

SUMMONS

Annual Council

Date: 17 May 2011

Time: 10.30 am

Place: Sports Hall - Olympiad Leisure Centre, Monkton Park, Chippenham

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COUNCIL CHAMBER**

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PART I

Items to be considered while the meeting is open to the public

1. **Apologies**

2. **Election of Chairman**

To elect a Chairman for 2011/12

Nominations will be sought orally from those present at the meeting. Voting will be way of a show of hands unless at least 10 Members request the holding of a secret ballot.

3. **Election of Vice-Chairman**

To elect a Vice-Chairman for 2011/12

Nominations will be sought orally from those present at the meeting. Voting will be way of a show of hands unless at least 10 Members request the holding of a secret ballot.

4. **Minutes of Previous Meeting** (*Pages 1 - 86*)

To approve as a correct record and sign the minutes of the last meeting of Council held on 22 February 2011

5. **Declarations of Interest**

To declare any personal or prejudicial interests or dispensations granted by the Standards Committee.

6. **Referendum Results (To Follow)**

To note the Counting Officer's Local Total in respect of the Alternate Vote Referendum held on 5 May 2011.

7. **Announcements by the Chairman**

8. **Petitions Update (Pages 87 - 88)**

Report by the Head of Democratic Services, updating Council on petitions which have been received since the last Council meeting.

No petitions have been received for presentation at this meeting.

9. **Public Participation**

The Council welcomes contributions from members of the public.

Statements

If you would like to make a statement at this meeting on any item on this agenda, please register to do so at least 10 minutes prior to the meeting. Up to 3 speakers are permitted to speak for up to 3 minutes each on any agenda item. Please contact the officer named above for any further clarification.

Questions

To receive any questions from members of the public or members of the Council received in accordance with the constitution. Those wishing to ask questions are required to give notice of any such questions in writing to the officer named above (acting on behalf of the Director of Resources) no later than 5pm on Monday 09 May. Please contact the officer named on the first page of this agenda for further advice. Questions may be asked without notice if the Chairman decides that the matter is urgent.

Details of any questions received will be circulated to Committee members prior to the meeting and made available at the meeting and on the Council's website.

APPOINTMENTS

10. **Review of Allocation of Seats on Committees to Political Groups and Appointment of Committees**

Reports by the Solicitor to the Council and Monitoring Officer

(a) **Appointment of Committees and Review of Allocation of Seats on Committees to Political Groups (Pages 89 - 98)**

(b) **Appointment to Committees (Pages 99 - 114)**

(c) **Appointment of Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen - Committees** (*Pages 115 - 116*)

11. **Appointment of Wiltshire Council members to serve on the Combined Fire Authority** (*Pages 117 - 118*)

Report by the Solicitor to the Council and Monitoring Officer.

POLICY FRAMEWORK

Under its Constitution, the Council is responsible for approving the policy framework of the Council expressed in various plans and strategies.

12. **Submission Draft Waste Site Allocations Development Plan Document (DPD): Recommendation from Cabinet** (*Pages 119 - 124*)

To consider the following recommendation of Cabinet dated 22 March 2011:

1. Cabinet resolved to approve the Submission Draft Waste Site Allocations DPD for publication for an eight week formal consultation to commence in May/June.
2. Cabinet also endorsed the Waste Site Allocations Proposed Submission Draft and recommends that Full Council approves the document for the purpose of submission to the Secretary of State, subject to there being no representations which, in the opinion of the Director for Economy and Enterprise in consultation with the Cabinet Member, raise fundamental issues on the soundness of the Strategy.

The report considered by Cabinet is attached as background information together with the Submission Draft Waste Site Allocations Development Plan Document (DPD) (enclosed).

13. **Wiltshire Community Plan 2011 - 2026 (Sustainable Community Strategy)** (*Pages 125 - 156*)

Report of the Corporate Director, Community Services, together with the proposed Wiltshire Community Plan.

COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS

14. **Councillors' Questions**

Please note that Councillors are required to give notice of any such questions in writing to the officer named on the first page of this agenda (acting on behalf of the Director of Resources) not later than 5pm Tuesday 10 May. Questions may be asked without notice if the Chairman decides that the matter is urgent.

Details of any questions received will be circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting and made available at the meeting and on the Council's website.

15. **Notices of Motion**

To consider the following notices of motion received in accordance with the constitution:

- (a) Notice of motion no.16 - Shadow Community Operations Boards - From Councillors Jeff Osborn (Trowbridge Grove Division) and Helen Osborn (Trowbridge Lambrok Division) (*Pages 157 - 158*)
- (b) Notice of motion no.17 - Planning Policy - From Councillors Chris Caswill (Chippenham Monkton Division) and Jon Hubbard (Melksham South Division) (*Pages 159 - 160*)
- (c) Notice of motion no.18 - Proposed changes to the NHS - From Councillors Jon Hubbard (Melksham South Division) and Simon Killane (Malmesbury Division) (*Pages 161 - 162*)

MINUTES OF CABINET AND COMMITTEES

16. **Minutes of Cabinet and Committees**

(a) The Chairman will move that Council receives and notes the minutes of Cabinet and the various Committees of the Council as listed in the Minutes Book enclosed separately.

(b) The Leader, Cabinet members and Chairmen of Committees will be given a brief opportunity to make any important announcements and updates.

(c) Councillors will be given an opportunity to raise general issues relating to Area Boards but not specific local issues.

(d) Councillors will be given the opportunity to raise questions on points of information or clarification on the minutes presented.

OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS

17. **Community Governance Reviews** (*Pages 163 - 166*)

Report by Solicitor to the Council and Monitoring Officer

18. **Polling Station Review** (*Pages 167 - 168*)

Report by Solicitor to the Council and Monitoring Officer

19. **Parliamentary Boundary Review** (*Pages 169 - 170*)

Report by Solicitor to the Council and Monitoring Officer

20. **Annual Report of the Standards Committee** (*Pages 171 - 182*)

To receive and note the Annual Report of the Standards Committee for the period 2010/11

21. **Annual Report from the Corporate Parenting Panel** (*Pages 183 - 194*)

To receive and note the Annual Report of the Corporate Parenting Panel for the period 2010/11

EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS

To receive reports from external organisations.

Please note that under the Constitution, Councillors wishing to ask a question in relation to the reports of the Wiltshire Police Authority and the Wiltshire and Swindon Fire Authority are required to give written notice to the officer named on the front of this agenda (acting on behalf of the Director of Resources) no later than five clear days before the Council meeting – 9 May 2011.

The documents referred to in the following items 16 (a) and (b) and 17, were previously circulated to Councillors to provide an opportunity to submit any questions within the above mentioned timescale. The documents are also circulated with this agenda for ease of reference.

22. **Wiltshire Police Authority**

To receive and note:

- (a) the minutes of the Wiltshire Police Authority meetings held on 10 February and 7 April 2011 (*Pages 195 - 210*)
- (b) the report of the Wiltshire Police Authority (*Pages 211 - 212*)

23. **Wiltshire and Swindon Fire Authority Minutes** (*Pages 213 - 220*)

To receive and note the minutes of the Wiltshire and Swindon Fire Authority meeting held on 17 and 21 February 2011.

PART II

Items during consideration of which it is recommended that the public should be excluded because of the likelihood that exempt information would be disclosed.

None

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COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 22 FEBRUARY 2011 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER - COUNTY HALL, TROWBRIDGE

Present:

Cllr Desna Allen, Cllr Richard Beattie, Cllr Chuck Berry, Cllr John Brady, Cllr Richard Britton, Cllr Rosemary Brown, Cllr Liz Bryant, Cllr Allison Bucknell, Cllr Jane Burton, Cllr Trevor Carbin, Cllr Nigel Carter, Cllr Chris Caswill, Cllr Ernie Clark, Cllr Richard Clewer, Cllr Christopher Cochrane, Cllr Peter Colmer, Cllr Linda Conley, Cllr Mark Connolly, Cllr Christine Crisp (Vice-Chair), Cllr Michael Cuthbert-Murray, Cllr Brian Dalton, Cllr Paul Darby, Cllr Andrew Davis, Cllr Peter Davis, Cllr Tony Deane, Cllr Bill Douglas, Cllr Peggy Dow, Cllr Peter Doyle, Cllr Rod Eaton, Cllr Nick Fogg, Cllr Peter Fuller, Cllr Richard Gamble, Cllr Jose Green, Cllr Mark Griffiths, Cllr Mollie Groom, Cllr Lionel Grundy OBE, Cllr Brigadier Robert Hall (Chairman), Cllr Mike Hewitt, Cllr Malcolm Hewson, Cllr Alan Hill, Cllr Charles Howard, Cllr Jon Hubbard, Cllr Chris Humphries, Cllr George Jeans, Cllr David Jenkins, Cllr Julian Johnson, Cllr Simon Killane, Cllr John Knight, Cllr Jerry Kunkler, Cllr Jacqui Lay, Cllr Alan Macrae, Cllr Howard Marshall, Cllr Laura Mayes, Cllr Ian McLennan, Cllr Jemima Milton, Cllr Francis Morland, Cllr Bill Moss, Cllr Christopher Newbury, Cllr John Noeken, Cllr Stephen Oldrieve, Cllr Helen Osborn, Cllr Jeff Osborn, Cllr Mark Packard, Cllr Sheila Parker, Cllr Graham Payne, Cllr Stephen Petty, Cllr Leo Randall, Cllr Fleur de Rhe-Philipe, Cllr Pip Ridout, Cllr Bill Roberts, Cllr Ricky Rogers, Cllr Judy Rooke, Cllr Paul Sample, Cllr Jane Scott OBE, Cllr Jonathon Seed, Cllr John Smale, Cllr Carole Soden, Cllr Toby Sturgis, Cllr Julie Swabey, Cllr John Thomson, Cllr Dick Tonge, Cllr Anthony Trotman, Cllr Bridget Wayman, Cllr Ian West, Cllr Fred Westmoreland, Cllr Stuart Wheeler, Cllr Roy While, Cllr Christopher Williams and Cllr Graham Wright

78. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Jeff Ody, Cllr Russell Hawker, Cllr Howard Greenman, Cllr Mary Douglas, Cllr Tom James, Cllr Peter Hutton, Cllr Keith Humphries and Cllr Nina Phillips.

79. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the Meeting held on 9 November 2010 were presented.

Resolved:

That the minutes of the last Council meeting held on 9 November 2010 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

80. **Declarations of Interest**

The Chairman reminded Councillors of the Monitoring Officer's advice previously circulated to them on declaring interests as necessary in respect of:

- proposals to set the budget and Council tax levels and agreeing garage rents as part of the item on the Wiltshire Council's Business Plan and 2011/12 Budget (minute no. 85 refers) and
- any landholdings affected by proposals contained in the item on the South Wiltshire Core Strategy – Review of Housing and Employment Requirements (minute no. 86 refers).

Declarations of interests made during the meeting are referred to at minute nos. 85, 87 and 89)

81. **Announcements by the Chairman**

a) Meeting Information

Particularly for the benefit of the members of the public present, the Chairman confirmed advice previously circulated to Councillors over arrangements for this meeting. Given that the item on the Budget (minute no.85 refers) was likely to take a long time, Council would not commence with its consideration of the item on the South Wiltshire Core Strategy (minute no.86 refers) until approximately 4pm. This would then be followed by the item on the Wiltshire Local Transport Plan (minute no. 87 refers). He invited the members of the public present for these items to stay to hear the Budget debate or alternatively to return at 4pm. It was noted that those who had previously contacted the Council on these two items had been advised of this arrangement.

b) New Year's honours

On behalf of Council, the Chairman congratulated the Wiltshire residents who received national recognition in the New Year's Honours list, details of which he read out.

Of particular note, it was reported that the High Sheriff for Wiltshire for the period 2003-04 David Newbigging from Fyfield had received a Knighthood for services to cancer research.

c) Total Respect Training

The Chairman reminded Councillors of their role as "corporate parents" of Wiltshire's Looked After Children and young people. He explained that the total respect training programme would be held on Wednesday 16 March at County Hall. The programme sought to develop knowledge and understanding of young people's views, rights and issues, and was aimed at improving individual practice and producing strategic recommendations to improve the quality of care for looked after children and young people. All Councillors were urged to attend.

82. Petitions

a) Petitions Received

The Chairman reported receipt of three petitions for presentation to this meeting on parking charges in respect of Devizes, Marlborough and Bradford on Avon. Given their relevance to the item on the Wiltshire Local Transport Plan to be considered later in the meeting, which incorporated the Car Parking Strategy, the Chairman advised that the petitions would be considered at that item (please refer to minute no. 87 for details of the petitions received.)

b) Petitions Update

A report by the Head of Democratic Services was presented which gave details of 11 petitions received for the period since the last Council meeting.

In response to a query, the Chairman reassured Council that as well as the statutory petition scheme, the Council also continued to operate a more accommodating discretionary petition scheme as evidenced by the petitions presented at this meeting as referred to in (a) above.

Resolved:

That Council note the report, the petitions received and the actions being taken, as set out in the Appendix to the report presented.

83. Public Participation

Question

The Chairman reported receipt of two questions from Mr Phil Matthews of the Wiltshire Involvement Network which questioned the decision to suspend the Network and its funding. He also sought an assurance that funding would be available to continue its work up until Healthwatch was set up. Details of the questions and responses from the Leader were presented and are reproduced at Appendix A to these minutes.

Statements

The Chairman reported receipt of written statements on the following areas as circulated:

- From Godshill Parish Council in respect of the item on the South Wiltshire Core Strategy (minute no.86 refers)
- From Mrs Margaret Taylor on behalf of Devizes Town Council in respect of car parking in Devizes as referred to in the Car Parking Strategy of the Wiltshire Local Transport Plan (minute no. 87 refers).

Please refer to individual minutes for details of verbal representations made at this meeting (minute nos. 85, 86 and 87 refer).

84. **By Election - Bromham, Rowde and Potterne**

Council noted the report of the Deputy Returning Officer on the results of the Bromham, Rowde and Potterne By-election held on 21 December 2010. The Chairman congratulated the successful candidate Cllr Liz Bryant and on behalf of all Councillors, welcomed her to this her first meeting of Council.

85. **Wiltshire Council's Business Plan and 2011/12 Budget**

Declarations of interest

Cllr Dalton declared a personal and prejudicial interest in this item in so far as it related to the setting of garage rents as referred to in the proposals concerning the Housing Revenue Account by virtue of the fact that he held a garage tenancy. Cllr Dalton left the meeting during consideration of that element of the budget.

The following Councillors declared personal interests by virtue of their membership of the undermentioned Housing Associations:

- Selwood Housing Association - Cllrs Rod Eaton, Graham Payne, Jon Hubbard and Ernie Clark.
- Sarsen Housing Association - Cllr Nigel Carter
- Westleigh Housing Association - Cllr Allison Bucknell
- Jephson Housing Association – Cllr Peter Fuller

Cllr Tony Trotman declared a personal interest in the leisure review proposals by virtue of his professional capacity.

Cllr Richard Beattie declared a personal interest by virtue of his membership of the Visit Wiltshire Partnership.

Cllrs Steve Oldrieve and Howard Marshall declared an interest by virtue of their respective wives being employed by the Council.

Cllr Julie Swabey, declared a personal interest by virtue of being related to an officer of the Council.

Public Participation

Mr Kevin Wells on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Calne Leisure Centre sought reassurance over continued funding of the Leisure Centre by the Council to ensure its continued success. Cllr Stuart Wheeler, Cabinet member for Leisure, Sport and Culture confirmed that subject to the budget being approved at this meeting as presented, funding for Calne Leisure Centre would be continued.

The Chairman invited Council to consider the Business Plan and Financial Plan for 2011-15 and to agree the Council's Budget and the Council Tax levels for 2011-12. He reminded Council that it had a legal obligation to set a budget.

The Chairman explained how he intended to manage the debate on the budget item as summarised by the previously circulated paper on the Budget Process.

The Chairman drew Councillors' attention to the various budget papers which had been previously circulated, including the Council's Business Plan and Financial Plan as revised. He also referred to the following budget reports as previously considered and recommended by Cabinet as circulated on the:

- Capital programme 2011-12 to 2014-2015
- Housing Revenue Account Budget and Rent Setting 2011-12
- Schools Budget Proposals 2011-12
- Fees and Charges 2011-2012
- Council Tax Resolution 2011-2012

All as recommended by Cabinet at its meeting on 15 February 2011.

- Treasury Management Strategy 2011-12

As recommended by Cabinet at its meeting on 25 January 2011.

The Chairman also drew attention to the report of the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Select Committee held on 10 February 2011.

The Chairman explained the order in which he would invite Councillors to speak on the budget and the time allowed for group leaders and other members of the Council.

The Chairman invited Cllr Scott, Leader of the Council to present her budget speech which was circulated at the meeting and attached as Appendix B to these minutes.

The Leader explained that in her opinion, the proposed budget for the year ahead was sound, and one which would maintain front line services in better

shape than other similar sized councils as well as provide significant investment in the future of Wiltshire.

The Leader further emphasised that far reaching changes to the concept of Local Government and its responsibilities were underway, at a time when unprecedented savings were required by the Government's 4 year plan for Local Government.

The intentions of the Council were to continue:

- to provide high quality, low cost, customer focused services
- to ensure local, open and honest decision-making and
- to work with our partners to support Wiltshire's communities.

The Leader moved the recommendations of Cabinet on adoption of the Business Plan, Financial Plan and budget proposals and this was duly seconded by Cllr Thomson, the Deputy Leader.

At the Chairman's invitation, Cllr Jeff Osborn presented the report of the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Select Committee held on 10 February 2011. He considered this was a unique budget and noted there was no proposal to increase Council tax due to Government funding to ensure zero tax increases. He welcomed the proposed capital investments in leisure and the campus projects.

Group leaders were then invited to respond to the Leader's motion or move an amendment to the Leader's motion.

Cllr Jon Hubbard, leader of the Liberal Democrat Group responded to the Leader's motion and questioned the merit of having a Business Plan and Financial Plan which covered a 4 year period set against a budget for one year. He considered there were so many legislative and other changes affecting Local Government not least of all, the Localism Bill that would need to be addressed which would make it difficult to predict how the Authority would work for the majority of the 4 year period.

Cllr Hubbard gave notice that he intended to propose a series of 9 amendments to the budget, details of which were circulated together with the comments of the Interim Chief Finance Officer in his capacity as the S.151 Officer. The Chief Finance Officer stated that the amendments had been reviewed by him in consultation with other statutory officers. His comments included the risk element of the proposed amendments but also pointed out that overall the proposed amendments when taken together as one amendment, still maintained the robustness of the budget.

The Leader acknowledged the right of a political group to propose amendments to the budget. However, she considered that in the interests of transparency, details of proposed amendments should have been made available earlier for

consultation and open to scrutiny as had the Cabinet's proposals. In the circumstances, she moved that the meeting be adjourned to allow each political group time to consider and form a view on the proposed amendments. On being seconded and put to the vote, it was

Resolved:

That the meeting be adjourned for a period of at least two hours after which a view to be taken by the Chairman, following consultation with a representative of each political group on whether a further period of adjournment was required.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Note: The meeting adjourned at 11.50am.

MEETING RECONVENED

Note: The meeting reconvened at 2.00pm.

AMENDMENTS

Cllr Jon Hubbard proposed 9 amendments which were taken individually as detailed below and seconded by Cllr Peter Colmer:

Amendment 1

The introduction of a charging scheme for car parking permits for council premises.

£0.175m to be raised annually through the introduction of a progressive charging scheme for council employees to park at council premises. This scheme, similar to the one successfully introduced at the RUH in Bath, would see employees paying a small charge, the amount of which is directly linked to their salary, for the privilege of parking their cars at council premises.

Many people see it as hypocritical of this council to be providing over 1400 free parking spaces to staff, highly paid senior officers and councillors whilst at the same time massively increasing the cost to the residents of Wiltshire to park in their towns and villages.

In year one of this scheme £0.100m of the revenue gained would be invested in promoting and providing alternative staff transport schemes, such as encouraging car sharing, investment in providing adequate facilities for cycle storage and the availability of subsidised cycle safety equipment.

This amendment would provide a net increase in revenue to the council of £0.075m'.

Cllr John Noeken as Cabinet member for Resources responded to the amendment and in so doing referred to proposals for an alternative staff transport scheme and that all of the four hubs provided facilities to encourage cycling. He also explained that the amendment proposed would require a change to the contracts of employment for staff and that priority was being given to dealing with pay harmonisation. Cllr Noeken added that whilst the amendment was a commendable thought, it was not possible to take it forward at this point in time.

The Chairman gave other Group Leaders the opportunity of responding to amendment No. 1 before opening the debate to other members of the Council.

On being put to the vote, Amendment No. 1 was LOST and a recorded vote having been requested by the requisite number of Councillors, the voting was recorded as follows:

For Amendment No. 1 (22)

Cllrs Desna Allen, Rosemary Brown, Trevor Carbin, Chris Caswill, Peter Colmer, Paul Darby, Bill Douglas, Peggy Dow, Malcolm Hewson, Jon Hubbard, David Jenkins, Simon Killane, John Knight, Howard Marshall, Steve Oldrieve, Helen Osborn, Jeff Osborn, Mark Packard, Stephen Petty, Judy Rooke, Ian West and Graham Wright.

Against Amendment No. 1 (58)

Cllrs Richard Beattie, Chuck Berry, John Brady, Richard Britton, Liz Bryant, Allison Bucknell, Richard Clewer, Chris Cochrane, Linda Conley, Mark Connolly, Christine Crisp, Andrew Davis, Peter Davis, Fleur de Rhe Philipe, Tony Deane, Peter Doyle, Rod Eaton, Nick Fogg, Peter Fuller, Richard Gamble, Jose Green, Mark Griffiths, Mollie Groom, Lionel Grundy, Robert Hall, Mike Hewitt, Alan Hill, Charles Howard, Chris Humphries, Julian Johnson, Jerry Kunkler, Jacqui Lay, Alan Macrae, Laura Mayes, Ian McLennan, Jemima Milton, Bill Moss, John Noeken, Sheila Parker, Graham Payne, Leo Randall, Pip Ridout, Bill Roberts, Ricky Rogers, Jane Scott, Jonathon Seed, John Smale, Carole Soden, Toby Sturgis, Julie Swabey, John Thomson, Dick Tonge, Tony Trotman, Bridget Wayman, Fred Westmoreland, Stuart Wheeler, Roy While and Chris Williams.

Abstentions Amendment No. 1 (5)

Cllrs Jane Burton, Nigel Carter, Ernie Clark, Michael Cuthbert-Murray and Francis Morland.

Cllr Jon Hubbard proposed the following amendment No. 2 which was seconded by Cllr Peter Colmer:

Amendment 2
Fixing Wiltshire's Broken Road Network

'An additional £0.500m investment in Highways revenue for 2011/12 allowing for vital County-wide repairs to road infrastructure. Pothole, kerb and pavement repair removes potential deterrents to walking and cycling, and improves motor vehicle efficiency.

To be funded through drawing on the list of savings identified at the head of (the report presented by the Liberal Democrat group).

Cllr Dick Tonge, Cabinet member for Highways and Transport responded to the amendment and on seeking clarification on exactly where this would be funded from was advised it was proposed to fund this from savings from the Policy and Communications budget.

The Chairman gave other Group Leaders the opportunity of responding to the amendment before opening the debate to other members of the Council.

On being put to the vote, Amendment No. 2 was LOST and a recorded vote having been requested by the requisite number of Councillors, the voting was recorded as follows:

For Amendment No. 2 (28)

Cllrs Desna Allen, Rosemary Brown, Trevor Carbin, Chris Caswill, Ernie Clark, Peter Colmer, Michael Cuthbert-Murray, Paul Darby, Bill Douglas, Peggy Dow, Nick Fogg, Malcolm Hewson, Jon Hubbard, David Jenkins, Simon Killane, John Knight, Howard Marshall, Ian McLennan, Francis Morland, Steve Oldrieve, Helen Osborn, Jeff Osborn, Mark Packard, Stephen Petty, Ricky Rogers, Judy Rooke, Ian West and Graham Wright.

Against Amendment No. 2 (57)

Cllrs Richard Beattie, Chuck Berry, John Brady, Richard Britton, Liz Bryant, Allison Bucknell, Jane Burton, Nigel Carter, Richard Clewer, Chris Cochrane, Linda Conley, Mark Connolly, Christine Crisp, Andrew Davis, Peter Davis, Fleur de Rhe Philipe, Tony Deane, Peter Doyle, Rod Eaton, Peter Fuller, Richard Gamble, Jose Green, Mark Griffiths, Mollie Groom, Lionel Grundy, Robert Hall, Mike Hewitt, Alan Hill, Charles Howard, Chris Humphries, Julian Johnson, Jerry Kunkler, Jacqui Lay, Alan Macrae, Laura Mayes, Jemima Milton, Bill Moss, John Noeken, Sheila Parker, Graham Payne, Leo Randall, Pip Ridout, Bill Roberts, Jane Scott, Jonathon Seed, John Smale, Carole Soden, Toby Sturgis, Julie Swabey, John Thomson, Dick Tonge, Tony Trotman, Bridget Wayman, Fred Westmoreland, Stuart Wheeler, Roy While and Chris Williams.

Cllr Jon Hubbard proposed the following amendment No. 3 which was seconded by Cllr Peter Colmer.

Amendment 3
Investing in Wiltshire Road Network Infrastructure

‘£0.500m investment in Highways capital; allowing £5.00m for major resurfacing and improvement works. Prevents vehicle damage and improves efficiency, reducing vehicular carbon emissions

To be funded through drawing on the list of savings identified at the head of’ (the report presented by the Liberal Democrat group identified at the meeting as being funded from the Policy and Communications budget).

The Leader of the Council questioned the targeting of the Policy and Communications budget as a means of funding the proposed amendments. She explained that the Policy and Communications budget was to provide for internal and external communications with its primary role to communicate with the public and allow for public engagement. She emphasised that it was not therefore a designated resource for the administration.

The Chairman gave other Group Leaders the opportunity of responding to the amendment before opening the debate to other members of the Council.

On being put to the vote, Amendment No. 3 was LOST and a recorded vote having been requested by the requisite number of Councillors, the voting was recorded as follows:

For Amendment No. 3 (25)

Cllrs Desna Allen, Rosemary Brown, Trevor Carbin, Chris Caswill, Ernie Clark, Peter Colmer, Paul Darby, Bill Douglas, Peggy Dow, Nick Fogg, Malcolm Hewson, Jon Hubbard, David Jenkins, Simon Killane, John Knight, Howard Marshall, Francis Morland, Steve Oldrieve, Helen Osborn, Jeff Osborn, Mark Packard, Stephen Petty, Judy Rooke, Ian West and Graham Wright.

Against Amendment No. 3 (60)

Cllrs Richard Beattie, Chuck Berry, John Brady, Richard Britton, Liz Bryant, Allison Bucknell, Jane Burton, Nigel Carter, Richard Clewer, Chris Cochrane, Linda Conley, Mark Connolly, Christine Crisp, Michael Cuthbert-Murray, Andrew Davis, Peter Davis, Fleur de Rhe Philipe, Tony Deane, Peter Doyle, Rod Eaton, Peter Fuller, Richard Gamble, Jose Green, Mark Griffiths, Mollie Groom, Lionel Grundy, Robert Hall, Mike Hewitt, Alan Hill, Charles Howard, Chris Humphries, Julian Johnson, Jerry Kunkler, Jacqui Lay, Alan Macrae, Laura Mayes, Ian McLennan, Jemima Milton, Bill Moss, John Noeken, Sheila Parker, Graham Payne, Leo Randall, Pip Ridout, Bill Roberts, Ricky Rogers, Jane Scott,

Jonathon Seed, John Smale, Carole Soden, Toby Sturgis, Julie Swabey, John Thomson, Dick Tonge, Tony Trotman, Bridget Wayman, Fred Westmoreland, Stuart Wheeler, Roy While and Chris Williams.

Cllr Jon Hubbard proposed the following amendment No. 4 which was seconded by Cllr Peter Colmer:

Amendment 4
Working towards a Healthier Wiltshire for All

‘£0.561m annually to re-introduce Free Swimming for under-16s and over-65s; As part of the Olympic preparations, and to meet Wiltshire Area Board commitments in the 2014 Leading by Example initiative. This investment emphasises the importance of health in a good quality of life in Wiltshire.

To be funded through drawing on the list of savings identified at the head of’ (the report presented by the Liberal Democrat group).

This was identified at the meeting as being funded from the ICT budget by withdrawing the use of smart phones across the Council with an exception for staff who were required to work late or mainly worked off site.

Cllr Stuart Wheeler, Cabinet member for Leisure, Sport and Culture explained that free swimming had been a Government funded scheme. Unfortunately, when considered against other Council priorities and the financial pressures on the Council, continuation of the scheme could not be funded by the Council following withdrawal of Government funding. Officers were however looking to develop healthier for all proposals which would include provision for access to leisure centres and swimming pools for the most vulnerable.

The Chairman gave other Group Leaders the opportunity of responding to the amendment before opening the debate to other members of the Council.

On being put to the vote, amendment No. 4 was LOST and a recorded vote having been requested by the requisite number of Councillors, the voting was recorded as follows:

For Amendment No. 4 (27)

Cllrs Desna Allen, Rosemary Brown, Trevor Carbin, Chris Caswill, Ernie Clark, Peter Colmer, Paul Darby, Bill Douglas, Peggy Dow, Malcolm Hewson, Jon Hubbard, David Jenkins, Simon Killane, John Knight, Howard Marshall, Ian McLennan, Francis Morland, Steve Oldrieve, Helen Osborn, Jeff Osborn, Mark Packard, Stephen Petty, Ricky Rogers, Judy Rooke, Paul Sample, Ian West and Graham Wright.

Against Amendment No. 4 (59)

Cllrs Richard Beattie, Chuck Berry, John Brady, Richard Britton, Liz Bryant, Allison Bucknell, Jane Burton, Nigel Carter, Richard Clewer, Chris Cochrane, Linda Conley, Mark Connolly, Christine Crisp, Michael Cuthbert-Murray, Andrew Davis, Peter Davis, Fleur de Rhe Philipe, Tony Deane, Peter Doyle, Rod Eaton, Nick Fogg, Peter Fuller, Richard Gamble, Jose Green, Mark Griffiths, Mollie Groom, Lionel Grundy, Robert Hall, Mike Hewitt, Alan Hill, Charles Howard, Chris Humphries, Julian Johnson, Jerry Kunkler, Jacqui Lay, Alan Macrae, Laura Mayes, Jemima Milton, Bill Moss, John Noeken, Sheila Parker, Graham Payne, Leo Randall, Pip Ridout, Bill Roberts, Jane Scott, Jonathon Seed, John Smale, Carole Soden, Toby Sturgis, Julie Swabey, John Thomson, Dick Tonge, Tony Trotman, Bridget Wayman, Fred Westmoreland, Stuart Wheeler, Roy While and Chris Williams.

Abstention Amendment No. 4 (1)

Cllr George Jeans

Cllr Jon Hubbard proposed the following amendment No. 5 which was seconded by Cllr Peter Colmer.

Amendment 5
Supporting Economic Growth and Helping Prevent Youth
Unemployment in Wiltshire

‘£0.250m investment in 2011/12 to support employers to increase the number of Apprentices in Wiltshire. This is an investment in future growth and young people in Wiltshire. Enabling small and medium business to train apprentices without taking on the burden of additional training fees.

To be funded through drawing on the list of savings identified at the head of’
(the report presented by the Liberal Democrat group).

This was identified at the meeting as being funded from the Policy and Communications budget.

Cllr John Brady as Cabinet member for Economic Development, Planning and Housing commented that he had explained this at the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Select Committee. The intention was to use the proposed budget to fund various skills programmes with partner agencies. Funding would be made available by the Government for apprenticeships.

The Chairman gave other Group Leaders the opportunity of responding to the amendment before opening the debate to other members of the Council. Cllr Jeff Osborn commented that 1 in 5 16-24 year olds were now out of work and should the amendment be lost, he hoped that work could be undertaken with Cllr Brady to provide assistance to this particular category.

On being put to the vote, amendment No. 5 was LOST and a recorded vote having been requested by the requisite number of Councillors, the voting was recorded as follows:

For Amendment No. 5 (26)

Cllrs Desna Allen, Rosemary Brown, Trevor Carbin, Chris Caswill, Ernie Clark, Peter Colmer, Paul Darby, Bill Douglas, Peggy Dow, Malcolm Hewson, Jon Hubbard, George Jeans, David Jenkins, Simon Killane, John Knight, Howard Marshall, Francis Morland, Steve Oldrieve, Helen Osborn, Jeff Osborn, Mark Packard, Stephen Petty, Judy Rooke, Paul Sample, Ian West and Graham Wright.

Against Amendment No. 5 (58)

Cllrs Richard Beattie, Chuck Berry, John Brady, Richard Britton, Liz Bryant, Allison Bucknell, Richard Clewer, Chris Cochrane, Linda Conley, Mark Connolly, Christine Crisp, Andrew Davis, Peter Davis, Fleur de Rhe Philipe, Tony Deane, Peter Doyle, Rod Eaton, Nick Fogg, Peter Fuller, Richard Gamble, Jose Green, Mark Griffiths, Mollie Groom, Lionel Grundy, Robert Hall, Mike Hewitt, Alan Hill, Charles Howard, Chris Humphries, Julian Johnson, Jerry Kunkler, Jacqui Lay, Alan Macrae, Laura Mayes, Ian McLennan, Jemima Milton, Bill Moss, John Noeken, Sheila Parker, Graham Payne, Leo Randall, Pip Ridout, Bill Roberts, Ricky Rogers, Jane Scott, Jonathon Seed, John Smale, Carole Soden, Toby Sturgis, Julie Swabey, John Thomson, Dick Tonge, Tony Trotman, Bridget Wayman, Fred Westmoreland, Stuart Wheeler, Roy While and Chris Williams.

Abstentions Amendment No. 5 (2)

Cllrs Jane Burton and Nigel Carter.

Cllr Jon Hubbard proposed the following amendment No. 6 which was seconded by Cllr Peter Colmer.

Amendment 6
Keeping Wiltshire Safe

‘£0.125 million investment in Special Constables for 2011/12; providing the investment necessary to support 100 new Special Constables, a value-for-money method of maintaining strong police presence in Wiltshire through offering 100% Council-tax relief inducement for Specials for one year.

To be funded through drawing on the list of savings identified at the head of’ (the report presented by the Liberal Democrat group).

The Leader reported that adoption of this amendment would result in financial implications for the Police in funding the cost of additional uniforms and other incidental costs. She would not be supporting the amendment given that there had been no prior consultation with the Police on such a proposal. Cllr Carole Soden, Vice-Chairman of the Police Authority agreed that this was not something the Council should impose on the Police.

The Chairman gave other Group Leaders the opportunity of responding to the amendment before opening the debate to other members of the Council.

On being put to the vote, amendment No. 6 was LOST and a recorded vote having been requested by the requisite number of Councillors, the voting was recorded as follows:

For Amendment No. 6 (22)

Cllrs Desna Allen, Rosemary Brown, Trevor Carbin, Chris Caswill, Peter Colmer, Peggy Dow, Malcolm Hewson, Jon Hubbard, George Jeans, David Jenkins, Simon Killane, John Knight, Howard Marshall, Steve Oldrieve, Helen Osborn, Jeff Osborn, Mark Packard, Stephen Petty, Judy Rooke, Paul Sample, Ian West and Graham Wright.

Against Amendment No. 6 (62)

Cllrs Richard Beattie, Chuck Berry, John Brady, Richard Britton, Liz Bryant, Allison Bucknell, Jane Burton, Nigel Carter, Ernie Clark, Richard Clewer, Chris Cochrane, Linda Conley, Mark Connolly, Christine Crisp, Michael Cuthbert-Murray, Andrew Davis, Peter Davis, Fleur de Rhe Philipe, Tony Deane, Peter Doyle, Nick Fogg, Peter Fuller, Richard Gamble, Jose Green, Mark Griffiths, Mollie Groom, Lionel Grundy, Robert Hall, Mike Hewitt, Alan Hill, Charles Howard, Chris Humphries, Geoge Jeans, Julian Johnson, Jerry Kunkler, Jacqui Lay, Alan Macrae, Laura Mayes, Ian McLennan, Jemima Milton, Bill Moss, John Noeken, Sheila Parker, Graham Payne, Leo Randall, Pip Ridout, Bill Roberts, Ricky Rogers, Jane Scott, Jonathon Seed, John Smale, Carole Soden, Toby Sturgis, Julie Swabey, John Thomson, Dick Tonge, Tony Trotman, Bridget Wayman, Fred Westmorland, Stuart Wheeler, Roy While and Chris Williams.

Abstention Amendment No. 6 (1)

Cllr Francis Morland

Cllr Jon Hubbard proposed the following amendment No. 7 which was seconded by Cllr Peter Colmer.

Amendment 7 Protecting our Youth Service

'Reverse the proposed new cuts of £0.225m across the Youth Service. The work undertaken by our Youth Service helps reduce the levels of perceived and actual anti-social behaviour by young people in our communities. The cost benefits of this are obvious and this improves the opportunities for our young people in these difficult times. This will particularly benefit vulnerable and disadvantaged young people across the county.

To be funded through drawing on the list of savings identified at the head of' (the report presented by the Liberal Democrat group)

Cllr Grundy, Cabinet member for Children's Services confirmed there were no proposals to cut frontline services in this area. At his request, Cllr Clewer, Portfolio Holder for Youth and Skills updated Council on initiatives concerning youth service provision.

The Chairman gave other Group Leaders the opportunity of responding to the amendment before opening the debate to other members of the Council.

On being put to the vote, amendment No. 7 was LOST and a recorded vote having been requested by the requisite number of Councillors, the voting was recorded as follows:

For Amendment No. 7 (23)

Cllrs Desna Allen, Rosemary Brown, Trevor Carbin, Chris Caswill, Peter Colmer, Peggy Dow, Malcolm Hewson, Jon Hubbard, David Jenkins, Simon Killane, John Knight, Howard Marshall, Ian McLennan, Francis Morland, Steve Oldrieve, Helen Osborn, Jeff Osborn, Mark Packard, Stephen Petty, Ricky Rogers, Judy Rooke, Paul Sample, and Ian West.

Against Amendment No. 7 (56)

Cllrs Richard Beattie, Chuck Berry, John Brady, Richard Britton, Liz Bryant, Allison Bucknell, Jane Burton, Nigel Carter, Richard Clewer, Chris Cochrane, Linda Conley, Mark Connolly, Christine Crisp, Michael Cuthbert-Murray, Andrew Davis, Peter Davis, Fleur de Rhe Philipe, Tony Deane, Peter Doyle, Peter Fuller, Richard Gamble, Jose Green, Mark Griffiths, Mollie Groom, Lionel Grundy, Robert Hall, Mike Hewitt, Alan Hill, Charles Howard, Chris Humphries, Julian Johnson, Jerry Kunkler, Jacqui Lay, Alan Macrae, Laura Mayes, Jemima Milton, Bill Moss, John Noeken, Sheila Parker, Leo Randall, Pip Ridout, Bill Roberts, Jane Scott, Jonathon Seed, John Smale, Carole Soden, Toby Sturgis, Julie Swabey, John Thomson, Dick Tonge, Tony Trotman, Bridget Wayman, Fred Westmoreland, Stuart Wheeler, Roy While and Chris Williams.

Abstentions Amendment No. 7 (3)

Cllrs Ernie Clark, Nick Fogg and George Jeans.

Cllr Jon Hubbard proposed the following amendment No. 8 which was seconded by Cllr Peter Colmer.

Amendment 8
Improving Learning and Teaching in our Schools

'Reduce the savage proposed cuts in spending on School Improvement through a reduction in the proposed spending on £0.191m. In line with national policy, including the Pupil premium, evidence shows focusing investment on the early years creates savings in the future. This funding allows for extra school advisers, further teacher training, facilitating enhanced learning experiences for young people in the context of total budget reductions.

To be funded through drawing on the list of savings identified at the head of' (the report presented by the Liberal Democrat group).

Cllr Grundy, Cabinet member for Children's Services confirmed that the proposed budget included provision for investing £4.3 million in 2011-12. Some of this money would be used to provide a core team of officers to support schools as necessary linking into children's attainment and early intervention programmes. At his request, Cllr Alan Macrae, Portfolio Holder for Schools explained these initiatives in more detail.

The Chairman gave other Group Leaders the opportunity of responding to the amendment before opening the debate to other members of the Council.

On being put to the vote, amendment No. 8 was LOST and a recorded vote having been requested by the requisite number of Councillors, the voting was recorded as follows:

For Amendment No. 8 (21)

Cllrs Desna Allen, Rosemary Brown, Trevor Carbin, Chris Caswill, Peter Colmer, Jon Hubbard, David Jenkins, Simon Killane, John Knight, Howard Marshall, Ian McLennan, Francis Morland, Steve Oldrieve, Helen Osborn, Jeff Osborn, Mark Packard, Stephen Petty, Ricky Rogers, Judy Rooke, Paul Sample, and Ian West.

Against Amendment No. 8 (57)

Cllrs Richard Beattie, Chuck Berry, John Brady, Richard Britton, Liz Bryant, Allison Bucknell, Jane Burton, Nigel Carter, Richard Clewer, Chris Cochrane, Linda Conley, Mark Connolly, Christine Crisp, Michael Cuthbert-Murray, Andrew Davis, Peter Davis, Fleur de Rhe Philipe, Tony Deane, Peter Doyle, Peter Fuller, Richard Gamble, Jose Green, Mark Griffiths, Mollie Groom, Lionel Grundy, Robert Hall, Mike Hewitt, Alan Hill, Charles Howard, Chris Humphries, George Jeans, Julian Johnson, Jerry Kunkler, Jacqui Lay, Alan Macrae, Laura Mayes, Jemima Milton, Bill Moss, John Noeken, Sheila Parker, Leo Randall, Pip Ridout, Bill Roberts, Jane Scott, Jonathon Seed, John Smale, Carole Soden, Toby Sturgis, Julie Swabey, John Thomson, Dick Tonge, Tony Trotman, Bridget Wayman, Fred Westmoreland, Stuart Wheeler, Roy While and Chris Williams.

Cllr Jon Hubbard proposed the following amendment No. 9 and in so doing, paid tribute to the hard work and dedication of officers who worked in this particular area. The amendment was seconded by Cllr Peter Colmer.

Amendment 9
Protecting our most Vulnerable Children

'Whilst there are opportunities for considerable savings on previous expenditure on Children's Social Care, we feel that the level of cuts proposed will result in a reduced service for the most vulnerable of our young people in care and therefore would reduce these cuts by £0.254m. Investing properly in their futures at an early stage can save considerable amounts in the future.

To be funded through drawing on the list of savings identified at the head of' (the report presented by the Liberal Democrat group).

Cllr Lionel Grundy, Cabinet member for Children's Services reported that social services provision was adequately funded and that the service had recently undergone transformation. The last Ofsted inspection had classified the service as 'good' although pointed out that the service required increased administrative support which was provided immediately. Cllr Grundy commented that he would not be supporting the amendment as the service was already operating well.

Cllr Sheila Parker, Portfolio Holder for Vulnerable children explained that the service was already making savings whilst supporting vulnerable families.

The Chairman gave other Group Leaders the opportunity of responding to the amendment before opening the debate to other members of the Council.

On being put to the vote, amendment No. 9 was LOST and a recorded vote having been requested by the requisite number of Councillors, the voting was recorded as follows:

For Amendment No. 9 (23)

Cllrs Desna Allen, Rosemary Brown, Trevor Carbin, Chris Caswill, Peter Colmer, Malcolm Hewson, Jon Hubbard, George Jeans, David Jenkins, Simon Killane, John Knight, Howard Marshall, Ian McLennan, Francis Morland, Steve Oldrieve, Helen Osborn, Jeff Osborn, Mark Packard, Stephen Petty, Ricky Rogers, Judy Rooke, Paul Sample, and Ian West.

Against Amendment No. 9 (56)

Cllrs Richard Beattie, Chuck Berry, John Brady, Richard Britton, Liz Bryant, Allison Bucknell, Jane Burton, Nigel Carter, Richard Clewer, Chris Cochrane, Linda Conley, Mark Connolly, Christine Crisp, Michael Cuthbert-Murray, Andrew Davis, Peter Davis, Fleur de Rhe Philipe, Tony Deane, Peter Doyle, Peter Fuller, Richard Gamble, Jose Green, Mark Griffiths, Mollie Groom, Lionel Grundy, Robert Hall, Mike Hewitt, Alan Hill, Charles Howard, Chris Humphries, Julian Johnson, Jerry Kunkler, Jacqui Lay, Alan Macrae, Laura Mayes, Jemima Milton, Bill Moss, John Noeken, Sheila Parker, Leo Randall, Pip Ridout, Bill Roberts, Jane Scott, Jonathon Seed, John Smale, Carole Soden, Toby Sturgis, Julie Swabey, John Thomson, Dick Tonge, Tony Trotman, Bridget Wayman, Fred Westmoreland, Stuart Wheeler, Roy While and Chris Williams.

The amendments by the Liberal Democrat group having been LOST, the Chairman invited other Group Leaders to comment on the Leader's motion or to propose amendments to it.

Cllr Nigel Carter commented on the budget proposals referring to the positive and constructive scrutiny of the budget led by Cllr Jeff Osborn. He added a note of caution that the Council should be as proactive as it could in the area of enterprise and economy to ensure the economic viability of the County. He was delighted with efforts being made in energy management but added this area needed sustained investment to ensure the right culture prevailed to maximise impact. He also referred to the self insurance fund in the context of the scale of programme for the hubs.

Cllr Ricky Rogers acknowledged it was a difficult year to set the budget. He was opposed to the proposal to join the Local Government Association preferring the £88k membership fee was used towards the reinstatement of free swimming.

With no further amendments proposed by the other Group Leaders, other members of the Council were given the opportunity to debate the Leader's motion and or propose any further amendments.

Following a lengthy debate, the Leader of the Council responded to the points raised during debate.

Following clarification by the Chairman on what was being proposed, the Leader's motion was put to the vote and CARRIED by a show of hands. It was therefore

Resolved:

Business Plan and Financial Plan

- (a) That the Business Plan and linked Financial Plan 2011-15 as presented be adopted and that the Chief Executive be given delegated authority to make any amendments of a minor nature to ensure the Plans are accurate and clearly presented following consultation with the Leader of the Council, the S.151 Officer and the Monitoring Officer.
- (b) To approve the investments and savings as set out in sections 5 and 6 respectively of the Financial Plan that provides for a net revenue budget in 2011/12 of £329.847 million.
- (c) To set a Wiltshire Council Band D council tax for 2011/12 of £1,222.43 as per section 9 of the Financial Plan which represents a zero percentage increase.
- (d) To agree to membership of the Local Government Association for the 2011/12 financial year and pay the fee of £87,982 to the Association from reserves set out in the Financial Plan for this period.

Capital Programme

To approve the Wiltshire Council Capital Programme for 2011/12 to 2014/15 as shown in Appendix A of the report presented.

Housing Revenue Account Budget

- (a) To approve the Housing Revenue Account Budget for 2010/11 (revised) and 2011/12 (original) as presented.
- (b) To approve the increase for dwelling rents in accordance with the rent restructuring.
- (c) To approve an increase of 4.6% for service charges.
- (d) To approve that there be no increase to garage rents to avoid an adverse effect on void rates.

Schools Budget

To approve the overall Schools Budget of £274.653 million.

Fees and Charges

To approve the fees and charges as included in the revenue budget proposals for 2011/12.

Treasury Management Strategy

- (a) To adopt the Prudential and Treasury Indicators (Appendix A of the report presented).
- (b) To adopt the Annual Investment Strategy (Appendix B of the report presented).
- (c) To delegate to the Chief Finance Officer the authority to vary the amount of borrowing and other long term liabilities within both the Treasury Indicators for the Authorised Limit and the Operational Boundary.
- (d) To Authorise the Chief Finance Officer to agree the restructuring of existing long term loans where savings are achievable or to enhance the long term portfolio.
- (e) To agree that short term cash surpluses and deficits continue to be managed through temporary loans and deposits.
- (f) To agree that any long term surplus cash balances not required to cover borrowing are placed in authorised money-market funds, particularly where this is more cost effective than short term deposits and delegate to the Chief Finance Officer the authority to select such funds.

Council Tax Resolution

- a) That it be noted that at its meeting on 14th December 2010 Cabinet calculated the following amounts for the year 2011-12 in accordance with The Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (Amendment) Regulations 2003 made under Section 33(5) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 ("the Act"):
 - i) £179,297.66 being the amount calculated by the Council, in accordance with The Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (Amendment) Regulations 2003, as its council tax base for the year;
 - ii) Part of the Council's Area (Council Tax Base for each parish)
- b) That it be noted the revenue and capital budget proposals for 2011-12 are as approved within these minutes.

- c) That the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2011-12 in accordance with sections 32 to 36 of the Local Government and Finance Act 1992:
- i) £880,892,037 (Gross Revenue Expenditure including parish precepts) being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32(2) (a) to (e) of the Act;
 - ii) £543,788,000 (Revenue Income) being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32(3) (a) to (c) of the Act;
 - iii) £337,104,037 (Net Revenue Expenditure including parish precepts) being the amount by which the aggregate at ci) above exceeds the aggregate at cii) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 32(4) of the Act, as its budget requirement for the year;
 - iv) £105,191,569 (Total of Revenue Support Grant, share of National Non Domestic Rating Pool and Estimated Balance on the Collection Fund to be refunded to council tax payers) being the aggregate of the sums which the Council estimates will be payable for the year into its general fund in respect of redistributed non-domestic rates and revenue support grant and increased by the amount of any sum which the Council estimates will be transferred from its collection fund to its general fund pursuant to the Collection Fund (Community Charges) (England) Directions 1994 under section 98(4) of the Local Government Finance Act 1988;
 - v) £1,293.45 (Wiltshire Council Band D tax plus average parish councils Band D Tax) being the amount at ciii) above less the amount at civ) above, all divided by the amount at ai) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with section 33(1) of the Act, as the basic amount of its council tax for the year as shown below:

Band A £	Band B £	Band C £	Band D £	Band E £	Band F £	Band G £	Band H £
862.30	1006.02	1149.73	1293.45	1580.88	1868.31	2155.75	2586.90

- vi) £12,733,037 (Aggregate of parish and town council precepts) being the aggregate amount of all special items referred to in section 34(1) of the Act;
- vii) £1,222.43 (Band D tax for Wiltshire Council purposes only)

being the amount at cv) above less the result given by dividing the amount at cvi) above by the amount at ai) 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 special item relates as shown below:

Band A £	Band B £	Band C £	Band D £	Band E £	Band F £	Band G £	Band H £
814.95	950.78	1086.60	1222.43	1494.08	1765.73	2037.38	2444.86

- viii) Part of the Council's Area (List of each Parish's Council Band D tax)

That the table at Appendix C shows the amounts relating to dwellings in those parts of the Council's area mentioned above divided in each case by the amount at aii) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(3) of the Act, as the basic amounts of its council tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate;

- d) That it be noted that for the year 2011-12 the **Wiltshire Police Authority** has stated the following amounts in precepts issued to the Authority, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

Band A £	Band B £	Band C £	Band D £	Band E £	Band F £	Band G £	Band H £
105.18	122.71	140.24	157.77	192.83	227.89	262.95	315.54

- e) That it be noted that for the year 2011-12 the **Wiltshire & Swindon Fire Authority** has stated the following amounts in precepts issued to the Authority, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 and Section 83 of the Local Government Act 2003, for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

Band A £	Band B £	Band C £	Band D £	Band E £	Band F £	Band G £	Band H £
41.59	48.52	55.45	62.38	76.24	90.10	103.97	124.76

- f) That, having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at cviii), d) and e) above, the Council, in accordance with section 30(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the amounts shown in the table at Appendix C as the amounts of council tax for the year 2011-12 for each of the categories of dwellings shown in the table:-

Part of the Council's Area (List of total tax figures for all bands of property

for all parishes within Wiltshire – including Parish, Wiltshire Council, Wiltshire Police Authority and Wiltshire and Swindon Fire Authority elements).

86. **South Wiltshire Core Strategy - Review of Housing and Employment Requirements**

Public Participation:

The following members of the public addressed Council on this item:

Mr Roger Yeates	– Downton Parish Council
Mr Phillip Coward	– Hillbrush Ltd
Mr Ron Champion	– Laverstock and Ford Parish Council
Ms Sarah Champion	– Bishop Down Farm Residents' Association
Mr Steve Hannath	– Resident of Laverstock and Ford Parish

A written statement was circulated from Godshill Parish Council

Cllr John Brady, Cabinet member for Economic Development, Planning and Housing responded to the points made during public participation.

Cllr Brady presented a report which drew Council's attention to the findings of a review of the housing and employment requirements included within the draft South Wiltshire Core Strategy (SWCS) as submitted to the Secretary of State. The report sought approval of a number of amendments to the draft SWCS arising from the review. Cllr Brady drew Council's attention to changes to the recommendations relating to the distribution of housing as circulated in a revisions paper.

Cllr Brady explained the background to the need to review the housing and employment requirements within the SWCS.

Following approval of the draft South Wiltshire Core Strategy (SWCS) by Council in November 2009, the SWCS proceeded straight to the Examination in Public (EIP) stage. In July 2010, around the time the Inspector was due to publish his report, he suspended the EIP to allow the Council to undertake a review of the housing and employment figures in light of the Government's stated intention to abolish Regional Spatial Strategies (RSS). This review has now been completed, in the context of the Wiltshire-wide review of housing requirements and as a result, 'focused changes' to the SWCS should be put forward to the Inspector for his consideration. As a consequence of the 'focused changes' other changes would need to be made elsewhere in the document. These 'consequential' changes would also be submitted to the Inspector.

Cllr Brady moved the proposals contained in the report presented which included the proposed changes to the draft SWCS and the further revisions as circulated and this was duly seconded.

The revised housing figures considered by Council are set out in the following table:

Settlement/Area	No. of Dwellings 2006 - 2026
Salisbury & Wilton (including allocations for Salisbury in Laverstock Parish, which is part of Southern Community Area)	6,060
Rest of Wilton Community Area	220
Salisbury/Wilton Community Area Sub-total	6,280
Amesbury	2,100
Rest of Amesbury Community Area	295
Amesbury Community Area Sub-total	2,395
Downton	190
Rest of Southern Community Area	365
Southern Community Area Sub-total	555
Mere	200
Rest of Mere Community Area	50
Mere Community Area Sub-total	250
Tisbury	200
Rest of Tisbury Community Area	220
Tisbury Community Area Sub-total	420
South Wiltshire Total	9,900

Cllr Brady explained the proposals made were to ensure that a sound planning framework was put in place as soon as possible for South Wiltshire to allow the authority to manage necessary growth. This was to ensure homes and jobs were provided in the most sustainable way that best conserved the natural environment and maximised benefits for local communities. The proposals would also ensure that progress continued to be made on preparing an up to date planning policy framework for Wiltshire.

The Chairman then opened the debate allowing Group Leaders to speak first, followed by Councillors representing the South Wiltshire area of the County before opening the debate to other Councillors. The Chairman referred Council to questions from Cllr Ian McLennan as circulated.

Cllr McLennan referred to his questions addressed to Cllr Brady who responded to the questions with details of the responses circulated at the meeting. A copy of the questions and responses are attached as Appendix D to these minutes.

During debate, Cllr McLennan proposed the following amendment which was duly seconded:

‘That given all of the information so far, that the 500 housing allocation for Hampton Park be removed from the draft SWCS and to retain the housing allocation for Long Hedge in Laverstock and Ford’.

Cllr Brady explained that he was unable to support the amendment and whilst he had sympathy with such a view, making such a change at this stage in the process had the potential to render the Strategy unsound.

Following further debate, the amendment was put to the vote and LOST.

Cllr McLennan proposed a further amendment as follows which was duly seconded.

'To reduce the housing provision by removing any development east of Green Lane that also protects Green Lane itself and that the strategic gap should be set at two thirds of the distance from Long Hedge in Laverstock and Ford'.

However, following further debate, Cllr McLennan replaced the above amendment with the following, in part based on comments made earlier in the debate by Cllr Sample and this was duly seconded:

'To incorporate the decision of the Strategic Planning Committee dated 16 February 2011 as part of the submission to the Inspector on the draft SWCS and that the Community Forum referred to in the Revisions paper to include local parish councillors from Laverstock and Ford Parish Council and the local Division members'.

Cllr Brady commented that he was happy to take on board these amendments within his proposition with the proviso that details of the Strategic Planning Committee's decision be included as an informative only and this was agreed by Cllr McLennan.

A lengthy debate ensued with Cllr Brady responding to the points made.

For the avoidance of doubt, Cllr Brady clarified the proposals before Council and on being put to the vote, it was

Resolved:

That Council:

(i) approves the proposed changes to the draft South Wiltshire Core Strategy, as set out in Appendix 2 of the report presented (both focused and consequential), arising from the review of housing and employment requirements set out in the draft South West Regional Spatial Strategy; and further

(ii) approves the additional amendments to the draft South Wiltshire Core Strategy as follows:

- i. Those amendments summarised in the revisions paper as circulated in Agenda supplement 2.**

- ii. **The Community Forum referred to in the revisions paper to include local parish councillors from Laverstock and Ford Parish Council and the local Division members.**

(iii) approves the inclusion of the minute recording the decision of the Strategic Planning Committee held on 16 February 2011 in respect of the following application as an informative item appended to the submission to the Inspector on the draft South Wiltshire Core Strategy Review of Housing and Employment Requirements:

S/2009/1943 - Land North, West & South of Bishopdown Farm, Salisbury, SP1 3WS - Erection of 500 Dwellings, 4 New Vehicular Accesses off Pearce Way, Associated Landscaping & Public Open Space and Creation of a Country Park with Associated Parking, Infrastructure & Facilities

(iv) delegates to the Director for Economy and Enterprise, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Economic Development, Planning and Housing:

- **authorisation to undertake minor amendments, in the interests of clarity and accuracy, to the review documents prior to submission to the Inspector; and**
- **submission of the review documents to the Inspector, appointed by the Secretary of State to examine the Core Strategy, for consideration and any associated steps as directed by the Inspector in order to comply with required procedures.**

87. Wiltshire Local Transport Plan 2011 - 2026

Declaration of Interest

Cllr Desna Allen declared a personal interest in this item by virtue of being Treasurer to the Chippenham and District Transport for the Disabled Society which was partially funded by the Council by way of grant aid.

Public Participation

Verbal representations were made by the following members of the public:

Mrs Margaret Taylor Devizes Town Council
and written statement as circulated

Mr Rob Perks Chippenham Chamber of Trade

Mrs Margaret Willmot COGS (Cycling Opportunities Group, Salisbury)

Written statement presented by Cllr Chris Cochrane

As referred to earlier in the meeting (minute No. 82 refers), the Chairman reported receipt of the following petitions received for presentation to this meeting:

Petition – Car Parking – Devizes

The Chairman reported receipt of a petition organised by the Devizes Guardians and the Devizes Chambers of Commerce. The petition presented by Cllr Nigel Carter with 4657 signatures called on the Council to retain the one hour limit for free parking in Devizes Market Place

Petition – Car Parking – Marlborough

The Chairman reported receipt of a petition submitted by Cllr Peggy Dow on behalf of the Marlborough Chamber of Commerce. The petition with 71 signatures called on the Council to lower the parking charges for Marlborough to the level defined in the New Strategy and for Hillier's Yard and Polly Garden car parks to be redesignated as short stay car parks with a maximum stay of three hours.

Petition – Car Parking - Bradford on Avon

The Chairman reported receipt of a petition organised by the Bradford-on-Avon Chambers of Commerce. The petition with approximately 1600 signatures objected to the removal of free car parking in St Margaret's car park and to levy only reasonable charges on other town parking.

The Chairman drew Council's attention to the following previously circulated documents:

- report of the Rapid Scrutiny Exercise meeting held on 25 January 2011 together with a schedule of recommendations. Cllr Peter Doyle, lead member on the Rapid Scrutiny Exercise confirmed that all of the recommendations had been accepted by Cllr Tonge.
- Question from Cllr Peggy Dow in respect of parking charges in Marlborough together with the response from Cllr Dick Tonge, Cabinet member for Highways and Transport.

At the start of this item, Councillor Dick Tonge drew Council's attention to the related Traffic Regulations Orders, the consultation on which had expired on 21 February 2011. Cllr Tonge referred to the consultation feedback and responded to the main comments and objections received.

Cllr Tonge presented the proposed Wiltshire Local Transport Plan 2011 – 2026 (LTP) for adoption by Council. The document was previously considered by Cabinet at its meeting on 15 February 2011 when it resolved to recommend adoption of the LTP by Council.

Cllr Tonge explained that the Local Transport Plan (LTP) was a statutory document, of which an updated version (LTP3) had to be published by 31 March 2011. The scale and scope of the LTP3 was reduced in light of ongoing planning and funding uncertainties. Once clarity was restored, the remaining elements of the LTP3 were planned to be developed during 2011/12.

The LTP3 was currently made up of the following elements:

- Strategy
- Implementation Plan
- Freight Strategy
- Public Transport Strategy
- Road Safety Strategy
- Car Parking Strategy (as approved by Cabinet at its meeting on 14 December 2010).

Cllr Tonge gave a brief synopsis of each of the above strategies and Cllr Richard Gamble provided further detail in respect of the Public Transport Strategy including the proposed transrail link.

The Chairman opened the debate starting with Group Leaders before opening the debate to other members.

Cllr Nigel Carter proposed the following amendment seconded by Cllr Jane Burton:

‘To maintain the one hour limit for free parking in Devizes Market Place and to delete reference to ticket machines and for there to be no street furniture in Market Square.’

On being put to the vote, the amendment was LOST.

Cllr Tonge responded to the points raised during debate.

Resolved:

That Council:

- (i) **adopts the Wiltshire Local Transport Plan (LTP3) 2011 – 2026 as presented;**
- (ii) **notes that further LTP3 theme strategies and area strategies, and an implementation plan for 2012/13 – 2014/15 are planned to be developed in 2011/12 and**

- (iii) **delegates authority to the Corporate Director for Neighbourhood and Planning in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport to finalise the document for publication by 31 March 2011.**

88. **Councillors' Questions**

The Chairman reported receipt of questions from Cllrs Ernie Clark, Howard Marshall, Jon Hubbard, Jeff Osborn, Chris Caswill and Russell Hawker. Details of the questions and responses given were previously circulated and are attached as Appendix E to these minutes.

Supplementary questions were made in some cases summarised as follows:

Cllr John Hubbard – consideration of community campus proposals at Melksham Area Board – was it appropriate to debate an issue at the Area Board after the decision had been made rather than consult on the proposals?

Cllr Stuart Wheeler explained that he had consulted the Chairman of Melksham Area Board who confirmed that a special meeting of the Area Board would be convened to discuss the proposals followed by consultation. The Leader of the Council also clarified that this process had been agreed unanimously by Melksham Area Board.

Cllr Jon Hubbard – Melksham community campus proposals and siting of library – questioned whether the resiting of Melksham library following refurbishment of the Town centre library represented best value.

Cllr John Noeken explained that the Council needed to take a longterm view and consider future cost as part of the Workplace Transformation Programme.

Cllr Chris Caswill – effect of frontloading reductions in Government grant – sought clarification of the effect of frontloading rather than spreading the cuts evenly. Cllr Caswill asked if the reduction by £11.477 m was as a result of front loading? Cllr Fleur de Rhe Philippe undertook to provide a written answer.

Cllr Jeff Osborn – Future Jobs Fund Scheme – asked whether the Council had lobbied the Government over retaining the Scheme.

The Leader of the Council confirmed that she had personally lobbied the Government on this issue.

89. **Notice of Motion 15 - Government Funding of the EU - from Councillors Mike Cuthbert-Murray and Russell Hawker**

The Chairman referred to the notice of motion presented by Cllr Trevor Carbin at the last meeting on 9 November 2010 on the Daylight Saving Bill which was

deferred to this meeting. The Chairman explained that Cllr Carbin had since withdrawn his motion.

Declaration of Interest

Cllrs Toby Sturgis, Chris Humphries and Jane Scott declared a personal interest in this item as their respective businesses were in receipt of EU funding.

The Chairman reported receipt of the following motion from Cllrs Mike Cuthbert-Murray and Russell Hawker:

“In the light of the current and ongoing deep Government funding cuts to this council and the significant adverse effects this is causing via reduced staffing and services, we believe that the Government should ensure that its funding to the EU does not increase - or better still, is cut - so that funding to this and other principal authorities can be restored to levels where we can provide a satisfactory level of service and support to Wiltshire people. We will inform our local MPs and ask them to act accordingly in Parliament and to explain their actions in this respect to us.”

Once moved by Cllr Mike Cuthbert-Murray and seconded by Cllr Nigel Carter, Cllr Cuthbert-Murray was invited to speak to the motion.

The Chairman moved that the motion be debated and this was duly seconded by the Vice-Chairman and on being put to the vote, it was

Resolved:

That notice of motion no.15 be debated

The Chairman invited Group Leaders to speak on the motion before opening the debate to other Councillors. The Leader of the Council commented that this was a matter which if supported, should be taken up by Councillors through their MPs and not as a Council matter.

Resolved:

That the motion be NOT adopted.

90. **Minutes of Cabinet and Committees**

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

Meeting	Date
Cabinet	16 November & 14 December 2010 25 January & 15 February 2011
Cabinet Capital Assets Committee	10 January & 7 February 2011
Children's Services Select Committee	25 November 2010, 27 January 2011
Environment Select Committee	2 November & 21 December 2010, 11 January 2011
Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee	11 November 2010, 13 January 2011
Organisation and Resources Select Committee	18 November 2010, 20 January 2011
Licensing Committee	30 November 2010, 17 January 2011
Northern Area Planning Committee	3 November, 24 November & 15 December 2010, 26 January 2011
Western Area Planning Committee	8 December 2010, 12 January & 9 February 2011
Southern Area Planning Committee	18 November & 9 December 2010, 13 January 2011
Eastern Area Planning Committee	16 December 2010, 6 January 2011
Standards Committee	24 November 2010, 12 January 2011
Officer Appointments Committee	14 December 2010
Staffing Policy Committee	24 November & 16 December 2010, 9 February 2011
Audit Committee	15 December 2010
Wiltshire Pension Fund Committee	2 December 2010

The Chairman then invited questions from Councillors on points of information or clarification on the above mentioned minutes and gave the Chairmen of those meetings the opportunity to make any important announcements on the work of their respective Committees. No questions were asked.

Resolved:

That the above mentioned minutes be received and noted.

91. **Review of Allocation of Seats on Committees to Political Groups**

The Chairman presented the report of the Service Director, Legal and Democratic Services. As referred to earlier in the meeting (minute no. 84 refers), Cllr Liz Bryant was elected to the Council following the by-election held on 21 December 2010. A review of the allocation of seats on committee to political groups was not required as the political balance on the Council remained unchanged.

Council was asked to confirm Cllr Bryant's appointment to Devizes Area board and to approve any requests from Group Leaders for changes to committee membership in accordance with their previously approved allocation of seats. No changes were requested.

Resolved:

- a) **To note the report presented.**
- b) **To confirm the appointment of Cllr Liz Bryant who was elected to the Bromham, Rowde and Potterne Electoral Division, to the Devizes Area Board.**

92. **Dates of next meetings**

Resolved:

To approve the dates of Council meetings for 2011/12 as follows:

17th May	2011 (Annual)
12th July	2011
8th November	2011
21st February	2012 (Council Tax setting).

93. **Wiltshire Police Authority**

The minutes of the Wiltshire Police Authority meeting held on 2 December 2010 and the report of the Police Authority were received and noted. No questions on these documents had been received from Councillors.

94. **Minutes of the Wiltshire and Swindon Fire Authority**

The minutes of the Wiltshire and Swindon Fire Authority meeting held on 16 December 2010 were received and noted. No questions had been raised by Councillors.

Duration of meeting 10.30am – 11.00pm
(including an adjournment from 11.50am – 2.00pm)

Appendices

- Appendix A - Questions from Mr Phil Matthews and response
- Appendix B - Budget speech by Leader of the Council
- Appendix C - Wiltshire Council Tax Levy 2011-12 by Parish
- Appendix D - Questions from Cllr Ian McLennan (South Wiltshire Core Strategy and responses
- Appendix E - Councillors' Questions and responses

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22 February 2011

Public Participation

**Question from Mr Phil Matthews, Wiltshire Involvement Network
To Councillor Jane Scott, Leader of the Council**

Question 1

The Wiltshire Involvement Networks(LINKS) is a Statutory Government organisation set up by Act of Parliament to represent patients and public in Wiltshire.

Why was the decision to recently suspend this organisation and its funding taken by Council Officers instead of the democratically elected Members of the Council?

Response

The Chief Executive has instigated a review of the process followed in connection with the investigation of a complaint arising from a meeting of Wiltshire Involvement Network (WIN) on 10 August 2010. This issue will be covered in that review. The outcome of the review will be reported to Cabinet at the earliest opportunity.

Question 2

At a Healthwatch Stakeholders meeting held on Feb 8th 2011 , Earl Howe made it clear that good relationships were needed with Local Authorities and that conversations were needed with them with regards to the money that they have been provided with for LINKS. Therefore can I have an assurance that funding will be available to continue the work of the Wiltshire Involvement Network up an until Healthwatch is set up?

Response

The Director of Community Services has requested a meeting with the WIN to discuss various issues including the funding arrangements for next year. The Council is committed to funding the WIN through a Host organisation for 11/12 as there is progression to the establishment of Health Watch.

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Mr Chairman

When we met at this time last year we knew that difficult times lay ahead. We knew that our government grant would be cut and that we were in for a period of enforced financial saving and we have been planning for this. However, we did not know, nor foresee, the extent of savings that the new coalition government would require us to make in the first year of their 4 year plans; and nor did we envisage that we would be affected by over 300 new pieces of legislation changing the whole concept of local government and its responsibilities.

The changes in legislation and regulation that are being proposed will alter the relationship between the public sector and our citizens and service users. We will need to change radically in how we will be organised and how we deliver services in the future.

Our resources over the next 4 years will be reduced – we will have to absorb a cut of over 28% in grant funding from the government – and manage the new pieces of legislation. This will not be easy but it would be considerably more difficult had we not combined our 5 councils into one with the appreciable financial savings that brought and continues to bring during this transformation stage.

We will have a completely new partnership landscape to deal with and will need to take account of the expected growth in the number of older people living in our county in the next few years and the increasing number of young children needing our care.

We have looked to the future and produced a business plan that sets out how we intend to meet these challenges over the next 4 years. Whilst today's meeting will consider the budget for next year – our proposals will be in the context of the changing picture for the next few years and beyond.

There are no short-term solutions but our proposals are robust with a planned approach to managing our resources well for the future.

We have openly shared and discussed our proposals with our local communities and stakeholders and we have taken their views into account in our budget planning.

Our vision is to create stronger, more resilient communities. This vision is all about people and places, fostering a sense of community belonging and self-sufficiency where communities can solve problems locally with our support.

Our communities are already becoming more self-reliant, reducing the dependency on public services.

We recognise that a new and different way of working is going to be critical for the future and with significantly diminished resources we have to empower and enable local communities to take a greater control over their futures.

Our business plan sets out what we aim to achieve between now and 2015. It highlights our business model for the next 5 to 10 years. The changes will be phased so that the first 4 years will set the foundations to make the Council as efficient as possible and well equipped for the future.

We believe we can do this because we are taking a long term, pragmatic view and we can take advantage of being a new unitary authority. Unlike many other councils across the country and our neighbouring authorities we are not stopping services or closing facilities and we are not making thousands of staff redundant.

We are different - we are ambitious – we are visionary – but we are also realistic.

We plan to use our resources to:

- √ protect the most vulnerable in our communities
- √ invest in the future of Wiltshire by enhancing some principal service areas, and;
- √ keep the council tax low

We will do this not only by making savings that will cover the cut in government funding but also fund the investments we wish to make.

We propose to invest an additional £34 million over the next 4 years into protecting and safeguarding vulnerable adults and this reflects the expected growth in the number of ageing adults that will need our services. We anticipate that 14% more older people will receive our services in the next few years.

We will also invest £4.7 million into protecting and safeguarding vulnerable children as we know that there is a 5% increase in the number of looked-after children that will need to receive high quality local placements either in foster care or residential placements close to family, friends and their local community.

We know that around 11% of children and young people in Wiltshire are considered to be living in poverty. We want Wiltshire schools to be outstanding whether they are academies or maintained schools, and enable pupils to fulfil their potential. We are proposing an investment of £3.2 million into improving the attainment and progress of pupils' learning.

We will also provide support for young people to move into employment and training. Working closely with our partners we have a range of strategies in place to support young people secure employment. Whilst NEET levels in Wiltshire remain below the national level, this remains an important priority for us.

The Wiltshire Potential Future Job Fund created 495 sustainable new jobs for 18–24 year olds, and the new 100 Apprentice Campaign aims to have 100 new Wiltshire apprentices enrolled within the 100 day period. Working with Job Centre Plus – we have secured work experience placements for 300 unemployed 18–24 year olds and as part of the Action for Wiltshire initiative, the 'Get Prepared Programme' for 16-18 year olds supports young people moving into employment, training or further education.

We are in no doubt that the economic recession has hit Wiltshire – the claimant unemployment in the county has risen during the recession by 4,500 and the growth

in unemployment has been higher than the national average. Whilst the dependency on public sector employment of 22.3% is broadly in line with national levels of 21.8% - we expect the impact on public sector cuts to result in an additional 3,000 job losses across Wiltshire over the next 4 years. Parts of the county are more vulnerable, especially those areas that are dependent on military activity. The closure of RAF Lyneham by the end of 2012 will result in a reduction in the local economy of around £90 million by 2015 and the loss of around 3,400 jobs. There is also a threat to employment at the Health Protection Agency at Porton Down, owing to proposals to relocate up to 600 staff to Essex.

We will need to build economic resilience through developing a broader sector mix and employment base. We are therefore proposing to invest £4 million into supporting the local economy helping the private sector to create 6,000 new jobs as well as safeguarding existing jobs.

We will invest a further £15 million of capital and revenue into broadband so that 85% of Wiltshire will be covered by superfast broadband in the next 4 years. This is in response in part to the business community and their requirements to compete in the market and therefore remain in the county. It is also a requirement if we are to attract new businesses to the county

The maintenance of our highways is really important to local people and businesses and was a top priority when we consulted with our communities. We have made improvements already. Our response time for repairs to non-urgent highways defects has been reduced by 95% and for urgent defects to less than one day. The condition of our roads has been improved by reducing the maintenance backlog by 16% over the last 5 years.

We have also delegated budgets to community area transport groups to prioritise road improvements locally and parish councils have been offered extra salt bags to assist communities during freezing weather and our area boards have been allocated extra grit bins at locations of their choice.

In 2011-12 funding for highways maintenance will increase over and above 2010/11. In addition, it is expected that a number of invest-to-save schemes will be brought forward in our capital programme. Spend on minor repairs and highways maintenance will be looked at as part of our commercial procurement review to achieve savings so that we will be able to do more with the same budget.

The overall increased spend on highways will be £417,000 and we will achieve a further 10% reduction in the roads maintenance backlog.

One of our key priorities and proposed areas of investment is our waste collection service. We need to divert waste from landfill in the medium to long term to secure significant cost savings for residents through reductions in Landfill Tax charges. Our target is to reduce land filled waste to less than 25% of the total collected by 2014.

In addition, we need to harmonise waste collection and recycling arrangements to provide a consistent service across Wiltshire.

The average recycling rate in Wiltshire is already ahead of target - in excess of 40%. However, major investment, encouragement and education will be needed to meet an increased target of 50%.

We have a contract for the delivery of 50,000 tonnes per year of waste to the Lakeside energy waste incinerator near Slough. A second contract for the construction in Westbury of a mechanical and biological treatment (MBT) plant is being finalised. This will provide further capacity to divert waste from landfill. While we continue to put waste into landfill we are required to pay Landfill Tax at a rate of £56 per tonne in 2011/12, rising by £8 per tonne per year until reaching £80 per tonne in 2014.

We propose to invest £23 million into waste and recycling. Wiltshire residents will receive kerbside collections every week on an alternate weekly basis collecting; plastic bottles and cardboard; glass, papers, cans, foil and textiles (the existing black box service); non-chargeable optional garden waste; and remaining waste.

You will be aware that the coalition government has recognised the importance of energy efficiency and introduced an Energy Bill last December. The Bill makes provision for a new 'Green Deal' to improve the energy efficiency of homes and businesses from autumn 2012. The details of how this will work are emerging and during 2011 we will look at how we can best take advantage of this for Wiltshire.

We spent £14 million on energy and transport in 2009/10, with an associated carbon footprint of 66,000 tonnes of CO₂. We have set a target to reduce our carbon footprint by 20% by 2013/14.

The Carbon Reduction Commitment (CRC) means that for every tonne of carbon emitted from our buildings and streetlights we will have to pay £12 in 2011/12 and 2012/13; £16 in 2013/14 and increasing amounts thereafter. If we do not invest in energy efficiency projects our tax burden will be higher.

We are proposing a further investment of £2 million to help to reduce our carbon emissions, which will reduce the cost of our energy bills.

During 2010/11, £0.5 million was allocated in our capital programme and £0.7 million was secured as a zero per cent government loan. This funding is being invested in a range of energy efficiency projects such as LED bollards, an air source heat pump at the Shurnhold office, and building management systems at leisure centres.

In total the £1.2 million invested in 2010/11 will save £275,000 per year on energy bills, or a total of £1.37 million over 5 years.

We have a good track record of investing in our communities through grants, new ways of doing things with our area boards and in supporting community area partnerships. We propose a further investment of £3.2 million to strengthen area boards and increase the capacity for local people to influence decisions, which affect their local community and continue to involve local people in tackling projects and resolving problems to improve the quality of life in their area. We want to encourage and recognise the contribution and value of volunteering in Wiltshire as this will be vital for sustaining delivery of some services locally.

We already have over 100 volunteers to help in our libraries.

We have been a leader on localism for some time and have strong foundations and relationships, which will help us to shift our role and the role of communities in the future. Our area boards have been pivotal in bringing about new ways of working and we see their role in the future as vital to building resilience in our communities.

Affordable Housing remains a top Wiltshire priority. The average Wiltshire house price is £234,000 but the average salary of £26,000 is well under the £45,000 needed to buy a 2-bedroom terraced house. We have a housing waiting list of 12,000+ of which over a quarter are in the highest need category.

Unfortunately, there are only around 45 housing association and council homes allocated each week. Whilst Wiltshire has an impressive record of creatively delivering new affordable homes, the numbers always fall short of the massive need. So at a time when it is increasingly difficult to deliver affordable homes through conventional routes, there is the reassurance that Wiltshire is on the threshold of delivering the only affordable Housing PFI scheme in the South West.

The project will see delivery of in excess of 250 new affordable homes to rent across the west of Wiltshire and we will build further new council homes in 2011. Our ambition is to enable the development of 450 affordable homes each year. Our PFI investment is primarily the provision of council land, enabling between 250 and 350 new affordable homes to rent.

Failure to deliver affordable housing puts big pressure on other services, such as homelessness, care service and health. A sharp increase in homelessness can result in increased use of bed and breakfast (B&B) with a cost running into millions.

And finally on our programme of investment, we intend to put £3.5 million into leisure. The indoor leisure facilities that we inherited as a result of the new unitary council are broadly outdated, inefficient and unsustainable.

Our proposals enable us to deliver sustainable, cost effective, high quality, indoor leisure facilities that will be part of a wider service delivery project.

The local campus project will be responsible for the delivery of fewer, more efficient and better placed facilities - which as well as providing a location for a range of services will ensure the provision of high quality multi-functional indoor leisure services to all sectors of the community.

We will develop service campus in 5 pilot areas – Corsham, Melksham, Pewsey, Tisbury and Wootton Bassett and we will explore new ways to deliver services in these campus by involving local communities and giving them influence in the development and running of the community services in their area.

Successful delivery of this ambitious business plan will be based on good management and by ensuring that our business and organisational structure is fit for purpose.

We will deliver our programme of investment by reducing our management costs by £8 million – this has already been achieved with 220 managers taking voluntary redundancy.

We will make £36 million by reducing the costs of purchasing our goods and services and a further £6.7 million net through our workplace transformation programme.

By transforming our services and reviewing how we do things we will save £47 million. We will look at each service from a customer point of view, determine exactly what they need rather what we think they need and eliminate any current waste and beaurocracy

I am not aware of any other council making this level of investment and transforming how they work to improve their local communities.

Wiltshire is in a unique place and our plan is ambitious, but realistic. We are confident that we are well placed to deliver a new and exciting local government that

will shift the roles between public sector and community – we want to support our communities to be able to help themselves and improve the quality of life and economy of Wiltshire in these difficult times and beyond.

We know we can make Wiltshire a better place by building on the strong foundations that we have in place. We see the next few years as a real opportunity to deliver improvements and the biggest cultural change ever seen in local government.

Next year's budget is the most difficult of the 4 years as we have to make changes quickly and, having focused on the next four years, I will now focus on the proposals for 2011/12.

Our intentions are to continue;

To provide high quality, low cost, customer focused services

We must provide the services Wiltshire needs, to the standard that residents want, and give value for money. Our customers must be the starting point for our services so that we know that what we are providing is what they want and need.

To ensure local, open and honest decision-making

We want people to have a real say on decisions that affect them and their communities. They must be able to influence those decisions and be part of the decision making process. Our 18 community areas have been a success and we will build on that success.

To work with our partners to support Wiltshire's communities

We will work closely with our customers and communities to resolve issues and challenges. We will also work with the voluntary sector, businesses and other public organisations such as the NHS, the homes' and communities' agency, emergency services and the justice system. By doing so, we can be more effective and achieve so much more.

And so what do we have in the budget we are considering today to meet these intentions.

We start from knowing that the funding settlement means that we will receive a net £16.4 million less than last year. And yet with the savings we will make, we will, unlike most other authorities, make considerable investments in Wiltshire's future. We will invest over £8 million in the protection of vulnerable adults and children. We will put £1 million into the economy.

We will invest £2.5 million into our policy for waste management and recycling, over £1 million into energy efficiency, over £300 thousand into leisure facilities and over £300 thousand into providing high speed broadband to assist the business community.

In providing a net £3 million for inflation redundancies and reserves, we will be making a total investment in Wiltshire of some £18.8 million. So we have needed to find an additional £33.1 million to fund our ambitious and bold plans for investing in Wiltshire's future.

We are grateful to central government for recognising the difficulties all councils faced in such hard times to keep council tax low. We believe this is vital to the sustainability of our communities and intend to freeze council tax in 2011/12 and welcome the government's funding for this

But in order to protect those services, which our residents have told us, are the most important to them and to keep council tax rises to a minimum in the future, we have had to take a number of difficult decisions. I did not enter politics to make cuts and I am proud our proposals are not as drastic as you will have seen across other parts of the country. Nevertheless, to deliver a robust and sound budget we have had to put forward £33.1 million pounds of saving proposals. These include increasing a number of charges to the less vital of the services we provide. We will reduce the opening hours of our libraries but, unlike other councils, we will not close any. We will reduce the hours our leisure centres are open but have taken notice of the hours in which they are most used; and we will only close those that are little used.

Of course some charges are being raised above the current inflation rate but I believe they are not unduly burdensome. I know that residents will understand that in the present economic climate some discretionary services will have to cost more. This is the price we have to pay for 12 years of a labour government.

You will all have had the opportunity to study the administration's budget proposals in detail and I will not waste time in going over that detail. Unlike whatever proposals the opposition have in mind, we have made ours public for all to see, and comment upon, in line with our commitment to transparency.

It has not been an easy or comfortable year. The necessary reduction in the number of posts has meant losing so many staff that have given loyal and valuable service to the council and I have personally regretted having to say goodbye to many officers that I, and my Cabinet, have worked closely with and valued their expertise and commitment.

In many cases these redundancies have placed an additional burden on the remaining staff and they are due our most grateful thanks for the manner in which they have responded in the recent difficult months.

The Corporate Management Team have been magnificent in their commitment to see Wiltshire through these difficult years ahead and my grateful thanks are due to them all. I wish to add my particular thanks to Michael Hudson and his team for unravelling the complex messages and detail that have been received from government affecting our financial position and ability to fix a sound budget. It is to his, and his team's, credit that I can propose such a sound budget for the year ahead and one which I believe will maintain our front line services in better shape than other councils as well as provide significant investment in the future of our county and I commend it to the Council.

Councillor Jane Scott
Leader, Wiltshire Council
22 February 2011

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Wiltshire Council Tax Levy 2011-12 By Parish

Appendix C

Parish / Town	Band D £			
	Wiltshire Council	Police	Fire & Rescue	Town / Parish
Aldbourne	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	24.63
Alderbury	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	34.08
All Cannings	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	34.68
Allington	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	41.73
Alton	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	19.36
Alvediston	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	0.00
Amesbury	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	47.14
Ansty	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	17.49
Ashton Keynes	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	48.27
Atworth	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	28.27
Avebury	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	47.98
Barford St Martin	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	33.65
Baydon	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	34.73
Beechingstoke	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	0.00
Berwick Bassett & W/Bourne Monkton	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	6.17
Berwick St James	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	9.66
Berwick St John	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	23.40
Berwick St Leonard	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	0.00
Biddestone	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	28.51
Bishops Cannings	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	19.71
Bishopstone	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	17.97
Bishopstrow	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	14.65
Bowerchalke	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	25.30
Box	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	76.16
Boyton	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	7.01
Bradford On Avon	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	89.02
Bratton	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	47.60
Braydon	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	0.00
Bremhill	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	10.76
Brinkworth	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	27.23

Council Tax Bandings £							
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
978.14	1,141.17	1,304.18	1,467.21	1,793.25	2,119.30	2,445.35	2,934.42
984.44	1,148.52	1,312.58	1,476.66	1,804.80	2,132.95	2,461.10	2,953.32
984.84	1,148.98	1,313.12	1,477.26	1,805.54	2,133.81	2,462.10	2,954.52
989.54	1,154.47	1,319.38	1,484.31	1,814.15	2,144.00	2,473.85	2,968.62
974.63	1,137.07	1,299.50	1,461.94	1,786.81	2,111.68	2,436.57	2,923.88
961.72	1,122.01	1,282.29	1,442.58	1,763.15	2,083.72	2,404.30	2,885.16
993.15	1,158.67	1,324.19	1,489.72	1,820.77	2,151.81	2,482.87	2,979.44
973.38	1,135.61	1,297.84	1,460.07	1,784.53	2,108.98	2,433.45	2,920.14
993.90	1,159.55	1,325.20	1,490.85	1,822.15	2,153.44	2,484.75	2,981.70
980.57	1,144.00	1,307.42	1,470.85	1,797.70	2,124.55	2,451.42	2,941.70
993.71	1,159.33	1,324.94	1,490.56	1,821.79	2,153.02	2,484.27	2,981.12
984.15	1,148.18	1,312.20	1,476.23	1,804.28	2,132.33	2,460.38	2,952.46
984.87	1,149.02	1,313.16	1,477.31	1,805.60	2,133.89	2,462.18	2,954.62
961.72	1,122.01	1,282.29	1,442.58	1,763.15	2,083.72	2,404.30	2,885.16
965.83	1,126.81	1,287.77	1,448.75	1,770.69	2,092.63	2,414.58	2,897.50
968.16	1,129.52	1,290.88	1,452.24	1,774.96	2,097.67	2,420.40	2,904.48
977.32	1,140.21	1,303.09	1,465.98	1,791.75	2,117.52	2,443.30	2,931.96
961.72	1,122.01	1,282.29	1,442.58	1,763.15	2,083.72	2,404.30	2,885.16
980.73	1,144.18	1,307.63	1,471.09	1,798.00	2,124.90	2,451.82	2,942.18
974.86	1,137.34	1,299.81	1,462.29	1,787.24	2,112.19	2,437.15	2,924.58
973.70	1,135.99	1,298.26	1,460.55	1,785.11	2,109.68	2,434.25	2,921.10
971.49	1,133.40	1,295.31	1,457.23	1,781.06	2,104.88	2,428.72	2,914.46
978.59	1,141.69	1,304.78	1,467.88	1,794.07	2,120.26	2,446.47	2,935.76
1,012.49	1,181.25	1,349.99	1,518.74	1,856.23	2,193.73	2,531.23	3,037.48
966.39	1,127.46	1,288.52	1,449.59	1,771.72	2,093.85	2,415.98	2,899.18
1,021.07	1,191.25	1,361.42	1,531.60	1,871.95	2,212.30	2,552.67	3,063.20
993.45	1,159.03	1,324.60	1,490.18	1,821.33	2,152.48	2,483.63	2,980.36
961.72	1,122.01	1,282.29	1,442.58	1,763.15	2,083.72	2,404.30	2,885.16
968.89	1,130.38	1,291.85	1,453.34	1,776.30	2,099.26	2,422.23	2,906.68
979.87	1,143.19	1,306.49	1,469.81	1,796.43	2,123.05	2,449.68	2,939.62

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Parish / Town	Band D £			
	Wiltshire Council	Police	Fire & Rescue	Town / Parish
Britford	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	2.90
Broad Hinton & W/Bourne Bassett	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	13.95
Broad Town	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	12.38
Broadchalke	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	18.59
Brokenborough	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	13.14
Bromham	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	43.50
Broughton Gifford	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	18.46
Bulford	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	36.94
Bulkington	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	36.24
Burbage	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	42.01
Burcombe	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	20.50
Buttermere	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	0.00
Calne	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	201.94
Calne Without	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	5.31
Castle Combe	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	24.93
Chapmanslade	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	16.00
Charlton	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	20.13
Charlton St Peter & Wilsford	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	9.19
Cherhill	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	15.56
Cheverell Magna (Great Cheverell)	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	31.63
Chicklade	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	0.00
Chilmark	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	26.90
Chilton Foliat	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	29.68
Chippenham	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	131.56
Chippenham Without	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	37.72
Chirton	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	11.36
Chitterne	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	41.70
Cholderton	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	39.43
Christian Malford	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	24.49
Chute	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	34.90

Council Tax Bandings £							
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
963.65	1,124.27	1,284.87	1,445.48	1,766.69	2,087.91	2,409.13	2,890.96
971.02	1,132.86	1,294.69	1,456.53	1,780.20	2,103.87	2,427.55	2,913.06
969.97	1,131.64	1,293.29	1,454.96	1,778.28	2,101.60	2,424.93	2,909.92
974.11	1,136.47	1,298.81	1,461.17	1,785.87	2,110.57	2,435.28	2,922.34
970.48	1,132.23	1,293.97	1,455.72	1,779.21	2,102.70	2,426.20	2,911.44
990.72	1,155.84	1,320.96	1,486.08	1,816.32	2,146.55	2,476.80	2,972.16
974.03	1,136.37	1,298.70	1,461.04	1,785.71	2,110.38	2,435.07	2,922.08
986.35	1,150.74	1,315.13	1,479.52	1,808.30	2,137.08	2,465.87	2,959.04
985.88	1,150.20	1,314.50	1,478.82	1,807.44	2,136.07	2,464.70	2,957.64
989.73	1,154.68	1,319.63	1,484.59	1,814.50	2,144.40	2,474.32	2,969.18
975.39	1,137.95	1,300.51	1,463.08	1,788.21	2,113.33	2,438.47	2,926.16
961.72	1,122.01	1,282.29	1,442.58	1,763.15	2,083.72	2,404.30	2,885.16
1,096.35	1,279.07	1,461.79	1,644.52	2,009.97	2,375.41	2,740.87	3,289.04
965.26	1,126.14	1,287.01	1,447.89	1,769.64	2,091.39	2,413.15	2,895.78
978.34	1,141.40	1,304.45	1,467.51	1,793.62	2,119.73	2,445.85	2,935.02
972.39	1,134.45	1,296.51	1,458.58	1,782.71	2,106.83	2,430.97	2,917.16
975.14	1,137.67	1,300.18	1,462.71	1,787.75	2,112.80	2,437.85	2,925.42
967.85	1,129.16	1,290.46	1,451.77	1,774.38	2,096.99	2,419.62	2,903.54
972.09	1,134.11	1,296.12	1,458.14	1,782.17	2,106.20	2,430.23	2,916.28
982.81	1,146.61	1,310.41	1,474.21	1,801.81	2,129.41	2,457.02	2,948.42
961.72	1,122.01	1,282.29	1,442.58	1,763.15	2,083.72	2,404.30	2,885.16
979.65	1,142.93	1,306.20	1,469.48	1,796.03	2,122.58	2,449.13	2,938.96
981.51	1,145.09	1,308.67	1,472.26	1,799.43	2,126.59	2,453.77	2,944.52
1,049.43	1,224.33	1,399.23	1,574.14	1,923.95	2,273.75	2,623.57	3,148.28
986.87	1,151.35	1,315.82	1,480.30	1,809.25	2,138.20	2,467.17	2,960.60
969.29	1,130.85	1,292.39	1,453.94	1,777.03	2,100.13	2,423.23	2,907.88
989.52	1,154.44	1,319.36	1,484.28	1,814.12	2,143.95	2,473.80	2,968.56
988.01	1,152.68	1,317.34	1,482.01	1,811.34	2,140.67	2,470.02	2,964.02
978.05	1,141.06	1,304.06	1,467.07	1,793.08	2,119.09	2,445.12	2,934.14
984.99	1,149.15	1,313.31	1,477.48	1,805.81	2,134.13	2,462.47	2,954.96

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Parish / Town	Band D £			
	Wiltshire Council	Police	Fire & Rescue	Town / Parish
Chute Forest	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	30.29
Clarendon Park	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	5.36
Clyffe Pypard	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	8.50
Codford	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	15.70
Colerne	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	48.44
Collingbourne Ducis	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	44.52
Collingbourne Kingston	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	42.26
Compton Bassett	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	16.58
Compton Chamberlayne	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	40.78
Coombe Bissett	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	34.87
Corsham	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	116.68
Corsley	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	12.96
Coulston	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	24.69
Cricklade	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	146.48
Crudwell	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	28.32
Dauntsey	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	27.26
Devizes	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	104.80
Dilton Marsh	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	26.59
Dinton	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	33.32
Donhead St Andrew	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	15.12
Donhead St Mary	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	25.13
Downton	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	30.67
Durnford	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	11.11
Durrington	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	47.86
East Kennett	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	0.00
East Knoyle	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	20.72
Easterton	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	52.49
Easton Grey	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	0.00
Easton Royal	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	35.84
Ebbsbourne Wake	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	16.23

Council Tax Bandings £							
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
981.91	1,145.57	1,309.21	1,472.87	1,800.17	2,127.47	2,454.78	2,945.74
965.29	1,126.18	1,287.05	1,447.94	1,769.70	2,091.46	2,413.23	2,895.88
967.39	1,128.62	1,289.85	1,451.08	1,773.54	2,096.00	2,418.47	2,902.16
972.19	1,134.22	1,296.25	1,458.28	1,782.34	2,106.40	2,430.47	2,916.56
994.01	1,159.69	1,325.35	1,491.02	1,822.35	2,153.69	2,485.03	2,982.04
991.40	1,156.64	1,321.86	1,487.10	1,817.56	2,148.03	2,478.50	2,974.20
989.89	1,154.88	1,319.85	1,484.84	1,814.80	2,144.76	2,474.73	2,969.68
972.77	1,134.91	1,297.03	1,459.16	1,783.41	2,107.67	2,431.93	2,918.32
988.91	1,153.73	1,318.54	1,483.36	1,812.99	2,142.62	2,472.27	2,966.72
984.97	1,149.13	1,313.29	1,477.45	1,805.77	2,134.09	2,462.42	2,954.90
1,039.51	1,212.76	1,386.01	1,559.26	1,905.76	2,252.26	2,598.77	3,118.52
970.36	1,132.09	1,293.81	1,455.54	1,778.99	2,102.44	2,425.90	2,911.08
978.18	1,141.21	1,304.24	1,467.27	1,793.33	2,119.38	2,445.45	2,934.54
1,059.37	1,235.94	1,412.49	1,589.06	1,942.18	2,295.30	2,648.43	3,178.12
980.60	1,144.04	1,307.46	1,470.90	1,797.76	2,124.63	2,451.50	2,941.80
979.89	1,143.21	1,306.52	1,469.84	1,796.47	2,123.10	2,449.73	2,939.68
1,031.59	1,203.52	1,375.45	1,547.38	1,891.24	2,235.10	2,578.97	3,094.76
979.45	1,142.69	1,305.93	1,469.17	1,795.65	2,122.13	2,448.62	2,938.34
983.93	1,147.93	1,311.91	1,475.90	1,803.87	2,131.85	2,459.83	2,951.80
971.80	1,133.77	1,295.73	1,457.70	1,781.63	2,105.56	2,429.50	2,915.40
978.47	1,141.56	1,304.63	1,467.71	1,793.86	2,120.02	2,446.18	2,935.42
982.17	1,145.86	1,309.55	1,473.25	1,800.64	2,128.02	2,455.42	2,946.50
969.13	1,130.65	1,292.17	1,453.69	1,776.73	2,099.77	2,422.82	2,907.38
993.63	1,159.23	1,324.83	1,490.44	1,821.65	2,152.85	2,484.07	2,980.88
961.72	1,122.01	1,282.29	1,442.58	1,763.15	2,083.72	2,404.30	2,885.16
975.53	1,138.13	1,300.71	1,463.30	1,788.47	2,113.65	2,438.83	2,926.60
996.71	1,162.84	1,328.95	1,495.07	1,827.30	2,159.54	2,491.78	2,990.14
961.72	1,122.01	1,282.29	1,442.58	1,763.15	2,083.72	2,404.30	2,885.16
985.61	1,149.89	1,314.15	1,478.42	1,806.95	2,135.49	2,464.03	2,956.84
972.54	1,134.63	1,296.72	1,458.81	1,782.99	2,107.16	2,431.35	2,917.62

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Parish / Town	Band D £			
	Wiltshire Council	Police	Fire & Rescue	Town / Parish
Edington	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	17.42
Enford	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	29.70
Erlestoke	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	57.05
Etchilhampton	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	19.60
Everleigh	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	34.70
Figheledean	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	63.00
Firsdowen	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	21.44
Fittleton	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	37.63
Fonthill Bishop	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	0.00
Fonthill Gifford	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	23.87
Fovant	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	19.79
Froxfield	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	29.80
Fyfield & West Overton	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	22.77
Grafton	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	16.64
Great Bedwyn	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	25.27
Great Hinton	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	18.10
Great Somerford	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	18.28
Great Wishford	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	17.36
Grimstead	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	12.95
Grittleton	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	14.75
Ham	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	15.64
Hankerton	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	23.37
Heddington	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	13.92
Heytesbury & Knook	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	26.08
Heywood	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	12.25
Hilmarston	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	24.69
Hilperton	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	11.99
Hindon	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	32.18
Holt	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	24.43
Horningsham	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	53.19

Council Tax Bandings £							
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
973.33	1,135.56	1,297.77	1,460.00	1,784.44	2,108.88	2,433.33	2,920.00
981.52	1,145.11	1,308.69	1,472.28	1,799.45	2,126.62	2,453.80	2,944.56
999.75	1,166.38	1,333.00	1,499.63	1,832.88	2,166.13	2,499.38	2,999.26
974.79	1,137.25	1,299.71	1,462.18	1,787.11	2,112.03	2,436.97	2,924.36
984.85	1,149.00	1,313.13	1,477.28	1,805.56	2,133.84	2,462.13	2,954.56
1,003.72	1,171.01	1,338.29	1,505.58	1,840.15	2,174.72	2,509.30	3,011.16
976.01	1,138.69	1,301.35	1,464.02	1,789.35	2,114.69	2,440.03	2,928.04
986.81	1,151.28	1,315.74	1,480.21	1,809.14	2,138.07	2,467.02	2,960.42
961.72	1,122.01	1,282.29	1,442.58	1,763.15	2,083.72	2,404.30	2,885.16
977.63	1,140.58	1,303.51	1,466.45	1,792.32	2,118.20	2,444.08	2,932.90
974.91	1,137.40	1,299.88	1,462.37	1,787.34	2,112.31	2,437.28	2,924.74
981.59	1,145.19	1,308.78	1,472.38	1,799.57	2,126.76	2,453.97	2,944.76
976.90	1,139.72	1,302.53	1,465.35	1,790.98	2,116.61	2,442.25	2,930.70
972.81	1,134.95	1,297.08	1,459.22	1,783.49	2,107.76	2,432.03	2,918.44
978.57	1,141.66	1,304.75	1,467.85	1,794.04	2,120.22	2,446.42	2,935.70
973.79	1,136.09	1,298.38	1,460.68	1,785.27	2,109.86	2,434.47	2,921.36
973.91	1,136.23	1,298.54	1,460.86	1,785.49	2,110.12	2,434.77	2,921.72
973.29	1,135.51	1,297.72	1,459.94	1,784.37	2,108.80	2,433.23	2,919.88
970.35	1,132.08	1,293.80	1,455.53	1,778.98	2,102.43	2,425.88	2,911.06
971.55	1,133.48	1,295.40	1,457.33	1,781.18	2,105.03	2,428.88	2,914.66
972.15	1,134.17	1,296.19	1,458.22	1,782.27	2,106.31	2,430.37	2,916.44
977.30	1,140.19	1,303.06	1,465.95	1,791.71	2,117.48	2,443.25	2,931.90
971.00	1,132.84	1,294.66	1,456.50	1,780.16	2,103.83	2,427.50	2,913.00
979.11	1,142.29	1,305.47	1,468.66	1,795.03	2,121.39	2,447.77	2,937.32
969.89	1,131.54	1,293.18	1,454.83	1,778.12	2,101.41	2,424.72	2,909.66
978.18	1,141.21	1,304.24	1,467.27	1,793.33	2,119.38	2,445.45	2,934.54
969.71	1,131.34	1,292.95	1,454.57	1,777.80	2,101.04	2,424.28	2,909.14
983.17	1,147.04	1,310.89	1,474.76	1,802.48	2,130.20	2,457.93	2,949.52
978.01	1,141.01	1,304.01	1,467.01	1,793.01	2,119.01	2,445.02	2,934.02
997.18	1,163.38	1,329.57	1,495.77	1,828.16	2,160.55	2,492.95	2,991.54

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Parish / Town	Band D £			
	Wiltshire Council	Police	Fire & Rescue	Town / Parish
Hullavington	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	34.46
Idmiston	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	24.28
Keevil	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	25.23
Kilmington	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	25.88
Kington Langley	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	52.31
Kington St Michael	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	37.98
Lacock	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	22.27
Landford	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	31.19
Langley Burrell	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	30.13
Latton	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	23.40
Laverstock & Ford	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	10.78
Lea & Cleverton	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	21.78
Leigh	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	24.32
Limpley Stoke	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	37.29
Little Bedwyn	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	15.89
Little Cheverell	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	27.53
Little Somerford	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	24.27
Longbridge Deverill	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	10.04
Luckington	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	16.36
Ludgershall	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	66.49
Lydiard Millicent	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	18.74
Lydiard Tregoze	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	32.12
Lyneham	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	19.79
Maiden Bradley	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	72.90
Malmesbury	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	169.11
Manningford	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	34.09
Marden	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	6.12
Market Lavington	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	53.97
Marlborough	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	119.41
Marston	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	24.34

Council Tax Bandings £							
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
984.69	1,148.81	1,312.92	1,477.04	1,805.27	2,133.50	2,461.73	2,954.08
977.91	1,140.89	1,303.87	1,466.86	1,792.83	2,118.79	2,444.77	2,933.72
978.54	1,141.63	1,304.72	1,467.81	1,793.99	2,120.16	2,446.35	2,935.62
978.97	1,142.14	1,305.29	1,468.46	1,794.78	2,121.10	2,447.43	2,936.92
996.59	1,162.70	1,328.79	1,494.89	1,827.08	2,159.28	2,491.48	2,989.78
987.04	1,151.55	1,316.05	1,480.56	1,809.57	2,138.58	2,467.60	2,961.12
976.57	1,139.33	1,302.09	1,464.85	1,790.37	2,115.89	2,441.42	2,929.70
982.51	1,146.27	1,310.01	1,473.77	1,801.27	2,128.77	2,456.28	2,947.54
981.81	1,145.44	1,309.07	1,472.71	1,799.98	2,127.24	2,454.52	2,945.42
977.32	1,140.21	1,303.09	1,465.98	1,791.75	2,117.52	2,443.30	2,931.96
968.91	1,130.39	1,291.87	1,453.36	1,776.33	2,099.29	2,422.27	2,906.72
976.24	1,138.95	1,301.65	1,464.36	1,789.77	2,115.18	2,440.60	2,928.72
977.93	1,140.93	1,303.91	1,466.90	1,792.87	2,118.85	2,444.83	2,933.80
986.58	1,151.01	1,315.44	1,479.87	1,808.73	2,137.58	2,466.45	2,959.74
972.31	1,134.37	1,296.41	1,458.47	1,782.57	2,106.67	2,430.78	2,916.94
980.07	1,143.42	1,306.76	1,470.11	1,796.80	2,123.49	2,450.18	2,940.22
977.90	1,140.89	1,303.86	1,466.85	1,792.81	2,118.78	2,444.75	2,933.70
968.41	1,129.82	1,291.21	1,452.62	1,775.42	2,098.22	2,421.03	2,905.24
972.63	1,134.73	1,296.83	1,458.94	1,783.15	2,107.35	2,431.57	2,917.88
1,006.05	1,173.72	1,341.39	1,509.07	1,844.42	2,179.76	2,515.12	3,018.14
974.21	1,136.59	1,298.95	1,461.32	1,786.05	2,110.79	2,435.53	2,922.64
983.13	1,146.99	1,310.84	1,474.70	1,802.41	2,130.12	2,457.83	2,949.40
974.91	1,137.40	1,299.88	1,462.37	1,787.34	2,112.31	2,437.28	2,924.74
1,010.32	1,178.71	1,347.09	1,515.48	1,852.25	2,189.02	2,525.80	3,030.96
1,074.46	1,253.54	1,432.61	1,611.69	1,969.84	2,327.99	2,686.15	3,223.38
984.45	1,148.52	1,312.59	1,476.67	1,804.82	2,132.96	2,461.12	2,953.34
965.80	1,126.77	1,287.73	1,448.70	1,770.63	2,092.56	2,414.50	2,897.40
997.70	1,163.99	1,330.26	1,496.55	1,829.11	2,161.68	2,494.25	2,993.10
1,041.33	1,214.88	1,388.43	1,561.99	1,909.10	2,256.20	2,603.32	3,123.98
977.95	1,140.94	1,303.93	1,466.92	1,792.90	2,118.88	2,444.87	2,933.84

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Parish / Town	Band D £			
	Wiltshire Council	Police	Fire & Rescue	Town / Parish
Marston Meysey	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	20.08
Melksham	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	68.42
Melksham Without	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	37.51
Mere	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	72.32
Mildenhall	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	29.41
Milston	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	14.37
Milton Lilbourne	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	26.94
Minety	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	17.89
Monkton Farleigh	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	22.23
Netheravon	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	47.67
Netherhampton	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	9.06
Nettleton	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	10.55
Newton Toney	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	39.06
North Bradley	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	11.82
North Newnton	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	15.23
North Wraxall	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	9.92
Norton	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	0.00
Norton Bavant	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	0.00
Oaksey	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	53.26
Odstock	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	34.69
Ogbourne St Andrew	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	15.18
Ogbourne St George	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	22.35
Orcheston	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	16.86
Patney	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	7.38
Pewsey	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	57.19
Pitton & Farley	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	18.56
Potterne	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	24.66
Poulshot	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	32.75
Preshute	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	25.01
Purton	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	97.71

Council Tax Bandings £							
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
975.11	1,137.63	1,300.14	1,462.66	1,787.69	2,112.72	2,437.77	2,925.32
1,007.33	1,175.23	1,343.11	1,511.00	1,846.77	2,182.55	2,518.33	3,022.00
986.73	1,151.18	1,315.63	1,480.09	1,809.00	2,137.90	2,466.82	2,960.18
1,009.93	1,178.26	1,346.57	1,514.90	1,851.54	2,188.18	2,524.83	3,029.80
981.33	1,144.88	1,308.43	1,471.99	1,799.10	2,126.20	2,453.32	2,943.98
971.30	1,133.19	1,295.06	1,456.95	1,780.71	2,104.48	2,428.25	2,913.90
979.68	1,142.96	1,306.24	1,469.52	1,796.08	2,122.63	2,449.20	2,939.04
973.65	1,135.92	1,298.19	1,460.47	1,785.02	2,109.56	2,434.12	2,920.94
976.54	1,139.30	1,302.05	1,464.81	1,790.32	2,115.83	2,441.35	2,929.62
993.50	1,159.09	1,324.66	1,490.25	1,821.41	2,152.58	2,483.75	2,980.50
967.76	1,129.06	1,290.34	1,451.64	1,774.22	2,096.81	2,419.40	2,903.28
968.75	1,130.22	1,291.67	1,453.13	1,776.04	2,098.96	2,421.88	2,906.26
987.76	1,152.39	1,317.01	1,481.64	1,810.89	2,140.14	2,469.40	2,963.28
969.60	1,131.20	1,292.80	1,454.40	1,777.60	2,100.79	2,424.00	2,908.80
971.87	1,133.86	1,295.83	1,457.81	1,781.76	2,105.72	2,429.68	2,915.62
968.33	1,129.73	1,291.11	1,452.50	1,775.27	2,098.05	2,420.83	2,905.00
961.72	1,122.01	1,282.29	1,442.58	1,763.15	2,083.72	2,404.30	2,885.16
961.72	1,122.01	1,282.29	1,442.58	1,763.15	2,083.72	2,404.30	2,885.16
997.23	1,163.43	1,329.63	1,495.84	1,828.25	2,160.65	2,493.07	2,991.68
984.85	1,148.99	1,313.13	1,477.27	1,805.55	2,133.83	2,462.12	2,954.54
971.84	1,133.82	1,295.78	1,457.76	1,781.70	2,105.65	2,429.60	2,915.52
976.62	1,139.39	1,302.16	1,464.93	1,790.47	2,116.00	2,441.55	2,929.86
972.96	1,135.12	1,297.28	1,459.44	1,783.76	2,108.07	2,432.40	2,918.88
966.64	1,127.75	1,288.85	1,449.96	1,772.17	2,094.38	2,416.60	2,899.92
999.85	1,166.49	1,333.13	1,499.77	1,833.05	2,166.33	2,499.62	2,999.54
974.09	1,136.45	1,298.79	1,461.14	1,785.83	2,110.53	2,435.23	2,922.28
978.16	1,141.19	1,304.21	1,467.24	1,793.29	2,119.34	2,445.40	2,934.48
983.55	1,147.48	1,311.40	1,475.33	1,803.18	2,131.03	2,458.88	2,950.66
978.39	1,141.46	1,304.52	1,467.59	1,793.72	2,119.85	2,445.98	2,935.18
1,026.86	1,198.01	1,369.14	1,540.29	1,882.57	2,224.86	2,567.15	3,080.58

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	Wiltshire Council	Police	Fire & Rescue	Town / Parish
Quidhampton	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	27.13
Ramsbury	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	38.04
Redlynch	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	19.24
Roundway	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	30.22
Rowde	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	57.96
Rushall	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	27.52
Salisbury	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	85.00
Savernake	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	7.35
Seagry	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	52.96
Sedgehill & Semley	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	18.19
Seend	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	18.30
Semington	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	19.78
Shalbourne	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	0.00
Sherrington	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	0.00
Sherston	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	31.53
Shrewton	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	23.45
Sopworth	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	8.33
South Newton	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	18.88
South Wraxall	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	14.34
Southwick	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	19.83
St Paul Without	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	11.57
Stanton St Bernard	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	17.70
Stanton St Quintin	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	16.88
Stapleford	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	27.28
Staverton	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	29.72
Steeple Ashton	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	44.86
Steeple Langford	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	20.06
Stert	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	10.00
Stockton	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	5.04
Stourton	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	13.74

Council Tax Bandings £							
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
979.81	1,143.11	1,306.41	1,469.71	1,796.31	2,122.91	2,449.52	2,939.42
987.08	1,151.60	1,316.10	1,480.62	1,809.64	2,138.67	2,467.70	2,961.24
974.55	1,136.97	1,299.39	1,461.82	1,786.67	2,111.51	2,436.37	2,923.64
981.87	1,145.51	1,309.15	1,472.80	1,800.09	2,127.37	2,454.67	2,945.60
1,000.36	1,167.09	1,333.81	1,500.54	1,833.99	2,167.44	2,500.90	3,001.08
980.07	1,143.41	1,306.75	1,470.10	1,796.79	2,123.47	2,450.17	2,940.20
1,018.39	1,188.12	1,357.85	1,527.58	1,867.04	2,206.50	2,545.97	3,055.16
966.62	1,127.73	1,288.82	1,449.93	1,772.13	2,094.34	2,416.55	2,899.86
997.03	1,163.20	1,329.37	1,495.54	1,827.88	2,160.22	2,492.57	2,991.08
973.85	1,136.16	1,298.46	1,460.77	1,785.38	2,109.99	2,434.62	2,921.54
973.92	1,136.24	1,298.56	1,460.88	1,785.52	2,110.15	2,434.80	2,921.76
974.91	1,137.39	1,299.87	1,462.36	1,787.33	2,112.29	2,437.27	2,924.72
961.72	1,122.01	1,282.29	1,442.58	1,763.15	2,083.72	2,404.30	2,885.16
961.72	1,122.01	1,282.29	1,442.58	1,763.15	2,083.72	2,404.30	2,885.16
982.74	1,146.53	1,310.32	1,474.11	1,801.69	2,129.26	2,456.85	2,948.22
977.35	1,140.25	1,303.13	1,466.03	1,791.81	2,117.59	2,443.38	2,932.06
967.27	1,128.49	1,289.69	1,450.91	1,773.33	2,095.75	2,418.18	2,901.82
974.31	1,136.69	1,299.07	1,461.46	1,786.23	2,110.99	2,435.77	2,922.92
971.28	1,133.16	1,295.04	1,456.92	1,780.68	2,104.43	2,428.20	2,913.84
974.94	1,137.43	1,299.92	1,462.41	1,787.39	2,112.36	2,437.35	2,924.82
969.43	1,131.01	1,292.57	1,454.15	1,777.29	2,100.43	2,423.58	2,908.30
973.52	1,135.78	1,298.02	1,460.28	1,784.78	2,109.29	2,433.80	2,920.56
972.97	1,135.14	1,297.29	1,459.46	1,783.78	2,108.10	2,432.43	2,918.92
979.91	1,143.23	1,306.54	1,469.86	1,796.49	2,123.12	2,449.77	2,939.72
981.53	1,145.13	1,308.71	1,472.30	1,799.47	2,126.65	2,453.83	2,944.60
991.63	1,156.90	1,322.17	1,487.44	1,817.98	2,148.52	2,479.07	2,974.88
975.09	1,137.61	1,300.12	1,462.64	1,787.67	2,112.70	2,437.73	2,925.28
968.39	1,129.79	1,291.18	1,452.58	1,775.37	2,098.16	2,420.97	2,905.16
965.08	1,125.93	1,286.77	1,447.62	1,769.31	2,091.00	2,412.70	2,895.24
970.88	1,132.70	1,294.50	1,456.32	1,779.94	2,103.57	2,427.20	2,912.64

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	Wiltshire Council	Police	Fire & Rescue	Town / Parish
Stratford Toney	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	0.00
Sutton Benger	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	15.95
Sutton Mandeville	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	6.54
Sutton Veny	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	31.30
Swallowcliffe	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	14.49
Teffont	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	48.62
Tidcombe & Fosbury	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	0.00
Tidworth	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	66.89
Tilshead	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	45.93
Tisbury	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	42.39
Tockenham	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	24.98
Tollard Royal	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	46.94
Trowbridge	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	114.71
Upavon	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	29.54
Upper Deverills	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	34.94
Upton Lovell	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	28.61
Upton Scudamore	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	19.42
Urchfont	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	53.58
Warminster	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	72.06
West Ashton	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	13.22
West Dean	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	38.83
West Knoyle	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	32.49
West Lavington	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	41.02
West Tisbury	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	15.52
Westbury	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	67.07
Westwood	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	21.02
Whiteparish	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	39.15
Wilcot & Huish	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	14.92
Wilsford-cum-Lake	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	6.80
Wilton	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	76.62

Council Tax Bandings £							
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
961.72	1,122.01	1,282.29	1,442.58	1,763.15	2,083.72	2,404.30	2,885.16
972.35	1,134.42	1,296.47	1,458.53	1,782.64	2,106.76	2,430.88	2,917.06
966.08	1,127.10	1,288.10	1,449.12	1,771.14	2,093.17	2,415.20	2,898.24
982.59	1,146.35	1,310.11	1,473.88	1,801.41	2,128.93	2,456.47	2,947.76
971.38	1,133.28	1,295.17	1,457.07	1,780.86	2,104.65	2,428.45	2,914.14
994.13	1,159.83	1,325.51	1,491.20	1,822.57	2,153.95	2,485.33	2,982.40
961.72	1,122.01	1,282.29	1,442.58	1,763.15	2,083.72	2,404.30	2,885.16
1,006.31	1,174.04	1,341.75	1,509.47	1,844.90	2,180.34	2,515.78	3,018.94
992.34	1,157.73	1,323.12	1,488.51	1,819.29	2,150.06	2,480.85	2,977.02
989.98	1,154.98	1,319.97	1,484.97	1,814.96	2,144.95	2,474.95	2,969.94
978.37	1,141.44	1,304.49	1,467.56	1,793.68	2,119.80	2,445.93	2,935.12
993.01	1,158.52	1,324.01	1,489.52	1,820.52	2,151.52	2,482.53	2,979.04
1,038.19	1,211.23	1,384.25	1,557.29	1,903.35	2,249.41	2,595.48	3,114.58
981.41	1,144.99	1,308.55	1,472.12	1,799.25	2,126.39	2,453.53	2,944.24
985.01	1,149.19	1,313.35	1,477.52	1,805.85	2,134.19	2,462.53	2,955.04
980.79	1,144.26	1,307.72	1,471.19	1,798.12	2,125.05	2,451.98	2,942.38
974.67	1,137.11	1,299.55	1,462.00	1,786.89	2,111.77	2,436.67	2,924.00
997.44	1,163.68	1,329.92	1,496.16	1,828.64	2,161.11	2,493.60	2,992.32
1,009.76	1,178.06	1,346.34	1,514.64	1,851.22	2,187.81	2,524.40	3,029.28
970.53	1,132.29	1,294.04	1,455.80	1,779.31	2,102.82	2,426.33	2,911.60
987.61	1,152.21	1,316.81	1,481.41	1,810.61	2,139.81	2,469.02	2,962.82
983.38	1,147.28	1,311.17	1,475.07	1,802.86	2,130.65	2,458.45	2,950.14
989.07	1,153.91	1,318.75	1,483.60	1,813.29	2,142.97	2,472.67	2,967.20
972.07	1,134.08	1,296.09	1,458.10	1,782.12	2,106.14	2,430.17	2,916.20
1,006.43	1,174.18	1,341.91	1,509.65	1,845.12	2,180.60	2,516.08	3,019.30
975.73	1,138.36	1,300.97	1,463.60	1,788.84	2,114.08	2,439.33	2,927.20
987.82	1,152.46	1,317.09	1,481.73	1,811.00	2,140.27	2,469.55	2,963.46
971.67	1,133.61	1,295.55	1,457.50	1,781.39	2,105.27	2,429.17	2,915.00
966.25	1,127.30	1,288.33	1,449.38	1,771.46	2,093.54	2,415.63	2,898.76
1,012.80	1,181.60	1,350.40	1,519.20	1,856.80	2,194.39	2,532.00	3,038.40

Wiltshire Council Tax Levy 2011-12 By Parish

Appendix C

Parish / Town	Band D £			
	Wiltshire Council	Police	Fire & Rescue	Town / Parish
Wingfield	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	29.71
Winsley	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	15.34
Winterbourne	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	28.65
Winterbourne Stoke	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	24.99
Winterslow	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	25.19
Woodborough	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	8.48
Woodford	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	17.56
Wootton Bassett	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	186.78
Wootton Rivers	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	19.69
Worton	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	25.10
Wylve	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	24.30
Yatton Keynell	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	23.62
Zeals	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	18.18
Averages / Totals	1,222.43	157.77	62.38	71.02

Council Tax Bandings £							
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
981.53	1,145.12	1,308.70	1,472.29	1,799.46	2,126.63	2,453.82	2,944.58
971.95	1,133.94	1,295.93	1,457.92	1,781.90	2,105.88	2,429.87	2,915.84
980.82	1,144.29	1,307.76	1,471.23	1,798.17	2,125.10	2,452.05	2,942.46
978.38	1,141.45	1,304.50	1,467.57	1,793.69	2,119.82	2,445.95	2,935.14
978.51	1,141.60	1,304.68	1,467.77	1,793.94	2,120.11	2,446.28	2,935.54
967.37	1,128.61	1,289.83	1,451.06	1,773.51	2,095.97	2,418.43	2,902.12
973.43	1,135.67	1,297.90	1,460.14	1,784.61	2,109.08	2,433.57	2,920.28
1,086.24	1,267.28	1,448.32	1,629.36	1,991.44	2,353.51	2,715.60	3,258.72
974.85	1,137.32	1,299.79	1,462.27	1,787.22	2,112.16	2,437.12	2,924.54
978.45	1,141.53	1,304.60	1,467.68	1,793.83	2,119.98	2,446.13	2,935.36
977.92	1,140.91	1,303.89	1,466.88	1,792.85	2,118.82	2,444.80	2,933.76
977.47	1,140.38	1,303.29	1,466.20	1,792.02	2,117.84	2,443.67	2,932.40
973.84	1,136.15	1,298.45	1,460.76	1,785.37	2,109.98	2,434.60	2,921.52
248,497.98	289,915.11	331,329.75	372,746.96	455,578.81	538,410.58	621,244.94	745,493.92

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South Wiltshire Core Strategy – Review Of Housing And Employment Requirements

**Questions From Councillor Ian Mclennan
Laverstock, Ford & Old Sarum Division**

**To Councillor John Brady, Cabinet Member For Economic
Development, Planning And Housing**

Question 1

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Page 30 Strategic Objective 2

The requirements for South Wiltshire have dropped by 20%. There is a will in Government and amongst rural councillors, to permit some local building to house the young of their community.

Why does the document still insist that “Well over half the number will have been built in or around Salisbury”?

Answer

The role and function of Salisbury in terms of its level of services, employment and cultural facilities clearly indicates that it is the most sustainable location for growth within South Wiltshire, particularly when considered against the more rural nature of the other settlements within South Wiltshire.

A considerable level of growth is focused to the area outside of Salisbury (3,900 dwellings), which will enable housing development to take place in the more rural parts of the area.

Question 2

The first desired outcome states that the local character will be respected.

Why is the Parish of Laverstock & Ford not included in this desired outcome and why is a previously essential strategic gap separating two communities within the parish and part of a Conservation zone, now not worthy of retention at all?

Answer

The recommended changes within the document to the Development Template for Hampton Part (SWCS, Appendix A, Page 143) place greater emphasis on the need to ensure an appropriate strategic gap between Ford and Salisbury, in order to respect the local character of Ford.

Salisbury City is a constrained environment with its administrative boundaries not covering the full extent of its urban area. Some of the future housing will need to be provided on the edge adjacent to its urban area. This means that development may need to take place in the neighbouring parish of Laverstock. The sites selected for growth have been subject to a rigorous appraisal process and are based on clear and credible evidence. These reasons must be based on sound planning reasons rather than the administrative boundary of the parish where they are located.

It is appreciated that any development could have an impact on local character but it is important that through sensitive design and landscaping local character is respected as much as possible.

Question 3

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Desired outcomes – Relocation of businesses from Churchfields Estate to more unconstrained locations.

Why has the ideal relocation site for Churchfields – namely Netherhampton Road, been deleted entirely and the remote site of Longhedge – in the rural parish of Laverstock & Ford – been allocated 8 hectares of additional land, when none of the employment land allocated to Old Sarum (Next door), in the current Local Plan, has been used?

Answer

The review does not propose to change the employment land allocation of 8 hectares at Longhedge. In addition, available employment land currently exists in the Netherhampton area as well as at Old Sarum. The business community has clearly stated that a range of choice of decant sites is required, including land to the north of the City.

The 'review' clearly sets out the reappraisal of the sites and the rationale why the Netherhampton Road site is not the best option (see section 11 of the Topic Paper 20 review on site comparison). This process looks at a number of criteria cumulatively and there is no single reason which would explain why a site is ranked in the order it is.

Question 4

Why has the 'TOWN/ancient Capital' Wilton been drastically cut from an allocation of 950 to 220, when representatives were calling out for development to save the town?

Answer

The review concludes that because of the strategic growth to the west of Salisbury (Fugglestone Red – 1250 dwellings, 8 hectares employment), together with the UKLF site at Wilton (450 dwellings, 3 hectares employment), Salisbury and Wilton are best considered together (see paragraphs 9.8 to 9.14, Topic Paper 20). Simply put, Wilton and Salisbury have a special functional relationship and while it is important to recognise their individual characteristics, the relationship should be acknowledged.

There was local concern that the proposed housing numbers suggested for the Wilton CA Core Strategy and the reduction also recognises that outside of Wilton the Community Area is extremely rural in nature and with few larger villages has limited scope to accommodate modest new development.

Question 5

Why are Alderbury, Coombe Bissett, Pitton, Whiteparish and the Winterslows depicted as having Downton as a service centre, when there is no natural relationship at all? Why is Laverstock & Ford Parish not mentioned in its own right and described only as "Settlements located in the northern part of the community area"?

Answer

This is based on the established Community Areas. The functional relationship of settlements is mentioned in paragraph 9.2 of the draft Core Strategy (submission draft) which mentions the strong functional influence of Salisbury on this Community Area. It should be borne in mind that the review has a narrow focus based on assessing implications of locally derived growth figures, a remit agreed with the Inspector. The role of Downton, as a Local Service Centre, has not therefore been reconsidered through the review. However, the settlement hierarchy was discussed at EIP and the Inspector will draw his own conclusions on this matter.

Question 6

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Page 49 Core Policy 2 Strategic Allocations

There are only four major greenfield sites allocated in the whole of South Wiltshire. How can having two allocated in one rural parish (Laverstock & Ford) be either fair or justifiable?

Answer

This has been justified through the objective scrutiny of the alternative options available to identify the best (least worse options) for development. Salisbury is a highly constrained environment and sound planning reasons, based on evidence, have been used to determine, which sites should come forward during this plan period (see response to question 2 above). The location of two sites in one parish is not in itself a reason that can be used to justify the reduction in the level of growth in an area.

The sites identified in Laverstock and Ford Parish will serve Salisbury. While this is unfortunate it is a consequence of the relationship between the Parish and the City. Furthermore, this strategic growth will not impact on Laverstock village itself.

Question 7

As a result of the proposed allocations Laverstock & Ford Parish – largely rural until the last Local Plan – is targeted for 950 dwellings + 8 hectares of additional Employment land and the removal of most of its green space. This is in addition to the 850 dwellings and several hectares of Employment land, absorbed in the current Local plan. Given that 474 of the dwellings are yet to be built and none of the Employment land has been used, this burden is far to great for a single parish to be allocated. Given the complete unfairness and blatant disregard for local representation, will the cabinet member explain how he is able to support this undoubted rape of a single parish and loss of its entire character?

Answer

The dwellings are planned as urban extensions to Salisbury, which has insufficient land within its restricted boundary. The site identification process has been based on an objective assessment of the landscape and constraints around Salisbury. Although two of the new sites fall within the Parish, the evidence is clear that they represent two of the best of the few options open to us. Careful design of the proposed developments and securing the planning gain (such as the large area of open space to be gifted to the community at Hampton Park), will be important to ensure that high quality outcomes can be delivered, including much needed affordable housing.

Question 8

Apart from an orchestrated petitioning by people living, in many cases, miles from the site, what are the reasons that the ideal expansion of Netherhampton Road to accommodate dwellings and Churchfields relocation has been removed from the Core Strategy?

Answer

As mentioned (see response to question 3) the sites were selected using an evidence based approach and have been reviewed and ranked using objective criteria, as set out in the review document. That document sets out the reasons why Netherhampton Road was in environmental terms the least best of the sites. As the revised housing figures suggest that we do not need all of the strategic allocations at this time, it was logical to remove this one and identify it as a reserve site to come forward in the longer term if required. The evidence did not correlate with your view that the site represents an 'ideal expansion'.

Question 9

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Page 145-7 Core Strategy Hampton Park Development

Place Shaping Requirements:

"Defining the Strategic Gap between the development and the settlement of Ford"

How can that statement be meaningful, whilst the numbers remain at 500 and used virtually all the existing Strategic Gap?

Answer

The review and proposed changes have reinforced the need to plan appropriately for a strategic gap. There may be some misunderstanding about this gap with the map within the draft Core Strategy making the gap look narrower than it is. By its nature a strategic gap is an area of undeveloped land between built up areas. For this purpose, the total open area that would be maintained between Ford and the built edge of the new development including the existing fields outside of the strategic allocation site would represent the strategic gap. At its narrowest this gap would provide a buffer of some 172 metres and at its maximum 208 meters. The design of the site will need to be subject to appropriate structural landscaping which will help soften

the impact on views from Ford. I recognise that the gap, albeit a reduced one, must be maintained into the future.

Question 10

“A community forum be established to help steer the development for the site and ensure that outcomes meet local needs”

How can the virtual elimination of the existing narrow strip of land separating Ford & Hampton Park (both in the Parish of Laverstock & Ford) permit any local needs? Surely, these needs should have been met by deleting the allocation, as local need and fair play dictate?

Answer

In addition to the answer to Question 9, I would point out that there has been a constructive dialogue with community representatives over this site. I recognise that some of the community were reluctant to accept the principle, but they also took the view that if it did happen then they would enter into engagement and seek the best outcomes for the community. This has revolved around such things as the future use of the large area of land to be given to the community as part of this application (known as the ‘country park’), and an appraisal of existing and complimentary community facilities in relation to the existing development.

We must be mindful that if we did delete a site without sound evidence on which to base that judgement, that the Inspector would not be likely to accept it.

Question 11

Given the rejection of 500 additional dwellings at Hampton Park, at the Strategic Planning meeting of 16th February and the comments by councillors from the rest of Wiltshire, that the site was unsuitable for development, owing to the impact on Ford (due to the loss of the strategic gap) and Old Sarum Ancient Monument (development could be seen), can the will of the local people and the unanimous verdict of the councillors be upheld and the whole of the strategic gap be retained as an essential ingredient to the setting of Salisbury and the Parish of Laverstock & Ford?

Answer

The reasons for refusal by the Strategic Planning Committee (SPC) generally related to the need for further information before the authority could determine the application. It is recognised that an additional reason was added, which considered the application to be contrary to the existing development plan (saved policies C7, H23 and G1 - Salisbury Local Plan). In considering this particular application, the SPC gave little weight to the emerging policies within the draft South Wiltshire Core Strategy.

When making new planning policy, we must ensure that it is based on robust and credible evidence. Officers cannot find robust evidence on which to conclude that the site is unsuitable. Indeed we must bear in mind that the SWCS was originally submitted by a unanimous vote of Full Council. The Core Strategy does not seek to remove the gap and indeed the review reaffirms the importance of retaining a gap, which we will retain in the long term.

There is no wish to compromise the setting of Old Sarum. Work has been undertaken with English Heritage and their consultants on a Landscape Heritage Appraisal, to try and mitigate impacts wherever possible. The confinement of the Hampton Park development to the south east of the wider development site and the retention of the green space ('country park'), would help mitigate any potential impacts and help ensure that future development does not encroach into the setting of Old Sarum.

Salisbury itself is visible from the ramparts of Old Sarum and to embargo new growth from its view, would prevent any growth future development taking place in this side of the City.

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**Questions From Councillor Ernie Clark
Hilperton Division**

To Councillor Jane Scott OBE, Leader Of The Council

Question 1

Wiltshire Council is due to relocate to the old George Ward school site soon. However, during November 2010, I noticed a number of Haven Fire vans outside the old school site including evenings and weekends.

The school had pupils in it until July and presumably had a fire alarm system that safeguarded the pupils and staff. Why, four months later, did it seem that the whole of the premises needed a new system? What work was required, why the apparent urgency and what was the cost?

Response

The school's occupation was under a fire risk assessment and management protocol in line with the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005, which would have acknowledged the presence of a functional fire alarm system. This system was not a full fire detection system, and relied on manual call points. This system, coupled with a robust fire risk assessment, based on the school's hours of use, evacuation procedures and the like, provided adequate protection for the pupils and staff at the school up to July, and was the responsibility of the school to manage.

The nature of the works carried out at the school to change its use from a school to an office, albeit for temporary use, required a full Building Regulations application to be made. This brings with it a requirement to comply with the current building regulations. The building regulations are not required to have been retrospectively applied to existing occupied school buildings. The former school is to be used on a temporary basis and so only absolutely necessary works have been specified. In order to ascertain what the legal minimum installation would be, a Pre-occupation Fire Risk Assessment (in accordance with the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005) was undertaken early on and a fire strategy developed in support of the Building Regulation application.

The system installed provides for smoke detection to corridors and escape routes only, with heat detection to tea-points, communications rooms, boiler room and the canteen/kitchen. We have not installed a full detection system to all areas. The developed fire strategy makes allowance for the fact that the occupied areas of the building are on the ground floor and escape doors are numerous. In conjunction with active management by the Council over the next two years, this has avoided the

need to install a full detection system. In addition, some works have been necessary to improve the sound level of the existing fire alarm sounders to meet current building regulations requirements for office buildings.

The cost of works to the fire alarm system is in the order of £48,000.

In summary, the works to the fire alarm system at the former George Ward School have been specified to match the requirements of the Building Regulations, and to fit with a robust fire risk assessment in line with fire safety regulations. These works have been wholly necessary in order for the use of the buildings to be changed from a school to an office.

Question 2

What progress is being made to recover the 'non-pensionable honoraria' awarded either for doing additional work or 'acting up' at Kennet District Council? Has any money actually been recovered yet?

Response

The Council is pursuing two claims amounting to a total sum of approximately £ 20,000. Both cases are being contested and one of the individuals has instructed a solicitor. The Council is considering its position in the light of the points raised in defence.

**To Councillor John Brady, Cabinet Member For Economic Development,
Planning And Housing**

Question 3

What is the likely cost to Wiltshire Council for a) the tenure reforms required by the government and b) the cost to close the housing waiting list to accept only people that WC define to be in housing need?

Response

The costs associated with the tenure reform and the potential changes to the housing waiting list are not yet known because Wiltshire has not yet decided how it would like to take advantage of these new flexibilities. Our current position is that any cost associated with this reform will be absorbed within existing budgets as we have no provision within existing budgets to incur extra expenditure for this work.

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Question From Councillor Howard Marshall, Calne Central Division

**To Councillor John Brady, Cabinet Member For Economic Development,
Planning And Housing**

Question 1

Following the restructuring and downsizing of the Planning Enforcement team, can the Cabinet Member assure me that we will have the capability to enforce the ever increasing digressions of the developers? Particularly in the North where we are left with one full time officer and one part time officer to do the work formerly done by a team of four plus one part time officer. Also can the cabinet member tell me the extent of the backlog of work currently not completed.

Response

Following the Management Review, the service is undergoing a number of changes as it moves from four independently managed teams, one in each each hub, to a single county wide team with one manager who took up post on the 14th Feb. The Enforcement Team is currently reviewing the way it operates, its structure, the job descriptions of officers and how it applies staff to ensure effectiveness is improved and the allocation of resources reflects demand.

The number of open enforcement cases varies across the county and is as follows: -

North Hub (Monkton Park)	280
Central Hub(The former Devizes and Bradley Rd hubs)	167
South Hub (Bourne Hill)	152

The number of open cases does not mean there is a 'backlog', all cases are being investigated but enforcement is often a slow process. Having said this, capacity to deal with cases in the north has been affected because of the absence of the former manager due to illness, but this is now in the process of being addressed as part of the service review process and a vacant post in the north hub is currently being advertised.

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Question From Councillor Jon Hubbard Melksham South Division

**To Councillor John Thomson, Cabinet Member For Adult Care, Communities
And Libraries**

Question 1

At the recent Area Board meeting in Melksham, attended by the Cabinet Member, the proposed new Community Campus was on the agenda. A presentation of the council's single proposed site was given but there was no opportunity for questions or discussion. Instead a very limited number of points of clarification were permitted. From these it became clear that no economic impact assessments, transport studies or feasibility studies have taken place, and they will not take place until after the final consultation for the public has completed.

In addition, the public are being invited to participate in a consultation on the issue before the issue is debated and before councillors (and the public) have the opportunity to ask questions of officers in a public forum such as the Area Board (the consultation is due to close on the 15th March and the Area Board scheduled for the issue to be discussed is on the 29th March).

Could the cabinet member please tell me:

- 1) In his opinion does this "putting the cart before the horse" demonstrate best practice or will he confirm that, in this instance, the council have got it wrong?
- 2) If he does believe that the practice that has been followed is acceptable could he please explain how this demonstrates how the Council's by-line "where everybody matters" can be justifiably used?
- 3) Does he intend to make it standard practice for the facts about proposals only to be disclosed only once any consultations have been completed?

Response

- 1) The Council has undertaken an assessment of the options for developing a community campus to serve the Melksham Community Area and following an appraisal of the audit and research work done to date a preferred option has been put forward for public consultation. The audit and research work has not included an economic impact assessment or a transport plan as this would form part of a potential future planning application. This was made very clear at the Area Board on the Wednesday 2 February 2011. An initial baseline feasibility study on the preferred site has been undertaken to determine broad deliverability

and initial cost estimates. This information was made available at the Area Board and on the Council's website.

The proposed preferred option has been presented to the community and the Council is asking that local people make their views known at a specially convened Area Board on the 29 March 2011. Detailed questions were not recommended for the Area Board on the 2 February as the intention was to give a detailed presentation and supporting information that would most likely give local people the answers to the majority of questions. Local people have been asked to consider the proposal and are invited to participate in a detailed debate, held in a public forum, on the 29 March.

In the interim period local people have an opportunity to participate in the consultation by direct contact up to the 29th March with the Council through either a dedicated email address or by writing into the Council. In addition the Melksham Community Area Partnership are holding a series of consultation events and will be collating information to present to the specially convened Area Board on the 29th March. The consultation is being led by the Area Board, rightly in my view.

The concept of a community campus is essentially tailoring service provision to the local community to ensure local needs are met. An extensive consultation exercise is taking place, led by the Area Board, this I understand will include opportunities for open debate, but as the only locally elected body representing the entire community area, it is only right that the elected members of Area Board shape the consultation process as I believe they have in this case.

The Council has been open and transparent about the process to date through a detailed presentation at the Area Board on the 2 February 2011. This included the rationale behind the preferred option and it is intended that any questions local people have about both the proposed option and the rationale behind it can be openly discussed at the specially convened Area Board on the 29 March 2011, I understand that is the specific purpose of the special area board meeting. Once these discussions have taken place locally elected Members will be asked to come to a view on whether they wish to support the current proposal. This ensures locally elected Members will have an opportunity to take part in, and observe the detailed debate before making a decision on how they would wish to project to proceed.

To Councillor John Noeken, Cabinet Member For Resources

Question 2

At the recent Area Board meeting in Melksham the proposed new Community Campus was on the agenda. A presentation of the council's single proposed site was given but there was no opportunity for questions or discussion. Instead a very limited number of points of clarification were permitted. From these it became clear that no economic impact assessments, transport studies or feasibility studies have taken place, and they will not take place until after the final consultation for the public has completed.

In addition, the public are being invited to participate in a consultation on the issue before the issue is debated and before councillors (and the public) have the opportunity to ask questions of officers at the Area Board (the consultation is due to close on the 15th March and the Area Board scheduled for the issue to be discussed is on the 29th March).

It has therefore not been possible for members or the public to ask questions in a public forum on this issue. Therefore I am asking today, and in order that they are a matter of public record, the questions that I believe I, and others, should have been permitted to ask at the meeting where the proposal was presented.

1. The library is currently used by a number of organisations that are based, or meet, in the Town Centre (such as the majority of the Town's primary schools and voluntary groups such as the Cubs). Can the cabinet member tell me what impact assessment has been made on how these groups will be affected by the closure of the town centre library?
2. Wiltshire recently spent £288,727 refurbishing Melksham's Town Centre Library. How does it represent best value for money to spend it and then scrap it?
3. Wiltshire Council, and its predecessor West Wiltshire District Council, fought the new Asda Development in Melksham on the basis that it was an 'out-of-town' development and this was against their policy. Could the Cabinet Member please inform me when they performed a about turn on this?
4. I, along with many others, have been asking for a copy of the proposals for the Campus for several months. Indeed in November when I presented to this council a petition signed by 2,184 local residents objecting to the proposed closure of the Town Centre Library and its relocation to the Melksham Oak site I was informed that there were, as yet, no such plans and that such documents were not yet produced. Yet now that we finally have the council's proposals I see that the Sustainability Appraisal Report, the main document released to the public, is dated October 2010. Can the Cabinet Member please explain why this document was withheld from members, despite their requesting it, and could he say, categorically for the record, what other reports are being, will be or have been produced in relation to the Melksham Campus and provide a timeline for when they will be available to the public.
5. In the council's own sustainability report when looking at the preferred option the report itself identifies the potential impact on the Town Centre of removing the library and says (Page 54, item 13 Community Facilities) "If a campus were built in this location, retention of some services in the town centre eg the library,

should be considered” and then (Page 55, item 14 Education and Skills) “Provision of a new library may be better located within the town centre where there would be greater accessibility to a wider number of people.”

Most damaging however is the statement (Page 55, Item 16 Economy) “Directing services and facilities to town centre locations would draw people into the centre, helping to improve vitality and viability of retail and other businesses. Development of an edge-of-town campus would have the opposite effect and would be unlikely to aid regeneration – a priority for the town and stated in the Wiltshire LDF.”

Why is the council not following its own advice and policy?

6. Why has the council dismissed the option of a split site campus, with the Library and Youth Centre being retained at their current locations and the new development at Melksham Oak housing the remaining facilities as being hypothetical and therefore impossible to cost? These facilities are in place at their current locations and surely the cost of these buildings is known to the council?

Response

1. The current proposal for a community campus in Melksham looks at the re-provision of attractive, up to date, accessible and improved library facilities within a campus facility on the Woolmore Farm site. This facility would be designed to cater for the needs of the Melksham community area and as such a potential planning process would include the production of a sustainable transport assessment and a plan to encourage continued use of library facilities for existing users.
2. The potential savings of delivering a community campus far outweigh the historical investment made into the existing library facility, details of which were presented at the Melksham Area Board on 2 March 2011. From a value for money perspective, it is important that future costs are analysed rather than historic ones.
3. In spatial planning terms there are a variety of policies that could be seen to either support central development or edge of town development, this would be dependent on the application concerned. An example of such a policy would be the adopted Leisure & Recreation Development Plan Document that advises the replacement of indoor leisure facilities in Melksham be firstly considered on the Woolmore Farm site.
4. The proposal for the Melksham Community Campus was presented to the area board in February 2011. As the question indicates, you have been asking for a copy of the Campus proposal, which was not available until the Sustainability Assessment was completed. It must be understood the Sustainability Appraisal is not the campus proposal but part of the process of developing one. All background information and audit and research work is available. The Sustainability Appraisal, a non-statutory spatial planning tool that is one part of the background audit work, was completed firstly in October 2010. However as a first draft it needed to be reviewed before being made available. Even now for

example, the Sustainability Appraisal does not include any weighting for the travel plan which will need to accommodate any planning application. Any planning application will include consideration of the development of sustainable transport arrangements that will be to the benefit of the wider Melksham Community Area. The final draft of the sustainability appraisal was made available in early 2011 and the Council has made it clear that it is a public document and available to all. Additional work that will need to be completed assuming the current proposal proceeds include an economic impact assessment and the transport plan forming part of a planning process. The timeline for this is clear within appendix b of the campus development and management proposal Cabinet paper considered on 15 February 2011 and was specifically covered in the presentation at the area board.

5. The Sustainability Appraisal is not Council policy; it is a spatial planning tool which is considered one part of the audit and research work associated with the community campus proposal. The findings of the appraisal have been assessed against the remainder of the audit work and the current proposal best meets the wider objectives of what the Council is looking to achieve from the co-location of services and consideration of the report will both shape the nature of items such as transport arrangements to any Campus.
6. The proposed option for community campus delivery in Melksham is a single site option. The benefits to the library and youth services if they remain in their present position are likely to be outweighed by the wider benefits co-location presents. This includes the potential for better quality modern services, extended opening hours, cross-service use, vastly improved fit for purpose and efficient buildings that reduce running costs, significant ongoing financial and environmental savings and the reduction of risk to the Council. It is important to emphasise that the final recommendation to Cabinet on the Melksham Campus will be made by the Area Board, which is leading the consultation process.

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**Question From Councillor Jeff Osborn
Trowbridge Grove Division**

**To Councillor Lionel Grundy OBE, Cabinet Member For Children's Services
And Councillor John Brady, Cabinet Member For Economic Development,
Planning And Housing**

Question 1

Given that the Conservative led Government has terminated the Future Jobs Fund Scheme, what is this Council doing to tackle the scandal of rising youth unemployment in Wiltshire?

Response

The Wiltshire Potential Future Jobs Fund (FJF) contract with Department of Work and Pensions (DWP) is to create 495 new/additional jobs for unemployed young people aged 18-24 between October 2009 and March 2011. The contract runs until September 2011.

By 15 February 2011, all 495 jobs had been advertised with Job Centre Plus. 416 of these have been filled; another 15 are waiting on start dates. Thanks to our 21 employer partners we are confident we will fill all the vacancies giving 495 unemployed young people the chance of real work in a real job.

Our Jobcentre Plus (JCP) colleagues have indicated that as at 25 January the destinations for 209 Wiltshire Potential FJF leavers were:

- 46% found work,
- 1% University
- 1% travelling
- 2% maternity leave
- 12% unknown
- 38% went back on benefit,

Given the opportunity Wiltshire Council would certainly have sought to expand its FJF programme beyond September 2011.

The FJF experience in Wiltshire has been an unqualified success for both its employees and its employers. It has also been a very positive and far reaching example of successful partnership working which has helped the development of

even stronger working relationships to tackle worklessness in Wiltshire especially with Jobcentre Plus and with Wiltshire College.

The issue of young people's lack of preparedness for the world of work is of key importance for Wiltshire Works - the Worklessness sub-group of the Employment & Skills Board (ESB). At its meeting on 11th February the Action for Wiltshire Board agreed to convene a special meeting of Wiltshire Works to look at support for 16-24 year olds.

Young People are amongst the people priorities in the Wiltshire Work & Skills Plan which outlines relevant activity aimed at increasing opportunities to help young people achieve their potential such as:

- Wiltshire Works Grant

We are working with JCP locally on a national pilot to provide 40 jobs for existing long term unemployed (2 year+). The jobs will be for at least 30 hours a week and last for 13 weeks. We are recruiting local employers as part of the Action for Wiltshire programme with 20 vacancies at the start of February 2011 and another 20 vacancies at the start of March 2011.

- Work Experience for unemployed young people

We are working with JCP on a work experience initiative for up to 300 unemployed 18-24 year olds who have been claiming JSA for 13 weeks or more to offer them work experience placements of up to 8 weeks and pay their travel costs if they live independently of family or with family in receipt of income based benefits.

The aims of the initiative are to:

- Maximise the number of young people moving into employment or training through providing young unemployed people with quality work experience. If successful this will minimise the number of young people flowing onto the DWP Work Programme.
- Working with Wiltshire College, neighbouring universities, employers and sector skills councils to develop the Higher Education offer and increase access to Higher Education
- Addressing attitude/cultural barriers of employers regarding their perception of young people
- A Basic Skills project to assist those who left compulsory education without the minimum skills level required for employability
- The WSEP Basic Skills Performance Reward Grant project being delivered by Wiltshire College commenced in August 2010. The project seeks to assist those who left compulsory education without the minimum skills level required for employability. Specifically it aims to:

- Increase the number of adults obtaining a Skills for Life qualification at Entry Level 3
 - Increase the number of adults passing a Level 1 National Test in Adult Literacy (and/or Numeracy) from any of the accredited examining bodies
 - Increase number of adults who gain a Level 2 qualification in Adult Literacy (and/or Numeracy) from any of the accredited examining bodies or any other Level 2 Qualification
- Through its own Skills for Life contract with the Skills Funding Agency, Wiltshire Council has been actively raising the Basic Skills levels of its workforce to increase employability. In 2008/09 139 staff were enrolled on programme with an achievement rate of 94.2%. In 2009/10 74 staff were enrolled on programme with an achievement rate of 97.3%. The lower number of learners is due to funding changes which excluded stand alone Skills for Life provision in 2009/10 so that the numbers are only for those enrolled on NVQ courses. Through the Family Learning Skills for Life contract with the Skills Funding Agency, the Council has been actively raising the Basic Skills levels of its communities. In 2008/09 there were 138 on programme with an achievement rate of 93.5%. In 2009/10 there were 64 on programme with an achievement rate of 94%. Enrolment numbers were fewer in 2009/10 as a result of national policy changes which now embed Family Learning Skills for Life courses within longer Family Learning courses rather than deliver as additional 'bolt-on' courses. In the past learners on very short Family Learning programmes were able to join 6 hour 'move on' courses but the short delivery times only suited higher level learners who needed to brush up on their existing skills. This new, longer, integrated approach has worked well as learners working at lower levels have more time to prepare and feel less anxious about taking the test.
 - Wiltshire 100 in 100 Apprentices Campaign
We are working with Wiltshire College to achieve 100 new apprentices starting an apprenticeship in 100 days. This was launched on 10th January and an event is being held on 1st March to get as many employers as possible to pledge to take on an apprentice.
 - Economy & Enterprise service is also working with HR & Organisational Development on a developing an Apprenticeship Action Plan in regard to Wiltshire Council employing apprentices and maximising the opportunities arising from apprenticeships to up skill its existing workforce.
 - A recent decision has been taken by the Wiltshire Strategic Economic Partnership (WSEP) Employment & Skills Board for the Apprenticeships MoU Group between relevant Wiltshire Council services and National Apprenticeship Service (NAS) to formally become a sub-group of the ESB.

Assisting young people with the transition from education to employment is featuring as a priority in the emerging Employment & Skills Strategy for Wiltshire as well as the Wiltshire Assembly's Action for Wiltshire Programme – Support for Recovery (phase 2) , which has areas of focus on:

- A programme of employability and informal skills development for young people and new labour market entrants
- Establishing a network of local entrepreneurs/business owners to be engaged as role models and provide placements or projects for young people to gain a practical context for skills application and practice
- Young Entrepreneur Society pilot to provide the right environment that will help prepare young people to start their own businesses. We ran this course for FJF employees in during the autumn and it was very well received.
- ESF Response to Redundancy

This is a programme of training and skills development for those at risk of redundancy or recently made redundant across Wiltshire & Swindon which only has until March 2011 to run. The Accountable Body is New College Swindon but both Wiltshire Council and Wiltshire College are partners. Overall the project is doing really well and the partnership is on target. So much so that we were asked by the SFA if we wanted to increase our allocation and extend the project to end March 2011 (otherwise would have ended in December 2010). We secured a further £100K approximately. With the project ending at the end of March we are focusing our efforts on building further links with employers.

Keeping NEET levels below the national average is another important priority and is being achieved by:

- The 'Get Prepared Programme' an Action for Wiltshire Initiative to support 16 to 18 year old young people move into employment, training or further education.
- Ensuring that vulnerable groups have access to additional support and guidance, for example an intensive personal adviser is co-located with the Looked After Children team.

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**Question From Councillor Chris Caswill
Chippenham Monkton Division**

**To Councillor John Thomson, Cabinet Member For Adult Care, Communities
And Libraries**

Question 1

- a. Have any representations being made to the government on the Council's behalf in respect of the deeply regrettable proposals to cut the mobility component of the Disability Living Allowance?
- b. Will he take this opportunity to make clear this Council's concern about the effects of this proposed reduction of the living standards and working opportunities of Wiltshire citizens?
- c. What would be the cost to this Council of restoring this cut for the citizens of Wiltshire were going to be otherwise affected?
- d. If this policy is implemented, would he consider proposing to the Cabinet that the restoration of this allowance be included in the 2012 – 2013 budget?

Response

- a. The council has written to our local MPs.
- b. We have written to MPs. We have also suggested that if this were to be implemented then a ringfenced grant could be made available to Local councils to help provide some alternative support.
- c. we estimate that there are approx 400 people in residential homes in Wiltshire who we fund that may claim DLA, and the total loss to them would be estimated at approx £1m.a year. In addition there will be some people under 65 in residential care who fund themselves, whom we are unaware of.
- d. As part of our regular reviews of people's services in our care we would always discuss all their care and support needs and together with them, their families and the providers try to find ways of helping their needs be met. This will continue.

Question 2

Will he take this opportunity to give a public assurance that it is the intention to reverse the cuts in public library opening hours and the services which have been removed from other libraries as soon as the Council's financial circumstances permit?

Response

There is no provision in the 4 year plan to reverse the cuts in public library opening hours. Wiltshire Council is facing a budget reduction of 28.4% over the coming years. To help the council meet this target, the library service will need to reduce its budget.

Following comprehensive consultation, including with area boards and customer focus groups, proposals for how the library service will be managed were approved by Wiltshire Council's Cabinet on 25 January 2011. This will be made in part by introducing rationalised core library opening hours and by working with volunteers to operate our smallest libraries and to extend opening hours at other locations. We are pleased that the proposals for the library service in Wiltshire unlike those of neighbouring authorities will avoid the need for any library to close.

- All 31 of Wiltshire's libraries will be retained
- All five of Wiltshire's mobile libraries will be retained
- All libraries will still receive funding from Wiltshire council for premises costs, power, cleaning and computer systems
- Library stock would continue to be provided to all library branches
- Self service technology will be introduced to all libraries to improve efficiency and help communities extend library opening hours through support from volunteers who will be trained and supported by Wiltshire library staff

The proposals come into effect September 2011 allowing time for volunteers to be recruited and trained. Officers are currently attending Area Boards and Parish Councils to outline the proposals and discuss ways of working with communities to extend the library opening beyond the new core opening hours and how communities can make better use of their library buildings.

The response from communities has so far been positive. To date 156 volunteers have come forward, before we have started a recruitment campaign. We are optimistic that ultimately that the new ways of working with communities and volunteers could result in longer opening times for smaller rural libraries.

To Councillor Dick Tonge, Cabinet Member For Highways And Transport**Question 3**

- a. What is the full cost of installing pedestrian refuges on the A 4 on either side of the Beckhampton roundabout?
- b. How many accidents involving death or serious injury have occurred within the close vicinity of this roundabout in the last five years?

Response

- a. £21,541.41
- b. Fatal Accidents 0
 Serious Injury 0
 Slight Collisions 9

Works have been undertaken following a meeting between George Batten and the then MP Mr Michael Ancram in 2009 after concerns had been raised by local residents about speed of vehicles, difficulty of crossing the road, difficulty of access from side roads, and the dangers caused by motorcyclists using the area as a drag strip.

To Councillor Jane Scott OBE, Leader Of The Council**Question 4**

How many charitable, voluntary and arts organisations have already had their grants from Wiltshire Council reduced in the financial year 2010 – 2011?

How many more of these organisations will have their grants reduced in FY 2011 – 2012 and FY 2012 – 2013?

Will she arrange for a list of the affected organisations, and the size of the reductions, to be sent round to all members?

Response**In the financial year 2010/11**

The total grants allocation to the Voluntary sector from the VCS Unit is £2.4m. In this year 12 organisations have had their grants reduced although the overall spend in the voluntary sector did not reduce. The total amount of this movement was £470,000. Some of this reduction came from projects ending, some from merging 4 ex-district funded VCS support services into one countywide service, some from moving services to another provider, or from bringing projects in house . The savings have provided new services, including a volunteering data base which matches potential volunteers with current volunteering opportunities - which has helped over 1,000 volunteers this year, and the Wiltshire Good Neighbours .

In the financial year 2011/12

8 organisations will have their funding reduced (2 of these are also counted in 2010/11 above). Four of them are merging into one organisation (for carers) making efficiency savings to cover the reduced funding.

A further 5 organisations who provide support services to the VCS will have reduced funding. This is a very slight reduction since savings have been identified elsewhere, including grant aid from external funders. Efficiency savings here are expected to come from groups collaborating and sharing back office functions to reduce core costs.

In the financial year 2012/13

The total is unknown since discussions on this will take place in 2011. However we have negotiated other support and funding for 17 lunch clubs to continue the services they provide .

A report detailing all the organisations affected, with details of the financial reductions, will be circulated to Members .

**To Councillor Fleur De Rhe-Philipe, Cabinet Member For Finance, Performance
And Risk**

Question 5

- a. In cash terms, what is the effect on this Council's 2012 – 13 budget of the decision by the Government to frontload reductions in the local authority grant for the coming year?
- b. What representations did this Authority make to the government in respect of the scheduling of the budget reductions?

Response

- a. In cash terms formula grant will reduce by £11.477 million.
- b. None, as we did not feel it would be of any added benefit.

Question 6

With respect to the Government funding allocations to Wiltshire Council for FY 2011-12, how much was attributable to additional money Intended (but not ring fenced) for adult social care from the Department of Health?

Response

At this time we are finalising negotiations with the PCT around this money and how it will be used. To that end we have assumed 88% of the monies within our base budget.

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**Question From Councillor Russell Hawker
Westbury West Division**

To Councillor Jane Scott OBE, Leader Of The Council And Councillor John Thomson, Cabinet Member For Adult Care, Communities And Libraries

Question 1

I refer to the Confidential "Complaint Investigation Report" dated 31st August 2010 which was circulated to members by email on 11 February this year and which purports to exercise power to judge whether an alleged racist comment is actually racist.

Exactly what Law (specifying, please, the precise legislation and/or regulations and/or statutory guidance, including clause numbers and quoting the parts that apply in this matter, or common law, including citation and basic decision summaries and principles that apply) applied or applies to the council in relation to racial equality in public meetings of the council and / or partners?

Where exactly in any of the Law does it say that a comment is racist just because someone asserts that it is - or any basis looking anything like this? What does it say?

Where exactly in any of the Law does it say that the usual common law test of "reasonableness" cannot be used at the discretion of any tribunal or judge in assessing the meaning of words in Law and whether a comment reasonably means what the complainant thinks and alleges?

What powers and authority did the "Investigator" have to carry out an investigation and also judge what is relevant and choose what is fact or not and then also decide and state a determination of the allegations in the report (ie. one person acting as in-house investigator, jury and judge), stating exactly who gave the investigator these powers and why?

What tribunal or judicial decisions exist that show that the phrase "jungle drums" is racist?

Why does the Investigation report not bother to explain any relevant law (ie. no reference to legislation or caselaw)?

Why does the report not bother to explain how the comment is believed to breach the law.

Why does the report not bother to explain the powers of the investigator or where any powers come from.

Why would anyone receiving such a report be expected to think it actually has any status in law or be legitimate or be part of any competent activity of the council or deserves to be treated with anything but concern for its obvious and astonishing shortcomings?

Which members of the cabinet were involved in this matter? At what stage did they know the contents of the report and were they required by the constitution of the council or Law to decide on how to proceed with the matter (please specify who, dates and what was decided)? Did any cabinet member approve the report (who and when)? Which staff were involved in approving the report and actions that followed?

What legal advice was given by any properly qualified legal staff in this matter at any stage (why and to who and when, by whom, stating the qualifications of the staff)?

Do you accept that there should be a better way of handling trivial complaints and have you identified what legal possibilities exist? When will a lawful but common sense approach to trivial complaints be implemented, and how?

Response

The Chief Executive has instigated a review of the process followed in connection with the investigation of the complaint to which you refer. The outcome of the review will be reported to Cabinet at the earliest opportunity.

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Petitions Update

Petitions Received

As of 5 May 2011, the following three petitions have been received since the last update to the Council meeting on 22 February 2011:

Received	Topic/Petitioner	No.	Action taken
20 April 2011	Changes to Bus Timetables X2 to Newbury	63	Acknowledgement sent and referred to Cabinet Member for consideration before a delegated decision is published
20 April 2011	Changes to Bus Timetables X76 Marlborough to Bath	51	
26 April 2011	Changes to Bus Timetables X88 Chitterne to Bath	167	

Details of the three separate petitions in respect of car parking charges for Devizes, Marlborough and Bradford on Avon were presented at the last Council meeting on 22 February 2011 in connection with the report on the Wiltshire Local Transport Plan.

No petitions have been received for presentation to this Council meeting.

Note: This update does not include petitions received in respect of regulatory matters ie planning and licensing which are dealt with under different procedures.

Recommendation

That Council notes the petitions received and the actions being taken, as set out in the table above.

John Quinton
Head of Democratic Services

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Appointment of Committees and Review of Allocation of Seats on Committees to Political Groups

Introduction

1. This report guides the Council in constituting and re-appointing committees and following legal requirements in allocating seats to the political groups.

Review of Allocation of Seats to Political Groups

Legal Position

2. Under the Local Government & Housing Act 1989 (“the Act”) and subsequent Regulations, (“the Regulations”), the Council must review the representation of the different political groups on committees at the Annual Council meeting.
3. It is open to the Council when carrying out a review to adopt some arrangement other than that prescribed by the Act and the Regulations. Notice of such a proposal would have to be given in the Summons, and a decision would need to be made with no one voting against it. The remainder of this report assumes that the Council will not want an alternative arrangement to that prescribed by law.

Political Groups

4. There are currently 5 political groups on the Council and their respective strengths are as follows:-

Name of Group	No. of Councillors in Group
Conservative	61
Liberal Democrat	24
Labour	2
Independent	8
Devizes Guardians	3

5. Under the regulations, two or more councillors may form and register a group.
6. This report has been prepared on the basis of the strengths of the various political groups set out in paragraph 4.

Principles

7. The Act sets out four principles which must be followed so far as reasonably practicable. They are:
 - (a) *Preventing domination by a single group:* All the seats on a committee should not be allocated to the same political group.
 - (b) *Ensuring a majority group enjoys a majority on all committees:* If one political group has a majority in the full Council, that political group should have a majority on each committee.
 - (c) *Aggregating all committee places and allocating fair shares:* Subject to the above two principles, the total number of seats on all the committees of the Authority allocated to each political group should be in the same proportion as that political group's seats on the full Council.
 - (d) *Ensuring as far as practicable fairness on each committee:* Subject to the above three principles, the number of seats on each committee of the Authority allocated to each political group should be in the same proportion as that political group's seats on the full Council.

Application of Principles

8. The Council must review the establishment of its committees in accordance with the principles laid down in the Act. Immediately this is done, each political group should state the names of the councillors it wishes to take its allocated places on committees, including substitutes, and when those wishes are known, the Council is under a duty to make the appointment of those councillors as soon as practicable. This is dealt with specifically under the next item of business on the agenda.

Councillors not in a Political Group

9. In the case of councillors who are not members of a political group, a proportion of seats on committees equal to the proportion of Council members who do not belong to a political group has to be reserved, with appointments to these seats being made by the Council at its discretion.

Committees of the Council

10. The Council's Constitution provides for the appointment of the following committees:-

Strategic Planning
Area Planning – East, North, South and West
Licensing
Standards
Organisation and Resources Select
Children's Services Select

Health and Adult Social Care Select
Environment Select
Audit
Appeals
Staffing Policy
Officer Appointments
Pension Fund
Joint Committee for Appointments to Wiltshire Police Authority

11. Outside the scope of this report are the Cabinet and the Standards Committee. The political proportionality rules do not apply to either.

Area Boards

12. Area boards need to be appointed by the Council under Section 102 of the Local Government Act 1972 and are constituted as area committees within the meaning of Section 18 of the Local Government Act 2000 and regulations made under that section for the purpose of discharging functions delegated by the executive.
13. All unitary councillors representing the electoral divisions covered by the area board will be appointed to their relevant area board.
14. Pewsey and Tidworth are established as a single area committee with two sub-committees, each of which operate as an area board known as Pewsey Area Board and Tidworth Area Board respectively.

Joint Committees

Joint Committee for Appointments to the Wiltshire Police Authority

15. The Council also appoints a Joint Committee for Appointments to the Wiltshire Police Authority. The function of this committee is to formally approve nominations from Wiltshire Council and Swindon Borough Council for appointment to the Police Authority. The Appointments Committee is a Joint Committee of ten members, of whom the Council appoints seven and Swindon Borough Council appoints three.
16. In accordance with regulations made under the Local Government Act 2000 the appointment of this Joint Committee is a local choice function, which means that appointments may be made by either the Council or the Cabinet. The Council's Constitution provides that it should be a matter for the Council.

Health Scrutiny Joint Committees

17. Great Western Ambulance Service (GWAS) This health scrutiny joint committee was established by the local authorities covered by the GWAS area to review poor performance by the Trust. Three representatives were formally appointed to the joint committee in June 2009 on a politically proportional basis ie within the overall scheme of committee places along with

all other committees. This review is continuing and the Council will need to continue to appoint representatives to this joint committee.

18. **Future Health Scrutiny Joint Committees** In June 2009 the Council was informed that there was likely to be an increasing demand for further health scrutiny joint committees with other local authorities, especially relating to the commissioning of specialist services and rare cancers which may be regarded as a substantial variation in service delivery to local residents.

The Council agreed a process to avoid potential delays in the appointment of councillors to any proposed joint committee whereby a pool of councillors comprising the existing membership and substitutes of the Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee was agreed. The select committee would determine which councillors were to be appointed to the joint committee, after consultation with political group leaders. The rules of political proportionality will apply to these appointments save where there are less than 3 places to be filled.

Any appointment will be reported to Council via the Select Committee's minutes and if necessary a review of the allocation of seats to political groups will be undertaken. The number of councillors to be appointed to each joint committee will be agreed by the participating councils.

So far there has been no need to make any such appointments. However the Council is asked to authorise the continuance of this arrangement so that it can be utilised when necessary.

Children's Services Select Committee

19. This Committee must include nominees of the Church of England, the Roman Catholic Church and a number of elected parent governor representatives (historically there have been 3 appointed representatives – one from each school sector). They will be voting members. In accordance with the principle set out at 7(b) above the majority group are entitled to appoint additional councillors to ensure it enjoys a majority. This entitlement has been waived in the past. The Council also has discretion to appoint an unlimited number of co-opted members onto this committee as representatives of children's organisations/agencies (historically this has been on a non-voting basis).

Method to Calculate Places

20. The principles in paragraph 7 can be applied in the following sequence:
 - (i) Calculate the total number of seats with votes on all the ordinary committees and any Joint Committees. (In doing so, the seats with votes on the Children's Services Scrutiny Committee to be filled by the representatives of voluntary aided schools, i.e. Church of England, the Roman Catholic Church and the three elected parent governor representatives should be excluded.)

- (ii) Calculate the proportion that each political group forms of the total membership of the Authority.
 - (iii) Apply those proportions to the total number of ordinary committee seats to give the aggregate entitlement of each group; the requirement to apply the proportions “so far as reasonably practicable” can be met by rounding down fractional entitlements of less than half, and rounding up entitlements of a half or more; if this results in a greater aggregate than the number of seats available, the fractional entitlement(s) closest to a half should be rounded in the other direction until entitlements balance the available seats.
 - (iv) Apply the proportions to the number of councillors on each ordinary committee to give provisional entitlement to seats on that committee.
 - (v) If the provisional entitlement gives only one group seats on the committee, adjust the entitlement so that the next largest group has a seat (thus applying principle (a) in paragraph 7).
 - (vi) Finally, adjust the seats on each committee so that the total allocated to each group is as near as possible to their aggregate entitlement, whilst preserving the results reached at steps (iv) and (v) (thus applying principle (c) in paragraph 7).
21. The Council is free to adopt any aggregate number of places on ordinary committees so long as it follows the principles in paragraph 7 and the sequence in paragraph 20. Attached to this report at Appendix 1 is the schedule of committee places last agreed by the Council in May 2010.
22. Also attached to this report is a numerical guide to proportional representation on Committees, (Appendix 2).

Matters for Decision

23. The Council is asked:
- (a) To note this report and the legal requirements.
 - (b) To re-appoint the following committees with the terms of reference as set out in the Constitution:-

Strategic Planning
 Area Planning – East, North, South and West
 Licensing
 Standards
 Organisation and Resources Select
 Children’s Services Select
 Health and Adult Social Care Select
 Environment Select
 Audit
 Appeals

Staffing Policy
Officer Appointments
Pension Fund
Joint Committee for Appointment to Wiltshire Police Authority

- (c) To determine an aggregate number of committee places available to members of the Council.
- (d) To appoint Area Boards, constituted as area committees as set out in paragraphs 12 to 14 of this report and within the Constitution, to comprise the Unitary Councillors for that area.
- (e) To agree to the continuation of the arrangements for the appointment of members of the Health and Adult Social Care Committee to any Health Scrutiny Joint Committees that are required as set out in paragraph 18 of this report.

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Unpublished documents relied upon in the production of this report: NONE

Environmental impact of the recommendations contained in this report: NONE

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Draft Scheme of Committee places

Appendix 2 – Numerical Guide to political proportionality

DRAFT SCHEME OF COMMITTEE PLACES

Committee	Total Number of Places for Elected Members	Conservative Group Allocation (61 seats)	Liberal Democrat Group Allocation (24 seats)	Labour Group Allocation (2 seats)	Independent Group Allocation (8 seats)	Devizes Guardians Group Allocation (3 seats)
Strategic Planning	13	9	3	-	1	-
Area Planning Committees						
North	10	7	3	-	-	-
South	11	6	3	1	1	-
East	9	6	1	-	1	1
West	11	6	3	-	2	-
Licensing	12	8	3	-	1	-
Organisation and Resources Select	13	7	3	1	1	1
Children's Services Select	13	9	3	-	1	
Health & Adult Social Care Select	13	8	3	-	1	1
Environment Select	13	7	3	1	1	1
Audit	13	8	3	-	1	1
Appeals	9	6	3	-	-	-
Staffing Policy	9	6	2	-	1	-
Officer Appointments	5	3	1	-	1	-
Pension Fund	5	3	2	-	-	-
Joint Police Appointing Committee	7	4	2	-	1	-
Great Western Ambulance Joint Scrutiny Committee	3	2	-	1	-	-
TOTALS:	169	105	41	4	14	5

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SCHEDULE

Proportional Representation Table

	Conservative	Liberal Democrat	Labour	Independent	Devizes Guardians	
	61	24	2	8	3	
1	0.622	0.245	0.020	0.082	0.031	1.00
2	1.245	0.490	0.041	0.163	0.061	2.00
3	1.867	0.735	0.061	0.245	0.092	3.00
4	2.490	0.980	0.082	0.327	0.122	4.00
5	3.112	1.224	0.102	0.408	0.153	5.00
6	3.735	1.469	0.122	0.490	0.184	6.00
7	4.357	1.714	0.143	0.571	0.214	7.00
8	4.980	1.959	0.163	0.653	0.245	8.00
9	5.602	2.204	0.184	0.735	0.276	9.00
10	6.224	2.449	0.204	0.816	0.306	10.00
11	6.847	2.694	0.224	0.898	0.337	11.00
12	7.469	2.939	0.245	0.980	0.367	12.00
13	8.092	3.184	0.265	1.061	0.398	13.00
14	8.714	3.429	0.286	1.143	0.429	14.00
15	9.337	3.673	0.306	1.224	0.459	15.00
16	9.959	3.918	0.327	1.306	0.490	16.00
17	10.582	4.163	0.347	1.388	0.520	17.00
18	11.204	4.408	0.367	1.469	0.551	18.00
19	11.827	4.653	0.388	1.551	0.582	19.00
20	12.449	4.898	0.408	1.633	0.612	20.00
21	13.071	5.143	0.429	1.714	0.643	21.00
22	13.694	5.388	0.449	1.796	0.673	22.00
23	14.316	5.633	0.469	1.878	0.704	23.00
24	14.939	5.878	0.490	1.959	0.735	24.00
25	15.561	6.122	0.510	2.041	0.765	25.00
26	16.184	6.367	0.531	2.122	0.796	26.00
27	16.806	6.612	0.551	2.204	0.827	27.00
28	17.429	6.857	0.571	2.286	0.857	28.00
29	18.051	7.102	0.592	2.367	0.888	29.00
30	18.673	7.347	0.612	2.449	0.918	30.00
31	19.296	7.592	0.633	2.531	0.949	31.00
32	19.918	7.837	0.653	2.612	0.980	32.00
33	20.541	8.082	0.673	2.694	1.010	33.00
34	21.163	8.327	0.694	2.776	1.041	34.00
35	21.786	8.571	0.714	2.857	1.071	35.00
36	22.408	8.816	0.735	2.939	1.102	36.00
37	23.031	9.061	0.755	3.020	1.133	37.00
38	23.653	9.306	0.776	3.102	1.163	38.00
39	24.276	9.551	0.796	3.184	1.194	39.00
40	24.898	9.796	0.816	3.265	1.224	40.00
41	25.520	10.041	0.837	3.347	1.255	41.00
42	26.143	10.286	0.857	3.429	1.286	42.00
43	26.765	10.531	0.878	3.510	1.316	43.00
44	27.388	10.776	0.898	3.592	1.347	44.00
45	28.010	11.020	0.918	3.673	1.378	45.00
46	28.633	11.265	0.939	3.755	1.408	46.00
47	29.255	11.510	0.959	3.837	1.439	47.00
48	29.878	11.755	0.980	3.918	1.469	48.00
49	30.500	12.000	1.000	4.000	1.500	49.00
50	31.122	12.245	1.020	4.082	1.531	50.00
51	31.745	12.490	1.041	4.163	1.561	51.00
52	32.367	12.735	1.061	4.245	1.592	52.00
53	32.990	12.980	1.082	4.327	1.622	53.00
54	33.612	13.224	1.102	4.408	1.653	54.00
55	34.235	13.469	1.122	4.490	1.684	55.00
56	34.857	13.714	1.143	4.571	1.714	56.00
57	35.480	13.959	1.163	4.653	1.745	57.00
58	36.102	14.204	1.184	4.735	1.776	58.00
59	36.724	14.449	1.204	4.816	1.806	59.00
60	37.347	14.694	1.224	4.898	1.837	60.00
61	37.969	14.939	1.245	4.980	1.867	61.00
62	38.592	15.184	1.265	5.061	1.898	62.00
63	39.214	15.429	1.286	5.143	1.929	63.00
64	39.837	15.673	1.306	5.224	1.959	64.00
65	40.459	15.918	1.327	5.306	1.990	65.00
66	41.082	16.163	1.347	5.388	2.020	66.00
67	41.704	16.408	1.367	5.469	2.051	67.00
68	42.327	16.653	1.388	5.551	2.082	68.00
69	42.949	16.898	1.408	5.633	2.112	69.00
70	43.571	17.143	1.429	5.714	2.143	70.00
71	44.194	17.388	1.449	5.796	2.173	71.00
72	44.816	17.633	1.469	5.878	2.204	72.00
73	45.439	17.878	1.490	5.959	2.235	73.00
74	46.061	18.122	1.510	6.041	2.265	74.00
75	46.684	18.367	1.531	6.122	2.296	75.00
76	47.306	18.612	1.551	6.204	2.327	76.00
77	47.929	18.857	1.571	6.286	2.357	77.00
78	48.551	19.102	1.592	6.367	2.388	78.00
79	49.173	19.347	1.612	6.449	2.418	79.00
80	49.796	19.592	1.633	6.531	2.449	80.00
81	50.418	19.837	1.653	6.612	2.480	81.00
82	51.041	20.082	1.673	6.694	2.510	82.00
83	51.663	20.327	1.694	6.776	2.541	83.00
84	52.286	20.571	1.714	6.857	2.571	84.00
85	52.908	20.816	1.735	6.939	2.602	85.00
86	53.531	21.061	1.755	7.020	2.633	86.00
87	54.153	21.306	1.776	7.102	2.663	87.00
88	54.776	21.551	1.796	7.184	2.694	88.00
89	55.398	21.796	1.816	7.265	2.724	89.00
90	56.020	22.041	1.837	7.347	2.755	90.00
91	56.643	22.286	1.857	7.429	2.786	91.00
92	57.265	22.531	1.878	7.510	2.816	92.00
93	57.888	22.776	1.898	7.592	2.847	93.00
94	58.510	23.020	1.918	7.673	2.878	94.00
95	59.133	23.265	1.939	7.755	2.908	95.00
96	59.755	23.510	1.959	7.837	2.939	96.00
97	60.378	23.755	1.980	7.918	2.969	97.00
98	61.000	24.000	2.000	8.000	3.000	98.00
99	61.622	24.245	2.020	8.082	3.031	99.00
100	62.245	24.490	2.041	8.163	3.061	100.00
101	62.867	24.735	2.061	8.245	3.092	101.00
102	63.490	24.980	2.082	8.327	3.122	102.00
103	64.112	25.224	2.102	8.408	3.153	103.00
104	64.735	25.469	2.122	8.490	3.184	104.00

	Conservative	Liberal Democrat	Labour	Independent	Devises Guardians	
	61	24	2	8	3	
105	65.357	25.714	2.143	8.571	3.214	105.00
106	65.980	25.959	2.163	8.653	3.245	106.00
107	66.602	26.204	2.184	8.735	3.276	107.00
108	67.224	26.449	2.204	8.816	3.306	108.00
109	67.847	26.694	2.224	8.898	3.337	109.00
110	68.469	26.939	2.245	8.980	3.367	110.00
111	69.092	27.184	2.265	9.061	3.398	111.00
112	69.714	27.429	2.286	9.143	3.429	112.00
113	70.337	27.673	2.306	9.224	3.459	113.00
114	70.959	27.918	2.327	9.306	3.490	114.00
115	71.582	28.163	2.347	9.388	3.520	115.00
116	72.204	28.408	2.367	9.469	3.551	116.00
117	72.827	28.653	2.388	9.551	3.582	117.00
118	73.449	28.898	2.408	9.633	3.612	118.00
119	74.071	29.143	2.429	9.714	3.643	119.00
120	74.694	29.388	2.449	9.796	3.673	120.00
121	75.316	29.633	2.469	9.878	3.704	121.00
122	75.939	29.878	2.490	9.959	3.735	122.00
123	76.561	30.122	2.510	10.041	3.765	123.00
124	77.184	30.367	2.531	10.122	3.796	124.00
125	77.806	30.612	2.551	10.204	3.827	125.00
126	78.429	30.857	2.571	10.286	3.857	126.00
127	79.051	31.102	2.592	10.367	3.888	127.00
128	79.673	31.347	2.612	10.449	3.918	128.00
129	80.296	31.592	2.633	10.531	3.949	129.00
130	80.918	31.837	2.653	10.612	3.980	130.00
131	81.541	32.082	2.673	10.694	4.010	131.00
132	82.163	32.327	2.694	10.776	4.041	132.00
133	82.786	32.571	2.714	10.857	4.071	133.00
134	83.408	32.816	2.735	10.939	4.102	134.00
135	84.031	33.061	2.755	11.020	4.133	135.00
136	84.653	33.306	2.776	11.102	4.163	136.00
137	85.276	33.551	2.796	11.184	4.194	137.00
138	85.898	33.796	2.816	11.265	4.224	138.00
139	86.520	34.041	2.837	11.347	4.255	139.00
140	87.143	34.286	2.857	11.429	4.286	140.00
141	87.765	34.531	2.878	11.510	4.316	141.00
142	88.388	34.776	2.898	11.592	4.347	142.00
143	89.010	35.020	2.918	11.673	4.378	143.00
144	89.633	35.265	2.939	11.755	4.408	144.00
145	90.255	35.510	2.959	11.837	4.439	145.00
146	90.878	35.755	2.980	11.918	4.469	146.00
147	91.500	36.000	3.000	12.000	4.500	147.00
148	92.122	36.245	3.020	12.082	4.531	148.00
149	92.745	36.490	3.041	12.163	4.561	149.00
150	93.367	36.735	3.061	12.245	4.592	150.00
151	93.990	36.980	3.082	12.327	4.622	151.00
152	94.612	37.224	3.102	12.408	4.653	152.00
153	95.235	37.469	3.122	12.490	4.684	153.00
154	95.857	37.714	3.143	12.571	4.714	154.00
155	96.480	37.959	3.163	12.653	4.745	155.00
156	97.102	38.204	3.184	12.735	4.776	156.00
157	97.724	38.449	3.204	12.816	4.806	157.00
158	98.347	38.694	3.224	12.898	4.837	158.00
159	98.969	38.939	3.245	12.980	4.867	159.00
160	99.592	39.184	3.265	13.061	4.898	160.00
161	100.214	39.429	3.286	13.143	4.929	161.00
162	100.837	39.673	3.306	13.224	4.959	162.00
163	101.459	39.918	3.327	13.306	4.990	163.00
164	102.082	40.163	3.347	13.388	5.020	164.00
165	102.704	40.408	3.367	13.469	5.051	165.00
166	103.327	40.653	3.388	13.551	5.082	166.00
167	103.949	40.898	3.408	13.633	5.112	167.00
168	104.571	41.143	3.429	13.714	5.143	168.00
169	105.194	41.388	3.449	13.796	5.173	169.00
170	105.816	41.633	3.469	13.878	5.204	170.00
171	106.439	41.878	3.490	13.959	5.235	171.00
172	107.061	42.122	3.510	14.041	5.265	172.00
173	107.684	42.367	3.531	14.122	5.296	173.00
174	108.306	42.612	3.551	14.204	5.327	174.00
175	108.929	42.857	3.571	14.286	5.357	175.00
176	109.551	43.102	3.592	14.367	5.388	176.00
177	110.173	43.347	3.612	14.449	5.418	177.00
178	110.796	43.592	3.633	14.531	5.449	178.00
179	111.418	43.837	3.653	14.612	5.480	179.00
180	112.041	44.082	3.673	14.694	5.510	180.00
181	112.663	44.327	3.694	14.776	5.541	181.00
182	113.286	44.571	3.714	14.857	5.571	182.00
183	113.908	44.816	3.735	14.939	5.602	183.00
184	114.531	45.061	3.755	15.020	5.633	184.00
185	115.153	45.306	3.776	15.102	5.663	185.00
186	115.776	45.551	3.796	15.184	5.694	186.00
187	116.398	45.796	3.816	15.265	5.724	187.00
188	117.020	46.041	3.837	15.347	5.755	188.00
189	117.643	46.286	3.857	15.429	5.786	189.00
190	118.265	46.531	3.878	15.510	5.816	190.00
191	118.888	46.776	3.898	15.592	5.847	191.00
192	119.510	47.020	3.918	15.673	5.878	192.00
193	120.133	47.265	3.939	15.755	5.908	193.00
194	120.755	47.510	3.959	15.837	5.939	194.00
195	121.378	47.755	3.980	15.918	5.969	195.00
196	122.000	48.000	4.000	16.000	6.000	196.00
197	122.622	48.245	4.020	16.082	6.031	197.00
198	123.245	48.490	4.041	16.163	6.061	198.00
199	123.867	48.735	4.061	16.245	6.092	199.00
200	124.490	48.980	4.082	16.327	6.122	200.00

Wiltshire Council

Annual Council

17 May 2011

Appointment to Committees

Introduction

1. Following on from the decision to formally re-appoint committees and allocate seats to political groups, the Council must now formally agree the appointment of councillors and substitutes to those Committees.

Appointment of Councillors and Substitutes

2. Each political group should state the names of the councillors it wishes to take its allocated places on committees and when those wishes are known, the Council is under a duty to make the appointment of those councillors as soon as practicable. It is a legal requirement however that the Council formally approves the appointment of councillors to committees and therefore it is essential that each political group notifies the Head of Democratic Services of their nominated councillors to serve on committees, preferably before the day of the Council meeting. Group Leaders may also wish to bear in mind the advantages of achieving a geographical spread of appointees particularly for area planning committees.
3. The Constitution currently provides that the Council will appoint substitute councillors to serve on each committee. Each political group is currently entitled to appoint up to three substitutes where it has a councillor on that committee. As with nominations of committee members (see paragraph 2 above) it is a legal requirement that the Council formally approves the appointment of substitute members to committees and therefore it is essential that each political group notifies the Head of Democratic Services of their nominated substitute members to serve on committees, preferably before the day of the Council meeting.
4. The use of the substitute system by councillors is fairly patchy and a number of meetings have been held with the number of councillors attending well below the maximum size of the committee. Councillors are encouraged to make use of the substitute system. If a councillor finds that they are unable to attend a meeting then they should contact Democratic Services who will record and present your apologies at the meeting. They can also advise on the named substitutes for your political group. The onus is on the councillor to contact the substitute councillor although it would be helpful for you to notify Democratic

services as they will report the temporary change to the membership of the committee.

5. A list of the current appointments to committees is attached as Appendix 1 for information.

Committees of the Council

6. There are specific issues that need to be considered under the appointment of councillors.
7. The Constitution (Officer Employment Procedure Rules) currently requires the Officer Appointments Committee to include at least one member of the Executive.
8. Also the Staffing Policy Committee requires two members of the Cabinet as Cabinet representation is required on its sub-committees by the Council's constitution and the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) Regulations 2001.
9. The Standards Committee has provision for eight independent members and eight Town and Parish Council representatives with a term of office of 4 years. Currently there are two vacancies for independent members. The Committee has taken the view that in light of the Government's intention to abolish the national standards regime, it was not appropriate to fill the vacancies at this point in time.
10. The term of office of the Chairman of the Committee and independent member, Mrs Isabel McCord will expire in May 2011. The Committee at its meeting on 9 March 2011 recommended Council to extend Mrs McCord's membership until the end of the standards regime.
11. The membership also includes 6 members of the Council who are elected annually by the Council. These may not include the Leader or any member of the Cabinet. The current elected member representatives on the Committee are:

Cllrs Nigel Carter, Ernie Clark, Peter Fuller, Malcolm Hewson, Julian Johnson and Ian McLennan.
12. Wherever possible the members of Area Planning Committees should be made up of local councillors. These committees however, unless the Council determines otherwise, will still need to be appointed on a politically proportional basis.
13. All unitary councillors representing the electoral divisions covered by an Area Board will be appointed to their relevant area board as set out in Appendix 2 to this report.

Matters for Decision

- (A) To appoint councillors to serve on those committees in accordance with the agreed scheme of committee places, until the next occasion membership is reviewed under the provisions of the Local Government & Housing Act 1989.
- (B) To appoint substitute members (to a maximum of three per group) to the committees referred to in (A) above.
- (C) To appoint six Councillors to serve on the Standards Committee.
- (D) To extend the term of office of Mrs Isabel McCord, independent member on the Standards Committee until the next annual meeting of Council or the end of the present standards regime whichever is the earlier.
- (E) To appoint the following non-elected members to the Children's Services Select Committee:-

<u>Non-Elected Voting Members</u>	<u>Representing</u>
Vacancy (Reserve/substitute: Mr C Shepperd)	Church of England
Dr M Thompson (Reserve/substitute: Canon L. O'Driscoll)	Clifton Diocese Roman Catholic Church
Mr N Owen	Parent Governor (Secondary)
Mrs A Kemp	Parent Governor (Special Educational Needs)
Mrs R Ryan	Parent Governor (Primary)
<u>Non-Elected Non-Voting Members</u> (Up to Five)	School, Children and Young People representatives
Mrs D Dale	Further Education Representative
Mr C Dark	Secondary Schools Headteacher Representative
Mrs J Finney	Primary School Headteachers Representative
Mr J Hawkins	School Teacher Representative
Mr C King	Children & Young People's Representative

- (F) To appoint those councillors representing electoral divisions to their respective area boards as set out in the Appendix 2 attached to this report.

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Appendices

Appendix 1 – Current list of appointments to committees
Appendix 2 – List of appointments to Area Boards

Appointments to Committees

Standards Committee

Wiltshire Council Members

Conservative -	P Fuller
	J Johnson
Liberal Democrat	M Hewson
Independent	E Clark
Devizes Guardian	N Carter
Labour	I McClennan

Strategic Planning Committee (13)

Conservative Group (9)	Liberal Democrat Group (3)	Labour Group (0)	Independent (1)	Devizes Guardians (0)
C Howard	G. Wright	-	R. Hawker	-
M Connolly	I. West			
C. Crisp	M. Packard			
A. Davis ©				
P.Fuller				
C Humphries				
J. Johnson				
T. Trotman				
F. Westmoreland				
Substitutes:				
M. Groom	B. Douglas		E.Clark	
J. Lay	J Knight		N.Fogg	
L. Randall	P Colmer		F Morland	

Area Planning Committee – East (9)

Conservative Group (6)	Liberal Democrat Group (1)	Labour Group (0)	Independent (1)	Devizes Guardians (1)
J Milton	P Dow	-	J Fogg	J Burton
R Gamble				
C. Howard ©				
C Humphries				
L Mayes				
C Williams				

Substitutes:				
L Grundy	P Colmer		G.Jeans	J.Ody
J. Kunkler	-		C. Newbury	N Carter
J. Seed			F Morland	

Area Planning Committee – North (10)

Conservative Group (7)	Liberal Democrat Group (3)	Labour Group (0)	Independent (0)	Devizes Guardians (0)
C Crisp	P. Colmer	-	-	-
P Davis	B. Douglas			
P Doyle	H. Marshall			
A Hill				
P Hutton				
T Sturgis				
T Trotman©				
Substitutes:				
C Berry	P. Darby			
M Groom	S. Killane			
B Roberts	M. Packard			

Area Planning Committee – South (11)

Conservative Group (6)	Liberal Democrat Group (3)	Labour Group (1)	Independent (1)	Devizes Guardians (0)
R. Britton	B. Dalton	I. McLennan	G. Jeans	
C Devine	I. West			
M Douglas	vacancy			
J Green				
M Hewitt				
F Westmoreland ©				
Substitutes:				
W Moss	P. Sample	R. Rogers	E.Clark	
L. Randall	S Petty		R.Hawker	
J Smale	P Colmer		C.Newbury	

Area Planning Committee – West (11)

Conservative Group (6)	Liberal Democrat Group (3)	Labour Group (0)	Independent (2)	Devizes Guardians (0)
R Eaton	M. Hewson	-	E. Clark	-
P Fuller ©	J Knight		C. Newbury	
M Griffiths	S Petty			
G Payne				
J Seed				
R While				
Substitutes:				
A Davis	R Brown		F Morland	
F De Rhé-Philippe	T Carbin		R Hawker	
P Ridout	J. Osborn		T.James	

Licensing Committee (12)

Conservative Group (8)	Liberal Democrat Group (3)	Labour Group (0)	Independent (1)	Devizes Guardians (0)
R Beattie	D Allen	-	G Jeans	-
R Eaton	P Dow			
J Green	J Hubbard			
M Griffiths				
B Moss ©				
N Phillips				
B Roberts				
J Seed				
Substitutes:				
A Bucknell	T Carbin			
J Lay	B Douglas			
P Ridout	H Marshall			

Organisation and Resources Select Committee (13)

Conservative Group (7)	Liberal Democrat Group (3)	Labour Group (1)	Independent (1)	Devizes Guardians (1)
T. Deane	J Hubbard	R Rogers	N Fogg	N Carter
C Devine	J Osborn ©			
P Doyle	J Rooke			
C Howard				
J Lay				
B Roberts				
J Seed				
Substitutes:				
C Berry	T Carbin		E Clark	J Burton
M. Douglas	D Jenkins		R Hawker	J. Ody
P Ridout	G Wright		C Newbury	

Children's Services Select Committee (13)

Conservative Group (9)	Liberal Democrat Group (3)	Labour Group (0)	Independent (1)	Devizes Guardians (0)
A Davis	P Darby	-	R Hawker	-
P. Davis	J Hubbard			
M Douglas	H Osborn			
P Fuller				
M Griffiths				
J Lay				
B Moss				
P Ridout				
C Soden ©				
Substitutes:				
C. Crisp	P Dow		E Clark	
C Devine	P Colmer		N Fogg	
B Roberts	H Marshall		T James	

Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee (13)

Conservative Group (8)	Liberal Democrat Group (3)	Labour Group (0)	Independent (1)	Devizes Guardians (1)
C Berry	D Allen		T James	J Burton
C Crisp	J Rooke			
P Davis	M Hewson			
M Hewitt ©				
P Hutton				
N Phillips				
P Ridout				
B Roberts				
Substitutes:				
R. Britton	T Carbin		N Fogg	N. Carter
M Douglas	P Darby		R Hawker	J. Ody
W. Moss	P Colmer		G Jeans	

Environment Select Committee (13)

Conservative Group (7)	Liberal Democrat Group (3)	Labour Group (1)	Independent (1)	Devizes Guardians (1)
C Berry	R Brown	I. McLennan	T James	N Carter
P Doyle	P Colmer			
J Green	S Oldrieve			
M Groom ©				
A Hill				
C Humphries				
L Randall				
Substitutes:				
C Howard	T Carbin		N Fogg	J. Burton
J Johnson	C Caswill		R Hawker	J. Ody
T Trotman	H Marshall		G Jeans	

Audit Committee (13)

Conservative Group (8)	Liberal Democrat Group (3)	Labour Group (0)	Independent (1)	Devizes Guardians (1)
R Britton	C Caswill	-	G Jeans	N Carter
P Doyle	D Jenkins			
J Johnson	H Osborn			
A Macrae				
J. Milton				
S Parker				
B Wayman				
R While ©				
Substitutes:				
R. Eaton	P Colmer		E Clark	
J. Lay	M Hewson		M Cuthbert-Murray	
M. Groom	J Osborn		F Morland	

Appeals Committee (9)

Conservative Group (6)	Liberal Democrat Group (3)	Labour Group (0)	Independent (0)	Devizes Guardians (0)
A Bucknell	B Douglas	-	-	-
A Davis	P Dow			
P Davis	D Jenkins			
A. Hill				
J Milton				
R While				
Substitutes:				
C Crisp	J Hubbard			
C Cochrane				
B Wayman				

Staffing Policy Committee (9)

Conservative Group (6)	Liberal Democrat Group (2)	Labour Group (0)	Independent (1)	Devizes Guardians (0)
A Bucknell ©	D Jenkins	-	F Morland	-
R Eaton	M Packard			
M Hewitt				
J Noeken				
J Smale				
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J Smale				

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 Durrington & Larkhill
 Bulford, Allington & Figheldean
 Bourne & Woodford Valley

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 Fred Westmoreland
 Ian West
 Graham Wright
 John Smale
 Mike Hewitt

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 Winsley & Westwood
 Bradford on Avon North
 Bradford on Avon South

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 Calne Chilvester & Abberd
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 The Collingbournes & Netheravon
 Ludgershall & Perham Down
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 Salisbury St Mark's & Bishopdown
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Appointment of Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen – Committees

Council is asked:

- a) To appoint Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of the following meetings:
 - Area Planning Committee – Eastern
 - Area Planning Committee – Northern
 - Area Planning Committee – Southern
 - Area Planning Committee – Western
 - Strategic Planning Committee
 - Audit Committee
 - Licensing Committee
 - Officer Appointments Committee
 - Pension Fund Committee
 - Staffing Policy Committee

- b) To agree to extend the term of office of the current chairmen and vice chairmen of all area boards to the first meeting of those area boards following the annual meeting of council to enable them to oversee, where appropriate, the election of chair and vice chair for 2011/12.

- c) To note that the Standards Committee and all Scrutiny Select Committees will be asked to elect their respective Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen at their first meeting following the annual meeting of council.

Ian Gibbons
Solicitor to the Council and Monitoring Officer

Report Author: John Quinton, Head of Democratic Services

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**Appointment of Wiltshire Council members to serve
on the Combined Fire Authority**

Purpose of report

To consider the appointment of nine Wiltshire Council members to serve on the Combined Fire Authority for the 2011/12 year.

The current appointees are:

Conservative (6)

Liberal Democrat (2)

Independent (1)

Cllr Peter Davis

Cllr Howard Marshall

Cllr Christopher Newbury

Cllr Graham Payne

Cllr Jeff Osborn

Cllr Mollie Groom

Cllr Christopher Devine

Cllr Brigadier Robert Hall

Cllr Bridget Wayman

The Local Government and Housing Act 1989 in respect of political proportionality applies to appointments to the Fire Authority.

Ian Gibbons

Solicitor To The Council And Monitoring Officer

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Wiltshire Council

Cabinet

22 March 2011

Subject: Submission Draft Waste Site Allocations Development Plan Document (DPD): Publication for formal consultation followed by submission to Secretary of State for Independent Examination

Cabinet Member: Councillor John Brady -Economic Development, Planning and Housing

Key Decision: Yes

Executive Summary

In 2009 Wiltshire Council and Swindon Borough Council (the Councils) adopted their Waste Core Strategy Development Plan Document (DPD) and Waste Development Control Policies DPD.

There are currently no sites allocated for waste uses in the development plan. It is therefore essential to update Wiltshire Council's policy framework accordingly to ensure that future proposals for waste development in Wiltshire and Swindon are for the right types of waste management facilities in the right locations.

The Council originally consulted on the Issues and Options for potential waste site allocations in March 2006. Due to the time that has elapsed since that report was published (during this period resources were concentrated on the production of the Waste Core Strategy and Waste Development Control Policies DPDs), it was necessary to undertake an additional round of informal consultation and further evidence gathering.

A significant amount of evidence has now been developed to fully support the content of what is considered to be a sound submission draft Waste Site Allocations DPD. The key purpose of this Cabinet report is to seek approval to publish a draft Waste Site Allocations DPD for formal eight week public consultation, followed by submission to the Secretary of State for Independent Examination. The consultation will be aligned with the forthcoming Submission Draft Wiltshire Core Strategy in May/June 2011, subject to Cabinet approval.

Proposals

To request that Cabinet:

- (i) Approves the Submission Draft Waste Site Allocations DPD for publication for an eight week formal consultation to commence in May/June.
- (ii) Endorses the Waste Site Allocations Proposed Submission Draft and recommends that Full Council approves the document for the purpose of submission to the Secretary of State, subject to there being no representations which, in the opinion of the Director for Economy and Enterprise in consultation with the Cabinet Member, raise fundamental issues on the soundness of the Strategy.
- (iii) Authorises the Director for Economy and Enterprise, in consultation with the Cabinet Member, to make any necessary amendments to the Core Strategy in the interests of clarity and accuracy before it is published, and to make the arrangements for consultation.

Reason for Proposal

To ensure that an up-to-date waste policy framework is in place for Wiltshire in line with the requirements set out in the Council's Local Development Scheme.

MARK BODEN

Corporate Director
Department for Neighbourhood and Planning

Subject: Submission Draft Waste Site Allocations Development Plan Document (DPD): Publication for formal consultation followed by submission to Secretary of State for Independent Examination

Cabinet Member: Councillor John Brady -Economic Development, Planning and Housing

Key Decision: Yes

Purpose of Report

1. The purpose of this report is to:
 - (i) Approve the Submission Draft Waste Site Allocations DPD for publication for an eight week formal consultation to commence in May/June.
 - (ii) Endorse the Waste Site Allocations Proposed Submission Draft and recommend that Full Council approves the document for the purpose of submission to the Secretary of State, subject to there being no representations which, in the opinion of the Director for Economy and Enterprise in consultation with the Cabinet Member, raise fundamental issues on the soundness of the Strategy.
 - (iii) Set out the key arrangements for consultation.

Background

2. As part of the transitional arrangements to the current planning system, the policies relating to site allocations in the adopted Waste Local Plan were not saved. It is therefore essential to update Wiltshire Council's policy framework accordingly to ensure that future proposals for waste development in Wiltshire and Swindon are for the right waste management facilities in the right locations.
3. Wiltshire County Council and Swindon Borough Council jointly prepared and consulted on Issues and Options for potential waste site allocations in March 2006. Based on advice from the Government Office for the South West, further work on the preparation of the draft Waste Site Allocations DPD was put on hold, whilst resources were concentrated on the production and subsequent examination and adoption of the Waste Core Strategy and Waste Development Control Policies DPDs.

4. Due to the time that has elapsed since the publication of the Issues and Options report it was necessary to undertake an additional round of informal consultation in 2009 and update the evidence base.
5. To ensure that the evidence base is robust and credible, external consultants were asked to undertake detailed assessments on the key issues that may impact upon the deliverability of the potential sites for waste uses. The recommendations of the external consultants were used to select which sites should be included in the draft Waste Site Allocations DPD. These recommendations form a significant part of the evidence base justifying the inclusion of the sites contained within the DPD.
6. The Localism Bill, in its current form, does not propose to amend the role of waste planning authorities or have any significant implications for the continuation of this DPD.

Main Considerations for the Council

7. The recommendation to publish the draft Waste Site Allocations DPD for formal consultation is based on the view that sufficient evidence gathering and consultation has been undertaken to ensure that the DPD can be considered sound. The evidence base to be published alongside the DPD will comprise:
 - (i) A Waste Site Allocations Site Survey Report, May 2010, undertaken by external consultants (Atkins).
 - (ii) An Ecological Assessment Report (incorporating HRA¹ requirements) undertaken by the Council's Ecologist.
 - (iii) Initial site appraisal matrices completed by officers to highlight the issues used to inform (i).
 - (iv) Waste Capacity Report (updating the evidence used to estimate the need for waste management facilities in Wiltshire and Swindon).
 - (v) Consultation output report (detailing the consultation and evidence gathering work undertaken since 2006).
 - (vi) A Sustainability Appraisal Report.
8. The publication of the draft Waste Site Allocations DPD is a key decision as it will eventually lead to a change to the Council's policy framework. All issues raised during the recent consultation have been addressed and the evidence base to support the draft DPD has been fully updated.
9. By endorsing the draft DPD for publication and subsequent submission to the Secretary of State, the Council considers that the document is sound and should not be subject to further amendment prior to submission to the Secretary of State. Once submitted to the Secretary of State, the process of Independent Examination by a government appointed Inspector will commence. Upon finding the DPD sound, the Inspector can only recommend in their report that changes of a minor nature should be made to the DPD before it is adopted by the Council.

¹ Habitat Regulations Assessment as required by European legislation.
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Consultation Strategy

10. Once Cabinet has approved the draft Waste Site Allocations DPD for publication, preparations will be made to publish the draft DPD and supporting documents for a period of eight weeks². The consultation will be aligned with consultation on the forthcoming Submission Draft Wiltshire Core Strategy and will comply with the requirements of the Council's Statement of Community Involvement. It will involve:
- (i) Letter or email to consultees on the Spatial Planning consultation database.
 - (ii) Publication of an advert in local newspapers throughout Wiltshire and Swindon.
 - (iii) Chairman's announcements for Community Area Boards. Preparations have been made to ensure that Community Area Boards will be notified in advance of the commencement of consultation to ensure that the consultation period overlaps with the relevant Area Board meetings. The majority of sites are located in existing industrial areas or current waste management facilities. However, where a site or sites are likely to prove controversial, such as the Hills Resource Recovery Facility at Lower Compton or the LaFarge site at Westbury, officers will attend the relevant Area Board Meeting. Where Area Board Meetings do not coincide with an appropriate point in relation to the consultation, officers will attend a special meeting hosted by the Area Board to discuss the matter.
 - (iv) Item being published in Parish Newsletter prior to commencement of consultation.
 - (v) Documents being made available for viewing at Council offices and all libraries in Wiltshire and Swindon.
 - (vi) Online publication on the Council's consultation portal.

Environmental and Climate Change Considerations

11. The consultation document contains the sites within Wiltshire and Swindon that have been identified as being suitable to accommodate future waste management facilities, in accordance with driving waste up the waste hierarchy. The environmental impact of developing each site has been assessed through the waste site appraisals undertaken by officers and independent consultants, including Sustainability Appraisal. No significant adverse impacts of the sites contained within the draft Waste Site Allocations DPD have been identified.

Equalities Impact of the Proposal

12. There are considered to be no equality impacts arising as a result of the proposals in this report. An Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA) is not required at this stage of the plan making process, but will be completed once the final document is submitted to government.

² The statutory minimum for this stage is 6 weeks consultation.
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Risk Assessment

13. There are risks that the document may be considered unsound by the Inspector. However, the evidence base to support this DPD is extremely thorough and has the benefit of being preceded by a Waste Core Strategy DPD and a Waste Development Control Policies DPD. The Draft Waste Site Allocations DPD is fully in accordance with both of these DPDs and the wider policy framework.

Financial Implications

14. The cost of publishing the DPD and subsequent Independent Examination will be met by existing and planned budget commitments. Savings will be made through combining publication of the submission draft Waste Site Allocations DPD with the forthcoming publication of the Submission Draft Wiltshire Core Strategy.

Legal Implications

15. The steps undertaken to date and those next steps proposed within this report are fully compliant with regulatory requirements³.

Options Considered

16. The site options considered in the previous consultation in 2009 have been fully appraised. Only those site options considered suitable in social, environmental and economic terms have been included in the draft DPD. Those options that are considered unsuitable have been excluded. The Draft DPD therefore represents the most suitable options having considered all reasonable alternatives.

Conclusions

17. In order to provide an up-to-date policy framework for Wiltshire it is necessary to proceed with the publication of what is considered to be a sound submission draft Waste Site Allocations DPD, followed by submission to the Secretary of State for Independent Examination.

MARK BODEN

Corporate Director
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The following unpublished documents have been relied on in the preparation of this Report:

None

Appendices:

Appendix 1 – Draft Waste Site Allocations DPD

³ Regulation 27 of the Town and Country Planning (Development) (England) Regulations 2004 (as amended) CM09256/F

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**Wiltshire Community Plan 2011-2026
(Sustainable Community Strategy)**

Summary

Under the requirements of Local Government reorganisation, Wiltshire Council is required to develop, in partnership, a revised sustainable community strategy for Wiltshire by 1 April 2011.

The new strategy, the Wiltshire Community Plan 2011-2026, has been developed through close joint working with around 100 organisations through the Wiltshire Assembly. This has resulted in an up-to-date and relevant shared vision for Wiltshire.

The plan includes:

- One vision – to build strong, resilient communities in Wiltshire
- Three priorities
 1. Creating an economy that is fit for the future
 2. Reducing disadvantage and inequalities
 3. Tackling the causes and effects of climate change
- Seventeen broad objectives linked to the priorities.

The Wiltshire Community Plan has been agreed by the Public Service Board, Wiltshire Assembly, Wiltshire Infrastructure Consortium and the Wiltshire Compact Board following a comprehensive process.

The Wiltshire Assembly now recommends that Wiltshire Council formally adopts the plan given that it is the responsible authority.

Proposal

The Wiltshire Assembly recommends that People, Places and Promises: The Wiltshire Community Plan 2011-2026 be formally adopted by Wiltshire Council as the new sustainable community strategy for Wiltshire.

Sue Redmond
Corporate Director, Community Services

**Wiltshire Community Plan 2011-2026
(Sustainable Community Strategy)**

1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report is presented to Council on behalf of the Wiltshire Assembly. It provides an overview of the processes undertaken to develop the Wiltshire Community Plan 2011-2026 and requests that councillors agree formal adoption of the document by Wiltshire Council.

2 Background

- 2.1 The former county council produced its first sustainable community strategy (SCS) in 2002, entitled "creating a county fit for our children". This was revised over the period 2006-7 and led to the production of the county council's second SCS, entitled "working together to create stronger and more sustainable communities" in September 2007. This is the current county-level SCS.
- 2.2 Under the requirements of local government reorganisation, Wiltshire Council is required to develop a revised SCS by 1 April 2011.
- 2.3 The new SCS has been developed through close working with organisations and individuals represented on the Wiltshire Assembly. The process has been co-ordinated by officers in the Communities, Libraries, Heritage and Arts section of the Department of Community Services. Feedback from town and parish councils, community area partnerships, councillors and members of the public was also received during a twelve-week formal consultation process between June and September 2010.
- 2.4 At the last conference on 30 October 2010, the Assembly agreed this as its medium-term partnership plan. Members of the Public Service Board and chairs of the key partnerships with VCS representation – Wiltshire Infrastructure Consortium, Wiltshire Assembly and Wiltshire Compact Board – have also given their formal approval and recommend that Wiltshire Council formally adopt it under its statutory role.
- 2.5 The document has now been finalised and is attached at Appendix one.

3. Main Considerations for the Council

3.1 People, Places and Promises: The Wiltshire Community Plan 2011-2026 ('the plan') is the new SCS for Wiltshire. It aims to map out what will need to be done in order to create a more sustainable and resilient future for the county over that period.

3.2 It is in keeping with government guidance¹ that states that the plan should contain a long-term vision based firmly on local needs and key priorities which may realistically be achieved in the medium term. The key elements of the Wiltshire Community Plan include:

One vision:

3.3 The overall direction that sets the tone for what we want Wiltshire to be like in 15 years time - to build strong, resilient communities in Wiltshire.

3.4 This was agreed by Wiltshire County Council and the former partnerships as part of the development of the last SCS.

Three priorities:

1. Creating an economy that is fit for the future
2. Reducing disadvantage and inequalities
3. Tackling the causes and effects of climate change.

3.5 These priorities are revised versions of those agreed by the Wiltshire Assembly in October 2009.

Seventeen objectives:

3.6 Identified as appropriate responses to the three main priorities. These were developed with reference to the Joint Strategic Assessment (JSA) and other documents. Although the objectives are grouped under the main priorities they are intended to be 'cross-cutting'. The table at Appendix two demonstrates how this is the case.

Development process

3.7 The development process of the plan was delivered in three stages:

- First Stage: Initial information gathering and analysis (October 2009-June 2010)

3.7.1 The strong evidence base for the plan included utilising existing and developing documents, such as:

- State of Wiltshire report
- South West report on rural deprivation
- Military civilian integration study

¹ Creating Strong, Safe and Prosperous Communities: Statutory Guidance

- Household and Place survey
- People's and Tomorrow's Voice results
- Wiltshire Assembly conference reports
- Area Boards issues database
- Comprehensive Area Assessment (CAA)
- Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA)
- Joint Strategic Assessment (JSA)
- Community Area JSNAs
- Local economic assessment
- Community Safety Assessment
- Children and Young People's plan
- Local Development Framework (LDF).

3.7.2 Discussions with the Wiltshire Assembly, thematic partnerships, Wiltshire Coordinating Group, Public Service Board, Wiltshire Council services and others also supported the initial information gathering.

- Second Stage: Consultation (June 2010-September 2010)

3.7.3 The twelve-week formal period of consultation included discussions with thematic partnerships, area boards, local town and parishes, and statutory, voluntary and regional organisations.

3.7.4 The majority of responses from those above and around 600 individuals were received via an online snap survey. Another 100 were received directly by e-mail.

- Third Stage: Finalisation and adoption (November 2010-April 2011)

3.7.5 As a result of the consultation and further discussions, the final document has now been produced and agreed by the Wiltshire Assembly.

3.7.6 The Assembly now requests that Wiltshire Council, as the responsible authority, formally adopt the plan.

How will the plan be used?

3.8 The purpose of an SCS is to inform action planning within organisations and partnerships and provide a shared direction in doing so. In this time of financial constraints, political change and changes to local service delivery, it is more important than ever that it should be used as guidance to inform outcomes and provide direction for future working.

3.9 Actions linked to previous SCSs have been planned through thematic plans, organisational corporate/business plans and local community plans. It is intended that the plan will still be used in this way,

3.10 Decisions will be made over the coming months on changes to the partnership structures and therefore how action planning and delivery will develop. These discussions will take place within the Public Services Board.

4. Environmental and climate change considerations

- 4.1 Environmental sustainability has been strongly emphasised in the plan. This includes details of the current environmental features of Wiltshire, potential risks and opportunities and long term aims.
- 4.2 The third priority of the plan is tackling the causes and effects of climate change. There are also six environmentally specific objectives, which correspond with Wiltshire Council's long-term environmental agenda, in particular:
- The plan seeks to achieve a reduction in energy consumption through such initiatives as improved energy efficiency of buildings, more sustainable food production and more local energy schemes
 - The plan seeks to achieve a reduction in domestic, business and transport CO₂ emissions through encouraging reduction in cars on the road and a reduction in the amount of waste produced.
- 4.3 As a result of careful alignment of all the objectives with each of the priorities, no environmental risk has been identified.

5. Equalities impact of the proposal

- 5.1 Equalities are strongly emphasised in the plan. This is evidenced by the first priority (creating an economy that is fit for the future) and more specifically the second priority (reducing disadvantage and inequalities). There are also five objectives related to each of these priorities.
- 5.2 Supported by the corporate equality and inclusion team and partner organisations, the plan;
- seeks to tackle inequalities and promote cohesive communities through working with specific groups and providing equal life chances to all;
 - does not assume or discriminate
 - promotes equality and good relations between different groups
 - seeks to learn and improve services.

6. Risk Assessment

- 6.1 The risks of adopting the plan are fewer and less consequential than the risks associated with not.
- 6.2 If the plan is adopted, potential risks include:
- An inflexible approach to achieving the objectives, particularly in response to external influences
 - Alterations to partnership structures not coinciding with identified needs

- Organisations and local areas not using the objectives as the basis for their own plans and work practices.

6.3 If the plan is **not** adopted, potential risks include:

- Non-compliance with the statutory duty to develop a plan on behalf of the county
- Non-compliance with recommendations of regional and national organisations for local joint working towards a more sustainable future
- Inconsistencies in partnership planning, in particular with regards to decisions on resource constraints
- Dissatisfaction amongst partner organisations that an agreed partnership plan has been rejected by the lead authority, potentially negatively impacting on future joint working.

7. **Financial Implications**

7.1 The development of the plan has resulted in minimal costs as a result of limiting duplication through joining up its development with other projects such as the Local Development Framework, the Joint Strategic Assessment and thematic partnership plans.

7.2 In line with the wider purpose of organisational strategic planning, the very purpose of the plan is to provide direction to support organisations to achieve goals and improve performance with the most effective use of resources. By aligning the medium-long term goals of Wiltshire Council with our partners, joint working can be more purposeful and efficient.

8. **Legal Implications**

8.1 It is a statutory duty for all local authorities to prepare a SCS. This duty states that it should contribute to the achievement of sustainable development in the United Kingdom.

8.2 As part of local government reorganisation, government imposed the revision of the SCS to be produced for the new Wiltshire authority by 1 April 2011.

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People, places and promises

The Wiltshire Community Plan 2011 - 2026



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A message from the chairman of the Wiltshire Assembly



Welcome to the Wiltshire Community Plan 2011-2026. This plan focuses on **people, places and promises**, and sets out the clear vision, priorities and objectives (our joint promises), that together we will work towards over the next 15 years. Our aim is to build on what is already good about Wiltshire and make it an even better place in which to live and work.

The message to all of us - public agencies, the voluntary and community sector and the public - is clear: this can only be achieved if we all agree on the same future direction and actively work together to make it happen. More so now than ever, we know nothing stands still and change is inevitable. The coalition government is proposing radical change and transforming society by challenging people to take more responsibility for themselves and their communities.

In Wiltshire we want to mirror this ambition and encourage as many people and organisations as possible to share in shaping and influencing that change for the good of everyone. It's not going to be plain sailing and we recognise there are many challenges to achieving this, including:

- tensions between environmental, social and economic matters
- competing needs, not all of which can be met
- a gap between what we say we want for our lives, and where our current behaviour will take us
- financial and resource constraints meaning we will have to work differently.

These are hurdles that we will have to acknowledge and negotiate along the way. That is also why we need a vision which we all own, to guide the actions of the many agencies and partnerships that work in the county.

Whether you are an individual, a family, or part of an organisation or community, this plan is about you and for you. Together, we can overcome the challenges that lie ahead and build a better Wiltshire for the future.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'John Wraw'.

The Venerable John Wraw
Archdeacon of Wilts.

Introduction: what is the community plan?

People, places and promises is the theme of the new Wiltshire Community Plan. It sets out the long term vision and direction for the whole of Wiltshire to the year 2026.

The purpose of the plan, as set out in law, is that it should be the single, overarching plan which outlines the overall strategic direction and distinctive long-term vision for the economic, social and environmental well-being of Wiltshire.

The Wiltshire Assembly has led on the development of the community plan, as it is important that the plan's priorities and objectives are shared by all key organisations and supported by the public if it is to provide a framework for the development or review of all other thematic, organisational and community plans in the county. In this way we can create a consistency of direction and effort throughout the county, over the time period of the plan. The Local Development Framework (LDF) for example is consistent with the community plan and defines how new development can assist in its implementation.

The plan is based not only on widespread consultation, but also on a sound evidence base. This evidence base has been provided by the Joint Strategic Assessment (JSA) 2010, and the more detailed assessments which fed into it.

Vision, priorities, objectives and actions...

The community plan includes:

- **the vision** - the overall direction that the Wiltshire Assembly agrees should set the tone for what we want Wiltshire to be like in 15 years
- **three priorities** - important parts of the vision chosen by the Assembly that inform the detailed objectives
- **17 objectives** - responses to the issues identified by the JSA and other documents that provide the basis for long term, broad and purposeful action planning.

The community plan does not include any detailed actions that outline how a particular objective will be achieved. This is the role of thematic, local and organisational action plans that are developed subsequently.



1 People and places: what is Wiltshire like now?

A place to be proud of

Wiltshire is a great place in which to live and work. It is made up of a patchwork of traditional market towns and villages, stunning countryside and a rich historical heritage. People are generally healthy and live longer, and they get on well together. Deprivation is generally low and our communities are safe environments in which to enjoy life. It is a place of opportunity where high numbers work, and unemployment is low.

**It is certainly a place
to be proud of!**

We must be careful though that the benefits are not taken for granted. Many facets of our life in Wiltshire could be undermined by economic, social, and environmental changes occurring locally, nationally and even globally.

Distinct challenges which Wiltshire faces include:

- Government spending cuts and a changing role for many statutory bodies and the voluntary and community sector
- pockets of 'hidden' deprivation in towns and across rural areas
- lower workplace earnings and higher house prices
- highest CO₂ emissions and lowest level of renewable electricity and heat production of any county in the South West
- increasing elderly population
- loss of experience and skills in the labour market due to high levels of outcommuting and the numbers of people retiring
- health inequalities and ill health in disadvantaged areas and too many deaths from cardiovascular disease and cancer
- an educational gap in attainment and lower aspirations of some young people
- generally low satisfaction levels with public services.

This plan emphasises that we must tackle these and other challenges if we are to protect and enhance Wiltshire into the future.



What is Wiltshire like?

Wiltshire is a large, predominantly rural county in the south west region of England, within commutable distance of London, Bristol, Swindon, South Wales and the south coast. Since a reorganisation in April 2009, a single body - Wiltshire Council - has replaced the five councils that formally served the county. The council focuses its local delivery of services on 26 community areas, which are based around one main town and its surrounding villages.

Wiltshire's economy, like many rural areas, is largely made up of micro¹ (86.7%) and small² (10.8%) businesses. There are also comparatively high levels of self-employment, particularly in the rural areas. This situation makes it easier for the local economy to respond quickly to changes in the market, but it does mean it tends to miss out on the greater investment, research and development and training that larger firms bring.

The county is a popular tourist destination as a result of the strong heritage and arts sector and the appeal of the environment. Visitor-related expenditure generates £780 million per annum - around 6% of the total Gross Value Added (GVA)³ of the county. Its rural location also goes some way to explaining the very high car ownership levels and also why 24% of employed people commute to outside the county, often to higher paid professional and managerial jobs. This leads to a net loss of these skilled people to the Wiltshire economy and seems to lie behind the marked difference between levels of Wiltshire workplace earnings and resident incomes.

¹ Fewer than 10 employees with an annual turnover of £1.8 million or less

² Fewer than 50 employees with an annual turnover of £5.6 million or less

³ A measure of the extent to which an individual industry, sector or geographical area is efficient in adding economic value through the way it makes things or provides services.

Wiltshire's employment

Wiltshire's largest employment sector comprises wholesale and retail businesses. This is also the sector with the largest numbers of separate work places, or 'business units'. However, there was no growth in this sector's business stock in Wiltshire between 1998 and 2008, and we have fewer retail businesses in particular than the UK average. This sector is not a major contributor to GVA. Those that are include the sectors listed below.

- Real estate, renting and business activities, the second largest employment sector and largest contributor to GVA in Wiltshire (30.8% in 2007). It significantly increased between 1997 and 2007 and is now higher than the regional average, but not yet as high as it is nationally.
- Government and other local services, such as public administration, health and social work, education and defence, represent the second largest contributor to GVA (23.2%) in Wiltshire. However, substantial reductions in public sector employment are expected by 2020 as a result of government spending cuts.
- Distribution, transport and the communications sector, including hotels and restaurants, comprise the third major contributor to GVA (23.1%). Wiltshire has employment specialisation in hotels and restaurants, but it is under-represented in transport and in storage and communications.

Wiltshire also has a higher percentage of employees in manufacturing than regionally and nationally, despite employment losses (1997-2007). More job losses are predicted in this sector by 2020.



This means that the Wiltshire economy is most dependent on public sector employment and on real estate and business activities. With the impact of the recession and public sector spending cuts, both these sectors will come under considerable pressure over the next few years.

Another factor that will affect the Wiltshire economy over the next 15 years is the relative lack of growth in the numbers of those of working age. Currently, Wiltshire has a high proportion of its workforce in the 50+ age group and over the next decade or so this group will move into retirement, leading to a rapid growth in the retired population and a loss of skills and experience that will be hard to replace.

Wiltshire's population

Wiltshire is developing increasingly diverse communities and so ensuring fair and responsive services to all will be key to the success of our county. Wiltshire's age structure has been somewhat younger than that of the south west, but the rapid rate at which our comparatively large numbers of those currently 50 and above will move into retirement over the next decade or so will lead to a abrupt growth in the overall retired population, bringing us close to the regional average. Alongside this, the part of the retired population that is predicted to grow fastest is the 85+ group, which is estimated to grow by 60% (or 4,300 individuals) over the next 15 years.

Wiltshire has the largest Moroccan community outside of London and a proportionately large number of people from the Gypsy and Traveller community. This reflects the need for us to be aware of cultural and religious diversity, in addition to the needs of other minority groups such as disabled people and people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender. This can be challenging as the county is a largely rural area, therefore people in minority groups are often isolated or not present in sufficient numbers to form organised groups which can lead to an unmet demand for services.

We need a better understanding of who our diverse communities are in Wiltshire and how we can meet specific needs with fully accessible services for all.



Wiltshire's deprivation

Overall, Wiltshire is not a deprived county. However, there are three small areas of Wiltshire – two in Trowbridge and one in Salisbury – which are in the top 20% of deprived areas nationally.

Nonetheless, it is important to recognise that there are people experiencing deprivation in almost every rural community in the county, and even though rural areas are less deprived overall than the larger towns, there are notable exceptions to this, particularly with respect to rural access to key services, especially for older residents. This element of deprivation arises partly as a result of the geographical isolation of some communities, but also because of the decline in many rural services over the last 30 years. The impact of an ageing population needs to be taken into account in terms of maintaining a quality of life and wellbeing, for example more people living with limiting long-term illnesses and conditions such as dementia, as well as the need to support family carers.

Educational attainment amongst children and young people shows a mixed picture in Wiltshire. In 2010, overall secondary GCSE results were in line with the average for England, with a positive and improving trend over the last five years. Performance for primary schools in English and Maths Level 4+ at Key Stage 2 (11 years old) was below the average for England also with an improving trend over the last five years. Provisional results for 2010, however, do show some improvement. Particular groups of children and young people find it more challenging to get the best out of life and achieve the same educational results as others. Performance of children in care, those with special educational needs, those in receipt of free school meals, or with a disability is not currently as good as it should be. Narrowing the gap between the outcomes for these and other children is a key need.

Wiltshire's military

The military presence is a distinctive feature of Wiltshire. In total, 3% of the Wiltshire population are military personnel, 7% including their dependents. In some communities, such as Bulford, Durrington, Upavon, Larkhill, Warminster East, Lyneham and Colerne, this proportion rises to 20%, with the highest proportion in Tidworth at 75%.

The continuing military changes in Wiltshire, including the establishment of the Salisbury Plain Super Garrison (SPSG) and the withdrawal of the RAF from Lyneham, will lead to an overall stabilisation of military personnel in the county by 2012 that is similar to levels seen today. Numbers would, however, increase further should a future military use be found for Lyneham.



Wiltshire's house prices

Wiltshire is a desirable place to live and, as the high level of out-commuting shows, it is also within easy reach of a number of large employment centres in surrounding counties. This, combined with the fact that 37.8% of the housing stock is detached, leads to higher than average house prices.

In Wiltshire, the average house costs approximately 7.5 times the annual wage of its working residents and eight times the average annual wage of its workplace employees. Wiltshire, along with Dorset and Bath and north east Somerset, has the biggest gap between affordability for residents, and affordability for workplace employees. These are average figures, and, of course, young people and those on low wages will be the most affected. There are currently over 10,000 people on the housing waiting list with different levels and urgency of need and current rates of affordable house building, although good, can't keep pace with this level of demand.

Wiltshire's health and wellbeing

Wiltshire compares favourably with the rest of the country on a range of health and wellbeing indicators. However, where pockets of poverty and deprivation are present, health is often poorer and health need is greater. As a result, there is a 5.2-year life expectancy gap between the most deprived wards in Wiltshire compared with the most affluent wards. Although this difference is low compared with some other areas of the country, it is clear that people in Wiltshire still die prematurely as a result of relative poverty, highlighting the need to concentrate efforts in targeting interventions to reach those most in need.

The biggest causes of ill health and death in Wiltshire are cardiovascular disease and cancer. Whilst obesity in children is lower than the national average, there is worrying evidence that one quarter of adults are obese (Body Mass Index (BMI) is 30 or above), this being higher than the national average. In addition, Wiltshire has a large and growing number of military families, and a relatively large prison population, where, for different reasons, extra support for health and wellbeing is required.

The expected increase in the proportion of people aged over 65 in the next decade will impact on the population's health and social care needs due to poorer health associated with an older population. Although there is now greater emphasis on care being delivered in people's own homes, there will undoubtedly be a need for more

residential care as a result of this population growth.



Some estimates suggest that care-only home-beds will need to increase by 50-60% in Wiltshire by 2022. Wiltshire is also poorly provided with extra care housing, but this situation is in the process of being addressed. Another key challenge will be how to meet the need to recruit sufficient additional care workers to meet the care needs of the extra 35,000 older people who will live in Wiltshire in the next 15 years.



Wiltshire's crime and community safety

Wiltshire is one of the safest counties in the country, but this must not be a cause for complacency, as certain parts of the county experience higher levels of crime, and some types of crimes still require action. Of all recorded crime in the county during 2009/10, 15.2% occurred in Salisbury, 13.6% in Trowbridge, and 12.3% in Chippenham. This represents 41% of all recorded crime. A similar overall proportion of anti-social behaviour and criminal damage incidents also happened in these three largest settlements.

Wiltshire also suffers from the impact of repeat offenders, with 50% of recorded crime being committed by just 10% of active offenders. These people often have unstable lives, a lack of prospects, and lack support and guidance. There were more than 5,000 offences involving violent crime between August 2009 and July 2010. Although this is not comparatively high, it still needs addressing. Much of this violence is associated with the excessive consumption of alcohol, and so addressing the irresponsible sale of alcohol, better management of the night-time economy, and focussing on incident black spots will be part of the solution. Drug dependency is also associated with car crime and burglaries, as people try to fund their habit.

Wiltshire's environment

We all depend in various ways on things that can only be produced by the healthy functioning of the natural world. Complex and interlinked natural processes produce a range of goods and services that it is all too easy to overlook.

These include pollinating insects, fertile soil and nutritious food, fresh water and flood protection, building materials, stable weather patterns, and even such intangible things as the pleasure people get from rich landscapes and being close to nature.

Wiltshire's environment is arguably its strongest asset and consequently to maintain these natural systems in a healthy state requires us to manage these processes actively, and to live in ways which allow such systems to stay within critical limits so that they can continue to support the county in being more resilient to future challenges.

The landscape is of national and global significance and includes a wealth of archaeological and architectural treasures, including the Stonehenge and Avebury World Heritage Site, Salisbury Cathedral, and more recent industrial transport features such as the Box railway tunnel and the Kennet and Avon Canal.

There are nearly 20,000 archaeological sites ranging from the prehistoric through to Roman and medieval times and the civil war battlefield at Roundway Down.



There are also approximately 14,000 listed buildings, 37 historic parks and gardens, three Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONBs) and more than 250 conservation areas, and the preservation of these special environments for future generations is paramount

Despite the strength of the natural and historical surroundings, Wiltshire was the only county in the south west to increase its total CO₂ emissions between 2005 and 2007, the most significant increase being in west Wiltshire with the highest per capita emissions (27% of the county total).

In 2007, Wiltshire also had the highest industrial and commercial emissions of any county or unitary authority in the south west. The county per capita average for emissions in 2007 was 10.1 tonnes. This was 22%, or 2.2 tonnes, higher than the south west average.

With government targets to reduce emissions by 80% by 2050 to respond to the challenge of rising temperatures and peak oil, this represents a considerable challenge.



2 Our vision and priorities: the future direction for Wiltshire

Our vision

The vision for Wiltshire is to **build stronger and more resilient communities**, and greater localism lies at the heart of this. We want to encourage and support communities to take the initiative to strengthen their ability to deal with local challenges and issues in creative ways which are tailored to their unique circumstances.

Building stronger, more resilient communities is the established vision for Wiltshire. It is all about people fostering a sense of belonging and being a part of a local community. The recent change to government with its focus on the 'big society not big government' further strengthens its continued relevance and importance. But what does it really mean?

People living in places which have a strong sense of community tend to enjoy a better quality of life in terms of their happiness and health and well-being. Such communities have strong social networks and relationships and will often enjoy vibrant and diverse voluntary and community participation. It means they can solve problems better and improve life for themselves without relying on extensive external support and intervention.

At the other end of the scale, people living in places without a strong sense of community often experience a poorer quality of life. This can occur in communities suffering from poverty, disadvantage and inequalities. Their ability to work together to solve problems can be reduced and significant intervention is often necessary. This can create unsustainable dependency on public services and state benefits. It is in these communities that help is often needed to build self-reliance.

Greater localism lies at the heart of this vision. We want to encourage and support local communities to take the initiative to strengthen their ability to deal with local challenges and issues in creative ways which are individual to them.

Essential ingredients in fostering strong communities include:

People, who:

- participate in volunteering and are active in their community
- feel valued and able to achieve their potential
- are not disadvantaged
- actively manage their health, including eating sensibly, keeping their weight at an optimal level, and participating in physical activity
- have a high confidence and trust in public services
- are motivated to adopt more sustainable lifestyles.

Places:

- with access to resources in the widest sense – people with skills, community facilities and finance
- where the balance between housing, employment and services is optimal
- where businesses can recruit, expand and be competitive
- that work to protect and enhance the natural environment

Agencies, that:

- work together with communities and encourage local decision-making through devolved powers
- focus on providing support, rather than creating dependency.

This vision poses a significant challenge to everyone, but particularly to public agencies that also have to address a new government agenda, work with reduced resources, and respond to rising customer expectations and demands.

The need for greater public confidence and satisfaction with public services is critical.

Ultimately, what matters is what works for people and communities. The challenge is to enthuse everyone to contribute to providing the help and support needed to build and sustain strong and resilient communities.

Our priorities

To help build and protect resilient communities, the Wiltshire Assembly has identified three priorities:

1. Creating an economy that is fit for the future:

Growth in the economy is often used as a key measure of the strength of a place. Wiltshire's rurality is its principal asset, but this can also limit growth. Basic to ensuring we have an economy that is strong, adaptable and competitive are: making the most of what Wiltshire has to offer through encouraging a greater proportion of higher value and higher skilled jobs by attracting the right kinds of businesses; improving the skills of Wiltshire people to meet employer demand; and supporting existing businesses.

2. Reducing disadvantage and inequalities:

A society that works to narrow the inequalities gap and reduce poverty is more likely to bring greater benefits to all its members, not only the most vulnerable individuals and families. Taking into account the needs of all Wiltshire people in how we plan for the future and work in partnership will improve home, work and school life for everyone.

3. Tackling the causes and effects of climate change:

Tackling the causes and mitigating the impact of climate change is now a major priority in protecting the future of the planet. Action is essential at local level to reduce the carbon footprint of individuals, households and businesses by minimising energy use and pollution levels, and maximising the use of renewable resources, whilst protecting the natural environment and wildlife.

Work will be targeted in these three areas and together they will help to achieve the vision. The challenge will be to achieve these objectives with fewer resources and more demands in a rapidly changing society.



3 The promises: what we want to achieve for Wiltshire

To help Wiltshire's communities to be more resilient, partnership objectives have been agreed that bolster the vision and priorities.

Creating an economy that is fit for the future:

1. Strengthen communication (IT) **connectivity** to become a more digitally inclusive county, for example by delivering excellent broadband coverage and speeds, enabling access to the Internet for all, and promoting comprehensive mobile phone reception coverage.
2. Respond in an optimal way to the UK's **financial difficulties** so that the long-term impact on the county is minimised. This can be done, for example, by encouraging the restructuring of the local economy so that it becomes less reliant on the public sector and generates a greater number and variety of higher value-added businesses and green jobs.
3. Ensure that the establishment of the **super garrison** on Salisbury Plain, and other armed forces changes within the county, bring positive benefits both to local communities and to military personnel and their families.
4. Use the Local Development Framework (LDF) process to arrive at the best pattern of **new development** across the county to support the delivery of the other promises in the community plan and, in particular, define what sort of places Salisbury, Trowbridge and Chippenham should become, including agreeing their future scales and roles based on principles of good design.
5. Ensure that the Wiltshire workforce is ready for **changing economic demands** by effectively preparing young people for work, supporting people to enter or rejoin the workforce, providing opportunities for skills development, and by enabling older people to work beyond retirement age should they so wish.



Reducing disadvantage and inequalities:

6. Ensure that Wiltshire is able to meet the needs of its rapidly **growing older population**. This will include planning to meet future health and social care workforce requirements, effective support to maintain self care and the care provided by relatives and friends, safeguarding those who are vulnerable, the creation of sufficient adapted housing, extra care accommodation and residential care and nursing home facilities to meet expected demand.

7. Address the **lack of affordable housing**, including social housing and shared ownership opportunities, by building new housing, bringing empty homes back into use, and through any other means that may become available to meet housing need.
8. Focus on safeguarding against the key factors that disadvantage particular communities and individuals in securing **equal life chances** and fair access to services, as identified by local evidence.
9. Encourage and support people to take more responsibility for their **current and future health** through healthier eating, participating more in physical activity, using alcohol sensibly, and giving up smoking.
10. Continue to develop and support the **Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS)** so that it can play an expanded and more innovative role in addressing local needs and delivering services. This will involve a range of initiatives, including the expansion of volunteering activity and promoting the principles of good practice in partnership working.

13. Provide a safer and more integrated transport system that achieves a major shift to **sustainable transport**, including walking, cycling, and the use of bus and rail networks especially in the larger settlements of Trowbridge, Chippenham and Salisbury, and along the main commuting corridors.
14. Prepare for the impacts of **unavoidable climate change**, by increasing the resilience of communities, businesses and wildlife to events such as extreme heat waves, droughts and frequent flooding, through designing and implementing appropriate adaptive responses.
15. Increase Wiltshire's **food security**, by, for example, improving the business and environmental sustainability of food production, focusing more on agricultural production for local markets, and encouraging people to become more involved in growing their own food.
16. Continue to reduce the amount of **waste produced** in the county and increase the proportion of waste which is recycled.

Tackling the causes and effects of climate change:

11. Significantly reduce domestic, business and transport **CO₂ emissions** across the county in line with national targets
12. Contribute to creating greater energy security by significantly increasing the amount of electricity and heat generated in the county at community level and on a large-scale through **renewable schemes** to bring Wiltshire more in line with the rest of the South West region.

Other:

17. Promote **greater public understanding** and ownership of the difficult choices facing Wiltshire; encourage public confidence and build the trust of local communities to engage with public agencies in a shared approach to local challenges in honest and open decision-making, service delivery and community action.



4 How to turn the aspiration into reality?

Having agreed our future direction, the biggest challenge of all is turning the words of this plan – the vision, priorities and objectives – into actions that achieve real results.

The community plan is the focus of a series of organisation, partnership and community based actions that will all work together to achieve the vision of **building strong, resilient communities** under new financial constraints and changing roles for public services and other sectors.

- **Thematic plans**, produced by the thematic delivery partnerships and/or services, will further detail their plans to achieve short and medium term targets. These include plans for economic development, children and young people, housing, community safety, and others.
- The lead organisations that produce their own **corporate business plans**, such as Wiltshire Council and Wiltshire Police, will identify how they, through service delivery, staffing, budget management and working in partnership, can contribute to the vision.
- Community area partnerships, in consultation with the wider community, agree locally focused **community plans**.



Whether you are an individual or a community, an employee or an organisation, the vision of building strong, resilient communities is about you.

It is important that as we explore options for implementing the promises contained in this plan we assess and choose those that provide the greatest measurable benefits to Wiltshire's people, communities and the environment.

For Wiltshire to continue to be an excellent place in which to live, work and visit, we must work together. This will be the true test of our resilience.



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Appendix two - what impact will the objectives have?

Creating an economy that is fit for the future	Reducing inequalities and disadvantage	Tackling climate change
Making the most of what Wiltshire has to offer through encouraging a greater proportion of higher value and high skilled jobs by attracting the right kinds of businesses, improving skills of Wiltshire people to meet demand and supporting existing businesses.	Taking into account the needs of all Wiltshire people in how we plan for the future and work in partnership will improve home, work and school life for everyone.	A major priority in protecting the planet. Action at local level to lower individual, household and business environmental impact.

Strengthen communication (IT) connectivity to become a more digitally inclusive county, for example by delivering excellent broadband coverage and speeds, enabling access to the Internet for all, and promoting comprehensive mobile phone reception coverage.	Provide existing businesses with technology to remain competitive in global market; Attract new businesses to the county	Provide equal access to information for all	Encourage more home working and therefore reduce travel - particularly out commuting
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<p>Respond in an optimal way to the UK's financial difficulties so that the long-term impact on the county is minimised. This can be done, for example, by encouraging the restructuring of the local economy so that it becomes less reliant on the public sector and generates a greater number and variety of higher value-added businesses and green jobs.</p>	<p>Be more responsive and better prepared for future economic challenges</p>	<p>Limit impact of cuts on front line services; Support public to be more financially conscious</p>	<p>Increased emphasis on green jobs in the economy</p>
<p>Ensure that the establishment of the super garrison on Salisbury Plain, and other armed forces changes within the county, bring positive benefits both to local communities and to military personnel and their families.</p>	<p>Support the MoD and military communities to remain and continue to invest in the county</p>	<p>Ensure impacts of military presence does not disadvantage existing communities, in particular in rural areas</p>	<p>Better understand and address the environmental impact of military bases on Salisbury Plain</p>

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<p>Use the Local Development Framework (LDF) process to arrive at the best pattern of new development across the county to support the delivery of the other promises in the community plan and, in particular, define what sort of places Salisbury, Trowbridge and Chippenham should become, including agreeing their future scales and roles based on principles of good design.</p>	<p>Better plan the future development of Wiltshire's towns to the benefit of existing businesses and the local economy</p>	<p>Ensure the lives of residents and business owners are not adversely affected by development</p>	<p>Limit the environmental impact of new development</p>
<p>Ensure that the Wiltshire workforce is ready for changing economic demands by effectively preparing young people for work, supporting people to enter or rejoin the workforce, providing opportunities for skills development, and by enabling older people to work beyond retirement age should they so wish.</p>	<p>Encourage local graduates to Wiltshire businesses, where appropriate</p>	<p>Improve skills set of younger people</p>	<p><i>No identified impact</i></p>

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<p>Ensure that Wiltshire is able to meet the needs of its rapidly growing older population. This will include planning to meet future health and social care workforce requirements, effective support to maintain self care and the care provided by relatives and friends, safeguarding those who are vulnerable, the creation of sufficient adapted housing, extra care accommodation and residential care and nursing home facilities to meet expected demand.</p>	<p>Limit the costs of care and accommodation in later life on public services</p>	<p>Protect older people from having decisions made for them and keep them in their home for longer</p>	<p><i>No identified impact</i></p>
<p>Address the lack of affordable housing, including social housing and shared ownership opportunities, by building new housing, bringing empty homes back into use, and through any other means that may become available to meet housing need.</p>	<p>Limit costs of new build and private purchase first</p>	<p>Offer more people a permanent home</p>	<p>1) Lessen the impact of use of green sites for housing development 2) Encourage more environmental awareness through improving the appearance of towns</p>

<p>Focus on safeguarding against the key factors that disadvantage particular communities and individuals in securing equal life chances and fair access to services, as identified by local evidence.</p>	<p>Reduce the economic impact of disadvantage in communities</p>	<p>More equality for all - therefore improving life for everyone, not just the most disadvantaged</p>	<p>Improve environmental awareness - this is more likely in more equal societies.</p>
<p>Encourage and support people to take more responsibility for their current and future health through healthier eating, participating more in physical activity, using alcohol sensibly, and giving up smoking.</p>	<p>Support people to be less reliant on public services and the state</p>	<p>Improve education and health - supporting the ambition for more equal societies</p>	<p>Reducing individual carbon footprints through decreasing car use for local trips</p>

Appendix two - what impact will the objectives have?

<p>Continue to develop and support the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) so that it can play an expanded and more innovative role in addressing local needs and delivering services. This will involve a range of initiatives, including the expansion of volunteering activity and promoting the principles of good practice in partnership working.</p>	<p>1) Support VCS to support the economy through provision of specialist services 2) Build skills of volunteers to convert to the future employment</p>	<p>Improve understanding of local needs through better engagement with VCS</p>	<p>Support and encourage voluntary organisations focused on environmental issues</p>
<p>Significantly reduce domestic, business and transport CO2 emissions across the county in line with national targets</p>	<p>Reduce costs to the local area linked to environmental clean up</p>	<p>Reduce household CO2 to improve quality of life</p>	<p>Reduce CO2 emissions from energy and heat</p>
<p>Contribute to creating greater energy security by significantly increasing the amount of electricity and heat generated in the county at community level and on a large-scale through renewable schemes to bring Wiltshire more in line with the rest of the South West region.</p>	<p>Reduce spending on national energy suppliers and sell back surplus units</p>	<p>Reduce household energy costs - in particular for the most vulnerable, to improve quality of life</p>	<p>Reduce CO2 emissions from building energy use</p>

Appendix two - what impact will the objectives have?

<p>Provide a safer and more integrated transport system that achieves a major shift to sustainable transport, including walking, cycling, and the use of bus and rail networks especially in the larger settlements of Trowbridge, Chippenham and Salisbury, and along the main commuting corridors.</p>	<p>Improve transport networks to attract new businesses and support the growth of existing ones</p>	<p>Provide wider access to transport, particularly to link rural communities to the main economic centres</p>	<p>Reduce travel related CO2 emissions.</p>
<p>Prepare for the impacts of unavoidable climate change, by increasing the resilience of communities, businesses and wildlife to events such as extreme heat waves, droughts and frequent flooding, through designing and implementing appropriate adaptive responses.</p>	<p>Reduce the clean up cost of the impact of damage causes; increase likelihood that businesses can function as normal</p>	<p>Limit the impact of occurrences affecting the most vulnerable, in particular in terms of isolation</p>	<p>Adapt to the changing climate and limit impact on the environment</p>

Appendix two - what impact will the objectives have?

<p>Increase Wiltshire's food security, by, for example, improving the business and environmental sustainability of food production, focusing more on agricultural production for local markets, and encouraging people to become more involved in growing their own food.</p>	<p>Boost GVA through making the most of the Wiltshire food economy</p>	<p><i>No identified impact</i></p>	<p>Reduce environmental impact of importing food where possible; make the most of Wiltshire's agriculture</p>
<p>Continue to reduce the amount of waste produced in the county and increase the proportion of waste which is recycled.</p>	<p>Reduce the waste landfill costs</p>	<p><i>No identified impact</i></p>	<p>Reduce amount of long-term landfill waste; contribute to international initiative to protect resources</p>
<p>Promote greater public understanding and ownership of the difficult choices facing Wiltshire; encourage public confidence and build the trust of local communities to engage with public agencies in a shared approach to local challenges in honest and open decision-making, service delivery and community action.</p>	<p>Improve decision making process and reduce administration and mitigation costs through improved prior understanding of the public</p>	<p>Improve the quality of life of residents through increasing their awareness of their local area and supporting them to feel a part of their community</p>	<p>Support environmental aims through improved public awareness.</p>

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Notice of Motion No. 16 – Shadow Community Operations Boards

To consider the following notice of motion submitted by:

Councillor Jeff Osborn - Trowbridge Grove Division and
Councillor Helen Osborn - Trowbridge Lambrok Division

‘Over the coming months, several Area Boards will be appointing Shadow Community Operations Boards. These in due course may, subject to further consideration by Cabinet, become the responsible bodies for the running of the respective campuses which will involve the stewardship and expenditure of substantial sums of public money.

Understandably the governance arrangements of these bodies will be of local and wider concern. They should certainly be open, transparent and accountable. Their status vis-a-vis the publicly elected Council still has to be clearly spelt out.

The action of the Council in this whole area may be groundbreaking and hence has to engender trust and earn support amongst the public. We must ensure probity and high standards of accountability.

In order to achieve this:

Council confirms that meetings of the respective Shadow Community Operations Boards, and the later fully fledged (non shadow) Boards, be held in public with agendas issued in advance and minutes being made publicly available. The operation and decisions of the Boards as per the operations and decisions of the Council, be subject to the Freedom of the Information Act.

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Notice of Motion No. 17 –Planning Policy

To consider the following notice of motion submitted by:

Councillor Chris Caswill, Chippenham Monkton Division and
Councillor Jon Hubbard, Melksham South Division

“Council notes with deep concern the intention outlined in the Budget speech to deconstruct current planning regulations and systems in favour of a centrally imposed "pro-development "policy. Council wishes to draw attention to the conflict between these proposals and the Government’s commitment to "localism", and to the reduction which these proposals will bring in to the ability of local councils and local citizens to influence planning outcomes in their areas.

Council resolves to communicate these concerns to the relevant Ministers and to Wiltshire MP's, together with a request that these proposals be reconsidered.”

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Notice of Motion No. 18 – Proposed changes to the NHS

To consider the following notice of motion submitted by:

Councillor Jon Hubbard - Melksham South Division and
Councillor Simon Killane - Malmesbury Division

“Council welcomes the Government’s pause for reflection on the proposed changes to the NHS.

Given the importance of this issue for the citizens of Wiltshire, Council resolves to communicate the following views as part of this reflection process:

- any moves to GP commissioning should avoid a fragmentation of service across Wiltshire and dysfunctional competition between consortia
- there should be no presumption in favour of market options or for taking the cheapest proposal for service provision and
- governance arrangements should include a presumption in favour of majority contributions from members of this Authority, in order to enhance democratic oversight of the NHS at local level.”

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Community Governance Reviews

1 Purpose of Report

1.1 The Council is required to undertake Governance Reviews, i.e. to keep under review the boundaries and seating arrangements of parishes and parish wards within the county. This is a matter reserved to full Council. Some parishes have indicated recently that they wish to consider a review of their boundaries.

1.2 The purpose of this report is to appraise Councillors of current pressures and to recommend a policy for dealing with these.

2 Background

2.1 The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 (“the 2007 Act”) transferred full responsibility for parish reviews – “Community Governance Reviews” – to principal councils in England. A Community Governance Review is a review of the principal council’s area for the purpose of making recommendations with regard to:

- creating, merging or abolishing parishes,
- the naming of parishes,
- the electoral arrangements for parishes and
- grouping arrangements for parishes

2.2 Section 81 of the 2007 Act requires a principal council to draw up Terms of Reference before embarking on any review. The Terms of Reference may be considered as the Council’s policies in the review. These must specify the area under review. A principal council begins a community governance review when it publishes the terms of reference of the review.

2.3 The frequency of such reviews is not specified, although ten years would appear to be the generally accepted maximum. Any such review would probably take 1 to 2 years to complete, and would generate considerable interest from a number of sides.

3 Main Considerations for the Council

3.1 Protected Electoral Arrangements

The 2007 the Act establishes a five-year moratorium period on the more recent reviews concluded by the Electoral Commission and its Boundary Committee. These are “protected electoral arrangements” which cannot be considered during a Community Governance Review without the consent of the Electoral Commission. Whilst we can not pre-judge the response of the Commission, it is most unlikely they

would look favourably at altering their considered findings from 2007 and 2009 without even seeing them fully implemented yet.

3.2 Previous Reviews

There are other sources of information to consider before we can contemplate a governance review.

- a) Prior to the 2009 review, parishes had already been revised under the 2007 District and Parish reviews in North and West Wiltshire. Until 2013, the old parish/town wards continue to exist for electoral purposes, in that councillors were elected in 2007 to represent the area, but from 2013 they will become co-terminous with unitary boundaries in urban areas. This can create confusion, but it is suggested that the alternative (i.e. to press for earlier implementation) would have to involve fresh elections to the new wards, which would be completely out of sequence with the old and new timetable.
- b) The County of Wiltshire (Electoral Changes) Order 2009 not only set up the divisions for the new Wiltshire Unitary Council, but also made changes to the composition and warding of a number of parish and town councils – that is, the number of councillors on the parish or town council and the number, names and boundaries of any parish/town wards. These cover the main urban areas of the County and amount to over 50% of the County's electorate. These changes will not be fully implemented until the December 2012 Register of Electors, i.e. in preparation for the 2013 elections. Although not altered by the 2009 Order, the new Salisbury City Council also came into being on 1 April 2009, and set the City ward boundaries at the same time.
- c) Changes were also made to eight parishes under an extensive parish boundary review over a number of years, culminating in the North Wiltshire (Parishes) Order 2008. This saw major changes in the electoral arrangements applying to the residential overspill area around Calne and Chippenham.

3.3 Ad hoc requests

We have accumulated a number of ad hoc requests, e.g. name change or single figure property movements, which can probably be carried out under the Local Government Act 1972, i.e. outside a formal Governance Review. These can be time consuming, in order to ensure there is sufficient public consultation, but these could be looked at over time within existing resources.

There have also been suggestions of larger scale boundary changes, e.g. Trowbridge, and these would have to be considered by a Governance Review under the 2007 Act, not the minor changes procedure under the 1972 Act.

4. Exception

4.1 The 2009 Order set out the new unitary divisions and also a number of new towns wards, including at Warminster. In common with many other towns, the Unitary boundaries cross the parish boundary, in order to achieve a division electorate of approximately 3,700. Each unitary division has a single seat, and each proposed town ward in Warminster has three seats. However, as only a proportion of the Warminster Copheap and Wyle division actually falls within the town area, the

three councillors for the town ward of Warminster Copheap and Wyle proposed for 2013 represent considerably fewer electors than the other Warminster town councillors. This anomaly is being discussed with the Electoral Commission.

5. Environmental and climate change considerations

5.1 There are no Environmental and climate change considerations

6 Equalities Impact of the Proposal

6.1 There are no Equalities considerations

7 Risk Assessment

7.1 It is felt there is less risk in leaving the parish arrangements as they are, i.e. as determined by the various reviews over the last few years, than in making changes which would result in significant resource issues leading up to the 2013 elections. Changes are best implemented with effect from the publication of the Register of Electors each year, and it would be very disruptive to introduce changes for 2012, and then again for 2013.

8 Financial Implications

8.1 There are no financial implications to consider.

9 Legal Implications

The legislative framework for Community Governance Reviews is as follows:

- Local Government & Public Involvement in Health Act 2007
- *Guidance on community governance reviews*, issued jointly by DCLG & EC (April 2008)
- Local Government Act 1972 (as amended)
- Local Government (Parishes and Parish Councils) (England) Regulations 2008 (SI2008 625)
- Local Government Finance (New Parishes) Regulations 2008(SI2008 626)

10 Conclusions

10.1 There is a statutory duty placed upon councils to undertake governance reviews. It is considered that as over 50% of the electorate will already have new parish arrangements in place for the 2013 elections, no further work should be undertaken on a countywide governance review until at least after that time.

11 Proposal

11.1 That Council agrees that no Governance Reviews be undertaken until at least after the 2013 elections. Minor alterations which can be considered under the Local Government Act 1972 Act be investigated as and when resources permit.

11.2 Exceptionally, the apparent anomaly with regard to the Warminster Copheap and Wyle town ward continue to be investigated with the successor body to the Boundary Committee of the Electoral Commission.

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Background Papers

None

Appendices

None

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Polling Station Review

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 The Council is required by the Electoral Administration Act 2006 to undertake a polling station review every four years from 2007. It is a matter reserved to full Council, and Councillors are advised the review will be started shortly.

2. Background

2.1 The 2006 Act introduced a number of new electoral measures, including a substantial review of postal voting. This meant that some of the other provisions of the Act, including the requirement to undertake a review of polling stations, tended to take a lesser priority, and many councils, including the former Wiltshire District Councils adopted a “measured” approach to initiating their polling station reviews in 2007.

2.2 It is for the Council to designate polling areas, and for the Returning Officer to determine polling stations within those polling areas, and the two roles are clearly interlinked. The review of polling areas and polling stations should look not only at the physical premises e.g. for accessibility reasons, but also at their location and general suitability.

2.3 A typical example would be at Erlestoke (and there are others), where electors traditionally voted in the village, but due to a change in circumstances a few years ago, now vote at nearby Great Cheverell. Erlestoke has recently provided a new hall which is designed for community use, and the council would need to weigh up the pros and cons of encouraging community identity and the use of more local premises, against the cost of setting up a new station for just under 200 electors. In that example, the Council would need to approve either Erlestoke or Great Cheverell as the polling area for the electors of Erlestoke, and then the Returning Officer would have to identify suitable premises within that area. Another typical example would be at Corsham, where new development and the shape of the wards mean that many electors have to pass a polling station in another ward to get to their own polling station.

3. Main Considerations for the Council

3.1 We are using the 2011 Referendum as an opportunity to collect a lot of information about the existing stations, and it is likely that in many cases there are very few realistic alternatives available.

3.2 The review should start with a set of parameters against which stations should be measured, e.g. minimum electorate (which is not recommended), access issues etc, and it is likely the review could take some time to complete. The involvement of a small group of councillors would be a useful sounding board, prior to submission of a final scheme for full Council at a later date.

4. Equalities Impact of the Proposal

4.1 One of the main purposes of undertaking a review is to arrive at a fair and equitable system of polling stations, taking into account a whole range of factors such as access issues and elector location. The polling station review must have regard to disabled voters, and also take into account the views of people with particular expertise in relation to different forms of disability

5. Risk Assessment

5.1 Individual stations are always assessed for risks at every election, but this is the first real opportunity to examine the robustness of the overall polling station stock of the new Council.

6. Financial Implications

6.1 There are unlikely to be any significant financial consequences arising from this review, although there may be a possibility of reducing the number of stations in 2013, due to the rationalisation of town wards with unitary divisions.

7. Legal Implications

7.1 The review is required under the Electoral Administration Act 2006

8 Proposal

8.1 To establish a small working party to work with officers as a sounding board, prior to submission of a Polling Station Review scheme for consideration by Council at a later date. Membership of the working party to be agreed with Group Leaders.

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Background Papers - None

Appendices - None

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Parliamentary Boundary Review

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 The independent Boundary Commission for England (BCE) has begun work on redrawing the map of parliamentary constituencies following the enactment of the Parliamentary Voting System and Constituencies Act 2011. It is not clear at this stage how or when consultation will be carried out, but the purpose of this report is to enable the council to consider the process it wishes to use to respond to any such consultation.

2. Background

2.1 The new rules mean that there will be fewer Members of Parliament and their constituencies must be of more equal size. England will have 502 MPs rather than the current 533 and the number of electors in each constituency must be no smaller than 72,810 and no larger than 80,473. Early indications are that the changes will have to be significant in order to reduce the number of constituencies by 31 and to ensure that they are of equal size. The majority of existing constituencies are likely to be affected.

2.2. The five Parliamentary constituencies in Wiltshire currently have a combined eligible electorate of 349,669, i.e. 4.80 seats at the minimum sized new constituencies, or 4.35 seats at the maximum size, both calculations using today's electorate. (Reviews tend to use a 3 to 5 year projected figure).

3. Main Considerations for the Council

3.1 The Council, and others, will be consulted on any proposals, and members are asked to consider what arrangements it would like to have in place to consider any proposals in detail and respond to the consultation. Normally any individuals can submit their ideas, but any response from the Council should be as the result of a full Council discussion.

4. Equalities Impact of the Proposal

4.1 There are no equalities issues arising from this proposal.

5. Financial Implications

5.1 There are unlikely to be any significant financial consequences arising from this proposal.

6. Proposal

- 6.1 To establish a small working party to consider any proposals emerging from the Boundary Commission for England and undertake any detailed work required to formulate a draft response to the Commission to be agreed at a future meeting of Council. Membership of the working party to be agreed with Group Leaders.

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Background Papers

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Appendices

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Foreword by the chairman

Once again I am delighted to present the Wiltshire Council Standards Committee Report for 2010/2011. It explains who sits on the committee, what it does, its achievements over the last year and the issues it will face in the future. I am reassured that Wiltshire Council take seriously the need for good governance and high standards of behaviour and am confident this will continue to be the case in the future.

It has been a busy year for the Standards Committee and the officers who provide it with excellent support. The main areas of work have been:

- Handling complaints arising from the Wiltshire Council Code of Conduct
- Reviewing and refining the local assessment processes to ensure they are efficient and fair
- Reviewing the Wiltshire Council Constitution in conjunction with elected members
- Reviewing the process for granting dispensations
- Understanding the Localism Bill and identifying what lessons can be learnt from the current standards regime to inform any voluntary scheme that Wiltshire Council may wish to adopt
- Supporting and advising Town and Parish Councils on governance issues including the Localism Bill

Discussion at all our meetings has been open and constructive and I welcome any members of the public who wish to attend and contribute to our discussions. I would like to thank my fellow members and our officers for their hard work and valuable contributions both in committee and at the many other times when they support the committee's work. We have made good progress which will be beneficial in the work we need to do over the coming year.

I am delighted that the Wiltshire Council Standards Committee has continued to play an important role in the effective running of the Council over the last year. High standards of conduct are important in raising public trust in local democracy and the Standards Committee has the experience and knowledge to support the Council in developing an effective system to ensure these high standards continue to be maintained once the mandatory regime is abolished.

Isabel McCord
Independent Member and Chairman of the Wiltshire Council Standards Committee

Introduction

Under the Local Government Act 2000 all councils are required to have a standards committee. The Wiltshire Council Standards Committee's main role is to promote and maintain high standards of conduct of the 98 members of Wiltshire Council, co-opted members, church and parent governor representatives, 255 town and parish councillors and officers.

In achieving this role the committee carries out the following functions:

- assists elected and co-opted members and church and parent governor representatives to observe the members' code of conduct
- advises the council on the adoption or revision of the members' code of conduct
- monitors and advises the council about the operation of its code of conduct in the light of best practice, changes in the law, guidance from the Standards for England and recommendations of case tribunals under Section 80 of the Local Government Act 2000
- advises on training or arranges to train elected and co-opted members and church and parent governor representatives on matters relating to the members' code of conduct
- handles all matters relating to alleged breaches of the code of conduct for elected and co-opted members of Wiltshire Council and the town and parish councils within Wiltshire Council's jurisdiction
- grants dispensations to elected and co-opted members and church and parent governor representatives from requirements relating to interests set out in the members' code of conduct
- promotes and oversees high standards of ethical governance throughout the council
- overviews the council's whistle-blowing policy
- overviews corporate complaints handling and reviews the implementation of recommendations made by the Ombudsman
- has oversight of Wiltshire Council's Constitution
- considers and determines applications for exemption to the requirements in relation to politically restricted posts.

Members of Wiltshire Council Standards Committee



Independent co-opted members (eight)

Jane Bayley, Michael Cronin, Philip Gill MBE JP, Isabel McCord, Stuart Middleton and Gerry Robson OBE, 2 vacancies

Wiltshire Council members (six)

Cllr Nigel Carter, Cllr Ernie Clark, Cllr Peter Fuller, Cllr Malcolm Hewson, Cllr Julian Johnson and Cllr Ian McLennan

Town/parish council co-opted members (eight)

Bill Bailey, Craig McCallum, Paul Neale, Robert Oglesby JP, John Scragg, Pam Turner, Keith Wallace and His Hon David MacLaren Webster QC

The Monitoring Officer

Wiltshire Council's monitoring officer, Ian Gibbons, and other officers from the governance team and democratic services section support the standards committee in its work. The monitoring officer is a statutory role responsible for ensuring that the council, its members and officers carry out their functions in a lawful manner

Meetings

The following standards committee and sub-committees meetings were held (figures in brackets are for 2009/10):

Standards committee*	6 (5)
Assessment sub-committee	13 (12)
Review sub-committee	4 (3)
Consideration sub-committee	8 (3)
Hearing*	7 (2)
Dispensation sub-committee*	10 (3)

Meetings marked * are usually public meetings. Agenda, papers and minutes are on the Wiltshire Council web site (www.wiltshire.gov.uk).

How does local assessment work?

Wiltshire Council Standards Committee is responsible for receiving all complaints about alleged breaches of the code of conduct made against elected members of Wiltshire Council and the town and parish councils and co-opted members. There is an **initial assessment stage** when the **assessment sub-committee** of the standards committee meets to consider whether the complaint relates to a local member, if it involves a potential breach of the code and, if it does, whether it should be investigated or dealt with by other action such as training or mediation.

Depending on the outcome, the complainant can **appeal against the assessment sub-committee decision**. If this happens a **review sub-committee**, made up of different members of the standards committee from the assessment sub-committee will consider the appeal.

If a complaint is referred for investigation, a **consideration sub-committee** will consider the monitoring officer's investigation report and determine whether the alleged breach, if proven, justifies the holding of a full hearing into the complaint.

Finally the complaint will be considered by a **hearing sub-committee**, which will hear evidence and representations to determine if there has been a breach of the code and, if so, what sanctions are appropriate.

Complaints 2010/11

Number of complaints received

52 complaints were received between April 2010 and March 2011

The outcome of the complaints that were assessed was:

Action	Numbers
Investigated/under investigation	4
No investigation	46

The complaints that were not assessed fall into the following categories:

Reasons for no assessment	Numbers
Case closed as sufficient details not provided	1
Not a code of conduct complaint	0
Complaint withdrawn	1
Yet to be assessed	0

Breakdown of Code of Conduct Complaints

Paragraph of Code	Number of times cited 2010
3(1) – you must treat others with respect	14
3(2)(a) – you must not do anything which may cause your authority to breach any of the equality enactments	4
3(2)(b) - You must not bully any person	8
3(2)(c) – you must not intimidate any person who is or is likely to be a complainant	1
3(2)(d) – you must not do anything which compromises or is likely to compromise the impartiality of those who work for, or on behalf of, your authority	3
4(a) – you must not disclose information given to you in confidence by anyone, or information acquired by you which you believe, or ought reasonable to be aware, is of a confidential nature	1
4(b) – you must not prevent another person from gaining access to information to which that person is entitled by law	2
5 – you must not conduct yourself in a manner which could reasonably be regarded as bringing your office or authority	14

into disrepute	
Paragraph of Code	Number of times cited 2010
6(a) – you must not use or attempt to use your position as a member improperly to confer on or secure for yourself or any other person, an advantage or disadvantage	8
6(b)(i) – You must, when using or authorising the use by others of the resources of your authority, act in accordance with your authority’s reasonable requirements	0
6(b)(ii) – you must, when using or authorising the use by others of the resources of your authority, ensure that such resources are not used improperly for political purposes (including party political purposes)	0
6(c) – you must have regard to any applicable Local Authority Code of Publicity made under the Local Government Act 1986(a)	0
9 (1) – subject to sub-paragraphs (2) to (7), where you have a personal interest in any business of your authority and you attend a meeting of your authority at which the business is considered, you must disclose to that meeting the existence and nature of that interest at the commencement of that consideration, or when the interest becomes apparent.	8
10 – subject to sub-paragraph (2), where you have a personal interest in any business of your authority you also have a prejudicial interest in that business where the interest is one which a member of the public with knowledge of the relevant facts would reasonably regard as so significant that it is likely to prejudice your judgement of the public interest.	0
12 (1) – subject to sub-paragraph (2), where you have a prejudicial interest in any business of your authority you must withdraw from the chamber where a meeting considering the business if being held	0
12(1)(c) – subject to sub-paragraph (2), where you have a prejudicial interest in any business of your authority you must not seek to improperly influence a decision about that business	0
13 (1)(b) – subject to paragraph 14, you must, within 28 days of your election or appointment to office (where that is later), register in your authority’s register of members’ interests details of your personal interests where they fall within a category mentioned in paragraph 8(1)(a), by providing written notification to your authority’s monitoring officer.	1

The work of the Wiltshire Council Standards Committee April 2010 – March 2011

Local assessment

The majority of committee members sat on the various sub-committees involved in local assessment of code of conduct complaints.

The committee received regular updates on the number of complaints regarding alleged breaches of the code of conduct. The committee were pleased to note that the number of complaints going forward to investigate was fewer than the previous year and that this had been achieved by more rigorous assessments.

Determining applications for dispensations

In the light of a year's experience members reviewed the policy on the granting of dispensations to dual-hatted members of area boards in relation to their consideration of applications by their parish, town or city councils for grant or transfer of community assets.

It was agreed that the most suitable policy would be to grant such dispensations for a period until the end of the unitary councillor's term of office in May 2013, subject to any material change in the circumstances under which the dispensation was granted. This was on the understanding that each case would be considered on its facts and exceptions would be made in exceptional circumstances.

Review of Wiltshire Council's Constitution

In adopting a new constitution for the Council, Council requested the Standards Committee with its remit for oversight of the constitution to review the effectiveness of the constitution in light of experience after six months of operation. The Standards Committee agreed a process for reviewing the constitution by establishing the Focus Group on the Review of the Constitution (Focus Group) to undertake the detailed work required.

The Focus Group was cross-party and included four of the five political group leaders of the Council. It also included representation from the Standards, Audit and Scrutiny Select Committees and was chaired by Mrs Isabel Mc Cord, Chairman of the Standards Committee.

The Focus Group met on four occasions between March and October 2010 to consider all parts and protocols of the constitution with input from relevant Committee Chairmen, Cabinet members and officers. The Focus Group made a number of recommended changes to the constitution as documented in a report presented to a special meeting of the Standards Committee convened for that

purpose. The recommended changes were accepted by the Standards Committee. A full report on the outcome of the review of the constitution by the Standards Committee and a recommended revised draft of the constitution were presented to Council on 9 November 2010 for its consideration. Council accepted the recommendations of the Standards Committee and agreed to adopt the revised constitution which was to come into force on 1 December 2010. Council also noted the need to carry out a further review of the constitution in light of any changes in legislation including the Decentralisation and Localism legislation and ongoing work to review the constitution as and when required. Council therefore agreed with the Standards Committee's recommendation to retain the Focus Group for this purpose.

Local Standards Framework

The committee considered proposals for streamlining the process for dealing with complaints under the Code of Conduct following a review of the Council's procedures under the local standards framework. It was agreed that resolution at the pre-complaint stage and the merits of 'other action' at the assessment and review stages should be considered on their merits and that the same members should be appointed to the consideration and hearing sub-committees. Also it reviewed the time taken to complete the various stages of local assessment and set target timelines for officers.

Arrangements for Mediation

The committee considered the use of mediation as a means of preventing or resolving complaints under the Code of Conduct and the consensus was that mediation was a useful alternative for investigation in some cases and that its use should be pursued.

Wiltshire Council Standards Committee Plan 2010/14

The committee has continued to review its plan to ensure that it remained effective and was making the best use of its resources. This included reviewing the local standards framework processes and the Wiltshire Council Constitution as already described above as well as promoting ethical wellbeing of Wiltshire Council by engaging with its Cultural Change Programme, publicising the local assessment procedure through distributing the leaflet developed last year and engaging with town and parish councils to help them to improve their governance.

Local Government Ombudsman

The committee considered the report of the Local Government Ombudsman for the period 2009-10 which was the first Annual Report from the Local Government Ombudsman since becoming Unitary.

It was noted that complaints and/or enquires from the Ombudsman had dropped by 29% since the publication of the last report, although the response times were still slightly above the target time.

Localism Bill - Proposed Changes to the Standards Regime

The committee considered a report on the implications of the Localism Bill and in particular the future of the Standards regime. It was agreed to hold a workshop to develop some suggestions on the way forward for Wiltshire Council should the proposals in the Bill be adopted.

Reports

The committee also considered the following reports:

- **The Annual Audit Letter**

The committee noted that there were no significant ethical governance issues.

- **Department of Community Services Compliments and Complaints Annual Report 2008/09**

The committee noted the report.

- **Annual Governance Statement**

The committee noted that ethical governance issues were adequately addressed in the document.

Issues for 2011/12

The committee will continue to implement the local assessment processes in a fair, efficient and proportionate manner until no longer required to do so under the Localism Bill as well as complete its other core functions including:

- consider the local government Ombudsman's annual report
- consider the annual audit letter regarding ethical governance issues
- provide views on the council's annual governance statement prior to adoption by the audit committee
- review the effectiveness of the council's whistle-blowing policy
- ensure members' compliance with the code of conduct in respect of the completion of the register of members' interests and gifts and hospitality forms.
- continue to review its committee plan every six months.

In addition it has asked the Constitution Focus Group to consider the proposals in the Localism Bill and report back with its views on these and the adoption of a voluntary standards regime for Wiltshire Council. The Standards Committee will consider these proposals and make recommendations to Wiltshire Council on both the voluntary standards regime and how the other core tasks of the Standards Committee should be undertaken once there is no mandatory requirement for the Council to have a Standards Committee.

The Committee will continue to ensure support and training is provided to Town and Parish Councils on both effective governance and advice and support on the changes proposed for these councils in the Localism Bill.

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Wiltshire Council

Annual Council

17 May 2011

Annual Report of the Corporate Parenting Panel

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report forms the annual update to Council from the Corporate Parenting Panel (CPP) in accordance with the Council's Constitution.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Panel comprises 12 Members as nominated by Group Leaders:

Councillors Jane Burton, Paul Darby, Andrew Davis, Lionel Grundy, Russell Hawker, Jon Hubbard, Alan Macrae, Laura Mayes, Helen Osborn, Sheila Parker (Chairman), Pip Ridout and Bridget Wayman (Vice Chairman).

Sheila Parker is the Portfolio Holder for Vulnerable Children and Lionel Grundy is the Cabinet Member for Children's Services.

- 2.2 The new Wiltshire Council commenced on 1 April 2009 and the CPP was reappointed after the Council elections in June 2009. The Panel met on 8 September 2009 and have continued to meet a minimum of 5 times a year. Some of the meetings have been held at non Council venues and at times later in the day to enable the involvement of young people.

- 2.3 The Lead Officer (since 14 October 2010) is Karen Reid (Virtual School Headteacher) and prior to that it was Lin Hitchman (Head of Children in Care).

- 2.4 The meetings are regularly attended by the following Officers:

Jackie Chipping (Children in Care Policy Officer), Sharon Davies (Service Director, Children and Families Social Care and Integrated Youth Service), Damian Haasjes (Voluntary Sector Youth Development Co-Ordinator), Lin Hitchman (Head of Children in Care), Karen Reid (Virtual School Headteacher) and Liza Ware (Children's Rights Officer). Other Officers attend to present particular report, e.g. Reducing Offending Behaviour.

- 2.5 All Councillors are CRB checked and the majority of members on the CPP have now completed the 2 day specialist Total Respect training which is co-facilitated by both adult and young trainers. The young trainers are all care experienced and have all completed the Open College Network (OCN) accredited 'Train the Trainers' course. The course aims to raise awareness of the issues faced by children and young people in care and to promote their involvement in all aspects of social care.
- 2.6 For all other Councillors in their role as Corporate Parents, a condensed one day version of the Total Respect training will be held on 2 June 2011. This is a very important training session and all Councillors are urged to attend.
- 2.7 Panel members have attended briefing sessions given by Officers on the legislation in relation to children in care. Further sessions will be run in the future.
- 2.8 Each member of the Panel has their own copy of a 'Putting Corporate Parenting into Practice' which is a handbook for Councillors published by the National Children's Bureau.
- 2.9 All Panel members are invited to attend events involving Looked After Children and Young People, which take place throughout the year. These include the Annual Achievement Awards (see paragraph 3.1, BBQ's and the Christmas party).
- 2.10 There is a consistently high level of attendance and engagement by Councillors at the CPP meetings with a strong commitment to improving the services Wiltshire Council provides for its Looked After Children and Young People.

3. Key Improvements and Achievements in the Past 18 months

- 3.1 A number of Panel members attended the Looked After Children Achievement Awards held in October 2010. This annual event celebrates the achievements and successes of Looked After Children and Young People. All nominees are recognised with an Achievement Award and 10 additional Special Awards are given for outstanding achievement.
- 3.2 The awards are based on the Every Child Matters outcomes, as detailed below:
 - Being Healthy – i.e. physical, mental and emotional health, sexual health and making healthy lifestyle choices.
 - Stay Safe – i.e. coping/resolving bullying problems, avoiding harmful situations etc.

- Enjoy and Achieve – i.e. starting a new school positively, coping with transitions, having good attendance, increased participation, progress in academic achievement, good results in exams, etc.
 - Make a Positive Contribution – i.e. engaging in decision making, helping others, positive behaviour in and out of school, developing good relationships, successfully dealing with change, etc.
 - Achieve Economic Wellbeing – i.e. engaging in further education, employment or training, showing readiness for employment, coping with independent/supported living, etc.
- 3.3 Panel members are now involved in regular visits to Wiltshire Council's Children's Home, Canon's House. These visits are part of the monthly monitoring undertaken by The Children in Care Policy Officer, Jackie Chipping. A Panel member accompanies Jackie and reports back to the Panel.
- 3.4 The Chairman of CPP attends the Children in Care Council on a regular basis to seek the views of young people.
- 3.5 The current format for Panel meetings is to receive formal reports from Officers covering the whole range of issues and aspects of the Care system. Performance data, service provision, plans for improvement and feedback from young people are the means by which Panel members are able to advise on further developments and improvements. Topics include: education and those not in education, employment or training; health; placements; adoption; fostering; the Ofsted process and the transition to adult services.
- 3.6 A clear process for planning full Panel meetings is now in place, which involves the Chairman of CPP, Service Director and Lead Officer in ensuring that Officers' reports are checked and signed off, the agenda is confirmed with all relevant parties and pre-brief sessions highlight any particular items for celebration and or challenge at the Panel meetings.
- 3.7 Both the Adoption and Fostering Ofsted inspections of August 2010 judged these services to be Good overall with Enjoying and Achieving receiving an Outstanding judgement in each one.
- 3.8 Canon's House received an Outstanding judgement in the Ofsted inspection of February 2011, the seventh in a row.
- 3.9 The CPP members have been fully supportive of the major restructure of Children and Families Social Care Section which has been implemented over the past eighteen months. With the new structure now embedded, there is evidence of improved performance in areas such as the number of Care Leavers in suitable accommodation and those in education, employment and training. There are now dedicated teams, practitioners and Heads of Service to ensure that the young people receive the best possible service when they leave care which is a direct result of the restructure and a significant development.

4. Challenges and Solutions

- 4.1 The Children in Care Council whilst in its infancy, was highlighting issues for children and young people in care. However, this was in isolation and with no clear route to the CPP. Councillors were feeling remote from the young people for whom they are corporate parents and the Panel's view of service provision was not reflected in the young people's Pledge. As Councillors each attended the full Total Respect programme, they increasingly reported that the training 'brought home' the issues and challenges that children and young people in care face on a daily basis. They then reflected on their roles and responsibilities and there was a consensus that Councillors wanted to involve young people more directly in the work of the Panel.
- 4.2 The Pledge is the commitment of the CPP to the Looked After Children and Young People and was drawn up through a consultation event with the Young People of the Children in Care Council. They requested that the CPP make this a Promise, therefore it is renamed as such in our documentation. (See Appendix 1 – The Promise).
- 4.3 A workshop event was held in September 2010 in a venue outside of County Hall and a number of young people attended and led part of the programme in discussion of issues and action planning. This was a successful integration of Councillors, Officers and representatives of the Children in Care Council.
- 4.4 A second workshop, held in October 2010 highlighted in an even more pronounced way, that the Panel members wished to be more actively and directly involved with the young people in making the Promise a reality in practice. It was agreed to set up a Working Group to come up with a format to enable the Panel to work more closely with the Young People.
- 4.5 The Working Group reported back to the Panel with a proposal for a new format for future meetings. The recommendations of the Working Group also clarified roles and responsibilities of Councillors and the Panel as a whole.
- 4.6 These proposals were unanimously agreed by the Panel and the new format will start in June 2011.
- 4.7 The Working Group explored:
 - The best way in which the Panel meetings could be run to incorporate and reflect the views of Looked After Children and Young People;
 - Clarifying the roles and responsibilities for Councillors as Corporate Parents; and

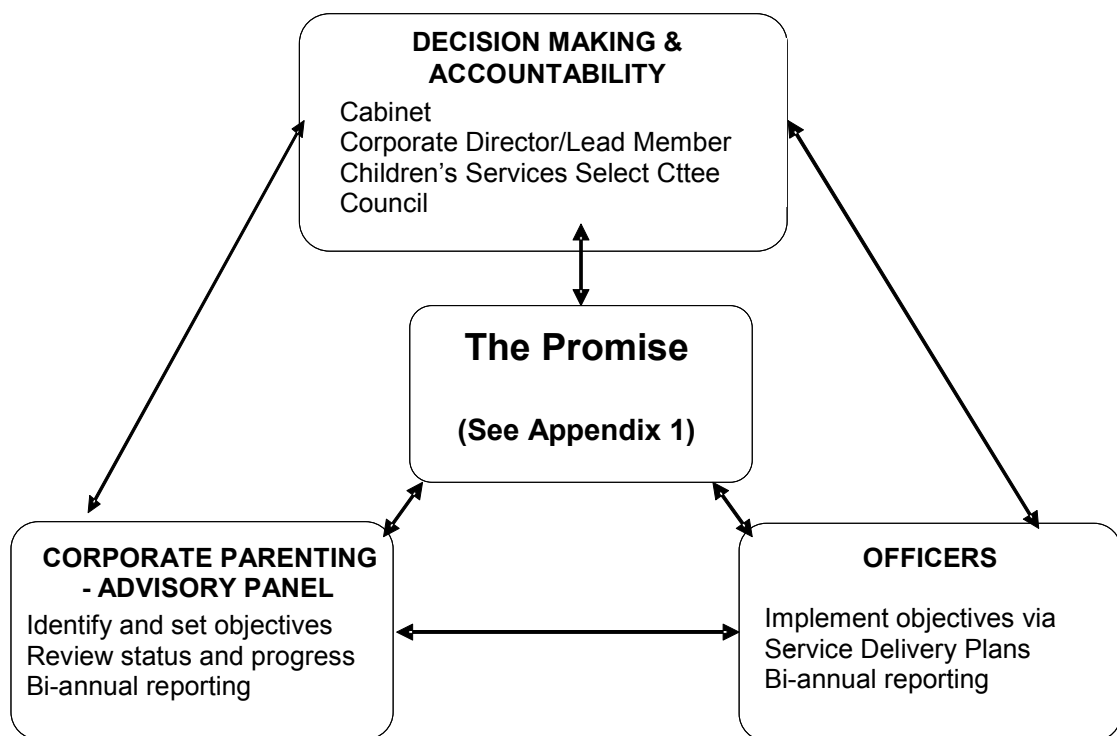
- Increasing the range of ways in which Councillors could be more proactively involved.

4.8 The Working Group comprised Councillors Jon Hubbard, Alan Macrae and Sheila Parker and Karen Reid (Virtual School Headteacher), Jackie Chipping (Children in Care Policy Officer) and Liza Ware (Children’s Rights Officer). Young people representatives were invited to attend but were not able to.

4.9 The Working Group met on 3 occasions and considered the young people’s involvement, the style of the existing meetings, the makeup of the Panel and governance issues by understanding fully the issues highlighted within the Promise.

4.10 Ian Gibbons (Solicitor to the Council) confirmed to the Group that the Panel is an Advisory panel and not a Committee of the Council. The Panel can therefore make recommendations but has no decision making powers. The Corporate Director for Children’s Services is the lead decision maker.

4.11 The Working Group recommended that the new model (shown below) should have the Promise at its centre in order that in representing Wiltshire Council as a body of corporate parents, the Panel ensures that young people are influencing improvements in service provision.



4.12 The following are key points to note about the new format:

- The core membership will remain as 12 Councillors with additional key Officers of the Council becoming Panel members too;

- There will be 5 meetings of the Panel per year, as now;
- Future Panel meetings will have two parts, the first part being formal to consider governance issues, formal reports and performance data, etc. The second part will be less formal and take a specific issue to be explored through a facilitated workshop with group discussions.
- Two Young People representatives of the Children in Care Council are to be invited to attend the workshops and will become co-opted members of the Panel. As these young people will be consistent members of the Panel they will represent the broad views of children and young people. It will however be possible for other young people to join any workshop should there be a topic of particular interest for them.
- Each workshop will focus on a specific topic, highlighted in the Promise. Discussions will take place at the workshop and Panel members will take on a variety of tasks to research before the next Panel meeting.
- These research workshops will be open to all Councillors and relevant Councillors and Officers may be asked to attend to participate in the discussion to increase understanding of the issues, the wider implications and ultimately, to improve service provision for Looked After Children and Young People.
- Timing of meetings will be planned to enable attendance at the workshops of young people who are coming from school or college and perhaps travelling from across the County. Therefore the meetings will generally be in the afternoons, with the workshop taking place after refreshments. Councillors will opt to remain for the workshop or leave after the formal meeting. It is hoped that as many as possible participate in the workshops on each occasion.
- Meeting locations will perhaps be outside of County Hall in order that they are conducive to working with young people, have break-out areas for group tasks and where there are facilities for refreshments.

5. Further Developments

- 5.1 It is the aim of the CPP to ensure that all Councillors are aware of their responsibility as corporate parents to Wiltshire's Looked After Children and Young People. In order to fulfil their role, Councillors should participate in the Total Respect training programme, which has been condensed for this purpose, to one day. (See Appendix 2 – Extract from the Council's Constitution – Roles and Responsibilities of Councillors in relation to Corporate Parenting).

- 5.2 It is expected that Councillors, particularly portfolio holders, attend the workshops relevant to their area of responsibility, in order that they are directly involved in the discussions about issues affecting Looked After Children and Young People and can be part of the solutions and improvements.
- 5.3 The Panel is about to undertake preparation for the Ofsted Announced Safeguarding and Looked After Children inspection for which the Department of Children and Education will receive about 10 days' notice. A focus group will be fully briefed and up to date with all aspects of children in care.

In conclusion:

- 5.4 The CPP in Wiltshire is changing and we are looking forward to our new way of working. We will be more proactive in finding out if policy is indeed best practice; we will be engaging more directly with Young People; we will be more involved, as Councillors, Officers and Young People in ensuring that we hold true to our Promise and we will celebrate our successes as well as challenge anything less than excellence.

6. Main Considerations for the Council

- 6.1 The Council is asked to note the work of the CPP to date and to become involved in the new style of meetings in their role as Corporate Parents.

7. Environmental and Climate Change Considerations

- 7.1 Not applicable.

8. Equalities Impact of the Proposal

- 8.1 The proposals seek to bring Councillors and Officers to work together to ensure that our Looked After Children receive the best services possible and have a voice within the Council.

9. Risk Assessment

- 9.1 Panel Members are required to have a CRB check undertaken every 3 years and Risk Assessments will be drawn up for when visits are made to vulnerable children and when Councillors attend Officer Team Meetings, etc.

10. Financial Implications

- 10.1 Expenses for young people participating in the CPP will be paid for from the Children in Care budget.

11. Legal Implications

- 11.1 Ian Gibbons (Solicitor to the Council) has confirmed that the Panel is an Advisory panel and not a Committee of the Council; it can therefore make recommendations but not decisions. Carolyn Godfrey, the Corporate Director for Children's Services is the lead decision maker.

12. Proposal

- 12.1 To receive and note the Annual Report and ratify the improvements required to strengthen Corporate Parenting in Wiltshire.

Sharon Davies (Service Director, Children and Families Social Care and Integrated Youth Service)

Report Author: Karen Reid (Virtual School Headteacher)

Date of report: 3 May 2011

Background Papers

None

Appendices

Appendix 1: The Promise

Appendix 2: Extract from Part 12 of the Council's Constitution – Roles and Responsibilities of Councillors in relation to Corporate Parenting

The Promise

We Promise:

Being in Care

- A choice of when to move on from care.
- To try not to separate brother and sisters (however, if this is not possible, try to ensure brother's and sister's placements are close together and allow contact).
- To allow looked after children and young people to be involved in the choice of their placement from the start.
- To find a place where you feel comfortable and 'at home' and can stay until the end of your time in care.

Listening to Looked After Children and Young People

- To listen to your views and act on them.
- To provide a social worker you can rely on who keeps to meetings, gives clear information, is honest and responds when needed.
- Make looked after children and young people aware of their rights and to train others in the rights of looked after children and young people.
- To ensure that young people are involved in the creation and regular review of all care plans.

Support

- Better help getting into school whatever has happened.
- To provide support so looked after children and young people can see their family (i.e. transport)
- To use reliable transport for young people.
- To organise group activities for young people in care and those leaving care.
- That if bullying arises for any looked after child or young person it will be dealt with quickly and efficiently.
- To support young people in care to find training, education or a job that suits them when they leave school.

Extract from Part 12 of the Constitution – Roles and Responsibilities of Councillors

6. Principal roles

6.5 To fulfil your responsibilities as a “corporate parent” for children and young people in the care of the local authority

- by having an understanding of the profile and needs of the children in the care of the local authority
- by being aware of the impact on looked-after children of all council decisions
- by considering whether this would be good enough for your own child
- by ensuring that action is taken to address shortcomings in the service and to improve outcomes for looked-after children.
- by being aware of the work and aims of the corporate parenting panel and, if nominated by your group leader, attend meetings of the corporate parenting panel as a committee member

6.6 The council has established a Corporate Parenting Panel, whose role is to secure councillor involvement and commitment throughout the council to deliver better outcomes for children and young people who are looked after. The terms of reference now follow:

Part 12.1 – Role and Function of the Corporate Parenting Panel

Composition

The Corporate Parenting Panel will comprise up to 12 elected councillors nominated by group leaders

Role and Function

To secure councillor involvement and commitment throughout the council to deliver better outcomes for children and young people who are looked after.

To ensure that corporate parenting is a key mechanism by which councillors and officers can ensure that for children and young people in its care, Wiltshire Council is providing:

- warm, welcoming and safe accommodation
- high quality care, nurturing supportive and meaningful relationships that encourage the growth of self-esteem, confidence and resilience, enabling young people to cope with change and difficult times
- the highest standard of education for all and consistent with the needs and abilities of the child
- opportunities and encouragement for self-development and keeping fit and healthy

- encouragement to take up hobbies, acquiring life skills and being a good citizen
- assistance with transition from care to looking after themselves, including the provision of suitable accommodation
- placement stability that will avoid disruption and maintain continuity of care, education placements and relationships.

The Corporate Parenting Panel will:

- undertake regular monitoring of the outcomes associated with these priorities
- make a commitment to prioritising the needs of looked-after children and young people and their carers
- receive reports from the Children in Care Council and act on their views
- provide clear strategic and political direction in relation to corporate parenting
- show ambition and aspirations for all looked-after children and care leavers
- ensure that all councillors and Wiltshire Council departments are fulfilling their roles and responsibilities as corporate parents proactively. This may involve, for example, the Corporate Parenting Panel organising specific education and training events for all members to ensure they are equipped with the knowledge and skills to be corporate parents
- receive regular/annual reports on the level and quality of services to looked-after children and care leavers
- promote achievement and acknowledge the aspirations of children and young people looked after by supporting celebration events
- investigate on behalf of all councillors ways in which the role of corporate parenting can be improved, using examples from other local authorities
- listen to the views of children, young people and their carers to involve them in the assessment and development of services
- engage with children and young people who are looked after, or have left care, by inviting them to act as advisers to the Panel
- meet with government inspectors, where appropriate, for their input into inspections
- anticipate as members of the adoption and fostering panel
- champion the provision of council-based work experience placements and apprenticeships for looked after young people
- agree a work plan, review progress, membership of the panel and attainment of its role and terms of reference and report to the Cabinet and Children's Services Select Committee as appropriate, and in any case to the Full Council annually.

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WILTSHIRE POLICE AUTHORITY

MINUTES of a MEETING held at POLICE HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, DEVIZES on THURSDAY 10TH FEBRUARY 2011

PRESENT: Mr C Hoare (Chairman), Mr R Britton, Mr C Caswill, Mr R Fisher, Mr B Fishlock, Ms J Hillyer, Mr C Humphries, Mr A Johns, Mr A Macpherson, Mrs G Mortimer, Mr R Rogers, Mr P Sample, Mrs C Soden, Mrs G Stafford, and Ms Tawiah

IN ATTENDANCE: Chief Constable B Moore, ACC P Geenty, Mr M Bennion-Pedley, Mr C Barker, Mr K Kilgallen, Mr M Prince, and Miss S Kyte

1. **Apologies** Apologies for absence were received from Mr Bluh and Mr Ford

2. **Public Questions** There were none.

3. **Declarations of Interest** There were none.

4. **Chairman's Announcements**

Retirement of Chief Superintendent Paul Howlett

The Chairman reported that Paul Howlett would retire from Wiltshire Police in April following 30 years of service and that his last working day with the Force was 11th February 2011. It was agreed that the Chairman would write to Paul Howlett, on behalf of Members, to thank him for his dedicated service to the Wiltshire.

Resolved: *Chairman to write to Paul Howlett, on behalf of Members, to thank him for his dedicated service.*

5. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 2nd December 2010**

Resolved: *To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd December 2010.*

6. **Outstanding Actions**

2nd December 2010, Minute 6.2: A report by the Chief Constable had been circulated with the outstanding actions. The Chief Constable stated that the resource issue contained within the report would be considered alongside day-to-day management issues. Mr Macpherson reported that the Force were currently training Officers in local resolution conferencing which would be used in low level but on-going neighbourhood issues. Mr Macpherson reported that he had attended the training session and would commend this to all Members.

Mrs Stafford stated that Members should consider reporting to Area Board and Cluster meetings on the Local Resolution process and providing examples of how incidents were now resolved.

Resolved:

- 1) *To note the content of the report.*
- 2) *To note Mrs Stafford's suggestion of Members providing updates to Area Board and Cluster meetings with regard to the introduction and progress of Local Resolution.*

7. **WPA and Force Risk Register** Mr Fishlock raised concern with regard to the transition to Police and Crime Commissioners and that there should be a smooth hand over to the new regime. It was felt that Risk 1.50 should be amended to reflect this.

With regard to the Force Risk Register, the Director of Resources stated that a short covering report would be submitted with the Risk Register to future Police Authority meetings providing some detail around the scoring criteria. The Chairman stated that a summary of the changes since the version previously received at full Authority would also be helpful.

The Director of Resources reported that the Force was now confident all critical areas were under control and proceeded to give a verbal update on those areas where the residual score had changed since 12th November 2010 when it was last reviewed. Members noted the improved collaboration with local authorities and that four Inspectors had been co-located to local authority premises. Members asked for a more detailed report on this to a future meeting.

Resolved: 1) *To amend the Authority's Risk Register as follows:*

Risk 1.20 (Changes to the WPA Membership) – to be removed as Membership was not predicted to change prior to the introduction of Police and Crime Commissioners (PCC) in May 2012.

Risk 1.50 (Viability – can the Police Authority maintain an efficient and effective force in its current form?) – to amend to: 'Continued Diligence – can the Police Authority maintain an efficient and effective force pending the arrival of Police and Crime Commissioners'.

Risk 8.30 (No public recognition of Wiltshire Police Authority) – to add reference to Member attendance at Area Board and Cluster meetings as part of the Vision Wiltshire consultation, plus future planned attendance to provide detail of consultation feedback and report on Local Resolution.

- 2) *That the Force would submit a covering report to full Authority meetings with the Force Risk Register providing detail of scoring criteria and changes made since the last Authority meeting.*
- 3) *To ask the Force to report back to the next meeting on the co-location of four Inspectors in local authority premises, how this would improve local collaboration, and what the future plans are.*

8. **Chief Constable's Performance Report 2010-11** A report by the Chief Constable covering the period 1st April to 31st December 2010 had been circulated. The Chief Constable stated that overall performance was rated 'good' on the criteria set by the Authority. For the period 1st October to 31st December 2010, national figures showed Wiltshire had been the best in the Country for violent crime detection.

There were eight measures whose gradings were considered poor and the Chief Constable provided further detail:

Strategic Priority 1: Tackling Violent Crime

- *Serious Violent Crime OBTJ*: There was approximately 1% variation in performance on last year, but peers had improved by 2%. The Force needs to continue to work on the prompt gathering of evidence, particularly medical evidence.

Strategic Priority 2: Protecting Vulnerable People from Harm and Reducing Road Casualties

- *Serious Sexual Offences*: The number reported to and recorded by the Force had increased by 58 offences (28% rise) over the same period last year, with peaks in June, July and November. Analysis had been done and it is found that when risk assessing domestic abuse allegations, victims are asked whether their attacker had previously raped or sexually attacked them. When a positive response is given, this is being recorded as a separate crime allegation.
- *Serious Sexual Offences Detection Rate*: There had been 371 serious sexual offences of which 106 (29%) had resulted in a specific detection. This was 2% better than Wiltshire's Most Similar Forces (MSF).
- *Number of Children Killed or Seriously Injured in RTCs*: The target for this was set by the Department for Transport and is no more than 17, the current figure is 22. The Force have been embarking on an education programme with schools.

Strategic Priority 3: Tackling Local Issues of Crime and ASB

- *Overall Crime Percentage Detected*: Target was set at 30% and the Force was currently detecting 27% of all crimes. The Chief Constable reported that Local Resolutions were not counted within detection figures. The biggest matter affecting this figure would appear to be a drop in 'offences being taken into consideration'.

Strategic Priority 3: Improving Public Confidence

- *Satisfaction with Police Visibility*: The last survey conducted to ascertain this figure was carried out in April 2010. The Authority was due to complete another in March / April 2011.
- *Confidence in CJS Effectiveness (BCS Survey)*: This was a specific challenge for the whole of the County and would be a challenge to ensure it doesn't deteriorate further due to the Crown Prosecution Service restructure.

Strategic Priority 4: Tackling Organised Crime Groups and the Supply of Class A Drugs

- *Number of Distraction Burglaries*: Currently 9 crimes over target. A number of arrests had been made.
- *Number of Robberies*: Currently 32 crimes over target. Swindon had been most affected by this, particularly in April, May and June. Since July only one month had exceeded target.

The Chief Constable also reported on the following:

- *Drink Drive Campaign*: 5,526 tests were conducted in December 2010 of which 106 (2%) were positive or where the driver refused to provide a breath test.

- *Organised Crime*: The Economic Unit executed six warrants in Wiltshire, the South East, and the Midlands in November 2010. Seven arrests were made and 4 people charged with money laundering. During the searches that were carried out firearms, ammunition, and Class A drugs were also recovered.
- *Mark Andrews*: The Chief Constable stated that he heard the Appeal of Mark Andrews on 21st January 2011 and did not uphold the Appeal. Mark Andrews remains dismissed from the Force and has now Appealed to the Police Appeals Tribunal.
- *Senior Team*: Interviews were due to be held next week for the appointment of a Head of Corporate Development. Mrs Mortimer would be representing the Authority on the Interview Panel. Once this appointment had been made, the Senior Team would be complete. The Chief Constable stated he would circulate the revised Force Structure to Members at that time.
- *Police Link to Swindon Borough Council and Wiltshire Council*: If the Force should defer to a one Basic Command Unit model then the Chief Constable provided reassurance to Members that an Officer would be appointed to Swindon and one to Wiltshire Council to build and enhance links with the two local authorities.

The Chairman then invited Members to comment:

- Mr Humphries asked whether there was a particular group of people that had failed the breath tests. The Chief Constable stated he would ask for this piece of work to be done.
- Mr Macpherson reminded Members that no targets had been adjusted following the six month refresh review with the Force. The issue of serious sexual offences detection and historical reporting was one that needed to be addressed within the Annual Policing Plan for next year. West Mercia were the best performing Force with regard to the number of offences of repeat victimisation of domestic violence and it might be worth contacting them to see how they do this. The Authority may want to consider writing to the Government expressing a view on how Sanction Detections should be considered in light of the introduction of Local Resolutions.
- Mr Macpherson assured Members that the current plan was for the performance scorecard to continue into 2011-12.

- Resolved:
- 1) *To note the content of the report and the verbal update provided by the Chief Constable.*
 - 2) *That the Chief Constable would identify whether any particular group of drivers were providing positive breath tests within the December Drink Drive campaign.*
 - 3) *To commend the Force on being the best performing Force in relation to the detection of violent crime during October to December 2010.*

9. **Revenue and Capital Budget Monitoring Statement** A statement covering the period 1st April to 31st December 2010 for both Revenue and Capital had been circulated. The Head of Finance reported that the Force was not currently recruiting Police Officers and only critical Police Staff vacancies were being filled. Both monitoring statements continued to be reviewed monthly by the Budget Action Group.

Members queried the size of the current vehicle fleet and the type of vehicles used. The Head of Finance stated that these matters were currently being considered as part of the Vision Wiltshire programme. The Director of Resources stated that this was work already planned by the Vision Wiltshire Programme and a report would be submitted to the Value and Productivity Group within the next three months for Members' consideration.

Resolved:

- 1) *To note the latest position for the revenue and capital budget.*
- 2) *To note that a report on vehicle fleet would be submitted to the Value and Productivity Group within the next three months.*

10. **Agenda Item Not Available**

11. **Budget 2011-12** A report by the Chief Constable had been circulated. The Head of Finance reminded Members that this was a reducing budget. The budget saving for 2011-12 was £4.634m. The budget had been risk assessed and the Force were confident that the savings could be achieved. The budget requirement was based on a 0% council tax increase, following the recommendation of the Strategy, Direction and Progress Committee meeting on 25th January 2011.

Members expressed concern about the capacity to deliver training to staff required for the restructuring changes under the Vision Wiltshire Programme. It was reported that an underspend of up to £200k was anticipated in the training budget for this financial year. This underspend would be ring fenced and available as a one-off cost to assist with the training programme. The Director of Resources stated he would be reporting on this further and on ICT matters at the Value and Productivity Group meeting on 16th February 2011.

The proposed establishment for 2011-12 showed the removal of six PCSO posts. The Head of Finance stated that 10 School PCSOs had been included in the establishment figures for 2010-11 on the basis that 50% funding would be provided by the schools. Only four schools had proceeded with this commitment so the proposal was to remove the six remaining posts which had never been filled. Mr Caswill raised his concerns that if schools wished to proceed with this in the future then the opportunity for collaboration would not be available due to the removal of the posts.

Mr Caswill sought an amendment to the resolution to note that there would be no actual reduction in PCSOs in the establishment figures at the present time and to agree that effort should be made to continue to secure joint funding from partners for the additional posts. This was seconded and a vote taken. Nine were in favour and four against. The amendment was carried.

The substantive recommendation was then voted on and unanimously agreed.

Resolved:

- 1) *To note that there would be no actual reduction in PCSOs in the establishment figures at the present time and to agree that effort should be made to continue to secure joint funding from partners for the additional posts.*
- 2) *To note the savings plan and support the approval of a budget requirement of £106.852million.*

12. **Precept and Council Tax 2011-12** A report by the Treasurer had been circulated.

Mr Fishlock sought confirmation from the Force that the Government grant for 2012-13 and 2013-14 had been confirmed. The Force stated that it had.

- Resolved:
- 1) *To approve the Treasurer's assessment of the robustness of the budget and the adequacy of reserves as described in Paragraphs 10 to 16 of the report.*
 - 2) *To approve the recommendation from Strategy, Direction and Progress Committee to comply with the council tax freeze in 2011-12.*
 - 3) *To agree that for 2011-12, the net revenue budget would be £106.852million which, after Government funding, means a precept of £39.622million and a Council Tax for policing services for all property bands based on £157.77 for Band D properties, representing a percentage increase of 0% on 2010-11.*

13. **Treasury Management Strategy** A report by the Treasurer had been circulated.

- Resolved:
- 1) *To adopt the Prudential and Treasury Indicators set out in Appendix A of the report.*
 - 2) *To adopt the Investment Strategy set out in Appendix B of the report.*
 - 3) *To agree that operating leases of up to £0.5million can be used to assist in financing the Police Authority's 2011-12 capital plans where necessary.*
 - 4) *To agree that short term cash deficits and surpluses continue to be managed through temporary loans and deposits as detailed at Paragraphs 14 to 16 of the report.*
 - 5) *To agree that, for longer term cash balances, the Treasurer continues to have delegated authority to negotiate the terms and conditions of any external arrangement.*
 - 6) *To agree the increase in lending limits as detailed at Paragraph 19 of the report.*

14. **Audit Commission Annual Audit Letter 2009-10** Mr Fishlock reported that the Annual Audit Letter had been circulated to all Members for information and that the District Auditor had issued an unqualified opinion on the Authority's 2009-10 accounts.

Resolved: *To note the Annual Audit Letter 2009-10.*

15. **WPA Member Allowances** A report by the Chief Executive had been circulated. Ms Hillyer stated that a significant amount of work had been undertaken by Mrs Mortimer, as Human Resources Lead Member, since 1st September 2010 when she commenced the role and that this should be recognised by the Lead Member Allowance for Mrs Mortimer being backdated to that date.

Resolved: 1) *To adopt the proposed changes to the Members Allowances as detailed at Paragraphs 9 to 11 in the report.*

- 2) *To ask the Chief Executive to backdate the allowance for the Human Resources Lead Member role to 1st September 2010.*
 - 3) *To authorise the Chief Executive to amend the WPA Guide to Members' Allowances and Expenses to reflect the agreed changes from 1st April 2011.*
16. **WPA Annual Report on Custody Visiting** A report by the Chief Executive had been circulated. The Chief Executive reported that during 2010 567 detainees were available to custody visitors and of these, 527 (93%) accepted a visit. It was noted that custody visitors in all three custody suites had commented on the helpfulness of custody staff. The Melksham area had been operating without a Co-ordinator for 2010 but this matter was now being addressed.
- Resolved: *To note the content of the report and the update provided by the Chief Executive.*
17. **Update on Recruitment of Independent Members**
- Resolved: *To note the update provided by the Chief Executive.*
18. **Brunel Project** A report by the Chief Executive had been circulated. The Chief Executive confirmed that Officers would also attend meetings of the Brunel Joint Committee and that he would be attending for Wiltshire.
- Resolved:
- 1) *To nominate Mr Fishlock and Mrs Stafford to represent Wiltshire Police Authority on the Brunel Joint Committee.*
 - 2) *To delegate authority to Mr Fishlock and Mrs Stafford to represent Wiltshire Police Authority on the Brunel Joint Committee to make decisions on behalf of Wiltshire Police Authority.*
19. **Strategy, Direction and Progress**
- Resolved: *To agree that Strategy, Direction and Progress would always meet as a Committee in those months when no Police Authority meeting was held.*
20. **Police and Crime Commissioners: Transition Arrangements**
- Resolved: *That the Transitional Arrangements to a Police and Crime Commissioner would be considered by the Joint Strategic Board.*
21. **Police Roll of Honour** A report by the Chief Constable had been circulated. The ACC confirmed that all funds raised would be used to erect a national memorial. Some Forces had agreed to support the plans and others had declined to contribute.
- Resolved: *To support plans by the Police Roll of Honour Trust to build a permanent national monument.*
22. **Street Watch Scheme** A report by the Chief Constable had been circulated. The ACC stated that this was an independent fully registered community organisation that had been running for 2-3 years. Street Watch works closely with neighbourhood teams and actively engages with communities.
- Resolved:
- 1) *To support Street Watch as a fully regulated model for civilian street patrols.*

- 2) *To consider Street Watch with the police as a pioneering partnership and community empowerment initiative.*
- 3) *To support a Street watch pilot scheme to be implemented by Wiltshire Police in Salisbury.*
- 4) *For the Authority to write to the Wiltshire Association of Local Councils informing them of the Street Watch pilot and enclosing a briefing note on what Street Watch is.*
- 5) *For the Chief Executive to identify a suitably convenient date for a presentation to be made to Members, by the Force, providing further detail about the Street Watch initiative.*

23. **Committee Reports** The minutes of the following meetings were circulated:

<u>Meeting</u>	<u>Date</u>
Audit	6 th December 2010
Strategy, Direction and Progress	25 th January 2011

- Resolved:
- 1) *To note the above minutes.*
 - 2) *To ask the Chief Executive to ensure consideration is given to the content of Authority and Committee confidential minutes to ensure as much as possible is included in a public set of minutes.*
 - 3) *To note the verbal update provided by Mr Johns on the Professional Standards Committee meeting held on 27th January 2011.*

24. **Group Reports**

Ms Hillyer reported that the Value and Productivity Group were encouraged by the progress made by the Vision Wiltshire Programme. There were still some concerns with regard to other supporting elements such as IT, Estates, and Training but the Force were aware of these concerns.

Mr Macpherson stated that the Vision Wiltshire consultation closes on 11th February 2011. Meetings had been arranged with all Wiltshire MPs one exception. The next meeting was due to be held on 1st March 2011 at which the draft Policing Plan would be considered and all Members were invited to attend.

Resolved: *To note the verbal updates provided.*

25. **Conferences and Meetings Attended by Members since the Previous Meeting, and Future Conferences / Seminars**

Equality Act Briefing Event – 25th January 2011

Ms Tawiah attended this useful event and was due to meet with the ACC shortly to discuss the outcomes from it.

Future Leaders Event – 26th-28th January 2011

Ms Hillyer stated that this was a very useful event and would be circulating relevant information to all Members.

Organisational Restructuring Seminar – 23rd February 2011

Mrs Mortimer reported that she would be attending this event.

Resolved: *To note the updates provided.*

26. Dates of Police Authority Meetings in 2011 and 2012

2011	2012
7 th April	9 th February
16 th June	5 th April
21 st July	
22 nd September	
20 th October	
8 th December	

27. Urgent Items The Chairman agreed to consider the following as an urgent item:

i. Wiltshire Independent Advisory Group

The Chief Executive provided a verbal update to Members on the Wiltshire IAG. Recommendations had been made at the Community Engagement Working Group meeting held on 2nd February 2011 that Police Authority were asked to agree.

- Resolved:
- 1) *That the Authority and Force ensure that there is a list of lay advisors able to assist the Force in Gold Group meetings as required.*
 - 2) *Advertisements to be placed as required to ensure sufficient number of individuals in conjunction with MAPPA and Custody Visitor process if appropriate.*
 - 3) *To arrange training for suitably vetted individuals as required.*
 - 4) *To allocate funds to meet payment of allowances of vetted individuals attending Gold Groups or advising WPA on specific issues in accordance with current rates.*
 - 5) *To note that the Wiltshire Criminal Justice Board have withdrawn funding for 2011-12 and for the Authority to decline, with regret, to fund the IAG other than through allowances for individually vetted Gold Group members attending meetings or advising WPA.*

28. Exclusion of the Public

Resolved: *In accordance with Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 to exclude the public from the meeting for the business specified in Items 29 and 30 below because it is likely that if a member of the public were present there would be disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 3 and 7 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act.*

29. Confidential Minutes of the Meeting held on 2nd December 2010

Resolved: *To approve and sign the confidential minutes of the meeting held on 2nd December 2010.*

30. **Urgent Items** The Chairman agreed to accept the following as confidential urgent items:

i. Strategy, Direction and Progress: Confidential Minutes of Meeting held on 25th January 2011

Mr Britton wished to express his view that it would be unacceptable if a renewed speed enforcement policy was not introduced because Swindon Borough Council did not agree to support the initiative. The Chief Constable stated that this would not be a Wiltshire Police lead venture, but that the Force would be happy to support Wiltshire Council in implementing a revised policy.

Resolved: *To note the above minutes.*

(Duration of Meeting: 10.30am to 1.50pm)

WILTSHIRE POLICE AUTHORITY

MINUTES of a MEETING held at POLICE HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, DEVIZES on THURSDAY 7TH APRIL 2011

PRESENT: Mr C Hoare (Chairman), Mr R Bluh, Mr R Britton, Mr C Caswill, Mr R Fisher, Mr B Fishlock, Mr B Ford, Ms J Hillyer, Mr C Humphries, Mr A Johns, Mr A Macpherson, Mrs G Mortimer, Mr R Rogers, Mr P Sample, Mrs C Soden, Mrs G Stafford, and Ms Tawiah

IN ATTENDANCE: Chief Constable B Moore, T/DCC P Geenty, Mr M Bennion-Pedley, Mr K Kilgallen, Mr M Prince, and Miss S Kyte

1. **Apologies** There were no apologies for absence.

2. **Public Questions** There were none.

3. **Declarations of Interest** There were none.

4. **Chairman's Announcements**

Appointment of Temporary Deputy Chief Constable

The Chairman informed Members of the appointment of Pat Geenty as Temporary Deputy Chief Constable for a period of six months and wished him well in the role.

Following the death of Deputy Chief Constable David Ainsworth, Members held a one minute silence to remember him and to reflect on his contribution to policing in Wiltshire.

5. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 10th February 2011**

Resolved: *To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 10th February 2011.*

6. **Outstanding Actions**

10th February 2011, Minute 8.2: The T/DCC stated that the 20-35 years age group had remained the most positive tests for drink diving with the 41-45 years age group a close second. The T/DCC would obtain the data for the time of day when the positive breath tests were made and the statistics would be circulated with the minutes.

10th February 2011, Minute 22.4 and 22.5: The Chief Executive stated that a briefing for Members on Street Watch had been arranged for the next Briefing Session on 25th May 2011. Contact would be made with the Wiltshire Association of Local Councils following this. Mr Rogers stated that he had applied and been vetted as a volunteer for the Street Watch scheme.

Mrs Soden stated that there were significant dangers in members of the public driving whilst using a mobile phone. She wondered how the Force were tackling this. It was noted that campaigns were run directed towards the use of mobile phones and other items distracting drivers' attention. A persistent offender who was brought to the attention of the police via a member of the public, would be dealt with by the local Neighbourhood Policing Team.

Resolved: 1) *To note the content of the report and the verbal updates provided.*

- 2) *To attach the data from the December drink drive campaign, including the time of day that positive breath tests were made, to the minutes of the meeting.*

7. **WPA and Force Risk Register**

Risk 1.40 – Continued Diligence – can the Police Authority maintain an efficient and effective Force pending the arrival of Police and Crime Commissioners: The Chairman stated that the Joint Strategic Board would have ownership of transitional plans. It was thought that an Awayday to follow from the one held in September 2010, to review Vision Wiltshire, and to consider the transitional arrangements required for a Police and Crime Commissioner, would be beneficial. The Chairman indicated that he would pursue this with the Chief Constable through the bilateral meetings.

- Resolved:
- 1) *To note the updates provided in relation to the risks owned by the Police Authority.*
 - 2) *That the Chairman would pursue the need for an Awayday with the Chief Constable through the bilateral meetings.*
 - 3) *That the next meeting of the Audit Committee would carefully review the Authority and the Force Risk Register to ensure they are properly aligned.*

8. **Chief Constable's Performance Report 2010-11** A report by the Chief Constable covering the period 1st April to 28th February 2011 had been circulated. The overall performance of the Force was rated 'good' on the criteria set by the Authority. The Chief Constable provided a brief commentary on performance against each of the Strategic Priorities:

Strategic Priority 1: Tackling Violent Crime

- The inclusion of local resolutions within the violent crime detection rate had resulted in the target being achieved.
- Wiltshire was the second best performing Force in its Most Similar Forces (MSF) with regard to serious violent crime detection rate.

Strategic Priority 2: Protecting Vulnerable People from Harm and Reducing Road Casualties

- Serious sexual offences had seen an increase of 18% (61 crimes). Of these crimes, 37 were attributed to an increase in historical reports (25) and child victim offences (12).

Strategic Priority 3: Tackling Local Issues of Crime and ASB

- Satisfaction levels of 85% were currently meeting target (85%). The target for 2011-12 would be increased to 86% in order to stay in line with the MSF average.
- Overall detection rate, including local resolutions, currently stood at 27.8% against a target of 30%.
- Satisfaction with criminal justice system effectiveness was an area highlighted for improvement. The Chief Constable stated he had accepted the Chair of the Wiltshire Criminal Justice Board and hoped to influence some of the areas of difficulty.

Strategic Priority 4: Tacking Organised Crime Groups and the Supply of Class A Drugs

- Robbery had increased by 20% (47 crimes) against the previous year.

The Chief Constable also reported on a number of operational matters including Operation Mayan (murder of Sian O'Callaghan). The T/DCC stated that there had been an exceptional response from the community and the matter had been well planned and handled sensitively by the media, including the Force's own media centre. Now that the second body had been identified as Rebecca Godden-Edwards, the Force would compare the modus operandi with other unsolved cases in the country. This was routine in cases such as this.

The Chairman then invited Members to comment:

- Mr Caswill stated he was encouraged by the improvement in town centre figures although response teams still seemed stretched on occasions and continued to be a matter of concern.
- Mr Macpherson stated that the Authority would report on the performance of the Force for 2010-11 at the annual meeting of the Authority in June.
- Mr Ford reported that he had sat on the Gold Group for Op Mayan and wished to echo T/DCC's view about the reaction of the Swindon community. As Leader of Swindon Borough Council Mr Bluh wished to express his thanks and appreciation to the Force in the way the investigation was handled, particularly the speedy resolution. The Chairman echoed this view on behalf of all Members.
- Mrs Stafford raised the matter that criminal justice kept come up as an issue in relation to achieving targets, and was there anything the Authority could do to influence changes. The Chief Constable stated he had asked for a specific piece of work around the frequency of Police Officers being sent to court only to find a Hearing had been triple listed and then been returned to duty. This was to be looked at over a three month period. The report would be shared with Members as soon as it was available.

- Resolved:
- 1) *To note the content of the report and the verbal update provided by the Chief Constable.*
 - 2) *To commend the Force on its handling of the Op Mayan investigation and the positive feedback received from the public.*
 - 3) *That the report commissioned by the Chief Constable around the frequency of Police Officers attending Court only to find a Hearing had been triple listed would be shared with Members as soon as it became available.*

9. **Revenue and Capital Budget Monitoring Statement** A statement covering the period 1st April to 28th February 2011 for both revenue and capital budgets had been circulated. With regard to the revenue budget, the Director of Resources stated that a favourable variance of £2.639m was forecast. This was mainly due to the significant number of Police Officer and Police Staff vacancies. As of the date of the meeting, 53% of staff at risk in the Vision Wiltshire programme had been redeployed.

Transport costs as at Period 10 were £127k over budget. Approximately half of this was due to fuel increases. The Force would shortly be asking for agreement to invest in 'black boxes' for police vehicles and a report on this would be submitted to a future meeting of an appropriate Committee / Group.

Turning to the capital budget, the Director of Resources informed Members that the Impact Programme would come in under budget. The Automatic Number Plate Recognition Project was now listed as a Tier 3 Regional Collaboration Project.

- Resolved:
- 1) *To note the latest position for the revenue and capital budget.*
 - 2) *To note that a report from the Force on investment in 'black boxes' for police vehicles would be submitted to a future meeting of an appropriate Committee / Group.*
 - 3) *That the IST Strategy Plan would be submitted to the May meeting of the Strategy, Direction and Progress Committee.*

10. **Future Recruitment** A report by the Chief Constable had been circulated. The Director of Resources stated that the Force would be looking to proceed with Police Officer recruitment in September this year and that this would be from applicants who had previously been provisionally accepted. The Force were aware that the recruitment process required improvement and were working with regional partners exploring the possibility of a filtering system. A strategy on this was due to be considered by the Chief Officer Group in June which would then come to the Authority.

The Chief Constable emphasised to Members that staff were not being made redundant in order to start recruiting Police Officers again and that budget plans were quite clear about this. Recruitment was needed to ensure Police Officer numbers did not fall below an acceptable level.

- Resolved:
- 1) *To note the content of the report.*
 - 2) *That the Recruitment Strategy would come to the Authority following consideration by the Chief Officer Group at its June meeting.*

11. **Co-Location of Inspectors in Local Authority Premises** A report by the Chief Constable had been circulated.

- Resolved:
- 1) *To note the content of the report.*
 - 2) *To ask Inspector Lange to meet with the WPA Estates Group with regard to the development of the Estates Strategy.*

12. **Committee Reports** The minutes of the following meetings were circulated:

<u>Meeting</u>	<u>Date</u>
Professional Standards	27 th January 2011
Audit	21 st March 2011
Strategy, Direction and Progress	29 th March 2011

- Resolved:
- 1) *To note the above minutes.*
 - 2) *To note the brief overview provided by Mr Johns with regard to the January meeting of Professional Standards.*

13. **Group Reports**

Value and Productivity Group (VPG)

Ms Hillyer, as Chairman of the Group, reported as follows:

- VPG was pleased with progress in relation to Vision Wiltshire.
- The first meeting of the Brunel Joint Committee was due to take place on 18th April.
- Mr Johns and the Director of Resources were working on a Procurement Strategy.
- The Group were awaiting the refreshed firearms training business case.

Joint Strategic Performance Board

Mr Macpherson stated that a presentation on the Killed and Seriously Injured measure had been delivered at the meeting on 24th February by Inspector Elton, Roads Policing. A copy of the presentation was available from the Secretariat on request. The format of future meetings was changing and the Authority would be working with the Force to identify what the meetings might look like.

Joint Strategic Board

Mr Macpherson stated that the Annual Policing Plan had now been approved and was due to be published shortly. Future work for the Board included transitional plans to Police and Crime Commissioners and partnerships.

Community Engagement Working Group

The Chairman of the Group, Mr Humphries, stated that the Head of Corporate Communications had attended the last meeting to give an update on the use of media and influence of Facebook in relation to Op Mayan. At the meeting, Mr Macpherson had suggested the presentation of a community award. Organisations affiliated with the Force would be invited to submit a briefing to the Authority against a set criteria and an appointed Panel would judge a winner. There would be no monetary award but it was hoped that the winning organisation would receive some publicity from this.

- Resolved:
- 1) *To note the updates provided by the Group Chairmen.*
 - 2) *To endorse the suggestion by Mr Macpherson of the presentation of a community award.*

14. **Conferences and Meetings Attended by Members since the Previous Meeting, and Future Conferences / Seminars**

Forensic Science Tri Regional Meeting and Award Ceremony

Mr Ford stated that he had attended the Regional Forensic Science meeting and the Force Award Ceremony on 5th April 2011.

Autism Alert Cards – 1st April 2011

Ms Tawiah reported she had attended the launch of the Autism Alert Cards. The purpose of the cards was to alert public services that the holder was a sufferer of one or more of the conditions across the autistic spectrum range.

Restructuring Seminar, Ryton

Mrs Mortimer stated that she had attended the above. Delegates considered case studies from Forces who had already gone through re-structuring or had nearly completed a re-organisation. It was reassuring that the approach in Wiltshire was in line with those Forces who had already completed this exercise and that cost savings were similar in scope.

Community Speed Watch

Mrs Soden reported that Wiltshire had hosted Gwent Police at Malmesbury Police Station as Gwent were interested in learning more about Community Speed Watch. This had been picked up by Gwent from a programme on the BBC. Gwent had been invited back once local Councillors were engaged and it was hoped to be able to take them out on site to show it working.

Resolved: To note the updates provided.

15. **Dates of Police Authority Meetings in 2011 and 2012**

2011	2012
16 th June	9 th February
22 nd September	5 th April
20 th October	
8 th December	

Resolved: To note that the meeting scheduled for 21st July had been cancelled and may be removed from Members' diaries.

16. **Urgent Items** There were none.

17. **Exclusion of the Public**

Resolved: In accordance with Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 to exclude the public from the meeting for the business specified in Items 27 and 28 below because it is likely that if a member of the public were present there would be disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 3, 4 and 7 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

18. **Urgent Items** The Chairman agreed to accept the following as a confidential urgent item:

As ACC Geenty had now been appointed temporary DCC for Wiltshire, a vacancy at ACC level exists. Two chief superintendents had recently attended the Senior Command Course and were eligible to act as ACC pending recruitment to a substantive post in June 2011. Chief Superintendent Veale had indicated that he would be happy not to be considered, having previously held the acting position.

Resolved: The Chief Superintendent James Vaughan be appointed Acting ACC, subject to ministerial approval, pending the selection of the substantive post holder.

(Duration of Meeting: 10.30am to 12.50pm)

**WILTSHIRE COUNCIL – May 2011
REPORT BY CAROLE SODEN**

WILTSHIRE POLICE PERFORMANCE – COUNTY DIVISION

Overall the County Division within Wiltshire Police has maintained a good performance in 2010. Comparing figures for the 12 months 1st March 2010 to 28th February 2011 with the calendar year 2009/10:

Overall Crime

- The incidence of Overall Crime has fallen by 5% (1,133 crimes) and County Division is currently performing better than peers in the most similar Basic Command Units (BCUs) for overall crime with 48.4 crimes per 1,000 residents.
- The detection rate for overall crime has fallen over the last year with 24.6% detected compared to 29.0%. However, if disposal by Local Resolutions¹ were included this would increase the detection rate by 1.7%.

Violent Crime

- The incidence of Violent Crime has fallen by 9% (451 crimes).
- The detection rate for violent crime over the last year was 48.8% compared to 51.2% in 2009/10. The inclusion of Local Resolutions as a method of detection would increase the detection rate by 2.7%. From 2011/12 Forces will be able to submit cases resolved by local resolution to the Home Office as a non-sanctioned detection.

Vehicle Crime has increased by 1% (21 crimes) whilst **Domestic Burglary** has reduced by 4.0% (38 crimes).

	Most Similar BCU Position*	Most Similar BCU Position 2009/10	Comparison March 2010 - Feb 2011 to same period 2009/10
All Crime	↑	↑	-5% (1133 fewer crimes)
All Detections	↘	↘	-25% (1768 fewer detections)
Violent Crime	↑	↑	-9% (451 fewer crimes)
Violent Crime Detections	↘	↑	-17% (464 fewer detections)
Serious Acquisitve Crime	↘	↑	0% (5 more crimes)
Serious Acquisitve Crime Detections	↘	↘	-14% (65 fewer detections)
Vehicle Crime	↘	↑	1% (21 more crimes)
Dwelling Burglary	↘	↘	-4% (38 fewer crimes)
Criminal Damage	↑	↘	-17% (907 fewer crimes)

* Position at 28th February 2011

Key	
Better than peers	↑
Inline with peers - better than average	↘
Inline with peers - worse than average	↘
Worse than peers	↓

¹ **Local Resolutions:** Dealing with low level crime and anti-social behaviour by engaging with victims and witnesses.

Wiltshire Police Performance (County and Swindon)

I previously reported that Wiltshire were the top force in the County with regard to the lowest rate of violent crime per 1,000 population for the three month period October to December. The Force has maintained this position for the three months between December 2010 and February 2011 at 2.156 crimes per 1,000 population.

Deputy and Assistant Chief Constable Posts

Members will be aware of the sad news of David Ainsworth's death. In order to ensure adequate resilience within the Chief Officer team, ACC Pat Geenty has been appointed by WPA as Temporary Deputy Chief Constable for a minimum of six months and James Vaughan has been appointed as Temporary Assistant Chief Constable. The Authority is looking to recruit a substantive Assistant Chief Constable and will be interviewing for this position in June.

WPA Annual Policing Plan 2011-2014

The WPA Annual Policing Plan for 2011-2014 has now been published and can be viewed on the Authority's website (www.wiltshire-pa.gov.uk) (please see Downloads and then Publications). The Plan sets out the Strategic Objectives the Authority has set the Force in 2011-12. These are:

- Reduce violent crime
- Tackle the people who cause the most harm in our communities
- Tackle anti-social behaviour
- Develop sustainable policing

The Plan also sets out the Service Delivery Standards. These are Standards that the public can expect from the police locally.

Vision Wiltshire Consultation

A summary of the consultation recently run by WPA is currently being prepared. This will be used to provide feedback to the public and Area Boards of the findings of the consultation. One of the key outcomes from the consultation was an overwhelming agreement that reducing Police Officers and Police Community Support Officers from neighbourhoods should be done as a last resort. The results of the consultation were used to inform our Policing Plan by reflecting the public's ranked priorities in those WPA has set for the police.

Police and Crime Commissioners

Further to my report to the February meeting, the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Bill completed its passage through the House of Commons on 31st March 2011. The first reading in the House of Lords has taken place, with the second reading planned for 27th April 2011.

Police Authority Meeting Dates

16th June 2011
22nd September 2011
3rd November 2011
8th December 2011

Carole Soden, Vice-Chairman, Wiltshire Police Authority

**MINUTES of a MEETING of the WILTSHIRE & SWINDON FIRE AUTHORITY
held at the WILTSHIRE FRS TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT CENTRE, DEVIZES
on THURSDAY 17TH FEBRUARY 2011**

Present : Cllr Brigadier Robert Hall (Chairman), Cllr Mike Bawden, Cllr Peter Davis, Cllr Mrs Mollie Groom, Cllr Howard Marshall, Cllr Nick Martin, Cllr Christopher Newbury, Cllr Jeff Osborn, Cllr Graham Payne, Cllr Bridget Wayman, Cllr David Wren.

1 Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 December 2010 were confirmed and signed.

2 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Devine and Montaut.

3 Members' Interests

The Chairman reminded members of the need to declare any personal or prejudicial interests or dispensations granted by the Standards Committee.

4 Questions from the Public

There were no questions from the public.

5 Capital Programme 2011/12 and Prudential Indicators

On considering a paper by the Finance Director,

Resolved:

To approve the Capital Programme for 2011/12 (as shown in Appendix A to the paper presented) and the prudential indicators in respect of the Capital Programme (as shown in Appendix B to the paper presented).

6 Revenue Budget 2011/12 and Council Tax Resolution

On considering a paper by the Finance Director and Chief Fire Officer, and after much discussion,

Resolved:

a) *Not to increase the council tax for 2011/12 and to accept the Government's offer of the Council Tax Freeze Grant equivalent to a 2.5% increase in council tax, and accordingly to approve a net revenue budget for 2011/12 of £24,880,500 to include a contribution to reserves of £95,700.*

b) *To approve a net precept of £15,666,000 resulting in a council tax for each council tax band as follows, i.e. no change from 2010/11:*

<i>Band A</i>	<i>£41.59</i>
<i>Band B</i>	<i>£48.52</i>
<i>Band C</i>	<i>£55.45</i>
<i>Band D</i>	<i>£62.38</i>
<i>Band E</i>	<i>£76.24</i>
<i>Band F</i>	<i>£90.10</i>
<i>Band G</i>	<i>£103.97</i>
<i>Band H</i>	<i>£124.76</i>

- c) *To authorise the Finance Director to give notice of the approved precept to the appropriate authorities.*
- d) *To authorise the Finance Director to pay out of the combined fire service fund sums required in respect of:*
 - i. *All accounts and debts due by the Authority forming the Authority's gross revenue expenditure for 2011/12 in the approved budget and such changes as may be agreed subsequently by the Authority;*
 - ii. *The cost of capital items including the purchase and leasing of equipment specified in the capital budget, and*
 - iii. *Such loans made by the Authority as may be approved.*
- e) *To authorise the Finance Director to borrow such sums as may be required in respect of schemes in the capital budget.*
- f) *To congratulate officers on their prudent management of expenditure against the 2010/11 budget, identifying savings and reductions to realise a significant underspending; which will assist in planning and implementing service changes and improvements for future years..*
- g) *To note that officers will in due course present options for members' consideration in the light of the financial prospects for the remaining years covered by the Government's comprehensive spending review.*

(Duration of meeting 10.00am to 10.40am)

MINUTES of a MEETING of the WILTSHIRE & SWINDON FIRE AUTHORITY
held at the WILTSHIRE FRS TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT CENTRE, DEVIZES
on MONDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2011

Present : Cllr Brigadier Robert Hall (Chairman), Cllr Mike Bawden, Cllr Peter Davis, Cllr Mrs Mollie Groom, Cllr Howard Marshall, Cllr Derique Montaut, Cllr Jeff Osborn, Cllr Mrs Bridget Wayman, Cllr David Wren.

7 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs Devine, Martin, Newbury and Payne.

8 Members' Interests

The Chairman reminded members of the need to declare any personal or prejudicial interests or dispensations granted by the Standards Committee.

Councillors Wren and Cllr Marshall each declared a personal interest in the business discussed under minute no's. 15 and 21 by reason of their positions as Director and Alternate Director respectively of South West Fire Control Limited. The Clerk to the Authority also declared an interest in the same item of business because of his position as Company Secretary of the Company.

9 Chairman's Announcements

Members noted the retirement of the Chief Fire Officer and Chief Executive Andy Gove, which was due to take place on the 31st March. The Chairman outlined Mr Goves' distinguished career and achievements since joining Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service. Members and Leaders of the Political Groups joined the Chairman in placing on record the thanks and appreciation of the Fire Authority and wished Mr Goves well in his retirement.

The Chairman congratulated officers on the successful completion of the new Service Workshops. He referred to members' attendance at the official opening on the 15th February and said how impressed they had been with this excellent example of improvement in operational service, particularly as it would give the opportunity of collaborative working with partners in the future.

The Chairman advised members that the Fire Minister had written in very complimentary terms to the Chief Fire Officer regarding the response submitted to the Fire Futures Review by the Authority.

Members were advised that the Authority's representatives at the LGA Annual Fire Conference in March would be Cllr Brigadier Robert Hall, Cllr Christopher Newbury (who would also be attending as part of his role on the LGA) and the Chief Fire Officer.

10 Questions from the Public

There were no questions from the public.

11 Programme & Scrutiny Board

A report of the meeting of the Programme & Scrutiny Board held on 20 January 2011 was received.

12 Finance Review & Audit Committee

The minutes of a meeting of the Committee held on 6 January 2011 were received.

13 Medium Term Financial Plan

On considering a paper by the Finance Director,

Resolved:

- (a) *To approve the Medium Term Financial Strategy for 2011/12 to 2014/15.*
- (b) *To invite the Lead and Deputy Lead Members for the Finance and Resources Workstream to meetings of the Programme and Scrutiny Board whenever the financial strategy for the future is being discussed.*

14 Protection, Prevention and Intervention

A short visual presentation was made.

15 Cancellation of FireControl Project

On considering a paper by the Chief Fire Officer,

Resolved:

- (a) *To note the Fire Minister's decision to terminate the Regional Control Centre project and to place on record that, in the light of the termination of the project, this Authority does not wish to pursue any potential interest in the use of the RCC premises at Taunton.*
- (b) *To note the issue by the CLG of a consultation paper on the future of fire controls.*
- (c) *To agree that a response to the consultation paper and an urgent review of the Service's mobilising and communications systems takes place within the existing governance arrangements as a matter of priority and that officers be asked to present a report to a special meeting of the Programme and Scrutiny Board [subsequently fixed for 1 April 2011].*
- (d) *To authorise the Clerk to give formal notice withdrawing the Fire Authority's earlier notice of termination of the Authority's participation in the Emergency Communications Centre.*

16 Fire Futures

On considering a paper by the Chief Fire Officer,

Resolved:

To note the report .

17 Localism Bill

On considering a paper by the Clerk to the Authority and Chief Fire Officer,

Resolved:

To note the report and to agree that representations be made to the Local Government Association and to Local Members of Parliament in support of the Chief

Fire Officers' Association's lobbying of an amendment to the Bill to ensure Fire and Rescue Authorities are included in the general power of competence.

18 External Support Services

On considering a paper by the Clerk,

Resolved:

- a) *To note the position set out in the paper with regard to the procurement of payroll services and to extend the current arrangements until such time as a new contract is entered into.*
- b) *To delegate to the Finance Director the power to enter into arrangements for pensions administration with such provider and on such terms as he considers best meets the Authority's needs and best offers value for money.*
- c) *To extend the current arrangements for the procurement of legal advice for one year with effect from 1 April 2011.*

19 Terms of Office of Independent Members of the Standards Committee

On considering a paper by the Clerk to the Authority,

Resolved:

- a) *To extend the terms of office of Mr D Barker and Mr D Inight as lay members of the Standards Committee until the date on which the current statutory standards regime is abolished in accordance with the provisions of the Localism Bill when enacted.*
- b) *To extend the term of office of Mr D Barker as Chairman of the Standards Committee until the date on which his extended term of office as a lay member of the Committee expires or until he ceases to be a member of the Committee, whichever is the earlier.*

20 Pool of Members for Appeals

On receiving a verbal report by the Clerk to the Authority,

Resolved:

That Cllr Derique Montaut be appointed to the pool of members eligible to serve on an Appeal Committee in place of Cllr Devine

21 South West Fire Control Limited

The summary of the discussions and decisions of the Board of Directors held on 19 January 2011 was received.

22 Date of Next Meeting

On a verbal report by the Chairman,

Resolved:

To change the date of the next meeting of the Authority to Wednesday 25th May 2011 (in place of 26th May)

23 Exclusion of the Public

Resolved:

In accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, to exclude the public from the business specified in minute no's.24, 25 and 26 below because it is likely that if members of the public were present there would be disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

24 Renewal of Insurances

On considering a paper by the Chief Fire Officer,

Resolved:

To approve the placement of insurance cover, as outlined in Appendix A of the paper presented, for an initial period of three years with an option to extend for a further two years thereafter.

25 Premises

On considering a paper by the Chief Fire Officer on discussions at officer level on various matters to do with the Authority's premises,

Resolved:

To note the report.

26 Retirement of Chief Fire Officer and Arrangements for a Successor

On considering a paper by the Authority's Personnel Advisor and Clerk,

Resolved:

- a) *Formally to note the Chief Fire Officer's intention to retire on 31 March 2011 and to place on record the Authority's appreciation of his service.*
- b) *To appoint an ad-hoc panel to be known as the Appointments Panel comprising the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Group Leaders and Cllr Davis as Lead Member for the HR Learning & Development Workstream.*
- c) *To delegate to the Panel the power to make a temporary appointment to the post of Chief Fire Officer w.e.f. 1 April 2011 having regard to the advice of the Personnel Advisor on due process and on the length of the period of appointment.*
- d) *To ask the Panel as a matter of urgency to consider options for the structure of the Service in the light of the post of Chief Fire Officer becoming vacant, and to ask the Panel as part of its deliberations to consult with members of the Authority.*

- e) *In the event that the Panel's conclusion is to proceed with the appointment of a Chief Fire Officer on the same permanent basis as hitherto, to delegate to the Panel the power:*
- *to approve an advertisement and the arrangements for advertising,*
 - *to agree a shortlist of candidates,*
 - *to interview the shortlisted candidates,*
 - *to make an appointment, and*
 - *to take such other ancillary actions and decisions as may be appropriate.*

(Duration of meeting 10.40 a.m. to 12.20 p.m.)

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