

Council

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 25 FEBRUARY 2020 AT COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, BYTHESEA ROAD, TROWBRIDGE, BA14 8JN.

Present:

Cllr James Sheppard (Chairman), Cllr Richard Gamble (Vice-Chairman), 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, Cllr Andrew Bryant, Cllr Trevor Carbin, 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 Bill Douglas, Cllr Mary Douglas, Cllr Peter Evans, Cllr Sue Evans, Cllr Nick Fogg MBE, Cllr Peter Fuller, Cllr Sarah Gibson, Cllr Gavin Grant, Cllr Howard Greenman, Cllr Mollie Groom, Cllr David Halik, Cllr Ross Henning, Cllr Mike Hewitt, Cllr Alan Hill, Cllr Sven Hocking, Cllr Nick Holder, Cllr Ruth Hopkinson, Cllr Atiquel Hoque, Cllr Jon Hubbard, Cllr Chris Hurst, Cllr Peter Hutton, Cllr Simon Jacobs, Cllr Tony Jackson, Cllr George Jeans, Cllr Bob Jones MBE, Cllr Johnny Kidney, Cllr Carole King, 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 Paul Oatway QPM, Cllr Steve Oldrieve, Cllr Ashley O'Neill, Cllr Christopher Newbury, Cllr Stewart Palmen, Cllr Andy Phillips, Cllr Horace Prickett, Cllr Leo Randall, Cllr Fleur de Rhé-Philippe MBE, Cllr Pip Ridout, Cllr Ricky Rogers, Cllr Tom Rounds, Cllr Jonathon Seed, Cllr Toby Sturgis, Cllr John Thomson, Cllr Ian Thorn, Cllr Jo Trigg, Cllr Tony Trotman, Cllr Bridget Wayman, Cllr Fred Westmoreland, Cllr Philip Whalley, Cllr Stuart Wheeler, Cllr Philip Whitehead, Cllr Suzanne Wickham, Cllr Christopher Williams, Cllr Graham Wright and Cllr Robert Yuill

1 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Clare Cape, Christine Crisp, Stewart Dobson, Bill Douglas, Jose Green, Russell Hawker, John Smale and John Walsh.

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 26 November 2019 were presented for consideration and it was,

Resolved:

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 26 November 2019 be approved and signed as a true and correct record, subject to the inclusion of Cllr Nick Holder as being present at the meeting.

3 **Declarations of Interest**

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

Councillor Johnny Kidney declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in Item No. 12 – Wiltshire Housing Site Allocations Plan and stated that he would withdraw from the meeting for the duration of that item.

4 **Announcements by the Chairman**

Through the Chair there were the following announcements:

1) **Events Attended by the Chairman from 26 November 2019 to 24 February 2020:**

Friday, 6 December, 2019	County of Wiltshire Carol Service, Christ Church, Swindon.
Tuesday, 10 December, 2019	Staff Carol Service, Monkton Park, Chippenham.
Monday, 16 December, 2019	Festive coffee morning, hosted by the Lord-Lieutenant of Wiltshire, Chairman's room.
Thursday, 19 December, 2019	Staff Carol Service, The Atrium, County Hall.
Thursday, 19 December, 2019	South Wilts Grammar School Carol Service, Salisbury Cathedral.
Monday, 27 January, 2020	Holocaust Memorial Day flag lowering ceremony, County Hall.
Thursday, 6 February, 2020	Wiltshire College and University Centre Apprenticeship Awards Ceremony, Civic Centre, Trowbridge.
Sunday, 9 February, 2020	Mayor of Calne's Civic Service, St. Mary's Church, Calne.
Wednesday, 12 February, 2020	High Sheriff's Great Bustard Drinks Reception, Showroom of Dick Lovatt Jaguar Landrover (Bath), Melksham. To celebrate the Great Bustard population reaching 100 in Wiltshire.

2) **Events Attended by the Vice-Chairman from 26 November 2019 to 24 February 2020:**

Tuesday, 3 December, 2019	Mothers' Union Annual Service, Salisbury Cathedral.
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Sunday, 16 February, 2020	Salisbury City Council Annual Charter Service.

3) New Year Honours

The Chairman announced that a number of Wiltshire residents had received national recognition in Her Majesty's New Year Honours' list in January as follows:

OBEs had been awarded to:

- Dr Norman Govan of Salisbury for Public Service.
- Alison Brenchley of Calne for services to Financial Services and Diversity.

MBEs had been awarded to:

- Elizabeth Beech of Warminster for services to Public Health.
- Ludwig Macauley of Coombe Bissett for voluntary service to the community & the Firefighters' Charity.

BEM's had been awarded to:

- John Parmitter of Malmesbury for services to the community in Lea.
- Jeanne Bush of Chippenham for services to the community in Chippenham.

4) Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Mathematics (STEAM) Fair

This event was being held in the Atrium, County Hall during the Council meeting and was to help inspire the next generation of innovators, creators and problem solvers. Pupils would have the opportunity to explore activities, stands and exhibits during the day.

5) Fairtrade Fortnight

This would be held for the next two weeks. Fairtrade Town organisations across the County would be promoting the Fairtrade organisation and wide range of food, beverages and products available in support of this cause.

6) Councillor Darren Henry

The Chairman noted that Darren Henry had resigned from the Council on 20 January 2020 following his recent election as Member of Parliament for

Broxtowe. A by-election for the Till and Wylve Valley Division would take place on 10 March 2020. On behalf of the Council the Chairman thanked Mr Henry for his service whilst a member of this Council since 2017 and wished him well in Parliament.

7) Councillor Jo Trigg

The Chairman welcomed Councillor Jo Trigg to the Council following her success in the Trowbridge Lambrook by-election on 28 November 2019.

8) Councillor Baroness Scott of Bybrook OBE

Reference was made to the resignation from Council of Baroness Scott of Bybrook OBE on 17 February 2020. Baroness Scott was elected to North Wiltshire District Council in 1995 and Wiltshire County Council in 1997. As leader of the County Council from 2003 she was instrumental in the establishment of the Unitary Council in 2009, of which she served as Leader until 9 July 2019. She was made a Life Peer in 2015.

The Chairman and several Members paid tribute to the extraordinary contributions made by Baroness Scott to public life and to Wiltshire in particular, and noted the continued contributions she would make as the incoming President of the National Association of Local Councils, in addition to other roles in the House of Lords and elsewhere. On behalf of the Council, the Chairman expressed his thanks and best wishes to Baroness Scott in the future.

A by-election for the By Brook Division would be held in due course.

9) Councillor Roy While

The Chairman regretfully announced the passing away of former Councillor Roy While, who represented Melksham Without South Division. Councillor While had a distinguished career in Local Government rising to be Chief Executive of West Wiltshire District Council and later as an Elected Member of that Authority before being elected to the new Unitary Authority in 2009, stepping down in the Summer of 2019. Members stood for a minute's silence.

10) Councillors Edward 'Ted' Draper and Patricia Spencer

The Chairman also noted the sad passing of Edward 'Ted' Draper who formerly represented the Chalk Valley Ward on Salisbury District Council, and also of Patricia Spencer, also formerly of Salisbury District Councillor.

5 Petitions Received

It was,

Resolved:

To note that no petitions had been received for presentation to the meeting.

6 **Petitions Update**

It was reported that since the last meeting five petitions had been received by the Council. Actions in response to those petitions as set out in the appendix to the report were noted.

Resolved:

That Council notes the petitions received and the actions taken.

7 **Public Participation**

A number of questions and statements by members of the public were received as follows:

- Chris Caswill had submitted a question about the senior leadership structure to which a response had been provided as set out in the Summons.
- Vicky Moore had submitted a question about climate emergency to which Councillor Clewer responded. A written response would be sent to Ms Moore, as attached to these minutes.
- Russell Hughes had submitted a question about recycled plastic to which Councillor Wayman responded. A written response would be sent to Mr Hughes, as attached to these minutes.
- Russell Hughes had submitted a question about energy suppliers to which Councillor Blair-Pilling responded. A written response would be sent to Mr Hughes, as attached to these minutes.
- Jo Ripley had submitted a question about green energy to which Councillor Blair-Pilling responded. A written response would be sent to Ms Ripley, as attached to these minutes.

Marie Hillcoat, Mike Birkin, Bill Jarvis, Valerie Jarvis and Gary Mantle all made statements regarding aspects of the climate change emergency.

Graham Hill made a statement about the Housing Site Allocations Plan.

Further questions and statements were received under the relevant agenda items.

8 **Treasury Management Strategy 2020/2021**

The Chairman invited the Cabinet Member for Finance and Procurement, Councillor Simon Jacobs, to present a report on the Treasury Management Strategy for 2020/2021.

Councillor Jacobs explained that the report, which had been endorsed by Cabinet on 4 February 2020, included:

- Prudential and Treasury Indicators for the next three years
- Debt management decisions required for 2020/2021 that did not feature within the Prudential or Treasury Indicators
- Minimum Revenue Provision Policy 2020/2021
- Annual Investment Strategy for 2020/2021

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

Statements were then made received from members of the public. Christian Lange and Mel Moden made statements requesting that climate change be prioritised in Members' consideration of the Council's Financial Strategy and Core Policy.

Comments were then made on the proposals by Group Leaders as follows:

Councillor Philip Whitehead commended the Strategy and considered that it would enable better decision-making in the long term.

Councillor Ian Thorn considered that the Strategy would provide a clearer view on borrowing to address the climate emergency.

Councillor Ernie Clark supported the views expressed by Councillor Thorn.

Councillor Ricky Rogers welcomed the proposed Strategy and congratulated all those involved in drafting the proposals.

The Chairman then invited comments in debate.

Comments made in debate included that the proposals in the report were sensible and constructive, whilst recognising the Council was being urged to spend more on climate change issues. Councillor Christopher Devine considered that the proposals were sensible and constructive, whilst recognising that the Council was being urged to spend more on climate change. Other comments involved investment in towns as such as Trowbridge.

At the conclusion of debate, it was.

Resolved:

That Council:

- Adopt the Minimum Revenue Provision Policy (paragraph 32 – 34)**
- Adopt the Prudential and Treasury Indicators (paragraphs 24 – 31, 40 – 48 and Appendix A)**
- Adopt the Annual Investment Strategy (paragraph 77 onwards).**

- d) Delegate to the Director of Finance and Procurement the authority to vary the amount of borrowing and other long-term liabilities within the Treasury Indicators for the Authorised Limit and the Operational Boundary
- e) Authorise the Director of Finance and Procurement to agree the restructuring of existing long-term loans where savings are achievable or to enhance the long-term portfolio
- f) Agree that short term cash surpluses and deficits continue to be managed through temporary loans, deposits and money market funds
- g) Agree that any surplus cash balances not required to cover borrowing are placed in the most appropriate specified or non-specified investments, particularly where this is more cost effective than short term deposits and delegate to the Director of Finance and Procurement the authority to select such funds
- h) Adopt the Third-Party Loans Policy (paragraph 93 and Appendix F)

In accordance with the Constitution this was a recorded vote.

Votes for the motion (78)

Votes against the motion (2)

Votes in abstention (1)

Details of each vote are attached to the minutes.

9 **Wiltshire Council's Financial Plan Update 2020/21 and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2020/21- 2024/25**

The Chairman explained the various documents that had been circulated in connection with Council's consideration of this item, and the procedure for debate.

He then called upon Councillor Philip Whitehead, Leader of the Council, to present his budget speech.

Councillor Whitehead explained that Wiltshire Council in line with Central Government and other bodies was experiencing a time of sizable change especially during the last 12 months. Wiltshire had developed three wholly owned development companies in development, housing and energy which would generate significant sums of money needed elsewhere to help balance the Council's budget.

He explained that a new staffing structure at tier 1 had been introduced by removing the three executive director posts and replacing them with two chief executive officer posts, responsible for people and place. The reason for this was to introduce a more strategic role at the most senior staffing level, with the new chief executive officers emphasising working with towns, parishes and other partners.

Councillor Whitehead further explained that there were a number of important changes and challenges facing the Council including climate change,

developments on information technology, responsibility for the welfare of residents of Wiltshire and protecting the elderly and vulnerable, the demand for which were increasing. The lack of proposed amendments to the budget was also noted and he strongly urged all Members to support the most vulnerable and others by approving the budget.

The Chairman then invited Councillor Simon Jacobs, Cabinet Member for Finance and Procurement to present the Budget. He explained that there had been a wide approach in preparing the Budget and placed on record his thanks to Deborah Hindson, Interim Director of Finance and Procurement, and her team for all the detailed work they had undertaken.

Councillor Jacobs reported on the process that had been undertaken to consult on the Budget, which had been open and transparent. The proposals had been discussed in detail with the public, the Financial Planning Task Group and the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee prior to its consideration by Cabinet and now Council.

He explained that the Council's strategic aims and priorities drove the medium-term financial planning process, with changes in resource allocation determined in accordance with policies and priorities of the Council's 2017-27 Business Plan. It was important to ensure a strong sustainable financial base during the current challenging times.

The key changes reflected the revised forecast for the increasing demand for care for the vulnerable, which included adults and children with complex care needs. He stated there was an urgent need for the Government to determine a new fairer funding settlement for councils. He stated that the Council was currently in a good position to set a strong Financial Plan for the years ahead. Councillor Jacobs therefore proposed the recommendations as set out in the report be adopted, this being seconded by Councillor Whitehead.

Questions and statements were then received from members of the public.

Harriet James asked a question about the climate change implications of the Council's Financial Plan Update 2020/21 relating to the Gasification Plant at Westbury to which Councillor Clewer responded. A written response would be sent to Ms James, as attached to these minutes. Ms James asked a supplementary question about the alternative use of such facilities elsewhere to which Councillor Clewer stated a response would be sent to Ms James by the officers.

Bill Jarvis asked a question about the possibility of increasing the Climate Team staff allowance with a request that there would be a reconsideration of the capital allowances to deliver carbon mitigation measures to which Councillor Jacobs responded. A written response would be sent to Mr Jarvis, as attached to these minutes.

Mr Jarvis asked a further question asking if the Council's Section 151 Officer would review the forward forecast, taking into account the need for significant

investment in the carbon mitigation measures needed for the County in the coming four years to which Councillor Jacobs responded. A written response would be sent to Mr Jarvis, as attached to these minutes.

After public statements Councillor Graham Wright, Chairman of the Overview & Scrutiny Management Committee noted and welcomed the proposals in the budget. He considered that the Executive's involvement with the Financial Planning Task Group was positive and he supported the recommendations.

Councillor Ian Thorn, as Chairman of the Financial Planning Task Group, thanked members of the Task Group for their contributions to the work of scrutinising the budget proposals.

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

Councillor Thorn, as Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group, noted the challenges contained in Councillor Whitehead's speech and considered that additional resources were needed to address carbon reduction at a faster rate. He considered that the medium-term financial plan required monitoring to ensure that savings were made. He acknowledged the uncertainty about Government funding but was not convinced that any change would make any appreciable difference in Wiltshire. He drew attention to the significant areas of deprivation in the County and the increasing needs of the elderly. He stated that the proposed Budget was uninspiring and complacent and therefore could not support the proposals.

Councillor Ricky Rogers, as leader of the Labour Group, stated that he would support the budget proposals. He noted that the council faced tough financial challenges, that culture change was essential in particular referring to temporary patching of potholes leading to greater costs in the long term, contrasted with family intervention work which had long term gains. He raised the issue of raising council house rents, and that these were almost in line with commercial rents.

There were no amendments moved by Group Leaders and debate was opened to all Members.

Comments in support of the budget included that the transformation of the Families and Children service to prioritise more early intervention was stated to be both more effective and beneficial for reducing costs in the future. It was noted in some comments that many services the council provided were not statutorily required despite their importance, and the spend had to be carefully managed. It was stated that the budget supported ambitious efforts to address climate change, invested in housing, supported high street bid funds, and that as in previous years no libraries or leisure centres were being closed to support that programme.

Some comments were made that the challenges faced by the council were such that the budget should be supported, but that some of the comments from the Leader on those who opposed the budget had been unwise.

Comments in opposition to the budget included that the budget should have included further mitigation measures regarding climate change, which would otherwise lead to further increased costs in the future. There was criticism of previous efforts to address climate change and that some maintained services in relation to libraries were less than that previously offered

Other comments made included the costs of social care and other growth areas and the need to find £70m in other areas to meet requirements, the level of council tax increase, and the inadequate funding of special educational needs by central government.

Councillor Jacobs responded to comments raised during debate, stating that the £70m funding gap was prior to any changes arising from a fairing funding review and a review of social care and agreed central government needed to address this. He noted that 62p of every pound the council raised went towards looking after vulnerable adults and children, and it was in that context that the level of commitment to climate change measures needed to be considered. He also around approximately 25,000 residents would now be able to get council tax relief, recognising the difficulties for those on low earnings.

At the conclusion of debate, it was,

Resolved:

Vote 1

That Council:

- a. Agrees the budget for 2020/21;**
- b. Approves the growth and savings proposals summarised in the report to provide a net revenue budget for 2020/21 of £344.023 million;**
- c. Agrees to:**
 - i. Set the Council's total net expenditure budget for 2020/21 at £344.023 million;**
 - ii. Set a Council Tax increase of 1.99% and Social Care Levy increase of 2%;**
 - iii. Delegate changes in fees and charges as set out in Section 9;**
- d. Endorse the Medium-Term Financial Strategy and receive regular updates on delivery against strategy to Cabinet; and**
- e. Notes the budget gap of £69.527 million for MTFs period 2021/22 – 2024/25.**

Vote 2

That Council:

- iv. Set a 2.7% increase for social dwelling rents (CPI plus 1%);**
- v. Set the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Budget for 2020/21 at £30.302 million expenditure; and**

vi. All service charges related to the HRA being increased to recover costs, capped at increase of £5 per week for those not on housing benefits and garage rents increased by 1.7% (CPI).

Councillor Dalton withdrew from the meeting for Vote 2.

In accordance with the Constitution this was a recorded vote.

Vote 1

Votes for the motion (59)

Votes against the motion (18)

Votes in abstention (1)

Vote 2

Votes for the motion (65)

Votes against the motion (12)

Votes in abstention (3)

Details of each vote are attached to the minutes.

10 **Capital Strategy and Programme**

The Chairman invited the Cabinet Member for Finance and Procurement, Councillor Simon Jacobs, to present a report on the Capital Strategy and Programme 2020/21 and projections to 2029/30.

The strategy set out the framework for resourcing priorities for capital investment, level and affordability of borrowing and risk appetite and aligned to the Treasury Management Strategy.

Approximately 900m was planned to be spent on assets and infrastructure over 10 years, and lists of approved schemes and potential schemes provided. Schemes were funded by capital receipts, borrowing or government grants. Examples included regeneration of the Maltings in Salisbury, highways maintenance, special schools, and council house building.

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

Statements were then made received from members of the public. Adrian Temple-Brown made a statement regarding the council's strategies, carbon dioxide emissions and impacts of policies on growing the economy. A statement was read on behalf of Katherine Wade regarding the Climate Emergency and the council's reaction to it.

Comments were then made on the proposals by Group Leaders as follows:

Councillor Philip Whitehead stated the Council's Business Plan was in the process of being updated, but that the Capital Strategy Programme was about

setting objectives and priorities, and that specific projects would be delivered throughout the year.

Councillor Ian Thorn endorsed the public comments and documents needed to be clear on how proposals would assist in combating the Climate Emergency considered that the Strategy would provide a clearer view on borrowing to address the climate emergency.

The Chairman then invited comments in debate.

There was a comment that the council was not responding sufficiently to the climate emergency.

Councillor Jacobs described how the new Head of Carbon Reduction would be responsible for developing ideas to reduce Carbon emissions, but that the council was also ensuring a balanced budget whilst delivering its statutory services and balancing where they could implement reduction methods and proposals.

At the conclusion of debate, it was.

Resolved:

That Council:

- a) Adopts the Capital Strategy 2020/2021**
- b) Approves the Capital Programme 2020/2021-2029/2030**
- c) Adopts the non-financial investment indicators (paragraph 84)**

In accordance with the Constitution this was a recorded vote.

Votes for the motion (70)

Votes against the motion (5)

Votes in abstention (0)

Details of each vote are attached to the minutes.

11 **Council Tax Setting 2020/21**

The Chairman invited Councillor Simon Jacobs, 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 2020/2021. The report had been updated in the Agenda Supplement. The 2% care levy in particular was noted, and that average town or parish council tax rises, set by town and parishes, was 9%.

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

Statements were then made received from members of the public. Rachel Burge made a statement regarding the climate emergency and the budget and future budget preparations.

Comments were then made on the proposals by Group Leaders as follows:

Councillor Ernie Clark made a comment about whether central government should consider capping available increases for town and parish councils, and noted that the Fire Authority did not have the same ability to increase its part of the precept as the Police.

The Chairman then invited comments in debate.

There were comments on the devolution of assets and services to town and parish councils increasing their responsibilities, and that the rise in council tax was above the level of inflation, and whilst supported the pressure on households was increasing. There were also comments on being understanding in cases of council tax enforcement. In response it was stated the council worked with Citizens Advice to assist people who were in arrears on their council tax, and assistance offered to help people get out of trouble where possible.

Councillor Jacobs reemphasised that approximately 25000 were eligible for council tax relief.

At the conclusion of debate, it was.

Resolved:

- 1. It be noted that on 10 December 2019 the Council calculated:**
 - (a) the Council Tax Base 2020/2021 for the whole Wiltshire Council area as 187,935.69 [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 2020/2021 (excluding parish precepts) is £284,722,570.**
- 3. That the following amounts be calculated for the year 2020/2021 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Act:**
 - (a) 872,749,230 (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) 564,126,764 (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) £308,622,465 (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) £1642.17 (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 £
1,094.78	1,277.24	1,459.71	1,642.17	2,007.10	2,372.02	2,736.95	3,282.34

- (e) £23,899,895.13 (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) £1,515.00 (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 £
1,010.00	1,178.33	1,346.67	1,515.00	1,851.67	2,188.33	2,525.00	3,030.00

In accordance with the Constitution this was a recorded vote.

Votes for the motion (77)

Votes against the motion (1)

Votes in abstention (0)

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12 **Pay Policy Statement**

The Chairman invited Councillor Richard Clewer, Cabinet Member for Corporate Services, to present the updated pay policy statement for 2020/2021. He noted the ratio between highest and lowest paid workers had narrowed.

Councillor Clewer proposed, seconded by the Councillor Stuart Wheeler, that the recommendations in the report be adopted.

A public statement was then received from Bonnie Jackson regarding climate change and no pay benefit in the policy statement to positively reduce the carbon footprint of employees.

There were no comments from Group Leaders.

There being no further debate from Members, Councillor Clewer noted that there were policies to support staff working from home and car charging points were at council hubs.

Resolved:

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

In accordance with the Constitution this was a recorded vote.

Votes for the motion (77)

Votes against the motion (0)

Votes in abstention (0)

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13 **Wiltshire Housing Site Allocations Plan**

The Chairman invited the Cabinet Member for Spatial Planning, Development Management and Investment, Councillor Toby Sturgis, to present his report on the Wiltshire Housing Site Allocations Plan. He detailed the years of progression of the plan, noting policy papers and advice that had been received.

The purpose of the plan was to allocate sites for the delivery of Core Strategy housing requirements set by government, and review settlement boundaries. All

statutory consultations had taken place including additional ones for modifications to the plan. The Inspector had made additional suggested modifications which were then consulted upon as well. On 23 January 2020 the Inspector's report concluded that the plan was sound and met all requirements of national policy. The Council could therefore adopt the plan in full as modified by the Inspector, or not adopting it. If the plan were rejected the Council could not proceed to adoption, putting the Council at risk as there would be no sound plan in place.

Councillor Sturgis noted that objections had been received and considered by the Inspector but that all issues had been through the process and the Inspector had said it was a sound and compliant plan. Councillor Sturgis detailed the modifications including deletion of sites at Market Lavington and Crudwell, and inclusion of a small site in Salisbury. Criteria to be met through the development management process were included, and the settlement boundaries had been stated to be logical, justified and soundly based, consistent with plan objectives.

Councillor Sturgis also noted that it was possible the government would change the rules in relation to planning generally in the future. He also thanked officers for their work after many changes to government guidance and court judgements. It was noted that additional housing was still required and that the Inspector had stated these would be met with windfall sites.

Councillor Sturgis moved the proposals set out in the report, seconded by Councillor Bridget Wayman.

A statement was then received from a member of the public. Lou Barry made a statement regarding the natural resources of Wiltshire and carbon and other impacts of construction. A question was also received from Andrew Nicholson as detailed in the Agenda Supplement regarding £75m in grant funding from Homes England for a Chippenham Relief Road.

Councillor Sturgis clarified that land does not have to be allocated for development to be eligible for such grant funding, and the scheme proposed could deliver both transport and housing benefits and so was deemed worthy of the award. The drawing down of the grant would depend upon securing necessary permissions, including planning.

A statement was also received from Simon Tesler in relation to proposed development at Southwick Court, Trowbridge, and that he did not believe full consideration had been given to appropriate issues in relation to the site. Comments were then received from Group Leaders, as follows:

Councillor Philip Whitehead noted the proposal was the conclusion of a very lengthy process which had been through various examinations and consultations and that rejecting the plan would have negative impacts in respect of development.

Councillor Ian Thorn noted comments in relation to individual sites, and that any future local plans did need to consider climate considerations appropriately.

Councillor Ernie Clark stated he could not support the proposals as in his view the Council supported too much housing in the Trowbridge area for the infrastructure that existed in the area in terms of road, rail and other facilities. He noted in particular the allocation for site H2.3 had almost doubled.

The debate was then opened to Members.

Comments in support of the proposal included that if the plan, which had been worked on for many years, was not adopted, developers have much more freedom to develop wherever they would like, in far less appropriate places. Although there were issues in some areas, the negatives for not adopting the plan were considerable.

Comments in opposition to the proposal included noting the risks of not approving a plan, but some considering that too much had already been conceded to developers in relation to green spaces around time. It was accepted more housing was needed, but it was considered that there was sufficient land within towns to meet allocation needs. It was also noted that some very large sites which had permission or were available had not been developed. Other comments noted that housing targets were set by government, but that piecemeal development on the edge of towns might not be suitable, with doubts on predictions of traffic impacts, and that a new town might be a more appropriate solution. Public opposition to some edge of town development was noted. Comments were made that sites in some areas could not be supported given local concerns.

Other comments included noting government announcements to open up sustainable transport options in the county including possibly Wilton Parkway, and additional funds to improve roads including Harnham gyratory, as examples to improve infrastructure.

Councillor Sturgis responded to comments made during debate. He commented on delays on delivery of some existing sites, council communications, traffic improvements, the complexities of deliverability and viability for any new town proposal, and he noted that even with increases in some sites for instance in Trowbridge there was still a deficit in housing requirement which would be filled through windfall. He stated that those who were unhappy with some sites needed to press developers on their concerns to lobby for improved developments.
It was then,

Resolved:

That Council:

(i) Notes the content of the Inspector's 'Report on the Examination of the Wiltshire Site Allocations Plan' (Appendix 1) and his conclusions regarding legal compliance and soundness.

(ii) Accepts the Main Modifications set out in the Appendix to the Inspector's Report, which the Inspector considers are necessary to make the plan sound in accordance with legislation.

(iii) Agrees that additional minor modifications are made that arose during the examination or made in the interest of accuracy and consistency, as set out in Appendix 2.

(iv) Adopts the 'Wiltshire Housing Site Allocations Plan Submission draft Plan (July 2018)', as amended by the Main Modifications as set out at (ii) above and attached in Appendix 1 and additional minor modifications as set out in (iii) above and attached in Appendix 2, be adopted as part of the development plan for Wiltshire.

(v) Delegates authority to the Director of Economic Development and Planning in consultation with the Director of Legal, Electoral and Registration Services and the Cabinet Member for Spatial Planning, Development Management and Investment for: the Policies Map to be amended in line with the Main Modifications as identified in Appendix 1 and the settlement boundaries, as set out in Appendix A of the 'Wiltshire Housing Site Allocations Plan Submission draft Plan (July 2018) and amended by the proposed changes made during the examination; and further minor textual changes to be made to the Wiltshire Housing Site Allocations Plan prior to publication in the interests of accuracy and consistency.

(vi) Agrees that the Director of Economic, Development and Planning in consultation with the Director for Legal, Electoral and Registration Services, and the Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning, Development Management and Investment, undertakes the final stages associated with the formal adoption and publication of the Wiltshire Site Allocations Plan.

In accordance with the Constitution this was a recorded vote.

Votes for the motion (63)

Votes against the motion (12)

Votes in abstention (1)

Details of each vote are attached to the minutes.

14 Trowbridge Bat Mitigation Strategy Supplementary Planning Document

The Chairman invited the Cabinet Member for Spatial Planning, Development Management and Investment, Councillor Toby Sturgis, to present his report on the Trowbridge Bat Mitigation Strategy Supplementary Planning Document. The strategy was necessary as a result of increased requirements in relation to habitat assessment.

It was noted that the area around Trowbridge was home 14 of the 18 native species of bats in the UK, and delivery of further planned growth in the area

depended on protection of the bat population. The mitigation strategy followed the preparation process set out in legislation for supplementary planning documentation including consultation, and the Inspector agreed the strategy was prepared in a robust manner. Revisions to certain table was set out in the report.

Councillor Sturgis moved the proposals set out in the report, seconded by Councillor Bridget Wayman.

A statement was then received from a member of the public. Lou Barry made a statement suggesting there were scientific doubts that the mitigation strategy could protect the bat population adequately and development should not take place.

A statement was received from John Cox, stating that the West Wiltshire District Scouts had been seeking to undertake a significant tree planting project and had submitted a business case to the Council which would develop woodland to meet the aims of the bat mitigation strategy in a more cost-effective way, but that the report did not mention this proposal.

Comments were then received from Group Leaders, as follows:

Councillor Philip Whitehead stated officers would discuss options with Scouts to see what might be possible to work together. He emphasised that the document was a strategy and detail would be included in operational documents as necessary. He also noted that bat habitats included the movement of bats not just nesting sites, and difficulties where this crossed the A350.

Councillor Ian Thorn welcomed the strategy as good for the county and would support the proposal.

Councillor Ernie Clark stated some strategy was better than none, but that potential flaws needed to be investigated.

Councillor Ian McLennan on behalf of the Labour Group, supported the proposal.

The debate was then opened to Members.

Comments included that the strategy would have a significant ecological impact and much needed, as some stated bat activity appeared to have reduced in recent years.

Other comments included that they key would be implementation of the strategy, and detailed mitigation plans would be needed for any development in the area, with some concerns that developers had not always made mitigation plans in a timely manner. It was also suggested further support of green areas on the edge of town could have assisted the strategy, but were included in the Housing Sites Allocation Plan. There were also comments that there was a

need to protect insect populations to support bats, with reference of pesticide use.

Councillor Sturgis responded to comments made during debate, including noting that a report would be produced when the strategy implementation was looked at by the Environment Select Committee.

It was then,

Resolved:

That Council

(i) Notes the response to the consultation on the draft Trowbridge Bat Mitigation Strategy Supplementary Planning Document (the TBMS) set out in the Consultation Statement at Appendix 1.

(ii) Endorses the amended TBMS as set out in Appendix 2.

(iii) Adopts the amended TBMS as a Supplementary Planning Document.

(iv) Agrees that the Director for Economic Development and Planning in consultation with the Director for Legal, Electoral and Registration Services and the Cabinet Member for Spatial Planning, Development Management and Investment, undertakes the final stages associated with the formal adoption and publication of the TBMS, including any minor textual changes in the interests of clarity and accuracy.

In accordance with the Constitution this was a recorded vote.

Votes for the motion (67)

Votes against the motion (0)

Votes in abstention (0)

Details of each vote are attached to the minutes.

15 Senior Leadership Structure & Designation of Statutory Officer Posts

The Chairman invited the Leader of the Council, Councillor Philip Whitehead, to present his report on the changes to the Senior Leadership Structure and Designation of Statutory Officers.

Councillor Whitehead noted that as a result of the reorganisation of senior management statutory roles were required to be reallocated to the new positions, and these were set out in the report.

Councillor Whitehead moved the proposals set out in the report, seconded by Councillor Laura Mayes.

Statements were then received from members of the public. Mel Moden delivered a statement on senior officer appointments relating to waste

management, risk management and others in the context of responding to the climate emergency.

No comments were received in debate, and it was then,

Resolved:

That Council:

- a) **Approve the designation of statutory functions as follows:**
 - i. **Director of Children’s Services (DCS) to the newly created post of Director of Children’s Services**
 - ii. **Returning Officer (RO) and Electoral Registration Officer (ERO) to the Chief Executive Officer – People**
- b) **Note the appointment of an interim Director of Adult Social Services (DASS) pending further review of where this will sit in the structure by the Chief Executive Officers**
- c) **Note that other designated statutory roles are unchanged as a result of the restructure and remain with existing postholders namely:**
 - i. **Director of Public Health (DPH) with the post of Director of Public Health**
 - ii. **Head of Paid Service with the post of Director of Human Resources and Organisational Development**
 - iii. **Monitoring Officer with the post of Director of Legal, Electoral and Registration**
 - iv. **Section 151 with the post of Director of Finance and Procurement**
- d) **Authorise the Monitoring Officer to make any consequential changes to the Constitution arising from the designation of the statutory functions outlined above.**

In accordance with the Constitution this was a recorded vote.

Votes for the motion (62)

Votes against the motion (0)

Votes in abstention (0)

Details of each vote are attached to the minutes.

16

Notices of Motion

16a) Notice of Motion - EU Citizens are welcome here

At the invitation of the Chairman Councillor Brian Mathew, seconded by Councillor Ian Thorn, moved and presented his motion entitled ‘EU Citizens are welcome here’. The motion was concerned with communicating to and with EU citizens regarding the EU Settlement Scheme and proactively encouraging them to sign up, referencing concerns raised with him by some of his

constituents. He noted efforts which had already been undertaken to advertise the scheme but suggested additional or further measures should be taken to maximise take up of the scheme. He asked Members to support the motion to demonstrate the Council's support for the contributions of EU citizens to the county, and their encouragement for those who had not already signed up to the scheme to do so.

Councillor Philip Whitehead, Leader of the Council, responded to the motion. He stated he was very happy to support the motion, although he noted that many measures had been taken to communicate with EU citizens, and significant numbers had registered. He stated any additional measures that would further assist the message would be welcomed. He also noted that whilst the motion was specifically in relation to the EU Settlement Scheme, he hoped that Wiltshire would be a welcoming place for those from any other places who wished to make their lives in the county.

Following a vote, it was agreed that Council debate the motion.

Comments were then received from Group Leaders as follows:

Councillor Ian Thorn supported the motion, and emphasised it was important to support EU citizens at the time, and hoped the communication methods already employed could be expanded further to advance the message

Councillor Ernie Clark supported the motion, and endorsed comments about welcoming those from beyond the EU as well.

Councillor Ian McLennan on behalf of the Labour Group, supported the preceding comments.

Members then debated the motion.

Comments included that as much outreach as possible was needed to ensure everyone was aware of the settlement scheme, and there was support for making a gesture to demonstrate the Council's support of its EU citizens, alongside advancing the communication of the Scheme. The support for citizens from other countries through military and other connections was noted, and some comments considered the motion could be expanded to be clear on support for all residents, but it was stated that the motion was in relation to the EU Settlement Scheme specifically, and did not indicate a lack of support for any other residents or particularism to another group, but was to ensure communication of that government scheme, which applied to a specific group whose arrangements were being affected by the process to leave the EU, was appropriately notified.

Other comments included noting the impact of social media on discussion of these issues, and the need for action to back up the supportive words at the meeting.

Responding to comments in debate, Councillor Mathew thanked the words in support of the motion including from the Leader.

It was then,

Resolved:

To support the motion as set out below

Introduction

EU citizens resident in Wiltshire of whom there are in excess of 7,500 registered to vote, make an invaluable contribution to the life of our County and Country including our businesses, the delivery of our public services, and to wider public life, estimated in purely financial Terms at £17.25 Million per year*. They are very welcome here and should be encouraged to stay

***https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/741926/Final_EEA_report.PDF**

Proposal

That Wiltshire Council investigates and initiates further and enhanced communication with EU residents living in Wiltshire stating that they are welcome, acknowledging and congratulating the 8,590 that have already signed up and encouraging those who have not yet done so to stay, by applying for settlement or pre-settlement status and setting out how they can do that by going to www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families.

In accordance with the Constitution this was a recorded vote.

Votes for the motion (56)

Votes against the motion (1)

Votes in abstention (6)

Details of each vote are attached to the minutes.

17 Notice of Motion - Herbicides

At the invitation of the Chairman Councillor Ian Thorn, seconded by Councillor Ruth Hopkinson, moved and presented his motion entitled 'Herbicides'. The motion would be a measure in support of the environment in a sustainable and ecological way. He stated the motion did not seek a definite ban on glyphosate-based herbicides immediately but that a timetable to ensure alternatives was appropriate and beneficial.

Councillor Bridget Wayman, Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Waste, responded to the motion. She stated that alternative herbicide methods were in operation and there was a recognition to move away from wholesale glyphosate treatments, and that in many cases weeds were physically removed from pavements, verges and other areas, as well as other methodologies. It was intended to purchase a tractor to enhance the physical removal service.

However, she also stated that weed control was a service delegated to a number of local councils, who were best placed to decide the best methods within the legally allowed applications permitted, placing barriers to local provision and priorities. The council's contractor ID Verde was trialling different weed removal opportunities and the Council would continue to review these, however glyphosate weed control remained an important tool in controlling urban weed growth. Although the Council minimised use of chemicals, which were more finely used, and future contracts would allow further engagement with the private sector to bring forward new and innovative weed control technologies, but there were occasions and some weeds that were very difficult to remove without use of glyphosate.

Following a vote, it was agreed that Council debate the motion.

Comments were then received from Group Leaders as follows:

Councillor Philip Whitehead noted that alternative methods of weed removal had bigger impacts regarding CO2 emissions and noted the comments of the Cabinet Member on minimising of glyphosate usage. It was legal and the most effective solution in some cases, and was much more sparingly used. He therefore proposed an amendment to the motion as he felt it was not yet possible to set a timetable for the end of its usage, although he supported the intention to do so when possible. The proposed amendment was as follows:

This Council calls on the administration to set out a plan that will actively consider alternatives and ~~[insert]continually consider the possibility to end [end insert]a timetable for the end of the use of glyphosate-based herbicides~~

The movers of the motion, Councillors Thorn and Hopkinson, accepted the amendment, which became the substantive motion.

Councillor McLennan, on behalf of the Labour Group, supported the motion as achieving some progress on the issue.

The substantive motion was then debated by Members.

Clarity was sought on whether the wording of the proposal would affect farmers, and it was confirmed that the proposal in the context of the overall motion clarified it related to highways and related amenity land. Other comments included details on the licensing of glyphosate in the future.

It was then,

Resolved:

To support the motion as follows:

Introduction

Wiltshire Council controls weeds on its rural verges by flailing and pulling. Urban shrub beds and certain amenity areas are strimmed to

control weed growth. The Sparkle Gangs and Parish Stewards all undertake manual weed removal.

The Council uses pavement and road sweepers to manually remove weeds. The council has purchased two weed rippers this year to enhance that service.

It also uses a glyphosate-based herbicide which is increasingly associated with several forms of cancer. It has been banned or restricted in many countries including France, Denmark and The Netherlands. Many UK local authorities are seeking ways to phase out the use of glyphosate-based herbicides. Others have voted to totally phase out its use.

Proposal

This Council calls on the administration to set out a plan that will actively consider alternatives and continually consider the possibility to end the use of glyphosate-based herbicides

In accordance with the Constitution this was a recorded vote.

Votes for the motion (58)

Votes against the motion (2)

Votes in abstention (2)

Details of each vote are attached to the minutes.

18 Announcements from Cabinet and Committees

No announcements were received in relation to Cabinet and Committees.

19 Appointment to the Local Pension Board

At the invitation of the Chairman the Cabinet Member for Finance and Procurement, Councillor Simon Jacobs, presented his report. The proposal was to appoint two new Members to the Pension Board, moved by Councillor Jacobs and seconded by Councillor Philip Whitehead.

A statement was received by Adrian Temple-Brown relating to Pension Fund investments.

During period for debate, the role of the Pension Board was clarified and that the Pensions Fund Committee was responsible for the strategy on investment. It was stated environmental issues were discussed by the Pension Fund when making decisions.

It was then,

Resolved:

That Council appoints:

- a) **Paul Smith to the Local Pension Board for a four-year term as an Employer Member Representative.**
- b) **Mark Spilsbury to the Local Pension Board for a four-year term as Independent Chairman.**

20 **Membership of Committees and Review of Allocation to Political Groups**

A report was received on changes to allocations of committee places to political groups.

Following requests from Group Leaders, changes were appointed as follows, moved by the Chairman and seconded by the Vice-Chairman.

Resolved:

- 1) **To note the report and the legal requirements.**
- 2) **To confirm the aggregate number and the draft scheme of committee places available to members of the Council as set out in Appendix B.**
- 3) **To make those changes to the appointment of councillors and substitutes to serve on those committees in accordance with the revised scheme of committee places, until the next occasion membership is reviewed under the provisions of the Local Government & Housing Act 1989.**
- 4) **In accordance with Part 3 of the Constitution, to ratify the appointment of Councillor Jo Trigg to Trowbridge Area Board.**

And to make the following committee place changes:

That Councillor Jon Hubbard be removed from the Children's Select Committee and Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee as a Liberal Democrat allocation, and added to those committees as an Independent allocation.

That Councillor Sue Evans be removed from the Children's Select Committee.

That Councillor Stuart Wheeler be removed from the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee.

That Councillor Jo Trigg be added as a member of Children Select Committee, the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee, and as a substitute member on Audit Committee, Staffing Policy Committee, and Officer Appointments Committee.

21 **Members' Questions**

Questions from Members were received as detailed in the Agenda Supplement. 9 non-operation questions were received. Questions were received as ordered in the supplement. Details would be attached to the minutes.

Question 20-01

A written response was provided by the Cabinet Member. Councillor Ian Thorn as a supplementary when a Liberal Democrat of Chair of a Select Committee or Task Group were quoted in a council press release. Councillor Allison Bucknell stated a written response would be provided.

Question 20-07

A written response was provided.

Question 20-10

A written response was provided.

Question 20-13

A verbal response was provided by Councillor Bridget Wayman. There was no supplementary.

Question 20-02

A written response was provided. Councillor Ian Thorn asked a supplementary on further details of what he considered to have been an inaccurate infographic regarding the General Election results in Wiltshire. Councillor Allison Bucknell responded with media comments regarding inaccurate party leaflets, and stated that the graphic referenced did not indicate what Councillor Thorn believed.

Question 20-08

A written response was provided. Councillor Job Hubbard asked a supplementary whether on any tender that goes forward on the matter the Cabinet Member would consider subsidised bus services which provided a vital link for people travelling to and from work. Councillor Bridget Wayman stated she would consider that information.

Question 20-03

A written response was provided. Councillor Ian Thorn asked a supplementary on whether council communications to be advertised during election periods, referenced as 'propaganda campaigns', could be shared with other groups or scrutiny. Councillor Bucknell objected to the use of the word propaganda and stated that communication campaigns were not run through scrutiny, and that the Council would continue to tell the public what the Council was up to, to encourage visitors and residents.

Question 20-04

A written response was provided. Councillor Ian Thorn asked a supplementary question about whether drafted comments for inclusion in the business plan at the last meeting would form part of the redrafting of the Business Plan. Councillor Philip Whitehead stated that there would be a complete section on

climate change, and be a part of the summary, but that comments would not be word for word.

Question 20-09

A written response was provided.

(Duration of meeting: 10:30 – 1330 14:20 – 17:30)

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25 February 2020

From Councillor Ian Thorn, Calne Central

**To Councillor Allison Bucknell - Cabinet Member for Communications,
Communities, Leisure and Libraries**

Question (20-1)

When was the last time an opposition member featured in a Wiltshire Council press release or social media communication?

Response

The following press releases feature members of the Council who are not part of the current administration:

9 October 2019 – Cllr John Walsh – New parkour facility in Salisbury

<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/news/articles/parkour-fans-jump-for-joy-as-exciting-new-sports-facility-opens-in-salisbury> -

26 July 2019 – Cllr Graham Wright – Wiltshire Council to be carbon neutral by 2030

http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/news/articles/council-pledge-to-be-carbon-neutral?fbclid=IwAR1fPIx2TA70eBkQ8TE-TJMbd0ui4yL_bj8d2iMY9Dds0-41TI_TbqgZ7PgJ
-

24 June 2019 – Cllr John Walsh – AFD flag raising

<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/news/articles/armed-forces-day-flag-raised-across-the-uk-as-salisbury-prepares-for-weekend-of-national-event-celebrations> -

25 June 2018 – Cllr George Jeans – New homes in Mere

<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/news/articles/home-sweet-home-for-new-residents> -

5 June 2018 – Cllr Graham Wright – New homes in Durrington

<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/news/articles/new-rural-homes-for-older-residents-officially-opened> -

Press releases are sent out in accordance with the framework set out in the Media Relations Protocol in Protocol 7 of the Council's Constitution:

<https://cms.wiltshire.gov.uk/documents/s94451/CURRENTProtocol07MediaRelations.docx.pdf>

All press releases give contact details for the spokesperson from the political parties. It is up to the press whether or not they speak to other elected members of the Council.

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From Councillor Jon Hubbard – Melksham South

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

Question i)

With the closure of Cleveland Bridge in Bath to vehicles weighing in excess of 18 tonnes and the subsequent diversion of this traffic onto the A350 what steps have been taken to measure and monitor the levels of air pollution in the communities affected by the significant increase in heavy vehicles, specifically in and around the Melksham Community Area?

Response

Levels of Nitrogen Dioxide (NO₂) are being monitored using passive diffusion tubes in a number of locations along the A350 both in the Melksham and Westbury areas. This ongoing monitoring will assist the council to assess any impact from the introduction of the 18 tonne weight restriction on the Cleveland Bridge in Bath.

Question ii)

Is the Cabinet Member aware that members of the administration in Bath and North East Somerset council are campaigning for the closure to heavy traffic of the Cleveland Bridge to be made permanent? Does she support this campaign?

Response

Yes, I am aware of the campaign by some members of the Liberal Democrat administration in Bath for the permanent closure of Cleveland Bridge to heavy traffic. Of course, I do not support this campaign. It would mean that the banned vehicles would be diverted through Wiltshire. Wiltshire Council has not been consulted about this and I have written to the Leader of BaNES seeking a written assurance that it is not her intention to use the bridge reconstruction as a stepping stone towards a permanent weight restriction, and confirmation that the petition is a rogue exercise that does not have her Council's support. I know our Leader is meeting the Leader of BaNES to discuss this further.

As you know, Wiltshire Council has received funding to develop the business case for the Melksham bypass which will help alleviate congestion and pollution through Melksham, but the construction of the bypass is some years away. There is also the issue of Westbury and the A350 through the centre and I do not want to see any increase in HGVs through Westbury that might be due to a permanent closure of Cleveland Bridge. BaNES has a duty to cooperate with neighbouring authorities on highway matters, hence our desire to open discussions rather than be dictated to by a petition organised by a BaNES councillor looking at an issue from their narrow perspective.

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From Councillor Edward Kirk – Trowbridge Adcroft

To Councillor Richard Clewer – Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Corporate Services, Heritage, Arts, Tourism, Housing, Climate Change and Military-Civilian Integration

Question (20-10)

Trowbridge Town Council has both a substantial debt with the Public Works Loan Board of £5.6 million (more than any other Town or Parish in the Country), and an annual cost for staff salaries, pension and NI of £1.7 million. The Trowbridge Town Council Precept in 2019/20 was set at £153.98 for a band D property, while neighbouring villages, like Hilperton have a Precept of only £14.28.

The new approved housing developments in Trowbridge will regrettably remove much of the green space between our Town and Villages (Hilperton, Southwick, North Bradley and West Ashton). Therefore, as we are now all joining together and sharing services in becoming part of a larger district of Trowbridge, we should also share the cost and have a combined Trowbridge & District Precept of £124.49 (Band D). Please can the Cabinet Member confirm how this fairer funding principle can be achieved?

Response

Parish and Town Councils have responsibility for setting their own precept and would need to consider the level of precept annually. This would then come into effect from 1 April each year.

If Parish and Town Councils wished to share the cost of services and a combined Trowbridge and District Precept they would have to consider a community governance review, the terms of reference which should include consideration of boundaries of existing parishes.

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**From Councillor Brian Mathew – Box and Colerne and Councillor Pat Aves –
Melksham North**

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

Question (20-13)

Given that Wiltshire Council has responded to the four parts of our question on Ash-dieback with four identical responses referring to

Officers “working on a Policy for dealing with ash-dieback and an initial draft is under discussion. The issues raised in the above questions are all under consideration, we will provide an update once this is finalised”.

Will Wiltshire Council produce a firm timeline for the production of both the initial draft and policy on Ash-dieback, and that complete, direct and relevant answers on the four specific points raised in our original written question form part of the finalised policy, and that we are kept informed throughout the process?

Response

The council is in the process of drafting a Green Infrastructure Strategy which should be adopted as policy before the end of 2020. This strategy will inform the development of a woodland strategy and tree planting policy which will be in place for the tree planting season next year. With regard to the Ash die back, this policy will be in place for the first half of the year and we will keep you informed.

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25 February 2020

From Councillor Ian Thorn, Calne Central

**To Councillor Allison Bucknell - Cabinet Member for Communications,
Communities, Leisure and Libraries**

Question (20-2)

Wiltshire Council produced an inaccurate bar in an infographic (showing Labour with more votes across Wiltshire than the Lib Dems) following the General Election that appeared on social media. Why did this happen and what was done to correct it?

Response

The infographic was produced to demonstrate the success of the council's communications campaign to promote the General Election. The information included related to social media statistics and support given to the media. The colours were added to support the colourful nature of the infographic not to represent votes cast during the General Election. Therefore, as the infographic was not incorrect it was not deemed necessary to amend it.

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25 February 2020

From Councillor Jon Hubbard – Melksham South

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

Question (20-8)

I'm sure that the Cabinet Member will share the disappointment of all residents in the Melksham area at the decision by First Group to cease the important D3 bus service providing a vital link between Melksham and Bath.

I note that Council has been reminded on numerous occasions that the proceeds received by the council from its car parking income are used to subsidise the provision of busses for the local community.

Could the Cabinet Member reassure me that the subsidised evening and Sunday service on the D3 route will be continued and a new tender issued?

Response

Tenders are currently with suppliers and we will determine what we can afford to support when they are returned and evaluated. The daytime services will be picked up by Faresaver on a commercial basis, so there should be little disruption to the travelling public. Any changes to the bus timetable will be communicated in good time to the passengers in partnership with the provider.

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25 February 2020

From Councillor Ian Thorn, Calne Central

**To Councillor Allison Bucknell - Cabinet Member for Communications,
Communities, Leisure and Libraries**

Question (20-3)

During the six month period leading to the 2017 local elections Wiltshire Council produced a series of propaganda posters which appeared on Wiltshire Council property and cost Wiltshire tax payers £10,000. Is Wiltshire Council proposing a similar advertising campaign in the lead in to the 2021 local elections?

Response

Wiltshire Council regularly runs campaigns to promote council services and to highlight that Wiltshire is a great place to live and work.

To refer to this as “propaganda” does the work of our Council and our Communications team a disservice.

Specifically, the posters referred to were produced as part of the Get Involved campaign, which began in December 2016. This campaign was intended to encourage residents to engage with our services, whether that be volunteering, taking the Big Pledge, reporting a pothole or applying for a community grant. The campaign covered a wide range of service areas and was targeted to promote stronger communities, as part of the council’s business plan.

All campaigns in the lead up to the 2021 elections will, as always, be consistent with guidance on publicity in the pre-election period.

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25 February 2020

From Councillor Ian Thorn, Calne Central

**To Councillor Philip Whitehead – Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member
for Economic Development**

Question (20-4)

At the last full council meeting a motion was presented amending the opening paragraphs of Wiltshire Council's business plan to reflect our commitment to a climate emergency. It was agreed that you would receive the amended document and pass it through the overview and scrutiny process. Any news?

Response

At the last full council, I proposed that we would update the introduction to the business plan but more importantly we would include both a section on Climate change and a section on our Stone Circle companies within the plan. As I said at the time, I expect these to come through to Overview and Scrutiny and any other relevant committees at the start of the new financial year for the authority.

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From Councillor Ian Thorn – Calne Central

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

Question (20-9)

Wiltshire Council has received £600k to support rural transport. Can you inform me of how this funding will be spent and that £600k won't be taken from the budget and spent elsewhere?

Response

As part of the governments recognition that the bus plays a pivotal role in reducing commuter traffic, reducing social isolation and supports the climate change agenda, it has, as part of a suite of funding, made available £671k for Wiltshire Council to enhance elements of its existing bus service network. We will be submitting our statement of intent, before the 13th March deadline, which will also be available on the website from the same date, but I can confirm this money will be spent on public transport. Town and Parish Councils will be consulted asking for suggestions that can be considered for enhancements to bus services in their area.

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Item 14 – Senior Leadership Structure

From Chris Caswill

To Councillor Philip Whitehead, Leader of the Council

Question (20-01)

Given that the Council has recognised the Climate Emergency, and the seriousness of the crisis we face, why do none of the officers listed in the Senior Leadership Structure have any identified responsibilities for prioritising and addressing the climate emergency in Wiltshire?

Response

The structure chart circulated outlines roles with designated statutory responsibilities and Council are being asked to approve where changes to the designation are now proposed. The responsibility for the Climate Emergency is not a statutory responsibility but is one the Council are committed to. We are currently taking steps to recruit a Head of Carbon Reduction and this role will report to the Director of Economic Development & Planning. The Head of Carbon Reduction will lead the Council's approach to meeting the challenges of transitioning to carbon neutrality.

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Item 8 – Wiltshire Council Financial Plan Update 2020/21

From Harriet James (Wiltshire Gasification Action Group)

To Councillors Richard Clewer, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Corporate Services, Heritage, Arts, Tourism, Housing, Climate Change and Military-Civilian Integration and Toby Sturgis, Spatial Planning, Development Management and Investment

Question (20-02)

The question relates to para. 86 (climate change implications) of Wiltshire Council's Financial Plan Update 2020/21 which is on the agenda

In 2018 Wiltshire Council granted planning permission for a waste gasification plant in Westbury. Northacre Renewable Energy's planning application states that the facility would emit 31.79 tonnes of gross carbon dioxide equivalent (CO₂e) an hour. This would amount to more than 4.5 million tonnes of gross CO₂e over the 20-year life of the plant.

- 1) How has the potential climate change impact of these carbon emissions been assessed as part of Wiltshire Council's Carbon Reduction Plan and have the Council independently verified Northacre Renewable Energy's figures?
- 2) What percentage of Wiltshire county's total annual gross CO₂e emissions would be emitted by the gasification plant?

The Westbury Gasification Action Group ask that Wiltshire Council redetermine the viability of outsourcing Wiltshire's waste to the gasification plant in light of its climate change implications.

Response

A verbal response was provided at the meeting

- 1) The council has committed to producing a carbon reduction plan by the end of 2020. As the ATT (Advanced Thermal Treatment) facility has not yet been built any emissions do not feature in the carbon baseline for the county. This would be adjusted at the time the plant is constructed.
The 2019 planning permission for the ATT facility is subject to a condition requiring the applicant to demonstrate that it will result in an overall reduction in carbon emissions. The condition further requires the facility to thereafter be operated using the technology referred to in the demonstration, and “.... continue to achieve a reduction in carbon emissions”. The condition was

imposed to achieve consistency with another ATT facility allowed by a Planning Inspector following an appeal in Swindon.

Prior to the planning permission being granted, and notwithstanding the condition referred to above, the applicant was requested to provide data relating to CO₂ emissions in both 'with' and 'without' ATT scenarios. Referring to the Sustainable Energy Strategy (SES) for the earlier planning application, in the 'with' scenario the applicant calculated emission of CO₂ of 31.79 tonnes/hr. In the 'without' scenario the applicant calculated emission of CO₂ of 48.6 tonnes/hr, (calculations were undertaken in accordance with ISO14064-1). The 'headline' figures in these calculations are as follows –

'With' scenario –

- +31.79 tonnes/hour direct CO₂ emissions from the facility

CO₂ savings due to the facility ('Without' scenario) –

- -36.19 tonnes/hour CO₂ landfill gas avoidance through processing at the facility
- -1.97 tonnes/hour CO₂ from metal recyclates recovered, thus avoiding replacement via primary smelting
- -10.22 tonnes/hour CO₂ through grid electricity displacement
- -0.22 tonnes / hour CO₂ through reduction in HGV movements

TOTAL = -16.82 tonnes / hour CO₂ (i.e. negative CO₂)

Which equates to:

-126,133 tonnes / year CO₂
-2,522,653 tonnes / 20 year lifetime CO₂

[The CO₂ saving figures do not take account of the increased efficiencies of the final approved ATT facility, and so the SES sells itself slightly short in terms of the savings this facility will actually make].

The condition referred to above effectively requires the verification / confirmation of the SES calculations for the approved ATT facility.

- 2) The percentage would be calculated dependent on the baseline at the time the plant is built and would be net of any carbon savings that arise as a consequence of its construction.

The council does not have a contract to deliver waste to the ATT plant. If the plant is built and successfully commissioned the council would deliver the solid recovered fuel produced from the mechanical biological treatment plant on the neighbouring site to the ATT.

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From Vicky Moore

To Councillor Richard Clewer, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Corporate Services, Heritage, Arts, Tourism, Housing, Climate Change and Military-Civilian Integration.

Question (20-03)

A year ago today Wiltshire Council declared a Climate Emergency and committed to an ambitious target of reaching carbon neutrality by 2030. This was welcome news to many environmental groups and individuals but to date there has been little in the way of published progress reports to show the Councils action on this urgent matter.

Other councils such as Bristol City Council have now completed a gap analysis to meet their target. A gap analysis looks at the baseline carbon emissions of an area, considering them by sector, such as energy, transport and so on. Then it looks at the predicted level of carbon emissions in 2030 if no action is taken other than what is already planned. It calculates the gap between the existing trajectory and what is required in order to reach carbon neutrality.

This information is used to work out what action needs to be taken, looking again at each sector in turn. It looks at tangible, practical elements, for example in the case of energy, how many new renewable energy systems will be required, how many people will need to be employed to install them. This then allows you to consider questions such as how much of the workforce will need to be re-trained, how long will this take, etc. When you start thinking about all these elements, ten years is a very short time frame so huge steps need to be taken immediately for us to get anywhere close to the 2030 requirement! Failure to do this does not bear thinking about.

Bristol City Council have used their gap analysis to create a Climate Emergency Action Plan and are now putting it into place.

Has Wiltshire Council completed a gap analysis to meet their target of zero carbon by 2030? If this has been completed, when will the report be published? If not, can you confirm when this essential work will be undertaken? Because not doing this will almost certainly lead to insufficient action

Response

A verbal response was provided at the meeting

Full Council considered a progress report at its meeting held on 26 November 2019
https://cms.wiltshire.gov.uk/documents/s171195/Update_Report.pdf

As set out in the report, the council has done some initial work on its carbon baseline. Data comes from SCATTER which is a very urban centric tool and we are struggling to translate that into detailed emissions for a rural county. We are not waiting on a baseline to start work and have progressed with investments in changing our street lighting to LED lights and plans to improve the energy efficiency of council buildings and to install renewable energy where possible. We are also looking at sites for solar generation on park and ride sites.

The council has identified that the sub-sectors of on-road transport and residential buildings are the sources of the highest levels of emissions within the county. Work has already commenced on the development of the council's fourth Local Transport Plan and the review of the Local Plan, both of which will incorporate policies in support of carbon reduction.

The budget proposals to be considered at Full Council include a growth item of £350,000 for the recruitment of specialists to new roles at the council and to procure work on, amongst other issues, ensuring our baseline and gap analysis are robust.

The council is currently advertising for a new Head of Carbon Reduction who will lead on this work for the council.

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From Russell Hughes

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

Question (20-04)

How much recycled plastic (from Wiltshire) is being put into landfill, and what are the environmental and monetary costs of this?

Response

A verbal response was provided at the meeting

Very little, if any, of the plastics that we collect for recycling either through the kerbside recycling service, or via the council's network of ten household recycling centres, is sent to landfill for disposal and Wiltshire Council does not incur any direct costs associated with this.

Wiltshire Council collects plastic bottles, pots, tubs and trays at the kerbside, along with cardboard and drinks and food cartons. This mixed recyclate is currently delivered to a material recycling facility at Porte Marsh Industrial Estate, Calne. The facility is operated by Hills Waste Solutions Ltd, and also receives plastic bottles collected separately from mixed plastics at the Lower Compton and Purton household recycling centres. These two household recycling centres are also operated by Hills under contract to the council.

The mix of kerbside collected materials from the blue-lidded bins is sorted at the Porte Marsh site using a combination of optical separators and compressed air jets, as well as manual sorting by picking staff. The plant is designed to separate the input materials into recyclable product types, with all "target" materials being separated and baled, before being transported to reprocessors, most of whom are in the UK. A proportion of rejected "non-target" waste materials are separated from the input material as part of this sorting process. This rejected material will include non-target items such as black plastic food trays, plastic films, carrier bags, alongside all manner of general waste items that should not have been placed in the blue-lidded bins for recycling. This rejected material is sent to the Lakeside Energy from Waste facility in Slough and is therefore used for energy recovery rather than landfill. Between April 2019 and January 2020, almost 11,000 tonnes of materials have been received, with 2,765 tonnes (25%) being rejected as being non-target material, and therefore material that we would be unable to recycle.

Mixed plastics are also collected from the Hills' operated household recycling centres at Lower Compton and Purton and are delivered to their Lower Compton materials recycling facility where they are bulked up and sent for further reprocessing. Whilst there is a small amount of reject material reported from the Lower Compton facility,

this would comprise non-target materials, i.e. general waste. This rejected “non-target” material is sent to the adjoining landfill facility for disposal. The Lower Compton facility received 15,449 tonnes of material for recycling between April 2019 and January 2020. Only 189 tonnes (1.2%) of this was mixed plastics from the two Hills household recycling centres. The total amount of material rejected from the material received by the facility and landfilled was 201 tonnes (1.3%). The majority of this reject tonnage comprises non-recyclable waste, and whilst it is not possible to isolate how much of this reject tonnage might include forms of plastic, it is considered to be very low indeed. The contractor is responsible for the costs of disposing of reject materials.

Given that plastic is inherently lightweight compared with the other materials managed at this facility, and the fact that non-target materials are removed from the items being sorted for recycling, it is unlikely that the weight of plastic that might be consigned to landfill as part of the rejected material would be more than 0.5 tonne between April 2019 and January 2020. At the current landfill tax rate this would see the contractor due to pay £45.68 in landfill tax.

Mixed plastics collected from the eight council-owned household recycling centres, operated under contract by FCC Environment, are delivered to Grist Environmental in Devizes where the material is shredded and baled before being sent on for further reprocessing. No reject materials from this initial process are reported to the council, with the product sold on as a lower value mixed grade. Recipient reprocessors would undertake further washing and polymer separation, before the plastic is flaked or granulated to enable it to be used as a secondary raw material in the production of new items. 1,022 tonnes of mixed plastics were collected at the eight council-owned household recycling centres between April 2019 and January 2020.

The council will be improving its kerbside recycling service from March this year, making it easier for residents to recycle by enabling them to place more materials in their blue-lidded bins, including many that are currently collected using the black box. After the changes are implemented only glass will continue to be collected using the black box, and the following materials will be collected using the blue-lidded bin:

- Plastic bottles, pots, tubs and trays
- Paper and cardboard, including shredded paper
- Drinks cans, food tins, aerosols and aluminium foil
- Food and drinks cartons

Hills have constructed a new material recycling facility at their Sands Farm in Calne. This new highly automated facility will be able to better separate the new mix of materials to be collected for recycling at the kerbside after the service changes and will ensure the necessary material quality is achieved so that the different material streams can be sold on for reprocessing.

The new collection service will be supported by a communications campaign aimed at informing service users of the materials that should be placed into their recycling bins, and reminding them of the materials that we are unable to collect for recycling.

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From Russell Hughes

To Councillor Ian Blair-Pilling- Cabinet Member for IT, Digitalisation and Operational Assets

Question (20-05)

What energy supplier is the council using, and has it considered using green energy suppliers?

Response

A verbal response was provided at the meeting

The council's energy supply contract is made with a Public Sector Energy broker, West Mercia Energy (WME), who in turn have the contract with Total Gas and Power for all the council's corporate gas and electric supplies. WME carry out the tender process for an energy supplier for all of the organisations on their books and all of the suppliers in the market, including green energy suppliers, are able to bid for the opportunity.

From April 2020 the council is moving onto a green energy tariff for all electricity supplies.

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From Jo Ripley

To Councillor Ian Blair-Pilling- Cabinet Member for IT, Digitalisation and Operational Assets

Question (20-06)

Will Wiltshire Council ensure that, when they make the change to a green energy provider, that it is truly green? I.e. not such as Haven Power, whose energy comes from Drax Power Station, the world's biggest burner of wood for electricity (with much of the wood coming from clear-felling of biodiverse wetland forests in the US) and the UK's single largest carbon emitter.

Response

A verbal response was provided at the meeting

The council will be moving to a green tariff within its current contract with West Mercia Energy and provided by Total Gas and Power from 1st April 2020.

This 'Pure Green' tariff comes from 100% renewable sources (wind, solar, hydro/wave).

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Item 8 – Medium Term Financial Strategy

From Bill Jarvis

To Councillor Simon Jacobs- Cabinet Member for Finance and Procurement

Question (20-07)

Your Medium Term Finance Strategy is required to look forward 4 years prudently at likely income and expenditure. At present in your MTFS, Section 6, you've made a £350k allowance for the "Climate Change Team" in 2020-21. Apparently, this is for staff.

As it's only for one year, I assume that this staff allowance is for consultancy. The average rate for this type of consultancy is probably between £500 and £750 per day. This equates to a team of, at maximum, 2 people, completely inadequate to develop the solutions needed. Other Councils have made significantly more and bigger teams available, up to £1m and 10 staff in some instances.

Also, you've only budgeted for one year. Are you assuming that all work on climate change will cease at the end of this financial year? I'm impressed with your optimism.

Surely your Section 151 Officer has to take a different view?

A prudent approach, building up expenditure over the next 4 years to a reasonable estimate of requirements, would avoid the need for a sudden jump. This could be part funded from, say, removing commitments to new highway schemes which only add to our carbon problems.

The estimate could be adjusted as plans develop to align with the likely costs of delivering the many elements for a carbon neutral and environmentally positive county. Underspend in the early years could be added to reserves, drawn when needed. Again, following other Councils lead.

Carbon and environmental mitigation will reduce costs and create income. Receipts from such could be ongoing well past the need for capital expenditure. A short term investment with long term income, perfectly in line with local government accounting needs.

Please can you therefore:

- i) Confirm that you will increase the Climate Team staff allowance to at least 10 people and that this staff commitment will carry forward for at least the next 5 years?
- ii) Confirm that you will reconsider the capital allowances and make prudent provision in your MTFS to deliver the carbon mitigation measures that will properly address your 2019 commitment?

Response to Qs 20-07 and 20-08

A verbal response was provided at the meeting

The budget includes £0.35m for on-going growth in staff costs for a new climate change team. It is not one off. – it is £1.75 over five years. It is for permanent staff members not consultants.

The Head of Service post has already been advertised and will be responsible for developing a comprehensive carbon reduction strategy whilst promoting climate change decisions. They will be working alongside communities, groups and individuals as well as engaging with local businesses to explore opportunities afforded by carbon reduction and to promote the council's policies, plans and strategies in climate change. This will inform our future approach and needs including numbers of staff and future years budget proposals

The council has acknowledged a climate emergency and is seeking to make the county of Wiltshire carbon neutral by 2030 it already delivers carbon mitigation measures. Investment required for capital projects will be considered on a case by case basis, continuing the work that the council has undertaken to date. This includes the £12m to convert our street lighting to LED lights and the proposals for £5.2m investment in energy efficiency measures and renewable energy and the £3.5m for canopy based solar panels which were agreed by full Council at its meeting on 26 November.

Part of our ongoing commitment to the carbon reduction work will be reviewing what else we can do across both capital and revenue. However, for there to be significant investment in one area of activity, then there will have to be less investment in another. The need for ongoing investment in carbon reduction measures in the coming four years will be taken forward by the new carbon reduction team. However, there is not an infinite resource and it is up to Members as part of our financial strategy where resources are spent – not the council's s151 officer.

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Item 8 – Medium Term Financial Strategy

From Bill Jarvis

To Councillor Simon Jacobs- Cabinet Member for Finance and Procurement

Question (20-08)

Are you able to confirm that your Section 151 officer will review the forward forecast, taking into account the need for significant investment in the carbon mitigation measures needed for the county in the coming 4 years?

The response to this question is a verbal response included with the response to question (20-07).

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Item 12 – Wiltshire Housing Site Allocations

From Andrew Nicolson

To Councillor Toby Sturgis - Cabinet Member Spatial Planning, Development Management and Investment

Question (20-09)

As the Housing Allocations do not include the land that would be unlocked for development by the proposed Chippenham North-East-South Relief Road, why has the Council asked for £75Million from Homes England to build the road?

Response

A verbal response was provided at the meeting.

Land does not have to be allocated for development in the development to be eligible for a development grant, and in the case of the proposed Future Chippenham Access or Distributor road specifically a Housing Infrastructure Fund (HIF) Grant. The scheme proposed could deliver both transport and housing benefits and as such was deemed worthy of the award of the HIF Grant of £75m. The drawing down and defraying of the HIF Grant will be dependent on securing, the necessary permissions, including planning.

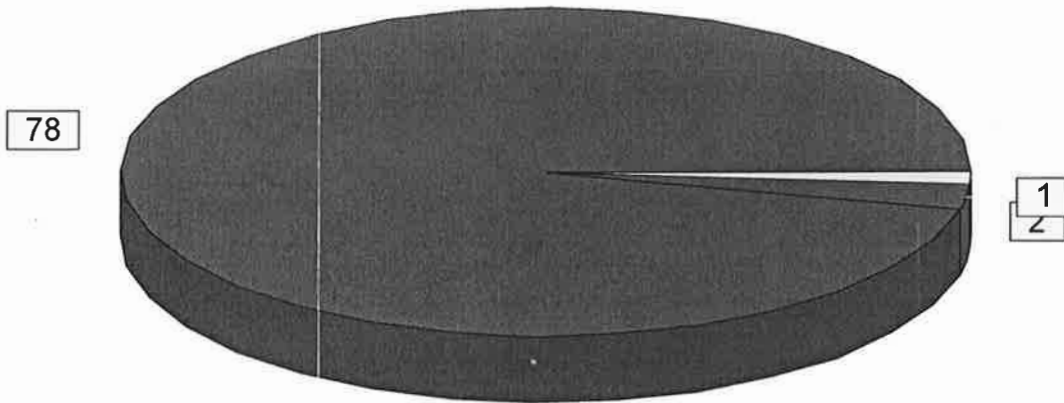
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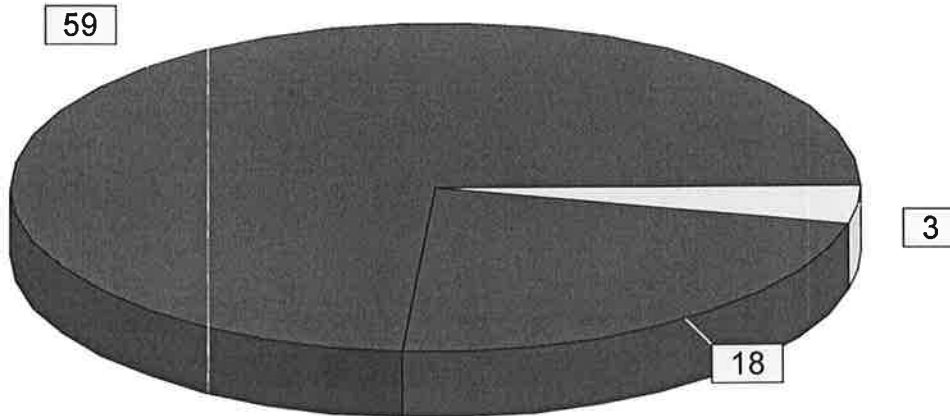
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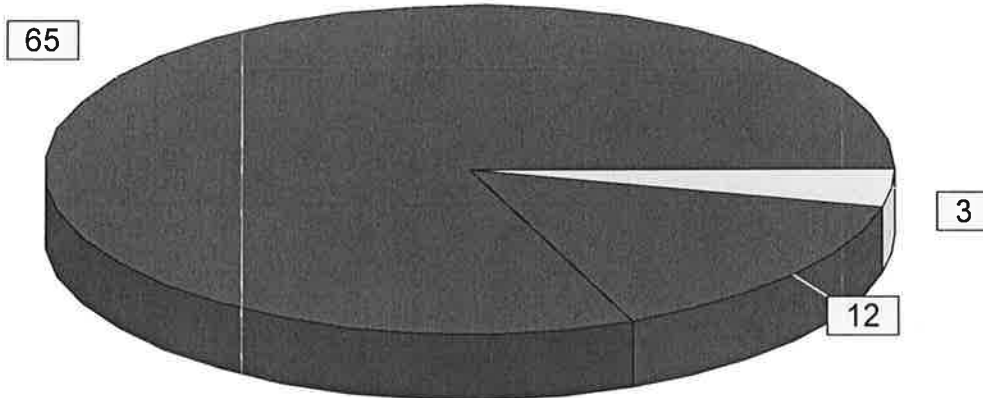
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Cllr John Thomson (C)	: 1
Cllr Johnny Kidney (C)	: 1
Cllr Jon Hubbard (Ind)	: 1
Cllr Jonathon Seed (C)	: 1
Cllr Laura Mayes (C)	: 1
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Cllr Matthew Dean (Ind)	: 1
Cllr Mike Hewitt (C)	: 1
Cllr Mollie Groom (C)	: 1
Cllr Nick Holder (CON)	: 1
Cllr Nick Murry (Ind)	: 1
Cllr Paul Oatway QPM (C)	: 1
Cllr Pauline Church (C)	: 1
Cllr Peter Evans (C)	: 1
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Cllr Richard Britton (C)	: 1
Cllr Richard Clewer (C)	: 1
Cllr Robert Yuill (C)	: 1
Cllr Sarah Gibson (LD)	: 1
Cllr Simon Jacobs (C)	: 1
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Cllr Sue Evans (C)	: 1
Cllr Suzanne Wickham (CON)	: 1
Cllr Sven Hocking (C)	: 1
Cllr Toby Sturgis (C)	: 1
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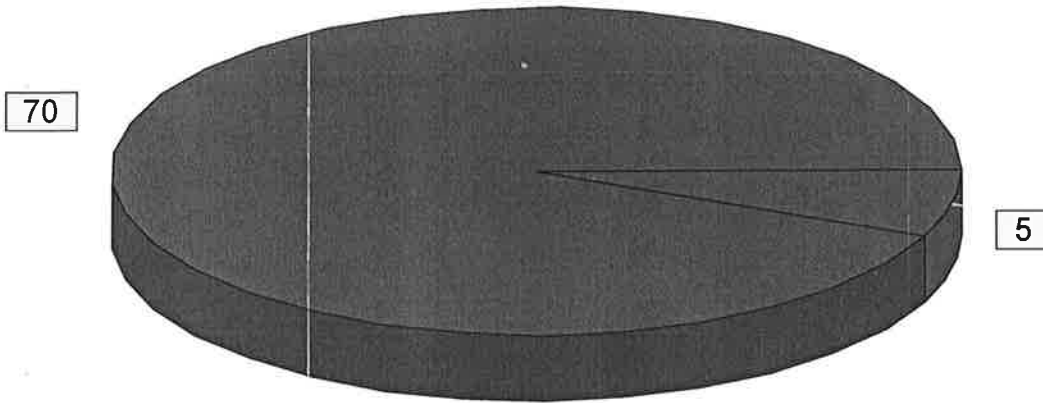
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CAPITAL STRATEGY



Confirmation presences: 81

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No	: 5
Abstained	: 0

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Cllr Andrew Davis (C)	: 1
Cllr Andy Phillips (Ind)	: 1
Cllr Anna Cuthbert (C)	: 1
Cllr Ashley O'Neill (C)	: 1
Cllr Atiquil Hoque (C)	: 1
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Cllr Edward Kirk (C)	: 1
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Cllr George Jeans (Ind)	: 1
Cllr Gordon King (LD)	: 1
Cllr Horace Prickett (C)	: 1
Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling (C)	: 1
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Cllr Ian Thorn (LD)	: 1
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Cllr Paul Oatway QPM (C)	: 1
Cllr Pauline Church (C)	: 1
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Cllr Stuart Wheeler (C)	: 1
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Cllr Sven Hocking (C)	: 1
Cllr Toby Sturgis (C)	: 1
Cllr Tom Rounds (C)	: 1
Cllr Tony Deane (C)	: 1
Cllr Tony Trotman (C)	: 1

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Cllr Ernie Clark (Ind)	: 1
Cllr Graham Wright (Ind)	: 1
Cllr Jim Lynch (LD)	: 1
Cllr Nick Murry (Ind)	: 1
Cllr Trevor Carbin (LD)	: 1

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Voting 6/6 - subject 1 - 25/02/2020 15:08:07

COUNCIL TAX



Confirmation presences: 81

Yes	: 77
No	: 1
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Voting 6/6 - subject 1 - 25/02/2020 15:08:07

Confirmation presences: 81

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Cllr Andrew Bryant (LD) Cllr	: 1
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Cllr Andy Phillips (Ind)	: 1
Cllr Anna Cuthbert (C)	: 1
Cllr Ashley O'Neill (C)	: 1
Cllr Atiquil Hoque (C)	: 1
Cllr Ben Anderson (C)	: 1
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Brian Dalton (LD)	: 1
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Cllr Bridget Wayman (C) Cllr	: 1
Carole King (LD)	: 1
Cllr Chris Hurst (LD)	: 1
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Cllr Gavin Grant (LD)	: 1
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Cllr Paul Oatway QPM (C)	: 1
Cllr Pauline Church (C)	: 1
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Cllr Robert Yuill (C)	: 1
Cllr Ross Henning (LD)	: 1
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Cllr Simon Jacobs (C)	: 1
Cllr Stephen Oldrieve (LD)	: 1
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Cllr Stuart Wheeler (C)	: 1
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Cllr Suzanne Wickham (CON)	: 1
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Cllr Trevor Carbin (LD)	: 1

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PAY POLICY STATEMENT

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Confirmation presences: 81

■ Yes : 77

■ No : 0

■ Abstained : 0

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Voting 7/7 - subject 1 - 25/02/2020 15:13:31

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Cllr Andrew Davis (C)	: 1
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Cllr Atiqul Hoque (C)	: 1
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Cllr Johnny Kidney (C)	: 1
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Cllr Jonathon Seed (C)	: 1
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Cllr Mollie Groom (C)	: 1
Cllr Nick Fogg MBE (Ind)	: 1
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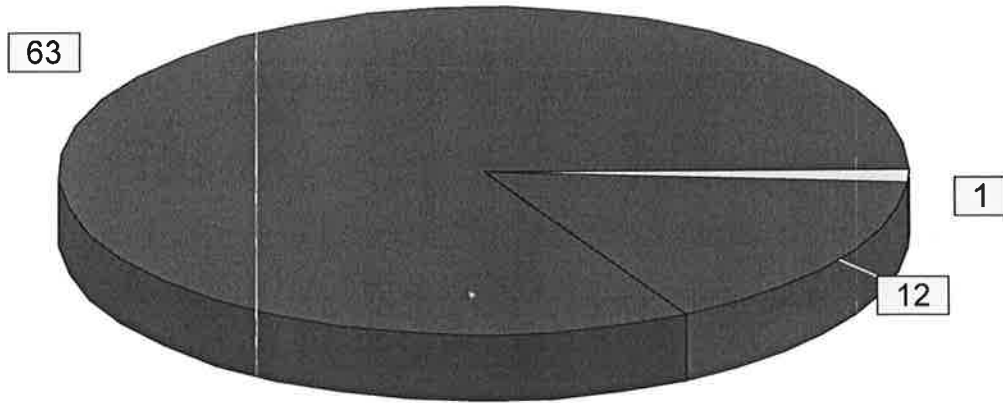
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HOUSING SITES ALLOCATION



Confirmation presences: 81

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Voting 8/8 - subject 1 - 25/02/2020 15:58:42

Confirmation presences: 81

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Cllr Peter Fuller (C)	: 1
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BAT MITIGATION STRATEGY



Confirmation presences: 76

■ Yes	: 67
■ No	: 0
■ Abstained	: 0

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Voting 9/9 - subject 1 - 25/02/2020 16:21:57

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Cllr Ashley O'Neill (C)	: 1
Cllr Atiquil Hoque (C)	: 1
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Cllr Brian Mathew (LD)	: 1
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Cllr Chris Hurst (LD)	: 1
Cllr Christopher Williams (C)	: 1
Cllr Chuck Berry (C)	: 1
Cllr David Halik (C)	: 1
Cllr Derek Brown OBE (C)	: 1
Cllr Edward Kirk (C)	: 1
Cllr Ernie Clark (Ind)	: 1
Cllr Fleur de Rhe-Philippe (C)	: 1
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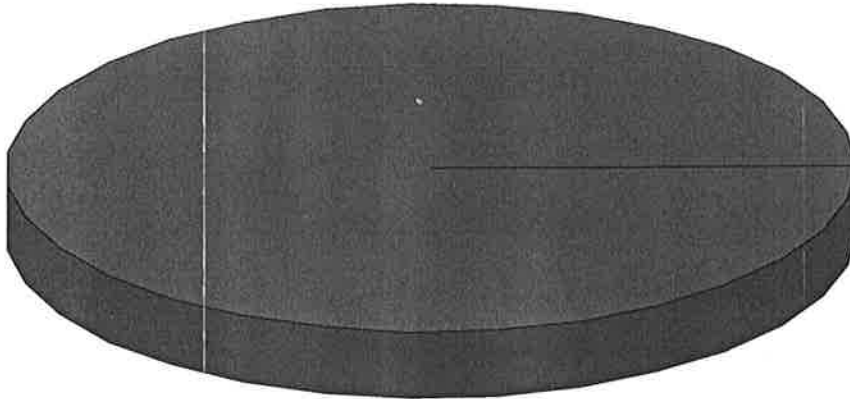
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SENIOR LEADERSHIP STRUCTURE

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Confirmation presences: 74

■ Yes : 62

■ No : 0

■ Abstained : 0

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Confirmation presences: 74

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Cllr Ruth Hopkinson (LD) Cllr Simon Jacobs (C)	: 1
Cllr Stephen Oldrieve (LD) Cllr Stewart Palmen (LD)	: 1
Cllr Stuart Wheeler (C)	: 1
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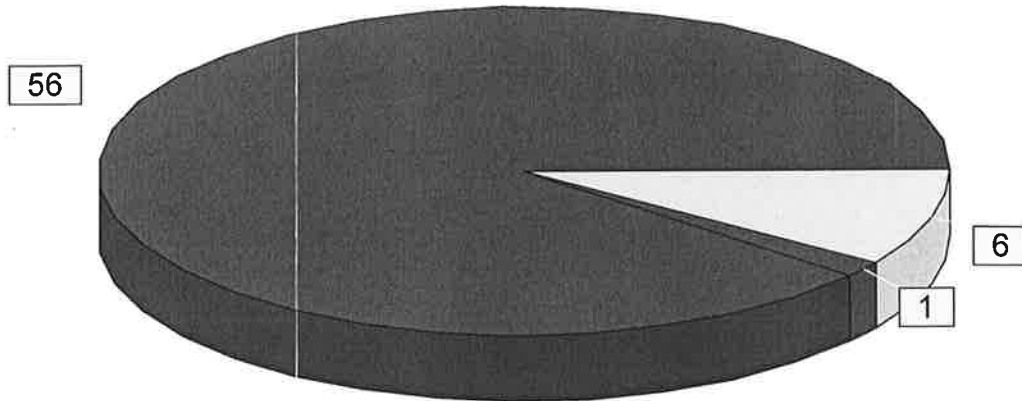
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Cllr Fred Westmoreland (C)	: 1
Cllr Gavin Grant (LD)	: 1
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Cllr Peter Evans (C)	: 1
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Cllr Simon Jacobs (C)	: 1
Cllr Stephen Oldrieve (LD) Cllr Stewart Palmen (LD)	: 1
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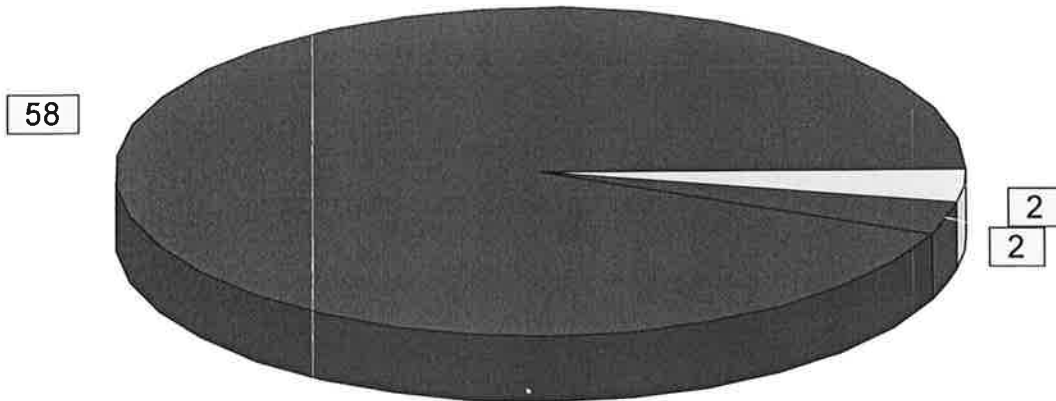
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Cllr Brian Mathew (LD)	: 1
Cllr Bridget Wayman (C)	: 1
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Cllr Chuck Berry (C)	: 1
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Cllr Derek Brown OBE (C) Cllr Fred Westmoreland (C) Cllr	: 1
Gavin Grant (LD)	: 1
Cllr Gordon King (LD)	: 1
Cllr Graham Wright (Ind)	: 1
Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling (C)	: 1
Cllr Ian McLennan (Lab)	: 1
Cllr Ian Thorn (LD)	: 1
Cllr Jacqui Lay (C)	: 1
Cllr Jane Davies (C)	: 1
Cllr Jim Lynch (LD)	: 1
Cllr Jo Trigg (LD) (null)	: 1
Cllr John Thomson (C)	: 1
Cllr Johnny Kidney (C)	: 1
Cllr Jon Hubbard (Ind)	: 1
Cllr Jonathon Seed (C)	: 1
Cllr Laura Mayes (C)	: 1
Cllr Leo Randall (C)	: 1
Cllr Mark Connolly (C)	: 1
Cllr Mary Douglas (C)	: 1
Cllr Pat Aves (LD)	: 1
Cllr Pauline Church (C)	: 1
Cllr Peter Evans (C)	: 1
Cllr Peter Fuller (C)	: 1
Cllr Peter Hutton (C)	: 1
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Cllr Ross Henning (LD)	: 1
Cllr Sarah Gibson (LD)	: 1
Cllr Simon Jacobs (C)	: 1
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Cllr Stuart Wheeler (C)	: 1
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Cllr Trevor Carbin (LD) : 1

No : 2

Cllr Robert Yuill (C) : 1

Cllr Ruth Hopkinson (LD) : 1

Abstained : 2

Cllr Edward Kirk (C) : 1

Cllr Fleur de Rhe-Philippe (C) : 1

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Full Council Meeting Tuesday 25 February 2020 – Members' Attendance

Name	Time in (Meeting)	Time Out (Meeting)
Phil Alford	10:30	17:30
Ben Anderson	10:30	17:30
Pat Aves	10:30	17:30
Chuck Berry	10:30	17:30
Ian Blair Pilling	10:30	17:30
Richard Britton	10:30	17:30
Derek Brown	10:30	17:30
Andrew Bryant	10:30	17:30
Allison Bucknell	10:30	17:30
Clare Cape		
Trevor Carbin	10:30	17:30
Mary Champion	10:30	17:30
Pauline Church	10:30	17:30
Richard Clewer	10:30	17:30
Mark Connolly	10:30	17:30
Christine Crisp		
Anna Cuthbert	10:30	16:20
Brian Dalton	10:30	16:25
Jane Davies	10:30	17:30
Andrew Davis	10:30	17:30
Tony Deane	10:30	17:30
Matthew Dean	10:30	17:30
Christopher Devine	10:30	17:30
Stewart Dobson		
Mary Douglas	10:30	17:30
Bill Douglas		
Peter Evans	10:30	17:30
Sue Evans	10:30	17:30
Nick Fogg	10:30	16:50
Peter Fuller	10:30	17:30
Richard Gamble	10:30	17:30
Sarah Gibson	10:30	17:30
Gavin Grant	10:30	17:30
Jose Green		
Howard Greenman	10:30	17:30
Mollie Groom	10:30	17:30
David Halik	10:30	17:30
Russell Hawker		
Ross Henning	10:30	
Mike Hewitt	10:30	16:50
Alan Hill	10:30	16:25
Sven Hocking	10:30	17:30
Nick Holder	10:30	17:30
Ruth Hopkinson	10:30	17:10
Atiquil Hoque	10:30	17:30
Jon Hubbard	10:30	17:30
Chris Hurst	10:30	17:30

Peter Hutton	10:30	17:30
Hayley Illman	10:30	17:30
Tony Jackson	10:30	17:30
Simon Jacobs	10:30	17:30
George Jeans	10.35	16:00
Bob Jones	10.30	17:30
Johnny Kidney	10:30	17:30
Carole King	10:30	17:30
Gordon King	10:30	17:30
Edward Kirk	10:30	17:30
Jerry Kunkler	10:30	16:10
Jacqui Lay	10:30	17:10
Jim Lynch	10:30	17:30
Brian Mathew	10:30	17:30
Laura Mayes	10:30	17:30
Ian McLennan	10:30	17:30
Nick Murry	10:30	17:30
Christopher Newbury	10:30	12:30
Paul Oatway	10:30	16:10
Steve Oldrieve	10:30	16:10
Ashley O'Neill	10.30	17:30
Stewart Palmen	10:30	17:30
Andy Phillips	10:30	16:00
Horace Prickett	10:30	17:00
Leo Randall	10:30	17:30
Fleur de Rhé-Philipe	10:30	17:30
Pip Ridout	10:30	16:25
Ricky Rogers	10.30	16:00
Tom Rounds	10:30	17:30
Jonathon Seed	10:30	17:30
James Sheppard	10:30	17:30
John Smale		
Toby Sturgis	10:30	17:30
Melody Thompson		
John Thomson	10:30	17:30
Ian Thorn	10:30	17:30
Jo Trigg	10:30	17:30
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John Walsh		
Bridget Wayman	10:30	17:30
Fred Westmoreland	10:30	17:30
Philip Whalley	10:30	17:30
Stuart Wheeler	10:30	17:20
Philip Whitehead	10:30	17:30
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Christopher Williams	10:30	17:30
Graham Wright	10:30	17:30
Robert Yuill	10:30	17:30