

AGENDA SUPPLEMENT (1)

Meeting: Calne Area Board
Place: Calne Library, The Strand, Calne, SN11 0JU
Date: Tuesday 6 December 2016
Time: 6.30 pm

The Agenda for the above meeting was published on Monday 28th November 2016. Additional documents are now available and are attached to this Agenda Supplement.

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Questions and responses attached.

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Question from Mr Tom Morris

WCC has announced on its website that it has managed to reduce the predicted budget overspend of £8-10 million down to £3.5 million for 2016-17.

Are the Councillors able to advise what impact these savings will have on Calne residents in this financial year and what the future impact is likely to be in 2017/18 of the predicted £15m cuts plus £3.5m overspend which will need to be cut from the 2017/18 budget?

This question has been referred to the Cabinet Member for Finance, Councillor Richard Tonge, for a response.

Response:

At this stage there are no direct consequences of the budget management actions affecting a particular community directly. For 2017/18 we are not able to comment as proposals are still being considered.

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Question from Mr John Boaler

I should like to ask Calne's County Councillors, about the Impact of £500k cut to local bus service provision.

I concerned about several aspects of this:

1. Lack of information from WCC
2. The evening 55A service connecting Calne with Chippenham & Swindon is currently subsidised; and I should like reassurance that this will not be cut. It is the town's link with Rail services – and running at only 1 hourly intervals already discourages many potential users.
3. Will the daytime 33 service to Devizes, via Bromham be affected?
4. Cuts to bus services inevitably lead to more car journeys – yet the AQMP aims to reduce road traffic.
5. It is often the less well-off who depend on bus services. We must not forget that many bus users *depend* on good services for getting to and from work, including evening jobs; visiting friends and family; leisure opportunities etc.

This question has been referred to the Cabinet Member for Highways and Streetscene, Councillor Phillip Whitehead, for a response.

Response

Wiltshire Council are working on the detailed proposals for the forthcoming service changes and therefore it is not appropriate to comment on any specific services at this stage. A communications message for all changes will be produced and distributed prior to any action and some of these changes will require a further, service specific consultation. The value that public transport has to the Wiltshire populace for employment, and access to essential services has been recognized by the decision of Cabinet to enable 97% of all journeys to be achievable by limiting the reduction in public transport budget.

