

**Wiltshire Council**

**Annual Council**

**17 May 2011**

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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.