

**Wiltshire Council**

**Annual Council**

**14 May 2013**

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**Item 9 – Public Participation – Questions from the Public**

**Question from Mr Phil Matthews**

**To the relevant Cabinet Member**

**Question**

Healthwatch Wiltshire should have been up and running on the 1st April 2013 following the Cabinet Meeting decision made in October 2012 but it was not. What is the progress to date with regards Healthwatch Wiltshire?

**Response**

Health Watch was established from 1st April 2013. They have appointed a Chair, Chris Graves and an Executive Board.

Work is ongoing to develop to establish a staff structure and make appointments to posts.

Within the timescales set by government and the employment issues around establishing a new organisation positive progress is being made and the Council is looking forward to a vibrant Wiltshire Health Watch.