

SUMMONS

Meeting: Council

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

Date: Tuesday 22 May 2018

Time: 10.30 am

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PART I

Items to be considered while the meeting is open to the public

1 **Election of Chairman 2018/19**

Nominations will be sought orally from those present at the meeting. Voting will be by way of a show of hands unless at least 10 Members request the holding of a secret ballot.

2 **Election of Vice-Chairman 2018/19**

Nominations will be sought orally from those present at the meeting. Voting will be by way of a show of hands unless at least 10 Members request the holding of a secret ballot.

3 **Apologies**

4 **Minutes of Previous Meeting** (*Pages 9 - 50*)

To approve as a correct record and sign the minutes of the last meeting of Council held on 20 February 2018.

5 **Declarations of Interest**

To receive any declarations of disclosable interests or dispensations granted by the Standards Committee.

6 **Announcements by the Chairman**

7 **Public Participation**

The Council welcomes contributions from members of the public.

Statements

If you would like to make a statement at this meeting on any item on this agenda, please register to do so at least 10 minutes prior to the meeting. Up to 3 speakers are permitted to speak for up to 3 minutes each on any agenda item. Please contact the officer named above for any further clarification.

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of any such questions in writing to the officer named above (acting on behalf of the Corporate Director) no later than 5pm on **Tuesday 15 May 2018**. Please contact the officer named on the first page of this agenda for further advice. Questions may be asked without notice if the Chairman decides that the matter is urgent.

Details of any questions received will be circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting and made available at the meeting and on the Council's website.

8 **Petitions**

8a) **Petitions Received** (*Pages 51 - 54*)

To receive the following petition received for presentation to this meeting which meets the threshold for a Council debate.

SAVE BRAESIDE AND OXENWOOD: Wiltshire Council's 2 outdoor education centres

8b) **Petitions Update** (*Pages 55 - 58*)

Report by Ian Gibbons, Director of Legal and Democratic Services (and Monitoring Officer).

POLICY FRAMEWORK ITEMS

9 **Wiltshire Housing Site Allocations Development Plan Document - Proposed Submission Materials - DEFERRED**

UPDATE

FOLLOWING CABINET'S RESOLUTION TO DEFER DETERMINATION OF THIS ITEM AT ITS MEETING ON 15 JUNE 2018, AND AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL, THIS ITEM HAS BEEN DEFERRED UNTIL THE 10 JULY 2018 MEETING OF COUNCIL.

A BRIEFING NOTE DETAILING THE DECISION OF CABINET WILL BE PUBLISHED AT

<https://cms.wiltshire.gov.uk/ecSDDisplay.aspx?NAME=Briefing%20Notes%202018&ID=1915&RPID=16631086>

OTHER ITEMS FOR COUNCIL

10 **Review of Allocation of Seats on Committees to Political Groups and Appointment of Committees** *(Pages 59 - 86)*

10a) **Appointment of Committees and Review of Allocation of Seats on Committees to Political Groups**

10b) **Appointment of Councillors to Committees**

10c) **Appointment of Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen - Committees**

11 **Appointments to the Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Authority** *(Pages 87 - 88)*

Report by Ian Gibbons, Director of Legal and Democratic Services (and Monitoring Officer)

12 **Proposed changes to the Constitution** *(Pages 89 - 104)*

Report by Ian Gibbons, Director of Legal and Democratic Services (and Monitoring Officer)

ANNUAL REPORTS AND COUNCIL UPDATES

13 **Annual Report - Overview & Scrutiny** *(Pages 105 - 112)*

Councillor Graham Wright, Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee will present the Annual Report of the Committee for 2017/18

14 **Salisbury Incident Update**

The Leader will give a verbal update.

COUNCILLORS' MOTIONS AND QUESTIONS

15 **Notices of Motion**

To consider the following notices of motions:

15a) **Notice of Motion No.7 - The Use of Plastic Waste in Road Repairs, Re-Surfacing and Construction** (*Pages 113 - 114*)

To consider the attached motion.

16 **Councillors' Questions**

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MINUTES OF CABINET AND COMMITTEES

17 **Minutes of Cabinet and Committees**

- a. The Chairman will move that Council receives and notes the minutes of Cabinet and the various Committees of the Council as listed in the Minutes Book enclosed separately.

<https://cms.wiltshire.gov.uk/documents/g12113/Public%20reports%20pack%202nd-May-2018%2010.30%20Council%20Minute%20Book.pdf?T=10>

- b. The Chairman will refer to Cabinet and each Committee in turn:
 - i. The Leader, Cabinet members and Chairmen of Committees will be invited to make any important announcements.
 - ii. Councillors will be given the opportunity to raise questions on points of information or clarification on the minutes presented.
- c. Councillors will be given an opportunity to raise general issues relating to Area Boards but not specific local issues.
- d. Councillors will be given an opportunity to raise any questions on the minutes of the Wiltshire and Swindon Fire Authority.

OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS

18 **Urgent Executive Decisions taken by Cabinet**

To note that there were no urgent executive decisions taken by Cabinet in the period 1 May 2017 – 30 April 2018.

PART II

Items during consideration of which it is recommended that the public should be excluded because of the likelihood that exempt information would be disclosed.

None

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COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 20 FEBRUARY 2018 AT COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, TROWBRIDGE, BA14 8JN.

Present:

Cllr Phil Alford, Cllr Ben Anderson, Cllr Pat Aves, Cllr Chuck Berry, Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling, Cllr Richard Britton, Cllr Derek Brown OBE, Cllr Allison Bucknell (Chairman), Cllr Clare Cape, Cllr Trevor Carbin, Cllr Mary Champion, Cllr Pauline Church, Cllr Ernie Clark, Cllr Richard Clewer, Cllr Mark Connolly, Cllr Anna Cuthbert, Cllr Brian Dalton, Cllr Jane Davies, Cllr Andrew Davis, Cllr Matthew Dean, Cllr Tony Deane, Cllr Christopher Devine, Cllr Stewart Dobson, Cllr Mary Douglas, Cllr Peter Evans, Cllr Sue Evans, Cllr Nick Fogg MBE, Cllr Peter Fuller, Cllr Richard Gamble, Cllr Gavin Grant, Cllr Jose Green, Cllr Howard Greenman, Cllr Mollie Groom, Cllr Deborah Halik, Cllr Ross Henning, Cllr Darren Henry, Cllr Mike Hewitt, Cllr Alan Hill, Cllr Sven Hocking, Cllr Ruth Hopkinson, Cllr Atiqul Hoque, Cllr Chris Hurst, Cllr Peter Hutton, Cllr Simon Jacobs, Cllr George Jeans, Cllr David Jenkins, Cllr Bob Jones MBE, Cllr Johnny Kidney, Cllr Gordon King, Cllr Edward Kirk, Cllr Jerry Kunkler, Cllr Jacqui Lay, Cllr Jim Lynch, Cllr Brian Mathew, Cllr Laura Mayes, Cllr Ian McLennan, Cllr Nick Murry, Cllr Ashley O'Neill, Cllr Paul Oatway QPM, Cllr Steve Oldrieve, Cllr Stewart Palmen, Cllr Graham Payne, Cllr Andy Phillips, Cllr Horace Prickett, Cllr Fleur de Rhé-Philipe, Cllr Pip Ridout, Cllr Ricky Rogers, Cllr Tom Rounds, Cllr Baroness Scott of Bybrook OBE, Cllr Jonathon Seed, Cllr James Sheppard (Vice-Chairman), Cllr John Smale, Cllr Hayley Spencer, Cllr Toby Sturgis, Cllr Melody Thompson, Cllr John Thomson, Cllr Ian Thorn, Cllr Tony Trotman, Cllr John Walsh, Cllr Bridget Wayman, Cllr Fred Westmoreland, Cllr Philip Whalley, Cllr Roy While, Cllr Philip Whitehead, Cllr Jerry Wickham, Cllr Christopher Williams, Cllr Graham Wright and Cllr Robert Yuill

1 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Sarah Gibson, Christine Crisp, Leo Randall, Jon Hubbard, Russell Hawker, Tony Jackson, Christopher Newbury, and Bill Douglas.

It was noted that some Councillors travelling in from the south of the county may be delayed due to a road traffic accident.

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the Meeting held on 17 October 2017 were presented.

Resolved:

That the minutes of the last Council meeting held on 17 October 2017 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

3 **Declarations of Interest**

The Chairman reminded members of the letter previously circulated from the Monitoring Officer dated 19 January 2018 which made particular reference to interests in the context of considering the budget and where members had tenancies with the Council.

Councillor Brian Dalton declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in the Budget in so far as it related to the housing revenue account as he held a garage tenancy with the Council. Councillor Dalton indicated he would withdraw from the meeting when a separate vote would be taken on the housing revenue account details.

4 **Announcements by the Chairman**

The Chairman drew attention the list of engagements undertaken by herself and the Vice-Chairman to be included in the minutes.

The Chairman asked the meeting to join her in congratulating those Wiltshire residents who had received awards as part of the new year honours. A list has been included in these minutes at Appendix C.

The Chairman reminded members of the process to be followed on recorded votes following the changes made by resolution at the last Council meeting.

5 **Petitions Update**

A report was presented which gave Council details of the eleven petitions received for the period since the last Council meeting.

Resolved:

That Council note the update on petitions.

6 **Public Participation**

The Chairman drew the meeting's attention to the three questions from members of the public and the responses included in agenda supplement two circulated on Friday the 16 February 2018. The Chairman stated that she would take the questions and answers circulated as read, and then asked if the questioners present had any supplementary question.

i) Jacqui Clark

In response to the supplementary question as to when the April 2017 base date figures would be published, Councillor Toby Sturgis stated that he would give a written answer.

Written answer given on 2 March 2018 as follows:

The Council's updated Housing Land Supply Statement (base date 1 April 2017) will be published by mid-March 2018.

ii) Glennis Ansell

In response to a supplementary question, Councillor Laura Mayes stated that: the council was doing all it could to support the police investigation; that the council was supporting those affected; and confirmed the appropriate background checks are undertaken on all people working with young people.

iii) Roy Messenger

In response to a supplementary question, Councillor Laura Mayes stated that: she recognised that this was very serious matter; that the council takes safeguarding very seriously; and that whilst she could not comment on the detail, she sought to reassure the public that the council would work with partners to establish facts and support those affected.

7 Treasury Management Strategy 2018/19

At the invitation of the Chairman, the Cabinet Member for Finance, Councillor Philip Whitehead, presented report which sought approval for the Prudential and Treasury Indicators, together with the Treasury Management Strategy for 2018/2019.

Councillor Philip Whitehead proposed, duly seconded by the Leader, that the recommendations in the report be adopted.

Resolved

- 1. To adopt the Minimum Revenue Provision Policy as set out at paragraph 46;**
- 2. To adopt the Prudential and Treasury Indicators (Appendix A); and**
- 3. To adopt the Annual Investment Strategy (Appendix B), including the ratification of the removal of the minimum requirement for high credit quality relating to viability ratings**

Admin Note: A record of the vote is appended to these minutes.

8 Wiltshire Council's Financial Plan Update 2018/19

Council was asked to consider a net revenue budget of £327.746 million, to increase council tax, approve rents, fees and charges, the capital programme and reserves as detailed fully in the updated published budget papers.

The Chairman explained at the outset, how she intended to chair this item and referred to the previously circulated budget process. She reminded Councillors of the various papers that had been circulated in connection with Council's consideration of this item as follows:

- A) The Leader's budget speech - this was emailed to Councillors once it was given and is attached as Appendix A to these minutes.
- B) The proposed amendments of the Liberal Democrat group, including comments from statutory officers circulated with the summons.
- C) The reports of the meetings of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee held on 5 and 9 February 2018 circulated with the summons.
- D) The recommendations from the Cabinet meeting held on 6 February 2018.
- E) The Financial Plan Update 2018/19 report of the Section 151 Officer, together with the revised Budget Book, proposed fees and charges and the relevant extract of the Schools Forum minutes, minutes of the meeting held between group leaders and trade unions, the Wiltshire Housing Board.

The Leader of the Council addressed Council delivering her budget speech (Appendix A). In making her address, the Leader highlighted the achievements made, the challenges ahead and the plans to improve outcomes for the people of Wiltshire. The Leader concluded by thanking officers and her Cabinet for working hard to produce the budget.

Councillor Philip Whitehead, Cabinet member for Finance, presented the Council's proposed Financial Plan update for 2018/19. In presenting the budget, he referred to the savings that had been identified, and the areas that would receive financial investment. He thanked the role played by the non-executive councillors through the overview and scrutiny process. In presenting the budget: he emphasised his view that the council had successfully protected priority services whilst meeting the challenging financial circumstances including the growth in the demand for certain services and the reduction in income; the plans for capital investment in projects; how the council deals with forward planning and measures taken in year to manager budget pressures; how the council manages investments and reserves; the approach taken to making workforce issues and the relatively low level of redundancies made; the implication of the reduction in central government funding and the impact on the council tax; the specific transformation programmes to improve adult social care thereby meeting the additional demand, and the plans to better integrate with NHS partners to address wider community health issues; how technology can

be better designed to enable the public to access information and services to improve efficacy and efficiency; the policy of devolving asset and services to local communities to manage, and the promoting of volunteering to support services in communities; the developing commercial approach to how traded services are delivered to partners and the public; that the balanced budget would support the delivery of the business plan; and thanked the work undertaken by non-executive councillors through the scrutiny process.

Councillor Whitehead moved the budget as presented and this was duly seconded by the Leader. This included the further proposal made following the announcement of the final financial settlement from central government, and included in the circulated second draft, that a one off £0.655m be allocated for Streetscene arising from the additional Rural Grant.

Councillor Graham Wright, Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee, presented the reports of his Committee dated 5 February which had considered and scrutinised the budget proposals, and from the meeting on the 9 February where the proposals made by the Liberal Democrat Group had been presented. He made reference to the well-established process and the areas of focus undertaken in that process. He discussed the role to be played by the Financial Planning Task Group throughout the year, and thanked the officers for their professional support. He ended by encouraging all non-executive councillors to engage throughout the year.

Councillor Ian Thorn, in his capacity as Chairman of the Financial Planning Task Group, reported on the work of his Task Group and thanked the Cabinet Member for his good attendance at the task group, and to Michael Hudson in supporting the work of the group.

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

Councillor Ian Thorn, in his capacity as Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group, stated that: there were areas of commonality between the parties, particularly in transformation of services and taking, appropriately, a more commercial approach; the opportunities offered through the changing nature of council finance and the greater engagement with communities; the importance of investing in the right priorities; a recognition of the challenges faced by all councils; the context in which the budget is set, and the regret that the council did not take the opportunity in previous occasions to raise council tax to protect the budget leaving, in his view, a greater revenue gap that had to be bridged, and for that reason he could not support the budget; his concerns that not enough progress had been made to achieve savings in programmes such as the adult social care transformation programme; whether the council was clear enough about its approach to commercialisation; that there were a number of gaps in information; and thanked Councillor Graham Wright for his enthusiastic promotion of scrutiny, but asked to consider the time given scrutiny to look at

proposals in greater depth. He ended his speech by thanking the officers and Cabinet Members for their work.

Councillor Ernie Clark, Leader of the Independent Group, stated that the group had their individual opinions, recognised the challenges to face, and thanked officers for their support.

Councillor Ricky Rogers, Leader of the Labour Group, stated thanked the officers for the work in developing the budget, and recognised the efforts made to deal with financial challenges, and emphasised how this impacts on local communities especially the increase of the precept on low-income families. He encouraged the council to recognise and combat where injustice is evident, and asked whether non-domestic rate relief could be extended to support voluntary organisations. He expressed regret that the opportunity to fully harmonise parking charges across the county, but welcomed the 1% decrease in council house rents. He ended by thanking all the staff for their work.

The Chairman reiterated the process for amendments, the rules of debate to be operated, that all votes will be recorded, and the need keep comments on potential impacts of the budget on staff to a general nature so that future consultations were not jeopardised.

The Chairman then gave Group Leaders the opportunity to propose amendments to the budget, noting that all Group Leaders had already been given the opportunity to submit amendments in time to be scrutinised.

Councillor Ian Thorn formally proposed his Group's amendments, as detailed in the council summons, subsequently seconded by Councillor Ruth Hopkinson, which had been considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee on 9 February 2018. In making his proposal, he emphasised: how he believed his group's amendments enhanced the ambitions and delivery of the budget including an emphasis on supporting communities; and how the amendments were intended to be funded.

The Chairman invited Group Leaders and the Chairman of Overview & Scrutiny to respond to the amendments.

In response to the amendment, The Leader stated that she would leave Councillor Whitehead and Councillor Thomson to respond in detail, but did state that the decision not to increase council tax in previous budget was in recognition of the financial pressure on households.

Councillor Ernie Clark stated that he could not, on balance, support all the amendments, and cautioned against replacing perfectly good street-lighting equipment.

Councillor Ricky Rogers stated that group was undecided about whether to support the amendments.

Councillor Graham Wright stated he would wish to review the process to maximise the time available to scrutinise the budget.

Councillor Chris Devine stated that whilst he supported how the budget, overall, had been prepared, he was unclear how the rural grant would be used effectively to support the prioritised in rural communities.

Councillor Jonathon Seed stated he could not support the amendment as they did not address the priorities in the business plan.

Councillor Chris Williams queried the wording of the amendment in relation to the ability to reclaim monies from the HRMC and could not support the amendments; and reemphasised the scope of the services included in the communities' budget.

Councillor Alan Hill expressed regret that there were no proposals from more political groups to address the concerns that they have raised in debate, and that the amendments submitted were limited in scope.

Councillor Steve Oldrieve stated his support for the amendments and particularly on the proposals for investment in replacing older street lighting with LED lighting as it reduces expenditure and energy usage.

Councillor Mathew Dean stated that he supported the previous decisions of the council not to increase council tax.

Councillor Bridget Wayman stated that she was pleased that the rural grant increase would be used to support street scene services responding to the priorities expressed by the communities; and that plans are already in place to replace street lighting as appropriate.

Councillor John Thomson stated that whilst he was content that the administration's budget proposals would be sufficient to support the services delivered, and that he would not be supporting the amendment.

Councillor Jerry Wickham stated that more was already being doing to invest in communities, and that the role of the portfolio holders was valuable in supporting the capacity of the Executive.

Councillor Richard Clewer stated that the portfolio holders were supported in the remuneration scheme following the recommendation of the independent remuneration panel, and that councillors should be supported appropriately in their role.

Councillor Jacqui Lay stated that she was not convinced that there was enough evidence for her to support the amendments.

Councillor Ruth Hopkinson stated, in response to some of the issues raised in the debate, including: the purpose of the rural grant to address the underfunding of predominately rural authorities, but that the money was available to be used in any community of the authority; she also expressed the group's continuing support for the area board model; and argued for a streamlining of the roles of councillors supporting the executive in the same spirit that we ask staff to do more with less.

Councillor Graham Payne stated that he was satisfied that plans were already in place to assess the need to replace street lighting as appropriate, and highlighted how this may be funded.

In summing up, Councillor Ian Thorn stated that he believed his proportionate amendments could be accepted by the administration; that it was incumbent on councillors to accept, personally, some of the financial burden; and that the opposition groups would require more officer support to be able to make more substantial proposals.

In response to the amendments, Councillor Philip Whitehead stated that he was content that the plans for the use of the additional rural grant in the administration's budget proposals were clear; argued that the portfolio holders were good value for money considering their contribution to the work of the executive; and that he was content that future plans to assess the street-lighting programme would be considered in due course.

At the end of the debate on the amendment, and following a recorded vote, the motion was LOST.

For the motion (18):

Cllr Bob Jones MBE, Cllr Brian Dalton, Cllr Brian Mathew, Cllr Chris Hurst, Cllr Clare Cape, Cllr David Jenkins, Cllr Gavin Grant, Cllr Gordon King, Cllr Hayley Spencer, Cllr Ian Thorn, Cllr Jim Lynch, Cllr Mike Hewitt, Cllr Pat Aves, Cllr Ross Henning, Cllr Ruth Hopkinson, Cllr Stephen Oldrieve, Cllr Stewart Palmen and Cllr Trevor Carbin

Against the motion (63):

Baroness Scott of Bybrook OBE, Cllr Alan Hill, Cllr Allison Bucknell, Cllr Andrew Davis, Cllr Andy Phillips, Cllr Anna Cuthbert, Cllr Ashley O'Neill, Cllr Atiqul Hoque, Cllr Ben Anderson, Cllr Bridget Wayman, Cllr Christopher Devine, Cllr Christopher Williams, Cllr Chuck Berry, Cllr Darren Henry, Cllr Deborah Halik, Cllr Derek Brown OBE, Cllr Edward Kirk, Cllr Ernie Clark, Cllr Fleur de Rhe-Philippe, Cllr Fred Westmoreland, Cllr Graham Payne, Cllr Graham Wright, Cllr Horace Prickett, Cllr Howard Greenman, Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling, Cllr Jacqui Lay, Cllr James Sheppard, Cllr Jane Davies, Cllr Jerry Kunkler, Cllr Jerry Wickham, Cllr John Smale, Cllr John Thomson, Cllr Johnny Kidney, Cllr Jonathon Seed, Cllr Jose

Green, Cllr Laura Mayes, Cllr Mark Connolly, Cllr Mary Champion, Cllr Mary Douglas, Cllr Matthew Dean, Cllr Melody Thompson, Cllr Mollie Groom, Cllr Paul Oatway QPM, Cllr Pauline Church, Cllr Peter Evans, Cllr Peter Fuller, Cllr Peter Hutton, Cllr Philip Alford, Cllr Philip Whalley, Cllr Philip Whitehead, Cllr Pip Ridout, Cllr Richard Britton, Cllr Richard Clewer, Cllr Richard Gamble, Cllr Robert Yuill, Cllr Simon Jacobs, Cllr Stewart Dobson, Cllr Sue Evans, Cllr Sven Hocking, Cllr Toby Sturgis, Cllr Tom Rounds, Cllr Tony Deane and Cllr Tony Trotman.

Abstained (4):

Cllr Ian Mclennan, Cllr John Walsh, Cllr Nick Murry and Cllr Ricky Rogers.

There being no further amendments, the meeting then returned to considering the substantive motion.

Councillor Graham Payne expressed his support for the budget, mentioned the additional support provided by town and parishes councils and welcomed the additional funds to support cleaner streets.

Councillor Jerry Wickham emphasised the scope of the adult transformation programme and his confidence in its ability to achieve savings.

Councillor Steve Oldrieve expressed regret that not all the opportunities had been taken since the inception of Wiltshire Council to improve services, and the continued financial pressure imposed by central government that has led to a reduction in services.

Councillor Clare Cape expressed concern that some of the savings targets for adult social care were robust enough to be achieved.

Councillor Ross Henning expressed regret that opportunities to protect services had not been taken in previous years funded through modest increases to council tax previously.

Councillor Chris Devine expressed concern that the rural grant would not be adequately focused on support for rural communities.

Councillor Chris Hurst expressed concern over the cuts in services and their impact on the community. He mentioned specifically the impact of the changes to parking charges on members of the public in his division.

The Leader reiterated her administrations prioritisation of investment in social care, roads, libraries, leisure centres and flood protection; and that she still supported the decisions made to deliver services differently with a balanced budget.

Councillor Whitehead, in response to some of the issues raised during debate, stated that the plans were in place to invest further in streetscene issue funded by the rural grant; how the council forecasts capital spending and schedules expenditure against projects; reiterated his support for the previous decisions to cap council tax rises in previous years; emphasised the challenge he has received councillors whilst developing his proposals; encourage councillors to contact officers to identify small businesses that may qualify for rate relief; and how the robustness of each proposed saving is risk assessed.

Having been put to a recorded vote, the meeting;

Resolved

- a. To endorse the update of the Financial Plan for 2018/19.**
- b. To approve the investment and savings proposals summarised at Sections 7 and 9 respectively of this report and at Appendix 1C, to provide a net revenue budget for 2018/19 of £327.746 million.**
- c. To:**
 - i. Set the Council's total net expenditure budget for 2018/19 at £327.746 million, plus a one off £0.655m for Streetscene arising from the additional Rural Grant.**
 - ii. Set the Social Care Levy increases in line with Council's February 2017 decision, at 3%; and a Council Tax at 2.99%.**
 - iii. Approve the capital programme proposed at Appendix 1E of this report.**
 - iv. Set the changes in fees and charges set out in detail at Section 8 of and at Appendix 1G as set out in the report , and as amended in the supplement.**
 - v. Set a 1% reduction for social dwelling rents.**
 - vi. Set the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Budget for 2018/19 as set out at Appendix 1F of the report.**
 - vii. That all other service charges related to the HRA be increased by 4% (CPI September 2017 plus 1%), including garage rents. Except for sheltered housing schemes, as these have been reviewed individually this year and will be increased by a reasonable amount each year to move to a full cost recovery position.**

d. To endorse the Medium Term Financial Strategy and receive annual updates on delivery against the strategy in setting future annual budgets.

Having previously declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in the Budget in so far as it related to the housing revenue account, Councillor Brian Dalton withdrew from the meeting when a separate vote was taken on the housing revenue account (resolutions c v, vii and viii above).

Recorded votes for the two votes were as follows:

The substantive motion to approve the budget (excluding Housing Revenue Account Items c v, vi & vii)

For the motion (64):

Baroness Scott of Bybrook OBE, Cllr Alan Hill, Cllr Allison Bucknell, Cllr Andrew Davis, Cllr Andy Phillips, Cllr Anna Cuthbert, Cllr Ashley O'Neill, Cllr Atiqui Hoque, Cllr Ben Anderson, Cllr Bridget Wayman, Cllr Christopher Devine, Cllr Christopher Williams, Cllr Chuck Berry, Cllr Darren Henry, Cllr Deborah Halik, Cllr Derek Brown OBE, Cllr Ernie Clark, Cllr Fleur de Rhe-Philippe, Cllr Fred Westmoreland, Cllr Graham Payne, Cllr Graham Wright, Cllr Horace Prickett, Cllr Howard Greenman, Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling, Cllr Jacqui Lay, Cllr James Sheppard, Cllr Jane Davies, Cllr Jerry Kunkler, Cllr Jerry Wickham, Cllr John Smale, Cllr John Thomson, Cllr Johnny Kidney, Cllr Jonathon Seed, Cllr Jose Green, Cllr Laura Mayes, Cllr Mark Connolly, Cllr Mary Champion, Cllr Mary Douglas, Cllr Matthew Dean, Cllr Melody Thompson, Cllr Mike Hewitt, Cllr Mollie Groom, Cllr Nick Murry, Cllr Paul Oatway QPM, Cllr Pauline Church, Cllr Peter Evans, Cllr Peter Fuller, Cllr Peter Hutton, Cllr Philip Alford, Cllr Philip Whalley, Cllr Philip Whitehead, Cllr Pip Ridout, Cllr Richard Britton, Cllr Richard Clewer, Cllr Richard Gamble, Cllr Robert Yuill, Cllr Simon Jacobs, Cllr Stewart Dobson, Cllr Sue Evans, Cllr Sven Hocking, Cllr Toby Sturgis, Cllr Tom Rounds, Cllr Tony Deane and Cllr Tony Trotman.

Against the motion (18):

Cllr Bob Jones MBE, Cllr Brian Dalton, Cllr Brian Mathew, Cllr Chris Hurst, Cllr Clare Cape, Cllr David Jenkins, Cllr Gavin Grant, Cllr Gordon King, Cllr Hayley Spencer, Cllr Ian McLennan, Cllr Ian Thorn, Cllr Jim Lynch, Cllr John Walsh, Cllr Pat Aves, Cllr Ricky Rogers, Cllr Ruth Hopkinson, Cllr Stewart Palmen and Cllr Trevor Carbin.

Abstained (1):

Cllr Edward Kirk

The substantive motion to approve the budget (including Housing Revenue Account Items c v, vi & vii)

For the motion (63):

Baroness Scott of Bybrook OBE, Cllr Alan Hill, Cllr Allison Bucknell, Cllr Andrew Davis, Cllr Andy Phillips, Cllr Anna Cuthbert, Cllr Ashley O'Neill, Cllr Atiqui Hoque, Cllr Ben Anderson, Cllr Bridget Wayman, Cllr Christopher Williams, Cllr Chuck Berry, Cllr Darren Henry, Cllr Deborah Halik, Cllr Derek Brown OBE, Cllr Edward Kirk, Cllr Ernie Clark, Cllr Fleur de Rhe-Philippe, Cllr Fred Westmoreland, Cllr Graham Payne, Cllr Horace Prickett, Cllr Howard Greenman, Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling, Cllr Ian McLennan, Cllr Jacqui Lay, Cllr James Sheppard, Cllr Jane Davies, Cllr Jerry Kunkler, Cllr Jerry Wickham, Cllr John Smale, Cllr John Thomson, Cllr John Walsh, Cllr Johnny Kidney, Cllr Jose Green, Cllr Laura Mayes, Cllr Mark Connolly, Cllr Mary Champion, Cllr Mary Douglas, Cllr Matthew Dean, Cllr Melody Thompson, Cllr Mike Hewitt, Cllr Mollie Groom, Cllr Nick Murry, Cllr Paul Oatway QPM, Cllr Pauline Church, Cllr Peter Evans, Cllr Peter Fuller, Cllr Peter Hutton, Cllr Philip Whalley, Cllr Philip Whitehead, Cllr Pip Ridout, Cllr Richard Britton, Cllr Richard Clewer, Cllr Richard Gamble, Cllr Ricky Rogers, Cllr Robert Yuill, Cllr Simon Jacobs, Cllr Stewart Dobson, Cllr Sue Evans, Cllr Sven Hocking, Cllr Toby Sturgis, Cllr Tony Deane and Cllr Tony Trotman

Against the motion (11):

Cllr Brian Mathew, Cllr Chris Hurst, Cllr David Jenkins, Cllr Hayley Spencer, Cllr Ian Thorn, Cllr Jim Lynch, Cllr Pat Aves, Cllr Ross Henning, Cllr Ruth Hopkinson, Cllr Stephen Oldrieve and Cllr Trevor Carbin

Abstained (2):

Cllr Bob Jones MBE and Cllr Gordon King

9 Council Tax Setting 2018/19

The Chairman invited Councillor Philip Whitehead, Cabinet member for Finance, to present the report which detailed the various calculations in the prescribed format to enable Council to approve the council tax requirement for 2018/19.

Councillor Philip Whitehead proposed, duly seconded by the Leader, that the recommendations in the report be adopted.

There being no further debate, and having been put to a recorded vote, the meeting;

Resolved

- 1. It be noted that on 12 December 2017 the Council calculated:**

- (a) the Council Tax Base 2018/2019 for the whole Wiltshire Council area as 182,705.43 [Item T in the formula in Section 31B(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the "Act")] and,
 - (b) for dwellings in those parts of its area to which a Parish precept relates as in the attached Appendix.
2. Calculate that the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2018/2019 (excluding precepts) is £258,449,620.
 3. That the following amounts be calculated for the year 2018/2019 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Act:
 - (a) £947,510,948 (Gross Revenue Expenditure including transfers to reserves, parish precepts and any collection fund deficit) being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act taking into account all precepts issued to it by Parish Councils).
 - (b) £669,257,003 (Gross Revenue Income including transfers from reserves, General Government Grants and any collection fund surplus) being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.
 - (c) £278,253,945 (Net Revenue Expenditure including parish precepts) being the amount by which the aggregate at 3(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 3(b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act as its Council Tax requirement for the year. (Item R in the formula in Section 31A(4) of the Act).
 - (d) £1,522.96 (Wiltshire Council band D tax plus average Town & Parish Councils Band D Council Tax) being the amount at 3(c) above (Item R), all divided by Item T (2 above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B(1) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council

**Tax for the year (including Parish precepts),
as shown below:**

Band A £	Band B £	Band C £	Band D £	Band E £	Band F £	Band G £	Band H £
1,015.31	1,184.50	1,353.75	1,522.96	1,861.40	2,199.83	2,538.27	3,045.92

(e) £19,804,325.09 (Aggregate of Town & Parish Council Precepts) being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish Precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act (as per the attached Appendix C).

(f) £1,414.57 (band D Council Tax for Wiltshire Council purposes only) being the amount at 3(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 3(e) above by Item T (2 above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no Parish precept relates, as shown below:

Band A £	Band B £	Band C £	Band D £	Band E £	Band F £	Band G £	Band H £
943.05	1,100.2 2	1,257.4 0	1,414.5 7	1,728.9 2	2,043.2 7	2,357.62	2,829.1 4

For the motion (82):

Baroness Scott of Bybrook OBE, Cllr Alan Hill, Cllr Allison Bucknell, Cllr Andrew Davis, Cllr Andy Phillips, Cllr Anna Cuthbert, Cllr Ashley O'Neill, Cllr Atiquel Hoque, Cllr Ben Anderson, Cllr Bob Jones MBE, Cllr Brian Mathew, Cllr Bridget Wayman, Cllr Chris Hurst, Cllr Christopher Devine, Cllr Chuck Berry, Cllr Clare Cape, Cllr Darren Henry, Cllr David Jenkins, Cllr Deborah Halik, Cllr Derek Brown OBE, Cllr Edward Kirk, Cllr Ernie Clark, Cllr Fleur de Rhe-Philipe, Cllr Fred Westmoreland, Cllr Gavin Grant, Cllr George Jeans, Cllr Gordon King, Cllr Graham Payne, Cllr Graham Wright, Cllr Hayley Spencer, Cllr Horace Prickett, Cllr Howard Greenman, Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling, Cllr Ian McLennan, Cllr Ian Thorn, Cllr Jacqui Lay, Cllr James Sheppard, Cllr Jane Davies, Cllr Jerry Kunkler, Cllr

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Against the motion (1):

Cllr Trevor Carbin

Admin Note: The meeting adjourned for lunch at 13:38 and reconvened at 14:24

10 **Pay Policy Statement**

The Chairman invited Councillor Richard Clewer, Cabinet member for Corporate Services, to present the updated pay policy statement for 2018/19 which applied to all non-schools employees of Wiltshire Council, except for centrally employed teachers who are covered by the teachers' pay policy.

Councillor Richard Clewer proposed, duly seconded by the Leader, that the recommendations in the report be adopted.

There being no further debate, the meeting;

Resolved

To approve the updated Pay Policy Statement set out in Appendix 1 of the report presented

Admin Note: A record of the vote is appended to these minutes.

11 **Wiltshire Council Electoral Review**

The Chairman invited Councillor Richard Clewer, as Chairman of the Electoral Review Committee, to present the report, included in the agenda supplement one circulated on the 14 February 2018, which sought approval of a draft submission to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England on council size as recommended by the Council's Electoral Review Committee.

Councillor Richard Clewer proposed, subsequently seconded by the Leader, that Council approves the draft submission on council size to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, subject to any minor drafting

and consequential changes to be delegated to the Director of Legal and Democratic Services in consultation with the Chairman of the Electoral Review Committee. It was noted that the draft submission, approved by the Committee, recommended that a council size of 99 members be submitted to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England; as that number was considered to be the most appropriate to enable Wiltshire Council ("The to provide effective and convenient local government within Wiltshire, taking into account the Council's governance arrangements, its regulatory and scrutiny functions and the representational role of councillors, in particular in relation to the community area system.

In making his proposal, Councillor Clewer outlined that process and emphasised that the review was in the first stage where a submission was sought on the appropriate number of councillors for the authority and that the Commission would make its decision on the number of councillors before seeking views on the appropriate division boundaries. He thanked the committee for their work and outlined the process undertaken by the committee in drawing up the proposals. He emphasised that the committee had started by gathering the evidence to establish the number of members required to effectively support the proper governance of the authority's area, including the Area Board structure. He then explained how the impacts of different proposals were considered; the impact of the proposals on community area governance and effective scrutiny; how population estimates were projected and included in the review; and that some changes to division boundaries were inevitable whatever number was decided.

In making his proposal, Councillor Clewer suggested an amendment to the submission as follows:

At para 94 to delete the words 'strong preference' replace with 'requirement' to strengthen it.

This having been accepted by the seconder became part of the substantive motion.

The Chairman gave an opportunity for the group leaders to comment on the proposals.

The Leader thanked the committee for their hard work. She stated that she had spoken to the Boundary Commission and was reassured that the priorities of the review were good governance and an equality of votes; she emphasised that the council is relatively new and that the governance of the council remains, as it did at the beginning, a priority for the authority. She emphasised the need to retain single member divisions to retain strong community leadership.

Councillor Ian Thorn thanked the Committee for their hard work, and to his colleagues for developing an alternative proposal. He spoke in support of the need for single member divisions, but expressed concern that the committee

proposals did not reflect changes made in other parts of the council to transform the way it works.

Councillor Ernie Clark thanked the committee and saw much to support in the proposals but will listen to the debate on alternative proposals.

Councillor Ricky Rogers also emphasised the importance of political governance and spoke in support of the proposals.

Councillor Gavin Grant proposed, duly seconded by Councillor Clare Cape, that the amendments be made to the draft submission as outline in his paper published in supplement three circulated on the 19 February 2018. It was noted that the effect of this amendment was to propose a revised Council size of 86. In making his amendment, Councillor Grant stated that he felt the amendments were more in line with the information required by the Commission. He outlined where, in the course of the Committee's debate, his view had differed from the other members of the committee. He emphasised his support for the local governance arrangements based on 18 area boards; how good governance and the scrutiny of the council would continue to be supported; the difference of opinion regarding the importance of the role of the portfolio holders; that whilst the commission is not concerned with the cost implications of proposals, the council should be; and that he believed that area boards can function with only three members where necessary as is currently the case with Tidworth and Pewsey.

The Chairman gave an opportunity for the group leaders to comment on the amendment.

Councillor Ian Thorn stated that he was more persuaded by the arguments for the amendment.

Councillor Ernie Clark stated that he could not support the amendment, and expressed concern that fewer councillors would result in greater workloads which would possibly put off younger and working age people from standing for election.

The meeting then debated the amendment:

Councillor Jonathon Seed spoke against the amendment and expressed concern that the amendment was not fully evidenced. He reiterated how the committee had reached its conclusions based on the evidence gathered.

Councillor Graham Wright stated that he felt that all members of the committee had contributed to the debate even where they disagreed, but that he would not be seeking to support the amendment.

Councillor Ian McLennan stated that he could not supported the amendment as it did not provide an adequate number of councillors to run the Council and to allow councillors to get to know their communities well.

Councillor Ian Blair-Pilling spoke in the support of the original motion and stated that he felt that this offered the most adequate capacity for good governance for the council.

Councillor Chris Hurst stated that he believed that people of working age were able to act effectively in the role, and that he felt the amendment was proportionate.

Councillor Clare Cape spoke in support of the amendment and felt that it was properly evidenced. She reiterated the need to offer an effective and efficient governance structure.

Councillor Chris William spoke against the amendment due to its impact on community area governance.

Councillor Philip Whitehead spoke against the amendment stating: that the cost of the proposals should not be considered; that the value of portfolio holders was clear; that the example of what had happened in other authorities was not entirely relevant; and his concern that the amendment would negatively impact on the area board model.

Councillor Ross Henning spoke in support of the area board model and felt that the amendment would not negatively impact on that model.

Councillor David Jenkins spoke in support of the amendment as it was properly evidenced.

Councillor Jerry Kunkler spoke against the amendment and referred to the reduction made to the number of councillors who had represented the former the county and district councils , and that he would not support a further reduction as that could negatively impact on political representation.

Councillor John Thomson spoke against the amendment and that he felt that the area board model would be undermined by the amendment at a time where more engagement with the community would be required.

Councillor Jim Lynch spoke in support of the area boards and emphasised that they should be adequately staffed.

In response to the amendment, Councillor Clewer reiterated the difference in the governance model used in Wiltshire, and restated the importance for having the right number of councillors to support this model. He emphasised the impact of the proposed amendment to the area board model and the importance of electoral equivalence, and spoke against the amendment,

Having been put to a recorded vote, the amendment was lost and recorded as follows:

For the motion (16):

Cllr Bob Jones MBE, Cllr Brian Mathew, Cllr Chris Hurst, Cllr Clare Cape, Cllr David Jenkins, Cllr Gavin Grant, Cllr Gordon King, Cllr Hayley Spencer, Cllr Ian Thorn, Cllr Jim Lynch, Cllr Pat Aves, Cllr Ross Henning, Cllr Ruth Hopkinson, Cllr Stephen Oldrieve, Cllr Stewart Palmen and Cllr Trevor Carbin.

Against the motion (65):

Baroness Scott of Bybrook OBE, Cllr Alan Hill, Cllr Allison Bucknell, Cllr Andrew Davis, Cllr Andy Phillips, Cllr Anna Cuthbert, Cllr Ashley O'Neill, Cllr Atiquil Hoque, Cllr Ben Anderson, Cllr Bridget Wayman, Cllr Christopher Williams, Cllr Chuck Berry, Cllr Darren Henry, Cllr Deborah Halik, Cllr Derek Brown OBE, Cllr Edward Kirk, Cllr Ernie Clark, Cllr Fleur de Rhe-Philipe, Cllr Fred Westmoreland, Cllr George Jeans, Cllr Horace Prickett, Cllr Howard Greenman, Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling, Cllr Ian McLennan, Cllr Jacqui Lay, Cllr James Sheppard, Cllr Jane Davies, Cllr Jerry Kunkler, Cllr Jerry Wickham, Cllr John Smale, Cllr John Thomson, Cllr John Walsh, Cllr Johnny Kidney, Cllr Jonathon Seed, Cllr Jose Green, Cllr Laura Mayes, Cllr Mark Connolly, Cllr Mary Champion, Cllr Mary Douglas, Cllr Matthew Dean, Cllr Mike Hewitt, Cllr Mollie Groom, Cllr Nick Murry, Cllr Paul Oatway QPM, Cllr Pauline Church, Cllr Peter Evans, Cllr Peter Fuller, Cllr Peter Hutton, Cllr Philip Alford, Cllr Philip Whalley, Cllr Philip Whitehead, Cllr Pip Ridout, Cllr Richard Britton, Cllr Richard Clewer, Cllr Richard Gamble, Cllr Ricky Rogers, Cllr Robert Yuill, Cllr Simon Jacobs, Cllr Stewart Dobson, Cllr Sue Evans, Cllr Sven Hocking, Cllr Toby Sturgis, Cllr Tom Rounds, Cllr Tony Deane and Cllr Tony Trotman.

The meeting then returned to the substantive motion.

Councillor Ian McLennan proposed an amendment and referred to a paragraph that had been include an early draft of the submission considered by the Committee and suggested the following be included:

Therefore, the Committee does not see a situation where any division boundaries cross community area boundaries, and that the sole present example, Laverstock, Ford and Old Sarum, be adjusted to correct this.

Councillor Clewer stated in response that the Committee had considered this paragraph and had decided not to include it as the matter would addressed in the next stage of electoral review process.

Upon the advice of the Monitoring Officer, the Chairman determined that the amendment proposed by Councillor McLennan was not valid

, as this matter would be dealt with at the 2nd stage of the electoral review, and as the inclusion of the additional text would effectively reverse the arguments made at para 33 of the draft submission where the committee determined that sound community boundaries may need amendment.

There being no further comments, and having been put to a recorded vote, the meeting resolved to pass the original motion as follows:

Resolved

To approve the draft submission on council size to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, subject to any minor drafting and consequential changes to be delegated to the Director of Legal and Democratic Services in consultation with the Chairman of the Electoral Review Committee.

For the motion (64):

Baroness Scott of Bybrook OBE, Cllr Alan Hill, Cllr Allison Bucknell, Cllr Andrew Davis, Cllr Anna Cuthbert, Cllr Ashley O'Neill, Cllr Atiqul Hoque, Cllr Ben Anderson, Cllr Bridget Wayman, Cllr Christopher Williams, Cllr Chuck Berry, Cllr Darren Henry, Cllr Deborah Halik, Cllr Derek Brown OBE, Cllr Edward Kirk, Cllr Ernie Clark, Cllr Fleur de Rhe-Philipe, Cllr Fred Westmoreland, Cllr George Jeans, Cllr Graham Wright, Cllr Horace Prickett, Cllr Howard Greenman, Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling, Cllr Ian McLennan, Cllr Jacqui Lay, Cllr James Sheppard, Cllr Jane Davies, Cllr Jerry Kunkler, Cllr Jerry Wickham, Cllr John Smale, Cllr John Thomson, Cllr John Walsh, Cllr Johnny Kidney, Cllr Jonathon Seed, Cllr Jose Green, Cllr Laura Mayes, Cllr Mark Connolly, Cllr Mary Champion, Cllr Mary Douglas, Cllr Matthew Dean, Cllr Mike Hewitt, Cllr Nick Murry, Cllr Paul Oatway QPM, Cllr Pauline Church, Cllr Peter Evans, Cllr Peter Fuller, Cllr Peter Hutton, Cllr Philip Alford, Cllr Philip Whalley, Cllr Philip Whitehead, Cllr Pip Ridout, Cllr Richard Britton, Cllr Richard Clewer, Cllr Richard Gamble, Cllr Ricky Rogers, Cllr Robert Yuill, Cllr Simon Jacobs, Cllr Stewart Dobson, Cllr Sue Evans, Cllr Sven Hocking, Cllr Toby Sturgis, Cllr Tom Rounds, Cllr Tony Deane and Cllr Tony Trotman

Against the motion (15):

Cllr Bob Jones MBE, Cllr Brian Mathew, Cllr Chris Hurst, Cllr Clare Cape, Cllr David Jenkins, Cllr Gavin Grant, Cllr Gordon King, Cllr Hayley Spencer, Cllr Ian Thorn, Cllr Pat Aves, Cllr Ross Henning, Cllr Ruth Hopkinson, Cllr Stephen Oldrieve, Cllr Stewart Palmen and Cllr Trevor Carbin

12 Proposed Changes to the Council's Allocations Policy

The Chairman invited Councillor Richard Clewer, Cabinet Member for Housing, to present the report which sought approval for the Cabinet's recommendation to amend the Council's Allocation Policy.

Councillor Richard Clewer proposed, subsequently seconded by the Leader that Council approve the adoption of the amended allocations policy.

The Chairman gave an opportunity for the group leaders to comment.

The Leader thanked the officers for their work and in particular with the military community.

In response to a question from Councillor Trevor Carbin, Councillor Clewer stated that any random checks on the veracity of the information submitted to establish local connection would be undertaken at the time of registration, and that he would check what action would be taken for any errors established at a later date.

There being no further comments, and having been put to a recorded vote, the meeting;

Resolved

To approve the adoption of the amended allocations policy

Admin Note: A record of the vote is appended to these minutes.

13 Carers Strategy

The Chairman invited Councillor Jerry Wickham, Cabinet Member for Adult Care, to present the report which sought approval for the Cabinet's recommendation to adopt the Carers Strategy.

Councillor Jerry Wickham proposed, subsequently seconded by Councillor Laura Mayes, that Council approve the Carers in Wiltshire Strategy 2017 – 22, to be published in March 2018. In presenting the strategy, Councillor Wickham stated: that the Council recognised the hard work undertaken by carers; the support of health partners; the work to build on the original adult carers strategy and the young carers strategy; that the national carers strategy has yet to be published; the process for consulting on the strategy and the views submitted by partners and scrutiny.

The Chairman gave an opportunity for the group leaders to comment.

The Leader emphasised the appreciation felt for the contribution made by carers, and the wish to support them in their role.

There being no further comments, and having been put to a recorded vote, the meeting;

Resolved

To approve the Carers in Wiltshire Strategy 2017 – 22, to be published in March 2018

Admin Note: A record of the vote is appended to these minutes.

14 Amendments to the Wiltshire Local Transport Plan (LTP) 2011-2026

The Chairman invited Councillor Bridget Wayman, Cabinet Member Transport, to present the item which sought approval for the amendment Policy PS3 of the LTP Car Parking Strategy following the decision of Cabinet made at their meeting on the 30 January 2018.

Councillor Bridget Wayman proposed, subsequently seconded by The Leader that Council approve Cabinet's recommendation to remove the following text from Policy PS3 of the LTP Car Parking Strategy would be made to full Council:

Sunday parking charges will be considered where there is an identified traffic congestion or air quality issue, or where there is a strong and established parking demand from shoppers or visitors.

The Chairman gave an opportunity for the group leaders to comment.

There being no further comments, and having been put to a recorded vote, the meeting;

Resolved

To remove the following text from Policy PS3 of the LTP Car Parking Strategy would be made to full Council:

Sunday parking charges will be considered where there is an identified traffic congestion or air quality issue, or where there is a strong and established parking demand from shoppers or visitors.

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15 Notices of Motion

The meeting considered the following motions:

16 Notice of Motion No.5 - Salisbury Athletics Track

At the invitation of the Chairman, Councillor Ricky Rogers proposed the motion which was subsequently seconded by Councillor John Walsh.

In response to the motion, Councillor John Thomson stated that having spoken to Councillor Ricky Rogers, he would be asking for the matter to be referred to the Leader for resolution.

Having been proposed by the Chairman and seconded by the Vice-Chairman, the motion was referred to the Leader for resolution.

17 Notice of Motion No.6 - Shared Lives Programme

At the invitation of the Chairman, Councillor Brian Mathew proposed the motion subsequently seconded by Councillor Gordon King. In moving his motion Cllr Matthew spoke of the importance of supporting people with care needs to live in their communities as long as possible, and how the programme offers an alternative model of support to residential care. He also mentioned the relative level of provision in neighbouring areas, and argued that a relatively small investment in the programme would result in financial and social benefits.

In response to the motion, Councillor Jerry Wickham stated that he supported the motion.

Having been proposed by the Chairman and seconded by the Vice-Chairman, the motion was referred to the Leader for resolution.

Admin Note: A record of the vote is appended to these minutes.

18 Minutes of Cabinet and Committees

The Chairman moved that Council receive and note the minutes as listed in the separate Minutes Book and this was duly seconded by the Vice-Chairman.

The Chairman then invited questions from members on points of information or clarification on the above minutes and gave the Chairmen of those meetings the opportunity to make any important announcements on the work of their respective Committees.

The Leader confirmed, as previously announced at a previous meeting of Cabinet, that Councillor Chuck Berry had resigned from the Cabinet, and thanked him for his work on the Cabinet.

Resolved:

That the minutes be received and noted

19 Membership of Committees

The Chairman invited Group Leaders to present any requests for changes to committee membership in accordance with the allocation of seats to political groups previously approved by Council.

Following a request made by Baroness Scott of Bybrook, OBE, Leader of the Conservative Group, it was;

Resolved

That Councillor Tony Trotman be removed from the Health Select Committee and that Councillor Chuck Berry be placed on the Health Select Committee.

20 **Councillors' Questions**

The Chairman reported receipt of two questions for the meeting from Councillors Ian Thorn. details of which were circulated in Agenda Supplement two

Councillor Ian Thorn was permitted to each ask one relevant supplementary question per question submitted and where they did so, the relevant Cabinet member responded as summarised below:

1. Councillor Ian Thorn to Councillor Toby Sturgis (Ref 18-01)

In response to a request for more succinct clarify, Councillor Toby Sturgis confirmed that the answer was no.

2. Councillor Ian Thorn to Councillor Toby Sturgis (Ref 18-02)

There was no supplementary question.

(Duration of meeting: 10.30 am - 4.06 pm)

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Leader’s budget speech – 19 February (2018)

I was reminded recently of a famous quote;

“It isn’t what we say or think that defines us, but what we do...”

Jane Austin penned this – and it’s as simple as it is true.

It made me reflect on this council and realise that we are defined by the actions we take and the outcomes we deliver.

I think we should all be proud that even in the toughest and most challenging of times we have continued to deliver services that people need and do all that we can to improve the lives for people in Wiltshire, and, in particular, for those who are most vulnerable.

Since we formed in 2009 - can you believe almost ten years ago!
our vision and priorities have remained the same and we have been united and focused on these.

We build strong communities, protect the vulnerable, and do what we can to grow the economy.

Wiltshire Council is now well reputed, high performing and a multi-award winning authority.

We have earned this reputation based on our track record for delivering radical and innovative transformation programmes.

We’ve had little choice – we had to do things differently.

Council – 20 February 2018

Like other authorities across the country, we've had to manage the challenge of increasing service demands and a continued reduction in central government funding.

Our most recent Business Plan, published last July, sets out our ambitious agenda for the next ten years.

This plan focuses on these three priorities and it also sets out what actions we will take.

These actions reflect what matters to residents and local communities and we mustn't lose sight of this.

People care – they care about the place where they live; how it looks, how clean it is and that it has the facilities that the local community needs to come together and to thrive.

As you are all aware we continue to experience an unprecedented growth in children's and adult social care services.

We have to transform and change what we do, if we are to meet these demands and continue to protect those who are most vulnerable.

Our recovery and transformation of children's services (following the Oftsed inspection on 2012) was recognised last year by the LGA peer review team.

They stated that we were an exemplar of cross council working.

The first phase of the transformation has integrated children's services, bringing Early Help and Safeguarding and Assessment together.

The next phase, which is underway, will engage staff, partners and service users in delivering integrated, family-focused provision and better outcomes for children.

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The earlier we can intervene and provide the support that's needed, the greater the benefits including a reduction in the escalating costs.

The approach to children's transformation is helping to guide the adult transformation programme, which is also well underway.

In adult care, across the whole country there are huge challenges.

Our population is ageing and life expectancy is increasing, bringing with it rising demand and cost.

In Wiltshire we have the third largest older population, with 100,000 of our 475,000 residents aged over 65, and – as you know - this is projected to rise by around 25% in the next five years.

In the 2018/19 budget - that we are discussing today - we are again proposing to raise the Social Care Levy by 3% - but, let's be clear...

this won't raise anywhere near enough to keep pace with demand - so we have to do something radical.

The transformation of adult social care sets out a vision to support independent lives in local communities and make our adult care the best in the country by 2020.

Although this is projected to save around £8 million - it isn't about cost-cutting - it's about improving outcomes for all those who need support and help.

Whilst we've increased the adult social care budget over the last four years by 11% - that's £13.5 million, we have to rethink how care is going to be provided going forward, as we cannot sustain an ongoing investment that will meet the increasing demand.

We want to continue to help people to live at home for longer and enable them to take responsibility for their own wellbeing.

We need to build on the success of the Help to Live at Home scheme, which so far has helped around 6,500 people to stay independent.

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The provision of care services is changing and by bringing some of these services in-house we can start a reablement service.

We are ahead of the curve in recognising that things have to change.

Wiltshire's effective and award winning Health and Wellbeing Board is already delivering several programmes that are integrating health and social care services.

An example - which you may be aware of - is the single view of the customer.

This allows an individual's data to be collected once and then shared – as required to avoid duplication, excess time and the frustration for the customer or patient.

The result is a more efficient and joined up service that delivers real outcomes for the individual and provides the care package and support that they need to live a healthier life at home, in their local community, where we know they prefer to be.

Also, as part of the recent tier one restructure to appoint the corporate directors, we introduced a new role – a corporate director for health and adult social care.

This is a joint role with the NHS Wiltshire Clinical Commissioning Group and this post holder will also be their Chief Accountable Officer.

This is a radical move and one that demonstrates the commitment and realisation that these services must integrate at all levels including the most senior level, if we are to meet the growing demand and deliver the best possible social care services in the future.

The post will be advertised soon, and I anticipate that it will have a lot of interest given that this is new and different and that very few local authorities and health services have gone down a similar approach. Although based on the pressures I suspect this will change and we will see more shared roles.

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The programme of transformation in both children's and adults have involved staff, partners and service users.

We know by working with others we can make a huge and positive difference.

A recent example was the pressures on the acute hospitals.

Interestingly, the admissions of people from Wiltshire with respiratory problems - one of the major pressures on the health service at this time of year - has been much lower than many other counties.

This has been attributed to the high take up of the flu vaccine in Wiltshire, which is one of the highest in the country.

This is the result of our public health team working with GPs, schools, communities and businesses to encourage people to get vaccinated and take responsibility for their own health.

It proves that preventative action reduces service pressures and high costs.

The more that communities and individuals can take responsibility for their health and wellbeing the bigger the impact.

We recognise that we need to invest in our local communities to encourage and empower people to take more responsibility.

Our model of community working is well established and nationally recognised,

but - we need to do more...

We need to increase capacity

Whilst there are currently more than 6,000 volunteers helping to deliver council services across Wiltshire including locally based flood wardens, people who help to

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clear and maintain our rights of way, sports coaches and 868 people who support the library service...

We need to encourage **everyone** in local communities to do a little to help others.

As Martin Luther King said;

“Life’s most persistent and urgent question is what are you doing for others? “.

We are creating places for our communities and so far we have invested more than £41 million in new facilities including three community campuses and three hubs across the county.

Work is currently underway to invest a further £33 million in facilities in Pewsey and Royal Wootton Bassett, and to complete the final phase of the programme in Melksham, Cricklade and Calne.

Future provision of facilities, in other areas, will focus on community hubs based on the successful model implemented in Calne, Devizes and Malmesbury, which have seen significant returns both in income and social capital on comparatively small investment.

These hubs are providing a wide range of services and flexible space that is being used by the community and commercial organisations.

We have seen a significant rise in visitor numbers - up to 128% increase in some places - and we have also seen a rise in the number of volunteers helping to provide services.

We need to do all that we can, working with local communities, to ensure that their local facilities and services are sustainable in the future and will not be reliant on any subsidy from the council.

We need these hubs – these community places.

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Did you know that a recent study showed that 200,000 UK pensioners had not had a conversation with a friend or relative in more than a month!

That's really shocking.

And, right now more than 9 million people in the UK say they regularly feel lonely.

The impact of loneliness and isolation is one of the biggest demands and costs to the health service.

Research states that loneliness can be as bad for your health as smoking 15 cigarettes a day.

We have to take action and we have to do what we can to help combat this issue.

I'd like to highlight the Malmesbury hub, known as the Riverside Community Centre that opened its doors a year ago and quickly established itself as a 'must-book venue' for local groups and clubs.

From the well-attended Saturday morning drop-in brunch club - as this is evidenced as the peak time when people feel most lonely - to running clubs, girl guides, a choir and a band, the centre offers something for everyone whatever their age.

The hub is run by Friends of Riverside, a group of volunteers that also run activities at the centre; such as Saturday Friends Sessions for seniors, especially welcoming those with dementia. They collect people from local care homes by minibus so that these older people can continue to socialise with friends and others.

The hub is a really important place and it's making a positive difference to many people's lives.

If every community was able to emulate this approach and support those that need it most we would be able to allocate our resources where they are most needed.

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Our communities do so much already, but together we need to look at what more they can do; what services they can deliver and support and what more they can do to help others.

As Margaret J Wheatley an expert in community leadership says;

“There is no power for change greater than a community discovering what it cares about”.

We know that communities care.

They care about people and about their environment and their local facilities.

Thousands turn out each year to take part in community litter picks tackling the hot spots and helping to clean-up our county and reduce the £2.5m we spend on picking up rubbish.

As I've said before, if everyone is encouraged to make a small contribution to help others, to help the environment, and to help make their place better – then what a positive impact can be made.

No one can do everything but, everyone can do something.

That is why we will continue to invest in communities and devolve services that are best delivered locally.

I have, therefore, decided to propose an amendment to the budget and to allocate £669,000 from the recently announced Rural Fund to go into street scene services to help to improve the environment, including combating litter and fly tipping.

If we are to meet the challenges ahead, we will need to increase the capacity in our communities and continue to work with our partners.

We also know how important it is to have a strong and robust local economy.

We recognise the impact that a strong economy can have on the overall health and wellbeing of the county.

Growing the economy is one of our three priorities.

More than £300 million has been allocated in the capital programme to be spent on infrastructure to improve access and transport across the county, regenerate our market towns, deliver housing and improve connectivity.

Protecting and creating new jobs and making sure that businesses in Wiltshire can recruit the skills they need, is vital to supporting the growth of the local economy.

Working with colleges, businesses and the Local Enterprise Partnership we will continue to promote and support apprenticeships and help people to access higher education and training.

We will do all we can to help develop the workforce that Wiltshire needs.

As a council we will become more business-like, but we won't be a business.

We will offer more through digital options allowing our residents to self-serve at a time that's convenient to them.

We need to continue to drive change and transformation and look to the future.

As Richard Branson once was quoted:

“unsuccessful organisations make decisions based on their current situation – successful organisations make decisions based on where they want to be.”

The LGA peer challenge team also stated that this council has strong, visible and accessible leadership that gives clear direction.

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We know what we need to do and the budget before you today continues the journey to transform and improve this council - so that we make Wiltshire an even better place to live, work in and visit.

My thanks go to the corporate team and my cabinet and in particular to Michael Hudson as finance director and Philip Whitehead as my lead member for finance, for delivering one of the most challenging budgets that this council has had to manage.

It clearly sets out how we will continue to deliver our priorities and make the savings required.

I would like to acknowledge and commend the innovative thinking, commitment and business-like approach from everyone involved in proposing this balanced budget for consideration by this council today...

Treasury Management Strategy 2018/19 (Minute 7 refers)

For the motion (86):

Baroness Scott of Bybrook OBE, Cllr Alan Hill, Cllr Allison Bucknell, Cllr Andrew Davis, Cllr Andy Phillips, Cllr Anna Cuthbert, Cllr Ashley O'Neill, Cllr Atiquel Hoque, Cllr Ben Anderson, Cllr Bob Jones MBE, Cllr Brian Dalton, Cllr Brian Mathew, Cllr Bridget Wayman, Cllr Chris Hurst, Cllr Christopher Devine, Cllr Christopher Williams, Cllr Chuck Berry, Cllr Clare Cape, Cllr Darren Henry, Cllr David Jenkins, Cllr Deborah Halik, Cllr Derek Brown OBE, Cllr Edward Kirk, Cllr Ernie Clark, Cllr Fleur de Rhe-Philipe, Cllr Fred Westmoreland, Cllr Gavin Grant, Cllr George Jeans, Cllr Gordon King, Cllr Graham Payne, Cllr Graham Wright, Cllr Hayley Spencer, Cllr Horace Prickett, Cllr Howard Greenman, Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling, Cllr Ian McLennan, Cllr Ian Thorn, Cllr Jacqui Lay, Cllr James Sheppard, Cllr Jane Davies, Cllr Jerry Kunkler, Cllr Jerry Wickham, Cllr Jim Lynch, Cllr John Smale, Cllr John Thomson, Cllr Johnny Kidney, Cllr Jonathon Seed, Cllr Jose Green, Cllr Laura Mayes, Cllr Mark Connolly, Cllr Mary Champion, Cllr Mary Douglas, Cllr Matthew Dean, Cllr Melody Thompson, Cllr Mike Hewitt, Cllr Mollie Groom, Cllr Nick Fogg MBE, Cllr Nick Murry, Cllr Pat Aves, Cllr Paul Oatway QPM, Cllr Pauline Church, Cllr Peter Evans, Cllr Peter Fuller, Cllr Peter Hutton, Cllr Philip Alford, Cllr Philip Whalley, Cllr Philip Whitehead, Cllr Pip Ridout, Cllr Richard Britton, Cllr Richard Clewer, Cllr Richard Gamble, Cllr Ricky Rogers, Cllr Robert Yuill, Cllr Ross Henning, Cllr Roy While, Cllr Ruth Hopkinson, Cllr Simon Jacobs, Cllr Stephen Oldrieve, Cllr Stewart Dobson, Cllr Stewart Palmen, Cllr Sue Evans, Cllr Sven Hocking, Cllr Toby Sturgis, Cllr Tom Rounds, Cllr Tony Deane and Cllr Tony Trotman.

Against the motion (1):

Cllr Trevor Carbin

Wiltshire Council's Financial Plan Update 2018/19 (Minute 8 refers)

The Liberal Democrat Group amendment

For the motion (18):

Cllr Bob Jones MBE, Cllr Brian Dalton, Cllr Brian Mathew, Cllr Chris Hurst, Cllr Clare Cape, Cllr David Jenkins, Cllr Gavin Grant, Cllr Gordon King, Cllr Hayley Spencer, Cllr Ian Thorn, Cllr Jim Lynch, Cllr Mike Hewitt, Cllr Pat Aves, Cllr Ross Henning, Cllr Ruth Hopkinson, Cllr Stephen Oldrieve, Cllr Stewart Palmen and Cllr Trevor Carbin

Against the motion (63):

Baroness Scott of Bybrook OBE, Cllr Alan Hill, Cllr Allison Bucknell, Cllr Andrew Davis, Cllr Andy Phillips, Cllr Anna Cuthbert, Cllr Ashley O'Neill, Cllr Atiquel Hoque, Cllr Ben Anderson, Cllr Bridget Wayman, Cllr Christopher Devine, Cllr Christopher Williams, Cllr Chuck Berry, Cllr Darren Henry, Cllr Deborah Halik, Cllr Derek Brown OBE, Cllr Edward Kirk, Cllr Ernie Clark, Cllr Fleur de Rhe-Philipe, Cllr Fred Westmoreland, Cllr Graham Payne, Cllr Graham Wright, Cllr Horace Prickett, Cllr Howard Greenman, Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling, Cllr Jacqui Lay, Cllr James Sheppard, Cllr

Jane Davies, Cllr Jerry Kunkler, Cllr Jerry Wickham, Cllr John Smale, Cllr John Thomson, Cllr Johnny Kidney, Cllr Jonathon Seed, Cllr Jose Green, Cllr Laura Mayes, Cllr Mark Connolly, Cllr Mary Champion, Cllr Mary Douglas, Cllr Matthew Dean, Cllr Melody Thompson, Cllr Mollie Groom, Cllr Paul Oatway QPM, Cllr Pauline Church, Cllr Peter Evans, Cllr Peter Fuller, Cllr Peter Hutton, Cllr Philip Alford, Cllr Philip Whalley, Cllr Philip Whitehead, Cllr Pip Ridout, Cllr Richard Britton, Cllr Richard Clewer, Cllr Richard Gamble, Cllr Robert Yuill, Cllr Simon Jacobs, Cllr Stewart Dobson, Cllr Sue Evans, Cllr Sven Hocking, Cllr Toby Sturgis, Cllr Tom Rounds, Cllr Tony Deane and Cllr Tony Trotman.

Abstained (4):

Cllr Ian Mclennan, Cllr John Walsh, Cllr Nick Murry and Cllr Ricky Rogers.

The substantive motion to approve the budget (excluding Housing Revenue Account Items c v, vi & vii)

For the motion (64):

Baroness Scott of Bybrook OBE, Cllr Alan Hill, Cllr Allison Bucknell, Cllr Andrew Davis, Cllr Andy Phillips, Cllr Anna Cuthbert, Cllr Ashley O'Neill, Cllr Atiqul Hoque, Cllr Ben Anderson, Cllr Bridget Wayman, Cllr Christopher Devine, Cllr Christopher Williams, Cllr Chuck Berry, Cllr Darren Henry, Cllr Deborah Halik, Cllr Derek Brown OBE, Cllr Ernie Clark, Cllr Fleur de Rhe-Philipe, Cllr Fred Westmoreland, Cllr Graham Payne, Cllr Graham Wright, Cllr Horace Prickett, Cllr Howard Greenman, Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling, Cllr Jacqui Lay, Cllr James Sheppard, Cllr Jane Davies, Cllr Jerry Kunkler, Cllr Jerry Wickham, Cllr John Smale, Cllr John Thomson, Cllr Johnny Kidney, Cllr Jonathon Seed, Cllr Jose Green, Cllr Laura Mayes, Cllr Mark Connolly, Cllr Mary Champion, Cllr Mary Douglas, Cllr Matthew Dean, Cllr Melody Thompson, Cllr Mike Hewitt, Cllr Mollie Groom, Cllr Nick Murry, Cllr Paul Oatway QPM, Cllr Pauline Church, Cllr Peter Evans, Cllr Peter Fuller, Cllr Peter Hutton, Cllr Philip Alford, Cllr Philip Whalley, Cllr Philip Whitehead, Cllr Pip Ridout, Cllr Richard Britton, Cllr Richard Clewer, Cllr Richard Gamble, Cllr Robert Yuill, Cllr Simon Jacobs, Cllr Stewart Dobson, Cllr Sue Evans, Cllr Sven Hocking, Cllr Toby Sturgis, Cllr Tom Rounds, Cllr Tony Deane and Cllr Tony Trotman.

Against the motion (18):

Cllr Bob Jones MBE, Cllr Brian Dalton, Cllr Brian Mathew, Cllr Chris Hurst, Cllr Clare Cape, Cllr David Jenkins, Cllr Gavin Grant, Cllr Gordon King, Cllr Hayley Spencer, Cllr Ian Mclennan, Cllr Ian Thorn, Cllr Jim Lynch, Cllr John Walsh, Cllr Pat Aves, Cllr Ricky Rogers, Cllr Ruth Hopkinson, Cllr Stewart Palmen and Cllr Trevor Carbin.

Abstained (1):

Cllr Edward Kirk

The substantive motion to approve the budget (including Housing Revenue Account Items c v, vi & vii)

For the motion (63):

Baroness Scott of Bybrook OBE, Cllr Alan Hill, Cllr Allison Bucknell, Cllr Andrew Davis, Cllr Andy Phillips, Cllr Anna Cuthbert, Cllr Ashley O'Neill, Cllr Atiquel Hoque, Cllr Ben Anderson, Cllr Bridget Wayman, Cllr Christopher Williams, Cllr Chuck Berry, Cllr Darren Henry, Cllr Deborah Halik, Cllr Derek Brown OBE, Cllr Edward Kirk, Cllr Ernie Clark, Cllr Fleur de Rhe-Philipe, Cllr Fred Westmoreland, Cllr Graham Payne, Cllr Horace Prickett, Cllr Howard Greenman, Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling, Cllr Ian Mclennan, Cllr Jacqui Lay, Cllr James Sheppard, Cllr Jane Davies, Cllr Jerry Kunkler, Cllr Jerry Wickham, Cllr John Smale, Cllr John Thomson, Cllr John Walsh, Cllr Johnny Kidney, Cllr Jose Green, Cllr Laura Mayes, Cllr Mark Connolly, Cllr Mary Champion, Cllr Mary Douglas, Cllr Matthew Dean, Cllr Melody Thompson, Cllr Mike Hewitt, Cllr Mollie Groom, Cllr Nick Murry, Cllr Paul Oatway QPM, Cllr Pauline Church, Cllr Peter Evans, Cllr Peter Fuller, Cllr Peter Hutton, Cllr Philip Whalley, Cllr Philip Whitehead, Cllr Pip Ridout, Cllr Richard Britton, Cllr Richard Clewer, Cllr Richard Gamble, Cllr Ricky Rogers, Cllr Robert Yuill, Cllr Simon Jacobs, Cllr Stewart Dobson, Cllr Sue Evans, Cllr Sven Hocking, Cllr Toby Sturgis, Cllr Tony Deane and Cllr Tony Trotman

Against the motion (11):

Cllr Brian Mathew, Cllr Chris Hurst, Cllr David Jenkins, Cllr Hayley Spencer, Cllr Ian Thorn, Cllr Jim Lynch, Cllr Pat Aves, Cllr Ross Henning, Cllr Ruth Hopkinson, Cllr Stephen Oldrieve and Cllr Trevor Carbin

Abstained (2):

Cllr Bob Jones MBE and Cllr Gordon King

Council Tax Setting 2018/19 (Minute 9 refers)

For the motion (82):

Baroness Scott of Bybrook OBE, Cllr Alan Hill, Cllr Allison Bucknell, Cllr Andrew Davis, Cllr Andy Phillips, Cllr Anna Cuthbert, Cllr Ashley O'Neill, Cllr Atiquel Hoque, Cllr Ben Anderson, Cllr Bob Jones MBE, Cllr Brian Mathew, Cllr Bridget Wayman, Cllr Chris Hurst, Cllr Christopher Devine, Cllr Chuck Berry, Cllr Clare Cape, Cllr Darren Henry, Cllr David Jenkins, Cllr Deborah Halik, Cllr Derek Brown OBE, Cllr Edward Kirk, Cllr Ernie Clark, Cllr Fleur de Rhe-Philipe, Cllr Fred Westmoreland, Cllr Gavin Grant, Cllr George Jeans, Cllr Gordon King, Cllr Graham Payne, Cllr Graham Wright, Cllr Hayley Spencer, Cllr Horace Prickett, Cllr Howard Greenman, Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling, Cllr Ian Mclennan, Cllr Ian Thorn, Cllr Jacqui Lay, Cllr James Sheppard, Cllr Jane Davies, Cllr Jerry Kunkler, Cllr Jerry Wickham, Cllr Jim Lynch, Cllr John Smale, Cllr John Thomson, Cllr John Walsh, Cllr Johnny Kidney, Cllr Jonathon Seed, Cllr Jose Green, Cllr Laura Mayes, Cllr Mark Connolly, Cllr Mary Champion, Cllr Mary Douglas, Cllr Matthew Dean, Cllr Melody Thompson, Cllr Mike Hewitt, Cllr Nick Murry, Cllr Pat Aves, Cllr Paul Oatway QPM, Cllr Pauline Church, Cllr Peter Evans, Cllr Peter Fuller, Cllr Peter Hutton, Cllr Philip Alford, Cllr Philip Whalley, Cllr Philip

Whitehead, Cllr Pip Ridout, Cllr Richard Britton, Cllr Richard Clewer, Cllr Richard Gamble, Cllr Ricky Rogers, Cllr Robert Yuill, Cllr Ross Henning, Cllr Ruth Hopkinson, Cllr Simon Jacobs, Cllr Stephen Oldrieve, Cllr Stewart Dobson, Cllr Stewart Palmen, Cllr Sue Evans, Cllr Sven Hocking, Cllr Toby Sturgis, Cllr Tom Rounds, Cllr Tony Deane and Cllr Tony Trotman.

Against the motion (1):

Cllr Trevor Carbin

Pay Policy Statement (Minute 10 refers)

For the motion (77):

Baroness Scott of Bybrook OBE, Cllr Alan Hill, Cllr Allison Bucknell, Cllr Andrew Davis, Cllr Andy Phillips, Cllr Anna Cuthbert, Cllr Ashley O'Neill, Cllr Atiqul Hoque, Cllr Ben Anderson, Cllr Bob Jones MBE, Cllr Brian Mathew, Cllr Bridget Wayman, Cllr Chris Hurst, Cllr Christopher Williams, Cllr Chuck Berry, Cllr Clare Cape, Cllr Darren Henry, Cllr David Jenkins, Cllr Deborah Halik, Cllr Derek Brown OBE, Cllr Fleur de Rhe-Philippe, Cllr Fred Westmoreland, Cllr Gavin Grant, Cllr George Jeans, Cllr Graham Wright, Cllr Hayley Spencer, Cllr Howard Greenman, Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling, Cllr Ian McLennan, Cllr Ian Thorn, Cllr Jacqui Lay, Cllr James Sheppard, Cllr Jane Davies, Cllr Jerry Kunkler, Cllr Jerry Wickham, Cllr Jim Lynch, Cllr John Smale, Cllr John Thomson, Cllr John Walsh, Cllr Johnny Kidney, Cllr Jonathon Seed, Cllr Jose Green, Cllr Laura Mayes, Cllr Mark Connolly, Cllr Mary Champion, Cllr Mary Douglas, Cllr Matthew Dean, Cllr Mike Hewitt, Cllr Mollie Groom, Cllr Nick Murry, Cllr Pat Aves, Cllr Paul Oatway QPM, Cllr Pauline Church, Cllr Peter Evans, Cllr Peter Hutton, Cllr Philip Alford, Cllr Philip Whalley, Cllr Philip Whitehead, Cllr Pip Ridout, Cllr Richard Britton, Cllr Richard Clewer, Cllr Richard Gamble, Cllr Ricky Rogers, Cllr Robert Yuill, Cllr Ross Henning, Cllr Ruth Hopkinson, Cllr Simon Jacobs, Cllr Stephen Oldrieve, Cllr Stewart Dobson, Cllr Stewart Palmen, Cllr Sue Evans, Cllr Sven Hocking, Cllr Toby Sturgis, Cllr Tom Rounds, Cllr Tony Deane, Cllr Tony Trotman and Cllr Trevor Carbin.

There were no abstentions nor votes recorded against the motion.

Wiltshire Council Electoral Review (Minute 11 refers)

The Liberal Democrat Group amendment

For the motion (16):

Cllr Bob Jones MBE, Cllr Brian Mathew, Cllr Chris Hurst, Cllr Clare Cape, Cllr David Jenkins, Cllr Gavin Grant, Cllr Gordon King, Cllr Hayley Spencer, Cllr Ian Thorn, Cllr Jim Lynch, Cllr Pat Aves, Cllr Ross Henning, Cllr Ruth Hopkinson, Cllr Stephen Oldrieve, Cllr Stewart Palmen and Cllr Trevor Carbin.

Against the motion (65):

Baroness Scott of Bybrook OBE, Cllr Alan Hill, Cllr Allison Bucknell, Cllr Andrew Davis, Cllr Andy Phillips, Cllr Anna Cuthbert, Cllr Ashley O'Neill, Cllr Atiqul Hoque, Cllr Ben Anderson, Cllr Bridget Wayman, Cllr Christopher Williams, Cllr Chuck Berry, Cllr Darren Henry, Cllr Deborah Halik, Cllr Derek Brown OBE, Cllr Edward Kirk, Cllr Ernie Clark, Cllr Fleur de Rhe-Philipe, Cllr Fred Westmoreland, Cllr George Jeans, Cllr Horace Prickett, Cllr Howard Greenman, Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling, Cllr Ian Mclennan, Cllr Jacqui Lay, Cllr James Sheppard, Cllr Jane Davies, Cllr Jerry Kunkler, Cllr Jerry Wickham, Cllr John Smale, Cllr John Thomson, Cllr John Walsh, Cllr Johnny Kidney, Cllr Jonathon Seed, Cllr Jose Green, Cllr Laura Mayes, Cllr Mark Connolly, Cllr Mary Champion, Cllr Mary Douglas, Cllr Matthew Dean, Cllr Mike Hewitt, Cllr Mollie Groom, Cllr Nick Murry, Cllr Paul Oatway QPM, Cllr Pauline Church, Cllr Peter Evans, Cllr Peter Fuller, Cllr Peter Hutton, Cllr Philip Alford, Cllr Philip Whalley, Cllr Philip Whitehead, Cllr Pip Ridout, Cllr Richard Britton, Cllr Richard Clewer, Cllr Richard Gamble, Cllr Ricky Rogers, Cllr Robert Yuill, Cllr Simon Jacobs, Cllr Stewart Dobson, Cllr Sue Evans, Cllr Sven Hocking, Cllr Toby Sturgis, Cllr Tom Rounds, Cllr Tony Deane and Cllr Tony Trotman

The substantive motion to approve the submission.

For the motion (64):

Baroness Scott of Bybrook OBE, Cllr Alan Hill, Cllr Allison Bucknell, Cllr Andrew Davis, Cllr Anna Cuthbert, Cllr Ashley O'Neill, Cllr Atiqul Hoque, Cllr Ben Anderson, Cllr Bridget Wayman, Cllr Christopher Williams, Cllr Chuck Berry, Cllr Darren Henry, Cllr Deborah Halik, Cllr Derek Brown OBE, Cllr Edward Kirk, Cllr Ernie Clark, Cllr Fleur de Rhe-Philipe, Cllr Fred Westmoreland, Cllr George Jeans, Cllr Graham Wright, Cllr Horace Prickett, Cllr Howard Greenman, Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling, Cllr Ian Mclennan, Cllr Jacqui Lay, Cllr James Sheppard, Cllr Jane Davies, Cllr Jerry Kunkler, Cllr Jerry Wickham, Cllr John Smale, Cllr John Thomson, Cllr John Walsh, Cllr Johnny Kidney, Cllr Jonathon Seed, Cllr Jose Green, Cllr Laura Mayes, Cllr Mark Connolly, Cllr Mary Champion, Cllr Mary Douglas, Cllr Matthew Dean, Cllr Mike Hewitt, Cllr Nick Murry, Cllr Paul Oatway QPM, Cllr Pauline Church, Cllr Peter Evans, Cllr Peter Fuller, Cllr Peter Hutton, Cllr Philip Alford, Cllr Philip Whalley, Cllr Philip Whitehead, Cllr Pip Ridout, Cllr Richard Britton, Cllr Richard Clewer, Cllr Richard Gamble, Cllr Ricky Rogers, Cllr Robert Yuill, Cllr Simon Jacobs, Cllr Stewart Dobson, Cllr Sue Evans, Cllr Sven Hocking, Cllr Toby Sturgis, Cllr Tom Rounds, Cllr Tony Deane and Cllr Tony Trotman

Against the motion (15):

Cllr Bob Jones MBE, Cllr Brian Mathew, Cllr Chris Hurst, Cllr Clare Cape, Cllr David Jenkins, Cllr Gavin Grant, Cllr Gordon King, Cllr Hayley Spencer, Cllr Ian Thorn, Cllr Pat Aves, Cllr Ross Henning, Cllr Ruth Hopkinson, Cllr Stephen Oldrieve, Cllr Stewart Palmen and Cllr Trevor Carbin

Proposed Changes to the Council's Allocations Policy (Minute 12 refers)

For the motion (79):

Baroness Scott of Bybrook OBE, Cllr Alan Hill, Cllr Allison Bucknell, Cllr Andrew Davis, Cllr Andy Phillips, Cllr Anna Cuthbert, Cllr Ashley O'Neill, Cllr Atiquil Hoque, Cllr Ben Anderson, Cllr Bob Jones MBE, Cllr Brian Mathew, Cllr Bridget Wayman, Cllr Christopher Williams, Cllr Chuck Berry, Cllr Clare Cape, Cllr Darren Henry, Cllr David Jenkins, Cllr Deborah Halik, Cllr Derek Brown OBE, Cllr Edward Kirk, Cllr Ernie Clark, Cllr Fleur de Rhe-Philipe, Cllr Fred Westmoreland, Cllr Gavin Grant, Cllr George Jeans, Cllr Gordon King, Cllr Graham Wright, Cllr Hayley Spencer, Cllr Horace Prickett, Cllr Howard Greenman, Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling, Cllr Ian McLennan, Cllr Ian Thorn, Cllr Jacqui Lay, Cllr James Sheppard, Cllr Jane Davies, Cllr Jerry Kunkler, Cllr Jerry Wickham, Cllr John Smale, Cllr John Thomson, Cllr John Walsh, Cllr Johnny Kidney, Cllr Jonathon Seed, Cllr Jose Green, Cllr Laura Mayes, Cllr Mark Connolly, Cllr Mary Champion, Cllr Mary Douglas, Cllr Matthew Dean, Cllr Mike Hewitt, Cllr Mollie Groom, Cllr Nick Murry, Cllr Pat Aves, Cllr Paul Oatway QPM, Cllr Pauline Church, Cllr Peter Evans, Cllr Peter Fuller, Cllr Peter Hutton, Cllr Philip Alford, Cllr Philip Whalley, Cllr Philip Whitehead, Cllr Pip Ridout, Cllr Richard Britton, Cllr Richard Clewer, Cllr Richard Gamble, Cllr Ricky Rogers, Cllr Robert Yuill, Cllr Ross Henning, Cllr Ruth Hopkinson, Cllr Simon Jacobs, Cllr Stephen Oldrieve, Cllr Stewart Dobson, Cllr Stewart Palmen, Cllr Sue Evans, Cllr Sven Hocking, Cllr Toby Sturgis, Cllr Tom Rounds, Cllr Tony Trotman and Cllr Trevor Carbin

Abstained (1):

Cllr Tony Deane

Carers Strategy (Minute 13 refers)

For the motion (80):

Baroness Scott of Bybrook OBE, Cllr Alan Hill, Cllr Allison Bucknell, Cllr Andrew Davis, Cllr Andy Phillips, Cllr Anna Cuthbert, Cllr Ashley O'Neill, Cllr Atiquil Hoque, Cllr Ben Anderson, Cllr Bob Jones MBE, Cllr Brian Mathew, Cllr Bridget Wayman, Cllr Christopher Williams, Cllr Chuck Berry, Cllr Clare Cape, Cllr Darren Henry, Cllr David Jenkins, Cllr Deborah Halik, Cllr Derek Brown OBE, Cllr Edward Kirk, Cllr Ernie Clark, Cllr Fleur de Rhe-Philipe, Cllr Fred Westmoreland, Cllr Gavin Grant, Cllr George Jeans, Cllr Gordon King, Cllr Graham Wright, Cllr Hayley Spencer, Cllr Horace Prickett, Cllr Howard Greenman, Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling, Cllr Ian McLennan, Cllr Ian Thorn, Cllr Jacqui Lay, Cllr James Sheppard, Cllr Jane Davies, Cllr Jerry Kunkler, Cllr Jerry Wickham, Cllr John Smale, Cllr John Thomson, Cllr John Walsh, Cllr Johnny Kidney, Cllr Jonathon Seed, Cllr Jose Green, Cllr Laura Mayes, Cllr Mark Connolly, Cllr Mary Champion, Cllr Mary Douglas, Cllr Matthew Dean, Cllr Mike Hewitt, Cllr Mollie Groom, Cllr Nick Murry, Cllr Pat Aves, Cllr Paul Oatway QPM, Cllr Pauline Church, Cllr Peter Evans, Cllr Peter Fuller, Cllr Peter Hutton, Cllr Philip Alford, Cllr Philip Whalley, Cllr Philip Whitehead, Cllr Pip Ridout, Cllr Richard Britton, Cllr Richard Clewer, Cllr Richard Gamble, Cllr Ricky Rogers, Cllr Robert Yuill, Cllr Ross Henning, Cllr Ruth Hopkinson, Cllr Simon Jacobs, Cllr Stephen Oldrieve, Cllr

Stewart Dobson, Cllr Stewart Palmen, Cllr Sue Evans, Cllr Sven Hocking, Cllr Toby Sturgis, Cllr Tom Rounds, Cllr Tony Deane, Cllr Tony Trotman and Cllr Trevor Carbin.

There were no abstentions nor votes recorded against the motion.

Amendments to the Wiltshire Local Transport Plan (LTP) 2011-2026 (Minute 14 refers)

For the motion (65):

Baroness Scott of Bybrook OBE, Cllr Alan Hill, Cllr Allison Bucknell, Cllr Andrew Davis, Cllr Anna Cuthbert, Cllr Ashley O'Neill, Cllr Atiquel Hoque, Cllr Ben Anderson, Cllr Bridget Wayman, Cllr Christopher Williams, Cllr Chuck Berry, Cllr Darren Henry, Cllr Deborah Halik, Cllr Derek Brown OBE, Cllr Fleur de Rhe-Philippe, Cllr Fred Westmoreland, Cllr George Jeans, Cllr Gordon King, Cllr Graham Wright, Cllr Horace Prickett, Cllr Howard Greenman, Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling, Cllr Ian McLennan, Cllr Jacqui Lay, Cllr James Sheppard, Cllr Jane Davies, Cllr Jerry Kunkler, Cllr Jerry Wickham, Cllr John Smale, Cllr John Thomson, Cllr John Walsh, Cllr Johnny Kidney, Cllr Jonathon Seed, Cllr Jose Green, Cllr Laura Mayes, Cllr Mark Connolly, Cllr Mary Champion, Cllr Mary Douglas, Cllr Matthew Dean, Cllr Mike Hewitt, Cllr Mollie Groom, Cllr Nick Murry, Cllr Paul Oatway QPM, Cllr Pauline Church, Cllr Peter Evans, Cllr Peter Fuller, Cllr Peter Hutton, Cllr Philip Alford, Cllr Philip Whalley, Cllr Philip Whitehead, Cllr Pip Ridout, Cllr Richard Britton, Cllr Richard Clewer, Cllr Richard Gamble, Cllr Ricky Rogers, Cllr Robert Yuill, Cllr Ross Henning, Cllr Simon Jacobs, Cllr Stewart Palmen, Cllr Sue Evans, Cllr Sven Hocking, Cllr Toby Sturgis, Cllr Tom Rounds, Cllr Tony Deane and Cllr Tony Trotman

Against the motion (5):

Cllr Bob Jones MBE, Cllr Hayley Spencer, Cllr Ian Thorn, Cllr Pat Aves and Cllr Trevor Carbin

Abstained (7):

Cllr Andy Phillips, Cllr Brian Mathew, Cllr Edward Kirk, Cllr Gavin Grant, Cllr Ruth Hopkinson, Cllr Stephen Oldrieve, and Cllr Stewart Dobson

Notice of Motion No.6 - Shared Lives Programme (Minute 17 refers)

For the motion (76):

Baroness Scott of Bybrook OBE, Cllr Alan Hill, Cllr Allison Bucknell, Cllr Andrew Davis, Cllr Andy Phillips, Cllr Ashley O'Neill, Cllr Atiquel Hoque, Cllr Ben Anderson, Cllr Bob Jones MBE, Cllr Brian Mathew, Cllr Bridget Wayman, Cllr Christopher Williams, Cllr Chuck Berry, Cllr Clare Cape, Cllr Darren Henry, Cllr David Jenkins, Cllr Deborah Halik, Cllr Derek Brown OBE, Cllr Edward Kirk, Cllr Ernie Clark, Cllr Fleur de Rhe-Philippe, Cllr Fred Westmoreland, Cllr Gavin Grant, Cllr George Jeans,

Cllr Gordon King, Cllr Graham Wright, Cllr Hayley Spencer, Cllr Horace Prickett, Cllr Howard Greenman, Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling, Cllr Ian McLennan, Cllr Ian Thorn, Cllr Jacqui Lay, Cllr James Sheppard, Cllr Jane Davies, Cllr Jerry Kunkler, Cllr Jerry Wickham, Cllr John Smale, Cllr John Thomson, Cllr John Walsh, Cllr Johnny Kidney, Cllr Jonathon Seed, Cllr Jose Green, Cllr Laura Mayes, Cllr Mark Connolly, Cllr Mary Champion, Cllr Mary Douglas, Cllr Matthew Dean, Cllr Mike Hewitt, Cllr Nick Murry, Cllr Pat Aves, Cllr Paul Oatway QPM, Cllr Pauline Church, Cllr Peter Evans, Cllr Peter Fuller, Cllr Peter Hutton, Cllr Philip Alford, Cllr Philip Whalley, Cllr Philip Whitehead, Cllr Richard Britton, Cllr Richard Clewer, Cllr Richard Gamble, Cllr Ricky Rogers, Cllr Robert Yuill, Cllr Ross Henning, Cllr Ruth Hopkinson, Cllr Simon Jacobs, Cllr Stephen Oldrieve, Cllr Stewart Dobson, Cllr Sue Evans, Cllr Sven Hocking, Cllr Toby Sturgis, Cllr Tom Rounds, Cllr Tony Deane, Cllr Tony Trotman and Cllr Trevor Carbin.

There were no abstentions nor votes recorded against the motion.

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Petition Received

SAVE BRAESIDE AND OXENWOOD: Wiltshire Council's 2 outdoor education centres.

To consider a petition with 15,823 signatories which states:

'On 29th March 2018, Wiltshire Council announced its decision to close Wiltshire's only two council run outdoor education centres at Braeside and Oxenwood.

Both centres have provided invaluable experiences for thousands of children over many years and closing them is very shortsighted.

Trips to centres like this give children from all backgrounds a taste of the countryside that they would not otherwise get. It nurtures a love of nature and creates lifelong memories and friendships. It provides a welcome break from classroom education and gives children practical skills to use in everyday life.

In a world increasingly dominated by technology, centres such as this create future ambassadors of conservation and wildlife preservation and closure of these two invaluable centres must be stopped.

There is a solution. The centres don't need to be Council run, but Wiltshire Council needs to hand over responsibility to interested parties e.g. via a free or low cost community asset transfer.

The perception now is that Wiltshire Council doesn't want to do this. We need this to change.

Help us us keep the pressure on. 15,000 people can't be wrong.'

The petition meets the threshold for a Council debate which operates in accordance with the Council's Petition Scheme as follows:

Petition Scheme – Council Debate

If the petition is of a sufficient size to trigger a debate at the full council the issue raised in the petition will be discussed at a meeting which all councillors can attend.

The council will endeavour to consider the petition at its next meeting, although on some occasions this may not be possible and consideration will then take place at the following meeting.

The petition organiser will be given five minutes to present the petition at the meeting and the petition will then be discussed by councillors for a maximum of 15 minutes. In addition to your petition the council may also consider the views of the cabinet or cabinet member. If you would like you may also have the opportunity to answer questions or clarify issues for the councillors.

The council will decide how to respond to the petition at this meeting. The council may decide to take the action the petition requests, not to take the action requested for reasons put forward in the debate, or to commission further investigation into the matter, for example by a relevant committee.

Where the issue is one on which the council's cabinet are required to make the final decision, the council will decide whether to make recommendations to inform that decision. The petition organiser will receive written confirmation of this decision. This confirmation will also be published on the council's website. Alternatively and if timing permits the petition may be referred to the cabinet for its views so that at the council meeting the views can be considered alongside the petition and a final decision made.

Will Oulton
Senior Democratic Services Officer

Briefing Note

Outdoor Education Petition

1. The Cabinet made a decision on 27th March 2018 to close both Outdoor Education Centres.
2. In making their decision, the Cabinet considered the report of the scrutiny task group.
3. The request to call-in the decision was considered by the Overview & Management Committee at their meeting on 10 April 2018.

<https://cms.wiltshire.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=1122&MId=12080>

The meeting resolved;

On balance of the written and oral evidence presented, to find that there were insufficient grounds to demonstrate that the principles of decision making had not been followed by the Cabinet in this case, and therefore the decision can be implemented with immediate effect. (Minute 36 refers)

Current position - Expressions of Interest in operating the sites

4. At the request of Devizes Town Council Councillors Mayes and Whitehead attended a special meeting regarding the site closures.
5. 6 expressions of interest (EOI) have so far been received from organisations exploring options for operating one or both outdoor education sites.
6. The timetable for consideration of EOI has been extended to the **21st May 2018**. Please note: This is not a requirement for a full business case at this stage.
7. This process enables Cabinet an opportunity to consider the outline propositions and decide at its meeting on the **12th June 2018** whether any of the expressions of interest are initially viable and worth exploring further.
8. During this period, the staff consultation will continue and conclude as planned on the **31st August 2018** when the sites are due to close.

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Petitions Update

Petitions Received

As of 3 May 2018, three petitions have been received by Wiltshire Council since the last report to Council on 20 February 2018.

Proposal

That Council notes this update on petitions.

Lisa Moore
Democratic Services Officer

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NAME	DATE RECEIVED	RESPONDENTS	ACTION
<p>Andy Packer</p> <p>Petition to reconsider a decision to instate double yellow lines in Church Road, Hilmarton, due to concerns that due process has not been followed.</p>	08.02.18	25	Petition referred to the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport, and democratic services for investigation. Upon reviewing the process it was confirmed the decision was made in accordance with due process and statutory requirements. Petitioner remains unsatisfied and will pursue corporate complaint.
<p>Mrs McDerment</p> <p>Petition to introduce measures to reduce speeding vehicles in Minety.</p>	20.02.18	54 valid signatures (a number are from under 13s)	Petitioner advised to log the issue with CATG and the matter will require the support of the Parish Council to be progressed. The CATG may consider signage, roundels and coloured surfacing however is not able to provide physical measures since there is not street lighting in the village and calming features must be properly lit.
<p>Thomas Mallard</p> <p>Petition for Arts Space in Chippenham.</p>	21.03.18	1,081 online . 162 paper signatures	The petition was initially a response to planning application 17/05828/FUL however was not submitted as part of the consultation prior to determination. The Planning Authority must consider each application on its merits and cannot consider aspirations for other possible schemes.

Note: This does not include petitions received in respect of regulatory matters ie planning and licensing which are dealt with under different procedures.

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Appointment of Committees and Review of Allocation of Seats on Committees to Political Groups

Introduction

1. This report guides the Council in constituting and re-appointing committees and following the legal requirements in allocating seats to the political groups.

Review of Allocation of Seats to Political Groups

Legal Position

2. Under the Local Government & Housing Act 1989 (“the Act”) and subsequent Regulations, (“the Regulations”), the Council must review the representation of the different political groups on committees at the Annual Council meeting.
3. It is open to the Council when carrying out a review to adopt some arrangement other than that prescribed by the Act and the Regulations. Notice of such a proposal would have to be given in the Summons, and a decision would need to be made with no one voting against it. The remainder of this report assumes that the Council will not want an alternative arrangement to that prescribed by law.

Political Groups

4. There are currently 4 political groups on the Council. The respective strengths of those Groups are as follows:

Name of Group	No. of Councillors in Group
Conservative	68
Liberal Democrat	20
Independent	7
Labour	3

5. Under the regulations, two or more councillors may form and register a group.
6. This report has been prepared on the basis of the strengths of the various political groups as they currently stand as set out in paragraph 4 above.

Principles

7. The Act sets out four principles which must be followed so far as reasonably practicable. They are:
- (a) *Preventing domination by a single group:* All the seats on a committee should not be allocated to the same political group.
 - (b) *Ensuring a majority group enjoys a majority on all committees:* If one political group has a majority in the full Council, that political group should have a majority on each committee.
 - (c) *Aggregating all committee places and allocating fair shares:* Subject to the above two principles, the total number of seats on all the committees of the Authority allocated to each political group should be in the same proportion as that political group's seats on the full Council.
 - (d) *Ensuring as far as practicable fairness on each committee:* Subject to the above three principles, the number of seats on each committee of the Authority allocated to each political group should be in the same proportion as that political group's seats on the full Council.

Application of Principles

8. The Council must review the establishment of its committees in accordance with the principles laid down in the Act. Immediately this is done, each political group should state the names of the councillors it wishes to take its allocated places on committees, including substitutes, and when those wishes are known, the Council is under a duty to make the appointment of those councillors as soon as practicable. This is dealt with specifically under the next item of business on the agenda.

Councillors not in a Political Group

9. In the case of councillors who are not members of a political group, a proportion of seats on committees equal to the proportion of Council members who do not belong to a political group, has to be reserved, with appointments to these seats being made by the Council at its discretion. There are no ungrouped members on this Council at this time.

Committees of the Council

10. There are currently the following committees:

Appeals Committee
Area Planning Committees: Eastern, Northern, Southern and Western
Audit Committee
Children's Select Committee
Electoral Review Committee
Environment Select Committee
Health Select Committee

Health and Wellbeing Board
Licensing Committee
Officer Appointments
Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee
Pension Fund Committee
Police and Crime Panel
Staffing Policy Committee
Standards Committee
Strategic Planning Committee

11. Outside the scope of this report are the Cabinet and the Health and Wellbeing Board as the political proportionality rules continue to not apply to these bodies. The rules on political proportionality also do not apply to the Local Pension Board.

12. **Local Pension Board**

Under the Public Service Pensions Act 2013 and consequent amendments to the Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations 2013, each administering authority is required to appoint a local pension board to assist the administering authority to comply with relevant legislation and guidance, and to ensure the effective and efficient governance and administration of the Local Government Pension Scheme. Council at its meeting on 24 February 2015 established the Local Pension Board. Such Boards are constituted entirely under the Public Service Pensions Act 2013 and are not local authority committees. The Local Pension Board's terms of reference and membership are included in the Council's constitution. It reports to the administering authority and its membership is as defined in the Public Service Pensions Act 2013. The rules on political proportionality do not apply.

Area Boards

13. Area boards are appointed by the Council under Section 102 of the Local Government Act 1972. These are constituted as area committees within the meaning of Section 18 of the Local Government Act 2000 and regulations made under that section for the purposes of discharging functions delegated by the executive (or not otherwise reserved). They are not subject to the rules on political proportionality. A list of these area boards is set out at Appendix 1 to this report.

14. All unitary councillors representing the electoral divisions covered by the area board will be appointed to their respective area board. This is dealt with specifically under the next item of business on the agenda.

15. Pewsey and Tidworth are established as a single area committee with two sub-committees, each of which operate as an area board known as Pewsey Area Board and Tidworth Area Board respectively.

Health and Wellbeing Board

16. Under the Health and Social Care Act 2012, the Council is required to appoint a Health and Wellbeing Board that works with partners, including the GP led Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), to prepare a Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy for the Council and the CCG and to encourage the delivery of integrated services. The Board is to be regarded as an ordinary committee of the Council and is therefore appointed by the Council, reports to the Council and with membership, as defined by the legislation, agreed by the Council. The rules on political proportionality do not apply.
17. The Health and Wellbeing Board was formally established by Council in May 2013 with terms of reference and membership as included in the Council's constitution.

Police and Crime Panel

18. The Council is required under the Police and Social Responsibility Act 2011 to appoint a Police and Crime Panel (PCP). This, despite its title, is a formal joint committee of Swindon and Wiltshire Councils and the two councils are required to meet a "balanced appointment objective" whereby its membership reflects both the geographical and political nature of the two councils plus the skills and experience required to fulfil the Panel's functions.
19. The main function of the panel is to hold the directly elected Police and Crime Commissioner to account for the effective policing of the force area. The role is primarily a scrutiny function but all councillors, both executive and non-executive, can be members as long as the balanced appointment objective is met.
20. The minimum size of the panel is 10 with the addition of two co-opted independent persons. Previous agreement with Swindon Borough Council and the Home Secretary is that Wiltshire's PCP would comprise 11 councillors, plus two independent members, with the ratio of councillors 7:4 in favour of Wiltshire.
21. The membership of the PCP must reflect the political proportionality of the two councils when taken together.
22. Following recent elections, Swindon's current political composition is as follows:

Conservative - 29
Labour - 26
Lib. Dem. - 2

When taken with the political composition of Wiltshire Council, the breakdown is as follows:

Conservatives	97 (62.58%)	6.93	7 seats
Lib Dems	22 (14.19%)	1.57	2 seats

Independents	7 (4.52%)	0.50	0 seats
Labour	29 (18.71%)	2.06	2 seats

Swindon appoints 2 Conservative and 2 Labour councillors leaving Wiltshire Council to appoint 5 Conservatives, 2 Liberal Democrats.

Children’s Select Committee

23. This Committee must include nominees of the Church of England, the Roman Catholic Church and a number of elected parent governor representatives (historically there have been 3 appointed representatives – one from each school sector). They will be voting members. In accordance with the principle set out at 7(b) above the majority group are entitled to appoint additional councillors to ensure it enjoys a majority. The Council also has discretion to appoint an unlimited number of co-opted members onto this committee as representatives of children’s organisations/agencies (historically this has been on a non-voting basis). The actual appointments are dealt with under the next item of business on the agenda.

Wiltshire Pension Fund Committee

24. In addition to five Wiltshire councillors, the membership of this Committee includes: two voting members from Swindon Borough Council (appointed by Swindon Borough Council), two voting Employer Representatives and two non-voting Employee Representatives (one representing Wiltshire Council employees, and one representing Swindon Borough Council employees).

Method of Calculating the Allocation of Places to Political groups

25. The principles in paragraph 7 can be applied in the following sequence:
- (i) Calculate the total number of seats with votes on all the ordinary committees and any Joint Committees.
 - (ii) Calculate the proportion that each political group forms of the total membership of the Authority. Reserve an appropriate number of seats for ungrouped members.
 - (iii) Apply those proportions to the total number of ordinary committee seats to give the aggregate entitlement of each group; the requirement to apply the proportions “so far as reasonably practicable” can be met by rounding down fractional entitlements of less than half, and rounding up entitlements of a half or more; if this results in a greater aggregate than the number of seats available, the fractional entitlement(s) closest to a half should be rounded in the other direction until entitlements balance the available seats.
 - (iv) Apply the proportions to the number of councillors on each ordinary committee to give provisional entitlement to seats on that committee.

- (v) If the provisional entitlement gives only one group seats on the committee, adjust the entitlement so that the next largest group has a seat (thus applying principle (a) in paragraph 7).
 - (vi) Finally, adjust the seats on each committee so that the total allocated to each group is as near as possible to their aggregate entitlement, whilst preserving the results reached at steps (iv) and (v) (thus applying principle (c) in paragraph 7).
26. The Council is free to adopt any aggregate number of places on ordinary committees so long as it follows the principles in paragraph 7 and the sequence in paragraph 25. A draft scheme of committee places is at Appendix 3 which has been the subject of consultation and agreement with group leaders.
27. A numerical guide to proportional representation on Committees is at Appendix 2 to reflect the Council's updated political composition.

Matters for Decision

28. The Council is asked:
- (a) To note this report and the legal requirements.
 - (b) To re-appoint the following committees with the terms of reference as set out in the Constitution:-
 - Appeals Committee
 - Area Planning Committees: Eastern, Northern, Southern and Western
 - Audit Committee
 - Children's Select Committee
 - Electoral Review Committee
 - Environment Select Committee
 - Health Select Committee
 - Health and Wellbeing Board
 - Licensing Committee
 - Officer Appointments
 - Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee
 - Pension Fund Committee
 - Police and Crime Panel
 - Staffing Policy Committee
 - Standards Committee
 - Strategic Planning Committee
 - (c) To re-appoint those Area Boards, constituted as area committees as set out in paragraphs 13 to 15 and Appendix 1 of this report and within the Constitution, to comprise the Unitary Councillors for that area.
 - (d) To re-appoint the Local Pension Board established under the Public Service Pensions Act 2013 and consequent amendments to the Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations 2013 with the terms of reference as set out in the Constitution.

(e) To approve a scheme of committee places which sets out the number of seats available to members of the Council and to political groups (Appendix 3).

Ian Gibbons
Director - Legal and Democratic Services

Report Author: Libby Johnstone, Democratic Services Team Lead

Background papers: None

Appendices

Appendix 1 – List of Area Boards

Appendix 2 - Numerical Guide to political proportionality

Appendix 3 – Draft Scheme of committee places

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Area Boards: Electoral Divisions

Amesbury Area Board

Electoral Divisions 6

Amesbury East
Amesbury West
Till & Wylde Valley
Durrington & Larkhill
Bulford, Allington & Figheldean
Bourne & Woodford Valley

Bradford on Avon Area Board

Electoral Divisions 4

Holt & Staverton
Winsley & Westwood
Bradford on Avon North
Bradford on Avon South

Calne Area Board

Electoral Divisions 5

Calne Rural
Calne North
Calne Chilvester & Abberd
Calne Central
Calne South & Cherhill

Chippenham Area Board

Electoral Divisions 10

By Brook
Chippenham Cepen Park & Derriads
Chippenham Cepen Park &
Redlands
Chippenham Hardenhuish
Chippenham Monkton
Chippenham Queens and Sheldon
Chippenham Hardens and England
Chippenham Lowdon and Rowden
Chippenham Pewsham
Kington

Corsham Area Board

Electoral Divisions 4

Box and Colerne
Corsham Pickwick
Corsham Without & Box Hill
Corsham Town

Devizes Area Board

Electoral Divisions 7

Bromham, Rowde and Potterne
Devizes & Roundway South
Devizes East
Devizes North
Roundway
The Lavingtons & Erlestoke
Urchfont & The Cannings

Malmesbury Area Board

Electoral Divisions 4

Brinkworth
Malmesbury
Minety
Sherston

Marlborough Area Board

Electoral Divisions 4

Aldbourne & Ramsbury
Marlborough East
Marlborough West
West Selkley

Melksham Area Board

Electoral Divisions 6

Melksham Central
Melksham North
Melksham South
Melksham Without North
Melksham Without South
Summerham and Seend

Pewsey and Tidworth Area Committee

Electoral Divisions 6

Pewsey Vale
Pewsey
Burbage & The Bedwyns
The Collingbournes & Netheravon
Ludgershall & Perham Down
Tidworth

Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board

Electoral Divisions 6

Cricklade and Latton
Lyneham
Purton
Royal Wootton Bassett East
Royal Wootton Bassett North
Royal Wootton Bassett South

Salisbury Area Board

Electoral Divisions 8

Salisbury Fisherton & Bemerton
Village
Salisbury Bemerton
Salisbury Harnham
Salisbury St Edmund & Milford
Salisbury St Francis & Stratford
Salisbury St Mark's & Bishopdown
Salisbury St Martin's & Cathedral
Salisbury St Paul's

South West Wiltshire Area Board

Electoral Divisions 5

Fovant & Chalke Valley
Mere
Nadder & East Knoyle
Tisbury
Wilton & Lower Wylde Valley

Southern Wiltshire Area Board

Electoral Divisions 5

Alderbury & Whiteparish
Downton & Ebbles Valley
Laverstock, Ford and Old Sarum
Redlynch & Landford
Winterslow

Trowbridge Area Board

Electoral Divisions 9

Hilperton
Southwick
Trowbridge Adcroft
Trowbridge Central
Trowbridge Drynham
Trowbridge Grove
Trowbridge Lambrook
Trowbridge Park
Trowbridge Paxcroft

Warminster Area Board

Electoral Divisions 5

Warminster Without
Warminster Broadway
Warminster Copheap and Wylde
Warminster East
Warminster West

Westbury Area Board

Electoral Divisions 4

Ethandune
Westbury East
Westbury North
Westbury West

Proportional Representation Table

	Conservative	Liberal Democrat	Labour	Independent	
	68	20	3	7	
1	0.694		0.031	0.071	0.80
2	1.388	0.408	0.061	0.143	2.00
3	2.082	0.612	0.092	0.214	3.00
4	2.776	0.816	0.122	0.286	4.00
5	3.469	1.020	0.153	0.357	5.00
6	4.163	1.224	0.184	0.429	6.00
7	4.857	1.429	0.214	0.500	7.00
8	5.551	1.633	0.245	0.571	8.00
9	6.245	1.837	0.276	0.643	9.00
10	6.939	2.041	0.306	0.714	10.00
11	7.633	2.245	0.337	0.786	11.00
12	8.327	2.449	0.367	0.857	12.00
13	9.020	2.653	0.398	0.929	13.00
14	9.714	2.857	0.429	1.000	14.00
15	10.408	3.061	0.459	1.071	15.00
16	11.102	3.265	0.490	1.143	16.00
17	11.796	3.469	0.520	1.214	17.00
18	12.490	3.673	0.551	1.286	18.00
19	13.184	3.878	0.582	1.357	19.00
20	13.878	4.082	0.612	1.429	20.00
21	14.571	4.286	0.643	1.500	21.00
22	15.265	4.490	0.673	1.571	22.00
23	15.959	4.694	0.704	1.643	23.00
24	16.653	4.898	0.735	1.714	24.00
25	17.347	5.102	0.765	1.786	25.00
26	18.041	5.306	0.796	1.857	26.00
27	18.735	5.510	0.827	1.929	27.00
28	19.429	5.714	0.857	2.000	28.00
29	20.122	5.918	0.888	2.071	29.00
30	20.816	6.122	0.918	2.143	30.00
31	21.510	6.327	0.949	2.214	31.00
32	22.204	6.531	0.980	2.286	32.00
33	22.898	6.735	1.010	2.357	33.00
34	23.592	6.939	1.041	2.429	34.00
35	24.286	7.143	1.071	2.500	35.00
36	24.980	7.347	1.102	2.571	36.00
37	25.673	7.551	1.133	2.643	37.00
38	26.367	7.755	1.163	2.714	38.00
39	27.061	7.959	1.194	2.786	39.00
40	27.755	8.163	1.224	2.857	40.00
41	28.449	8.367	1.255	2.929	41.00
42	29.143	8.571	1.286	3.000	42.00
43	29.837	8.776	1.316	3.071	43.00
44	30.531	8.980	1.347	3.143	44.00
45	31.224	9.184	1.378	3.214	45.00
46	31.918	9.388	1.408	3.286	46.00
47	32.612	9.592	1.439	3.357	47.00
48	33.306	9.796	1.469	3.429	48.00
49	34.000	10.000	1.500	3.500	49.00
50	34.694	10.204	1.531	3.571	50.00
51	35.388	10.408	1.561	3.643	51.00
52	36.082	10.612	1.592	3.714	52.00
53	36.776	10.816	1.622	3.786	53.00
54	37.469	11.020	1.653	3.857	54.00
55	38.163	11.224	1.684	3.929	55.00
56	38.857	11.429	1.714	4.000	56.00
57	39.551	11.633	1.745	4.071	57.00
58	40.245	11.837	1.776	4.143	58.00
59	40.939	12.041	1.806	4.214	59.00
60	41.633	12.245	1.837	4.286	60.00
61	42.327	12.449	1.867	4.357	61.00
62	43.020	12.653	1.898	4.429	62.00
63	43.714	12.857	1.929	4.500	63.00
64	44.408	13.061	1.959	4.571	64.00
65	45.102	13.265	1.990	4.643	65.00
66	45.796	13.469	2.020	4.714	66.00
67	46.490	13.673	2.051	4.786	67.00
68	47.184	13.878	2.082	4.857	68.00
69	47.878	14.082	2.112	4.929	69.00
70	48.571	14.286	2.143	5.000	70.00
71	49.265	14.490	2.173	5.071	71.00
72	49.959	14.694	2.204	5.143	72.00
73	50.653	14.898	2.235	5.214	73.00
74	51.347	15.102	2.265	5.286	74.00
75	52.041	15.306	2.296	5.357	75.00
76	52.735	15.510	2.327	5.429	76.00
77	53.429	15.714	2.357	5.500	77.00
78	54.122	15.918	2.388	5.571	78.00
79	54.816	16.122	2.418	5.643	79.00
80	55.510	16.327	2.449	5.714	80.00
81	56.204	16.531	2.480	5.786	81.00
82	56.898	16.735	2.510	5.857	82.00
83	57.592	16.939	2.541	5.929	83.00
84	58.286	17.143	2.571	6.000	84.00
85	58.980	17.347	2.602	6.071	85.00
86	59.673	17.551	2.633	6.143	86.00
87	60.367	17.755	2.663	6.214	87.00
88	61.061	17.959	2.694	6.286	88.00
89	61.755	18.163	2.724	6.357	89.00
90	62.449	18.367	2.755	6.429	90.00
91	63.143	18.571	2.786	6.500	91.00
92	63.837	18.776	2.816	6.571	92.00
93	64.531	18.980	2.847	6.643	93.00
94	65.224	19.184	2.878	6.714	94.00
95	65.918	19.388	2.908	6.786	95.00
96	66.612	19.592	2.939	6.857	96.00
97	67.306	19.796	2.969	6.929	97.00
98	68.000	20.000	3.000	7.000	98.00
99	68.694	20.204	3.031	7.071	99.00
100	69.388	20.408	3.061	7.143	100.00
101	70.082	20.612	3.092	7.214	101.00
102	70.776	20.816	3.122	7.286	102.00
103	71.469	21.020	3.153	7.357	103.00

	Conservative	Liberal Democrat	Labour	Independent	
	68	20	3	7	
104	72.163	21.224	3.184	7.429	104.00
105	72.857	21.429	3.214	7.500	105.00
106	73.551	21.633	3.245	7.571	106.00
107	74.245	21.837	3.276	7.643	107.00
108	74.939	22.041	3.306	7.714	108.00
109	75.633	22.245	3.337	7.786	109.00
110	76.327	22.449	3.367	7.857	110.00
111	77.020	22.653	3.398	7.929	111.00
112	77.714	22.857	3.429	8.000	112.00
113	78.408	23.061	3.459	8.071	113.00
114	79.102	23.265	3.490	8.143	114.00
115	79.796	23.469	3.520	8.214	115.00
116	80.490	23.673	3.551	8.286	116.00
117	81.184	23.878	3.582	8.357	117.00
118	81.878	24.082	3.612	8.429	118.00
119	82.571	24.286	3.643	8.500	119.00
120	83.265	24.490	3.673	8.571	120.00
121	83.959	24.694	3.704	8.643	121.00
122	84.653	24.898	3.735	8.714	122.00
123	85.347	25.102	3.765	8.786	123.00
124	86.041	25.306	3.796	8.857	124.00
125	86.735	25.510	3.827	8.929	125.00
126	87.429	25.714	3.857	9.000	126.00
127	88.122	25.918	3.888	9.071	127.00
128	88.816	26.122	3.918	9.143	128.00
129	89.510	26.327	3.949	9.214	129.00
130	90.204	26.531	3.980	9.286	130.00
131	90.898	26.735	4.010	9.357	131.00
132	91.592	26.939	4.041	9.429	132.00
133	92.286	27.143	4.071	9.500	133.00
134	92.980	27.347	4.102	9.571	134.00
135	93.673	27.551	4.133	9.643	135.00
136	94.367	27.755	4.163	9.714	136.00
137	95.061	27.959	4.194	9.786	137.00
138	95.755	28.163	4.224	9.857	138.00
139	96.449	28.367	4.255	9.929	139.00
140	97.143	28.571	4.286	10.000	140.00
141	97.837	28.776	4.316	10.071	141.00
142	98.531	28.980	4.347	10.143	142.00
143	99.224	29.184	4.378	10.214	143.00
144	99.918	29.388	4.408	10.286	144.00
145	100.612	29.592	4.439	10.357	145.00
146	101.306	29.796	4.469	10.429	146.00
147	102.000	30.000	4.500	10.500	147.00
148	102.694	30.204	4.531	10.571	148.00
149	103.388	30.408	4.561	10.643	149.00
150	104.082	30.612	4.592	10.714	150.00
151	104.776	30.816	4.622	10.786	151.00
152	105.469	31.020	4.653	10.857	152.00
153	106.163	31.224	4.684	10.929	153.00
154	106.857	31.429	4.714	11.000	154.00
155	107.551	31.633	4.745	11.071	155.00
156	108.245	31.837	4.776	11.143	156.00
157	108.939	32.041	4.806	11.214	157.00
158	109.633	32.245	4.837	11.286	158.00
159	110.327	32.449	4.867	11.357	159.00
160	111.020	32.653	4.898	11.429	160.00
161	111.714	32.857	4.929	11.500	161.00
162	112.408	33.061	4.959	11.571	162.00
163	113.102	33.265	4.990	11.643	163.00
164	113.796	33.469	5.020	11.714	164.00
165	114.490	33.673	5.051	11.786	165.00
166	115.184	33.878	5.082	11.857	166.00
167	115.878	34.082	5.112	11.929	167.00
168	116.571	34.286	5.143	12.000	168.00
169	117.265	34.490	5.173	12.071	169.00
170	117.959	34.694	5.204	12.143	170.00
171	118.653	34.898	5.235	12.214	171.00
172	119.347	35.102	5.265	12.286	172.00
173	120.041	35.306	5.296	12.357	173.00
174	120.735	35.510	5.327	12.429	174.00
175	121.429	35.714	5.357	12.500	175.00
176	122.122	35.918	5.388	12.571	176.00
177	122.816	36.122	5.418	12.643	177.00
178	123.510	36.327	5.449	12.714	178.00
179	124.204	36.531	5.480	12.786	179.00
180	124.898	36.735	5.510	12.857	180.00
181	125.592	36.939	5.541	12.929	181.00
182	126.286	37.143	5.571	13.000	182.00
183	126.980	37.347	5.602	13.071	183.00
184	127.673	37.551	5.633	13.143	184.00
185	128.367	37.755	5.663	13.214	185.00
186	129.061	37.959	5.694	13.286	186.00
187	129.755	38.163	5.724	13.357	187.00
188	130.449	38.367	5.755	13.429	188.00
189	131.143	38.571	5.786	13.500	189.00
190	131.837	38.776	5.816	13.571	190.00
191	132.531	38.980	5.847	13.643	191.00
192	133.224	39.184	5.878	13.714	192.00
193	133.918	39.388	5.908	13.786	193.00
194	134.612	39.592	5.939	13.857	194.00
195	135.306	39.796	5.969	13.929	195.00
196	136.000	40.000	6.000	14.000	196.00
197	136.694	40.204	6.031	14.071	197.00
198	137.388	40.408	6.061	14.143	198.00
199	138.082	40.612	6.092	14.214	199.00
200	138.776	40.816	6.122	14.286	200.00

Schedule of Committee Places

Committee	Total Number of Places for Elected Members	Conservative Group Allocation (68 seats)	Liberal Democrat Group Allocation (20 seats)	Labour Group Allocation (3 seats)	Independent Group Allocation (7 seats)
Strategic Planning	11	8	2	0	1
Area Planning Committees					
North	11	8	3	0	0
South	11	7	1	1	2
East	8	7	0	0	1
West	11	7	3	0	1
Licensing	12	8	3	0	1
Electoral Review	10	6	2	1	1
Overview and Scrutiny Management	15	10	3	1	1
Children's Select	13	9	3	0	1
Environment Select	13	8	3	1	1
Health Select	13	9	3	0	1
Standards	11	8	2	0	1
Police and Crime Panel	7	5	2	0	0
Audit	11	8	2	1	0
Appeals	8	5	2	0	1
Staffing Policy	9	6	2	1	0
Officer Appointments	5	4	1	0	0
Pension Fund	5	4	1	0	0
TOTALS:	184	127 (127.673)	38 (37.551)	6 (5.663)	13 (13.143)

Appointment of Councillors to Committees

Introduction

1. Following on from the decision to formally re-appoint committees and allocate seats to political groups, the Council must now formally agree the appointment of councillors and substitutes to those Committees in accordance with the scheme of committee places agreed under the last item.

Appointment of Councillors and Substitutes

2. Each political group should state the names of the councillors it wishes to take its allocated places on committees and when those wishes are known, the Council is under a duty to make the appointment of those councillors as soon as practicable. It is a legal requirement however that the Council formally approves the appointment of councillors to committees and therefore it is essential that each political group notifies Democratic Services of their nominated councillors to serve on committees by noon Monday 21 May. Group Leaders may also wish to bear in mind the advantages of achieving a geographical spread of appointees particularly for area planning committees.
3. The Constitution currently provides that the Council will appoint substitute councillors to serve on each committee. Each political group is currently entitled to appoint up to four substitutes where it has a councillor on that committee. As with nominations of committee members (see paragraph 2 above) it is a legal requirement that the Council formally approves the appointment of substitute members to committees and therefore it is essential that each political group notifies Democratic Services of their nominated substitute members to serve on committees also by noon Monday 21 May. Details of committee memberships will be circulated as soon as nominations have been received from Group Leaders as Appendix 2.
4. Councillors are encouraged to make use of the substitute system to ensure committees are fully represented in the case of absences by the appointed members. If a councillor finds that they are unable to attend a meeting, then they should contact Democratic Services who will record and present your apologies at the meeting. They can also advise on the named substitutes for your political group. The onus is on the councillor to contact the substitute councillor although it would be helpful for you to notify Democratic services as they will report the temporary change of membership to the committee.

Committees of the Council

5. There are specific issues that need to be considered under the appointment of councillors.
6. The statutory rules regarding senior officers appointments embodied in the Council's Constitution require the Officer Appointments Committee to include at least one member of the Executive.
7. Also the Staffing Policy Committee requires two members of the Cabinet as Cabinet representation is required on its sub-committees by the Council's constitution and the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) Regulations 2001.
8. The Standards Committee currently includes 4 non-voting co-opted members, and the terms of reference allow for up to 8 such members to be appointed, half of which must be town or parish council representatives. The Standards Committee at its meeting on 18 April 2018 recommended Council confirm it appoint four co-opted non-voting members to the Standards Committee.
9. As part of the Council's arrangements for dealing with Code of Conduct complaints, the Council is required to appoint at least one Independent Person whose views must be sought and taken into account before the Council makes a decision on an allegation it has decided to investigate. The Council has previously appointed 3 Independent Persons on a four-year term as detailed below.
11. As referenced in the previous report on the appointment of committees, the Children's Select Committee must include nominees of the Church of England, the Roman Catholic Church and a number of elected parent governor representatives (historically there have been 3 appointed representatives – one from each school sector). They will be voting members. The Council also has discretion to appoint an unlimited number of co-opted members onto this committee as representatives of children's organisations/agencies (historically this has been on a non-voting basis).
12. Wherever possible the members of Area Planning Committees should be made up of local councillors. These committees however, unless the Council has determined otherwise under the previous item, will still need to be appointed on a politically proportional basis. The geographical consideration does not apply to the Strategic Planning Committee where applications of a more strategic nature are determined and where members are expected to apply a more strategic approach.
13. All unitary councillors representing the electoral divisions covered by an Area Board will be appointed to their relevant area board as set out in Appendix 1 to this report.

14. It has been a long-standing convention that the chairmen of Select Committees would have a seat on the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee. It has also previously been considered appropriate that the Chairman of the Financial Planning Task Group should also have a seat on the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee. Similar conventions are in place in respect of the chairmen of the 4 Area Planning Committees having a seat on the Strategic Planning Committee. Group Leaders are therefore asked to consider these conventions when submitting their nominations for committee places. Group Leaders can of course make subsequent requests for changes within their allocation of seats as approved by Council at future meetings of Council should the need arise.
15. The Wiltshire Pension Fund Committee comprises five Wiltshire Councillors, two voting members from Swindon Borough Council (appointed by Swindon Borough Council), two voting Employer Representatives and two non-voting employee representatives (one representing Wiltshire Council employees, one representing Swindon Borough Council employees). The voting Employer Representatives serve a four year fixed term from first appointment .
16. The Local Pension Board is constituted entirely under the Public Service Pensions Act 2013 and is not a Committee of the Council. The Local Pension Board's terms of reference and membership are included in the Council's constitution. It reports to the administering authority and its membership is as defined in the Public Service Pensions Act 2013. The rules on political proportionality do not apply. Local Pension Board members serve a four-year fixed term from first appointment. There is currently a vacancy for an Employer Member Representative (Group1) for Wiltshire Council.

Matters for Decision

- (A) To appoint councillors to serve on those committees in accordance with the agreed scheme of committee places, until the next occasion membership is reviewed under the provisions of the Local Government & Housing Act 1989.
- (B) To appoint substitute members (to a maximum of four per group) to the committees referred to in (A) above.
- (C) To appoint those councillors representing electoral divisions to their respective area boards as set out in Appendix 1 to this report.
- (D) To note the decision of the Standards Committee to appointment four non-voting co-opted members until May 2021 as follows:

Mr Richard Baxter
Mr Philip Gill MBE
Mr Michael Lockhart
Miss Pam Turner

- (E) Re-appoint the following persons as Independent Persons each for a four year term (until 2021):

Mr Tony Drew
Mrs Caroline Baynes
Mr Stuart Middleton

- (F) To reappoint the following non-elected members to the Children's Select Committee:

Non-Elected Voting Members	Representing
Vacancy	Church of England
Dr Mike Thompson	Clifton Diocese Roman Catholic Church
Vacancy	Parent Governor (Secondary- maintained)
Vacancy	Parent Governor (Secondary – academy)
Vacancy	Parent Governor (Special Educational Needs)
Ms Jill Hughes	Parent Governor (Primary)
Non-Elected Non-Voting Members	Representing
James Wilkins	School, Children and Young People representatives
Ms Cathy Shahrokni (Substitute Ms Jen Jones)	Further Education Representative
Miss Sarah Busby	Secondary Schools Headteacher Representative
Miss Tracy Cornelius	Primary School Headteachers Representative
Mr John Hawkins	School Teacher Representative

- (G) To re-appoint the following co-opted members to the Wiltshire Pension Fund Committee:

Name	Representing
Cllr Steve Weisinger.	Swindon Borough Councillor (as determined by Swindon Borough Council)

Cllr Steve Allsopp.	Swindon Borough Councillor (as determined by Swindon Borough Council)
Linda Stuart	Employer Representative
Diane Hall	Employer Representative
Stuart Dark	Scheme Member Observer- appointed by Unison
Mike Pankiewicz	Scheme Member Observer- appointed by Unison

(H) To re-appoint the Local Pension Board under the Public Service Pensions Act 2013 and consequent amendments to the Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations 2013 with the terms of reference as set out in the Constitution:

Name	Representing
Howard Pearce	Independent Chairman
David Bowater	Scheme Member Representative
Barry Reed	Scheme Member Representative
Mike Pankiewicz	Scheme Member Representative
Sarah Holbrook	Employer Member Representative
Cllr Richard Britton	Employer Member Representative
Vacancy	Employer Member Representative

And to note that the decision to appoint to the vacant position of Employer Member Representative will be taken at the meeting of Council in July 2018.

Ian Gibbons
Director - Legal and Democratic Services

Appendices

Appendix 1 – List of appointments to Area Boards

Appendix 2 - Membership of Committees nominations (to follow)

Background papers: None

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Area Boards: Electoral Divisions

Amesbury Area Board**Electoral Divisions 6**

Amesbury East
 Amesbury West
 Till & Wylve Valley
 Durrington & Larkhill
 Bulford, Allington & Figheldean
 Bourne & Woodford Valley

Members

Robert Yuill
 Fred Westmoreland
 Darren Henry
 Graham Wright
 John Smale
 Mike Hewitt

Bradford on Avon Area Board**Electoral Divisions 4**

Holt & Staverton
 Winsley & Westwood
 Bradford on Avon North
 Bradford on Avon South

Members

Trevor Carbin
 John Kidney
 Jim Lynch
 Sarah Gibson

Calne Area Board**Electoral Divisions 5**

Calne Rural
 Calne North
 Calne Chilvester & Abberd
 Calne Central
 Calne South & Cherhill

Members

Christine Crisp
 Thomas Rounds
 Tony Trotman
 Ian Thorn
 Alan Hill

Chippenham Area Board**Electoral Divisions 10**

By Brook
 Chippenham Cepen Park & Derriads
 Chippenham Cepen Park &
 Redlands
 Chippenham Hardenhuish
 Chippenham Monkton
 Chippenham Queens and Sheldon
 Chippenham Hardens and England
 Chippenham Lowdon and Rowden
 Chippenham Pewsham
 Kington

Members

Jane Scott
 Peter Hutton
 Andy Phillips
 Melody Thompson
 Nicholas Murry
 Ashley O'Neill
 Bill Douglas
 Ross Henning
 Clare Cape
 Howard Greenman

Corsham Area Board

Electoral Divisions 4

Box and Colerne
Corsham Pickwick
Corsham Without & Box Hill
Corsham Town

Members

Brian Mathew
Ruth Hopkinson
Benjamin Anderson
Philip Whalley

Devizes Area Board

Electoral Divisions 7

Bromham, Rowde and Potterne
Devizes & Roundway South
Devizes East
Devizes North
Roundway
The Lavingtons & Erlestoke
Urchfont & The Cannings

Members

Anna Cuthbert
Simon Jacobs
Peter Evans
Sue Evans
Laura Mayes
Richard Gamble
Philip Whitehead

Malmesbury Area Board

Electoral Divisions 4

Brinkworth
Malmesbury
Minety
Sherston

Members

Toby Sturgis
Gavin Grant
Chuck Berry
John Thomson

Marlborough Area Board

Electoral Divisions 4

Aldbourn & Ramsbury
Marlborough East
Marlborough West
West Selkley

Members

James Sheppard
Stewart Dobson
Nick Fogg
Jane Davies

Melksham Area Board

Electoral Divisions 6

Melksham Central
Melksham North
Melksham South
Melksham Without North
Melksham Without South
Summerham and Seend

Members

Hayley Spencer
Pat Aves
Jon Hubbard
Philip Alford
Roy While
Jonathon Seed

Pewsey and Tidworth Area Committee

Electoral Divisions 6

Pewsey Vale
Pewsey
Burbage & The Bedwyns
The Collingbournes & Netheravon
Ludgershall & Perham Down
Tidworth

Members

Paul Oatway
Jerry Kunkler
Stuart Wheeler
Ian Blair-Pilling
Chris Williams
Mark Connolly

Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board

Electoral Divisions 6

Cricklade and Latton
Lyneham
Purton
Royal Wootton Bassett East
Royal Wootton Bassett North
Royal Wootton Bassett South

Members

Bob Jones
Allison Bucknell
Jacqui Lay
Mollie Groom
Mary Champion
Chris Hurst

Salisbury Area Board

Electoral Divisions 8

Salisbury Fisherton & Bemerton
Village
Salisbury Bemerton
Salisbury Harnham
Salisbury St Edmund & Milford
Salisbury St Francis & Stratford
Salisbury St Mark's & Bishopdown
Salisbury St Martin's & Cathedral
Salisbury St Paul's

Members

John Walsh

Ricky Rogers
Brian Dalton
Atiqul Hoque
Mary Douglas
Derek Brown
Sven Hocking
Matthew Dean

South West Wiltshire Area Board

Electoral Divisions 5

Fovant & Chalke Valley
Mere
Nadder & East Knoyle
Tisbury
Wilton & Lower Wylde Valley

Members

Jose Green
George Jeans
Bridget Wayman
Tony Deane
Pauline Church

Southern Wiltshire Area Board

Electoral Divisions 5

Alderbury & Whiteparish
Downton & Ebbles Valley
Laverstock, Ford and Old Sarum
Redlynch & Landford
Winterslow

Members

Richard Britton
Richard Clewer
Ian McLennan
Leo Randall
Christopher Devine

Trowbridge Area Board

Electoral Divisions 9

Hilperton
Southwick
Trowbridge Adcroft
Trowbridge Central
Trowbridge Drynam
Trowbridge Grove
Trowbridge Lambrok
Trowbridge Park
Trowbridge Paxcroft

Members

Ernie Clark
Horace Prickett
Edward Kirk
Stewart Palmen
Graham Payne
David Halik
Deborah Halik
Peter Fuller
Steve Oldrieve

Warminster Area Board

Electoral Divisions 5

Warminster Without
Warminster Broadway
Warminster Copheap and Wylde
Warminster East
Warminster West

Members

Fleur de Rhe- Philipe
Anthony Jackson
Christopher Newbury
Andrew Davis
Pip Ridout

Westbury Area Board

Electoral Divisions 4

Ethandune
Westbury East
Westbury North
Westbury West

Members

Jerry Wickham
Gordon King
David Jenkins
Russell Hawker

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Appointment of Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of Committees

Council is asked:

- a) To appoint Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of the following meetings:
- Area Planning Committee – Eastern
 - Area Planning Committee – Northern
 - Area Planning Committee – Southern
 - Area Planning Committee – Western
 - Audit Committee
 - Electoral Review Committee
 - Health and Wellbeing Board (Chairman only)
 - Licensing Committee
 - Officer Appointments Committee
 - Pension Fund Committee
 - Staffing Policy Committee
 - Standards Committee
 - Strategic Planning Committee
- b) To note that the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee, the Select Committees, the Police and Crime Panel and Area Boards will be asked to elect their respective Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen at their first meeting following the annual meeting of council.
- c) To note that the Appeals Committee does not meet as a formal committee. However, three members who have undergone appropriate training are drawn from its membership to form Appeal Panels to consider and determine various types of appeals. No appointment of chairman or vice-chairman to the committee is therefore necessary. Each panel when convened will elect its own chairman.

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Director - Legal and Democratic Services

Background papers: None

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Appointments to the Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Authority

Purpose of report

To consider the appointment of ten Wiltshire Council members to serve on the Fire Authority for 2018/19.

Background

On the 10th April 2018, Wiltshire Council was informed by the Fire Authority that changes had been made to the composition of the Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Authority with effect from the annual meeting of the Authority on 6 June 2018.

At present the constituent councils appoint a total of 30 members as follows:

Bournemouth Borough Council	4 members
Dorset County Council	8 members
Poole Borough Council	3 members
Swindon Borough Council	5 members
Wiltshire Council	10 members

Following an order made by the Minister for Policing and Fire the membership of the Fire and Rescue Authority has been varied and the constituent councils will appoint a total of 18 members as follows:

Bournemouth Borough Council	2 members
Dorset County Council	5 members
Poole Borough Council	2 members
Swindon Borough Council	3 members
Wiltshire Council	6 members

The political proportionality requirements of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 applies to appointments to the Fire Authority.

Based on the respective strengths of the political groups, the changes to the allocation of places are as follows:

	10 Members	6 Members
Conservatives	7 (6.939)	4 (4.163)
Liberal Democrats	2 (2.041)	1 (1.224)
Independent	1 (0.714)	1 (0.429)
Labour	0 (0.306)	0 (0.184)

Recommended:

Council is therefore asked to appoint 6 members to serve as Council representatives on the Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Authority.

Ian Gibbons
Director – Legal & Democratic Services

Report Author: Will Oulton, Senior Democratic Services Officer

Background papers: None

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22 May 2018

Proposed Changes to the Constitution

Summary

The Standards Committee has responsibility for oversight of the Council's constitution.

This report sets out proposed changes to sections of Part 2, Part 3, Part 9 and Protocol 11 of the Constitution as recommended by the Standards Committee.

Proposal

It is recommended that:

- a) That Full Council approve changes to Part 3D(3) of the Constitution, as shown in the attached tracked change document at Appendix 2.**
- b) That Full Council approve changes to Part 2, Part 3, Part 9 and Protocol 11 of the Constitution, as shown in the attached document at Appendix 3.**

Reason for Proposal

To ensure the council's constitution is up to date, clear and effective.

Dr Carlton Brand, Corporate Director (Communities, Resources and Digital)

Proposed Changes to the Constitution

Purpose of Report

1. This report asks Full Council to consider proposed changes to the Constitution recommended by the Standards Committee on the following matters:
 - a) Part 3D(3): Scheme of Delegation Specific to Planning
 - b) Part 2, Part 3, Part 9 and Protocol 11 - Changes relating to the Audit Committee

Background

2. The Standards Committee has responsibility for oversight of the Council's constitution. It has established a cross party working group, known as the Constitution Focus Group, to advise and assist the committee in carrying out this function.
3. The Focus Group met on 6 March and 29 March 2018 to review sections of the constitution as detailed in paragraph 1 and made a series of recommendations on proposed changes. The Standards Committee considered those proposals at its meeting on 18 April 2018, and resolved to recommend Full Council adopt the proposed changes.

Main Considerations

4. The relevant extract of the minutes of the Standards Committee can be found at **Appendix 1**.

Summary of proposed changes

(a) Part 3D(3) - Scheme of Delegation Specific to Planning

5. The Government has made clear its desire to ensure that more housing is provided. One of the areas it wishes to see change is in a greater diversification of the market, allowing a larger number of smaller and medium enterprises to successfully obtain land for housebuilding. It perceives that there is a problem that needs to be addressed namely the difficulty that firms of this size have in obtaining planning permission on small sites.
6. To tackle this perceived problem, the Government have introduced legislation that will allow applicants to submit applications for 'Permission in Principle' for minor housing led- developments of up to nine houses. This legislation will come into force on 1 June 2018.
7. An application for 'Permission in Principle' differs from a planning application both in the reduced amount of information that is required to accompany the

application, and the much shorter length of time that a local planning authority has to determine the application.

8. The current Scheme of Delegation is predicated on the Council having eight weeks in which to determine planning applications for residential development, and this allows adequate time for consultation to take place with parish and town councils and for a call-in request to be actioned.
9. The new legislation provides a shortened timetable of five weeks for the Council to make a decision on applications for 'Permission in Principle'. This will mean that the current procedures for circulation of new applications and call-in of those applications are insufficient to determine 'Permission in Principle' applications in an appropriate timescale.
10. The Focus Group considered that call-in of planning applications was one of the more vital of councillor powers, and did not consider that removing 'Permission in Principle' applications from call-in provision was appropriate. Instead, it has proposed a shortened time frame for call-in of these applications be put in place in line with the shortened time frame for determination, as well as expedited procedures for notification to local councillors.
11. The Standards Committee agreed with the proposed changes, subject to a minor amendment to change references from 'House' to 'Dwelling'. Proposed amendments to that effect are attached at **Appendix 2**.

Recommendation

12. **That Full Council approve changes to Part 3D(3) of the Constitution, as shown in the attached tracked change document at Appendix 2.**

(b) Part 2, Part 3, Part 9 and Protocol 11 – Audit Committee

13. Following discussions on 12 December 2017, the Audit Committee at its meeting on 14 February 2018 approved terms of reference for an Audit Task and Finish Group. The Task Group was to identify best practice in relation to Audit Committee responsibilities, and to recommend changes where appropriate to the Constitution, along with such corrections as necessary to ensure consistent referencing of those responsibilities throughout the Constitution.
14. A report from Task Group was presented to the Focus Group on 29 March 2018, identifying proposed amendments to Part 2 (The Constitution), Part 3 (Responsibility for Functions), Part 9 (Finance and Procurement Regulations) and Protocol 11 (Governance Reporting Arrangements) of the Constitution.
15. The changes clarify the distinct roles of Audit and Overview and Scrutiny, as well as making the various sections consistent and emphasising the key aspects of the functions of the Audit Committee.
16. Following discussion and some modification, the proposed amendments were agreed by the Focus Group, and subsequently approved by the Standards Committee as shown in the attachment at **Appendix 3**.

Recommendation:

17. **That Full Council approve changes to Part 2, Part 3, Part 9 and Protocol 11 of the Constitution, as shown in the attached document at Appendix 3.**

Safeguarding Implications

18. There are no safeguarding issues arising from this report.

Equalities Impact of the Proposal

19. There are no equalities impacts arising from this report.

Risk assessment

20. There are no significant risks arising from this report

Financial Implications

21. There are no financial implications arising from this report.

Legal Implications

22. The recommendations in this report are consistent with the relevant legislation, and there are no legal implications arising from this report

Public Health Impact of the Proposals

23. There are no public health impacts arising from this report.

Environmental Impact of the Proposals

24. There are no environmental impacts arising from this report.

Proposal

25. **That Full Council approve the changes to the Constitution as set out in paragraphs 12 and 17 of this report.**

Ian Gibbons, Director of Legal and Democratic Services (and Monitoring Officer)

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Unpublished reports relied upon in the preparation of this report: None

Appendices

Appendix 1 - Extract Minutes of the Standards Committee (18 April 2018)

Appendix 2 - Proposed Changes to Part 3D(3)

Appendix 3 - Proposed Changes to Part 2, Part 3, Part 9 and Protocol 11, in relation to the Audit Committee

APPENDIX 1 to Report to Council 22 May 2018

EXTRACT OF THE MINUTES OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 18 APRIL 2018 AT THE KENNET ROOM - COUNTY HALL, TROWBRIDGE BA14 8JN.

18 Constitution Focus Group: Updates and Recommendations

A report from the Monitoring Officer was presented detailing proposed changes to the constitution, following consideration and then recommendation from the Constitution Focus Group.

Changes were proposed in relation to Part 3D(3) of the Constitution, the Scheme of Delegation Specific to Planning. New regulations would come into effect from 1 June 2018 to allow applicants to submit applications for 'Permission in Principle' (PIP) for minor housing led developments of up to 9 houses. This process had a shorter timescale for determination, and existing procedures relating to call-in of items to committee were not appropriate.

The Focus Group had considered that call-in of planning applications was one of the more vital councillor powers, and did not consider that removing PIP from the call-in procedure was appropriate. Therefore, they had recommended wording to shorten the timescale for call-in of PIP, as well as expedited notification procedures. Wording was proposed to that effect, as detailed in the agenda papers.

The Committee discussed the proposed changes, amending the use of 'House' for 'Dwelling', as well as seeking details on how the new procedure would work in practice. It was also commented that the change in legislation had not been brought to the recent Planning Committee Task Group, and it was requested any future such changes be considered by such a task group in future, if it was still in place.

Other proposed changes related to the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee had set up a task and finish group to identify best practice in relation to Audit responsibilities, and to recommend changes where appropriate to the constitutions, as well as such corrections as necessary to ensure consistent referencing of audit responsibilities.

A report was taken to the Focus Group, identifying amendments to Part 2 (The Constitution), Part 3 (Responsibility for Functions), Part 9 (Finance Regulations) and Protocol 11 (Governance Reporting Arrangements). The changes clarified the distinct roles of Audit and Overview and Scrutiny, as well as making the various sections consistent and emphasising the key aspects of the audit function.

The Committee discussed the proposals, and supported the amendments, though it was requested in their presentation to Council the context of all sections be made clearer.

It was also noted by the Committee that various changes had been made under the delegated authority of the Monitoring Officer, which had been reported to the Focus Group. In particular it was noted that further changes would be necessary regarding clarity over the definition of the Proper Officer in relation to the Head of the Paid Service.

At the conclusion of discussion, and on the moving of Councillor Allison Bucknell, seconded by Councillor Ruth Hopkinson, it was,

Resolved:

To recommend that Full Council approve the proposed changes to Part 2, Part 3, Part 3D(3), Part 9 and Protocol 11 of the Constitution as detailed in the report, subject to amending reference from 'House' to 'Dwelling' in Part 3D(3).

Appendix 2 to Report to Council 22 May 2018

PROPOSED REVISIONS IN BLUE TEXT

Part 3 Section D3

SCHEME OF DELEGATION SPECIFIC TO PLANNING

1. The Director for Economic Development and Planning (and any officers designated by that officer under a Scheme of Sub Delegation) is authorised to:
 - determine any planning application and discharge conditions under delegated powers (including tree/hedgerow work applications);
 - deal with all enforcement matters (including deciding on the expediency of taking/not taking action and issuing enforcement notices, including listed building enforcement and urgent works notices and taking any further action, including prosecution and direct action in respect of any breach of control);
 - deal with all types of appeal and their format;
 - where an appeal has been lodged against a planning decision and counsel advises that specific refusal reasons are unreasonable and/or likely to undermine or weaken the Council's case and time constraints prevent the matter being brought back to Committee, officers, in consultation with the Committee Chairman and Local Division Member are authorised to inform the appellant and the Planning Inspectorate that the Council will not seek to defend such reason(s) at appeal, provided any such action does not overturn the substantive decision of the Planning Committee;
 - make and confirm Tree Preservation Orders; Tree Replacement Notices and serve notices requiring action in relation to dangerous trees, and to initiate any associated direct action required to deal with dangerous trees; deciding whether to prosecute for breaches of the Planning Acts in relation to tree and hedgerow matters;
 - determining any applications made under the high hedges provisions of the anti-social behaviour legislation; including any necessary enforcement action;
 - deal with decisions, correspondence and consultations under relevant local government, social, planning, listed building, conservation, building and environmental and other legislation. This includes proposals to change legislation or national guidance and consultation by other planning authorities;
 - determine the requirements for, and amend when necessary the local validation list for planning applications;
 - make and confirm Article 4 directions restricting or removing permitted development rights;
 - nominate officers to represent the council on forums and working parties;
 - authorise officers to enter land and buildings in the course of their duties in accordance with the provisions of the Town & Country Planning Acts;
 - enter into, modify or discharge planning or legal agreements securing controls over development (e.g. Section 106 of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990);

- make changes to conditions approved at Committee (in the light of changing circumstances between the meeting and the issue of the decision) provided this is in line with the principles of the Committee's decision. Any such changes will be reported back to a subsequent Committee for members' information;
- annually recommend to the budget process all planning fees and charges
- refuse applications following a resolution to grant permission or consent if the required legal agreements are not completed by the applicant within the timeframe set out in the officer's report and present an information report for acceptance by the relevant Planning Committee on a quarterly basis ;
- institute and defend judicial reviews and statutory challenges in consultation with the Director-of Legal and Democratic Services.
- Make and serve Building Preservation Notices.
- determine whether an application falls within the remit of Strategic Planning Committee or the relevant area planning committee, after consultation with the relevant cabinet member.

With the following exceptions:

- 1.1 Applications submitted by Wiltshire Council will not be dealt with under delegated powers where an objection has been received raising material planning considerations.
- 1.2 Reference to Committee by Wiltshire Council Division Member

Division Members can request in writing/email that a planning application, **or an application for Permission in Principle for Minor Residential Development**, within their Division proceed to determination by way of an Area Planning Committee. Any request **relating to a planning application** must be received within 21 calendar days of the circulation of the weekly list of 'applications received' in which it appears, **and any request relating to an application for Permission in Principle must be received within 15 calendar days of the despatch of the email notification of the application to the Division Member. In both cases, Members must** set out the material planning consideration(s) which warrant the application going before committee. Officers will confirm what action is being taken following receipt of the request.

Applications for tree work, prior approvals, Certificates of Lawfulness; notifications and variations/discharge of legal agreements - where the latter would bring them in line with a planning decision already made by the Council, will not be eligible for call-in and will be dealt with under delegated powers.

Where it has not been possible or appropriate to call an application in within this time, officers will accept call in requests in the following circumstances:

a)An application has not been determined and it can still go to Committee and be determined within the target date.

b)The application is already going to go out of time (because of negotiations/amended plans etc.) and taking it to Committee will make no difference to performance.

Where neither of the above apply, and the Division Member thinks there is a strong case to delay the determination of the application and take it to committee, they can discuss the case with the Head of Development Management who will arrange for (or discuss with the Director for Economic Development and Planning prior to arranging for) an informed decision whether or not to exercise delegated powers.

1.3 If private applications are made by or land/property owned by:

- a member or their close relations;
- a Director of the Council or their close relations; or
- a planning officer

and objections are received raising material planning considerations the application will be determined by a committee.

2 It is perfectly acceptable for members to nominate a substitute(s) to undertake their planning responsibilities, including application 'call in', if they have a conflict of interest or during periods of absence such as holidays or illness.

3. There will be occasions where it would be possible to deal with certain applications under delegated powers but where the Director-for Economic Development and Planning considers it inappropriate to do so, having considered any public representation and consultee responses. In these cases the applications will be determined by an appropriate planning committee.

4 The following applications, if called in shall be dealt with by the Strategic Planning Committee:

- Large-scale major developments which, by their nature (e.g. scale, location etc.) have wider strategic implications and raise issues of more than local importance. This will include applications of a similar nature by Wiltshire Council to develop any land of Wiltshire Council, or for development of any land by Wiltshire Council or by Wiltshire Council jointly with any other person which have similar implications or raise similar issues.
- Planning applications for mineral extraction or waste disposal, other than small scale works which are ancillary to an existing mineral working or waste disposal facility;

- Applications, which if approved, would represent a significant departure from the policies of the statutory development plan, where they are recommended for approval;
- Applications called in by a Division Member that cross the boundary of two Area Planning Committees;
- Any application that the Director-for Economic Development and Planning deems raises issues that should be considered by the Strategic Planning Committee.

Definitions

- Planning application means any application submitted to the Council for determination and included within the Government's planning application statistical returns (This is a statistical questionnaire dealing with performance which local authorities have to submit regularly to the government and which divides planning application into distinct categories; householder, minor, major etc.)
- 'Large scale major development' means any application for 200 or more houses; residential development of 4ha or more or other development of more than 10,000 square metres or more than 2 ha, as defined by the Government in the planning application statistical returns
- Householder development and the other descriptions of development referred to above shall have the meaning ascribed to them in the Government's planning application statistical returns.
- Enforcement notices includes all other formal notices under the Planning Acts used to investigate and remedy alleged breaches of planning control or improve the appearance of an area, including Breach of condition notices and Section 215 notices.
- A private application is one which has no connection with a member or officer's council duties. For example, if an officer submitted a Regulation 3 application on behalf of Wiltshire Council it would not be a private application.
- A close relation is defined as spouse, partner, sibling, parent or offspring.
- **Minor residential development means housing led development of between one and nine dwellings**

Appendix 3 to Report to Council 22 May 2018

Proposed changes to the Constitution in order to clarify the separate roles of the Audit Committee and the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee

Changes set out in red below

- 1) The role of the Audit Committee is set out in **paragraph 2.8 of Part 3** of the Constitution. This paragraph requires some modification in order to make it a definitive statement of Audit's role to include references to activities mentioned elsewhere in the Constitution and to reflect guidance from various professional bodies.
- External Audit is the major statutory provision which is the responsibility of the Audit Committee and **the entry "External Audit activity" should precede "Internal Audit Activity" in para 2.8**

2.8 Audit Committee Composition

The size of the Audit Committee and appointments to it will be determined by Council. Appointments will be made having regard to rules on political proportionality.

The Audit Committee will exclude members of the Cabinet. The Leader of the Council or the cabinet member responsible for finance and governance is a non-voting member of the Committee.

Substitute members will be permitted in accordance with Part 4 of this Constitution.

Role and Function

The Audit Committee will be responsible for:

- External Audit Activity **(section moved from after internal audit):**
 - *To receive and comment on the external audit plan;*
 - *To consider the external auditor's annual letter, relevant reports, and the report to those charged with governance;*
 - *To comment on the scope and depth of external audit work and to ensure it gives value for money;*
 - *To monitor the implementation of management actions arising from external audit work.*
- Internal Audit Activity:
 - *To approve the terms of reference and strategy for internal audit, and the annual internal audit plan **and subsequent changes thereto;***
 - *To monitor and review the effectiveness of internal audit to ensure compliance with statutory requirements;*
 - *To consider the Head of Internal Audit's annual report and opinion, and a summary on internal audit activity and the level of assurance it provides on the Council's corporate governance arrangements;*
 - *To consider specific internal audit reports as requested, and monitor the implementation of agreed management actions.*

- Regulatory Framework:
 - To monitor and review the effective development and operation of corporate governance, risk **and performance** management and internal control, and to receive progress reports as required;
 - To oversee the process for production of the annual governance statement (AGS), to review the supporting evidence **including the arrangements for governance of partnership working**, and to approve the draft AGS;
 - To monitor the development and implementation of the Council's anti-fraud and corruption policy and strategy.

- Financial Management and Accounts:
 - To ensure the Council's arrangements for financial management are adequate and effective, and, **together with its accounting policies**, are regularly reviewed;
 - To review and approve the annual statement of accounts;
 - To consider the external auditor's report to those charged with governance on issues arising from the audit of the accounts.

2) In Protocol 11 DELETE the words “~~process and soundness of information~~” from column 6 of rows 2, 3 and 4.

Protocol 11 Governance Reporting Arrangements

	Governance Area	Executive Responsibility	Non - Executive Lead Committee	Activity – Terms of Reference	Other Interested Committees
1.	<i>Corporate Plan - Performance</i>	<i>Cabinet (Council approves Plan)</i>	<i>Overview and Scrutiny</i>	<i>Review and scrutinise</i>	<i>Audit Standards</i>
2.	<i>Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS)</i>	<i>Cabinet (Council approves MTFS)</i>	<i>Overview and Scrutiny</i>	<i>Review and scrutinise</i>	<i>Audit - process and soundness of information</i>
3.	<i>Budget Setting</i>	<i>Cabinet (Council approves budget)</i>	<i>Overview and Scrutiny</i>	<i>Review and scrutinise</i>	<i>Audit - process and soundness of information</i>
4.	<i>Budget Monitoring</i>	<i>Cabinet</i>	<i>Overview and Scrutiny</i>	<i>Review and scrutinise</i>	<i>Audit - process and soundness of information</i>

3) Part 2 Article 6 - In order to clarify the separate and distinct role of Overview and Scrutiny the following changes are proposed.

Article 6 - Overview and Scrutiny Committees

6.1 Appointment

The council will annually constitute and appoint an overview and scrutiny management committee and select committees in accordance with the agreed structure, each comprising at least seven councillors, to discharge the functions conferred by the Local Government Act 2000, as amended, and associated regulations.

6.2 Terms of reference

The overview and scrutiny management committee will be responsible for:

- *Overall management of the overview and scrutiny function in line with this article and the overview and scrutiny procedure rules set out in Part 8 of the Constitution, including call-in of executive decisions and councillor requests for reviews;*
- *Co-ordination of the overall work programme, aligned to the Council's priorities;*
- *Leading the working relationship with the Cabinet on the basis of agreed core values;*
- *Establishing any sub-committees, endorsing the formation of task groups, appointing representatives to project boards and delegating responsibility as appropriate;*
- *Assigning dedicated overview and scrutiny resources (officer team and budget);*
- *Overview, policy development and scrutiny of policy framework and corporate and organisational matters;*
- ***Overview and Scrutiny engagement on budget setting, budget monitoring and the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS)***
- *Overview, policy development and scrutiny of the Council's Business Plan;*
- *annual review and periodic performance monitoring;*
- *developing appropriate overview and scrutiny operational protocols*

6.3 *The management committee has the power of direction over the standing select committees. Its membership should include the chairman of each of the standing select committees.*

6.4 *The select committees will deliver that part of the overall work programme relevant to their service areas under the direction of the management committee and will report back to the management committee on its work and make recommendations as necessary. The management committee and select committees will together:*

- *perform all overview and scrutiny functions on behalf of the council;*
- *review and/or scrutinise decisions made or actions taken in connection with the discharge of any of the council's functions;*
- *make reports and recommendations to the Full Council and the Cabinet or relevant Cabinet member and any relevant partner in connection with the discharge of any functions;*

- foster and encourage an inclusive, structured, non-partisan and non-adversarial approach to overview and scrutiny which is reliant on evidence rather than anecdote.

6.5 **The Management Committee will also work with the Audit Committee to refer matters of governance and/or the control environment for further review. Likewise, the Audit Committee can refer matters arising from its remit that have a specific impact or risk to the Council's policy or operation to the Management Committee to consider the need for review**

6.6 *In addition to the above, the committee responsible for health scrutiny will:*

- review and scrutinise any matter relating to the planning, provision and operation of health services in Wiltshire, including any significant change to service provision and those jointly commissioned or delivered by the council;
- require the attendance of an officer of a local NHS body to answer questions and provide explanations about the planning, provision and operation of health services in Wiltshire;
- require a local NHS body to provide information about the planning, provision and operation of health services in Wiltshire, subject to the exemptions outlined in the Health and Social Care Act 2001;
- participate in cross-boundary overview and scrutiny of health services with other local authorities; including the establishment of joint committees; or the delegation of functions to another local authority;
- report to the secretary of state for health:
 - where the committee is concerned that consultation on substantial variation or development of services has been inadequate;
 - where the committee considers that the proposal is not in the interests of the local health service;
- maintain an overview of the council's responsibilities and role in relation to health and wellbeing.

6.7 **Finance**

The Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee will exercise overall responsibility for the finances made available to it.

6.8 **Proceedings of overview and scrutiny committees**

The overview and scrutiny management committee and select committees will conduct their proceedings in accordance with the overview and scrutiny procedure rules set out in Part 8 of this constitution.

4) In Section B (3) of Part 9 of the Constitution – Financial Regulations and Procedure Rules

Audit Committee and Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee, ~~Select Committees and the Financial Planning Task Group~~

3.1 The financial responsibilities of the Audit Committee are set out at Section B of Part 3 of this constitution. The financial responsibilities of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee (~~incorporating Scrutiny Select Committees and the Financial Planning Task Group~~) are set out at Article 6 of Part 2 of this constitution. These committees are responsible for influencing and scrutinising Cabinet decisions before and after they have been implemented, and for holding the Cabinet to account.

~~3.2~~ The Audit Committee and Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee, ~~Scrutiny Select Committees and the Financial Planning Task Group~~ report to the Cabinet or the Full Council in relation to matters concerning their respective responsibilities as set out in Para 2.8 of Section B of Part 3 and Part 2 Article 6.2 of the Constitution respectively

- ~~• Financial and other internal control systems;~~
- ~~• Financial irregularities and losses;~~
- ~~• Internal and External Audit;~~
- ~~• Performance information, including performance indicators;~~
- ~~• Best Value Reviews of cross cutting services;~~
- ~~• Risk management~~

~~3.3~~ These committees have the right of access to information they consider necessary as set out in Part 5 of the constitution and can consult directly with internal and external auditors. ~~The committees are responsible for reviewing the external auditor's reports and the annual audit letter and internal audit's annual report.~~

Wiltshire Council

Overview and Scrutiny: Annual Report 2017/18



What is overview and scrutiny?

Wiltshire Council is run by councillors elected by the people of Wiltshire. A small number of them form the cabinet (also referred to as the executive) which sets the direction, determines the priorities and takes the important decisions. The councillors in the cabinet hold powerful positions and it is important that they are held to public account for their actions. This is done through a system called Overview and Scrutiny (OS) and is undertaken by the nonexecutive councillors.

This is common to most local councils. They ensure that decisions are taken based on good evidence including the views of those with an interest in the matter and are in the best interests of the people of Wiltshire. OS is selective in what it looks at so that it can add value to the most important services provided by the council, its partners and contractors. Wherever possible it helps to shape policy through early discussions as well as scrutinising proposals before they are finally agreed. A list of the matters which will be considered by OS is published in its forward work programme.

How do we do it in Wiltshire?

There is an OS management committee and three specialist select committees covering the following main service areas:

- Health (including the NHS, public health and adult social care)
- Environment (including highways, waste and transportation)
- Children (including education, vulnerable children, youth services and early years)

The management committee, as well as coordinating the work of the select committees, covers internal matters such as finance, performance and staffing. Most of the work is done by small groups of elected members from across the political parties reviewing single specific issues in detail. These groups then report to the select committees and make recommendations for improvement to the cabinet and others as necessary.

Focus

The work programme focuses on the commitments given by the council in its Business Plan 2017/27 and approaches its work in the following way:

- Better outcomes for the people of Wiltshire
- Adding value to the way decisions are reached
- Working constructively with the cabinet
- Challenging positively as a critical friend
- Basing its findings on good evidence
- Learning from others

Overview and scrutiny management committee

Councillor Graham Wright said:

“As well as holding decision makers to public account, this year Overview and Scrutiny has helped the council’s cabinet to develop a number of key council policies and services. My thanks go to all scrutiny councillors for their hard work, especially the three other committee chairmen, and also the scrutiny team that supports our work. We will continue to work constructively with the council’s cabinet to achieve the very best outcomes for Wiltshire’s residents.”



Cllr Graham Wright
Chairman



Cllr Alan Hill
Vice chairman

Key items we have looked at ...and what we have achieved

Council Business Plan 2017/27

- Helped to define the council’s main priorities in its new ten-year Council Business Plan and how they will be supported.

Income from advertising

- Helped to shape how the council will generate income from advertising and sponsorship opportunities, including what kinds of advertisements reflect the council’s values.

Digital strategy and implementation

- Ensured that user feedback is reflected in the final strategy to make the council’s digital systems accessible to all.

Budget scrutiny

- Ensured that the council budget, and suggested amendments to it, were sound and also explored potential impacts on services.

Health select committee

Councillor Chistine Crisp said:

“As funding reduces and demand for many health and care services grows, it has been another busy year for the health select committee.

With so many areas of change for scrutiny to contribute to, most of all the council’s adult social care transformation, the committee has continued building relationships with external partners whilst ensuring that decisions are made with the best interests of Wiltshire’s residents in mind.

We are looking forward to the year ahead starting with a rapid scrutiny on NHS health checks.”



Cllr Christine Crisp
Chairman



Cllr Gordon King
Vice chairman

Key items we have looked at

...and what we have achieved

Adult social care transformation

- With two members of the committee as OS representatives on the transformation board, helped to define the future of adult social care in Wiltshire.

Customer Engagement with adult care

- Ensured that all required re-assessments were undertaken, with the last few scheduled to have taken place by the end of May 2018.

Places of Safety

- Ensured that a workable solution was reached between Wiltshire Council and Swindon Clinical Commissioning Group regarding the Place of Safety and Section 136 assessments for Swindon patients in Wiltshire, following concerns raised at a committee meeting.

Adult care charging policy

- Ensured, by highlighting issues at a committee meeting, that more time was allowed for further discussion with the user-led organisations to address these issues.

Children's select committee

Councillor Jon Hubbard said:

“ It has been a particularly busy year for children's select committee. Members have engaged with a number of high-profile scrutiny exercises, including special school provision in Wiltshire; outdoor education; and CAMHS. The committee has also been active in monitoring a number of our performance areas. Topics such as elective home education and children out of education; school Ofsted judgements; the education transformation board; the Wiltshire standards board; and the disadvantaged learners strategy have been identified as future topics. Although this is a full list we are looking forward to the opportunities it provides to make positive inputs in the future of Wiltshire's children's services. ”



Cllr Jon Hubbard
Chairman



Cllr Jacqui Lay
Vice chairman

Key items we have looked at ...and what we have achieved

SEND school provision

- Working with SEND schools and the Wiltshire Parent Carer Council, undertook an intensive review helping to define the future of SEND education in Wiltshire.

Care leavers Local Offer

- Helped to define the priorities in the council's new Local Offer for care leavers.

Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS)

- Highlighted lessons learned from the previous primary and specialist CAMHS model and quality assured the new governance arrangements.

Nursery places

- Helped to ensure sufficient childcare is available in Wiltshire for working parents and parents who were studying or training for employment.

Environment select committee

Cllr Matthew Dean said:

“ Following the local elections in May 2017, the environment select committee has hit the ground running, adding value in a number of areas such as local provision on rail services and the council’s waste management strategy. The committee has also been very active in addressing the performance management of flooding and highways. We have a demanding agenda for the next municipal year and the committee is looking forward to contributing to policy development at the council and scrutiny of the executive in the environmental arena.”



Cllr Matthew Dean
Chairman



Cllr Bob Jones
Vice chairman

Key items we have looked at ...and what we have achieved

Highways and Streetscene

- Analysed how street and utility works are managed across the county. This highlighted the vital role that local communities play and how the council can achieve its business plan priority of ‘stronger communities’.

Local Provision on Public Transport

- Looked at joint working between the council and train operating companies and considered the transport outcomes for Wiltshire. Helped to assess the economic benefits of Wiltshire’s train stations.

Development

- Considered how funding from Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) and Section 106 contributions are managed for the benefit of the local community.

Waste

- Provided input for Wiltshire’s waste management strategy and have engaged with much public participation in this area. Helped with the development of the council’s waste communication strategy, as changes to the waste collection service come into force in the summer.

How is overview and scrutiny supported?

The council's non-executive councillors run OS, but are supported in their work by a small team of officers. They sit within the council's legal and democratic team, which supports all aspects of decision-making. The team ensures that the councillors have all the necessary information and evidence they need and can speak to those people that have a direct responsibility or interest in the matter. This can include making arrangements to hear from service users and going on site visits.

The team also undertakes research and writes reports on behalf of the select committees and task groups.

Events during the year

Following elections in May 2017, the council welcomed many new councillors and in-depth training was provided to those wishing to participate in OS.

November 2017 saw OS councillors taking part in the council's corporate peer challenge, which gave a positive report of how the council is tackling its priorities.

In December 2017 leading OS councillors attended the Centre for Public Scrutiny's annual conference, while in March 2018 they presented at the South West OS Network in Bath. OS is open to learning and regularly speaks to others about how things can be done better.

In March 2018 OS considered the findings of a national review of the function's effectiveness in local government. This was to ensure any learning points could be reflected in how OS operates in Wiltshire.

Looking forward

In a time of reducing resources, OS will need to help councils develop new and innovative ways of working that achieve service improvements even in a tough financial climate.

In order to help address this challenge, Wiltshire Council's business plan focuses on innovation and transformation. Key projects include transforming adult social care, using digital technology to increase access to services, and increasing income by taking a more commercial approach. Non-executive councillors have an important role to play in ensuring that new approaches have positive outcomes for residents.

These are challenging, but exciting and rewarding times for Overview and Scrutiny.

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22 May 2018

Notice of Motion No. 7 - The Use of Plastic Waste in Road Repairs, Re-Surfacing and Construction

Councillors Brian Mathew and Steve Oldrieve

To consider the following notice of motion submitted in accordance with the constitution:

“With the disposal of waste plastics becoming increasingly important to the residents of Wiltshire and the UK in general, as previous destinations in the Far East, including China, stop taking our plastic waste, there is need for us here in Wiltshire to do our bit to recycle plastic waste at home.

Wiltshire drivers are also complaining of the state of our roads after the last winter, with all too often temporary fixes popping back out of the road, within weeks of being patched.

So what links these two problems?

The answer is a possible solution, by using waste plastic in road construction, road repair and road re-surfacing. What are the benefits of doing this?

- Increase lifespan of roads
- Reduced maintenance costs
- Cheaper alternatives to Polymer Modified Bitumen
- Reduction in landfill tax costs
- Reduced carbon emissions
- A Green alternative to bitumen in asphalt.

This technology is now up and running in the UK with real life experience from Penrith, Dumfries and Galloway, Carlisle, and Cumbria. As well as similar experiences being found internationally in Canada and India. If all the UK's roads were repaired and maintained in this way, it would consume an estimated 60,000 tons of waste plastic a year. Waste that might otherwise end up being incinerated, filling landfill, or polluting our seas.

Wiltshire Council prides itself on being at the forefront of innovation and problem solving, so here it can be a leader in both solving its waste plastics problem, and building stronger, cheaper to maintain roads. A 'win win' is on offer.

This motion calls on Wiltshire Council to undertake a feasibility study into this method of using waste plastics in its road repair, resurfacing, and road building programmes.”

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