Salisbury City Council – Update for Salisbury Area Board – Thu 23 Jan 2020 A Statement by Councillor Jeremy Nettle, the Leader of Salisbury City Council

As the Leader of the City Council, I am delighted to report footfall increased in the last month of last year in the City to exceed that in 2018 and against the National trend. This is due, I am confident, in part at least to the excellent Christmas Fayre and Ice Rink put on by the City Council with the support of Wiltshire Council and South Western Railways. This Fayre was voted the 3rd best in Europe by Ideal Homes.

The council has been active across the city with a program of capital investment. The Council new cemetery has now seen 10 burials and this is an important new facility for the city. The Coach Station toilets located in Millstream Approach have been refurbished as part of Salisbury City Council's Public Toilet Refurbishment Project, our attention will now turn to Lush House Car Park toilet where we hope to be able to install a Changes Places toilet.

In line with our Climate Change declaration, we have begun in invest in battery powered machines for use in our parks and open space, replacing diesel fuelled equipment. The City Council is pleased to report that a second water re-fill station is now available to use allowing locals and residents to refill their water bottle and limit the use of single us plastic bottles.

I meet recently with the Chairman of Laverstock and Ford Parish Council to discuss issues with have in common and I hope to carry on this liaison in the New Year.

And finally in December, the refurbished Shop Mobility office was officially opened by the Mayor. This space is now bright, light and up to date, providing a good environment for staff, our valuable volunteers and our customers.