

Wiltshire Council

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16 October 2018

From Councillor Ian Thorn, Calne Central Division

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

Question (18-16)

Given the recent publicity concerning Wiltshire Council's decision to market Braeside and Oxenwood, does that mean that discussions with voluntary organisations to manage both sites is at an end?

Response

The Council is formally seeking proposals for the continued provision of outdoor education in Wiltshire from any organisation. The opportunity is being widely advertised and communicated.

There has been and will be ongoing discussions with both voluntary and private sector organisations in our endeavours to find the best possible solution for the future provision of outdoor education in Wiltshire.

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From Councillor Brian Dalton, Salisbury Harnham Division

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

Question (18-18)

- a) How much is the free parking in Salisbury expected to cost the council from introduction to Christmas Eve; broken down as follows:
1. When it was introduced all day – How much did this cost in total? And on a daily basis?
 2. When it was changed to 12pm to 6pm – How much did this cost in total? And on a daily basis?
 3. 3pm to 6pm – How much is this expected to cost in total and on a daily basis?
- b) With footfall still down 13.7% (as announced to the Area Board last week), will the council consider free parking beyond Christmas Eve?
- c) How many vehicles a day, at each site, have been using P&R since it became free? How is this compared to when it was being charged?

Response

In accordance with the Constitution a verbal response will be provided at the meeting.

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From Councillor Phil Alford, Melksham Without North Division

To Councillor Baroness Scott of Bybrook OBE, Leader of the Council

Question (18-19)

In light of the recent announcement by Avon Tyres what actions will the council be taking and putting in place to support those affected in Melksham and the surrounding area and will they be working with local members and stakeholders to ensure the most orderly transition for those individuals?

Also what action is being considered to assist any support industries?

Response

In accordance with the Constitution a verbal response will be provided at the meeting.

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From Councillor Ian Thorn, Calne Central Division

To Councillor Baroness Scott of Bybrook OBE, Leader of the Council

Question (18-17)

Do you feel there is a point at which a Members' non-attendance at Council and Parish Council meetings should oblige them to resign?

Response

The Local Government Act 1972 makes it clear at which point members' non-attendance should warrant a departure from the office of councillor, unless the absence has been agreed in advance by the Council.

Under Section 85 (1) of the Act, if a member of a local authority fails throughout a period of six consecutive months, from the date of his or her last attendance to attend any meeting of the authority he or she shall, unless the failure was due to some reason approved by the authority before the expiry of that period, cease to be a member of the Authority. A meeting for this purpose is widely defined and includes attendance at committees, advisory working groups and attendance as a representative of the authority on outside bodies

The legislation provides that there may be circumstances in which the Council may feel it is appropriate to grant an extended leave of absence, for instance in the event of ill-health. Full Council authorises extended leave of absence in these instances.