

COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 20 FEBRUARY 2018 AT COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, TROWBRIDGE, BA14 8JN.

Present:

Cllr Phil Alford, Cllr Ben Anderson, Cllr Pat Aves, Cllr Chuck Berry, Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling, Cllr Richard Britton, Cllr Derek Brown OBE, Cllr Allison Bucknell (Chairman), Cllr Clare Cape, Cllr Trevor Carbin, Cllr Mary Champion, Cllr Pauline Church, Cllr Ernie Clark, Cllr Richard Clewer, Cllr Mark Connolly, Cllr Anna Cuthbert, Cllr Brian Dalton, Cllr Jane Davies, Cllr Andrew Davis, Cllr Matthew Dean, Cllr Tony Deane, Cllr Christopher Devine, Cllr Stewart Dobson, Cllr Mary Douglas, Cllr Peter Evans, Cllr Sue Evans, Cllr Nick Fogg MBE, Cllr Peter Fuller, Cllr Richard Gamble, Cllr Gavin Grant, Cllr Jose Green, Cllr Howard Greenman, Cllr Mollie Groom, Cllr Deborah Halik, Cllr Ross Henning, Cllr Darren Henry, Cllr Mike Hewitt, Cllr Alan Hill, Cllr Sven Hocking, Cllr Ruth Hopkinson, Cllr Atiqul Hoque, Cllr Chris Hurst, Cllr Peter Hutton, Cllr Simon Jacobs, Cllr George Jeans, Cllr David Jenkins, Cllr Bob Jones MBE, Cllr Johnny Kidney, Cllr Gordon King, Cllr Edward Kirk, Cllr Jerry Kunkler, Cllr Jacqui Lay, Cllr Jim Lynch, Cllr Brian Mathew, Cllr Laura Mayes, Cllr Ian McLennan, Cllr Nick Murry, Cllr Ashley O'Neill, Cllr Paul Oatway QPM, Cllr Steve Oldrieve, Cllr Stewart Palmen, Cllr Graham Payne, Cllr Andy Phillips, Cllr Horace Prickett, Cllr Fleur de Rhé-Philipe, Cllr Pip Ridout, Cllr Ricky Rogers, Cllr Tom Rounds, Cllr Baroness Scott of Bybrook OBE, Cllr Jonathon Seed, Cllr James Sheppard (Vice-Chairman), Cllr John Smale, Cllr Hayley Spencer, Cllr Toby Sturgis, Cllr Melody Thompson, Cllr John Thomson, Cllr Ian Thorn, Cllr Tony Trotman, Cllr John Walsh, Cllr Bridget Wayman, Cllr Fred Westmoreland, Cllr Philip Whalley, Cllr Roy While, Cllr Philip Whitehead, Cllr Jerry Wickham, Cllr Christopher Williams, Cllr Graham Wright and Cllr Robert Yuill

1 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Sarah Gibson, Christine Crisp, Leo Randall, Jon Hubbard, Russell Hawker, Tony Jackson, Christopher Newbury, and Bill Douglas.

It was noted that some Councillors travelling in from the south of the county may be delayed due to a road traffic accident.

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the Meeting held on 17 October 2017 were presented.

Resolved:

That the minutes of the last Council meeting held on 17 October 2017 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

3 **Declarations of Interest**

The Chairman reminded members of the letter previously circulated from the Monitoring Officer dated 19 January 2018 which made particular reference to interests in the context of considering the budget and where members had tenancies with the Council.

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

4 **Announcements by the Chairman**

The Chairman drew attention the list of engagements undertaken by herself and the Vice-Chairman to be included in the minutes.

The Chairman asked the meeting to join her in congratulating those Wiltshire residents who had received awards as part of the new year honours. A list has been included in these minutes at Appendix C.

The Chairman reminded members of the process to be followed on recorded votes following the changes made by resolution at the last Council meeting.

5 **Petitions Update**

A report was presented which gave Council details of the eleven petitions received for the period since the last Council meeting.

Resolved:

That Council note the update on petitions.

6 **Public Participation**

The Chairman drew the meeting's attention to the three questions from members of the public and the responses included in agenda supplement two circulated on Friday the 16 February 2018. The Chairman stated that she would take the questions and answers circulated as read, and then asked if the questioners present had any supplementary question.

i) Jacqui Clark

In response to the supplementary question as to when the April 2017 base date figures would be published, Councillor Toby Sturgis stated that he would give a written answer.

Written answer given on 2 March 2018 as follows:

The Council's updated Housing Land Supply Statement (base date 1 April 2017) will be published by mid-March 2018.

ii) Glennis Ansell

In response to a supplementary question, Councillor Laura Mayes stated that: the council was doing all it could to support the police investigation; that the council was supporting those affected; and confirmed the appropriate background checks are undertaken on all people working with young people.

iii) Roy Messenger

In response to a supplementary question, Councillor Laura Mayes stated that: she recognised that this was very serious matter; that the council takes safeguarding very seriously; and that whilst she could not comment on the detail, she sought to reassure the public that the council would work with partners to establish facts and support those affected.

7 Treasury Management Strategy 2018/19

At the invitation of the Chairman, the Cabinet Member for Finance, Councillor Philip Whitehead, presented report which sought approval for the Prudential and Treasury Indicators, together with the Treasury Management Strategy for 2018/2019.

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

Resolved

- 1. To adopt the Minimum Revenue Provision Policy as set out at paragraph 46;**
- 2. To adopt the Prudential and Treasury Indicators (Appendix A); and**
- 3. To adopt the Annual Investment Strategy (Appendix B), including the ratification of the removal of the minimum requirement for high credit quality relating to viability ratings**

Admin Note: A record of the vote is appended to these minutes.

8 Wiltshire Council's Financial Plan Update 2018/19

Council was asked to consider a net revenue budget of £327.746 million, to increase council tax, approve rents, fees and charges, the capital programme and reserves as detailed fully in the updated published budget papers.

The Chairman explained at the outset, how she intended to chair this item and referred to the previously circulated budget process. She reminded Councillors of the various papers that had been circulated in connection with Council's consideration of this item as follows:

- A) The Leader's budget speech - this was emailed to Councillors once it was given and is attached as Appendix A to these minutes.
- B) The proposed amendments of the Liberal Democrat group, including comments from statutory officers circulated with the summons.
- C) The reports of the meetings of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee held on 5 and 9 February 2018 circulated with the summons.
- D) The recommendations from the Cabinet meeting held on 6 February 2018.
- E) The Financial Plan Update 2018/19 report of the Section 151 Officer, together with the revised Budget Book, proposed fees and charges and the relevant extract of the Schools Forum minutes, minutes of the meeting held between group leaders and trade unions, the Wiltshire Housing Board.

The Leader of the Council addressed Council delivering her budget speech (Appendix A). In making her address, the Leader highlighted the achievements made, the challenges ahead and the plans to improve outcomes for the people of Wiltshire. The Leader concluded by thanking officers and her Cabinet for working hard to produce the budget.

Councillor Philip Whitehead, Cabinet member for Finance, presented the Council's proposed Financial Plan update for 2018/19. In presenting the budget, he referred to the savings that had been identified, and the areas that would receive financial investment. He thanked the role played by the non-executive councillors through the overview and scrutiny process. In presenting the budget: he emphasised his view that the council had successfully protected priority services whilst meeting the challenging financial circumstances including the growth in the demand for certain services and the reduction in income; the plans for capital investment in projects; how the council deals with forward planning and measures taken in year to manager budget pressures; how the council manages investments and reserves; the approach taken to making workforce issues and the relatively low level of redundancies made; the implication of the reduction in central government funding and the impact on the council tax; the specific transformation programmes to improve adult social care thereby meeting the additional demand, and the plans to better integrate with NHS partners to address wider community health issues; how technology can

be better designed to enable the public to access information and services to improve efficacy and efficiency; the policy of devolving asset and services to local communities to manage, and the promoting of volunteering to support services in communities; the developing commercial approach to how traded services are delivered to partners and the public; that the balanced budget would support the delivery of the business plan; and thanked the work undertaken by non-executive councillors through the scrutiny process.

Councillor Whitehead moved the budget as presented and this was duly seconded by the Leader. This included the further proposal made following the announcement of the final financial settlement from central government, and included in the circulated second draft, that a one off £0.655m be allocated for Streetscene arising from the additional Rural Grant.

Councillor Graham Wright, Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee, presented the reports of his Committee dated 5 February which had considered and scrutinised the budget proposals, and from the meeting on the 9 February where the proposals made by the Liberal Democrat Group had been presented. He made reference to the well-established process and the areas of focus undertaken in that process. He discussed the role to be played by the Financial Planning Task Group throughout the year, and thanked the officers for their professional support. He ended by encouraging all non-executive councillors to engage throughout the year.

Councillor Ian Thorn, in his capacity as Chairman of the Financial Planning Task Group, reported on the work of his Task Group and thanked the Cabinet Member for his good attendance at the task group, and to Michael Hudson in supporting the work of the group.

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

Councillor Ian Thorn, in his capacity as Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group, stated that: there were areas of commonality between the parties, particularly in transformation of services and taking, appropriately, a more commercial approach; the opportunities offered through the changing nature of council finance and the greater engagement with communities; the importance of investing in the right priorities; a recognition of the challenges faced by all councils; the context in which the budget is set, and the regret that the council did not take the opportunity in previous occasions to raise council tax to protect the budget leaving, in his view, a greater revenue gap that had to be bridged, and for that reason he could not support the budget; his concerns that not enough progress had been made to achieve savings in programmes such as the adult social care transformation programme; whether the council was clear enough about its approach to commercialisation; that there were a number of gaps in information; and thanked Councillor Graham Wright for his enthusiastic promotion of scrutiny, but asked to consider the time given scrutiny to look at

proposals in greater depth. He ended his speech by thanking the officers and Cabinet Members for their work.

Councillor Ernie Clark, Leader of the Independent Group, stated that the group had their individual opinions, recognised the challenges to face, and thanked officers for their support.

Councillor Ricky Rogers, Leader of the Labour Group, stated thanked the officers for the work in developing the budget, and recognised the efforts made to deal with financial challenges, and emphasised how this impacts on local communities especially the increase of the precept on low-income families. He encouraged the council to recognise and combat where injustice is evident, and asked whether non-domestic rate relief could be extended to support voluntary organisations. He expressed regret that the opportunity to fully harmonise parking charges across the county, but welcomed the 1% decrease in council house rents. He ended by thanking all the staff for their work.

The Chairman reiterated the process for amendments, the rules of debate to be operated, that all votes will be recorded, and the need keep comments on potential impacts of the budget on staff to a general nature so that future consultations were not jeopardised.

The Chairman then gave Group Leaders the opportunity to propose amendments to the budget, noting that all Group Leaders had already been given the opportunity to submit amendments in time to be scrutinised.

Councillor Ian Thorn formally proposed his Group's amendments, as detailed in the council summons, subsequently seconded by Councillor Ruth Hopkinson, which had been considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee on 9 February 2018. In making his proposal, he emphasised: how he believed his group's amendments enhanced the ambitions and delivery of the budget including an emphasis on supporting communities; and how the amendments were intended to be funded.

The Chairman invited Group Leaders and the Chairman of Overview & Scrutiny to respond to the amendments.

In response to the amendment, The Leader stated that she would leave Councillor Whitehead and Councillor Thomson to respond in detail, but did state that the decision not to increase council tax in previous budget was in recognition of the financial pressure on households.

Councillor Ernie Clark stated that he could not, on balance, support all the amendments, and cautioned against replacing perfectly good street-lighting equipment.

Councillor Ricky Rogers stated that group was undecided about whether to support the amendments.

Councillor Graham Wright stated he would wish to review the process to maximise the time available to scrutinise the budget.

Councillor Chris Devine stated that whilst he supported how the budget, overall, had been prepared, he was unclear how the rural grant would be used effectively to support the prioritised in rural communities.

Councillor Jonathon Seed stated he could not support the amendment as they did not address the priorities in the business plan.

Councillor Chris Williams queried the wording of the amendment in relation to the ability to reclaim monies from the HRMC and could not support the amendments; and reemphasised the scope of the services included in the communities' budget.

Councillor Alan Hill expressed regret that there were no proposals from more political groups to address the concerns that they have raised in debate, and that the amendments submitted were limited in scope.

Councillor Steve Oldrieve stated his support for the amendments and particularly on the proposals for investment in replacing older street lighting with LED lighting as it reduces expenditure and energy usage.

Councillor Mathew Dean stated that he supported the previous decisions of the council not to increase council tax.

Councillor Bridget Wayman stated that she was pleased that the rural grant increase would be used to support street scene services responding to the priorities expressed by the communities; and that plans are already in place to replace street lighting as appropriate.

Councillor John Thomson stated that whilst he was content that the administration's budget proposals would be sufficient to support the services delivered, and that he would not be supporting the amendment.

Councillor Jerry Wickham stated that more was already being doing to invest in communities, and that the role of the portfolio holders was valuable in supporting the capacity of the Executive.

Councillor Richard Clewer stated that the portfolio holders were supported in the remuneration scheme following the recommendation of the independent remuneration panel, and that councillors should be supported appropriately in their role.

Councillor Jacqui Lay stated that she was not convinced that there was enough evidence for her to support the amendments.

Councillor Ruth Hopkinson stated, in response to some of the issues raised in the debate, including: the purpose of the rural grant to address the underfunding of predominately rural authorities, but that the money was available to be used in any community of the authority; she also expressed the group's continuing support for the area board model; and argued for a streamlining of the roles of councillors supporting the executive in the same spirit that we ask staff to do more with less.

Councillor Graham Payne stated that he was satisfied that plans were already in place to assess the need to replace street lighting as appropriate, and highlighted how this may be funded.

In summing up, Councillor Ian Thorn stated that he believed his proportionate amendments could be accepted by the administration; that it was incumbent on councillors to accept, personally, some of the financial burden; and that the opposition groups would require more officer support to be able to make more substantial proposals.

In response to the amendments, Councillor Philip Whitehead stated that he was content that the plans for the use of the additional rural grant in the administration's budget proposals were clear; argued that the portfolio holders were good value for money considering their contribution to the work of the executive; and that he was content that future plans to assess the street-lighting programme would be considered in due course.

At the end of the debate on the amendment, and following a recorded vote, the motion was LOST.

For the motion (18):

Cllr Bob Jones MBE, Cllr Brian Dalton, Cllr Brian Mathew, Cllr Chris Hurst, Cllr Clare Cape, Cllr David Jenkins, Cllr Gavin Grant, Cllr Gordon King, Cllr Hayley Spencer, Cllr Ian Thorn, Cllr Jim Lynch, Cllr Mike Hewitt, Cllr Pat Aves, Cllr Ross Henning, Cllr Ruth Hopkinson, Cllr Stephen Oldrieve, Cllr Stewart Palmen and Cllr Trevor Carbin

Against the motion (63):

Baroness Scott of Bybrook OBE, Cllr Alan Hill, Cllr Allison Bucknell, Cllr Andrew Davis, Cllr Andy Phillips, Cllr Anna Cuthbert, Cllr Ashley O'Neill, Cllr Atiqul Hoque, Cllr Ben Anderson, Cllr Bridget Wayman, Cllr Christopher Devine, Cllr Christopher Williams, Cllr Chuck Berry, Cllr Darren Henry, Cllr Deborah Halik, Cllr Derek Brown OBE, Cllr Edward Kirk, Cllr Ernie Clark, Cllr Fleur de Rhe-Philippe, Cllr Fred Westmoreland, Cllr Graham Payne, Cllr Graham Wright, Cllr Horace Prickett, Cllr Howard Greenman, Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling, Cllr Jacqui Lay, Cllr James Sheppard, Cllr Jane Davies, Cllr Jerry Kunkler, Cllr Jerry Wickham, Cllr John Smale, Cllr John Thomson, Cllr Johnny Kidney, Cllr Jonathon Seed, Cllr Jose

Green, Cllr Laura Mayes, Cllr Mark Connolly, Cllr Mary Champion, Cllr Mary Douglas, Cllr Matthew Dean, Cllr Melody Thompson, Cllr Mollie Groom, Cllr Paul Oatway QPM, Cllr Pauline Church, Cllr Peter Evans, Cllr Peter Fuller, Cllr Peter Hutton, Cllr Philip Alford, Cllr Philip Whalley, Cllr Philip Whitehead, Cllr Pip Ridout, Cllr Richard Britton, Cllr Richard Clewer, Cllr Richard Gamble, Cllr Robert Yuill, Cllr Simon Jacobs, Cllr Stewart Dobson, Cllr Sue Evans, Cllr Sven Hocking, Cllr Toby Sturgis, Cllr Tom Rounds, Cllr Tony Deane and Cllr Tony Trotman.

Abstained (4):

Cllr Ian Mclennan, Cllr John Walsh, Cllr Nick Murry and Cllr Ricky Rogers.

There being no further amendments, the meeting then returned to considering the substantive motion.

Councillor Graham Payne expressed his support for the budget, mentioned the additional support provided by town and parishes councils and welcomed the additional funds to support cleaner streets.

Councillor Jerry Wickham emphasised the scope of the adult transformation programme and his confidence in its ability to achieve savings.

Councillor Steve Oldrieve expressed regret that not all the opportunities had been taken since the inception of Wiltshire Council to improve services, and the continued financial pressure imposed by central government that has led to a reduction in services.

Councillor Clare Cape expressed concern that some of the savings targets for adult social care were robust enough to be achieved.

Councillor Ross Henning expressed regret that opportunities to protect services had not been taken in previous years funded through modest increases to council tax previously.

Councillor Chris Devine expressed concern that the rural grant would not be adequately focused on support for rural communities.

Councillor Chris Hurst expressed concern over the cuts in services and their impact on the community. He mentioned specifically the impact of the changes to parking charges on members of the public in his division.

The Leader reiterated her administrations prioritisation of investment in social care, roads, libraries, leisure centres and flood protection; and that she still supported the decisions made to deliver services differently with a balanced budget.

Councillor Whitehead, in response to some of the issues raised during debate, stated that the plans were in place to invest further in streetscene issue funded by the rural grant; how the council forecasts capital spending and schedules expenditure against projects; reiterated his support for the previous decisions to cap council tax rises in previous years; emphasised the challenge he has received councillors whilst developing his proposals; encourage councillors to contact officers to identify small businesses that may qualify for rate relief; and how the robustness of each proposed saving is risk assessed.

Having been put to a recorded vote, the meeting;

Resolved

- a. To endorse the update of the Financial Plan for 2018/19.**
- b. To approve the investment and savings proposals summarised at Sections 7 and 9 respectively of this report and at Appendix 1C, to provide a net revenue budget for 2018/19 of £327.746 million.**
- c. To:**
 - i. Set the Council's total net expenditure budget for 2018/19 at £327.746 million, plus a one off £0.655m for Streetscene arising from the additional Rural Grant.**
 - ii. Set the Social Care Levy increases in line with Council's February 2017 decision, at 3%; and a Council Tax at 2.99%.**
 - iii. Approve the capital programme proposed at Appendix 1E of this report.**
 - iv. Set the changes in fees and charges set out in detail at Section 8 of and at Appendix 1G as set out in the report , and as amended in the supplement.**
 - v. Set a 1% reduction for social dwelling rents.**
 - vi. Set the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Budget for 2018/19 as set out at Appendix 1F of the report.**
 - vii. That all other service charges related to the HRA be increased by 4% (CPI September 2017 plus 1%), including garage rents. Except for sheltered housing schemes, as these have been reviewed individually this year and will be increased by a reasonable amount each year to move to a full cost recovery position.**

d. To endorse the Medium Term Financial Strategy and receive annual updates on delivery against the strategy in setting future annual budgets.

Having previously declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in the Budget in so far as it related to the housing revenue account, Councillor Brian Dalton withdrew from the meeting when a separate vote was taken on the housing revenue account (resolutions c v, vii and viii above).

Recorded votes for the two votes were as follows:

The substantive motion to approve the budget (excluding Housing Revenue Account Items c v, vi & vii)

For the motion (64):

Baroness Scott of Bybrook OBE, Cllr Alan Hill, Cllr Allison Bucknell, Cllr Andrew Davis, Cllr Andy Phillips, Cllr Anna Cuthbert, Cllr Ashley O'Neill, Cllr Atiqui Hoque, Cllr Ben Anderson, Cllr Bridget Wayman, Cllr Christopher Devine, Cllr Christopher Williams, Cllr Chuck Berry, Cllr Darren Henry, Cllr Deborah Halik, Cllr Derek Brown OBE, Cllr Ernie Clark, Cllr Fleur de Rhe-Philippe, Cllr Fred Westmoreland, Cllr Graham Payne, Cllr Graham Wright, Cllr Horace Prickett, Cllr Howard Greenman, Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling, Cllr Jacqui Lay, Cllr James Sheppard, Cllr Jane Davies, Cllr Jerry Kunkler, Cllr Jerry Wickham, Cllr John Smale, Cllr John Thomson, Cllr Johnny Kidney, Cllr Jonathon Seed, Cllr Jose Green, Cllr Laura Mayes, Cllr Mark Connolly, Cllr Mary Champion, Cllr Mary Douglas, Cllr Matthew Dean, Cllr Melody Thompson, Cllr Mike Hewitt, Cllr Mollie Groom, Cllr Nick Murry, Cllr Paul Oatway QPM, Cllr Pauline Church, Cllr Peter Evans, Cllr Peter Fuller, Cllr Peter Hutton, Cllr Philip Alford, Cllr Philip Whalley, Cllr Philip Whitehead, Cllr Pip Ridout, Cllr Richard Britton, Cllr Richard Clewer, Cllr Richard Gamble, Cllr Robert Yuill, Cllr Simon Jacobs, Cllr Stewart Dobson, Cllr Sue Evans, Cllr Sven Hocking, Cllr Toby Sturgis, Cllr Tom Rounds , Cllr Tony Deane and Cllr Tony Trotman.

Against the motion (18):

Cllr Bob Jones MBE, Cllr Brian Dalton, Cllr Brian Mathew, Cllr Chris Hurst, Cllr Clare Cape, Cllr David Jenkins, Cllr Gavin Grant, Cllr Gordon King, Cllr Hayley Spencer, Cllr Ian Mclennan, Cllr Ian Thorn, Cllr Jim Lynch, Cllr John Walsh, Cllr Pat Aves, Cllr Ricky Rogers, Cllr Ruth Hopkinson, Cllr Stewart Palmen and Cllr Trevor Carbin.

Abstained (1):

Cllr Edward Kirk

The substantive motion to approve the budget (including Housing Revenue Account Items c v, vi & vii)

For the motion (63):

Baroness Scott of Bybrook OBE, Cllr Alan Hill, Cllr Allison Bucknell, Cllr Andrew Davis, Cllr Andy Phillips, Cllr Anna Cuthbert, Cllr Ashley O'Neill, Cllr Atiquel Hoque, Cllr Ben Anderson, Cllr Bridget Wayman, Cllr Christopher Williams, Cllr Chuck Berry, Cllr Darren Henry, Cllr Deborah Halik, Cllr Derek Brown OBE, Cllr Edward Kirk, Cllr Ernie Clark, Cllr Fleur de Rhe-Philippe, Cllr Fred Westmoreland, Cllr Graham Payne, Cllr Horace Prickett, Cllr Howard Greenman, Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling, Cllr Ian McLennan, Cllr Jacqui Lay, Cllr James Sheppard, Cllr Jane Davies, Cllr Jerry Kunkler, Cllr Jerry Wickham, Cllr John Smale, Cllr John Thomson, Cllr John Walsh, Cllr Johnny Kidney, Cllr Jose Green, Cllr Laura Mayes, Cllr Mark Connolly, Cllr Mary Champion, Cllr Mary Douglas, Cllr Matthew Dean, Cllr Melody Thompson, Cllr Mike Hewitt, Cllr Mollie Groom, Cllr Nick Murry, Cllr Paul Oatway QPM, Cllr Pauline Church, Cllr Peter Evans, Cllr Peter Fuller, Cllr Peter Hutton, Cllr Philip Whalley, Cllr Philip Whitehead, Cllr Pip Ridout, Cllr Richard Britton, Cllr Richard Clewer, Cllr Richard Gamble, Cllr Ricky Rogers, Cllr Robert Yuill, Cllr Simon Jacobs, Cllr Stewart Dobson, Cllr Sue Evans, Cllr Sven Hocking, Cllr Toby Sturgis, Cllr Tony Deane and Cllr Tony Trotman

Against the motion (11):

Cllr Brian Mathew, Cllr Chris Hurst, Cllr David Jenkins, Cllr Hayley Spencer, Cllr Ian Thorn, Cllr Jim Lynch, Cllr Pat Aves, Cllr Ross Henning, Cllr Ruth Hopkinson, Cllr Stephen Oldrieve and Cllr Trevor Carbin

Abstained (2):

Cllr Bob Jones MBE and Cllr Gordon King

9 Council Tax Setting 2018/19

The Chairman invited Councillor Philip Whitehead, 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 2018/19.

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

There being no further debate, and having been put to a recorded vote, the meeting;

Resolved

1. It be noted that on 12 December 2017 the Council calculated:

- (a) the Council Tax Base 2018/2019 for the whole Wiltshire Council area as 182,705.43 [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 2018/2019 (excluding precepts) is £258,449,620.
 3. That the following amounts be calculated for the year 2018/2019 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Act:
 - (a) £947,510,948 (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) £669,257,003 (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) £278,253,945 (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) £1,522.96 (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 £ |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1,015.31 | 1,184.50 | 1,353.75 | 1,522.96 | 1,861.40 | 2,199.83 | 2,538.27 | 3,045.92 |

(e) £19,804,325.09 (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) £1,414.57 (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 £ |
|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| 943.05 | 1,100.2 2 | 1,257.4 0 | 1,414.5 7 | 1,728.9 2 | 2,043.2 7 | 2,357.62 | 2,829.1 4 |

For the motion (82):

Baroness Scott of Bybrook OBE, Cllr Alan Hill, Cllr Allison Bucknell, Cllr Andrew Davis, Cllr Andy Phillips, Cllr Anna Cuthbert, Cllr Ashley O'Neill, Cllr Atiquel Hoque, Cllr Ben Anderson, Cllr Bob Jones MBE, Cllr Brian Mathew, Cllr Bridget Wayman, Cllr Chris Hurst, Cllr Christopher Devine, Cllr Chuck Berry, Cllr Clare Cape, Cllr Darren Henry, Cllr David Jenkins, Cllr Deborah Halik, Cllr Derek Brown OBE, Cllr Edward Kirk, Cllr Ernie Clark, Cllr Fleur de Rhe-Philipe, Cllr Fred Westmoreland, Cllr Gavin Grant, Cllr George Jeans, Cllr Gordon King, Cllr Graham Payne, Cllr Graham Wright, Cllr Hayley Spencer, Cllr Horace Prickett, Cllr Howard Greenman, Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling, Cllr Ian McLennan, Cllr Ian Thorn, Cllr Jacqui Lay, Cllr James Sheppard, Cllr Jane Davies, Cllr Jerry Kunkler, Cllr

Jerry Wickham, Cllr Jim Lynch, Cllr John Smale, Cllr John Thomson, Cllr John Walsh, Cllr Johnny Kidney, Cllr Jonathon Seed, Cllr Jose Green, Cllr Laura Mayes, Cllr Mark Connolly, Cllr Mary Champion, Cllr Mary Douglas, Cllr Matthew Dean, Cllr Melody Thompson, Cllr Mike Hewitt, Cllr Nick Murry, Cllr Pat Aves, Cllr Paul Oatway QPM, Cllr Pauline Church, Cllr Peter Evans, Cllr Peter Fuller, Cllr Peter Hutton, Cllr Philip Alford, Cllr Philip Whalley, Cllr Philip Whitehead, Cllr Pip Ridout, Cllr Richard Britton, Cllr Richard Clewer, Cllr Richard Gamble, Cllr Ricky Rogers, Cllr Robert Yuill, Cllr Ross Henning, Cllr Ruth Hopkinson, Cllr Simon Jacobs, Cllr Stephen Oldrieve, Cllr Stewart Dobson, Cllr Stewart Palmen, Cllr Sue Evans, Cllr Sven Hocking, Cllr Toby Sturgis, Cllr Tom Rounds, Cllr Tony Deane and Cllr Tony Trotman.

Against the motion (1):

Cllr Trevor Carbin

Admin Note: The meeting adjourned for lunch at 13:38 and reconvened at 14:24

10 **Pay Policy Statement**

The Chairman invited Councillor Richard Clewer, Cabinet member for Corporate Services, to present the updated pay policy statement for 2018/19 which applied to all non-schools employees of Wiltshire Council, except for centrally employed teachers who are covered by the teachers' pay policy.

Councillor Richard Clewer proposed, duly seconded by the Leader, that the recommendations in the report be adopted.

There being no further debate, the meeting;

Resolved

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

Admin Note: A record of the vote is appended to these minutes.

11 **Wiltshire Council Electoral Review**

The Chairman invited Councillor Richard Clewer, as Chairman of the Electoral Review Committee, to present the report, included in the agenda supplement one circulated on the 14 February 2018, which sought approval of a draft submission to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England on council size as recommended by the Council's Electoral Review Committee.

Councillor Richard Clewer proposed, subsequently seconded by the Leader, that Council approves the draft submission on council size to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, subject to any minor drafting

and consequential changes to be delegated to the Director of Legal and Democratic Services in consultation with the Chairman of the Electoral Review Committee. It was noted that the draft submission, approved by the Committee, recommended that a council size of 99 members be submitted to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England; as that number was considered to be the most appropriate to enable Wiltshire Council ("The to provide effective and convenient local government within Wiltshire, taking into account the Council's governance arrangements, its regulatory and scrutiny functions and the representational role of councillors, in particular in relation to the community area system.

In making his proposal, Councillor Clewer outlined that process and emphasised that the review was in the first stage where a submission was sought on the appropriate number of councillors for the authority and that the Commission would make its decision on the number of councillors before seeking views on the appropriate division boundaries. He thanked the committee for their work and outlined the process undertaken by the committee in drawing up the proposals. He emphasised that the committee had started by gathering the evidence to establish the number of members required to effectively support the proper governance of the authority's area, including the Area Board structure. He then explained how the impacts of different proposals were considered; the impact of the proposals on community area governance and effective scrutiny; how population estimates were projected and included in the review; and that some changes to division boundaries were inevitable whatever number was decided.

In making his proposal, Councillor Clewer suggested an amendment to the submission as follows:

At para 94 to delete the words 'strong preference' replace with 'requirement' to strengthen it.

This having been accepted by the seconder became part of the substantive motion.

The Chairman gave an opportunity for the group leaders to comment on the proposals.

The Leader thanked the committee for their hard work. She stated that she had spoken to the Boundary Commission and was reassured that the priorities of the review were good governance and an equality of votes; she emphasised that the council is relatively new and that the governance of the council remains, as it did at the beginning, a priority for the authority. She emphasised the need to retain single member divisions to retain strong community leadership.

Councillor Ian Thorn thanked the Committee for their hard work, and to his colleagues for developing an alternative proposal. He spoke in support of the need for single member divisions, but expressed concern that the committee

proposals did not reflect changes made in other parts of the council to transform the way it works.

Councillor Ernie Clark thanked the committee and saw much to support in the proposals but will listen to the debate on alternative proposals.

Councillor Ricky Rogers also emphasised the importance of political governance and spoke in support of the proposals.

Councillor Gavin Grant proposed, duly seconded by Councillor Clare Cape, that the amendments be made to the draft submission as outline in his paper published in supplement three circulated on the 19 February 2018. It was noted that the effect of this amendment was to propose a revised Council size of 86. In making his amendment, Councillor Grant stated that he felt the amendments were more in line with the information required by the Commission. He outlined where, in the course of the Committee's debate, his view had differed from the other members of the committee. He emphasised his support for the local governance arrangements based on 18 area boards; how good governance and the scrutiny of the council would continue to be supported; the difference of opinion regarding the importance of the role of the portfolio holders; that whilst the commission is not concerned with the cost implications of proposals, the council should be; and that he believed that area boards can function with only three members where necessary as is currently the case with Tidworth and Pewsey.

The Chairman gave an opportunity for the group leaders to comment on the amendment.

Councillor Ian Thorn stated that he was more persuaded by the arguments for the amendment.

Councillor Ernie Clark stated that he could not support the amendment, and expressed concern that fewer councillors would result in greater workloads which would possibly put off younger and working age people from standing for election.

The meeting then debated the amendment:

Councillor Jonathon Seed spoke against the amendment and expressed concern that the amendment was not fully evidenced. He reiterated how the committee had reached its conclusions based on the evidence gathered.

Councillor Graham Wright stated that he felt that all members of the committee had contributed to the debate even where they disagreed, but that he would not be seeking to support the amendment.

Councillor Ian McLennan stated that he could not supported the amendment as it did not provide an adequate number of councillors to run the Council and to allow councillors to get to know their communities well.

Councillor Ian Blair-Pilling spoke in the support of the original motion and stated that he felt that this offered the most adequate capacity for good governance for the council.

Councillor Chris Hurst stated that he believed that people of working age were able to act effectively in the role, and that he felt the amendment was proportionate.

Councillor Clare Cape spoke in support of the amendment and felt that it was properly evidenced. She reiterated the need to offer an effective and efficient governance structure.

Councillor Chris William spoke against the amendment due to its impact on community area governance.

Councillor Philip Whitehead spoke against the amendment stating: that the cost of the proposals should not be considered; that the value of portfolio holders was clear; that the example of what had happened in other authorities was not entirely relevant; and his concern that the amendment would negatively impact on the area board model.

Councillor Ross Henning spoke in support of the area board model and felt that the amendment would not negatively impact on that model.

Councillor David Jenkins spoke in support of the amendment as it was properly evidenced.

Councillor Jerry Kunkler spoke against the amendment and referred to the reduction made to the number of councillors who had represented the former the county and district councils , and that he would not support a further reduction as that could negatively impact on political representation.

Councillor John Thomson spoke against the amendment and that he felt that the area board model would be undermined by the amendment at a time where more engagement with the community would be required.

Councillor Jim Lynch spoke in support of the area boards and emphasised that they should be adequately staffed.

In response to the amendment, Councillor Clewer reiterated the difference in the governance model used in Wiltshire, and restated the importance for having the right number of councillors to support this model. He emphasised the impact of the proposed amendment to the area board model and the importance of electoral equivalence, and spoke against the amendment,

Having been put to a recorded vote, the amendment was lost and recorded as follows:

For the motion (16):

Cllr Bob Jones MBE, Cllr Brian Mathew, Cllr Chris Hurst, Cllr Clare Cape, Cllr David Jenkins, Cllr Gavin Grant, Cllr Gordon King, Cllr Hayley Spencer, Cllr Ian Thorn, Cllr Jim Lynch, Cllr Pat Aves, Cllr Ross Henning, Cllr Ruth Hopkinson, Cllr Stephen Oldrieve, Cllr Stewart Palmen and Cllr Trevor Carbin.

Against the motion (65):

Baroness Scott of Bybrook OBE, Cllr Alan Hill, Cllr Allison Bucknell, Cllr Andrew Davis, Cllr Andy Phillips, Cllr Anna Cuthbert, Cllr Ashley O'Neill, Cllr Atiquel Hoque, Cllr Ben Anderson, Cllr Bridget Wayman, Cllr Christopher Williams, Cllr Chuck Berry, Cllr Darren Henry, Cllr Deborah Halik, Cllr Derek Brown OBE, Cllr Edward Kirk, Cllr Ernie Clark, Cllr Fleur de Rhe-Philipe, Cllr Fred Westmoreland, Cllr George Jeans, Cllr Horace Prickett, Cllr Howard Greenman, Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling, Cllr Ian McLennan, Cllr Jacqui Lay, Cllr James Sheppard, Cllr Jane Davies, Cllr Jerry Kunkler, Cllr Jerry Wickham, Cllr John Smale, Cllr John Thomson, Cllr John Walsh, Cllr Johnny Kidney, Cllr Jonathon Seed, Cllr Jose Green, Cllr Laura Mayes, Cllr Mark Connolly, Cllr Mary Champion, Cllr Mary Douglas, Cllr Matthew Dean, Cllr Mike Hewitt, Cllr Mollie Groom, Cllr Nick Murry, Cllr Paul Oatway QPM, Cllr Pauline Church, Cllr Peter Evans, Cllr Peter Fuller, Cllr Peter Hutton, Cllr Philip Alford, Cllr Philip Whalley, Cllr Philip Whitehead, Cllr Pip Ridout, Cllr Richard Britton, Cllr Richard Clewer, Cllr Richard Gamble, Cllr Ricky Rogers, Cllr Robert Yuill, Cllr Simon Jacobs, Cllr Stewart Dobson, Cllr Sue Evans, Cllr Sven Hocking, Cllr Toby Sturgis, Cllr Tom Rounds, Cllr Tony Deane and Cllr Tony Trotman.

The meeting then returned to the substantive motion.

Councillor Ian McLennan proposed an amendment and referred to a paragraph that had been include an early draft of the submission considered by the Committee and suggested the following be included:

Therefore, the Committee does not see a situation where any division boundaries cross community area boundaries, and that the sole present example, Laverstock, Ford and Old Sarum, be adjusted to correct this.

Councillor Clewer stated in response that the Committee had considered this paragraph and had decided not to include it as the matter would addressed in the next stage of electoral review process.

Upon the advice of the Monitoring Officer, the Chairman determined that the amendment proposed by Councillor McLennan was not valid

, as this matter would be dealt with at the 2nd stage of the electoral review, and as the inclusion of the additional text would effectively reverse the arguments made at para 33 of the draft submission where the committee determined that sound community boundaries may need amendment.

There being no further comments, and having been put to a recorded vote, the meeting resolved to pass the original motion as follows:

Resolved

To approve the draft submission on council size to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, subject to any minor drafting and consequential changes to be delegated to the Director of Legal and Democratic Services in consultation with the Chairman of the Electoral Review Committee.

For the motion (64):

Baroness Scott of Bybrook OBE, Cllr Alan Hill, Cllr Allison Bucknell, Cllr Andrew Davis, Cllr Anna Cuthbert, Cllr Ashley O'Neill, Cllr Atiqul Hoque, Cllr Ben Anderson, Cllr Bridget Wayman, Cllr Christopher Williams, Cllr Chuck Berry, Cllr Darren Henry, Cllr Deborah Halik, Cllr Derek Brown OBE, Cllr Edward Kirk, Cllr Ernie Clark, Cllr Fleur de Rhe-Philipe, Cllr Fred Westmoreland, Cllr George Jeans, Cllr Graham Wright, Cllr Horace Prickett, Cllr Howard Greenman, Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling, Cllr Ian McLennan, Cllr Jacqui Lay, Cllr James Sheppard, Cllr Jane Davies, Cllr Jerry Kunkler, Cllr Jerry Wickham, Cllr John Smale, Cllr John Thomson, Cllr John Walsh, Cllr Johnny Kidney, Cllr Jonathon Seed, Cllr Jose Green, Cllr Laura Mayes, Cllr Mark Connolly, Cllr Mary Champion, Cllr Mary Douglas, Cllr Matthew Dean, Cllr Mike Hewitt, Cllr Nick Murry, Cllr Paul Oatway QPM, Cllr Pauline Church, Cllr Peter Evans, Cllr Peter Fuller, Cllr Peter Hutton, Cllr Philip Alford, Cllr Philip Whalley, Cllr Philip Whitehead, Cllr Pip Ridout, Cllr Richard Britton, Cllr Richard Clewer, Cllr Richard Gamble, Cllr Ricky Rogers, Cllr Robert Yuill, Cllr Simon Jacobs, Cllr Stewart Dobson, Cllr Sue Evans, Cllr Sven Hocking, Cllr Toby Sturgis, Cllr Tom Rounds, Cllr Tony Deane and Cllr Tony Trotman

Against the motion (15):

Cllr Bob Jones MBE, Cllr Brian Mathew, Cllr Chris Hurst, Cllr Clare Cape, Cllr David Jenkins, Cllr Gavin Grant, Cllr Gordon King, Cllr Hayley Spencer, Cllr Ian Thorn, Cllr Pat Aves, Cllr Ross Henning, Cllr Ruth Hopkinson, Cllr Stephen Oldrieve, Cllr Stewart Palmen and Cllr Trevor Carbin

12 Proposed Changes to the Council's Allocations Policy

The Chairman invited Councillor Richard Clewer, Cabinet Member for Housing, to present the report which sought approval for the Cabinet's recommendation to amend the Council's Allocation Policy.

Councillor Richard Clewer proposed, subsequently seconded by the Leader that Council approve the adoption of the amended allocations policy.

The Chairman gave an opportunity for the group leaders to comment.

The Leader thanked the officers for their work and in particular with the military community.

In response to a question from Councillor Trevor Carbin, Councillor Clewer stated that any random checks on the veracity of the information submitted to establish local connection would be undertaken at the time of registration, and that he would check what action would be taken for any errors established at a later date.

There being no further comments, and having been put to a recorded vote, the meeting;

Resolved

To approve the adoption of the amended allocations policy

Admin Note: A record of the vote is appended to these minutes.

13 Carers Strategy

The Chairman invited Councillor Jerry Wickham, Cabinet Member for Adult Care, to present the report which sought approval for the Cabinet's recommendation to adopt the Carers Strategy.

Councillor Jerry Wickham proposed, subsequently seconded by Councillor Laura Mayes, that Council approve the Carers in Wiltshire Strategy 2017 – 22, to be published in March 2018. In presenting the strategy, Councillor Wickham stated: that the Council recognised the hard work undertaken by carers; the support of health partners; the work to build on the original adult carers strategy and the young carers strategy; that the national carers strategy has yet to be published; the process for consulting on the strategy and the views submitted by partners and scrutiny.

The Chairman gave an opportunity for the group leaders to comment.

The Leader emphasised the appreciation felt for the contribution made by carers, and the wish to support them in their role.

There being no further comments, and having been put to a recorded vote, the meeting;

Resolved

To approve the Carers in Wiltshire Strategy 2017 – 22, to be published in March 2018

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14 Amendments to the Wiltshire Local Transport Plan (LTP) 2011-2026

The Chairman invited Councillor Bridget Wayman, Cabinet Member Transport, to present the item which sought approval for the amendment Policy PS3 of the LTP Car Parking Strategy following the decision of Cabinet made at their meeting on the 30 January 2018.

Councillor Bridget Wayman proposed, subsequently seconded by The Leader that Council approve Cabinet's recommendation to remove the following text from Policy PS3 of the LTP Car Parking Strategy would be made to full Council:

Sunday parking charges will be considered where there is an identified traffic congestion or air quality issue, or where there is a strong and established parking demand from shoppers or visitors.

The Chairman gave an opportunity for the group leaders to comment.

There being no further comments, and having been put to a recorded vote, the meeting;

Resolved

To remove the following text from Policy PS3 of the LTP Car Parking Strategy would be made to full Council:

Sunday parking charges will be considered where there is an identified traffic congestion or air quality issue, or where there is a strong and established parking demand from shoppers or visitors.

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15 Notices of Motion

The meeting considered the following motions:

16 Notice of Motion No.5 - Salisbury Athletics Track

At the invitation of the Chairman, Councillor Ricky Rogers proposed the motion which was subsequently seconded by Councillor John Walsh.

In response to the motion, Councillor John Thomson stated that having spoken to Councillor Ricky Rogers, he would be asking for the matter to be referred to the Leader for resolution.

Having been proposed by the Chairman and seconded by the Vice-Chairman, the motion was referred to the Leader for resolution.

17 **Notice of Motion No.6 - Shared Lives Programme**

At the invitation of the Chairman, Councillor Brian Mathew proposed the motion subsequently seconded by Councillor Gordon King. In moving his motion Cllr Matthew spoke of the importance of supporting people with care needs to live in their communities as long as possible, and how the programme offers an alternative model of support to residential care. He also mentioned the relative level of provision in neighbouring areas, and argued that a relatively small investment in the programme would result in financial and social benefits.

In response to the motion, Councillor Jerry Wickham stated that he supported the motion.

Having been proposed by the Chairman and seconded by the Vice-Chairman, the motion was referred to the Leader for resolution.

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18 **Minutes of Cabinet and Committees**

The Chairman moved that Council receive and note the minutes as listed in the separate Minutes Book and this was duly seconded by the Vice-Chairman.

The Chairman then invited questions from members on points of information or clarification on the above minutes and gave the Chairmen of those meetings the opportunity to make any important announcements on the work of their respective Committees.

The Leader confirmed, as previously announced at a previous meeting of Cabinet, that Councillor Chuck Berry had resigned from the Cabinet, and thanked him for his work on the Cabinet.

Resolved:

That the minutes be received and noted

19 **Membership of Committees**

The Chairman invited Group Leaders to present any requests for changes to committee membership in accordance with the allocation of seats to political groups previously approved by Council.

Following a request made by Baroness Scott of Bybrook, OBE, Leader of the Conservative Group, it was;

Resolved

That Councillor Tony Trotman be removed from the Health Select Committee and that Councillor Chuck Berry be placed on the Health Select Committee.

20 **Councillors' Questions**

The Chairman reported receipt of two questions for the meeting from Councillors Ian Thorn. details of which were circulated in Agenda Supplement two

Councillor Ian Thorn was permitted to each ask one relevant supplementary question per question submitted and where they did so, the relevant Cabinet member responded as summarised below:

1. Councillor Ian Thorn to Councillor Toby Sturgis (Ref 18-01)

In response to a request for more succinct clarify, Councillor Toby Sturgis confirmed that the answer was no.

2. Councillor Ian Thorn to Councillor Toby Sturgis (Ref 18-02)

There was no supplementary question.

(Duration of meeting: 10.30 am - 4.06 pm)

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Leader's budget speech – 19 February (2018)

I was reminded recently of a famous quote;

“It isn't what we say or think that defines us, but what we do...”

Jane Austin penned this – and it's as simple as it is true.

It made me reflect on this council and realise that we are defined by the actions we take and the outcomes we deliver.

I think we should all be proud that even in the toughest and most challenging of times we have continued to deliver services that people need and do all that we can to improve the lives for people in Wiltshire, and, in particular, for those who are most vulnerable.

Since we formed in 2009 - can you believe almost ten years ago!
our vision and priorities have remained the same and we have been united and focused on these.

We build strong communities, protect the vulnerable, and do what we can to grow the economy.

Wiltshire Council is now well reputed, high performing and a multi-award winning authority.

We have earned this reputation based on our track record for delivering radical and innovative transformation programmes.

We've had little choice – we had to do things differently.

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Like other authorities across the country, we've had to manage the challenge of increasing service demands and a continued reduction in central government funding.

Our most recent Business Plan, published last July, sets out our ambitious agenda for the next ten years.

This plan focuses on these three priorities and it also sets out what actions we will take.

These actions reflect what matters to residents and local communities and we mustn't lose sight of this.

People care – they care about the place where they live; how it looks, how clean it is and that it has the facilities that the local community needs to come together and to thrive.

As you are all aware we continue to experience an unprecedented growth in children's and adult social care services.

We have to transform and change what we do, if we are to meet these demands and continue to protect those who are most vulnerable.

Our recovery and transformation of children's services (following the Oftsed inspection on 2012) was recognised last year by the LGA peer review team.

They stated that we were an exemplar of cross council working.

The first phase of the transformation has integrated children's services, bringing Early Help and Safeguarding and Assessment together.

The next phase, which is underway, will engage staff, partners and service users in delivering integrated, family-focused provision and better outcomes for children.

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The earlier we can intervene and provide the support that's needed, the greater the benefits including a reduction in the escalating costs.

The approach to children's transformation is helping to guide the adult transformation programme, which is also well underway.

In adult care, across the whole country there are huge challenges.

Our population is ageing and life expectancy is increasing, bringing with it rising demand and cost.

In Wiltshire we have the third largest older population, with 100,000 of our 475,000 residents aged over 65, and – as you know - this is projected to rise by around 25% in the next five years.

In the 2018/19 budget - that we are discussing today - we are again proposing to raise the Social Care Levy by 3% - but, let's be clear...

this won't raise anywhere near enough to keep pace with demand - so we have to do something radical.

The transformation of adult social care sets out a vision to support independent lives in local communities and make our adult care the best in the country by 2020.

Although this is projected to save around £8 million - it isn't about cost-cutting - it's about improving outcomes for all those who need support and help.

Whilst we've increased the adult social care budget over the last four years by 11% - that's £13.5 million, we have to rethink how care is going to be provided going forward, as we cannot sustain an ongoing investment that will meet the increasing demand.

We want to continue to help people to live at home for longer and enable them to take responsibility for their own wellbeing.

We need to build on the success of the Help to Live at Home scheme, which so far has helped around 6,500 people to stay independent.

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The provision of care services is changing and by bringing some of these services in-house we can start a reablement service.

We are ahead of the curve in recognising that things have to change.

Wiltshire's effective and award winning Health and Wellbeing Board is already delivering several programmes that are integrating health and social care services.

An example - which you may be aware of - is the single view of the customer.

This allows an individual's data to be collected once and then shared – as required to avoid duplication, excess time and the frustration for the customer or patient.

The result is a more efficient and joined up service that delivers real outcomes for the individual and provides the care package and support that they need to live a healthier life at home, in their local community, where we know they prefer to be.

Also, as part of the recent tier one restructure to appoint the corporate directors, we introduced a new role – a corporate director for health and adult social care.

This is a joint role with the NHS Wiltshire Clinical Commissioning Group and this post holder will also be their Chief Accountable Officer.

This is a radical move and one that demonstrates the commitment and realisation that these services must integrate at all levels including the most senior level, if we are to meet the growing demand and deliver the best possible social care services in the future.

The post will be advertised soon, and I anticipate that it will have a lot of interest given that this is new and different and that very few local authorities and health services have gone down a similar approach. Although based on the pressures I suspect this will change and we will see more shared roles.

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The programme of transformation in both children's and adults have involved staff, partners and service users.

We know by working with others we can make a huge and positive difference.

A recent example was the pressures on the acute hospitals.

Interestingly, the admissions of people from Wiltshire with respiratory problems - one of the major pressures on the health service at this time of year - has been much lower than many other counties.

This has been attributed to the high take up of the flu vaccine in Wiltshire, which is one of the highest in the country.

This is the result of our public health team working with GPs, schools, communities and businesses to encourage people to get vaccinated and take responsibility for their own health.

It proves that preventative action reduces service pressures and high costs.

The more that communities and individuals can take responsibility for their health and wellbeing the bigger the impact.

We recognise that we need to invest in our local communities to encourage and empower people to take more responsibility.

Our model of community working is well established and nationally recognised,

but - we need to do more...

We need to increase capacity

Whilst there are currently more than 6,000 volunteers helping to deliver council services across Wiltshire including locally based flood wardens, people who help to

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clear and maintain our rights of way, sports coaches and 868 people who support the library service...

We need to encourage **everyone** in local communities to do a little to help others.

As Martin Luther King said;

“Life’s most persistent and urgent question is what are you doing for others? “.

We are creating places for our communities and so far we have invested more than £41 million in new facilities including three community campuses and three hubs across the county.

Work is currently underway to invest a further £33 million in facilities in Pewsey and Royal Wootton Bassett, and to complete the final phase of the programme in Melksham, Cricklade and Calne.

Future provision of facilities, in other areas, will focus on community hubs based on the successful model implemented in Calne, Devizes and Malmesbury, which have seen significant returns both in income and social capital on comparatively small investment.

These hubs are providing a wide range of services and flexible space that is being used by the community and commercial organisations.

We have seen a significant rise in visitor numbers - up to 128% increase in some places - and we have also seen a rise in the number of volunteers helping to provide services.

We need to do all that we can, working with local communities, to ensure that their local facilities and services are sustainable in the future and will not be reliant on any subsidy from the council.

We need these hubs – these community places.

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Did you know that a recent study showed that 200,000 UK pensioners had not had a conversation with a friend or relative in more than a month!

That's really shocking.

And, right now more than 9 million people in the UK say they regularly feel lonely.

The impact of loneliness and isolation is one of the biggest demands and costs to the health service.

Research states that loneliness can be as bad for your health as smoking 15 cigarettes a day.

We have to take action and we have to do what we can to help combat this issue.

I'd like to highlight the Malmesbury hub, known as the Riverside Community Centre that opened its doors a year ago and quickly established itself as a 'must-book venue' for local groups and clubs.

From the well-attended Saturday morning drop-in brunch club - as this is evidenced as the peak time when people feel most lonely - to running clubs, girl guides, a choir and a band, the centre offers something for everyone whatever their age.

The hub is run by Friends of Riverside, a group of volunteers that also run activities at the centre; such as Saturday Friends Sessions for seniors, especially welcoming those with dementia. They collect people from local care homes by minibus so that these older people can continue to socialise with friends and others.

The hub is a really important place and it's making a positive difference to many people's lives.

If every community was able to emulate this approach and support those that need it most we would be able to allocate our resources where they are most needed.

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Our communities do so much already, but together we need to look at what more they can do; what services they can deliver and support and what more they can do to help others.

As Margaret J Wheatley an expert in community leadership says;

“There is no power for change greater than a community discovering what it cares about”.

We know that communities care.

They care about people and about their environment and their local facilities.

Thousands turn out each year to take part in community litter picks tackling the hot spots and helping to clean-up our county and reduce the £2.5m we spend on picking up rubbish.

As I've said before, if everyone is encouraged to make a small contribution to help others, to help the environment, and to help make their place better – then what a positive impact can be made.

No one can do everything but, everyone can do something.

That is why we will continue to invest in communities and devolve services that are best delivered locally.

I have, therefore, decided to propose an amendment to the budget and to allocate £669,000 from the recently announced Rural Fund to go into street scene services to help to improve the environment, including combating litter and fly tipping.

If we are to meet the challenges ahead, we will need to increase the capacity in our communities and continue to work with our partners.

We also know how important it is to have a strong and robust local economy.

We recognise the impact that a strong economy can have on the overall health and wellbeing of the county.

Growing the economy is one of our three priorities.

More than £300 million has been allocated in the capital programme to be spent on infrastructure to improve access and transport across the county, regenerate our market towns, deliver housing and improve connectivity.

Protecting and creating new jobs and making sure that businesses in Wiltshire can recruit the skills they need, is vital to supporting the growth of the local economy.

Working with colleges, businesses and the Local Enterprise Partnership we will continue to promote and support apprenticeships and help people to access higher education and training.

We will do all we can to help develop the workforce that Wiltshire needs.

As a council we will become more business-like, but we won't be a business.

We will offer more through digital options allowing our residents to self-serve at a time that's convenient to them.

We need to continue to drive change and transformation and look to the future.

As Richard Branson once was quoted:

“unsuccessful organisations make decisions based on their current situation – successful organisations make decisions based on where they want to be.”

The LGA peer challenge team also stated that this council has strong, visible and accessible leadership that gives clear direction.

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We know what we need to do and the budget before you today continues the journey to transform and improve this council - so that we make Wiltshire an even better place to live, work in and visit.

My thanks go to the corporate team and my cabinet and in particular to Michael Hudson as finance director and Philip Whitehead as my lead member for finance, for delivering one of the most challenging budgets that this council has had to manage.

It clearly sets out how we will continue to deliver our priorities and make the savings required.

I would like to acknowledge and commend the innovative thinking, commitment and business-like approach from everyone involved in proposing this balanced budget for consideration by this council today...

Treasury Management Strategy 2018/19 (Minute 7 refers)

For the motion (86):

Baroness Scott of Bybrook OBE, Cllr Alan Hill, Cllr Allison Bucknell, Cllr Andrew Davis, Cllr Andy Phillips, Cllr Anna Cuthbert, Cllr Ashley O'Neill, Cllr Atiquel Hoque, Cllr Ben Anderson, Cllr Bob Jones MBE, Cllr Brian Dalton, Cllr Brian Mathew, Cllr Bridget Wayman, Cllr Chris Hurst, Cllr Christopher Devine, Cllr Christopher Williams, Cllr Chuck Berry, Cllr Clare Cape, Cllr Darren Henry, Cllr David Jenkins, Cllr Deborah Halik, Cllr Derek Brown OBE, Cllr Edward Kirk, Cllr Ernie Clark, Cllr Fleur de Rhe-Philipe, Cllr Fred Westmoreland, Cllr Gavin Grant, Cllr George Jeans, Cllr Gordon King, Cllr Graham Payne, Cllr Graham Wright, Cllr Hayley Spencer, Cllr Horace Prickett, Cllr Howard Greenman, Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling, Cllr Ian McLennan, Cllr Ian Thorn, Cllr Jacqui Lay, Cllr James Sheppard, Cllr Jane Davies, Cllr Jerry Kunkler, Cllr Jerry Wickham, Cllr Jim Lynch, Cllr John Smale, Cllr John Thomson, Cllr Johnny Kidney, Cllr Jonathon Seed, Cllr Jose Green, Cllr Laura Mayes, Cllr Mark Connolly, Cllr Mary Champion, Cllr Mary Douglas, Cllr Matthew Dean, Cllr Melody Thompson, Cllr Mike Hewitt, Cllr Mollie Groom, Cllr Nick Fogg MBE, Cllr Nick Murry, Cllr Pat Aves, Cllr Paul Oatway QPM, Cllr Pauline Church, Cllr Peter Evans, Cllr Peter Fuller, Cllr Peter Hutton, Cllr Philip Alford, Cllr Philip Whalley, Cllr Philip Whitehead, Cllr Pip Ridout, Cllr Richard Britton, Cllr Richard Clewer, Cllr Richard Gamble, Cllr Ricky Rogers, Cllr Robert Yuill, Cllr Ross Henning, Cllr Roy While, Cllr Ruth Hopkinson, Cllr Simon Jacobs, Cllr Stephen Oldrieve, Cllr Stewart Dobson, Cllr Stewart Palmen, Cllr Sue Evans, Cllr Sven Hocking, Cllr Toby Sturgis, Cllr Tom Rounds, Cllr Tony Deane and Cllr Tony Trotman.

Against the motion (1):

Cllr Trevor Carbin

Wiltshire Council's Financial Plan Update 2018/19 (Minute 8 refers)

The Liberal Democrat Group amendment

For the motion (18):

Cllr Bob Jones MBE, Cllr Brian Dalton, Cllr Brian Mathew, Cllr Chris Hurst, Cllr Clare Cape, Cllr David Jenkins, Cllr Gavin Grant, Cllr Gordon King, Cllr Hayley Spencer, Cllr Ian Thorn, Cllr Jim Lynch, Cllr Mike Hewitt, Cllr Pat Aves, Cllr Ross Henning, Cllr Ruth Hopkinson, Cllr Stephen Oldrieve, Cllr Stewart Palmen and Cllr Trevor Carbin

Against the motion (63):

Baroness Scott of Bybrook OBE, Cllr Alan Hill, Cllr Allison Bucknell, Cllr Andrew Davis, Cllr Andy Phillips, Cllr Anna Cuthbert, Cllr Ashley O'Neill, Cllr Atiquel Hoque, Cllr Ben Anderson, Cllr Bridget Wayman, Cllr Christopher Devine, Cllr Christopher Williams, Cllr Chuck Berry, Cllr Darren Henry, Cllr Deborah Halik, Cllr Derek Brown OBE, Cllr Edward Kirk, Cllr Ernie Clark, Cllr Fleur de Rhe-Philipe, Cllr Fred Westmoreland, Cllr Graham Payne, Cllr Graham Wright, Cllr Horace Prickett, Cllr Howard Greenman, Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling, Cllr Jacqui Lay, Cllr James Sheppard, Cllr

Jane Davies, Cllr Jerry Kunkler, Cllr Jerry Wickham, Cllr John Smale, Cllr John Thomson, Cllr Johnny Kidney, Cllr Jonathon Seed, Cllr Jose Green, Cllr Laura Mayes, Cllr Mark Connolly, Cllr Mary Champion, Cllr Mary Douglas, Cllr Matthew Dean, Cllr Melody Thompson, Cllr Mollie Groom, Cllr Paul Oatway QPM, Cllr Pauline Church, Cllr Peter Evans, Cllr Peter Fuller, Cllr Peter Hutton, Cllr Philip Alford, Cllr Philip Whalley, Cllr Philip Whitehead, Cllr Pip Ridout, Cllr Richard Britton, Cllr Richard Clewer, Cllr Richard Gamble, Cllr Robert Yuill, Cllr Simon Jacobs, Cllr Stewart Dobson, Cllr Sue Evans, Cllr Sven Hocking, Cllr Toby Sturgis, Cllr Tom Rounds, Cllr Tony Deane and Cllr Tony Trotman.

Abstained (4):

Cllr Ian Mclennan, Cllr John Walsh, Cllr Nick Murry and Cllr Ricky Rogers.

The substantive motion to approve the budget (excluding Housing Revenue Account Items c v, vi & vii)

For the motion (64):

Baroness Scott of Bybrook OBE, Cllr Alan Hill, Cllr Allison Bucknell, Cllr Andrew Davis, Cllr Andy Phillips, Cllr Anna Cuthbert, Cllr Ashley O'Neill, Cllr Atiqul Hoque, Cllr Ben Anderson, Cllr Bridget Wayman, Cllr Christopher Devine, Cllr Christopher Williams, Cllr Chuck Berry, Cllr Darren Henry, Cllr Deborah Halik, Cllr Derek Brown OBE, Cllr Ernie Clark, Cllr Fleur de Rhe-Philipe, Cllr Fred Westmoreland, Cllr Graham Payne, Cllr Graham Wright, Cllr Horace Prickett, Cllr Howard Greenman, Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling, Cllr Jacqui Lay, Cllr James Sheppard, Cllr Jane Davies, Cllr Jerry Kunkler, Cllr Jerry Wickham, Cllr John Smale, Cllr John Thomson, Cllr Johnny Kidney, Cllr Jonathon Seed, Cllr Jose Green, Cllr Laura Mayes, Cllr Mark Connolly, Cllr Mary Champion, Cllr Mary Douglas, Cllr Matthew Dean, Cllr Melody Thompson, Cllr Mike Hewitt, Cllr Mollie Groom, Cllr Nick Murry, Cllr Paul Oatway QPM, Cllr Pauline Church, Cllr Peter Evans, Cllr Peter Fuller, Cllr Peter Hutton, Cllr Philip Alford, Cllr Philip Whalley, Cllr Philip Whitehead, Cllr Pip Ridout, Cllr Richard Britton, Cllr Richard Clewer, Cllr Richard Gamble, Cllr Robert Yuill, Cllr Simon Jacobs, Cllr Stewart Dobson, Cllr Sue Evans, Cllr Sven Hocking, Cllr Toby Sturgis, Cllr Tom Rounds, Cllr Tony Deane and Cllr Tony Trotman.

Against the motion (18):

Cllr Bob Jones MBE, Cllr Brian Dalton, Cllr Brian Mathew, Cllr Chris Hurst, Cllr Clare Cape, Cllr David Jenkins, Cllr Gavin Grant, Cllr Gordon King, Cllr Hayley Spencer, Cllr Ian Mclennan, Cllr Ian Thorn, Cllr Jim Lynch, Cllr John Walsh, Cllr Pat Aves, Cllr Ricky Rogers, Cllr Ruth Hopkinson, Cllr Stewart Palmen and Cllr Trevor Carbin.

Abstained (1):

Cllr Edward Kirk

The substantive motion to approve the budget (including Housing Revenue Account Items c v, vi & vii)

For the motion (63):

Baroness Scott of Bybrook OBE, Cllr Alan Hill, Cllr Allison Bucknell, Cllr Andrew Davis, Cllr Andy Phillips, Cllr Anna Cuthbert, Cllr Ashley O'Neill, Cllr Atiquel Hoque, Cllr Ben Anderson, Cllr Bridget Wayman, Cllr Christopher Williams, Cllr Chuck Berry, Cllr Darren Henry, Cllr Deborah Halik, Cllr Derek Brown OBE, Cllr Edward Kirk, Cllr Ernie Clark, Cllr Fleur de Rhe-Philipe, Cllr Fred Westmoreland, Cllr Graham Payne, Cllr Horace Prickett, Cllr Howard Greenman, Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling, Cllr Ian McLennan, Cllr Jacqui Lay, Cllr James Sheppard, Cllr Jane Davies, Cllr Jerry Kunkler, Cllr Jerry Wickham, Cllr John Smale, Cllr John Thomson, Cllr John Walsh, Cllr Johnny Kidney, Cllr Jose Green, Cllr Laura Mayes, Cllr Mark Connolly, Cllr Mary Champion, Cllr Mary Douglas, Cllr Matthew Dean, Cllr Melody Thompson, Cllr Mike Hewitt, Cllr Mollie Groom, Cllr Nick Murry, Cllr Paul Oatway QPM, Cllr Pauline Church, Cllr Peter Evans, Cllr Peter Fuller, Cllr Peter Hutton, Cllr Philip Whalley, Cllr Philip Whitehead, Cllr Pip Ridout, Cllr Richard Britton, Cllr Richard Clewer, Cllr Richard Gamble, Cllr Ricky Rogers, Cllr Robert Yuill, Cllr Simon Jacobs, Cllr Stewart Dobson, Cllr Sue Evans, Cllr Sven Hocking, Cllr Toby Sturgis, Cllr Tony Deane and Cllr Tony Trotman

Against the motion (11):

Cllr Brian Mathew, Cllr Chris Hurst, Cllr David Jenkins, Cllr Hayley Spencer, Cllr Ian Thorn, Cllr Jim Lynch, Cllr Pat Aves, Cllr Ross Henning, Cllr Ruth Hopkinson, Cllr Stephen Oldrieve and Cllr Trevor Carbin

Abstained (2):

Cllr Bob Jones MBE and Cllr Gordon King

Council Tax Setting 2018/19 (Minute 9 refers)

For the motion (82):

Baroness Scott of Bybrook OBE, Cllr Alan Hill, Cllr Allison Bucknell, Cllr Andrew Davis, Cllr Andy Phillips, Cllr Anna Cuthbert, Cllr Ashley O'Neill, Cllr Atiquel Hoque, Cllr Ben Anderson, Cllr Bob Jones MBE, Cllr Brian Mathew, Cllr Bridget Wayman, Cllr Chris Hurst, Cllr Christopher Devine, Cllr Chuck Berry, Cllr Clare Cape, Cllr Darren Henry, Cllr David Jenkins, Cllr Deborah Halik, Cllr Derek Brown OBE, Cllr Edward Kirk, Cllr Ernie Clark, Cllr Fleur de Rhe-Philipe, Cllr Fred Westmoreland, Cllr Gavin Grant, Cllr George Jeans, Cllr Gordon King, Cllr Graham Payne, Cllr Graham Wright, Cllr Hayley Spencer, Cllr Horace Prickett, Cllr Howard Greenman, Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling, Cllr Ian McLennan, Cllr Ian Thorn, Cllr Jacqui Lay, Cllr James Sheppard, Cllr Jane Davies, Cllr Jerry Kunkler, Cllr Jerry Wickham, Cllr Jim Lynch, Cllr John Smale, Cllr John Thomson, Cllr John Walsh, Cllr Johnny Kidney, Cllr Jonathon Seed, Cllr Jose Green, Cllr Laura Mayes, Cllr Mark Connolly, Cllr Mary Champion, Cllr Mary Douglas, Cllr Matthew Dean, Cllr Melody Thompson, Cllr Mike Hewitt, Cllr Nick Murry, Cllr Pat Aves, Cllr Paul Oatway QPM, Cllr Pauline Church, Cllr Peter Evans, Cllr Peter Fuller, Cllr Peter Hutton, Cllr Philip Alford, Cllr Philip Whalley, Cllr Philip

Whitehead, Cllr Pip Ridout, Cllr Richard Britton, Cllr Richard Clewer, Cllr Richard Gamble, Cllr Ricky Rogers, Cllr Robert Yuill, Cllr Ross Henning, Cllr Ruth Hopkinson, Cllr Simon Jacobs, Cllr Stephen Oldrieve, Cllr Stewart Dobson, Cllr Stewart Palmen, Cllr Sue Evans, Cllr Sven Hocking, Cllr Toby Sturgis, Cllr Tom Rounds, Cllr Tony Deane and Cllr Tony Trotman.

Against the motion (1):

Cllr Trevor Carbin

Pay Policy Statement (Minute 10 refers)

For the motion (77):

Baroness Scott of Bybrook OBE, Cllr Alan Hill, Cllr Allison Bucknell, Cllr Andrew Davis, Cllr Andy Phillips, Cllr Anna Cuthbert, Cllr Ashley O'Neill, Cllr Atiqul Hoque, Cllr Ben Anderson, Cllr Bob Jones MBE, Cllr Brian Mathew, Cllr Bridget Wayman, Cllr Chris Hurst, Cllr Christopher Williams, Cllr Chuck Berry, Cllr Clare Cape, Cllr Darren Henry, Cllr David Jenkins, Cllr Deborah Halik, Cllr Derek Brown OBE, Cllr Fleur de Rhe-Philippe, Cllr Fred Westmoreland, Cllr Gavin Grant, Cllr George Jeans, Cllr Graham Wright, Cllr Hayley Spencer, Cllr Howard Greenman, Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling, Cllr Ian McLennan, Cllr Ian Thorn, Cllr Jacqui Lay, Cllr James Sheppard, Cllr Jane Davies, Cllr Jerry Kunkler, Cllr Jerry Wickham, Cllr Jim Lynch, Cllr John Smale, Cllr John Thomson, Cllr John Walsh, Cllr Johnny Kidney, Cllr Jonathon Seed, Cllr Jose Green, Cllr Laura Mayes, Cllr Mark Connolly, Cllr Mary Champion, Cllr Mary Douglas, Cllr Matthew Dean, Cllr Mike Hewitt, Cllr Mollie Groom, Cllr Nick Murry, Cllr Pat Aves, Cllr Paul Oatway QPM, Cllr Pauline Church, Cllr Peter Evans, Cllr Peter Hutton, Cllr Philip Alford, Cllr Philip Whalley, Cllr Philip Whitehead, Cllr Pip Ridout, Cllr Richard Britton, Cllr Richard Clewer, Cllr Richard Gamble, Cllr Ricky Rogers, Cllr Robert Yuill, Cllr Ross Henning, Cllr Ruth Hopkinson, Cllr Simon Jacobs, Cllr Stephen Oldrieve, Cllr Stewart Dobson, Cllr Stewart Palmen, Cllr Sue Evans, Cllr Sven Hocking, Cllr Toby Sturgis, Cllr Tom Rounds, Cllr Tony Deane, Cllr Tony Trotman and Cllr Trevor Carbin.

There were no abstentions nor votes recorded against the motion.

Wiltshire Council Electoral Review (Minute 11 refers)

The Liberal Democrat Group amendment

For the motion (16):

Cllr Bob Jones MBE, Cllr Brian Mathew, Cllr Chris Hurst, Cllr Clare Cape, Cllr David Jenkins, Cllr Gavin Grant, Cllr Gordon King, Cllr Hayley Spencer, Cllr Ian Thorn, Cllr Jim Lynch, Cllr Pat Aves, Cllr Ross Henning, Cllr Ruth Hopkinson, Cllr Stephen Oldrieve, Cllr Stewart Palmen and Cllr Trevor Carbin.

Against the motion (65):

Baroness Scott of Bybrook OBE, Cllr Alan Hill, Cllr Allison Bucknell, Cllr Andrew Davis, Cllr Andy Phillips, Cllr Anna Cuthbert, Cllr Ashley O'Neill, Cllr Atiqul Hoque, Cllr Ben Anderson, Cllr Bridget Wayman, Cllr Christopher Williams, Cllr Chuck Berry, Cllr Darren Henry, Cllr Deborah Halik, Cllr Derek Brown OBE, Cllr Edward Kirk, Cllr Ernie Clark, Cllr Fleur de Rhe-Philipe, Cllr Fred Westmoreland, Cllr George Jeans, Cllr Horace Prickett, Cllr Howard Greenman, Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling, Cllr Ian Mclennan, Cllr Jacqui Lay, Cllr James Sheppard, Cllr Jane Davies, Cllr Jerry Kunkler, Cllr Jerry Wickham, Cllr John Smale, Cllr John Thomson, Cllr John Walsh, Cllr Johnny Kidney, Cllr Jonathon Seed, Cllr Jose Green, Cllr Laura Mayes, Cllr Mark Connolly, Cllr Mary Champion, Cllr Mary Douglas, Cllr Matthew Dean, Cllr Mike Hewitt, Cllr Mollie Groom, Cllr Nick Murry, Cllr Paul Oatway QPM, Cllr Pauline Church, Cllr Peter Evans, Cllr Peter Fuller, Cllr Peter Hutton, Cllr Philip Alford, Cllr Philip Whalley, Cllr Philip Whitehead, Cllr Pip Ridout, Cllr Richard Britton, Cllr Richard Clewer, Cllr Richard Gamble, Cllr Ricky Rogers, Cllr Robert Yuill, Cllr Simon Jacobs, Cllr Stewart Dobson, Cllr Sue Evans, Cllr Sven Hocking, Cllr Toby Sturgis, Cllr Tom Rounds, Cllr Tony Deane and Cllr Tony Trotman

The substantive motion to approve the submission.

For the motion (64):

Baroness Scott of Bybrook OBE, Cllr Alan Hill, Cllr Allison Bucknell, Cllr Andrew Davis, Cllr Anna Cuthbert, Cllr Ashley O'Neill, Cllr Atiqul Hoque, Cllr Ben Anderson, Cllr Bridget Wayman, Cllr Christopher Williams, Cllr Chuck Berry, Cllr Darren Henry, Cllr Deborah Halik, Cllr Derek Brown OBE, Cllr Edward Kirk, Cllr Ernie Clark, Cllr Fleur de Rhe-Philipe, Cllr Fred Westmoreland, Cllr George Jeans, Cllr Graham Wright, Cllr Horace Prickett, Cllr Howard Greenman, Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling, Cllr Ian Mclennan, Cllr Jacqui Lay, Cllr James Sheppard, Cllr Jane Davies, Cllr Jerry Kunkler, Cllr Jerry Wickham, Cllr John Smale, Cllr John Thomson, Cllr John Walsh, Cllr Johnny Kidney, Cllr Jonathon Seed, Cllr Jose Green, Cllr Laura Mayes, Cllr Mark Connolly, Cllr Mary Champion, Cllr Mary Douglas, Cllr Matthew Dean, Cllr Mike Hewitt, Cllr Nick Murry, Cllr Paul Oatway QPM, Cllr Pauline Church, Cllr Peter Evans, Cllr Peter Fuller, Cllr Peter Hutton, Cllr Philip Alford, Cllr Philip Whalley, Cllr Philip Whitehead, Cllr Pip Ridout, Cllr Richard Britton, Cllr Richard Clewer, Cllr Richard Gamble, Cllr Ricky Rogers, Cllr Robert Yuill, Cllr Simon Jacobs, Cllr Stewart Dobson, Cllr Sue Evans, Cllr Sven Hocking, Cllr Toby Sturgis, Cllr Tom Rounds, Cllr Tony Deane and Cllr Tony Trotman

Against the motion (15):

Cllr Bob Jones MBE, Cllr Brian Mathew, Cllr Chris Hurst, Cllr Clare Cape, Cllr David Jenkins, Cllr Gavin Grant, Cllr Gordon King, Cllr Hayley Spencer, Cllr Ian Thorn, Cllr Pat Aves, Cllr Ross Henning, Cllr Ruth Hopkinson, Cllr Stephen Oldrieve, Cllr Stewart Palmen and Cllr Trevor Carbin

Proposed Changes to the Council's Allocations Policy (Minute 12 refers)

For the motion (79):

Baroness Scott of Bybrook OBE, Cllr Alan Hill, Cllr Allison Bucknell, Cllr Andrew Davis, Cllr Andy Phillips, Cllr Anna Cuthbert, Cllr Ashley O'Neill, Cllr Atiquil Hoque, Cllr Ben Anderson, Cllr Bob Jones MBE, Cllr Brian Mathew, Cllr Bridget Wayman, Cllr Christopher Williams, Cllr Chuck Berry, Cllr Clare Cape, Cllr Darren Henry, Cllr David Jenkins, Cllr Deborah Halik, Cllr Derek Brown OBE, Cllr Edward Kirk, Cllr Ernie Clark, Cllr Fleur de Rhe-Philipe, Cllr Fred Westmoreland, Cllr Gavin Grant, Cllr George Jeans, Cllr Gordon King, Cllr Graham Wright, Cllr Hayley Spencer, Cllr Horace Prickett, Cllr Howard Greenman, Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling, Cllr Ian McLennan, Cllr Ian Thorn, Cllr Jacqui Lay, Cllr James Sheppard, Cllr Jane Davies, Cllr Jerry Kunkler, Cllr Jerry Wickham, Cllr John Smale, Cllr John Thomson, Cllr John Walsh, Cllr Johnny Kidney, Cllr Jonathon Seed, Cllr Jose Green, Cllr Laura Mayes, Cllr Mark Connolly, Cllr Mary Champion, Cllr Mary Douglas, Cllr Matthew Dean, Cllr Mike Hewitt, Cllr Mollie Groom, Cllr Nick Murry, Cllr Pat Aves, Cllr Paul Oatway QPM, Cllr Pauline Church, Cllr Peter Evans, Cllr Peter Fuller, Cllr Peter Hutton, Cllr Philip Alford, Cllr Philip Whalley, Cllr Philip Whitehead, Cllr Pip Ridout, Cllr Richard Britton, Cllr Richard Clewer, Cllr Richard Gamble, Cllr Ricky Rogers, Cllr Robert Yuill, Cllr Ross Henning, Cllr Ruth Hopkinson, Cllr Simon Jacobs, Cllr Stephen Oldrieve, Cllr Stewart Dobson, Cllr Stewart Palmen, Cllr Sue Evans, Cllr Sven Hocking, Cllr Toby Sturgis, Cllr Tom Rounds, Cllr Tony Trotman and Cllr Trevor Carbin

Abstained (1):

Cllr Tony Deane

Carers Strategy (Minute 13 refers)

For the motion (80):

Baroness Scott of Bybrook OBE, Cllr Alan Hill, Cllr Allison Bucknell, Cllr Andrew Davis, Cllr Andy Phillips, Cllr Anna Cuthbert, Cllr Ashley O'Neill, Cllr Atiquil Hoque, Cllr Ben Anderson, Cllr Bob Jones MBE, Cllr Brian Mathew, Cllr Bridget Wayman, Cllr Christopher Williams, Cllr Chuck Berry, Cllr Clare Cape, Cllr Darren Henry, Cllr David Jenkins, Cllr Deborah Halik, Cllr Derek Brown OBE, Cllr Edward Kirk, Cllr Ernie Clark, Cllr Fleur de Rhe-Philipe, Cllr Fred Westmoreland, Cllr Gavin Grant, Cllr George Jeans, Cllr Gordon King, Cllr Graham Wright, Cllr Hayley Spencer, Cllr Horace Prickett, Cllr Howard Greenman, Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling, Cllr Ian McLennan, Cllr Ian Thorn, Cllr Jacqui Lay, Cllr James Sheppard, Cllr Jane Davies, Cllr Jerry Kunkler, Cllr Jerry Wickham, Cllr John Smale, Cllr John Thomson, Cllr John Walsh, Cllr Johnny Kidney, Cllr Jonathon Seed, Cllr Jose Green, Cllr Laura Mayes, Cllr Mark Connolly, Cllr Mary Champion, Cllr Mary Douglas, Cllr Matthew Dean, Cllr Mike Hewitt, Cllr Mollie Groom, Cllr Nick Murry, Cllr Pat Aves, Cllr Paul Oatway QPM, Cllr Pauline Church, Cllr Peter Evans, Cllr Peter Fuller, Cllr Peter Hutton, Cllr Philip Alford, Cllr Philip Whalley, Cllr Philip Whitehead, Cllr Pip Ridout, Cllr Richard Britton, Cllr Richard Clewer, Cllr Richard Gamble, Cllr Ricky Rogers, Cllr Robert Yuill, Cllr Ross Henning, Cllr Ruth Hopkinson, Cllr Simon Jacobs, Cllr Stephen Oldrieve, Cllr

Stewart Dobson, Cllr Stewart Palmen, Cllr Sue Evans, Cllr Sven Hocking, Cllr Toby Sturgis, Cllr Tom Rounds, Cllr Tony Deane, Cllr Tony Trotman and Cllr Trevor Carbin.

There were no abstentions nor votes recorded against the motion.

Amendments to the Wiltshire Local Transport Plan (LTP) 2011-2026 (Minute 14 refers)

For the motion (65):

Baroness Scott of Bybrook OBE, Cllr Alan Hill, Cllr Allison Bucknell, Cllr Andrew Davis, Cllr Anna Cuthbert, Cllr Ashley O'Neill, Cllr Atiquil Hoque, Cllr Ben Anderson, Cllr Bridget Wayman, Cllr Christopher Williams, Cllr Chuck Berry, Cllr Darren Henry, Cllr Deborah Halik, Cllr Derek Brown OBE, Cllr Fleur de Rhe-Philippe, Cllr Fred Westmoreland, Cllr George Jeans, Cllr Gordon King, Cllr Graham Wright, Cllr Horace Prickett, Cllr Howard Greenman, Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling, Cllr Ian McLennan, Cllr Jacqui Lay, Cllr James Sheppard, Cllr Jane Davies, Cllr Jerry Kunkler, Cllr Jerry Wickham, Cllr John Smale, Cllr John Thomson, Cllr John Walsh, Cllr Johnny Kidney, Cllr Jonathon Seed, Cllr Jose Green, Cllr Laura Mayes, Cllr Mark Connolly, Cllr Mary Champion, Cllr Mary Douglas, Cllr Matthew Dean, Cllr Mike Hewitt, Cllr Mollie Groom, Cllr Nick Murry, Cllr Paul Oatway QPM, Cllr Pauline Church, Cllr Peter Evans, Cllr Peter Fuller, Cllr Peter Hutton, Cllr Philip Alford, Cllr Philip Whalley, Cllr Philip Whitehead, Cllr Pip Ridout, Cllr Richard Britton, Cllr Richard Clewer, Cllr Richard Gamble, Cllr Ricky Rogers, Cllr Robert Yuill, Cllr Ross Henning, Cllr Simon Jacobs, Cllr Stewart Palmen, Cllr Sue Evans, Cllr Sven Hocking, Cllr Toby Sturgis, Cllr Tom Rounds, Cllr Tony Deane and Cllr Tony Trotman

Against the motion (5):

Cllr Bob Jones MBE, Cllr Hayley Spencer, Cllr Ian Thorn, Cllr Pat Aves and Cllr Trevor Carbin

Abstained (7):

Cllr Andy Phillips, Cllr Brian Mathew, Cllr Edward Kirk, Cllr Gavin Grant, Cllr Ruth Hopkinson, Cllr Stephen Oldrieve, and Cllr Stewart Dobson

Notice of Motion No.6 - Shared Lives Programme (Minute 17 refers)

For the motion (76):

Baroness Scott of Bybrook OBE, Cllr Alan Hill, Cllr Allison Bucknell, Cllr Andrew Davis, Cllr Andy Phillips, Cllr Ashley O'Neill, Cllr Atiquil Hoque, Cllr Ben Anderson, Cllr Bob Jones MBE, Cllr Brian Mathew, Cllr Bridget Wayman, Cllr Christopher Williams, Cllr Chuck Berry, Cllr Clare Cape, Cllr Darren Henry, Cllr David Jenkins, Cllr Deborah Halik, Cllr Derek Brown OBE, Cllr Edward Kirk, Cllr Ernie Clark, Cllr Fleur de Rhe-Philippe, Cllr Fred Westmoreland, Cllr Gavin Grant, Cllr George Jeans,

Cllr Gordon King, Cllr Graham Wright, Cllr Hayley Spencer, Cllr Horace Prickett, Cllr Howard Greenman, Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling, Cllr Ian McLennan, Cllr Ian Thorn, Cllr Jacqui Lay, Cllr James Sheppard, Cllr Jane Davies, Cllr Jerry Kunkler, Cllr Jerry Wickham, Cllr John Smale, Cllr John Thomson, Cllr John Walsh, Cllr Johnny Kidney, Cllr Jonathon Seed, Cllr Jose Green, Cllr Laura Mayes, Cllr Mark Connolly, Cllr Mary Champion, Cllr Mary Douglas, Cllr Matthew Dean, Cllr Mike Hewitt, Cllr Nick Murry, Cllr Pat Aves, Cllr Paul Oatway QPM, Cllr Pauline Church, Cllr Peter Evans, Cllr Peter Fuller, Cllr Peter Hutton, Cllr Philip Alford, Cllr Philip Whalley, Cllr Philip Whitehead, Cllr Richard Britton, Cllr Richard Clewer, Cllr Richard Gamble, Cllr Ricky Rogers, Cllr Robert Yuill, Cllr Ross Henning, Cllr Ruth Hopkinson, Cllr Simon Jacobs, Cllr Stephen Oldrieve, Cllr Stewart Dobson, Cllr Sue Evans, Cllr Sven Hocking, Cllr Toby Sturgis, Cllr Tom Rounds, Cllr Tony Deane, Cllr Tony Trotman and Cllr Trevor Carbin.

There were no abstentions nor votes recorded against the motion.