

Wiltshire Council

Annual Council

14 May 2013

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.