

# AGENDA SUPPLEMENT (1)

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**Meeting:** Council

**Place:** Council Chamber - County Hall, Bythesea Road, Trowbridge, BA14 8JN

**Date:** Tuesday 26 February 2019

**Time:** 10.30 am

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

Public questions from Prof Dave Waltham (written response attached), Bill Jarvis (written response attached) and Harriet James (verbal response at the meeting).

17 **Councillors' Questions** *(Pages 11 - 30)*

Questions from Cllrs Ian Thorn and Jon Hubbard are attached together with responses.

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**From Professor Dave Waltham**

**To Councillor Jerry Wickham, Cabinet Member for Adult Social care, Public Health and Public Protection**

**Question (19-1)**

Will Wiltshire Council, in its deliberations, accept all the following statements?

1. The reality of human-generated climate change should be established (or refuted) using objectively verifiable facts.
2. It is an objectively verifiable fact that economic activities have led to the emission of approximately 1.5 trillion tonnes of carbon dioxide since 1880.
3. It is an objectively verifiable fact that global mean temperatures have risen about 1 °C since 1880.
4. It is an objectively verifiable fact that there is a strong correlation between human emissions of carbon dioxide and observed temperature rises. The probability of this being a coincidence is less than 0.1%.
5. It is an objectively verifiable fact that there is near universal agreement, amongst climate experts, that increasing temperatures are exactly what we'd expect to see given human emissions of greenhouse gasses. This was first predicted by John Tyndall in the 1850s and made fully quantitative by the Nobel-prize winning chemist, Svante Arrhenius, in 1896.
6. It is an objectively verifiable fact that our estimates of carbon dioxide's climate impact have changed very little, in the 120 years since Arrhenius, and they correctly predict the scale of the observed temperature rise.
7. No credible alternate explanations for the correlation have been proposed, e.g. that show how 130 years of increasing economic activity (and hence emissions) might be the result of rising temperatures rather than the other way around.
8. If 1.5 trillion tonnes of emissions have produced a 1 °C rise then, to keep temperature rise below 1.5 °C, humanity can only emit another 750 billion tonnes CO<sub>2</sub> (eq)—a back-of-envelope estimate confirmed by the more sophisticated IPCC analysis published in 2018.
9. If countries stick to their commitments under the Paris Agreement of 2016, global emissions will rise to about 50 billion tonnes CO<sub>2</sub> (eq) per year giving a cumulative total of 750 billion tonnes in just 15 years. Hence, if we take no further action, the temperature increase will consistently exceed 1.5 °C by the early 2030s and continue to go up thereafter.
10. Much internet material, concerning climate change, consists of deliberately misleading half-truths ("most of the warming had happened by 1943"), misunderstandings that demonstrate no attempt has been made to

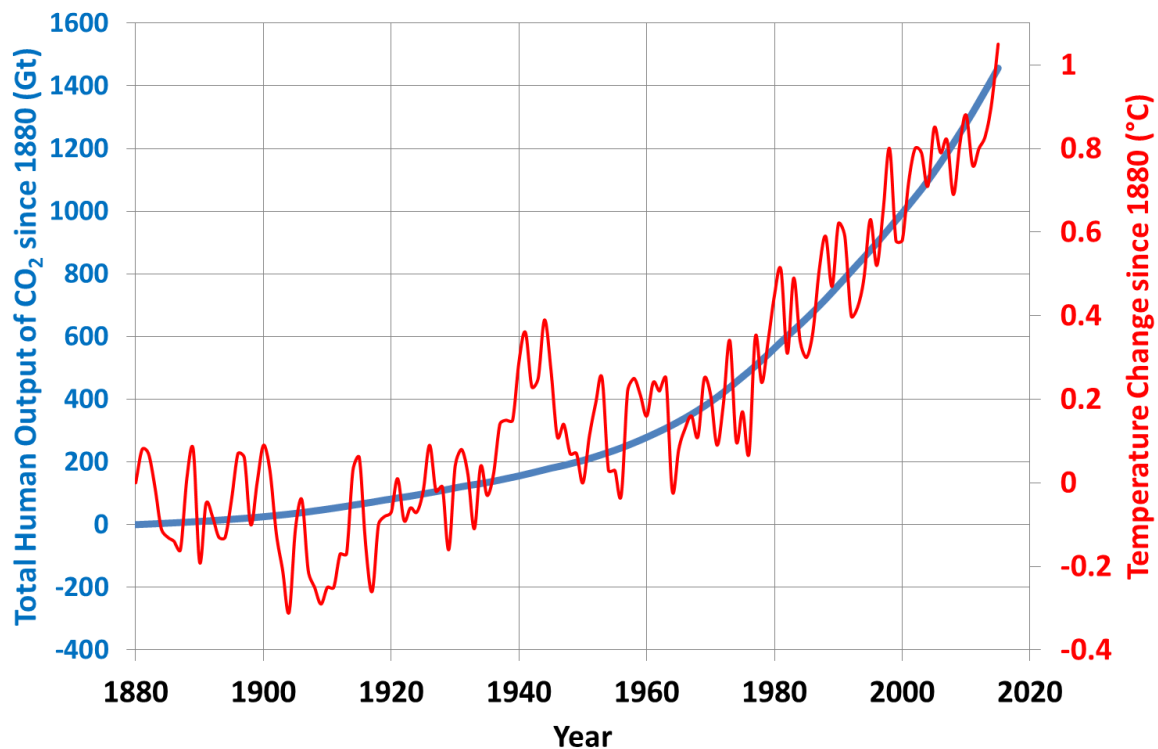
understand the science (“water vapour is more important”) and sound bites that demonstrate no attempt has been made to look at any data (“what about the Vikings on Greenland?”).

Don’t take my word (or anyone else’s) for any of this. Look at the data (rather than sound-bites) and make up your own mind. The data and sources, I have used, are appended to the end of this question.

David Waltham (Professor of Geophysics, University of London)

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Emissions as a result of human economic activities are taken from [https://cdiac.ess-dive.lbl.gov/ftp/ndp030/global.1751\\_2014.ems](https://cdiac.ess-dive.lbl.gov/ftp/ndp030/global.1751_2014.ems). Temperature rise data is taken from [https://data.giss.nasa.gov/gistemp/tabledata\\_v3/GLB.Ts+dSST.txt](https://data.giss.nasa.gov/gistemp/tabledata_v3/GLB.Ts+dSST.txt).

## Response

Notice of Motion 15 on today’s agenda from Cllr P Whitehead and Cllr J Wickham on the Environment and Global Warming demonstrates that this administration takes very seriously the evidence for Global warming and the threat this poses to society.

The motion proposes working collaboratively with scrutiny through the Environment Select Committee and sets out eight parameters around which to review the evidence and shape future council policy. We welcome Professor Dave Waltham's expertise on this subject and invite him to engage with scrutiny as an expert witness so that all elected members can understand the science and evidence he puts forward in his question.

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**From Bill Jarvis**

**To Councillor Jerry Wickham, Cabinet Member for Adult Social care, Public Health and Public Protection**

**Question (19-2)**

Statement and Question by Bill Jarvis on Motion 12b,  
“Acknowledging a Climate Emergency and proposing the way forward”

Chair and Councillors

Let me set the scene;  
in the 1980s a small group of climate scientists, working for the oil majors, realised that burning fossil fuels was having a dangerous impact on the climate. This information was suppressed, and worse.

Over the next almost 40 years, more and more evidence was gathered and, against significant resistance, actions have been taken to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Unfortunately, the evidence shows we are failing big time.

Move on to October 2018; the International Panel on Climate Change issued another report on the impacts of greenhouse gases on the planet.

This time it's a stark warning; if we don't stop the increase in the next 12 years, we won't keep global warming under 4 Deg.

Early in 2019, at the annual Davos meeting, new warnings were issued that the world is now likely to see a temperature rise of 1.5deg by 2025 and that this, in itself, will be enough to break the 2deg limit set in Paris by 2030.

The Earth is now gripped in a climate crisis never seen at any time in the past.

Climate change knows NO borders

We are already in a Climate Emergency.

The crisis is real, getting worse and it's frightening.

Central Government is doing nothing and is paralysed by Brexit, so people are turning to their local representatives to solve this problem.

We, the people of Wiltshire, urgently need your help and commitment to do our part in addressing the problem.

Councillors Brian Mathew and Gavin Grants Motion both acknowledges the Climate Emergency and proposes a positive way forward.

It's comprehensive, providing clear reasoning as to why we are in a Climate Emergency, considers the implications and the fact that this emergency is beyond politics.

Finally, it proposes a clear set of measurable actions to achieve the goal. It must be supported by this Council.

**will you confirm:**

- **That, as Councillors are not experts, they will be supported by expert advice and guidance in their journey,**
- **That you will consult widely with people and all businesses in the County,**
- **That you will join the growing network of Councils who are declaring Climate**

Emergencies throughout the country, sharing knowledge and solutions

If you ignore the evidence and take no action you will be as guilty as the likes of Exxon, at present in court trying to defend the indefensible about hiding their knowledge of this problem in the 1980s

We're all involved in the causes of climate change and, if we do not ALL act NOW, we are complicit in the destruction of life as we know it.

**Response**

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**From Harriet James**

**To Councillor Jerry Wickham, Cabinet Member for Adult Social care, Public Health and Public Protection**

**Question (19-3)**

Ref: Motions 12 on the agenda – Environment and Global Warming

Wiltshire Council approved the Westbury Waste Gasification Plant in 2015 (application 14/12003/WCM). The Sustainable Energy Strategy submitted by the applicant reveals figures for the amount of carbon dioxide the plant would release. The gross carbon dioxide per hour is given as 31.79 tonnes of direct carbon dioxide equivalent emissions per hour for 7500 hours per year over the 25 year life of the plant. This amounts to nearly 6 million tonnes. Without showing any evidence or any related traffic emission calculations, the document then concludes that the plant would enable significant carbon reductions compared with landfill.

The National Planning Policy Framework (2018) now defines low carbon technologies as those that can help reduce emissions compared to conventional use of fossil fuels, not compared to landfill. Chapter 14, para 148 of the NPPF says the planning system should help to shape places in ways that contribute to radical reductions in greenhouse gas emissions.

Will Wiltshire Council examine the calculation methods and data used to promote the supposedly 'green' credentials of the Westbury plant?

Para 1f of the proposed motion from Councillors Whitehead and Wickham aspires to monitor and report on the local impact of any major development and technology used for the management of waste.

How will merely reporting rather than acting on the local impact of the Westbury plant help to combat global climate change?

Does the Westbury plant comply with Wiltshire Core Policy 41 (sustainable construction and low carbon energy) which asks developers to set out how proposed developments will meet national carbon reduction targets and identify how maximum targets can be achieved, particularly where lower cost solutions are viable (such as combined heat and power)?

**Response**

To be provided

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## **Councillor Questions Update**

### **Questions Received**

1. A total of 30 questions from Councillors have been received since the last meeting of Full Council on 16 October 2018.
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. Of the 30 questions received, 21 were deemed to be operational and received a written response from the appropriate Director. Details of these questions are shown at Appendix 1.
4. A total of 8 non-operational questions were received before the first deadline of 12 February 2019, and were therefore guaranteed written responses as attached to this report.
5. 1 non-operational question was then received before the second deadline of 19 February 2019. A verbal response would normally be provided. However, a written response is available and included at Appendix 2.
6. 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. In accordance with Paragraph 58 of Part 4 of the Constitution members were requested to submit their questions in priority order.

### **Proposal**

7. To receive the questions as detailed.

**Stuart Figini, Senior Democratic Services Officer**

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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 as specified in the Constitution - so that every member who submitted a question has the opportunity to ask a supplementary prior to another member having the opportunity to ask a second supplementary.

### Questions for Council (attached at Appendix 2)

Ref	Questioner	Date Received	Written or Verbal	Subject	Cabinet Member
19-21	Cllr Ian Thorn	11/2/19	Written	KPI's for filling pot holes in urban and rural areas	Cllr Bridget Wayman
19-29	Cllr Jon Hubbard	19/2/19	Witten	Empty properties owned by the NHS at The Lodge on Spa Road in Melksham by the hospital	Cllr Richard Clewer
19-22	Cllr Ian Thorn	11/2/19	Written	Strategy for integrating road, rail and buses	Cllr Bridget Wayman
19-23	Cllr Ian Thorn	11/2/19	Written	Developing partnerships to deliver effective youth work	Cllr Laura Mayes
19-24	Cllr Ian Thorn	11/2/19	Written	Safeguards being put in place to retain accountability of the LEP becomes a private company	Cllr Pauline Church
19-25	Cllr Ian Thorn	11/2/19	Written	Develop partnerships between town and parishes and area boards to deliver common goals	Cllr John Thomson
19-26	Cllr Ian Thorn	11/2/19	Written	Impact on Area Boards with reduction in CEM's	Cllr John Thomson
19-27	Cllr Ian Thorn	11/2/19	Written	Delivery of the shared lives programme	Cllr Jerry Wickham
19-28	Cllr Ian Thorn	11/2/19	Written	Community Housing Trusts in Wiltshire	Cllr Richard Clewer

## Operational Questions

<b>Ref</b>	<b>Questioner</b>	<b>Date Received</b>	<b>Date of Response</b>	<b>Type of Question</b>	<b>Subject</b>
19-01	Cllr Gavin Grant	01/02/19	15/02/19	Operational	Parking Charges
19-02	Cllr Gavin Grant	01/02/19	15/02/19	Operational	Parking Charges
19-03	Cllr Gavin Grant	01/02/19	15/02/19	Operational	Parking Charges
19-04	Cllr Gavin Grant	01/02/19	15/02/19	Operational	Parking Charges
19-05	Cllr Gavin Grant	01/02/19	15/02/19	Operational	Parking Charges
19-06	Cllr Gavin Grant	01/02/19	15/02/19	Operational	Parking Charges
19-07	Cllr Gavin Grant	01/02/19	15/02/19	Operational	Parking Charges
19-08	Cllr Gavin Grant	01/02/19	15/02/19	Operational	Parking Charges
19-09	Cllr Gavin Grant	01/02/19	15/02/19	Operational	Parking Charges
19-10	Cllr Gavin Grant	01/02/19	15/02/19	Operational	Parking Charges
19-11	Cllr Gavin Grant	01/02/19	15/02/19	Operational	Parking Charges
19-12	Cllr Gavin Grant	01/02/19	15/02/19	Operational	Parking Charges
19-13	Cllr Gavin Grant	01/02/19	15/02/19	Operational	Parking Charges
19-14	Cllr Gavin Grant	01/02/19	15/02/19	Operational	Parking Charges
19-15	Cllr Gavin Grant	01/02/19	15/02/19	Operational	Parking Charges
19-16	Cllr Gavin Grant	01/02/19	15/02/19	Operational	Parking Charges
19-17	Cllr Gavin Grant	01/02/19	15/02/19	Operational	Parking Charges

19-18	Cllr Gavin Grant	01/02/19	15/02/19	Operational	Parking Charges
19-19	Cllr Gavin Grant	01/02/19	15/02/19	Operational	Parking Charges
19-20	Cllr Gavin Grant	01/02/19	15/02/19	Operational	Parking Charges
19-30	Cllr Jon Hubbard	19/2/19	22/02/19	Operational	List of council owned or leased properties vacant and/or unused for the past 6 months or more

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**From Councillor Ian Thorn, Calne Central Division**

**To Councillor Bridget Wayman, Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Waste**

**Question (19-21)**

What are the current key performance indicators for the filling of pot holes in urban and rural areas in the county?

**Response**

The response to pot hole reports are covered by the Ringway Highway Contract.

The contractor is scored monthly on achieving a suite of deliverables.

The response to pot holes is measured against the council's Risk Based Approach to Highway Defects and can be found @

<https://cms.wiltshire.gov.uk/documents/s149074/Enc.%201%20for%20Well%20Managed%20Highway%20Infrastructure%20Review.pdf>

The guidance stipulates the types of pot holes and the council's expected response. Pot holes have four main criteria which are:

- P1 Repair or provide signing and guarding by 23:59 on the next day.
- P2 Repair by 23:59 of the 14<sup>th</sup> day
- P3 Repair by 23:59 of the 28<sup>th</sup> day
- P5 Defects referred to the local highways manager/highway engineer/head of service for further consideration and logged in HIAMS

During times of severe weather including snow, flooding and high winds, it may not be possible to meet all of the response times, and the duty engineer will prioritise resources as considered appropriate on operational and safety grounds.

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**From Councillor Jon Hubbard, Melksham South Division**

**To Councillor Richard Clewer, Cabinet Member for Housing, Corporate Services, Arts, Heritage and Tourism**

**Question (19-29)**

I refer the cabinet member to the letter regarding the long empty properties owned by the NHS at The Lodge on Spa Road in Melksham by the hospital, sent to him on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2019 and his subsequent reply of 18<sup>th</sup> January in which he promised to investigate further. Could I please ask:

- a) What were the outcomes of his investigation and what actions is he taking as a result of them?
- b) Have these investigations including the council considering the options of compulsory purchase, enforced sale or an Empty Dwelling Management Order?
- c) What, if any, contact has there been with the NHS regarding their plans for the future of these homes?
- d) Are the NHS currently paying any council tax for these properties, and if so at what rate (i.e. are they paying an Empty Homes Surcharge)?

**Response**

I am grateful for Cllr Hubbard raising this issue again.

Following Cllr Hubbard's previous contact officers investigated the history of the Council's work to try and bring these properties back into use. The Council's last concerted involvement with these properties was in 2013 when external funding was secured and the NHS Trust was offered a five year lease from the Council. The external funding was required as the condition of the properties meant that it was not economic to undertake necessary works and recoup expenditure within the lease period. Unfortunately, the offer was not taken up by the NHS Trust.

It can only be assumed that the condition of the properties has deteriorated over the last five plus years. The absence of external funding will challenge the economics of bringing the properties back into use. The option of compulsory purchase or empty property management orders can be considered if all other options of working with NHS property services have been exhausted.

Contact has been made with colleagues in NHS property services. It was the intention to progress discussions via the One Public Estate partnership but that has not been possible since Cllr Hubbard's initial enquiry.

I can confirm NHS property services are being charged 150% Council tax.

**From Councillor Ian Thorn, Calne Central Division**

**To Councillor Bridget Wayman, Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Waste**

**Question (19-22)**

What is the strategy for integrating road, rail and buses in the county? In particular, what is our strategy for rail in Wiltshire?

**Response**

Q: What is the strategy for integrating road, rail and buses in the county?

The Department for Transport (DfT) published 'Door to Door: A strategy for improving sustainable transport integration'<sup>1</sup> in March 2013 which focused on four core areas which needed to be addressed, including: *regular and straightforward connections at all stages of the journey and between different modes of transport*. Disappointingly, this strategy was withdrawn by the DfT on 15 May 2018 and is no longer being updated.

In the absence of a direct replacement to the Door-to-Door strategy, the following DfT documents are relevant.

- The 'Single Departmental Plan'<sup>2</sup> sets out the DfT's objectives which include the following: *2. Help to connect people and places, balancing investment across the country; and 3. Make journeys easier, modern and reliable.*
- The 'Transport Investment Strategy'<sup>3</sup> includes that the DfT's investment must seek to: *create a more reliable, less congested, and better connected transport network that works for the users who rely on it.*

At the local level, Core Policy 63 in the Wiltshire Core Strategy includes that: *Packages of integrated transport measures will be identified in Chippenham, Trowbridge and Salisbury to help facilitate sustainable development growth...Transport strategies may also be developed for other urban and rural areas in the Plan area.*

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/door-to-door-strategy>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/department-for-transport-single-departmental-plan/department-for-transport-single-departmental-plan-may-2018>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/transport-investment-strategy>

The 'Wiltshire Local Transport Plan (LTP3) 2011-2026' sets out the goals and objectives for transport in Wiltshire, which implicitly include integration aspects.

At an operational level, officers work with transport providers, stakeholders, communities and others to improve integration between transport modes where feasible.

### **Response**

Q: In particular, what is our strategy for rail in Wiltshire?

With funding from Swindon and Wiltshire Local Enterprise Partnership, we are currently developing a 'Swindon and Wiltshire Rail Strategy' which is planned to be completed by Spring this year. It is anticipated that, following review and further consultation, this will form part of a Wiltshire LTP4 to be developed over the next two years or so.

**From Councillor Ian Thorn, Calne Central Division**

**To Councillor Laura Mayes, Cabinet Member for Children, Education and Skills**

**Question (19-23)**

What more should be done to develop partnerships with statutory and voluntary organisations to deliver effective youth work for our young people in Wiltshire?

**Response**

In Wiltshire, we are committed to ensuring that children, young people and families thrive. Working with voluntary and statutory sector partners to deliver effective youth work is key to achieving this. We have in place a Voluntary Sector Forum to support and work with community organisations to deliver youth work and support to young people. The role of local area boards is also fundamental to this as they provide a conduit for discussion, strategy and funding to support innovation as well as to sustain those activities which are having a positive impact in the community.

Our FACT (Families and Children's Transformation) programme is also key as it is committed to bringing stronger and more clearly coordinated support to community activity. This will be formally developed through the creation of a Partnership Strategy. Building lasting success through the FACT partnership will deliver real change on the ground.

Supporting adolescents at risk is a priority for existing services and for FACT, including;

- Established Youth Offending Team
- Emerald Team (working with children missing and victims of child sexual exploitation)
- No Wrong Door development (working with young people on the edge of care)
- Implementation of Contextual Safeguarding (an approach to understanding, and responding to, young people's experiences of significant harm beyond their families).

To compliment the transformation work through FACT, we have several other areas of work to improve outcomes for young people:

- The Local Area Coordinators and Community Engagement Managers are involved in developing and supporting programmes for adolescents
- The Council commissions short breaks and youth work activities for children with SEND in partnership with the Wiltshire Parent Carer Council and has increased its investment for 2019-20
- Young people's voices are listened to and acted upon through a number of approaches supported by Wiltshire Council including:
  - the Young People Union
  - The "You said, we did" survey which is completed annually

- The Wiltshire Children and Young People's Health and Well Being Survey carried out in schools.

In order to deliver effective youth work, we need to continue and build upon the excellent work I have outlined. We also need to make the most of opportunities available to us, such as working with local businesses and employers to support, train and upskill young people and young adults. The Wiltshire Education, Employment and Skills Board is an important partnership in improving transitions and skills for young people. We will also need to ensure Local Area Boards continue to have a strong focus on the most vulnerable and encourage community participation for all age groups.

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**From Councillor Ian Thorn, Calne Central Division**

**To Councillor Pauline Church, Cabinet Member for Economic Development and South Wiltshire Recovery**

**Question (19-24)**

What safeguards are being put in place to retain democratic accountability when the Swindon and Wiltshire LEP becomes a private limited company?

**Response**

The 38 Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs) in England have public responsibility in exercising how they spend government funds. To underpin this, the government ensures each LEP adheres to the **National Assurance Framework** [https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/567528/161109\\_LEP\\_Assurance\\_Framework.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/567528/161109_LEP_Assurance_Framework.pdf)

– this makes sure LEPs have in place robust systems and processes to effectively manage funding from central Government budgets. That framework stipulates specific rules for LEPs in four key areas:

- Governance and Decision Making
- Transparent decision making; including a conflicts and Register of Interests policy
- Accountable decision making
- Ensuring value for money and effective delivery

The responsibility for ensuring LEPs strictly adhere to this framework lies with the 'Section 151 Officer' in the partner local authority who are the accountable body for the LEP. It is their responsibility to sign off and certify each LEPs assurance framework each year, ensure it is being implemented, and that it meets the standards of the LEP National Assurance Framework. This is case for all LEP's regardless of their structure. Ministers expect Local Enterprise Partnerships to follow the principles that apply to Government and Local Authorities, which prevent public expenditure incurred in retaining the services of lobbyists to influence public officials, Members of Parliament, political parties or the Government to take a particular view on any issue.

Each year MHCLG meets with the Chair and Director of the LEP and the Section 151 Officer to review their Governance and performance of the LEP.

Details of the SWLEP's Governance Framework can be found here: <https://swlep.co.uk/about/governance>

Copies of the Governance Compliance and Assurance Statements to HM  
Government can be found here:  
<https://swlep.co.uk/about/making-decisions>



**From Councillor Ian Thorn, Calne Central Division**

**To Councillor John Thomson, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for  
Communications, Communities, Leisure and Libraries**

**Question (19-25)**

What more can be done to develop partnerships between town and parish councils and the area boards in order to deliver our common goals?

**Response**

Wiltshire has a well-respected and recognised community area model, led by Wiltshire councillors in partnership with the town and parish councils as well as Wiltshire Police, NHS, FRS and other public sector partners. We continue to see additional functions and funding devolved to them as well as overseeing local community action and volunteering opportunities. Over £2million of grants are allocated for highways and transport, health and wellbeing, older people, public toilets and youth activities each year

The Community Engagement Managers (CEM's) will continue to be responsible for helping to strengthen communities and developing partnerships with town and parish council through enabling and supporting community projects, expanding volunteering and encouraging engagement at public meetings and via social media

In addition the CEM's will also continue to:

- Support the transfer of non-strategic assets worth less than £250k without having to seek the approval of cabinet.
- Encourage more projects to be jointly funded by the area board and the town and parish councils which will naturally result in joint working being enhance.
- Develop working relationships with town and parish councils and improve their understanding of the challenges being faced and how these can be brought on the Area Board agendas.
- Work with the area board members to explore how they think joint work can be developed for common goals outside of the area board meetings.

**Question (19-26)**

What impact on the area boards will the reduction of Community Engagement Managers have?

## Response

None in the first instance.

The Communities team will continue to:

- Work with area boards to develop better ways of working to ensure there is no impact as a result of the decreased capacity
- Work with Democratic services to ensure the area boards are receiving support for agenda setting and meeting management.
- Work closely with Democratic Services and members to innovate and develop new ways of working that will provide more efficient ways of area board delivery.

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**From Councillor Ian Thorn, Calne Central Division**

**To Councillor Jerry Wickham, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, Public Health and Public Protection**

**Question (19-27)**

How do we deliver the shared lives programme in order to at least match the number of places provided by the best performing local authorities?

**Response**

In Wiltshire the Shared Lives scheme, rated “Good” by Care Quality Commission (CQC) at its last inspection in 2017, currently has 21 active carers providing accommodation and support to 27 customers. These individuals have a range of care and support needs, including a physical and/or learning disability, mental health, neurological conditions or those relating to the ageing process. Placement locations are geographically diverse spread across the county, although a greater number are located in the west of the county and tend to centre around the main towns.

The Shared Lives offer in the county is a traditional one, based mainly on long term care arrangements with the customer living as part of the family home. Currently 5 placements have existed for more than 5 years, 10 for over 10 years and 3 for over 20 years. Across the country, new options for Shared Lives placements have been developed which include offers for day time support, respite and emergency provision. Although the Wiltshire scheme offers a small amount of respite, no other service offers have yet been developed.

Adult Social Care recognises that the current Shared Lives scheme is not meeting its full potential and as a result has worked with elected members, Cllr Matthews and Cllr Jacobs who visited Shared Lives schemes based in other local authorities including North Somerset to support the development of the service going forward.

Adult Social Care, therefore, have invested £55,000 to ensure there is a robust marketing campaign established in the next financial year 2019/20 to promote the service and recruit more carers, who will be trained by the existing team to care for individuals in more creative ways.

Adult Social Care has ensured that the Shared Lives scheme and the development of the service should lead to efficiencies of up to £200,000.00.

The development of the scheme forms part of the Adult Social Care Budget Savings Plan for 2019/20 and with oversight from the Corporate Director, Carlton Brand and Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, Public Health and Public Protection, will be robustly reviewed and monitored.

Once the Shared Lives Carer group has grown, following robust induction, training and support from the Shared Lives team, the Shared Lives scheme will offer a variety of care and support including day time support and emergency provision.

The role, profile and status of the Shared Lives scheme will be raised across the Council and wider communities akin with our Foster Carer scheme.

There will be a roll out of the newly developed Shared Lives scheme across Adult Social Care to ensure that it is the first option made available to a wider range of service user groups including young people with disabilities transitioning from Foster Care into Adult Social Care.

This will be reviewed and monitored alongside the CQC standards and with additional support from Shared Lives Plus a national organisation supporting local Shared Lives scheme to develop their own services.

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**From Councillor Ian Thorn, Calne Central Division**

**To Councillor Richard Clewer, Cabinet Member for Housing, Corporate Services, Arts, Heritage and Tourism**

**Question (19-28)**

What more can be done to encourage Community Housing Trusts in Wiltshire?

**Response**

I am grateful for Cllr Thorn raising this question. The reason being the Council is in the process of signing off a detailed action plan with Community First and Wiltshire community land Trusts to accelerate the support that can be provided to communities in Wiltshire to develop community housing trusts. It was my intention to provide members with a briefing note on the action plan when signed setting out the sort of support and activity that the Council and its partners are committed to provide. I hope that briefing note will provide Cllr Thorn with the detailed response he requires. Subject to partners agreeing to the action plan I would hope to be able to provide the briefing note within the next three weeks.

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