

CABINET

MINUTES of a MEETING held at COMMITTEE ROOM III - COUNTY HALL,
TROWBRIDGE on Tuesday, 14 December 2010.

Cllr John Brady	Cabinet Member for Economic Development, Planning and Housing
Cllr Lionel Grundy OBE	Cabinet Member for Children's Services
Cllr John Noeken	Cabinet Member for Resources
Cllr Fleur de Rhe-Philipe	Cabinet Member for Finance, Performance and Risk
Cllr Jane Scott OBE	Leader of the Council
Cllr John Thomson	Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Adult Care, Communities and Libraries
Cllr Dick Tonge	Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport
Cllr Stuart Wheeler	Cabinet Member for Leisure, Sport and Culture

Also in Attendance:	Cllr Richard Beattie
	Cllr Allison Bucknell
	Cllr Trevor Carbin
	Cllr Nigel Carter
	Cllr Richard Clewer
	Cllr Peter Colmer
	Cllr Peter Doyle
	Cllr Richard Gamble
	Cllr Russell Hawker
	Cllr Jon Hubbard
	Cllr Tom James MBE
	Cllr George Jeans
	Cllr David Jenkins
	Cllr Julian Johnson
	Cllr Jerry Kunkler
	Cllr Alan Macrae
	Cllr Laura Mayes
	Cllr Jemima Milton
	Cllr Francis Morland
	Cllr Jeff Ody
	Cllr Jeff Osborn
	Cllr Sheila Parker
	Cllr Judy Rooke
	Cllr Anthony Trotman
	Cllr Bridget Wayman
	Cllr Roy While

164. **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr Toby Sturgis, Cabinet member for Waste, Property and Environment and Cllr Keith Humphries, Cabinet member for Health and Wellbeing.

165. **Minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 November 2010 were presented.

Resolved:

To approve as a correct record and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 16 November 2010.

166. **Chairman's announcements**

No announcements were made.

167. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

168. **Public participation**

The Leader explained that as usual, she would be happy to allow members of the public to speak at the start of each item if they wished to do so.

Public participation which included questions and statements took place during consideration of the report on the Wiltshire Local Transport Plan 2011-2026 – Car Parking Strategy as referred to in minute number 169 and during consideration of the report on the Review of Indoor Leisure Facilities as referred to in minute number 170. Details of questions and written statements received on these items can be accessed on the following link of the Council's website:

<http://cms.wiltshire.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=141&MID=509#AI9521>

The Leader reported receipt of a question from Mr Michael Sprules, Chairperson of Residents Against Development Affecting Recreational Land (RADAR) in respect of the development of parks and outdoor recreational facilities in Chippenham. Mr Sprules was unable to attend the meeting and the Leader referred to the question and response as circulated which can be accessed on the following link of the Council's website:

<http://cms.wiltshire.gov.uk/mgConvert2PDF.aspx?ID=12722>

169. **Wiltshire Local Transport Plan 2011-2026 - Car Parking Strategy**

Public participation

Questions and written statements received all on the car parking charges element of the Car Parking Strategy were provided to Cabinet members, made available at the meeting and can be accessed on the following link of the Council's website:

<http://cms.wiltshire.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=141&MId=509&Ver=4>

Questions

The Leader reported receipt of two questions as follows:

Question from Mr Michael Williams MBE, Chief Executive of the Wessex Association of Chambers of Commerce which included a letter addressed to Cllr Dick Tonge, Cabinet member for Highways and Transport dated 2 December 2010.

Question from Mr Jonathon Knee, General Manager of HJ Knee Ltd Department Store, Trowbridge.

Written Statements

The Leader referred to written submissions received from the following:

Porton Down Tripartite Estates Group
John Glen - Member of Parliament for Salisbury in respect of Salisbury and Amesbury
Amesbury Town Council
Col (Ret'd) CA Heggie, Amesbury
Mrs Susie Heggie, Amesbury
Mr Brian C Thompson, Amesbury
Mrs PH and Mr DJ Skinner, Amesbury
Dr Brian Batten, Amesbury
Lt Col NOH de Foubert, Amesbury
Major General and Mrs Patrick Brooking, Amesbury
Mr Michael Freedman, Amesbury
Mr and Mrs Rogers, re Amesbury
Mr and Mrs Rose, Amesbury
Mr FA Bush, Amesbury
Ms C Kiskey, Amesbury
Ms Mary Wilson, Amesbury
Mr John Coleman for and on behalf of Amesbury Redevelopment Partnership
Mr John Todd for an on behalf of the Stonehenge Chamber of Trade, Amesbury
Mr Martin and Rosemary Gairdner, Berwick St James
Kate Freeman on behalf of Association of Kennet Passengers
Mr Terry Fell, Devizes
Ms Dee La Vardera, Devizes

Mr Colin Garrett, Devizes
Mrs Anne Richards, Devizes
Ms Judy Bridger, Devizes
Mr Brian Crook, Devizes
Mr and Mrs Larden, Devizes
Mr Nicholas Godden, Devizes
Mr Tony Morton, Devizes
Mr Richard Jaggs for an on behalf of the Devizes Chamber of Commerce
Mr Ian Storey, Corsham
Mr WGV Hall, Director, Martingate Centre Ltd, Corsham
Mr Brian Deeley on behalf of the Trustees, Staff and Volunteers of Age UK
Wiltshire
Mr Tony Niklin, Chairman of the Car Parking Strategy Working Group for and on
behalf of Warminster Town Council
Julie Owen, Lower Compton
Margaret Rawlings, Chippenham
Mr Marcus Kirschner, Chippenham
Sue Atkinson, Calne
Victoria Morris, Marlborough
Terry Parkinson, Salisbury
Mr Vince Delderfield, Salisbury
Terry Parkinson, Salisbury
Mr Pete Hawkins
Cllr Nigel Carter, Wiltshire Councillor for Devizes North
Cllr Russell Hawker, Wiltshire Councillor for Westbury West

Verbal Representations

The Leader provided an opportunity to the above mentioned where present at the meeting and any other members of the public present to address Cabinet to express their views should they wish to do so. She thanked those members of the public who had taken the time to submit their views and gave an assurance that all comments received had been considered and taken into account by Cabinet. Cllr Tonge undertook to respond to all those who had submitted written comments.

The following speakers addressed Cabinet:

Mr Jonathon Knee, General Manager, HJ Knee Ltd Department Store,
Trowbridge
Mr Tony Niklin, Warminster Town Council
Mr Christopher Marsh, Warminster Town Council
Mr John Todd for and on behalf of the Stonehenge Chamber of Trade
Mr Andrew Williams
Mr Rhind-Tutt, Deputy Mayor of Amesbury Town Council
Mr Giuseppe Ardani of Giuseppe's Barber and Café Mondo, Amesbury
Kate Freeman on behalf of Association of Kennet Passengers
Mr Mitchell, Chairman of Mere Parish Council
Mr Peter Coopman, Tisbury

Debate

Cllr Dick Tonge, Cabinet member for Highways and Transport presented the report on the Wiltshire Local Transport Plan 2011-2026 – Car Parking Strategy for Cabinet's consideration and approval. He tabled a further amendment to the proposal at (iv) in the report in respect of the charging for Salisbury.

He explained the background to the Strategy and the need for its review. He emphasised that car parking was a strategic issue which required a County wide approach and was not just about car parking charges. He did however, appreciate that the charging element was a difficult issue.

He explained that the Strategy covered the following areas:

- The way the Council should manage its parking stock both on street and off street
- How charges should be determined and revised in future
- What standards should be applied in new residential and non residential developments
- The policy for publicly available non-residential parking such as new supermarkets
- Residents parking zones
- Parking at railway stations
- Residents overspill parking and several other areas

Cllr Tonge explained the review process. It was noted that the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Environment Select Committee had in January 2010 considered a report which set out the proposed methodology and timescale for reviewing the Strategy. The Committee considered that Area Boards should be used for consultation purposes only as it was felt inappropriate for Area Boards to take full responsibility for parking charges in their areas and this approach was adopted. The Committee resolved to receive a further update prior to the Strategy being considered by Cabinet at this meeting.

Accordingly, Cllr Tonge also attended the Committee on 2 November 2010 to update it on the Strategy, provide an overview of the consultation process answer any questions the Committee had. He also explained the concept of having four bands for parking charges. The Committee resolved 'To congratulate the Cabinet member on the work undertaken and note the update provided and request that the comments made are taken into consideration by the Cabinet member prior to the final reports submission to Cabinet'.

Consultation on the Strategy was undertaken from 12 July to 3 September 2010 using a variety of means. Representations were received from 570 people and organisations which provided 4,582 comments in addition to comments received from town and parish councils and Chambers of Commerce. Feedback on the consultation findings were presented to all Area Boards between 22 September and 23 November 2010. Cllr Tonge also acknowledged the

resolution of the South West Wiltshire Area Board at its meeting on 25 August 2010 as tabled.

On the basis of the consultation the 'preferred option' for car parking charges had been applied as detailed in the report presented. Representations were made from Salisbury supported by Salisbury City Centre Management for an alternative option of a £2.00 flat charge for the first two hours parking. This had been accepted as Salisbury was in its own band and the revenue effect would be neutral.

Representations were also received in respect of the Market Place car park in Devizes. Both Marlborough and Devizes (which previously came under Kennet District Council) had charges higher than other band 3 towns although it was recognised that Marlborough did benefit from having some on-street parking free for half an hour. It was therefore proposed to treat Devizes and Marlborough equally by providing a free half an hour time period in the Market Place car park in Devizes.

In light of the representations received in respect of Amesbury, Cllr Tonge added a proposal to provide 25% of parking spaces in the Town Centre car park free for the first hour for the first year followed by a review.

It was noted that no Town Council had taken up the opportunity to buy back a proportion of parking spaces. However, a number of Town and Parish Councils had expressed an interest in the option to manage small band 4 car parks as an alternative to charges.

The Chambers of Commerce had made representations concerning the cost of parking for staff working in local shops. Cllr Tonge drew Cabinet's attention to the proposal to review season tickets and permits along with reviews on residents' parking zones, on-street waiting restrictions and parking enforcement.

Cllr Tonge emphasised that car parking and public transport were strategically linked and that bus services played a vital role particularly in the more rural parts of the County. Almost half of bus journeys were subsidised directly by the Council costing £5.4 million per annum and would in the main, be discontinued without such subsidy.

Cllr Tonge referred to the significant reduction in Government grant and the impact this would have on the transport budget. Far from looking to making a profit from any increase in parking charges, one of the proposals was for any surplus parking revenue over and above the forecast income to be hypothecated to support sustainable transport measures such as local bus services.

Cllr Tonge appreciated that any decision to increase car parking charges would not be well received with a perception of unfairly taxing the motorist. The charges as proposed were set a level, lower than those in surrounding local authority areas and would contribute to subsidising much needed local bus services without being so high that residents would be deterred from shopping

in Wiltshire Towns. Cllr Tonge moved the proposal together with the amendment as tabled in respect of Salisbury and the additional proposal in respect of Amesbury. The amendment with regard to Salisbury was concerned with the 10% uplift. The amendment with regard to Amesbury was made due to the disruption that will be caused by Highway Agency works on the A303 and other local road works planned and the fact that Amesbury is the only Band 3 town where there is no charging currently.

Having heard contributions from members of the public, the Leader opened the debate to Cabinet members and then to other members of the Council. A number of comments were made during the debate with arguments both for and against the proposals and included calls for the proposals to be deferred for further consideration. An opinion was made that the Strategy had not been properly scrutinised by the Environment Select Committee and that this could lead to the decision being called in.

Concerns were also expressed over the impact increased parking charges could have on the economic viability and vitality of towns such as Amesbury which had already suffered from a significant number of shop closures. The Leader acknowledged the difficulties in Amesbury but pointed out that such difficulties were being experienced in a climate where parking was currently free and therefore not attributable to parking charges. She offered the services of the Council's Economic Development section to see how Amesbury or any other struggling towns could be supported.

The Leader thanked all those present for their participation in what was a very balanced and thorough debate and it was

Resolved:

That Cabinet approve the Wiltshire Local Transport Plan 2011 – 2026: Car Parking Strategy including the following:

- (i) Support the concept of spatial bands (as shown in Table 1) as a realistic way of balancing the different needs of towns with the achievement of a more consistent approach to parking throughout Wiltshire.**
- (ii) Approve the parking charges (Monday – Saturday) as set-out in Table 2 for implementation in 2011/12.**
- (iii) Agree to a free half an hour time period for the Market Place car park in Devizes.**
- (iv) Agree that where there would be a reduction in a car park charge as a result of the introduction of the charges set-out in Table 2, then the current charge (subject to the proposal at (v)) would remain in place until equalisation is achieved (except for the first 2 hour period in Salisbury (excluding the Market Place) where the charge in Table 2 (subject to the proposal at (v)) would apply). Thereafter,**

the car park charge would increase in line with the relevant band increases.

- (v) Approve a ten per cent increase in all on and off-street parking charges (i.e. over and above the increases set-out in Table 2 as shown in Appendix 5 of the report presented and as shown below:

Band	Stay	<1hr	<2hr	<3hr	<4hr	<5hr	<8hr	All day
1	Short	-	£2.20	£4.20	-	-	-	-
1	Long	-	£2.20	£4.00	£4.60	£5.50	£7.40	£7.40
2	Short	£1.10	£1.50	£3.20	-	-	-	-
2	Long	£0.90	£1.30	£2.60	£3.10	£4.20	£5.40	£5.90
3	Short	£0.40	£1.20	£2.10	-	-	-	-
3	Long	£0.30	£1.10	£2.00	£2.40	£3.20	£5.20	£5.60
4	Short	£0.30	£1.10	£2.00	-	-	-	-
4	Long	£0.20	£1.00	£1.90	£2.30	£2.90	£4.80	£5.20

Note: Charges have been rounded to the nearest 10 pence increment.

- (vi) Agree that any surplus parking revenue (i.e. that which is over and above the forecast income of £5,040,000) is hypothecated to support sustainable transport measures (e.g. local bus services).
- (vii) To note that the parking charges in Chippenham, Salisbury and Trowbridge may need to be amended in light of the outcomes of area transport strategies to support planned growth.
- (viii) Approve the principle of the following opportunities:
- Enable Band 3 towns to ‘buy back’ a small proportion of short-stay spaces from Wiltshire Council to offer as free parking spaces.
 - Enable Band 4 towns to take over the management of local public car parks and associated costs as an alternative to parking charges being set by Wiltshire Council.
- (ix) Delegate authority to the Corporate Director for Neighbourhood and Planning in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport, and with the advice of legal representation, to negotiate and agree the lease and legal agreement with relevant parish and town councils for implementation from 1 April 2011.
- (x) Agree that significant reviews of parking charges are undertaken every five years based on ‘Policy PS3 – Parking Charges’ with interim reviews carried out annually based on an assessment of parking charges in key neighbouring towns and the annual Consumer Price Index (as at September each year with reviewed

charges rounded to the nearest ten pence). Consideration will also need to be taken of the outcomes of area transport strategies developed to support planned growth.

- (xi) Support the adoption of minimum residential parking standards.
- (xii) Agree the presumption that any planning application which includes provision for publicly available private non-residential parking will be required to provide an accompanying car park management plan and, subject to a case-by-case analysis, to implement parking restrictions and charges consistent with those of council run car parks in the local area.
- (xiii) Approve the retention of the current Sunday parking charge of £1.50 in Salisbury (subject to the proposal at (v)) and the removal of Sunday parking charges in Bradford on Avon. Support the following addition to 'Policy PS3 – Parking Charges':

'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'.
- (xiv) Cabinet also agreed that in respect of Amesbury, 25% of car parking spaces in the Town Centre remain free of charge for the first hour for a period of one year to be followed by a review.
- (xv) Delegate authority to the Corporate Director for Neighbourhood and Planning in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport to undertake and approve the reviews on residents' parking zones, on-street waiting restriction reviews, season tickets and permits, and parking enforcement.
- (xvi) Delegate authority to the Corporate Director for Neighbourhood and Planning in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport to finalise the strategy document for publication as part of the third Wiltshire Local Transport Plan by 31 March 2011.

Reason for Decision:

In order to commence implementation of the revised LTP Car Parking Strategy following public consultation.

170. **Review of Indoor Leisure Facilities - overview of public consultation and the refined proposal**

Public Participation

Questions and a written statement received on this item were provided to Cabinet members, made available at the meeting and can be accessed on the following link of the Council's website:

<http://cms.wiltshire.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=141&MId=509&Ver=4>

Questions

The Leader reported receipt of questions from Mr Stephen Walls to which a response was provided.

Written Statement

The Leader referred to the written submission from Ms Miriam Elloway.

Verbal representations

The Leader provided an opportunity to the above mentioned where present at the meeting and any other members of the public present to address Cabinet to express their views should they wish to do so.

The following speakers addressed Cabinet:

Stephen Walls
Neil Hawker, Westbury Leisure Alliance
Mike Parker, Westbury Leisure Alliance

Councillor Stuart Wheeler, Cabinet Member for Leisure, Sport and Culture explained the background to the leisure review and the comprehensive consultation exercise undertaken. It was accepted that many of the Council's leisure facilities were outdated and unsustainable in their present form. The review had been undertaken with a view to providing a replacement, refurbishment and development programme. The programme focused on a 25 year plan for future development, including proposals for new facilities within campuses, improvements to some existing facilities and the potential transfer of some facilities to local community management.

Cllr Wheeler presented a report which gave an overview of the views collected through the Leisure Review consultation process and identified a refined proposal that took those views into account.

The report also explained how the refined proposal would be delivered as part of the Workplace Transformation Programme. This includes the specification of leisure facilities within campuses, the planned improvements to facilities

considered part of the Council's overall operational estate and the determination of the future management arrangements of all operational estate. Details of the refined proposal were presented as detailed in Appendix A of the report presented.

In response to a question from the Westbury Leisure Alliance, the Leader confirmed that should Cabinet agree the refined proposal at this meeting, it was hoped to provide as much information as possible to organisations and community groups who were interested in managing facilities.

Resolved:

That Cabinet:

- (i) approves the refined proposal as set out in Appendix A of the report presented as attached.**
- (ii) approves that the delivery and implementation of the building and future management elements of the refined proposal be included in and taken forward by the Workplace Transformation Programme.**

Reason for Decision

To improve the current indoor leisure facility stock that was inherited as a result of the local government reorganisation.

171. Review of Special Educational Need (SEN) Provision - Confirmation of Decisions

Cllr Grundy, Cabinet member for Children's Services referred to the review of Special Educational Needs previously undertaken. The outcome of the review was reported to Cabinet on 27 July 2010 where a decision was taken to proceed with all of the recommendations. Following that decision, the necessary statutory notices were published with responses sought by 22 October 2010.

Cllr Grundy presented a report which outlined the outcome of the consultation on the statutory notices and sought Cabinet's views on whether it still wished to continue with the proposals in light of the responses to the statutory notices.

Cllr Grundy stressed that one of the purposes of the review was to ensure the cost effectiveness of the service and that any savings made as a result would be ploughed back into the service.

Resolved:

The Cabinet agrees that:-

- 1. the proposals set out in paragraph 6 of the report presented concerning the changes to special schools be confirmed;**

2. **the proposals set out in paragraph 9 of the report presented concerning the proposed closure of Specialist Learning Centres be confirmed and**
3. **that officers be requested to implement these decisions.**

Reason for Decision

These proposals, along with the other proposals agreed by Cabinet on 27 July, would initiate the system change needed to improve educational provision and raise the achievement of pupils with SEN. In view of the limited response to the statutory notices there is no reason to refrain from confirming the proposals set out in those notices.

172. **The Care Quality Commission's Annual Commissioner Assessment of Adult Social Care, 2009-2010**

Cllr John Thomson, Cabinet Member for Adult Care, Communities and Libraries presented a report which summarised the Care Quality Commission's (CQC) assessment of the performance of adult social care in Wiltshire during 2009-2010. A copy of the results letter from the CQC was also presented.

The CQC concluded that overall, the Council performed 'Well' derived from seven separate domain grades on various areas of activity. It was noted that the Council had been graded 'Excellent' for making a positive contribution and 'Adequate' for maintaining personal dignity and respect.

Additionally, the Assessment included a judgement for Leadership and for Commissioning and Use of Resources which were very positive. On Leadership, the Assessment concluded that *'the leadership of adult social care in Wiltshire is strong and focused... The Council's approach to person centred planning has radically changed the lives of many people with a learning disability in Wiltshire.'*

Cllr Thomson and other Cabinet members congratulated the Director of Community Services and her team for such a positive assessment.

Resolved:

That Cabinet note the report.

Reason for Decision

The Director responsible for Adult Social Services is expected to take the CQC Commissioner Assessment to an open meeting of the relevant Committee of the Council by 31 January 2011.

173. **Budget Monitoring**

(a) **Revenue Budget**

Cllr Fleur de Rhe-Philipe, Cabinet Member for Finance, Performance and Risk presented a report which advised Cabinet of the revenue budget monitoring position as at 31 October 2010 for the financial year 2010-11.

The figures projected a small under spend of £0.045 million. This was a reduction of £1.083 million in the forecast position since the last monitoring report of £1.038 million which reflected action taken by officers to reduce previously identified overspends. It was noted that future revenue monitoring reports would highlight ongoing progress to achieve a balanced budget.

Resolved:

That Cabinet note the report showing a balanced position, pending future monitoring reports that will highlight ongoing actions being taken to continue a balanced budgeted.

Reason for Decision

To enable the Cabinet to approve a continued corporate approach to managing the financial pressures and Government reductions.

(b) **Capital Budget**

Cllr Fleur de Rhe-Philipe, Cabinet Member for Finance, Performance and Risk presented the report which reflected the position of the 2010-11 capital programme as at 31 October 2010. The revised capital budget for 2010-11 stood at £167 million.

Cabinet was also asked to decide on how the cut in education funding from central Government should be dealt with in the 2010-11 capital programme through the three options identified in the report presented.

Resolved:

That Cabinet:

- 1. notes the current position of the 2010-11 capital programme;**
- 2. notes the budget changes in section 1 of Appendix B to the report presented and**
- 3. that the cut in education funding from central Government be dealt with as follows:**

to reduce the affected projects in the capital programme by

the corresponding cut in funding from central Government. This would reduce the overall spending on education schemes in 2010-11.

Reason for Decision

To inform Cabinet of the current position of the 2010-11 capital programme and identify issues which need to be resolved as a result of cuts in funding from central Government.

174. **Council Tax Base 2011/2012**

Cllr Fleur de Rhe Philipe, Cabinet Member for Finance, Performance and Risk presented a report which sought approval of the proposed Council Tax Base for 2011-12.

It was noted there was a requirement for the Council to approve its tax base annually and notify any precepting authorities before 31 January 2011. Parish and Town Councils would also be notified of the tax base for their respective areas.

Details of how the tax base was calculated and the proposed tax base were presented.

Resolved:

That Cabinet approve the Council Tax Base for 2011-12 as set out in Appendix 1 to the report presented.

Reason for Decision

Before the Council Tax can be set by the Council in February 2011 a calculation has to be made and approved of the Council Tax Base, which is an annual requirement as laid out in the Local Government Finance Act 1992 and the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulations 1992.

175. **Street Naming and Numbering**

Cllr John Noeken, Cabinet Member for Resources presented the report which sought endorsement and adoption of the Council's new Street Naming and Numbering Policy approval of the revised process for Street Naming and Numbering service following consultation.

Resolved:

That Cabinet approves the Street Naming and Numbering Policy and process as set out in Appendix A to the report presented which had been developed following consultation with Town and Parish Councils.

Reason for Decision

By approving the above proposals, Wiltshire Council will have a sound legal and policy framework on which to deliver the Street Naming and Numbering service in an efficient and customer-focused fashion. The revised process allows Town and Parish Councils to have control over new street names in their area, without significantly changing the volume of administration, while still allowing Wiltshire Council to comply with its statutory obligations in respect of street naming and numbering.

176. **Salisbury Vision: The Maltings & Central Car Park**

Councillor John Brady, Cabinet Member for Economic Development, Planning and Housing presented a report which updated Cabinet on the progress to develop the Maltings and Central Car Park area of Salisbury. The report also sought approval on specific items which would mitigate risk to the Council whilst ensuring the opportunity is attractive to developers.

Resolved:

- (i) That the Council offers the Maltings and Central Car Park (MCCP) to the market via an OJEU procurement process.**
- (ii) That the MCCP be taken to the market in spring 2011 with a target date of March 2011.**
- (iii) To delegate authority to the Director, Economy and Enterprise, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Economic Development, Planning and Housing and Director of Resources to approve the OJEU procurement process, the minimum project requirements (on the basis referred to in paragraph 16 of the report presented) and the evaluation criteria prior to marketing the MCCP.**
- (iv) That Cabinet notes that the existing library may be demolished and replaced as part of the MCCP redevelopment or may be demolished and replaced elsewhere in the city in an alternative suitable location.**
- (v) To delegate authority to the Director, Economy and Enterprise, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Economic Development, Planning and Housing and Director of Resources, for the acquisition of opportunity land interests in and around the MCCP that would enhance the likelihood of delivering a retail-led mixed use development on the site.**
- (vi) That Cabinet notes that there may be a reduction in car parking income during or as a result of the carrying out of the redevelopment on the MCCP although this may be offset by a combination of capital receipt and rental income arising out of the**

redevelopment. The provision of Park and Ride space around Salisbury will ensure minimal impact to parking for the city.

- (vii) That Cabinet approves the principle of proceeding with a compulsory purchase order at the successful developer's expense in the event that this is in the public interest and where the chosen scheme cannot proceed without acquiring third party interests.
- (viii) That all interests in the ownership of the Council within the area of land shown edged red on Plan A attached to the report presented (not being public open space or already held for planning purposes) be appropriated for planning purposes at the date the Council allows the successful developer to enter onto such land for the purposes of carrying out development in accordance with a planning permission granted for the development of the MCCP.

Reason for Decision

The delivery of this project would enhance the local economy of Salisbury and address significant retail 'leakage' to competing centres, notably Southampton, Bournemouth and Basingstoke. It would help to safeguard jobs and the economic vitality and viability of the City. It is desirable that this project proceeds now, to avert significant developer pressure for retailing in edge and out of centre locations, which if developed could damage the MCCP project and the future vitality of Salisbury as a retail destination.

177. Urgent Items

There were no urgent items.

178. Exclusion of the Press and Public

Resolved:

That in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 to exclude the public from the meeting for the business specified in the following item because it is likely that if members of the public were present there would be disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Act and the public interest in withholding the information outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information to the public.

179. Salisbury Vision: The Maltings & Central Car Park - Part II

Cllr Brady, Cabinet member for Economic Development, Planning and Housing drew Cabinet's attention to a summary of the joint DTZ and Wragge & Co report in connection with this item.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

Reason for Decision

To ensure Cabinet is fully informed with a view to making the decision referred to at minute number 176 above.

(Duration of meeting: 10.30 am - 2.45 pm)

These decisions were published on the 17 December 2010 and will come into force on 29 December 2010

The Officer who has produced these minutes is Yamina Rhouati, of Democratic Services, direct line 01225 718024 or e-mail yamina.rhouati@wiltshire.gov.uk
Press enquiries to Communications, direct line (01225) 713114/713115