

- a) The process to update the Council's annual housing land supply statement starts in April each year. The review is ongoing and will be published when complete. Last year this was achieved towards end September 2016 and it is expected that we will be able to achieve a similar timeline this year.
- b) There is always a risk of speculative planning applications regardless of the five year land supply position.

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Councillor Bill Douglas, Chippenham Hardens and England Division

**To Councillor Toby Sturgis, Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning,
Development Management, Strategic Housing, Operational Property and Waste
and Cllr Richard Tonge, Cabinet Member for Finance**

Question (Ref16-22)

At the Area Board presentation on Affordable House building on Monday 27th of June we were advised that only 84 affordable houses had been built in the last five years in the Chippenham Area. Developers build most of the affordable houses under our 25% allocation scheme. However the Developers have built very few houses in the past few turbulent years. With the unpredictable state of the market after our exit from the EU that situation is set to continue into the foreseeable future. Developers only build when they can sell at the right price and the Inspector has supported their right to do this.

Therefore can the Cabinet Member supply the figures showing how much money is available to Wiltshire Council and, as the land cost is the main deterrent when building, how much Wiltshire Council land is available within the Chippenham Core Strategy Development Areas that can be made available for building.

With this information available we would hope that, working with Developers, we can find a way to increase the numbers.

Response

Within the broad 'strategic areas' for growth at Chippenham (Areas A to E) as identified within the Wiltshire Core Strategy at paragraph 5.56 there is 273.8 hectares of land owned by Wiltshire Council.

In terms of the allocations within the Chippenham Site Allocations Plan as proposed to be modified (May 2016) there is no land of significance in the Council's ownership.

The majority of funding is already committed to the Council House Build Programme as detailed below. The only funding not yet committed would be the balance on commuted sums which as at 30th June 16 would be £1.959m however there are conditions on the funding that have to be adhered to.

(Ref16-22)

The following funding has already been committed to the Council House Build Programme for period 2014/20/15 to 2018/2019

HRA £34m

1-4-1 £0.632m

DOH Grant £0.800m

Adult Social Care Grant £2.075m

Commuted Sums £2.251m

The following funding has been committed to RP Schemes:

1-4-1 £2.234m

Councillor Chris Caswill, Chippenham Monkton Division

To Councillor Stuart Wheeler, To Councillor Stuart Wheeler, Cabinet Member for Hubs, Governance, Support Services, Heritage, Arts and Customer Care

Question (Ref16-23)

How many Freedom of Information requests were received for each of the Council years 2014-15 and 15-16? How many in each year received answers and how many were refused answers? How many appeals have been made in each year to the Information Commissioner, with what outcomes?

Response

The Council received a total of 1,513 Freedom of Information/Environmental Information Regulation (FOI/EIR) requests in 2014/2015 and 1,458 in 2015/2016

The number of requests decreased by 4% in 2015/2016.

There have been no financial penalties placed on the Council by the ICO in respect of FOIs or EIRs. Any associated costs have been in relation to the resource time of officers in responding to requests and appeals.

There is also a reputational impact for the Council as decision notices are published on the ICO website.

Year	Total FOI Requests	Total responses	Total refusals	Total appeals to ICO	Outcome of Appeals	Reasons
2014/2015	1,513	1,419	94	4	1 upheld	Section 43 not able to be applied – information was not considered commercially sensitive
					1 part upheld	Information provided outside of timeframe, not considered to be a vexatious request but some considered information considered commercially sensitive
					1 not upheld	Discrepancy over the response provided
					1 withdrawn	Settlement of claim
2015/2016	1,458	1,418	40	8	5 upheld	2 x information not received within allowed timeframe 2 x responses not provided 1 x review not conducted
					1 not upheld	Complainant believes information was held
					1 withdrawn	Handling of request
					1 pending	Awaiting outcome

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Councillor Christopher Newbury, Warminster Copheap and Wylve Division

To Councillor Stuart Wheeler, Cabinet Member for Hubs, Governance, Support Services, Heritage, Arts and Customer Care

Question (Ref16-30)

Attached below is an appendix to a report which went to the Wiltshire Council Standards Committee on 21 January 2015. All the complaints made to the Monitoring Officer between no. 16/12 of 2012 and no. 80/14 of 2014 are listed, and the list shows whether they were referred for investigation or not, although some were still pending.

Could the Council please provide an updated version of this appendix, showing which of the complaints listed in it would have been referred for investigation if the new guidance document proposed by the Standards Committee on 29 June 2016 had been in force in each of the relevant councils then?

Response

In accordance with the provisions set out in Part 4 of the Constitution, a verbal response will be provided at the meeting.

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Councillor Chris Hurst, Royal Wootton Bassett South Division

To Councillor Jerry Wickham, Cabinet Member for Public Health

Question (Ref16-32)

In light of the appalling increase in hate crimes following the European Union Referendum, it is extremely important that this Council sends a clear message condemning such appalling actions. Diversity has strengthened our communities and the people of Wiltshire need to know that this Council stands for tolerance and respect for all regardless of your background.

- 1) Will the Council follow other Local Authorities in issuing a statement condemning hate crimes?
- 2) Have any Council staff been victims of these appalling attacks, and if so, how are they being supported?
- 3) What strategies are in place for tackling racial abuse and xenophobia in Wiltshire?

Response

In accordance with the provisions set out in Part 4 of the Constitution, a verbal response will be provided at the meeting.

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Councillor Chris Caswill, Chippenham Monkton Division

**To Councillor Baroness Scott of Bybrook OBE, Leader of the Council and
Councillor Jonathon Seed, Cabinet Member for Housing, Leisure, Libraries and
Flooding**

Question (Ref16-24)

How long, and since when, have the Council retained Wheelscape Ltd for the preparation of the planning application for a skate park in Monkton Park in Chippenham? How much have Wheelscape been paid to date and what is the outstanding financial commitment to them?

Response

A written response will be to follow.

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Councillor Christopher Newbury, Warminster Copheap and Wylve Division

To Councillor Stuart Wheeler, Cabinet Member for Hubs, Governance, Support Services, Heritage, Arts and Customer Care

Question (Ref16-31)

On the proposed guidance document on the meaning of the Wiltshire Council code of conduct, will the council be recommending town and parish councils, and Salisbury City Council, to adopt it too? If so, will it be consulting them on the draft document in advance and also explaining the effects of adopting it?

Response

In accordance with the provisions set out in Part 4 of the Constitution, a verbal response will be provided at the meeting.

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Councillor Ernie Clark, Hilperton Division

To Councillor Stuart Wheeler, To Councillor Stuart Wheeler, Cabinet Member for Hubs, Governance, Support Services, Heritage, Arts and Customer Care

Question (Ref16-33)

The Wiltshire Times states that this council has spent £530,304 to 'gag' thirty three former staff members. In 2011 alone it apparently paid £233,173 to just seven members of staff.

Who authorised these thirty three payments and why were they required? Is this not a mis-use of public money if this council has nothing to hide?

http://www.gazetteandherald.co.uk/news/14567483.Wiltshire_Council_spends_500k_on_gagging_former_employees/

Response

In accordance with the provisions set out in Part 4 of the Constitution, a verbal response will be provided at the meeting.

(Ref16-33)

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Councillor Chris Caswill, Chippenham Monkton Division

**To Councillor Baroness Scott of Bybrook OBE, Leader of the Council and
Councillor Jonathon Seed, Cabinet Member for Housing, Leisure, Libraries and
Flooding**

Question (Ref16-25)

Including staff time, what has been the cost of preparing the planning application for a skate park in Monkton Park in Chippenham? What is the estimated cost of construction of the facility, should it be approved?

Response

A written response will be to follow

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Councillor Chris Caswill, Chippenham Monkton Division

**To Councillor Baroness Scott of Bybrook OBE, Leader of the Council and
Councillor Jerry Wickham, Cabinet Member for Public Health**

Question (Ref16-26)

A Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP) for health and social care services in the whole area of Wiltshire, Swindon and Bath and North East Somerset has to be submitted to Government by 16 September. A draft STP was due to have been submitted by the end of June. These are plans which will determine the delivery of services in Wiltshire, and also reductions in costs and service delivery. Where have or will be any of these plans be publicly available and available for discussion and scrutiny by elected members other than yourself? Are you in a position to share the information with Councillors and the wider public?

Response

A written response will be to follow.

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Councillor Chris Caswill, Chippenham Monkton Division

**To Councillor Baroness Scott of Bybrook OBE, Leader of the Council and
Councillor Jerry Wickham, Cabinet Member for Public Health**

Question (Ref16-27)

The leader of the STP team is on record as having concerns about the governance of the STP process. As Chair of the Wiltshire Health and Wellbeing Board do you share those concerns? What steps are being taken by you and /or the Board to improve the governance arrangements?

Response

A written response will be to follow.

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Councillor Chris Caswill, Chippenham Monkton Division

**To Councillor Baroness Scott of Bybrook OBE, Leader of the Council and
Councillor Jerry Wickham, Cabinet Member for Public Health**

Question (Ref16-28)

I see from Marlborough News Online that the STP team have employed management consultants for the preparation of these plans, and the cost has been shared with the 'STP's main members'. Are Wiltshire Council contributing to those costs and, if so, how much?

Response

A written response will be to follow.

Councillor Chris Caswill, Chippenham Monkton Division

To Councillor Jerry Wickham, Cabinet Member for Public Health

Question (Ref16-29)

Congratulations on your Cabinet appointment. I appreciate its early days for you as yet, but there are nevertheless continuing and serious questions about the Council's Help to Live at Home Service that need urgent public attention. (a) What steps will you be taking to assure yourself that the Help to Live at Home Service is fit for purpose? (b) Which of the current and previous HTLAH providers have been found to be 'requiring improvement' or similar since the HTLAH scheme was launched? And in each case, how many times? (c) What account has been taken of the reasons given by Leonard Cheshire for not accepting the terms offered by the Council for extending their contract? (d) Will you make public, and discuss with the Health Select Committee, the refreshed service specification and new evaluation criteria for HTLAH? (e) Are you yet in a position to name the new providers, and if not when will you do so?

Response

- a) There are a number of measures that we employ to ensure that HTLAH meets the standards set by the Council:
- I. Strategic meetings to ensure that a common direction is maintained by all organisations involved with HTLAH
 - II. Contract review meetings with individual providers to ensure local compliance
 - III. Regular informal meetings to deal with local issues
 - IV. Quality Assurance spot checks to ensure processes and policies of the providers are being followed
 - V. Customer Reference Group spot checks to ensure Customers are satisfied with the service
 - VI. Regular contact is maintained with CQC and NHS colleagues to pick up any issues that may arise on a daily basis.
 - VII. Weekly data collection from providers which includes hours, visits, staff and customer numbers, missed visits, compliments and complaints
- b) CQC have recently changed their inspection regime, the current results are:
- I. Somerset Care: currently 'good' overall, previously 'requires improvement'
 - II. Mears: currently 'good' overall, previously 'action required'

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- III. Leonard Cheshire: currently 'requires improvement', previously 'good'
 - IV. MiHomecare: currently 'requires improvement', however, a new inspection report is due to be published within the next couple of weeks and this will show a decline in standards to 'inadequate'
 - V. Aster Living: at the time of leaving the service they were deemed 'good'.
- c) The terms offered to Leonard Cheshire were based on their original bid price with inflationary uplifts applied; this did not meet their financial requirements. We have since held an open tender process resulting in a new provider for their contract areas with a price that reflects the current costs of providing this innovative service. The new price for the re-tendered service was significantly less than the increased rate which Leonard Cheshire requested.
- d) The refreshed service specification and evaluation criteria are freely available upon request and are in the public domain . I very much welcome working with the Health Select Committee on this and a number of other issues.
- e) The new service provider for the three tendered contract areas is 'Mears Care Ltd'

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