

Wiltshire Council

Council

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Questions from Councillors

From Cllr Chris Caswill, Chippenham Monkton Division

To

Cllr Jane Scott OBE, Leader of the Council

Question 1

- a. The penultimate page of the Minutes of the July Council meeting records the three questions which I asked you in connection with the Minutes of the 19 June Cabinet meeting. Why is it not been possible in the intervening four months to provide written replies which were promised in July?
- b. Will you now take this opportunity to provide the outstanding responses?

Response

The Service Director of Law and Governance provided a written response to a number of related questions in August. At that time it was understood that these responded to the outstanding concerns that Cllr Caswill had regarding wind turbines and the emerging Core Strategy, and no further response was required. However, in the interests of completeness the response to the specific questions made is provided below.

Cabinet (19 June 2012) in making their recommendation to Council took into consideration all the papers before them including the Appendices to the report and accompanying documents. The recommendation specifically supports the Proposed Changes set out in Appendix 1.

The consultation views and officer responses set out in Appendix 2 formed part of the Cabinet's decision making and were taken into account in making the recommendation to Council that the Wiltshire Core Strategy Pre-Submission Document together with the Proposed Changes in Appendix 1, including those to Core Policy 42, be submitted to the Secretary of State for Examination.

Core Policy 42 (as proposed to be changed) sets out a number of criteria to be addressed in determining wind farm developments. The intention behind

this policy, as with any criteria based policy, is that the criteria will be applied to individual planning applications that come forward (alongside other relevant policies within the development plan). As with any application these will be determined on their merits.