

## COUNCIL

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### **MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 11 JULY 2017 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 Christine Crisp, Cllr Anna Cuthbert, Cllr Brian Dalton, Cllr Andrew Davis, Cllr Matthew Dean, Cllr Tony Deane, Cllr Stewart Dobson, Cllr Bill Douglas, Cllr Mary Douglas, Cllr Peter Evans, Cllr Sue Evans, Cllr Nick Fogg MBE, Cllr Peter Fuller, Cllr Richard Gamble, Cllr Sarah Gibson, Cllr Gavin Grant, Cllr Howard Greenman, Cllr Mollie Groom, Cllr David Halik, Cllr Deborah Halik, Cllr Russell Hawker, Cllr Ross Henning, Cllr Darren Henry, Cllr Mike Hewitt, Cllr Alan Hill, Cllr Sven Hocking, Cllr Ruth Hopkinson, Cllr Atiqul Hoque, Cllr Jon Hubbard, Cllr Chris Hurst, Cllr Peter Hutton, Cllr Tony Jackson, 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 Christopher Newbury, Cllr Ashley O'Neill, Cllr Steve Oldrieve, Cllr Stewart Palmen, Cllr Graham Payne, Cllr Andy Phillips, Cllr Horace Prickett, Cllr Leo Randall, Cllr Fleur de Rhé-Philipe, Cllr Pip Ridout, Cllr Ricky Rogers, Cllr Tom Rounds, Cllr Baroness Scott of Bybrook OBE, Cllr James Sheppard (Vice Chairman), Cllr Jonathon Seed, 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 Stuart Wheeler, Cllr Roy While, Cllr Philip Whitehead, Cllr Jerry Wickham, Cllr Christopher Williams and Cllr Graham Wright

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#### **119 Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Derek Brown, Jane Davies, Christopher Devine, Josie Green, Paul Oatway QPM and Robert Yuill.

#### **120 Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the Meeting held on 16 May 2017 were presented.

#### **Resolved:**

**That the minutes of the last Council meeting held on 16 May 2017 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.**

## 121 **Declarations of Interest**

It was noted that some Councillors were also members of the Dorset & Wiltshire Fire Authority; but that this would not prevent them from taking part in and voting on item 12 – the Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Authority - Proposed Revised Governance Arrangements:

***For reference the following Councillors declared their membership in the interests of transparency: Peter Hutton, Pip Ridout, Andrew Davis, Christopher Newbury, Matthew Dean, Bob Jones MBE, Brian Dalton and Ernie Clark.***

## 122 **Announcements by the Chairman**

The Chairman drew attention to following list of engagements:

- Chippenham Town Council Mayor's Investiture Ceremony.
- Robing Ceremony (formerly Mayor Making), Malmesbury.
- Royal British Legion Annual Rededication Service and Parade, Royal Wotton Bassett.
- Beating the Retreat Ceremony and Military Motorcycle Display, Azimghur Barracks, North Colerne.
- Trowbridge in Bloom in partnership with Trowbridge College Catwalk Show, Arc Theatre, Trowbridge.
- Royal Wootton Bassett Royal British Legion Armed Forces Day Celebration.
- Armed Forces and Veterans' Weekend Celebrations, Trowbridge Park
- Malmesbury Town Council Choral Evensong, Malmesbury Abbey.
- Annual Fovant Badges Drum Head Service, East Farm, Fovant.
- Visit of HRH The Prince of Wales to the Army Air Corps 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Guidon Presentation Parade and Service, Salisbury Cathedral.
- The High Sheriff of Wiltshire's Summer Reception, Odstock Manor.
- Marlborough Civic Service.
- Annual Meeting of Devizes Town Council and Mayoral Reception
- Wilton Ground Breaking Ceremony.
- Melksham Town Council's Civic Service.

- Army Air Corps 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Guidon Presentation Parade and Service, Salisbury Cathedral.
- The High Sheriff of Wiltshire's Summer Reception, Odstock Manor.

The Chairman announced that a number of Wiltshire residents had received national recognition in Her Majesty's Birthday Honours' List in June.

- Companions of the Order of the Bath (CB) has been awarded to:
- Jonathan Henry Lyle, from East Grafton, for services to Defence.

Officers of the Order of the British Empire (OBE's) have been awarded to:

- Major General Patrick Anthony John Cordingley, from Salisbury, for Voluntary Service.
- Ms Carmel Jane Grant, from Shrewton, for services to Army Reform.
- Mr. Kenneth Thomas Green, from Warminster, for Voluntary Political Service.
- Dr. Julie Patricia Greeves, from Salisbury, for services to Military Operational Effectiveness.
- Miss Louise Hubble, from Salisbury, for services to the Rural Communities in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.
- Mrs. Karen Riley, from Salisbury, for services to Special Educational Needs and Disabilities.
- Miss Heather Mary Stanning, MBE, from Wroughton, for services to Rowing.

Members of the Order of the British Empire (MBE's) have been awarded to:

- Mr. Christopher Davies, from Amesbury, for services to Drugs Awareness in the Armed Forces.
- Mr. Angus Stuart Macpherson, from Wroughton, for services to the community in Wiltshire.
- Mrs. Valerie Jean McLea, from Royal Wootton Bassett, for services to the Community and Assisting Policing in Royal Wootton Bassett.
- Mr. Philip Neame, from Malmesbury, for voluntary service to Reserve Forces and Cadets.
- Mrs. Ishbel Sewell, from Aldbourne, for services to the Community in Aldbourne.

Medallist of the Order of the British Empire (BEMs) have been awarded to:

- Mr. Richard Adrian Giles, from Pewsey, for services to the community in Pewsey.
- Mr. Roy Stephen, from Swindon, for services to the Malayee Association, UK Knanaya Catholic Association and to the Community in Swindon.
- Mr. Richard Derek Tilney, from Malmesbury, for services to the community in Malmesbury.

The Chairman made specific reference to her attendance, at County Hall, at the event of the presentation of the Norwegian Medal of Honour for Ken Foster.

Ken Foster was given the commemorative medal by Honorary Consul for Norway, Nigel Fletcher Ken was a crew member on the ship that returned Prince Olav to Norway in May 1945.

### 123 **Public Participation**

(a) Councillor Martin Pain – Melksham Town Council

Councillor Pain expressed his concern that the Melksham Campus project had lost momentum and that interest parties, and the wider public, were not receiving sufficient information on progress.

In response to the question, Councillor John Thomson gave a verbal update on the progress made to date and agreed to publish a full report on the matter.

(b) Councillor Ian McLennan

Councillor McLennan made a statement to the effect that he believed the announced reduction on the hours of operation for the council's phone lines and reception desks was a mistake and should be reconsidered.

### 124 **Petition Received - Review of Traffic Calming Measures - Calne**

The Chairman reported the receipt of a petition to the meeting regarding the request to review a traffic calming scheme in Calne, and noted that it did not meet the threshold for debate. After giving the opportunity for the local division member, Councillor Ian Thorn, to present the petition, the Chairman invited the Cabinet Member for Highways to respond.

In response to the petition, Councillor Bridget Wayman noted that the scheme had been installed following concerns raised about safety and that there had been no recorded accidents at the site since the scheme had been introduced. As with all schemes, the efficacy of the scheme would be reviewed and a report shared with the local Area Board as appropriate.

### 125 **Petitions Update**

The Chairman reported that, as of the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017, three petitions had been received since the last meeting.

Having been duly proposed and seconded, and upon being put to the vote, it was,

#### **Resolved**

**To note the petitions received and the action taken, as set out in the appendix to this report.**

## 126 **Corporate Parenting Panel Annual Report 2016-17**

At the Chairman's invitation, Councillor Laura Mayes, Cabinet Member for Children's Services, introduced the item. In presenting the item, Councillor Mayes highlighted: the fact that all councillors are corporate parents; the work of the panel in reviewing budgets; monitoring young people's absences; reviewing school records; the role of Aspire House in Melksham, and that Councillors are encouraged to attend; the strategic priorities agreed by the Panel, including securing foster provision, provision for care leavers and improving the profile of the service; and the desire to raise educational standards.

Ending her presentation, Councillor Mayes urged all councillors to assist in recruiting foster carers in their local communities.

A presentation was made by three care leavers, who shared their experiences and challenged the councillors to consider carefully how they might better understand and support looked after children in facing their personal challenges.

The Chair added her thanks for the excellent presentation

Following a short debate, the meeting;

### **Resolved**

**To receive and note the Annual Report and ratify the improvements required to strengthen Corporate Parenting in Wiltshire.**

## 127 **Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2016-17**

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## 128 **Wiltshire Council Draft Business Plan 2017-2027**

At the invitation of the Chairman, the Leader introduced the Draft Business Plan which aimed to set the council's overarching strategy for the next ten years.

Presenting the report, the Leader emphasised the achievements in the term of the previous plan, and the challenges that would be addressed in the next. In moving the proposal, the Leader stated that the plan would be amended to include reference to councils existing commitments on the environment and carbon reduction.

The Chair then opened the matter for debate.

Councillor Steve Oldrieve proposed, subsequently seconded by Councillor Clare Cape the following amendments:

*Re-instate the 2013 Objective: **Everyone in Wiltshire lives in a high-quality environment** Households, businesses and public services should have a lower carbon footprint. More domestic, commercial and public buildings are energy efficient with renewable technology.*

*We will increase recycling and reduce our carbon footprint.*

- *More support for the Green Economy (Growing the Economy)*
- *Help for communities to invest in renewable energy and reduce energy costs (Strong Communities)*
- *Develop small scale wind turbine developments.*
- *More emphasis on reducing energy use in Council buildings (Effective Council)*
- *Build green infrastructure and encourage active travel (Strong Communities)*
- *Flood prevention given more emphasis (Strong Communities)*
- *Insert a carbon footprint target for Wilts Council (6.7 tCO<sub>2</sub> per capita [Wilts as a whole] 2012).*
- *Insert a % renewable energy use target for Wiltshire as a whole. (14% in 2016. Nationally 15% by 2020).*

In response to the motion, Councillor Toby Sturgis stated that he could not support the amendments as they were, in part, already reflected in existing policy or, in other instances, were in possible conflict with existing policy.

Following a debate and a request for a recorded vote, and having been put to the vote, the motion was LOST and was recorded as follows:

For the motion (26):

Cllr Bill Douglas, Cllr Bob Jones MBE, Cllr Brian Dalton, Cllr Brian Mathew, Cllr Chris Hurst, Cllr Clare Cape, Cllr David Jenkins, Cllr Ernie Clark, Cllr Gavin Grant, Cllr Gordon King, Cllr Hayley Spencer, Cllr Ian McLennan, Cllr Ian Thorn, Cllr Jim Lynch, Cllr John Walsh, Cllr Jon Hubbard, Cllr Nick Fogg MBE, Cllr Nick Murry, Cllr Pat Aves, Cllr Ricky Rogers, Cllr Ross Henning, Cllr Ruth Hopkinson, Cllr Sarah Gibson, 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 Christine Crisp, Cllr Christopher Newbury, Cllr Christopher Williams, Cllr Chuck Berry, Cllr Darren Henry, Cllr David Halik, Cllr Deborah Halik, Cllr Edward Kirk, 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 Jerry Kunkler, Cllr Jerry Wickham, Cllr John Smale, Cllr John Thomson, Cllr Johnny Kidney, Cllr Jonathon Seed, Cllr Laura Mayes, Cllr Leo Randall, Cllr Mark Connolly, Cllr Mary Champion, Cllr Mary Douglas, Cllr Matthew Dean, Cllr Melody Thompson, Cllr Mike Hewitt, Cllr Mollie Groom, 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 Roy While, Cllr Russell Hawker, Cllr Simon Jacobs, Cllr Stewart Dobson, Cllr Stuart Wheeler, Cllr Sue Evans, Cllr Sven Hocking, Cllr Thomas Rounds, Cllr Toby Sturgis, Cllr Tony Deane, Cllr Tony Jackson and Cllr Tony Trotman

Abstained (1):

Cllr George Jeans.

Note: the meeting adjourned at 13:02 and reconvened at 13:50. Councillors Bill Douglas, Graham Wright and Deborah Halik did not attend the latter half of the meeting.

Councillor Sarah Gibson proposed, subsequently seconded by Councillor Ross Henning, the following amendment:

*Include in the paragraph **why is this important?**, the following:*

*We need to insure the provision of new homes without dwarfing our existing market towns or putting strain on their services and amenities.*

*These new homes must be provided in a way that generates quality of place and community and not housing estates tacked onto the edge of towns.*

*Include in the paragraph **What we will do, Development where it is needed** the following:*

*Develop the Core Strategy to include a 20yr vision for homes in new communities that avoid more doughnutting of existing towns and villages  
Encourage and support the towns and villages to complete their neighbourhood plans or enact revisions to include sustainable levels of residential and commercial development.*

In response to the motion, Councillor Toby Sturgis stated that he would welcome a further discussion, where relevant, when the Core Strategy was next reviewed, but could not support the inclusion of the amendments in the business plan.

Following a debate, and having been put to the vote, the motion was LOST and was recorded as follows:

For the motion (26):

Cllr Bob Jones MBE, Cllr Brian Dalton, Cllr Brian Mathew, Cllr Chris Hurst, Cllr Clare Cape, Cllr David Jenkins, Cllr Ernie Clark, Cllr Gavin Grant, Cllr Gordon King, Cllr Hayley Spencer, Cllr Ian Mclennan, Cllr Ian Thorn, Cllr Jim Lynch, Cllr John Walsh, Cllr Jon Hubbard, Cllr Melody Thompson, Cllr Mollie Groom, Cllr Nick Murry, Cllr Pat Aves, Cllr Ricky Rogers, Cllr Ross Henning, Cllr Ruth Hopkinson, Cllr Sarah Gibson, Cllr Stephen Oldrieve, Cllr Stewart Palmen and Cllr Trevor Carbin

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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 Christine Crisp, Cllr Christopher Newbury, Cllr Christopher Williams, Cllr Chuck Berry, Cllr Darren Henry, Cllr David Halik, Cllr Edward Kirk, Cllr Fleur de Rhe-Philippe, Cllr Fred Westmoreland, Cllr George Jeans, Cllr Horace Prickett, Cllr Howard Greenman, Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling, Cllr Jacqui Lay, Cllr James Sheppard, Cllr Jerry Kunkler, Cllr Jerry Wickham, Cllr John Smale, Cllr John Thomson, Cllr Johnny Kidney, Cllr Jonathon Seed, Cllr Laura Mayes, Cllr Leo Randall, Cllr Mark Connolly, Cllr Mary Champion, Cllr Mary Douglas, Cllr Matthew Dean, Cllr Mike Hewitt, 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 Roy While, Cllr Russell Hawker, Cllr Simon Jacobs, Cllr Stewart Dobson, Cllr Stuart Wheeler, Cllr Sue Evans, Cllr Sven Hocking, Cllr Thomas Rounds, Cllr Toby Sturgis, Cllr Tony Deane, Cllr Tony Jackson and Cllr Tony Trotman

Abstained (1):

Cllr Graham Payne



Councillor Sarah Gibson proposed, subsequently seconded by Councillor Ross Henning, the following further amendments:

**Amendment two: Growing the economy: Transport and infrastructure**

*Include in the paragraph **what we will do: New transport infrastructure to support housing and employment** the following:*

*Plan for new development within easy access of principal transport routes*

**Amendment three: Strong Communities Community wellbeing**

*Include in the paragraph **what we will do: more neighbourhood plans** the following:*

*Set out clear objectives for the neighbourhood plans to include sustainable development to boost the vibrancy of the town or village under an overall master plan to provide the necessary guarantee to the parish and town councils that their settlement not be under pressure to include ad-hoc development in 5 yrs.*

**Amendment four: Strong Communities personal wellbeing**

*Include in the paragraph **what we will do: good countryside** the following:*

*Plan areas of growth in communities to allow good access to the countryside and to services (Doctors, Village Halls, Shops etc) that will encourage walking and cycling rather than car use.*

Having been put to the vote, the motion was LOST and was recorded as follows:

For the motion (23):

Cllr Bob Jones MBE, Cllr Brian Dalton, Cllr Brian Mathew, Cllr Chris Hurst, Cllr Clare Cape, Cllr David Jenkins, Cllr Ernie Clark, Cllr Gavin Grant, Cllr Gordon King, Cllr Hayley Spencer, Cllr Ian McIennan, Cllr Ian Thorn, Cllr Jim Lynch, Cllr John Walsh, Cllr Jon Hubbard, Cllr Nick Murry, Cllr Pat Aves, Cllr Ricky Rogers, Cllr Ross Henning, Cllr Ruth Hopkinson, Cllr Sarah Gibson, Cllr Stewart Palmen and Cllr Trevor Carbin

Against the motion (61):

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 Christine Crisp, Cllr Christopher Williams, Cllr Chuck Berry, Cllr Darren Henry, Cllr David Halik, Cllr Edward Kirk, Cllr Fleur de Rhe-Philipe, Cllr Fred Westmoreland, Cllr George Jeans, Cllr Horace Prickett, Cllr Howard Greenman, Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling, Cllr Jacqui Lay, Cllr James Sheppard, Cllr Jerry Kunkler, Cllr Jerry Wickham, Cllr

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Abstained (1):

Cllr Graham Payne

Councillor Steve Oldrieve proposed, subsequently seconded by Councillor Ian Thorn, the following amendment:

*That Trowbridge be added to the list of campuses projects included in the business plan.*

In response to proposal, Councillor John Thomson stated that work in relation to the Health & Wellbeing Centre was underway as part of the One Public Estate and did not feel a further reference was required.

Having been put to the vote, the motion was LOST and was recorded as follows:

For the motion (23):

Cllr Bob Jones MBE, Cllr Brian Dalton, Cllr Brian Mathew, Cllr Chris Hurst, Cllr Clare Cape, Cllr David Jenkins, Cllr Ernie Clark, Cllr Gavin Grant, Cllr George Jeans, Cllr Gordon King, Cllr Hayley Spencer, Cllr Ian McLennan, Cllr Ian Thorn, Cllr John Walsh, Cllr Jon Hubbard, Cllr Pat Aves, Cllr Ricky Rogers, Cllr Ross Henning, Cllr Ruth Hopkinson, Cllr Sarah Gibson, Cllr Stephen Oldrieve, Cllr Stewart Palmen and Cllr Trevor Carbin

Against the motion (60):

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 Christine Crisp, Cllr Christopher Williams, Cllr Chuck Berry, Cllr Darren Henry, Cllr David Halik, Cllr Fleur de Rhe-Philipe, Cllr Fred Westmoreland, Cllr Horace Prickett, Cllr Howard Greenman, Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling, Cllr Jacqui Lay, Cllr James Sheppard, Cllr Jerry Kunkler, Cllr Jerry Wickham, Cllr John Smale, Cllr John Thomson, Cllr Johnny Kidney, Cllr Jonathon Seed, Cllr Laura Mayes, Cllr Leo Randall, 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 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

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Abstained (1):

Cllr Edward Kirk and Cllr Russell Hawker

Councillor Ian Thorn proposed, subsequently seconded by Councillor Ruth Hopkinson, that consideration of the substantive matter be deferred to allow for fuller consultation to be undertaken. A motion was moved by Councillor Christopher Williams, subsequently seconded, to move directly to the vote on the amendment, and the requisite number of councillors requesting it, the vote was recorded as follows:

For (37):

Cllr Alan Hill, Cllr Allison Bucknell, Cllr Anna Cuthbert, Cllr Ashley O'Neill, Cllr Ben Anderson, Cllr Christopher Williams, Cllr Edward Kirk, Cllr Ernie Clark, Cllr Fleur de Rhe-Philipe, Cllr Fred Westmoreland, Cllr Horace Prickett, Cllr Howard Greenman, Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling, Cllr Jacqui Lay, Cllr James Sheppard, Cllr John Smale, Cllr Johnny Kidney, Cllr Leo Randall, Cllr Mark Connolly, Cllr Mary Champion, Cllr Melody Thompson, Cllr Mike Hewitt, Cllr Peter Evans, Cllr Peter Fuller, Cllr Peter Hutton, Cllr Philip Whalley, Cllr Pip Ridout, Cllr Richard Britton, Cllr Roy While, Cllr Russell Hawker, Cllr Simon Jacobs, Cllr Stewart Dobson, Cllr Sue Evans, Cllr Thomas Rounds, Cllr Tony Deane, Cllr Tony Trotman and Cllr Trevor Carbin.

Against (43):

Baroness Scott of Bybrook OBE, Cllr Andy Phillips, Cllr Atiqul Hoque, Cllr Bob Jones MBE, Cllr Brian Dalton, Cllr Brian Mathew, Cllr Chris Hurst, Cllr Christine Crisp, Cllr Chuck Berry, Cllr Clare Cape, Cllr Darren Henry, Cllr David Halik, Cllr David Jenkins, Cllr Gavin Grant, Cllr George Jeans, Cllr Gordon King, Cllr Graham Payne, Cllr Hayley Spencer, Cllr Ian Mclennan, Cllr Ian Thorn, Cllr Jerry Wickham, Cllr Jim Lynch, Cllr John Thomson, Cllr John Walsh, Cllr Jon Hubbard, Cllr Jonathon Seed, Cllr Laura Mayes, Cllr Mary Douglas, Cllr Nick Murry, Cllr Pat Aves, Cllr Pauline Church, Cllr Philip Alford, Cllr Philip Whitehead, Cllr Richard Clewer, Cllr Richard Gamble, Cllr Ricky Rogers, Cllr Ross Henning, Cllr Ruth Hopkinson, Cllr Stephen Oldrieve, Cllr Stewart Palmen, Cllr Stuart Wheeler, Cllr Sven Hocking and Cllr Toby Sturgis

Abstained (4): Cllr Matthew Dean, Cllr Sarah Gibson, Cllr Jerry Kunkler, Cllr Bridget Wayman

Following the rest of the debate, and having been put to the vote, the motion was LOST.

The meeting then returned to debate the substantive motion as amended by the Leader.

At the close of the debate, and having been put to the vote, the meeting;

**Resolved**

**To approve the Business Plan 2017-2027 including the addition of the following amendment:**

**‘to reaffirm our commitments to continue working within our policies on the Environment and Carbon reduction’**

**129 Alignment of Council Structure to the New Business Plan - Consequential Matters**

At invitation of the Chairman, the Leader introduced the report which to asked Council to consider various consequential matters arising from Cabinet’s decision of 20 June 2017 to make changes to the senior management structure of the Council.

Following a short debate, the meeting;

**Resolved**

**a) To approve the designation of statutory functions as follows:**

- i. Director of Adult Social Services (DASS) to the Corporate Director, Adult Care and Health (Joint with the CCG) (paragraph 13 of the cabinet report of 20 June 2017).**
- ii. Director of Children’s Service (DCS) to the Corporate Director, Children & Education (paragraph 14 of the cabinet report of 20 June 2017).**
- iii. Returning Officer (RO) and Electoral Registration Officer (ERO) to the Corporate Director, Communities, Transformation & Resources (paragraph 16 of the cabinet report of 20 June 2017).**
- iv. Director of Public Health, to the Associate Director with responsibility for Public Health, (currently Associate Director, Public Health) (paragraph 15 of the cabinet report of 20 June 2017).**
- v. Head of Paid Service to the Associate Director with responsibility for Human Resources & Organisational Development (HR & OD), (currently Associate Director, People & Business) (paragraph 17 to 22 of the cabinet report of 20 June 2017).**

- b) To authorise the Monitoring Officer to make any consequential changes to the Constitution arising from the designation of the statutory functions outlined above.**

**130 Notices of Motion**

The meeting considered the following motions:

**131 Notice of Motion No.1 - Planning meetings to accommodate everyone - Councillors Chris Hurst and Ian Thorn**

The Chairman reported receipt of the listed motion from Councillors Chris Hurst and Ian Thorn. Accordingly, Councillor Hurst moved the following motion which was duly seconded by Councillor Thorn:

“The Council recognises the important role of planning within the authority and asserts the importance of democratic debate in the planning process. Public engagement is crucial to ensure that planning decisions are made in the best interests of Wiltshire residents. The Council's planning meetings are central in this process; giving the public an opportunity to contribute, speak and witness that all decisions are open, transparent and made free from prejudice.

To this end, the Council resolves to start all Eastern, Northern, Southern and Western Planning Committee meetings at 6pm to ensure that all residents have the greatest opportunity to attend.”

Presenting his motion, Councillor Hurst emphasised his view that afternoon meetings did not enable those of working age to attend thereby maximising the opportunity to make their views known on planning matters.

Responding to the motion, Councillor Toby Sturgis, as the Cabinet Member for Planning, stated that he could not support the motion as he believed that there were ample opportunities for the public to engage with the planning process and make their views known, and that there had been no reduction in public attendance when the meetings moved to the afternoon.

Issues raised in the course of the debate included: the impact of the timing of meetings in different groups ability to attend; the limited number of times someone would attend a planning meeting; the alternative methods of engagement with the process; the impact of the timing of meetings on Councillors with other commitments; the impact on the levels of concentration of members and thus the quality of debate; and the impact of the proposals on officers supporting the meetings.

Having been put to the vote, the motion was LOST and was recorded as follows:

For the motion (25):

Cllr Andy Phillips, Cllr Bob Jones MBE, Cllr Brian Dalton, Cllr Brian Mathew, Cllr Chris Hurst, Cllr Clare Cape, Cllr David Jenkins, Cllr Ernie Clark, Cllr Gavin Grant, Cllr George Jeans, Cllr Gordon King, Cllr Graham Payne, Cllr Hayley Spencer, Cllr Ian Thorn, Cllr James Sheppard, Cllr Jon Hubbard, Cllr Nick Murry, Cllr Pat Aves, Cllr Ricky Rogers, Cllr Ross Henning, Cllr Russell Hawker, Cllr Ruth Hopkinson, Cllr Stephen Oldrieve, Cllr Stewart Palmen and Cllr Trevor Carbin

Against the motion (55):

Baroness Scott of Bybrook OBE, Cllr Alan Hill, Cllr Allison Bucknell, Cllr Andrew Davis, Cllr Ashley O'Neill, Cllr Atiqul Hoque, Cllr Ben Anderson, Cllr Bridget Wayman, Cllr Christine Crisp, Cllr Christopher Williams, Cllr Chuck Berry, Cllr Darren Henry, Cllr David Halik, Cllr Edward Kirk, Cllr Fleur de Rhe-Philipe, Cllr Fred Westmoreland, Cllr Horace Prickett, Cllr Howard Greenman, Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling, Cllr Jacqui Lay, Cllr Jerry Kunkler, Cllr Jerry Wickham, Cllr John Smale, Cllr John Thomson, Cllr Johnny Kidney, Cllr Jonathon Seed, Cllr Laura Mayes, Cllr Leo Randall, Cllr Mary Champion, Cllr Mary Douglas, Cllr Matthew Dean, Cllr Melody Thompson, Cllr Mike Hewitt, Cllr Mollie Groom, Cllr Pauline Church, Cllr Peter Evans, Cllr Peter Fuller, Cllr Peter Hutton, 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 Roy While, Cllr Simon Jacobs, Cllr Stewart Dobson, Cllr Stuart Wheeler, Cllr Sue Evans, Cllr Sven Hocking, Cllr Thomas Rounds, Cllr Toby Sturgis, Cllr Tony Jackson, and Cllr Tony Trotman

Abstained (3):

Cllr Mark Connolly, Cllr Sarah Gibson and Cllr Tony Deane.

132 **Notice of Motion No. 2 - Members' Allowances - Councillors Gavin Grant and Brian Mathew**

The Chairman reported receipt of the listed motion from Councillors Gavin Grant and Brian Matthew. Accordingly, Councillor Gavin Grant moved the following motion which was duly seconded by Councillor Brian Mathew:

“Council notes that in 2013 allowances for the Leader, Deputy Leader, Cabinet Members, Portfolio Holders and Chairs of Committees were raised by 22% at an additional cost of £127,000 a year to Wiltshire residents.

This rise took place at a time when salaries for Wiltshire Council staff and other public sector workers were subject to a fixed 1% pay increase, along with non-portfolio holding councillors who received a single 1% pay increase.

To this end, Council resolves to return the Leader, Deputy Leader, Cabinet Members, Portfolio holders and Chairs of Committees to the 2013 levels prior to those increases having been made plus the addition of the one off 1% increases received by other Councillors. The saved revenue from this action to be allocated pro rata to Area Boards to support projects and activities in their communities”.

Presenting his motion, Councillor Grant stated that he wished these matters to be considered by the Remuneration Body.

Following a vote, the motion was agreed for debate.

In response to the motion, the Leader stated that she felt these matters had already been considered carefully by the Remuneration Panel and that she could not support the motion as it stood.

In the course of the debate, issues raised included: the process by which Council reaches a decision on allowances following recommendations made by the Independent panel; the impact of levels of allowances on members ability to take time away from their other commitments; and whether the motion was required as the Councillors were able to refer issues for consideration to the Independent Panel when it convened.

Having been put to the vote, the motion was LOST and was recorded as follows:

For the motion (8):

Cllr Brian Mathew, Cllr Chris Hurst, Cllr Clare Cape, Cllr Gavin Grant, Cllr Gordon King, Cllr Ian Thorn, Cllr Stephen Oldrieve and Cllr Trevor Carbin.

Against the motion (71):

Baroness Scott of Bybrook OBE, Cllr Alan Hill, Cllr Allison Bucknell, Cllr Andrew Davis, Cllr Andy Phillips, Cllr Ashley O'Neill, Cllr Atiqul Hoque, Cllr Ben Anderson, Cllr Brian Dalton, Cllr Bridget Wayman, Cllr Christine Crisp, Cllr Christopher Williams, Cllr Chuck Berry, Cllr Darren Henry, Cllr David Halik, Cllr David Jenkins, Cllr Edward Kirk, Cllr Ernie Clark, Cllr Fleur de Rhe-Philipe, Cllr Fred Westmoreland, Cllr George Jeans, Cllr Graham Payne, Cllr Hayley Spencer, Cllr Horace Prickett, Cllr Howard Greenman, Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling, Cllr Jacqui Lay, Cllr Jerry Kunkler, Cllr Jerry Wickham, Cllr John Smale, Cllr John Thomson, Cllr Johnny Kidney, Cllr Jon Hubbard, Cllr Jonathon Seed, Cllr Laura Mayes, Cllr Leo Randall, Cllr Mark Connolly, Cllr Mary Champion, Cllr Mary Douglas, Cllr Matthew Dean, Cllr Melody Thompson, Cllr Mike Hewitt, Cllr Mollie Groom, Cllr Pat Aves, 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 Roy While, Cllr Russell Hawker, Cllr Ruth Hopkinson, Cllr Sarah Gibson, Cllr Simon Jacobs, Cllr Stewart Dobson, Cllr Stewart Palmen, Cllr Stuart Wheeler, Cllr Sue Evans, Cllr Sven Hocking, Cllr Thomas Rounds, Cllr Toby Sturgis, Cllr Tony Deane, Cllr Tony Jackson and Cllr Tony Trotman.

Abstained (2):

Cllr Bob Jones MBE and Cllr Nick Murry

133 **Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Authority - Proposed Revised Governance Arrangements**

At invitation of the Chairman, the Leader introduced the report which invited the Council comment upon the proposed revision to the governance arrangements of the Fire and Rescue Authority.

The Leader, in presenting the item, argued that the number of authority members should be 24 to enable a strong voice to be maintained across a geographically large and diverse community.

Councillors Ian Thorn and Graham Payne spoke broadly in support of a 24 member authority, whereas, Councillor Bob Jones MBE spoke in support of an 18 member authority.

Having been put the vote, the meeting;

**Resolved**

**That the Council accepts the principle of a reduction in the size of DWFRA, and in the principle of retaining equality of membership between north (Wiltshire and Swindon) and south (Dorset, Poole, Bournemouth), and expresses a preference for an Authority of no fewer than 24 members.**

134 **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 The Baroness Scott of Bybrook, OBE, Leader of the Conservative Group, and from Councillor Ian Thorn, Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group, it was;

**Resolved**

**1. Northern Area Planning Committee:**

**Add: Councillor Chuck Berry**

**Remove: Councillor Ben Anderson**

**Add: Councillor Ben Anderson as a substitute.**

**2. Children's Select**

**Add: Councillor Deborah Halik**

**Remove: Leo Randall.**

**Add Councillor James Sheppard as a substitute**

**3. Health Select:**

**Add: Councillor Fred Westmoreland**

**Remove: Councillor Peter Hutton.**



**4. Staffing & Policy:**  
**Add: Councillor Mike Hewitt**  
**Remove: Councillor Tony Trotman**

**5. Southern Area Planning Committee:**  
**Add: Councillor Trevor Carbin as substitute.**

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2. Councillor Ian Thorn to Councillor Bridget Wayman (Ref 17-47)

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3. Councillor Nick Fogg to Councillor Philip Whitehead (Ref 17-49)

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4. Councillor Brian Mathew to Councillor Toby Sturgis (Ref 17-50)

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5. Councillor John Hubbard to Councillor Bridget Wayman (Ref 17-52)

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