#### WILTSHIRE COUNCIL

# ANNUAL COUNCIL 18 MAY 2010

### **COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS**

# QUESTION FROM COUNCILLOR TREVOR CARBIN HOLT AND STAVERTON DIVISION

# TO COUNCILLOR JANE SCOTT LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

### Question 1

One of the three key goals set out in WC's First Year Plan was to "Ensure local, open, honest decision making." Cabinet on 23rd June 2009 resolved to devise a rotation scheme for meetings of the Cabinet "so that meetings are held regularly around the county."

Of the ten Cabinet meetings since that resolution was made one (July 2009) was held in Salisbury and the next nine were in County Hall.

What is the reason for this failure of Cabinet to observe its own resolution of June 2009?"

## Response

We did agree to rotate cabinet meetings around the County and for the Cabinet Forward Work Plan to be used to identify localised issues which would determine the location of meetings. We had a significant item for Salisbury in respect of the Academies project in June last year and accordingly, the meeting which discussed that item in July was held in Salisbury. Since then, in the absence of what could be regarded as significant local issues, Cabinet meetings have been held at County Hall.

I do intend, that regardless of whether or not there are local issues to be considered, meetings will be rotated around the County in future and at the Cabinet meeting on 20 April, I circulated details of the location of future meetings which are as follows.:

24 May - Monkton Park, Chippenham

22 June - County Hall

27 July - Browfort, Devizes

14 September - City Hall, Salisbury

19 October - Browfort, Devizes

16 November - Monkton Park, Chippenham

14 December - County Hall