



## **Salisbury City Council Update for Salisbury Area Board – Thu 21 Jan 2021**

### **Cllr Liz Sirman, Leader of Salisbury City Council**

Following the government's announcement on Monday 4 January, the Council is committed to operating Business as Usual within the restrictions of government guidance. We continue to monitor all government advice with regard to the Coronavirus, and we are assessing its impact on the Council services, our residents and our staff team.

### **CV 19 Update**

Salisbury Information Centre is closed during the National Lockdown but we are still working answering the Council phones and e-mails. Salisbury Shopmobility as an essential service is operating by appointment only.

Full Council and Committee meetings are now being held remotely via Team until further notice – please see our website for details.

Salisbury Guildhall will close its front door to unrestricted visitors – visitors are directed to ring or email the City Council on 01722 342860 if urgent. This is to support the government's measures to promote social distancing and limit our staff's contact with visitors.

The Charter Market is operating on a Tuesday and Saturday as normal to give residents access to essential items in a safe outdoor shopping experience. This will include food items, pet food, hardware and plants.

The Crematorium is operating as usual with some restrictions for services in line with current social distance policies. Please phone the Crematorium if you have any queries about a service taking place.

Public toilets are open as normal, subject to the availability of staff to clean and operate them,

CCTV is still operational and manned by our trained operators including our valued volunteers. The service is being operated in a covid secure manner.

We continue to work with Wessex Community Action to offer a Community Support Scheme for resident in need of assistance.

## **Other Updates**

The Council has set its budget for 2021 -2022 at its Full Council Meeting on Mon 18 Jan 2021 and full details are available on our website.

The Salisbury City Community Lottery was also virtually launched this week to local community groups – this launch was well attended and I am excited by the new venture which offers support to local groups working in our community.

Before Christmas an exercise was conducted to test aspects of the Salisbury Flood Plan. This exercise, led by Colin Froude, one of the three Deputy Flood Coordinators, was very useful and highlighted where the plan was effective and where improvements should be made. We are still keen to recruit further volunteer flood wardens for the city – if you are interested please contact the City Council via [flooding@salisburycitycouncil.gov.uk](mailto:flooding@salisburycitycouncil.gov.uk)

The City Council was delighted to see the announcement of an award of approx. £9M for the city as part of the Future High Street Fund scheme. The City Council is looking forward to working closely with Wiltshire Council to deliver the improvements to the city that this funding will bring.

And finally, I would like to thank my fellow councillors and all the staff at the City Council for all their commitment during the difficult year that was 2020 and I look forward to working with them in 2021.

### **Cllr Liz Sirman**

Leader of Salisbury City Council  
12 Jan 2021