

Wiltshire Council

Cabinet

17 January 2012 (morning meeting)

Public Participation

Questions from Mr Nigel Partridge

Proposed Creation of Central Devizes Customer Access Point and the Closure of Browfort, Urchfont Manor and Bradley Road Buildings

Question 1

Has consideration been given to increasing the business at Urchfont Manor? It would appear to have great potential, e.g. the number of weddings booked for 2012 shows an increase on previous years.

Question 2

Adult courses are available elsewhere but is there any other venue that can offer the same facilities as Urchfont Manor and, more particularly, the lovely setting? Many people on the courses are there for a break or a holiday - the venue with its accommodation and surrounding grounds is therefore part of the overall package.

Question 3

Once the Manor is sold will it be possible to acquire such a venue in the future? Is this, in any case, the best time to consider selling the property?

Question 4

Urchfont Manor has been included with the proposed office closures. What proportion of the projected savings relates to Urchfont Manor?