

COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 13 JULY 2010 AT COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, TROWBRIDGE.

Present:

Cllr Richard Beattie, Cllr Chuck Berry, Cllr John Brady, Cllr Richard Britton, Cllr Rosemary Brown, Cllr Allison Bucknell, Cllr Jane Burton, Cllr Trevor Carbin, 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 Andrew Davis, Cllr Tony Deane, Cllr Christopher Devine, Cllr Bill Douglas, Cllr Mary Douglas, Cllr Peggy Dow, Cllr Peter Doyle, Cllr Rod Eaton, Cllr Nick Fogg, Cllr Peter Fuller, Cllr Richard Gamble, Cllr Jose Green, Cllr Howard Greenman, 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 Keith Humphries, Cllr Peter Hutton, Cllr George Jeans, Cllr David Jenkins, Cllr Julian Johnson, Cllr John Knight, 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 Jeffrey Ody, Cllr Stephen Oldrieve, Cllr Helen Osborn, Cllr Jeff Osborn, Cllr Mark Packard, Cllr Sheila Parker, Cllr Graham Payne, Cllr Nina Phillips, Cllr Leo Randall, Cllr Fleur de Rhe-Philipe, Cllr Pip Ridout, Cllr Bill Roberts, Cllr Ricky Rogers, Cllr Judy Rooke, Cllr Jane Scott OBE, Cllr Jonathon Seed, Cllr John Smale, Cllr Carole Soden, Cllr Toby Sturgis, Cllr Dick Tonge, Cllr Bridget Wayman, Cllr Ian West, Cllr Fred Westmoreland, Cllr Stuart Wheeler, Cllr Roy While, Cllr Christopher Williams and Cllr Graham Wright

43. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from the following councillors:

John Thomson, Nigel Carter, Tony Trotman, Desna Allen, Simon Killane, Jerry Kunkler, Stephen Petty, Paul Sample, Philip Brown, Peter Davis, Russell Hawker, Tom James, Julie Swabey and Paul Darby.

44. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 18 May 2010 were presented.

Resolved:

That the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 18 May 2010 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

45. **Declarations of Interest**

The Chairman declared a personal interest in the discussion which arose from the minutes of the Wiltshire and Swindon Fire Authority concerning the future of the Cricklade Cadet Force by virtue of him being the Chairman of the Fire Authority (minute no. 54 refers).

Cllr Andrew Davis declared a personal interest in the consideration of the recommendation to make a Designated Public Places Order at Warminster by virtue of him also being a member of Warminster Town Council (minute no. 58 refers).

46. **Announcements by the Chairman**

(a) **Birthday honours**

On behalf of Council, the Chairman congratulated the Wiltshire recipients of Queen's Birthday Honours list which he read out.

(b) **Queen's Award for Voluntary Service**

The Chairman announced that five organisations in Wiltshire were nominated for the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service namely, Swindon Down's Syndrome Group, Hope Nature centre, Wiltshire Search & Rescue, Berwick St. John Country Fayre and Lydiard Millicent Lunch Club.

The Chairman was pleased to announce that Swindon Down's Syndrome Group were successful in attaining the award and congratulated them on their achievement.

(c) **Queen's Award for Enterprise**

The Chairman announced that four businesses in Wiltshire had been recognised in the Queen's Award for Enterprise, two in the category for international trade and two for innovation.

Naim audio from Salisbury and Themis from Trowbridge had received awards in the international trade category.

Danlers Limited from Chippenham and Halyard Marine from Salisbury had received awards in the innovation category.

The Chairman congratulated them all on their success.

(d) 'Shaping the future – Being the Best'

The Chairman explained that the Council was launching its first Corporate Staff Awards, 'Shaping the future – Being the Best'. The purpose of the awards was to celebrate and recognise the excellent work being done by Wiltshire council employees.

The Chairman referred Councillors to a brochure which included a nomination form. The winners would be announced at a gala awards ceremony on Monday 27 September at Salisbury City Hall by the Leader and Chief Executive. Category winners would be automatically entered into a competition to find the overall outstanding employee of the year who would also be announced at the awards ceremony.

(e) New Liberal Democrat Group Leader

The Chairman acknowledged that Cllr Jon Hubbard was now Group leader of the Liberal Democrat group on the Council. The Chairman wished him well in his appointment and thanked the previous Liberal Democratic leader, Cllr Trevor Carbin for his work over the past year.

(f) Councillor Julian Johnson – New Forest National Park Authority

The Chairman congratulated Councillor Julian Johnson on his appointment as Chairman of the New Forest National Park Authority.

47. **Petitions - Update**

Council at its Annual Meeting in May 2010 adopted a new Petition Scheme, details of which had now been added to the Council's website. The report of the Head of Democratic Services was considered which updated Council on the Petition Scheme and gave details of the four petitions received since the Petition Scheme was introduced.

The Chairman confirmed that no petitions had been received for presentation at this meeting.

Resolved:

That Council

- (a) **note the report, the petitions received and the actions being taken as set out in the Appendix to the report presented and**
- (b) **note the proposed piloting of the E-Petitions Scheme with effect from mid September 2010.**

48. **Public Participation**

No requests for public participation had been received for this meeting.

49. **Councillors' Questions**

The Chairman reported receipt of questions from Councillors Ernie Clark, Helen Osborn, Peter Colmer, Jeff Osborn, Jon Hubbard, Steve Oldrieve, Trevor Carbin and Chris Caswill.

Details of the questions and responses given were previously circulated and attached as Appendix A to these minutes.

Supplementary questions were made in some cases summarised as follows:

Cllr Helen Osborn – Special Education Need (SEN) provision – sought an assurance that sufficient resources would be made available to deal with SEN.

Cllr Grundy explained that SEN review was governed by legislation and confirmed that there was no question that requirements under SEN would not be continued.

Cllr Peter Colmer – consultation on the Wiltshire Community Plan – asked whether it would be more appropriate to undertake the consultation through community area partnerships rather than a ‘top down’ approach.

The Leader confirmed that the consultation exercise was to ensure the Plan reflected views of the community and that the consultation would include community area leaders.

Cllr Jeff Osborn – recommendations of audit carried out by KPMG – referred to the 50 recommendations from the audit out of which 18 had been highlighted as red.

Cllr Fleur de Rhe Philipe explained that the number of recommendations were to be expected due to the transitional period and confirmed that all recommended actions had been completed.

Cllr Jon Hubbard – collapse of property values – given that property values had collapsed and benefits from disposals would be negligible questioned whether savings would be made ahead of clear directives on the future of local government.

Cllr John Noeken agreed that the Council needed to constantly keep progress of the workplace transformation under review. Given that property prices were currently depressed, he confirmed that the Council was not in a hurry to dispose of its properties. This would be kept under review by the workplace transformation board which had last met on 9 July 2010.

Cllr Jon Hubbard – cost of producing ‘Your Wiltshire Magazine’ against effectiveness of it being used as a vehicle for consultation – questioned the benefits of the magazine and questioned whether the amount spent on producing it could be better spent on providing frontline services.

The Leader emphasised that front line services were not being cut. The production of the magazine was being kept under review and that the Council was working with its partners to make it a public sector magazine. Without the magazine, individual services would have to undertake their own separate consultation which would then collectively cost more. The magazine was never intended as a vehicle for public consultation or for publishing statutory notices. The magazine served the purposes of keeping members of the public informed and in providing an opportunity to challenge the Council with its feedback.

Cllr Steve Oldrieve – Adopted notice of motion on fair trade – asked how the motion was being incorporated into the Council’s procurement policy and toolkit and the contract regulations.

Cllr John Noeken confirmed that it would be reflected in guidance to the contract regulations.

Cllr Trevor Carbin – consultation on the future of waste collection: collection of food waste – questioned why an option of providing food waste collection had not been included in the consultation exercise.

Cllr Toby Sturgis explained that collection of food waste was expensive and that there was a lack of suppliers willing to collect this type of waste. He confirmed that the consultation referred to continuing to investigate this type of collection.

Cllr Caswill – Area Board grants – asked what the proportion of Area Board funding could be used to fund projects which fell outside the criteria of the Community Grants Scheme. He also questioned whether Councillors should promote their own preferences.

The Leader explained that when she attends her own Area Board, she does so as a member of that Area Board rather than as Leader of the Council unless she is specifically asked to respond as Leader. Decisions made were democratically made. She also confirmed that as a local member she would consult the local community and parish/town councils on schemes they wished to pursue.

Cllr Caswill – state of the roads – asked for confirmation that the current state of the roads was due to a lack of investment in highway repairs and asked whether the response given was an early indication that the road repairs budget was being ring fenced.

Cllr Tong referred to under investment on roads by previous administrations of the Council. He also explained that roads were inspected regularly to enable an assessment to be carried out each year. Repairs were carried out on a priority basis. He confirmed that all that could be done within budgetary constraints was being done.

50. **Executive Business**

(a) Updates by Cabinet members

(i) Coalition Government

The Leader initiated a discussion on emerging proposals from the new Coalition Government. She explained that correspondence was being received with increasing regularity from various Government departments on new Government proposals and initiatives.

She referred to the emergency budget announced by the Government in June. This included a reduction in Area Based Grant of £2.7m. The Area Based Grant from the Department for Education had been reduced by 24%. Within the last 24 hours, the Council had been advised of a reduction of £1.24m in education grants for technology across the region for the provision of broadband. A reduction of £700k had also been advised for 14-19 capital grant. The free swimming grant had also been removed and it was hoped to keep free swimming in place over the summer period at least. It was noted that most if not all secondary schools in the Council's area would be expressing a wish to achieve academy status and this would have a tremendous impact on the Council as the Local Education Authority.

Cabinet was working closely with Chief Officers to try and minimise the impact of the reductions in funding. The Council would need to consider its budget as a whole in order to examine its priorities.

Local authorities were awaiting the outcome of the public spending review to be announced by the Government on 20 October 2010 in order to assess the impact on local government. This would also help to inform the Council's Business Plan. The spending review would also impact on other public sector services and the Leader stressed that this should be borne in mind when working with public sector partners. The Government had stated that whilst there would be cuts, it would also be providing local authorities with the freedom to use their budgets according to their priorities.

The Leader referred to the abolition of the Regional Development Agency, the South West Regional Assembly and the privatisation of Job Centre Plus. She also referred to the abolition of the Regional Spatial Strategy, potential implications of the Localism Bill and proposals for directly elected Police Commissioners.

It was noted that the Strategic Health Authority would be abolished by 2012. The Leader referred to the White Paper, Equity and excellence: Liberating the NHS which set out the Government's long-term vision for the future of the NHS. This was likely to include the remits of Primary Care Trusts being redirected to local authorities, GP consortia managing commissioning services and a new health watchdog. The Health Scrutiny function would be replaced by a Health Board.

The Leader explained that a briefing session for all Councillors would be arranged following the August recess once there was more clarification on the future direction of local government.

The Leader responded to questions and Councillors thanked the Leader for the important and informative update.

(ii) Wiltshire Delivers Big Society

The Leader referred to the Government's announced intentions on the 'Big Society'. She explained that this was very much in keeping with the Council's approach and that working locally with people and communities had formed the backbone to becoming a unitary council and shaped how the Council operated. This included the vision set out in the Council's Corporate Plan, business planning for the future, service redesign and finding new ways to engage and involve its communities.

In recognition that this Council was doing far more to deliver Big Society than many other local authorities, the Council had been invited to speak at the Local Government Association Conference held the previous week. Copies of the handouts produced in house for conference delegates were tabled. Following the presentation at the Conference, the Council had received requests from the Cabinet Office and Department of Communities and Local Government to advise and help shape the policies and implementation of Big Society. The Council had also been invited to speak at other regional and national conferences.

(iii) Job Centre Plus Award 2010

Cllr Grundy, Cabinet member for Children's Services advised that the Council had previously secured funding under Job Centre Plus. This was a 3 year programme working with businesses to help young people back into work. The Council had been awarded a Youth Employment Award for the South West for demonstrating a clear commitment and action to help young people back into work. It was hoped to be able to provide further employment opportunities to young people under the scheme.

(b) Area Boards

This was an opportunity for Councillors to ask questions of a general nature concerning Area Boards. No questions were raised.

51. **Overview and Scrutiny**

The Chairmen of the Overview and Scrutiny Select Committees were invited to update Council on major activities within their respective Select Committees.

Environment Select Committee

Cllr Mollie Groom updated Council on her Committee's consideration of the following matters:

- The Committee last met on 6 July and focused on the developments taking place in the Council concerning climate change. The Committee was fully supportive of the work being undertaken by the Climate Change Team and would be considering the draft strategy at its next meeting together with the work being undertaken towards carbon trading.

Health and Adult Social Care Select committee

Cllr Mike Hewitt updated Council on his Committee's consideration of the following matters:

- The Committee last met on 8 July and the next meeting would be held on 9 September.
- The potential changes arising from the Coalition Government's programme had important implications for the way in which Health and Adult Social Care Services would be provided to Wiltshire residents. At the last meeting, a Task group was established to consider the impact of these changes, although its timing and scope was heavily dependant on the contents of the NHS White paper which was due on 12 July.
- The Committee's forward work programme would need to be flexible in light of this, and some previously allocated items may have to slip. However, at the July Committee it was agreed that Task Groups would be initiated to look at:
 1. Coalition Government – Implications for NHS and Adult social care in delivering services for Wiltshire Residents.
 2. Dementia (and possibly wider Adult Mental Health issues).
 3. Closer engagement with local NHS Trusts to gain deeper insight for commenting on Quality Accounts, and CQC ad hoc reporting.

Overview and Scrutiny Organisation and Resources Select Committee

Cllr Jeff Osborn updated Council on his Committee's consideration of the following matters:

- The Committee last met on 27 May and would next meet on 15 July.
- The Committee would be considering the Department of Resources Departmental Delivery Plan which would outline the ambitions and objectives for the Department in support of the Corporate Plan.
- A number of work areas identified within the Plan had already been considered at either Committee or Task Group level or would form part of the forward work programme such as Workplace Transformation, SAP development, future ICT provision and member support.
- The Delivery Plan would tie up the various strands of work with the Department of Resources and would therefore be a useful reference document for the Committee. A further key document would be the Business Plan which was currently being developed.

Children's Services Select Committee

Cllr Carole Soden updated Council on the Committee's consideration of the following matters:

- The Children's Services Select Committee had met once since the last Council meeting in May.
- The Committee was monitoring closely the new Coalition Government's plans for education and children's services and these would undoubtedly form part of the Committee's forward work programme.
- On 22nd July, Children's Services Select Committee will receive the results of the public consultation into Special Educational Needs provision in Wiltshire, plus the recommendations to Cabinet for service development. Prior to this, beginning at 9.30am, officers will brief Committee members on the background to this review to which other members of the Council were welcome to attend.

52. Minutes of Cabinet and Committees

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

Cabinet	24/05/10, 22/06/10
Children's Services Select Committee	08/06/10
Environment Select Committee	11/05/10

Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee	20/05/10
Organisation and Resources Select Committee	27/05/10
Officer Appointments Committee	11/06/10
Standards Committee	19/05/10
Staffing Policy Committee	19/05/10
Wiltshire Pension Fund Committee	13/05/10
Licensing Committee	26/05/10
Strategic Planning Committee	12/05/10
Audit Committee	30/06/10
Northern Area Planning Committee	19/05/10, 09/06/10, 30/06/10
Eastern Area Planning Committee	10/06/10, 01/07/10
Southern Area Planning Committee	13/05/10, 03/06/10, 24/06/10
Western Area Planning Committee	12/05/10, 02/06/10, 23/06/10

The Chairman drew Council's attention to recommendations to Council from the Staffing Policy Committee in respect of adoption of the Code of Conduct for Officers and from the Licensing Committee in respect of the licensing of Sex Establishment Policy.

Resolved:

- (a) That the above mentioned minutes be received and noted.**
- (b) That Council adopt the following recommendations:**
 - (i) Recommendation of the Staffing Policy Committee dated 19 May 2010 (minute no. 19 refers):**
That Council approve the Code of Conduct for Officers as amended and to update the Council's Constitution accordingly.
 - (ii) Recommendation of the Licensing Committee dated 26 May 2010 (minute no 7 refers):**
To adopt the amendment to the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 Schedule 3 by Section 27 of the Policing and Crime Act 2009. This introduces a Licensing regime for "sexual entertainment venues" such as lap dancing.

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

Cabinet – 22 June 2010 – Minute No. 110 – Housing PFI – Agreement to enter into contract

Cllr Ricky Rogers asked whether the PFI scheme had escaped the cuts in local government funding.

Cllr John Brady explained that the PFI Board had met on 12 July 2010. A further meeting would be held on 14 July in London. It was reassuring to know that at this stage, the scheme had the support of the Housing Minister but would need to be assessed by an independent board and that the Council had complied with all requirements. He was concerned that given the level of cuts being considered, the Government could choose to abandon the scheme. He would however, keep Councillors informed.

Licensing Training

Cllr Bill Moss, Chairman of the Licensing Committee reminded Councillors that licensing training for all Councillors had been arranged for 24 September 2010 from 9.30am to 12.30pm.

Strategic Planning Committee – 21 July 2010

Cllr Andrew Davis, Chairman of the Strategic Planning Committee confirmed that the application at Land at Langley Park, Chippenham had been withdrawn. The meeting would still take place but at County Hall rather than at Monkton Park, Chippenham.

Northern Area Planning Committee – 19 May 2010 – Minute No. 54-
Appeal Decision

Reference was made to the announcement made at the Northern Area Planning Committee regarding the Planning Inspector's decision on the appeal lodged by the Council in respect of Sandpit Lane, Calne (08/2438). Cllr Francis Morland asked about the implications of the decision on planning policy. It was noted that the Council was currently assessing the implications.

53. **Wiltshire Police Authority**

The minutes of the Wiltshire Police Authority meeting held on 10 June 2010 and report of the Police Authority were received and noted. No questions on these documents had been received from Councillors.

54. **Wiltshire and Swindon Fire Authority**

The minutes of the Wiltshire and Swindon Fire Authority meeting held on 26 May 2010 were received and noted.

Cllr Peter Colmer sought an update on the future of the Cricklade Fire Cadets following the withdrawal of funding from the Wiltshire Fire Authority.

At this point, the Chairman declared a personal interest in this item as Chairman of the Wiltshire and Swindon Fire Authority.

The Chairman explained that unfortunately, the Fire Authority was also subject to public spending cuts, which is why it had had to examine all its expenditure. However, in view of the representations made, it had been agreed to continue the Cricklade Cadet Force until at least the end of August 2010. There was potential for the local Area Board to provide some funding and the Cadets were also considering funding initiatives.

55. **Standards Committee Annual Report 2009/10**

At the invitation of the Chairman, Mrs Isabel McCord, Chairman of Wiltshire Council's Standards Committee presented the Annual Report of the Standards Committee for the period 2009/10 for Council's information.

Resolved

To note the Annual Report.

MEETING ADJOURNED

At this point 1.15pm, the meeting adjourned for lunch and reconvened at 1.55pm.

56. **Notice of Motion No. 11 - Opting out arrangements for Schools - From Councillors Jeff Osborn and Helen Osborn**

The Chairman reported receipt of the following notice of motion moved by Cllr Jeff Osborn and seconded by Cllr Helen Osborn:

'This Council views with alarm moves to encourage Wiltshire primary and secondary schools to opt out of their formal relationship with this local education authority (LEA).

The outcome of such a move is likely to result in a "creaming off" of well performing schools, leaving the LEA with a greater proportion of underperforming schools. Also it is unclear as to whether these

opted out schools will take full responsibility for Special Educational Needs pupils.

A further consequence will be that the LEA will lose its critical mass to provide the full range of viable support services.

Already in this current year Wiltshire Council's Children Services is to have its budget cut by £2.1 million. Added to this is the certainty that Wiltshire Council funds from central government will be cut by at least 25% over the next four years. This must severely impact on local – non opted out – educational provision.

Also it seems that much of the funding for these opted out schools – Academies and Free Schools – will come from the curtailment of the Building Schools for the Future programme. This, in turn, will mean that few, if any, remaining LEA schools will be rebuilt.

This Council therefore resolves to:

communicate the consequences of the opting out of Academies and Free Schools to the people of Wiltshire so that they can better understand what is going on'.

Cllr Jeff Osborn spoke to his motion. He explained his concern that the opting out arrangements could lead to an erosion of local authority education and a two tier education system with local authority schools being stigmatised as 'Council schools' and that this would also widen the achievement gap.

The Chairman moved that the motion be debated and this was duly seconded by the Vice-Chairman and it was

Resolved:

That notice of motion no.11 be debated.

The Chairman called on Cllr Grundy to open the debate as the Cabinet member for Children's Services before inviting Group Leaders and then opening the debate to other Councillors.

Cllr Grundy did not support the motion. He explained that the Academy Bill was still progressing and it was too early to give a view on what the consequences would be.

A discussion ensued, during which arguments were made for and against the motion. After careful consideration, it was

Resolved:

That motion no. 11 as detailed above be NOT adopted.

57. **Notice of Motion No. 12 - Political Reform and Freedom Bill - From Councillors Jon Hubbard and Peter Colmer**

The Chairman reported receipt of the following notice of motion moved and by Cllr Jon Hubbard and seconded by Cllr Peter Colmer:

'That:

Council notes:

The new Government's commitment for much needed political reform and the restoration of our civil liberties.

Council welcomes:

*The proposal to bring in a proportionally elected second chamber ensuring that all Wiltshire residents have a full and proper say in who represents them;
Proposals to regulate party funding increasing transparency to Wiltshire residents of how their political parties operate;
The proposal to hold a referendum to give people a chance to vote to end First Past the Post elections for Local Authorities, such as Wiltshire Council, and the House of Commons;*

Council also welcomes the introduction of the Freedom Bill, which will enhance the lives of Wiltshire residents by:

*Scrapping the illiberal ID cards scheme;
Bringing to an end to the fingerprinting of children in schools without their parent's consent;
Introducing better regulation of CCTV cameras;
Placing significant restrictions on the DNA database;
and restoring the right to protest.*

*Council resolves to write to Wiltshire's MPs asking for their support in Parliament when these bills are heard
To write to the Deputy Prime Minister giving this council's support to the proposed bills'.*

Cllr Jon Hubbard spoke to his motion. He explained that quite dramatic changes on how democracy would be reflected and urged support for the Bill by supporting his motion.

The Chairman moved that the motion be debated and this was duly seconded by the Vice-Chairman and it was

Resolved:

That notice of motion no.12 be debated

The Chairman called on the Leader to open the debate before inviting other Group Leaders and then opening the debate to other Councillors.

The Leader explained that whilst there was no doubt that this Council would wish to support much of what was currently in the Bill, it was too early to make a judgement. She also considered that national issues should be dealt with nationally and through lobbying of members of Parliament. For those reasons, she considered that the motion should not be supported at this time and that Council should await further information as the Bill progresses.

After careful consideration, it was

Resolved:

That motion no. 12 as detailed above be NOT adopted.

58. **Warminster Town Alcohol Consumption In Designated Public Places Order (DPPO)**

Declaration of Interest

Cllr Andrew Davis declared a personal interest in this item as a dual hatted member also on Warminster Town Council.

Cllr Keith Humphries, Cabinet member for Health and Wellbeing presented a report on a recommendation from the Warminster Area Board to make a Designated Public Place Order (DPPO) in respect of a prescribed area of Warminster as indicated on the plan presented.

He explained that a DPPO gave the Police the power to ask persons who were behaving or likely to behave in an alcohol induced anti-social manner within the area, to stop drinking and hand over any alcohol in their possession. Refusal is an offence, which may result in arrest and a fine.

On the basis of the Area Board report and the consultation findings, which had found in favour of the Order, Cllr Keith Humphries proposed that the DPPO be made. He also recommended that in future such determinations be delegated to the Licensing Committee.

Resolved

- (a) That Wiltshire Council makes a Designated Public Place Order under S.13 of the Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001 in respect of the land described in the attached map in the town of Warminster.**
- (b) That Council pursuant to S.7(3) of the Licensing Act 2003 resolves to delegate the power to make a Designated Public Places Order under S.13(2) of the Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001, to the**

Council's Licensing Committee, considering that the power to make such an Order sufficiently relates to matters already referred to that Committee under S.7(1) of the Licensing Act 2003.

59. **Membership of Committees**

The Chairman gave Group Leaders an opportunity to make any necessary changes to committee membership in accordance with the allocation of seats to political groups previously approved by council.

Following requests made by Cllr Jon Hubbard (Liberal Democrat group) and Cllr Christopher Newbury (Independent group), it was

Resolved

To approve the following changes to committee membership:

Officer Appointments Committee

To replace Cllr Trevor Carbin with Cllr Jon Hubbard with Cllr Peter Colmer as substitute.

Health and Adult Social Care Committee

To replace Cllr Peter Colmer with Cllr Judy Rooke.

To replace Cllr Jon Hubbard as substitute with Peter Colmer.

Strategic Planning Committee

To replace Cllr Steve Petty as substitute with Cllr Peter Colmer.

Eastern Area Planning Committee

That Cllr Francis Morland be appointed as substitute member.

(Duration of meeting: 10.30am – 2.30pm)

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