

COUNCIL (BUDGET MEETING)

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 24 FEBRUARY 2015 AT COUNCIL CHAMBER - COUNTY HALL, TROWBRIDGE BA14 8JN.

Present:

Cllr Desna Allen, Cllr Glenis Ansell, Cllr Pat Aves, Cllr Chuck Berry, Cllr Richard Britton, Cllr Rosemary Brown, Cllr Liz Bryant, Cllr Allison Bucknell, Cllr Trevor Carbin, Cllr Chris Caswill, Cllr Mary Champion, Cllr Terry Chivers, Cllr Ernie Clark, Cllr Richard Clewer, Cllr Mark Connolly, Cllr Christine Crisp, Cllr Brian Dalton, Cllr Andrew Davis, Cllr Tony Deane, Cllr Christopher Devine, Cllr Stewart Dobson, Cllr Bill Douglas, Cllr Mary Douglas, Cllr Dennis Drewett, Cllr Peter Edge, Cllr Peter Evans, Cllr Sue Evans, Cllr Nick Fogg MBE, Cllr Richard Gamble, Cllr Jose Green, Cllr Mike Hewitt, Cllr Alan Hill, Cllr Charles Howard, Cllr Jon Hubbard, Cllr Keith Humphries, Cllr Chris Hurst, Cllr Peter Hutton, Cllr Simon Jacobs, Cllr David Jenkins, Cllr Julian Johnson, Cllr Bob Jones MBE, Cllr Simon Killane, Cllr Gordon King, Cllr John Knight, Cllr Jerry Kunkler, Cllr Jacqui Lay, Cllr Magnus Macdonald, Cllr Alan MacRae, Cllr Howard Marshall, Cllr Laura Mayes, Cllr Helena McKeown, Cllr Ian McLennan, Cllr Jemima Milton, Cllr Bill Moss, Cllr Christopher Newbury, Cllr John Noeken, Cllr Paul Oatway, Cllr Stephen Oldrieve, Cllr Helen Osborn, Cllr Jeff Osborn, Cllr Linda Packard, Cllr Mark Packard, Cllr Sheila Parker, Cllr Graham Payne, Cllr Nina Phillips, Cllr David Pollitt, Cllr Leo Randall, Cllr Fleur de Rhé-Philipe, Cllr Pip Ridout, Cllr Ricky Rogers, Cllr Jane Scott OBE, Cllr Jonathon Seed, Cllr James Sheppard, Cllr Toby Sturgis, Cllr John Thomson, Cllr Ian Thorn, Cllr Dick Tonge, Cllr Tony Trotman, Cllr John Walsh, Cllr Nick Watts, Cllr Bridget Wayman, Cllr Ian West, Cllr Philip Whalley, Cllr Stuart Wheeler, Cllr Roy While (Chairman), Cllr Philip Whitehead, Cllr Jerry Wickham, Cllr Christopher Williams and Cllr Graham Wright

9 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Nick Blakemore, Howard Greenman, Mollie Groom, Alan Hill, Russell Hawker, George Jeans, John Smale, Ian Tomes and Fred Westmoreland.

Councillor Andrew Davis gave his apologies that he would arrive late to the meeting owing to duties in his role as Mayor of Warminster and unitary councillor for a Royal Visit.

10 **Minutes of Previous Meetings**

The minutes of the meetings held on 21 October 2014 and 20 January 2015 were presented.

Questions were raised as to the accuracy of the resolution under Minute 73a in relation to the Fire Authority Merger, but it was confirmed that the resolution was as agreed by Council at the meeting, as explained in detail in the body of the minutes.

Councillor Hubbard wished to record his disquiet at the lateness of publishing the minutes of the meeting held on 21 October 2014.

Following a vote, it was,

Resolved:

That the minutes of the Council meetings held on 21 October 2014 and 20 January 2015 be approved as correct records and signed by the Chairman.

11 **Declarations of Interest**

The Chairman reminded members of the letter previously circulated from the Monitoring Officer dated 2 February which made particular reference to interests in the context of considering the budget and where members had tenancies with the Council.

Councillor Brian Dalton declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in the Budget in so far as it related to the housing revenue account as he held a garage tenancy with the Council. Cllr Dalton indicated he would withdraw from the meeting when a separate vote is taken on the housing revenue account details.

12 **Announcements by the Chairman**

The Chairman made the following announcements:

a) Carol Services

Councillors will be aware that various carol services were held in December. The County of Wiltshire Service was held in the Minster Church of St Denys in Warminster in December. The service was conducted by the Right Reverend the Bishop of Ramsbury and Revered Jacque Desrosiers, with delightful musical contributions from the choir of Minster C.E Primary School.

Three staff Christmas celebrations were held at County Hall, Monkton Park and Bourne Hill. At the County Hall celebration, the newly formed Wiltshire Council Singers performed the 'Lion of Judah', which had sounded wonderful in the Atrium.

All services were successful occasions and the Chairman thanked all councillors who supported them.

b) Remembrance Day Services and Parades

The Chairman thanked Wiltshire Councillors for their willingness to be involved in and attend Remembrance Day services last November, which he said, was particularly important in this WW1 commemoration year. Councillors laid wreaths at war memorials in towns and villages across the County on behalf of the council.

The Council has also supported the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal by selling poppies at its offices.

c) Royal Visits

The County had been fortunate to have received two further Royal Visits. In October His Royal Highness the Duke of Kent visited Marlborough to attend the rededication of the Town's war memorial as part of their World War I Centenary commemorations, and he also presented medals to members of 4MI Battalion. His Royal Highness then went on to visit Swindon Radio 105.5 to present them with their Queen's Award for Voluntary Service, and Swindon Dance, an organisation with a national reputation for providing high-quality dance training not only for students throughout Wiltshire but also the South-West.

In December Her Royal Highness the Princess Royal visited Tedworth House in Tidworth in her capacity as President of the City and Guilds of London Institute. Her Royal Highness toured the Help for Heroes Centre, opened a new greenhouse facility in the grounds and presented certificates to those who had recently completed City and Guild Qualifications.

d) Wiltshire and Swindon Youth Orchestra Concerts

The Wiltshire and Swindon Youth Orchestra held New Year concerts in Bradford-on-Avon and Salisbury in January, which both the Chairman and Vice-Chairman had the privilege to attend.

The Chairman encouraged councillors to attend these concerts to support the orchestra. The young people were exceptionally talented and the quality of their performances was always outstanding, providing everyone with a truly wonderful and uplifting experience. Nick Howdle, Head of the Wiltshire Music Service, is to be congratulated for encouraging and nurturing these young people to perform such inspiring concerts.

e) 'Bite the Ballot' Voter Registration

The Chairman drew Councillors' attention to the 'Bite the Ballot' Campaign, which is a party neutral initiative to empower young voters and increase voter registration, especially among the young. We have worked with the campaign to inform and register 16-24 years olds in Wiltshire with activities being held in schools and colleges across the County. The Chairman hoped that Councillors would also be able to support the initiative in their own communities to encourage voter registration, especially among the young.

13 Petitions

13a) Petitions Received

No petitions were received for presentation to this Council meeting.

13b) Petitions Update

A report by the Democratic Governance Manager was presented which gave Council details of the 6 petitions received for the period since the last Council meeting.

Resolved:

That Council note the report, the petitions received and the actions being taken in relation to them, as set out in the Appendix to the report.

14 Public Participation

No formal questions had been received from members of the public for this meeting.

Mr Dulwich, Mr Byrne and Mr Williams had requested to address Council on the Budget and would therefore be invited to speak at that item.

15 Wiltshire Council Financial Plan 2015/16

Public Participation

The following members of the public made statements on the proposed Budget:

Mr Dulwich - urged Council to maintain funding to retain in his opinion, the much needed Connect 2 bus Service to the Royal United Hospital, Bath and gave examples of the impact of its withdrawal.

Mr Byrne – expressed his dissatisfaction with the reductions in funding of Council services and for not challenging sufficiently the reductions in central government funding.

Mr Williams – expressed concern over the decline in services provided by the Council citing litter along highways, the proposed discontinuation of funding of the Connect 2 bus services and proposals to charge for the green waste bin service. He considered that a modest increase in council tax would be a preference to maintain and improve such services.

Council was asked to debate and approve a net revenue budget of £314.983 million, to freeze Council Tax, approve rents, fees and charges, the capital programme and reserves.

The Chairman explained at the outset, how he intended to chair this item and referred to the previously circulated budget process. He reminded Councillors of the various papers that had been circulated in connection with Council's consideration of this item as follows:

- A) The Leader's budget speech - this was emailed to Councillors once it was given and is attached as Appendix A to these minutes.
- B) The proposed amendments of the Liberal Democrat group, including comments from statutory officers.
- C) The reports of the meetings of the Overview And Scrutiny Management Committee held on 4 and 13 February 2015.
- D) The recommendations from the Cabinet meeting held on 10 February 2015.
- E) The Financial Plan Update 2015/16 report of the Section 151 Officer, together with the Budget Book, proposed fees and charges and the relevant extract of the Schools Forum minutes.
- F) The proposed council tax resolution which would be taken separately.

The Leader of the Council addressed Council delivering her budget speech (Appendix A). The Leader highlighted the successes of the Council, the continuing pressures on Council services and the financial challenges facing the Council in the face of continued reductions in central Government funding.

Councillor Dick Tonge, Cabinet member for Finance presented the Council's proposed Financial Plan update for 2015/16. He noted that the Council had made savings of £123 million over the last five years whilst continuing to invest in the growth of the local economy, the need to make savings of £30 million in 2015/16 and have a balanced budget, despite continued financial pressures.

Councillor Tonge guided members through the budget documentation highlighting key points. He referred to the consultation undertaken on the budget which included public meetings, tenants' panel and meetings with the trade unions, details of which were presented.

Councillor Tonge thanked Michael Hudson, Associate Director for Finance, his team and other officers for their hard work on putting together a difficult budget. He also thanked Councillor Glenis Ansell and her Financial Planning Task Group for their scrutiny input into the budget process.

Councillor Tonge concluded by commenting that the Council had strong financial management, was aware of its costs and prepared to challenge. It managed its reserves and debts professionally and was innovative about the way it addressed the challenges it faced. The Council also recognised the national economic situation and the unprecedented reductions in its grant and the difficult decisions that needed to be made to continue to be financially strong.

The Council would continue to lobby central Government for a change in local government funding and stress the need for certainty to be able to plan ahead with confidence. Council was therefore assessed as financially viable with sound and strong financial standing to set the proposed frozen council tax to continue to benefit in particular, the less well off pending improvements in the economic situation.

Councillor Dick Tonge moved the budget as presented and this was duly seconded by the Leader.

Councillor Simon Killane, Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee presented the reports of his Committee dated 4 February which had considered and scrutinised the budget proposals. He explained how scrutiny had been able to add value to the budget process focussing on the 12 key Business Plan deliverable outcomes. He hoped that scrutiny had assisted to improve the budget process and facilitate a more informed debate at this meeting. He considered that scrutiny had a role to play in the implementation of the budget and hoped that scrutiny would be engaged in this way.

Councillor Glenis Ansell, Chairman of the Financial Planning Task Group reported on the work of her Task Group and how it had reviewed and monitored the budget, examined this years budget process to ensure it was robust, reliability of systems, assessment of assumptions and financial planning, how the funding gap would be bridged and the approach to identifying necessary savings, and that reserves were set at a prudent amount. Councillor Ansell reported that her Task Group was satisfied on all these areas. Furthermore, she considered that the budget process had worked very well. The members' briefing, arrangements for public consultation and engagement of scrutiny had added value to the budget process. The Task Group had also looked at specific budget areas and identified those it wished to consider further.

The Chairman invited remaining Group Leaders to comment on the budget as proposed.

Councillor Jon Hubbard spoke on the proposed budget, acknowledged the difficult and challenging financial situation and spoke against the one size fits all approach taken by central Government when it came to reductions in local government funding. Councillor Hubbard commented that he would not be supporting the budget as he did not feel it would adequately support the elderly and vulnerable. This was particularly in relation to the Connect 2 bus service to the RUH, Bath. He compared this Council with other comparable unitary authorities which had agreed modest council tax increases. He considered that due to reductions in central Government funding, this Council would not be able to deliver reasonable services without looking at ways of increasing its income.

Councillor Ernie Clark considered that reductions in central Government funding were likely to be continued. He agreed with the comments of Councillor Hubbard and considered that there were other ways of achieving a balanced budget without all of the reductions being proposed.

Councillor Ricky Rogers thanked the administration for the open and transparent budget process. He acknowledged the significant savings made by the Council over the last few years and that it had behaved as a model Council and earned various accolades for the way it operated. Yet, despite this, the Council continued to be penalised when it came to its funding settlement. He referred to hard working families and the difficulties they had endured over the last few years with very low pay increases and significant increases in living costs. He acknowledged it was a difficult choice between the need to make savings and the pain and hardship of increasing council tax.

The Chairman gave Group Leaders the opportunity to propose amendments to the budget noting that all Group Leaders had already been given the opportunity to submit amendments in time to be scrutinised.

Councillor Jon Hubbard presented his Group's amendments which had been considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee on 13 February 2015. He considered the amendments faced up to harsh realities and provided an alternative solution to better meet the needs of and invest in communities, particularly the most vulnerable.

Councillor Hubbard moved the following amendments to the budget and this was duly seconded:

To increase the Council's income in the budget by £1.719m through proposing a 1.9% Council Tax increase. The resultant additional income would be used to reverse a number of proposals within the Administrations current budget proposals summarised as follows:

Investment	£m	Funding	£m
1. Reverse garden waste charging and introduce suspension - 3 months	£ 0.550	Council Tax at 1.9%	1.719
2. Reverse music service decision	£ 0.148		
3. Reverse part of Hopper proposal but require review of how it is delivered which can deliver some savings.	£ 0.130		
4. Reverse the decision on concessionary fares	£ 0.070		
5. Reverse the decision to remove art grants	£ 0.089		
6. Reverse the decision to remove museum concessions	£ 0.070		
7. Invest in Highways, reversing some of the savings to be reviewed and will add back some, also add in new investment in community projects	£ 0.249		
8. Invest in community transport champion	£ 0.050		
9. Reduce capital and reintroduce revenue to Area Boards	£ 0.363		
Total invest	£ 1.719	Total Funding	1.719

Councillor Hubbard explained the background and rationale to the above proposals and confirmed that his proposals had been signed off by the Section 151 Officer as being financially sound, by the Monitoring Officer as legally sound and by the Corporate Directors as deliverable.

Councillor Simon Killane requested Council to take into account the views of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee which considered these amendments at its meeting on 13 February 2015 as detailed in its report as presented.

The Chairman invited remaining Group Leaders to respond to the amendments before opening the debate to other members. During open debate, the relevant Cabinet members also responded to the amendments.

To assist with and manage the lengthy debate which ensued, the Chairman permitted Councillor Hubbard to respond to the points raised on his amendments before permitting Councillor Tonge as mover of the original motion to exercise his right of reply.

The amendments taken as one proposal, were put to the vote and LOST and in accordance with the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2014), the voting was recorded as follows:

For the amendment (31)

Councillors Desna Allen, Glenis Ansell, Pat Aves, Rosemary Brown, Terry Chivers, Trevor Carbin, Chris Caswill, Ernie Clark, Brian Dalton, Dennis Drewett, Peter Edge, Chris Hurst, Jon Hubbard, David Jenkins, Bob Jones MBE, Gordon King, Howard Marshall, Magnus Macdonald, Dr Helena McKeown, Ian McLennan, Stephen Oldrieve, Helen Osborn, Jeff Osborn, Linda Packard, Mark Packard, Ricky Rogers, Ian Thorn, John Walsh, Nick Watts, Ian West and Graham Wright

Against the amendment (55)

Councillors Chuck Berry, Richard Britton, Liz Bryant, Allison Bucknell, Mary Champion, Richard Clewer, Mark Connolly, Christine Crisp, Andrew Davis, Tony Deane, Christopher Devine, Stewart Dobson, Mary Douglas, Peter Evans, Sue Evans, Richard Gamble, Jose Green, Mike Hewitt, Charles Howard, Keith Humphries, Peter Hutton, Simon Jacobs, Julian Johnson, Simon Killane, John Knight, Jerry Kunkler, Jacqui Lay, Laura Mayes, Bill Moss, Christopher Newbury, John Noeken, Paul Oatway QPM, Sheila Parker, Graham Payne, Nina Phillips, David Pollitt, Leo Randall, Fleur de Rhé-Phillipe, Pip Ridout, Jane Scott OBE, Jonathon Seed, James Sheppard, Toby Sturgis, John Thomson, Richard Tonge, Tony Trotman, Bridget Wayman, Philip Whalley, Stuart Wheeler, Roy While, Jerry Wickham and Christopher Williams.

Abstention (1)

Councillor Nick Fogg MBE

The debate then returned to the original motion as moved by Councillor Tonge with an opportunity given for other Group Leaders and other members to move amendments. The Leader and relevant Cabinet members responded to the questions raised on the budget proposals.

The Chairman put the motion to the vote, taking a separate vote on the proposals in respect of the housing revenue account in which Cllr Brian Dalton had earlier in the meeting, declared a disclosable pecuniary interest. This enabled Cllr Dalton to remain present and participate in the voting on matters outside the housing revenue account.

On being put to the vote, the motion was CARRIED and it was therefore

Resolved:

That Council:

(a) Endorses the update of the Financial Plan for 2015/16.

- (b) Approves the savings and investment proposals summarised at Sections 9 and 7 respectively of the report and at Appendix 1 of the report as presented, to provide a net revenue budget for 2015/16 of £314.983 million.**
- (c) To:**
 - (i) Freeze Wiltshire Council's element of the Band D council tax for 2015/16 £1,222.43, as calculated in accordance with statute, as set out in Section 10 of the report as presented.**
 - (ii) Set the Council's total net expenditure budget for 2015/16 at £314.983 million.**
 - (iii) Set a 2.2% increase for dwelling rents in accordance with rent restructuring;**
 - (iv) (separate vote taken – see below)**
 - (v) (separate vote taken – see below)**
 - (vi) Approve the Capital programme proposed at Appendix 1F of the report as presented.**
 - (vii) Set the changes in fees and charges set out in detail at Section 8 of and at Appendix 1H of the report as presented.**

In accordance with the afore mentioned Regulations, the voting was recorded as follows:

For the motion (53)

Councillors Chuck Berry, Richard Britton, Liz Bryant, Allison Bucknell, Mary Champion, Richard Clewer, Mark Connolly, Christine Crisp, Andrew Davis, Tony Deane, Christopher Devine, Stewart Dobson, Mary Douglas, Peter Evans, Sue Evans, Richard Gamble, Jose Green, Mike Hewitt, Charles Howard, Keith Humphries, Peter Hutton, Simon Jacobs, Julian Johnson, John Knight, Jerry Kunkler, Jacqui Lay, Laura Mayes, Bill Moss, Christopher Newbury, John Noeken, Paul Oatway QPM, Sheila Parker, Graham Payne, Nina Phillips, Leo Randall, Fleur de Rhé-Phillipe, Pip Ridout, Jane Scott OBE, Jonathon Seed, James Sheppard, Toby Sturgis, John Thomson, Richard Tonge, Tony Trotman, Bridget Wayman, Philip Whalley, Stuart Wheeler, Roy While, Jerry Wickham and Christopher Williams.

Against the motion (32)

Councillors Desna Allen, Glenis Ansell, Pat Aves, Rosemary Brown, Terry Chivers, Trevor Carbin, Chris Caswill, Ernie Clark, Brian Dalton, Dennis Drewett, Peter Edge, Chris Hurst, Jon Hubbard, David Jenkins, Bob Jones MBE, Gordon King, Howard Marshall, Magnus Macdonald, Dr Helena McKeown, Ian McLennan, Stephen Oldrieve, Helen Osborn, Jeff Osborn, Linda

Packard, Mark Packard, David Pollitt, Ricky Rogers, Ian Thorn, John Walsh, Nick Watts, Ian West and Graham Wright

Abstentions (2)

Councillors Nick Fogg MBE and Simon Killane

Recommendation c iv and v – in respect of the Housing Revenue Account – Councillor Brian Dalton, having declared a disclosable pecuniary interest on this aspect of the budget, withdrew from the meeting for the duration of the vote being taken and it was

Resolved:

That Council

c)

(iv) Set the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Budget for 2015/16 as set out at Appendix 1G of this report.

(v) That all other service charges related to the HRA be increased by 2.2% including garage rents.

In accordance with the relevant Regulations, the voting was recorded as follows:

For the motion (49)

Councillors Chuck Berry, Richard Britton, Liz Bryant, Allison Bucknell, Mary Champion, Richard Clewer, Mark Connolly, Christine Crisp, Andrew Davis, Tony Deane, Christopher Devine, Stewart Dobson, Mary Douglas, Peter Evans, Sue Evans, Richard Gamble, Jose Green, Mike Hewitt, Charles Howard, Keith Humphries, Peter Hutton, Simon Jacobs, Julian Johnson, John Knight, Jerry Kunkler, Jacqui Lay, Alan MacRae, Laura Mayes, Jemima Milton, Bill Moss, Christopher Newbury, John Noeken, Paul Oatway QPM, Sheila Parker, Graham Payne, Leo Randall, Fleur de Rhé-Phillipe, Pip Ridout, Jane Scott OBE, Jonathon Seed, James Sheppard, Toby Sturgis, John Thomson, Richard Tonge, Tony Trotman, Bridget Wayman, Philip Whalley, Stuart Wheeler, Roy While, Philip Whitehead, Jerry Wickham and Christopher Williams.

Against the motion (29)

Councillors Desna Allen, Glenis Ansell, Pat Aves, Rosemary Brown, Terry Chivers, Trevor Carbin, Chris Caswill, Peter Edge, Chris Hurst, Jon Hubbard, David Jenkins, Bob Jones MBE, Gordon King, Howard Marshall, Magnus Macdonald, Dr Helena McKeown, Ian McLennan, Stephen Oldrieve, Helen Osborn, Jeff Osborn, Linda Packard, Mark Packard, David Pollitt, Ricky Rogers, Ian Thorn, John Walsh, Nick Watts, Ian West and Graham Wright

Abstentions (3)

Councillors Nick Fogg MBE, Simon Killane and Nina Phillips.

Proposed Council Tax Resolution 2015/16

At the Chairman's invitation Councillor Dick Tonge, Cabinet member for Finance presented a report which detailed the various calculations in the prescribed format to enable Council to approve the council tax requirement for 2015/16. It was based on the council tax base approved by Cabinet at its meeting held on 16 December 2014. The report presented also included details from the precept authorities. Councillor Tonge moved the council tax resolution and this was seconded by the Leader and it was

Resolved:

That Council approve the following:

- 1. It be noted that on 16 December 2014 the Council calculated:**
 - (a) the Council Tax Base 2015/2016 for the whole Wiltshire Council area as 170,842.49 [Item T in the formula in Section 31B(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the "Act")] and,**
 - (b) for dwellings in those parts of its area to which a Parish precept relates as in the attached Appendix B.**
- 2. Calculate that the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2015/2016 (excluding Parish precepts) is £208,842,985.**
- 3. That the following amounts be calculated for the year 2015/2016 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Act:**
 - (a) £907,644,458 (Gross Revenue Expenditure including transfers to reserves, parish precepts and any collection fund deficit) being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act taking into account all precepts issued to it by Parish Councils).**
 - (b) £684,595,015 (Gross Revenue Income including transfers from reserves, General Government Grants and any collection fund surplus) being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.**
 - (c) £223,049,443 (Net Revenue Expenditure including parish precepts) being the amount by which the aggregate at 3(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 3(b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act**

as its Council Tax requirement for the year. (Item R in the formula in Section 31A(4) of the Act).

(d) £1,305.59

(Wiltshire Council band D tax plus average Town & Parish Councils Band D Council Tax) being the amount at 3(c) above (Item R), all divided by Item T (2 above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B(1) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year (including Parish precepts), as shown below:

Band A £	Band B £	Band C £	Band D £	Band E £	Band F £	Band G £	Band H £
870.39	1,015.46	1,160.52	1,305.59	1,595.72	1,885.85	2,175.98	2,611.18

(e) £14,206,458

(Aggregate of Town & Parish Council Precepts) being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish Precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act (as per the attached Appendix C).

(f) £1,222.43

(band D Council Tax for Wiltshire Council purposes only) being the amount at 3(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 3(e) above by Item T (2 above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no Parish precept relates, as shown below:

Band A £	Band B £	Band C £	Band D £	Band E £	Band F £	Band G £	Band H £
814.95	950.78	1,086.60	1,222.43	1,494.08	1,765.73	2,037.38	2,444.86

In accordance with the relevant Regulations, the above decisions were the subject of a recorded vote as follows:

For the motion (76)

Councillors Desna Allen, Glenis Ansell, Pat Aves, Chuck Berry, Richard Britton, Rosemary Brown, Liz Bryant, Allison Bucknell, Trevor Carbin, Mary Champion, Ernie Clark, Richard Clewer, Mark Connolly, Christine Crisp, Brian Dalton, Andrew Davis, Tony Deane, Christopher Devine, Stewart Dobson, Bill Douglas, Mary Douglas, Dennis Drewett, Peter Evans, Sue Evans, Nick Fogg MBE, Richard Gamble, Jose Green, Mike Hewitt, Charles Howard, Jon Hubbard,

Keith Humphries, Chris Hurst, Peter Hutton, Simon Jacobs, George Jeans, David Jenkins, Julian Johnson, Bob Jones MBE, Simon Killane, John Knight, Jerry Kunkler, Jacqui Lay, Magnus Macdonald, Alan MacRae, Laura Mayes, Dr Helena McKeown, Jemima Milton, Bill Moss, Christopher Newbury, John Noeken, Paul Oatway QPM, Stephen Oldrieve, Linda Packard, Mark Packard, Sheila Parker, Graham Payne, Nina Phillips, Leo Randall, Pip Ridout, Fleur de Rhé-Phillipe, Jane Scott OBE, Jonathon Seed, James Sheppard, Toby Sturgis, John Thomson, Ian Thorn, Richard Tonge, Tony Trotman, Nick Watts, Bridget Wayman, Ian West, Philip Whalley, Stuart Wheeler, Roy While, Philip Whitehead, Jerry Wickham, Christopher Williams and Graham Wright

Against the motion (10)

Councillors Terry Chivers, Peter Edge, Gordon King, Howard Marshall, Ian McLennan, Helen Osborn, Jeff Osborn, David Pollitt, Ricky Rogers and John Walsh

Abstention (1)

Councillor Chris Caswill

16 Proposed Council Tax Reduction Scheme

At the Chairman's request, Councillor Dick Tonge, Cabinet member for Finance, presented a report for Council's consideration following recommendation by Cabinet at its meeting on 10 February 2015.

The report recommended that the local council tax reduction scheme remain unchanged for a further year. The scheme would however, be augmented by the introduction of a discretionary fund in conjunction with other schemes to support the most vulnerable, for which budget provision in the sum of £200,000 had been made. The report also highlighted an anomaly in the administration of local council tax discounts concerning the treatment of empty homes and sought to close this loophole.

Resolved:

That Council:

- a) Confirms the £200,000 discretionary fund, in the budget is made available to support those households with multiple debts. The report is supplied with a policy, procedure and equality impact assessment to support the introduction of the new fund.**
- b) Agrees to close a loophole identified in the administration of the council tax charged on empty homes and to propose the minimum duration of six weeks a property must be occupied before another period of discount or exemption can apply.**

- c) **Agrees that in all other aspects the council scheme remains unchanged in 2015-16.**
- d) **That work is carried out to identify and implement a more coordinated approach to managing debt that avoids duplication within the Council.**
- e) **That key staff be trained and qualified to deliver financial support and personal budgeting.**

17 **Proposed Combined Fire and Rescue Authority for Wiltshire and Dorset**

Councillor Dick Tonge, Cabinet member for Finance presented a report which sought confirmation of the Council's position on the locally led proposed combination of the Dorset and the Wiltshire & Swindon Fire Authorities and creation of a Combined Fire and Rescue Authority for Wiltshire and Dorset.

This followed the Council's decision from its last meeting of Council held on 21 October 2014, where it had sought assurances on a number of key areas and therefore preferred not to commit to any option until such time as the issues had been resolved. The key areas of concern were as follows:

- How would the funding gap be bridged?
- Were there further savings that could be made in collaboration with other public bodies?
- How would the equalisation of precepts be dealt with and what the impact would be on Wiltshire residents.
- How it could be assured that key local decisions were not prejudiced by being out voted by the other constituent authorities?

At the Chairman's invitation, Councillor Chris Devine in his capacity as Chairman of the Wiltshire and Swindon Fire Authority addressed Council. In his presentation, Councillor Devine gave the following in addressing the specific concerns of the Council, gave the following assurances:

- Revised tax base increases would mean that full financial solvency would be achieved from 2015-2020
- Improved financial position of the Fire Authority since that reported in October 2014
- The funding gap would be fully bridged under best and worst case scenarios with revised tax base increase from 1% to 2.1% in Wiltshire and 0.2% to 1.5% in Dorset
- We can set a balanced budget beyond 18/19 without the need to raise council tax beyond referendum limits.

- Improved tax base would mean equalization would be possible without the need to raise precept levels excessively
- The Fire Authority would continue to discuss with DCLG the possibility of an Alternative Notional Amount (ANA) to seek to achieve equalisation on day one to offset future uncertainty around grant reductions, further improve its financial forecast and therefore further protect front line services
- Dorset Fire Authority had supported democratic equalisation
- Both Fire Authorities had agreed 15 members each
- Governance Review April 2018
- Wiltshire Council would have the most members.

Councillor Tonge presented a report on the position to date together with a submission from the Wiltshire and Swindon Fire Authority responding to the Council's concerns. The Council had submitted its response to the consultation based on its decision at its last meeting. DCLG had confirmed that it would accept a further response from the Council following this meeting clarifying its position in the light of the additional information provided by the Fire Authority.

Accordingly, Council was asked to consider and confirm its position in light of the information presented and the presentation and reassurances given by the Chairman of the Fire Authority.

In consideration of the assurances given by the Fire Authority, Councillor Tonge moved the proposal contained in the report presented to support the locally led proposal to create a combined fire authority covering Dorset and Wiltshire and Swindon and to advise the DCLG accordingly and this was duly seconded by the Leader.

The Chairman opened the debate initially to Group Leaders. The Leader explained that far from trying to stop the merger, she had considered it imperative to seek assurances on the key areas highlighted on a matter of such importance which affected the County's residents. Having received the positive assurances from the Fire Authority and the good work provided by Council officers, she wished the Fire Authority well in the future.

Councillor Jon Hubbard commented that whilst the need for an amalgamation was in a way unfortunate, it was absolutely the right approach to protect the service and maintain the high level of fire cover enjoyed by the County. He therefore supported the proposal.

Councillors Ernie Clark and Ricky Rogers also voiced their support for the proposal.

The debate was opened to other members during which there was general support for the proposal. In response to a question, Councillor Devine confirmed that the new merged authority would commence from 1 April 2016 subject to the timetabling of the relevant legislation.

On being put to the vote, it was

Resolved:

That the Council supports the report from the Chairman of Wiltshire and Swindon Fire Authority and instructs Officers to submit a response to the DCLG supporting the locally led proposal to create a combined fire authority covering Dorset and Wiltshire and Swindon. The DCLG response will be made by close of business on 24 February 2015.

18 Treasury Management Strategy 2015/16

With the Chairman's permission, Councillor Dick Tonge, Cabinet member for Finance, presented the proposed Treasury Management Strategy for 2015/16 as recommended by Cabinet at its meeting on 10 February 2015 for Council's approval.

The report included details of:

- a) the Prudential and Treasury Indicators (Prls and Trls) for the next three years;
- b) other debt management decisions required for 2015-16 that did not feature within the Prls or Trls, as shown in paragraphs 3.11 to 3.20 of the report presented;
- c) the Annual Investment Strategy for 2015-16 and
- d) the updated Treasury Management Practices.

Councillor Tonge guided Council through the key points of the Strategy.

Resolved:

That Council:

- a) **adopt the Prudential and Treasury Indicators (Appendix A of the report presented);**
- b) **adopt the Annual Investment Strategy (Appendix B of the report presented), subject to the need for future amendment resulting from any potential change in the minimum requirements for high credit quality and authorise the Associate Director, Finance, Revenues & Benefits and Pensions to amend the Strategy accordingly, unless he considers the amendment(s) to be of major significance, in**

which case formal Council approval will be sought at the earliest opportunity;

- c) **delegate to the Associate Director, Finance, Revenues & Benefits and Pensions the authority to vary the amount of borrowing and other long term liabilities within both the Treasury Indicators for the Authorised Limit and the Operational Boundary;**
- d) **authorise the Associate Director, Finance, Revenues & Benefits and Pensions to agree the restructuring of existing long-term loans where savings are achievable or to enhance the long term portfolio;**
- e) **agree that short term cash surpluses and deficits continue to be managed through temporary loans and deposits; and**
- f) **agree that any surplus cash balances not required to cover borrowing are placed in authorised money-market funds, particularly where this is more cost effective than short term deposits and delegate to the Associate Director, Finance, Revenues & Benefits and Pensions the authority to select such funds.**

19 **Reducing Child Poverty Strategy 2014 - 2020**

With the Chairman's permission, Councillor Laura Mayes, Cabinet member for Children's Services presented the Reducing Child Poverty Strategy 2014 – 2020 with a view to its adoption by Council. The report which accompanied the Strategy also included a child poverty needs assessment.

The Strategy had previously been considered and recommended by Cabinet at its meeting on 11 November 2014. The aim of the Strategy was to reduce the number of children in Wiltshire living in poverty in addition to mitigating the impacts of poverty on children's health and wellbeing.

It was noted that the Strategy had been developed by the multi-disciplinary Child Poverty Group which reports to the Wiltshire Children & Young People's Trust Executive. The Strategy had been made available for wide consultation with the public including children and young people, the public and private sector, businesses and voluntary sector organisations. All responses were considered and inform the final strategy.

Councillor Jon Hubbard, Chairman of the Children's Select Committee supported the Strategy which had been considered by the Committee at its meeting on 14 October 2014.

Resolved:

That Council formally approves the updated Reducing Child Poverty Strategy 2014 – 2020 in line with the Council’s statutory duty to have a Strategy to reduce child poverty.

20 Pay Policy Statement and the Publication of Senior Staff Pay

With the Chairman’s permission, Councillor Stuart Wheeler, Cabinet member for Hubs, Governance, Support Services Heritage & Arts and Customer Care presented a report for Council’s consideration. The report sought Council’s approval of the updated Pay Policy Statement and the continued publication of senior staff salaries with the relevant threshold figure.

Details had been previously considered and recommended by the Staffing Policy Committee at its meeting on 7 January 2015.

During the course of discussion, Councillor Jon Hubbard queried the threshold figure stated in the report presented as he did not feel it reflected the requirement in the latest Transparency Code which stipulated salaries of £50,000 and above. Councillor Wheeler reported that he would seek clarification and ensure that published details met legal requirements. Later in the meeting, Cllr Wheeler confirmed that the figure of £50,000 was indeed correct.

Resolved:

That Council approve:

(a) the updated Pay Policy Statement set out in Appendix 1 of the report presented and

(b) the continued publication of senior staff salaries with the threshold figure as detailed in the Local Government Transparency Code 2014, along with job descriptions, budget responsibilities and numbers of staff. Individuals are asked to consent for their names to be included.

21 Notice of Motion No. 17 - Council Response Times - Councillors Jon Hubbard and Steve Oldrieve

The Chairman reported receipt of the above mentioned motion from Councillors Jon Hubbard and Steve Oldrieve. Accordingly, Councillor Jon Hubbard moved the following motion which was duly seconded by Councillor Steve Oldrieve:

‘Council recognises and supports the importance of being an open and transparent organisation that is seen to be responsive and answerable to the public.

Council notes that there has recently been adverse publicity where both the public and elected members have criticised slow responses from the council. Council therefore resolves to undertake an urgent review of Protocol 2 of the constitution (Member-Officer Relations) and also to review, document and publish standards for how the council will respond to any communications from the general public, with a report prepared for adoption at the May 2015 meeting of Full Council'.

Councillor Hubbard explained the purpose of his motion which was to improve the response times as he considered there was room for improvement.

The Chairman explained that as the motion related to a proposed change in the Constitution, he would move that it be referred to the Standards Committee via the Constitution Focus Group without debate. This was duly seconded by the Vice-Chairman.

Resolved:

That motion No. 17 detailed above be referred to the Standards Committee via the Constitution Focus Group.

22 Establishment of the Local Pension Board for Wiltshire Council

Councillor Dick Tonge, Cabinet member for Finance, presented a report which sought Council approval to establish a Local Pension Board in accordance with the Local Government Pension Scheme (Governance) Regulations 2015. The Council in its role as Administering Authority to the Wiltshire Pension Fund was required to establish such a Board by 1 April 2015.

Details of how the Pension Board would operate and its draft terms of reference were also presented. The purpose of the Board would be to raise the standard of management and administration of public service pension schemes and to achieve more effective representation of employer and employee interests in that process.

It was noted that The Independent Remuneration Panel (IRP) had been asked to consider whether positions on the Local Pension Board should attract an allowance and if so, the level of such remuneration. This work was ongoing and the outcome, together with the recommendations of the IRP would be presented to full Council at its May meeting for determination.

Resolved:

That Council:

- a) approve the establishment of the Local Pension Board from 1 April 2015 in line with the Terms of Reference;**

- b) **delegate authority to the Associate Director (Finance) or his nominated representative to make further amendments to the draft Terms of Reference in the Appendix to the report presented, as the result of further consideration of the relevant legislation and government guidance recently published on 28 January 2015; and**
- c) **delegate authority to the Associate Director (Finance) to sign the Terms of Reference as so amended on behalf of the Administering Authority.**

23 Review of Part 3 of the Constitution - Area Board Election of Chairmen and Cabinet Member Representation

Councillor Stuart Wheeler, Cabinet member for Hubs, Governance, Support Services Heritage & Arts and Customer Care presented a report which requested Council to consider recommended changes to Part 3 of the Constitution from the Standards Committee. Councillor Wheeler reminded Councillors that this had followed a request from Full Council to review the sections on the election of Chairmen to Area Boards (paragraph 4.9) and Cabinet Member representation on Area Boards (paragraph 4.10). Details of the proposed changes shown as tracked changes were presented.

The Leader emphasised that Cabinet members would of course continue to ensure their attendance at Area Boards as and when required.

Resolved:

To adopt the proposed amendments to Part 3 of the Constitution as contained at Appendix 1 of the report presented.

24 Electoral Registration

24a) Appointment of Chief Counting Officer

Councillor Stuart Wheeler, Cabinet member for Hubs, Governance, Support Services Heritage & Arts and Customer Care presented a report which recommended the formal appointment of a Chief Counting Officer. The Officer would oversee Neighbourhood Planning referenda where they crossed the County boundary and where the greatest number of eligible electors were registered in Wiltshire.

The report proposed that for continuity reasons, the Returning Officer, namely Corporate Director, Dr Carlton Brand should be appointed Chief Counting Officer.

Resolved:

To appoint Dr. Carlton Brand to be the Chief Counting Officer for the purposes of Regulation 10 of the Neighbourhood Planning (Referendums) Regulations 2012.

24b) Appointment of Deputy Electoral Registration Officers

Councillor Stuart Wheeler, Cabinet member for Hubs, Governance, Support Services Heritage & Arts and Customer Care presented a report which recommended the formal appointment of Deputy Electoral Registration Officer(s) to act in the event of the personal absence of the Electoral Registration Officer.

It was explained that the new Individual Electoral Registration system could potentially lead to more reviews of electors' registrations and appeals. It would therefore be prudent to have a Deputy or Deputies in place with the correct formal authority in place. Given the specialist electoral services knowledge required, it was proposed that the posts of the Associate Director Legal and Governance and the Head of Electoral Services be so appointed.

Resolved:

To appoint the Associate Director Legal and Governance and the Head of Electoral Services as Deputy Electoral Registration Officers with effect from the date of this Council meeting (24 February 2015).

25 Review of Proportionality and Allocation of Seats on Committees to Political Groups

24c) Review of Committee Places

The Chairman confirmed that following changes in the number of seats held by individual political groups on the Council, a request had been received from Councillor Ernie Clark, Leader of the Independent group for a review of the allocation of seats to political groups.

Accordingly, a report reviewing the allocation of seats on committees to political groups was presented for Council's consideration.

It was noted that the political composition of the Council now stood at:

Name of Group	No. of Councillors in Group
Conservative	59
Liberal Democrat	22

Independent	12
Labour	4
Ungrouped Member	1

The net effect of the change in political group sizes was that the Independent Group gained two seats and the Liberal Democrat Group lost two seats. A draft scheme of committee places as presented, had been discussed with the affected Group Leaders. It was noted that the allocation of seats to political groups on the Fire Authority and the Police and Crime Panel were unaffected.

Resolved:

That Council:

- (i) **note this report and the legal requirements;**
- (ii) **confirm the aggregate number and the scheme of committee places available to members of the Council as set out in Appendix C and**
- (iii) **make those changes to the appointment of councillors and substitutes to serve on those committees in accordance with the revised scheme of committee places, until the next occasion membership is reviewed under the provisions of the Local Government & Housing Act 1989 (as shown in (b) below).**

25b) Membership of Committees and other Bodies

The Chairman invited Group Leaders to present any requests for changes to committee membership in accordance with the allocation of seats to political groups previously approved by Council.

Following requests made by Councillor Jon Hubbard, Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group, and Councillor Ernie Clark, Leader of the Independent Group, it was,

Resolved:

1) Northern Area Planning Committee

Remove Nick Watts and Simon Killane as Full Members.

Remove Terry Chivers as a Substitute Member.

Add Howard Marshall and Terry Chivers as Full Members.

Add Graham Wright and George Jeans as Substitute Members.

2) Appeals Committee

Remove Ian West as a Full Member.

Add Howard Marshall as a Full Member.

3) Audit Committee

Jeff Osborn (currently a Substitute Member) and Helen Osborn (currently a Full Member) to switch committee memberships.

26 Community Governance Review (Parish Boundaries)

A Community Governance Review (CGR) Working Group was previously established by Council to look at boundaries, warding and seats across the county at parish, town and City level.

Councillor Stuart Wheeler, Cabinet member for Hubs, Governance, Support Services Heritage & Arts and Customer Care presented a report which updated Council on the CGR. The Working Group had identified proposals which required further consultation and those for which there was no identified local support, it recommended that no further action be taken.

Public consultation meetings would be arranged to consider the larger schemes and consultation documents would be circulated to Councillors as soon as possible. The Working Group's proposals would be brought to Council for determination.

Resolved:

- a) To note the current position on the Community Governance Review.**
- b) To agree that no further action be taken as part of this review on the schemes listed in the table in paragraph 7 of the report presented which were originally suggested for review, but for which there is no identified local support or perceived need for change at this time.**

27 Delegation of Executive Authority - Joint Strategic Economic Committee

In accordance with paragraph 9 of the Cabinet Procedure Rules in Part 7 of the Constitution, the Leader presented a report which advised Council that she had delegated executive authority to the Joint Strategic Economic Committee (JSEC).

The JSEC formed part of the governance structure of the Swindon and Wiltshire Local Enterprise Partnership. The report previously considered by Cabinet at its meeting on 16 December 2014 which provided details of the governance structure including the terms of reference of the JSEC was also presented. The JSEC would provide local democratic and financial accountability for the

Swindon and Wiltshire Strategic Economic Plan, the use of the Local Growth Fund and other related funding streams.

Resolved:

That Council note the delegation by the Leader of the Council of executive authority to the Joint Strategic Economic Committee as presented. The Council's Scheme of Delegation – Part 3 of the Constitution would be amended to reflect this delegation.

28 Executive Decisions Taken Under Special Urgency Provision

The Leader presented a report which gave details of one decision taken by Cabinet under the Special Urgency procedure, namely a decision in respect of Porton Science Park at its meeting on 20 January 2015. It was noted that the matter required determination prior to the next scheduled meeting of Cabinet in order to expedite project delivery and associated procurement activity. Requirements of the Special Urgency procedure had been fully complied with.

Resolved:

That Council notes this report, that one decision has been taken under the special urgency provision in the period since the last report on the 13 May 2014.

29 Minutes of Cabinet and Committees

The Chairman moved that Council receive and note the following minutes as listed in the separate Minutes Book and this was duly seconded by the Vice-Chairman:

Cabinet	11 November 2014, 16 December 2014, 20 January 2015, 10 February 2015
Cabinet Capital Assets Committee	11 November 2014
Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee	4 November 2014, 6 January 2015, 13 January 2015
Children's Select Committee	14 October 2014, 9 December 2014
Environment Select Committee	28 October 2014, 9 December 2014

Health Select Committee	23 September 2014, 18 November 2014. 13 January 2015
Licensing Committee	8 December 2014
Northern Area Planning Committee	8 October 2014, 29 October 2014, 19 November 2014, 10 December 2014, 7 January 2015, 28 January 2015
Eastern Area Planning Committee	20 November 2014, 29 January 2015
Southern Area Planning Committee	16 October 2014, 6 November 2014, 27 November 2014, 18 December 2014, 15 January 2015, 5 February 2015
Western Area Planning Committee	5 November 2014, 26 November 2014, 17 December 2014, 14 January 2015, 4 February 2015
Strategic Planning Committee	22 October 2014, 10 December 2014, 21 January 2015
Standards Committee	8 October 2014, 21 January 2015
Wiltshire Health and Wellbeing Board	25 September 2014, 20 November 2014, 15 January 2015
Wiltshire Pension Fund Committee	3 December 2014, 11 December 2014
Wiltshire Police and Crime Panel	19 November 2014, 15 January 2015, 5 February 2015
Audit Committee	28 October 2014, 27 January 2015

Staffing Policy Committee

7 January 2015

Wiltshire and Swindon Fire Authority

25 September 2014, 11
November 2014, 11
December 2014.

The Chairman invited questions from members on points of information or clarification on the above minutes and gave the Chairmen of those meetings the opportunity to make any important announcements on the work of their respective committees.

Resolved:

That the minutes of the above mentioned meetings be received and noted.

30 **Councillors' Questions**

The Chairman reported receipt of questions from Councillors Ernie Clark, Chris Hurst, Helen Osborn, Jeff Osborn, Terry Chivers, Simon Killane, Chris Caswill, Jon Hubbard and Graham Payne, details of which were circulated in Agenda Supplement No. 1 together with responses from the relevant Cabinet member or Committee Chairman. Details of questions and responses are also attached as Appendix D to these minutes.

Questioners were permitted to each ask one relevant supplementary question per question submitted and where they did so, the relevant Cabinet member responded.

It was agreed to provide the following written responses to supplementary questions raised:

- In relation to Question 5 - from Cllr Jeff Osborn - written reply on how many police staff currently operate from County Hall.
- In relation to Question 11 – from Cllr Jeff Osborn – to advise Cllr Osborn and other Trowbridge members over the sale or disposal of the former West Wiltshire District Council site at Bradley Road, Trowbridge.
- In relation to Question 13 – from Councillor Simon Killane – voting record of Council meetings – it was noted that this matter had been referred to the Constitution Focus Group.
- In relation to Question 15 (e) - From Councillor Chris Caswill - the timing of the release of Cabinet papers for the meeting on 10 February 2015 in respect of the Chippenham Site Allocations DPD – Councillor Caswill questioned the ability of the public to respond to the documents in the

time available. He requested that the response of the Leader be recorded. The Leader clarified that the purpose of the report to Cabinet was to consider whether the Council should go out to consultation. The decision made was to go out to consultation with the evidence* to discuss with people in the local area. Cabinet did not need the evidence* to decide whether to run the consultation. (*Referring to the background evidence papers).

- Question 17 – in relation to the Canberra Youth Development Centre, Melksham – The Leader explained that the Council was dealing with the legalities of the youth centre and would then make a decision over its future and keep Councillor Hubbard informed of the outcome.

End of meeting

The Chairman drew the meeting to a close and reminded Council of its next scheduled meeting, being the Annual meeting, which would be held on 12 May 2015.

Appendices

Appendix A – Leader’s Budget Speech

Appendix B – Parish Precepts

Appendix C – Schedule of Committee Places

Appendix D – Councillors’ questions and responses

(Duration of meeting: 10.30 am - 6.45 pm)

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Councillor Jane Scott, Leader Wiltshire Council

Budget speech – 26 February 2015

“A budget is not just a collection of numbers, but an expression of our values and aspirations”.

I recently came across this quote from the current United States Secretary of the Treasury; Jacob Lew.

I am passionate that we stay true to our values and priorities – even though we have to deliver substantial savings and make some tough decisions. We need to do what we believe is right for the people of Wiltshire.

This is not an easy task.

I want to set out the budget process and focus on the impact of the decisions that we – as a council – will make today and what this will mean to the people and communities that we represent.

We are a big and complex business that spends £900 million each year on more than 350 services. The changing demographics, such as people living longer, coupled with inflation and the cuts in funding from central government - mean that we have to find even more savings.

We have made no secret of this situation.

Last year we received £119 million from central Government – this year we will get £103.8 million. This cut of more than £15 million, combined with the rise in demand for some of our key front line services and inflation costs, means we need to find a further £30 million of savings this coming financial year.

We are good at saving money - we are innovative in the way we do things.

Last year we saved £25.5 million - this was as a result of reviewing our services and looking at how we deliver these more efficiently. We also looked at where it made sense to share resources with our public sector partners; particularly Wiltshire police.

The reality of having to make savings will continue - for at least the next few years.

We know that local government will continue to be targeted by central government in the bid to reduce the national debt.

Despite these cuts - we remain absolutely committed to our three main priorities;

We will protect those who are most vulnerable in our communities – and, we will protect the money allocated to both our children and adult social care services.

We will do all we can to boost the local economy by creating new jobs and safeguarding existing jobs; with particular emphasis on higher value jobs, and we will make sure that by working with schools and further and higher education, we can ensure we have a skilled workforce .

And, we will support and empower local communities to do more for themselves. We need to do all we can to help make them stronger and more resilient so that they are able to cope with and manage the pressures and problems that they face.

We are proud to be a council that promotes openness and transparency. The views of our local residents and communities are extremely useful and influential in helping us to make the tough choices required.

Myself and the cabinet recently invited local residents to attend a number of public meetings where we presented the challenges we face and discussed where we could make £30 million savings.

More than 350 people attended these meetings and we weren't just there to be seen to be listening - we were genuinely listening, and we were impressed with what we heard.

As you would expect there was some criticism of the council – but there was also constructive feedback, and a real sense that people understood the difficult financial situation that we are in.

I have stressed that one of the main priorities is to protect those who are most vulnerable and, of course we considered whether we should increase council tax this year.

Whilst this may be acceptable to some, it would be an additional pressure on many households - particularly those on low or fixed incomes.

Just recently, the Local Government Information Unit published findings that more people are currently in debt on their council tax payments, than they are on their credit card payments.

At the public meetings only two people, out of 350, raised the idea of increasing the council tax. We believe, therefore, that any increase has to be sustainable for future years and would definitely have an adverse effect on those who most need our support.

We should be proud that we have not increased council tax for the past five years and that throughout this time we have managed to sustain the delivery of key front line services. If we had increased by 1.9 per cent each year since 2010, the average band D property, which currently pays £1,222 would now be paying £1,344. This almost a hundred and twenty two pounds more, before you add on the police, fire and parish increases.

This means that in the last five years Wiltshire residents have had one of the lowest national increases in council tax. Compare this to the average rate of inflation - over the same period of time -this has increased by almost 19.5 per cent. We should be proud that the average household will be saving £212 this year and will have saved £708 over this period.

We therefore believe that the right option this year is to take the government grant so that we can continue to keep the council tax increase at zero per cent.

We want to continue with a low tax for all - but offer choice for some.

That is why one of our proposals is to charge for garden waste. We do recognise that some households will need to continue with the assisted collection service, which we will provide for those who need our support.

But - this year's budget is not all about finding savings – the signs that we are moving out of economic recession are becoming more visible. Here in Wiltshire we have less people unemployed, businesses are relocating to the county and others are starting-up, expanding and growing. We will be able to offer educational and job opportunities as the new University Technical College opens in Salisbury and work starts on the development of a science park at Porton this year.

We will continue to invest in the services that we know matter most to Wiltshire residents - and we will also invest into the areas that will save us money in the future.

As I have stated before – we have three clear priorities – these drive our vision, focus and where we allocate our resources.

We need to meet the needs of those who are most vulnerable and we will protect the budget for children's services. We know that more children need safeguarding and more are in need of our support and care.

We have also protected our school improvement service, which we know is having a positive impact. Working together with schools - on the quality of education for many children - we have clear evidence of how effective this service is. We are, therefore, not reducing the support we provide for school improvement this year.

We recognise that saving money is important and necessary, but what's more important is that we make the best use of our resources to make sure that we protect, safeguard and improve the quality of life for all our residents.

I'm sure you will all agree that we cannot continue to have the situation that we saw in the acute hospitals this winter. Major incidents were declared in both the Royal United and Great Western hospitals as a result of the number of people requiring beds, care and treatment.

We have to continue to work closely with our health partners to improve care and to provide support so that we prevent unnecessary hospital admissions. We also need to assist people to leave hospital as soon as they are ready so that they can recover in their own home – which we know is their preferred option.

As you are all aware - people are living for longer – which is a good thing.

Currently in Wiltshire we have 15 per cent more older people than the UK average. Whilst this is an opportunity for us – as many older people are healthy and fit and willing to volunteer to support the delivery of our services and to do more in their local communities – it places a huge demand on both our social care and health services.

Last year the government mandated the newly established health and wellbeing boards to submit a Better Care Plan. I am pleased that Wiltshire’s plan is one of the five that has been fast tracked by the government. It sets out how, by working with our health partners, we are integrating health and social care to deliver better and more local services.

Currently, around £800 million is spent each year on health and social care in the county. The Better Care fund will provide around £27 million for the county. Working with the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) we launched a 100 day challenge. This required us gathering information in order to look at how we deliver improvements and take action to make a real difference.

Improvements in care for residents across the county are happening. Seven-day support for patients being discharged from hospital is now in place and people are being supported to remain at home or in their local community.

We are also establishing a single approach to sharing information between professionals to ensure there is one single assessment and people needing health and social care services will only have to answer personal questions once.

One thing is certain, it is difficult to know the level of spend, or the number of children and adults that may need our help in any one year – whilst we can estimate – we know that we have to respond and continue to protect those who are most vulnerable.

Wiltshire is changing and will continue to change.

Last month we approved the Core Strategy which positions the development and growth in Wiltshire up to 2026. The strategy sets out a housing requirement – imposed by the planning inspector. 42,000 homes in total will be allocated in Wiltshire. The strategy strives to strike a balance between driving economic growth and protecting the wonderful environment we have in our county.

Since 2006, almost 16,500 of the 42,000 homes have been built and there are commitments for around 20,300 more homes to be built by 2026. This figure is based on the extensive consultation with hundreds of organisations, businesses and residents. A further 5,400 homes will need to be allocated to meet the total requirement of the Core Strategy as set by the planning inspector. People are being consulted at this time on the preferred allocation of these additional homes.

We know that as part of this growth we need to provide more affordable homes as well as extra care and sheltered housing to meet the demand in the growth of older people. We will invest £45 million to deliver these, in partnership with developers, and we have also allocated £46 million to improve our council housing.

The Army basing programme will see more than 4,000 armed forces personnel, and their families relocating to Wiltshire by 2020. The first families will start to arrive next year.

Planning applications will be submitted soon for housing and the appropriate infrastructure in Ludgershall and Bulford. Working with the Ministry of Defence and the Defence Infrastructure Organisation we want the development and relocation to be as smooth and as successful as possible. Local communities have been asked for their views and are being kept updated as the plans progress.

We are a military county and we will be home to the largest Army base in the country – this makes us unique and creates opportunities for both economic and community growth.

We need to invest to provide the right infrastructure to keep the economy in Wiltshire buoyant.

We are continuing to invest in Wiltshire's roads. We have allocated £84 million pounds to resurface roads over the next four years and £26 million will be spent on road maintenance - including filling potholes. We recognise how important this is to local people and the need to have the right infrastructure to keep our county moving and accessible.

£65 million has been allocated to deliver a number of major schemes. These include building the new world class Porton Science Park, which will be underway by the end of this year; dualing the A350 Bypass at Chippenham; delivering a major refurbishment of Chippenham's railway station, and improving the A429 at Malmesbury as part of the expansion of Dyson.

Last month a Growth Deal package of Government money of £11.5 million was unveiled for Wiltshire including Swindon. We received £8.5 million. This Growth Deal funding is in addition to the £129.3 million committed by the Government last July. As a result of this deal, the Swindon and Wiltshire Local Enterprise Partnership estimates 8,500 new jobs, 40 hectares of new employment land, and 8,000 new homes will be built. The deal also has the potential to generate up to £70 million pounds of public and private investment into the county.

This funding will deliver improvements on our roads at Junction 17 on the M4 Motorway and at the busy Yarnbrook junction near Trowbridge. The investment at Yarnbrook will unlock the development of 2,600 homes in Trowbridge.

The £8.5 million funding will also be used to develop a digital skills and business incubation centre in Corsham. This project will encourage innovative start-up businesses as part of the Digital Corsham project based at the Mansion House.

It is vital that we continue to do all that we can to keep Wiltshire's economy vibrant.

Working with local communities and doing all that we can to enable them to do more for themselves is becoming more and more critical. We know that our resources are reducing and that we have to be more discerning about where we allocate our money and staff.

The stronger our communities are, the more able they will be to resolve matters and take action and the less reliant they will be on public services. This means we can allocate our resource where it is most needed.

That is why we have allocated £66 million to provide community campuses and hubs across the county. These new campuses are rationalising buildings - often scattered around a community area in various states of disrepair and no longer fit for purpose - into a location that is more accessible, and will provide local communities with the range of services, facilities and activities that they need.

This is an ambitious programme and it's transforming how we work with local communities. Unlike other councils we have not closed any libraries or leisure centres and in some cases we are keeping these services open for longer hours to meet the needs in a local community and I think we should be proud of this achievement too.

Across the county we will look at possible campus and hub models to assess what's required and what can be delivered in each community area. We also recognise the importance of incorporating a campus as part of developing the town centres in Chippenham, Trowbridge and Warminster, and we are working with our partners to decide where co-location is the best option.

Working with our well established area boards we are devolving services and empowering local communities to make decisions that are right for them.

Last year we changed how we provide youth activities by devolving more than £440,000 to the area boards to work with local groups and community youth officers to fund activities and events that young people want.

We are monitoring the impact of this new approach to assess the level of engagement and take up, and I am pleased that the feedback we have received so far has been extremely positive.

We already know that the approach to assessing which highway works and road maintenance takes priority in a local area is a huge success. Communities can determine what they need and how they want their budget for these services allocated.

It makes sense for local people to influence and decide what's best for them and now that public health has been integrated back in to the council, we have been working with area boards to hold health fairs and health checks and we are encouraging the nomination of an older people's champion in each area to be the voice and coordinator of what older people need. Last year all our communities signed up to be dementia aware - recognising that dementia is a reality for many older people and their carers and families in Wiltshire.

This time last year – you may recall - we had been hard hit by inclement weather and many of our local communities suffered the impact of flooding. We invested more than a £1 million to help with flood prevention work and to support those areas most affected.

I am pleased to announce that we will continue to provide this funding this year as we know the devastating impact that flooding can have – although fingers crossed the adverse weather that we saw last year is not repeated.

We are a very efficient council...

We have taken every opportunity to review what we do and where we can do things better. We have streamlined our assets, our properties and the services we provide.

Working closely with our partners; particularly health and the police we are sharing resources and buildings to make savings and maximise the space and service offer in our three main hubs and new campus buildings.

We manage change and the challenges we face with a can-do approach and openness. A recent staff survey highlights that more than 90 per cent of staff are aware of the direction, vision and values of this council.

As I said at the start –

The budget is not just a set of numbers – it's a representation of our values and ambitions.

I believe we have stayed true to our values and ambitions.

We will continue to protect those who are most vulnerable,
We will do all that we can to keep the local economy buoyant
And, we will support our communities to become even stronger and more able to cope with the challenges and issues that they face.

In tough times we have to be innovative, forward thinking and focused.

This year's budget reflects the ideas, views and positive challenge of local residents, all of you - as elected members, our staff and our managers.

I would like to say a special thank you to the finance team, for the production of this year's budget and all the supporting papers. I would also like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to the three corporate directors and my cabinet; particularly Dick Tonge.

Their hard work has helped to deliver this robust, yet tough budget. It builds on our efficient and innovative approach to delivering services and how we work with our local communities to ensure that we make Wiltshire an even better place to live and work in and visit and most importantly it stays true to values and aspirations.

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All Cannings Parish Council	30.87	36.02	41.16	46.31	56.60	66.89	77.18	92.62
Allington Parish Council	27.66	32.27	36.88	41.49	50.71	59.93	69.15	82.98
Alton Parish Council	24.07	28.09	32.10	36.11	44.13	52.16	60.18	72.22
Alvediston Parish Meeting	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Amesbury Town Council	40.63	47.41	54.18	60.95	74.49	88.04	101.58	121.90
Ansty Parish Council	14.37	16.77	19.16	21.56	26.35	31.14	35.93	43.12
Ashton Keynes Parish Council	33.09	38.60	44.12	49.63	60.66	71.69	82.72	99.26
Atworth Parish Council	31.89	37.21	42.52	47.84	58.47	69.10	79.73	95.68
Avebury Parish Council	31.85	37.15	42.46	47.77	58.39	69.00	79.62	95.54
Barford St Martin Parish Council	26.30	30.68	35.07	39.45	48.22	56.98	65.75	78.90
Baydon Parish Council	31.53	36.79	42.04	47.30	57.81	68.32	78.83	94.60
Beechingstoke Parish Council	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Berwick Bassett & W/Bourne Monkton Parish Council	17.17	20.04	22.90	25.76	31.48	37.21	42.93	51.52
Berwick St James Parish Council	10.69	12.48	14.26	16.04	19.60	23.17	26.73	32.08
Berwick St John Parish Council	35.95	41.94	47.93	53.92	65.90	77.88	89.87	107.84
Berwick St Leonard Parish Council	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Biddestone Parish Council	21.63	25.23	28.84	32.44	39.65	46.86	54.07	64.88
Bishops Cannings Parish Council	20.90	24.38	27.87	31.35	38.32	45.28	52.25	62.70
Bishopstone Parish Council	13.36	15.59	17.81	20.04	24.49	28.95	33.40	40.08
Bishopstrow Parish Council	12.66	14.77	16.88	18.99	23.21	27.43	31.65	37.98
Bowerchalke Parish Council	20.63	24.06	27.50	30.94	37.82	44.69	51.57	61.88
Box Parish Council	61.91	72.23	82.55	92.87	113.51	134.15	154.78	185.74
Boyton Parish Council	5.83	6.80	7.77	8.74	10.68	12.62	14.57	17.48
Bradford On Avon Town Council	73.93	86.26	98.58	110.90	135.54	160.19	184.83	221.80
Bratton Parish Council	36.35	42.40	48.46	54.52	66.64	78.75	90.87	109.04
Braydon Parish Council	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bremhill Parish Council	9.44	11.01	12.59	14.16	17.31	20.45	23.60	28.32
Brinkworth Parish Council	18.59	21.68	24.78	27.88	34.08	40.27	46.47	55.76
Britford Parish Council	10.59	12.35	14.12	15.88	19.41	22.94	26.47	31.76
Broad Hinton & W/Bourne Bassett Parish Council	10.25	11.96	13.67	15.38	18.80	22.22	25.63	30.76
Broad Town Parish Council	9.25	10.80	12.34	13.88	16.96	20.05	23.13	27.76
Broadchalke Parish Council	13.88	16.19	18.51	20.82	25.45	30.07	34.70	41.64
Brokenborough Parish Council	8.89	10.37	11.85	13.33	16.29	19.25	22.22	26.66
Bromham Parish Council	30.65	35.76	40.87	45.98	56.20	66.42	76.63	91.96
Broughton Gifford Parish Council	18.17	21.20	24.23	27.26	33.32	39.38	45.43	54.52
Bulford Parish Council	25.93	30.26	34.58	38.90	47.54	56.19	64.83	77.80
Bulkington Parish Council	25.38	29.61	33.84	38.07	46.53	54.99	63.45	76.14
Burbage Parish Council	23.26	27.14	31.01	34.89	42.64	50.40	58.15	69.78
Burcombe Parish Council	32.33	37.71	43.10	48.49	59.27	70.04	80.82	96.98
Buttermere Parish Council	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Calne Town Council	140.22	163.59	186.96	210.33	257.07	303.81	350.55	420.66
Calne Without Parish Council	4.74	5.53	6.32	7.11	8.69	10.27	11.85	14.22
Castle Combe Parish Council	18.53	21.61	24.70	27.79	33.97	40.14	46.32	55.58
Chapmanslade Parish Council	9.84	11.48	13.12	14.76	18.04	21.32	24.60	29.52
Charlton Parish Council	15.22	17.76	20.29	22.83	27.90	32.98	38.05	45.66

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Charlton St Peter & Wilsford Parish Council	9.06	10.57	12.08	13.59	16.61	19.63	22.65	27.18
Cherhill Parish Council	13.08	15.26	17.44	19.62	23.98	28.34	32.70	39.24
Cheverell Magna (Great Cheverell) Parish Council	23.27	27.15	31.03	34.91	42.67	50.43	58.18	69.82
Chicklade Parish Council	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Chilmark Parish Council	19.98	23.31	26.64	29.97	36.63	43.29	49.95	59.94
Chilton Foliat Parish Council	23.21	27.07	30.94	34.81	42.55	50.28	58.02	69.62
Chippenham Town Council	101.61	118.54	135.48	152.41	186.28	220.15	254.02	304.82
Chippenham Without Parish Council	38.68	45.13	51.57	58.02	70.91	83.81	96.70	116.04
Chirton Parish Council	16.45	19.20	21.94	24.68	30.16	35.65	41.13	49.36
Chitterne Parish Council	31.68	36.96	42.24	47.52	58.08	68.64	79.20	95.04
Cholderton Parish Council	29.80	34.77	39.73	44.70	54.63	64.57	74.50	89.40
Christian Malford Parish Council	19.21	22.42	25.62	28.82	35.22	41.63	48.03	57.64
Chute Forest Parish Council	29.20	34.07	38.93	43.80	53.53	63.27	73.00	87.60
Chute Parish Council	24.11	28.12	32.14	36.16	44.20	52.23	60.27	72.32
Clarendon Park Parish Council	21.69	25.30	28.92	32.53	39.76	46.99	54.22	65.06
Clyffe Pypard Parish Council	9.29	10.84	12.39	13.94	17.04	20.14	23.23	27.88
Codford Parish Council	15.15	17.68	20.20	22.73	27.78	32.83	37.88	45.46
Colerne Parish Council	36.87	43.02	49.16	55.31	67.60	79.89	92.18	110.62
Collingbourne Ducis Parish Council	33.40	38.97	44.53	50.10	61.23	72.37	83.50	100.20
Collingbourne Kingston Parish Council	29.49	34.40	39.32	44.23	54.06	63.89	73.72	88.46
Compton Bassett Parish Council	20.94	24.43	27.92	31.41	38.39	45.37	52.35	62.82
Compton Chamberlayne Parish Council	28.53	33.29	38.04	42.80	52.31	61.82	71.33	85.60
Coombe Bissett Parish Council	21.07	24.58	28.09	31.60	38.62	45.64	52.67	63.20
Corsham Town Council	91.17	106.37	121.56	136.76	167.15	197.54	227.93	273.52
Corsley Parish Council	15.97	18.64	21.30	23.96	29.28	34.61	39.93	47.92
Coulston Parish Council	16.01	18.68	21.35	24.02	29.36	34.70	40.03	48.04
Cricklade Town Council	110.87	129.35	147.83	166.31	203.27	240.23	277.18	332.62
Crudwell Parish Council	20.34	23.73	27.12	30.51	37.29	44.07	50.85	61.02
Dauntsey Parish Council	34.91	40.73	46.55	52.37	64.01	75.65	87.28	104.74
Devizes Town Council	83.41	97.31	111.21	125.11	152.91	180.71	208.52	250.22
Dilton Marsh Parish Council	21.05	24.56	28.07	31.58	38.60	45.62	52.63	63.16
Dinton Parish Council	23.83	27.81	31.78	35.75	43.69	51.64	59.58	71.50
Donhead St Andrew Parish Council	19.79	23.08	26.38	29.68	36.28	42.87	49.47	59.36
Donhead St Mary Parish Council	22.46	26.20	29.95	33.69	41.18	48.66	56.15	67.38
Downton Parish Council	32.41	37.81	43.21	48.61	59.41	70.21	81.02	97.22
Durnford Parish Council	7.95	9.27	10.60	11.92	14.57	17.22	19.87	23.84
Durrington Town Council	34.09	39.78	45.46	51.14	62.50	73.87	85.23	102.28
East Kennett Parish Council	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
East Knoyle Parish Council	15.07	17.58	20.09	22.60	27.62	32.64	37.67	45.20
Easterton Parish Council	42.49	49.57	56.65	63.73	77.89	92.05	106.22	127.46
Easton Grey Parish Council	3.16	3.69	4.21	4.74	5.79	6.85	7.90	9.48
Easton Royal Parish Council	27.29	31.83	36.38	40.93	50.03	59.12	68.22	81.86
Ebbesbourne Wake Parish Council	6.66	7.77	8.88	9.99	12.21	14.43	16.65	19.98
Edington Parish Council	14.60	17.03	19.47	21.90	26.77	31.63	36.50	43.80
Enford Parish Council	19.41	22.64	25.88	29.11	35.58	42.05	48.52	58.22
Erlestoke Parish Council	45.31	52.87	60.42	67.97	83.07	98.18	113.28	135.94
Etchilhampton Parish Council	13.39	15.63	17.86	20.09	24.55	29.02	33.48	40.18

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Figheldean Parish Council	47.05	54.90	62.74	70.58	86.26	101.95	117.63	141.16
Firsdawn Parish Council	25.19	29.39	33.59	37.79	46.19	54.59	62.98	75.58
Fittleton Parish Council	30.11	35.12	40.14	45.16	55.20	65.23	75.27	90.32
Fonthill Bishop Parish Council	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fonthill Gifford Parish Council	18.23	21.27	24.31	27.35	33.43	39.51	45.58	54.70
Fovant Parish Council	19.48	22.73	25.97	29.22	35.71	42.21	48.70	58.44
Froxfield Parish Council	28.04	32.71	37.39	42.06	51.41	60.75	70.10	84.12
Fyfield & West Overton Parish Council	14.53	16.95	19.37	21.79	26.63	31.47	36.32	43.58
Grafton Parish Council	13.09	15.28	17.46	19.64	24.00	28.37	32.73	39.28
Great Bedwyn Parish Council	18.75	21.88	25.00	28.13	34.38	40.63	46.88	56.26
Great Hinton Parish Council	19.86	23.17	26.48	29.79	36.41	43.03	49.65	59.58
Great Somerford Parish Council	12.78	14.91	17.04	19.17	23.43	27.69	31.95	38.34
Great Wishford Parish Council	17.69	20.63	23.58	26.53	32.43	38.32	44.22	53.06
Grimstead Parish Council	28.23	32.94	37.64	42.35	51.76	61.17	70.58	84.70
Grittleton Parish Council	9.71	11.32	12.94	14.56	17.80	21.03	24.27	29.12
Ham Parish Council	15.76	18.39	21.01	23.64	28.89	34.15	39.40	47.28
Hankerton Parish Council	16.26	18.97	21.68	24.39	29.81	35.23	40.65	48.78
Heddington Parish Council	9.29	10.84	12.39	13.94	17.04	20.14	23.23	27.88
Heytesbury & Knook Parish Council	17.52	20.44	23.36	26.28	32.12	37.96	43.80	52.56
Heywood Parish Council	9.13	10.66	12.18	13.70	16.74	19.79	22.83	27.40
Hilmarton Parish Council	15.83	18.46	21.10	23.74	29.02	34.29	39.57	47.48
Hilperton Parish Council	9.52	11.11	12.69	14.28	17.45	20.63	23.80	28.56
Hindon Parish Council	30.71	35.83	40.95	46.07	56.31	66.55	76.78	92.14
Holt Parish Council	17.85	20.82	23.80	26.77	32.72	38.67	44.62	53.54
Horningsham Parish Council	44.19	51.56	58.92	66.29	81.02	95.75	110.48	132.58
Hullavington Parish Council	24.23	28.26	32.30	36.34	44.42	52.49	60.57	72.68
Idmiston Parish Council	19.21	22.42	25.62	28.82	35.22	41.63	48.03	57.64
Keevil Parish Council	18.65	21.76	24.87	27.98	34.20	40.42	46.63	55.96
Kilmington Parish Council	23.97	27.96	31.96	35.95	43.94	51.93	59.92	71.90
Kington Langley Parish Council	34.72	40.51	46.29	52.08	63.65	75.23	86.80	104.16
Kington St Michael Parish Council	36.51	42.60	48.68	54.77	66.94	79.11	91.28	109.54
Lacock Parish Council	23.11	26.97	30.82	34.67	42.37	50.08	57.78	69.34
Landford Parish Council	24.52	28.61	32.69	36.78	44.95	53.13	61.30	73.56
Langley Burrell Parish Council	29.58	34.51	39.44	44.37	54.23	64.09	73.95	88.74
Latton Parish Council	19.64	22.91	26.19	29.46	36.01	42.55	49.10	58.92
Laverstock & Ford Parish Council	8.59	10.02	11.45	12.88	15.74	18.60	21.47	25.76
Lea & Cleverton Parish Council	14.79	17.26	19.72	22.19	27.12	32.05	36.98	44.38
Leigh Parish Council	18.89	22.03	25.18	28.33	34.63	40.92	47.22	56.66
Limpley Stoke Parish Council	32.79	38.25	43.72	49.18	60.11	71.04	81.97	98.36
Little Bedwyn Parish Council	15.83	18.46	21.10	23.74	29.02	34.29	39.57	47.48
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Longbridge Deverill Parish Council	11.37	13.27	15.16	17.06	20.85	24.64	28.43	34.12
Luckington Parish Council	18.61	21.71	24.81	27.91	34.11	40.31	46.52	55.82
Ludgershall Town Council	57.16	66.69	76.21	85.74	104.79	123.85	142.90	171.48
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Lyneham & Bradenstoke Parish Council	22.95	26.78	30.60	34.43	42.08	49.73	57.38	68.86
Maiden Bradley Parish Council	62.87	73.34	83.82	94.30	115.26	136.21	157.17	188.60
Malmesbury Town Council	118.33	138.05	157.77	177.49	216.93	256.37	295.82	354.98
Manningford Parish Council	22.16	25.85	29.55	33.24	40.63	48.01	55.40	66.48
Marden Parish Council	7.57	8.84	10.10	11.36	13.88	16.41	18.93	22.72
Market Lavington Parish Council	40.15	46.84	53.53	60.22	73.60	86.98	100.37	120.44
Marlborough Town Council	99.55	116.15	132.74	149.33	182.51	215.70	248.88	298.66
Marston Meysey Parish Council	17.80	20.77	23.73	26.70	32.63	38.57	44.50	53.40
Marston Parish Council	17.43	20.33	23.24	26.14	31.95	37.76	43.57	52.28
Melksham Town Council	58.55	68.30	78.06	87.82	107.34	126.85	146.37	175.64
Melksham Without Parish Council	35.55	41.47	47.40	53.32	65.17	77.02	88.87	106.64
Mere Parish Council	62.51	72.93	83.35	93.77	114.61	135.45	156.28	187.54
Mildenhall Parish Council	40.79	47.58	54.38	61.18	74.78	88.37	101.97	122.36
Milston Parish Council	9.95	11.61	13.27	14.93	18.25	21.57	24.88	29.86
Milton Lilbourne Parish Council	22.82	26.62	30.43	34.23	41.84	49.44	57.05	68.46
Minety Parish Council	11.85	13.83	15.80	17.78	21.73	25.68	29.63	35.56
Monkton Farleigh Parish Council	19.78	23.08	26.37	29.67	36.26	42.86	49.45	59.34
Netheravon Parish Council	37.56	43.82	50.08	56.34	68.86	81.38	93.90	112.68
Netherhampton Parish Council	6.03	7.03	8.04	9.04	11.05	13.06	15.07	18.08
Nettleton Parish Council	10.21	11.92	13.62	15.32	18.72	22.13	25.53	30.64
Newton Toney Parish Council	32.10	37.45	42.80	48.15	58.85	69.55	80.25	96.30
North Bradley Parish Council	9.57	11.17	12.76	14.36	17.55	20.74	23.93	28.72
North Newton Parish Council	19.45	22.70	25.94	29.18	35.66	42.15	48.63	58.36
North Wraxall Parish Council	19.43	22.67	25.91	29.15	35.63	42.11	48.58	58.30
Norton & Foxley Parish Meeting	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Norton Bavant Parish Council	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Oaksey Parish Council	40.65	47.42	54.20	60.97	74.52	88.07	101.62	121.94
Odstock Parish Council	30.62	35.72	40.83	45.93	56.14	66.34	76.55	91.86
Ogbourne St Andrew Parish Council	10.48	12.23	13.97	15.72	19.21	22.71	26.20	31.44
Ogbourne St George Parish Council	26.33	30.71	35.10	39.49	48.27	57.04	65.82	78.98
Orcheston Parish Council	9.48	11.06	12.64	14.22	17.38	20.54	23.70	28.44
Patney Parish Council	10.67	12.45	14.23	16.01	19.57	23.13	26.68	32.02
Pewsey Parish Council	39.32	45.87	52.43	58.98	72.09	85.19	98.30	117.96
Pitton & Farley Parish Council	17.31	20.20	23.08	25.97	31.74	37.51	43.28	51.94
Potterne Parish Council	18.91	22.07	25.22	28.37	34.67	40.98	47.28	56.74
Poulshot Parish Council	29.75	34.71	39.67	44.63	54.55	64.47	74.38	89.26
Preshute Parish Council	16.59	19.35	22.12	24.88	30.41	35.94	41.47	49.76
Purton Parish Council	71.54	83.46	95.39	107.31	131.16	155.00	178.85	214.62
Quidhampton Parish Council	29.41	34.32	39.22	44.12	53.92	63.73	73.53	88.24
Ramsbury Parish Council	33.79	39.42	45.05	50.68	61.94	73.20	84.47	101.36
Redlynch Parish Council	19.96	23.29	26.61	29.94	36.59	43.25	49.90	59.88
Roundway Parish Council	27.38	31.94	36.51	41.07	50.20	59.32	68.45	82.14
Rowde Parish Council	37.43	43.66	49.90	56.14	68.62	81.09	93.57	112.28
Royal Wootton Bassett Town Council	126.54	147.63	168.72	189.81	231.99	274.17	316.35	379.62

Wiltshire Council - Council Tax Banding Schedule by Authority 2015/2016

Council Tax Schedule 2015/2016	Band A (£)	Band B (£)	Band C (£)	Band D (£)	Band E (£)	Band F (£)	Band G (£)	Band H (£)
Wiltshire Council	814.95	950.78	1,086.60	1,222.43	1,494.08	1,765.73	2,037.38	2,444.86
Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner for Wiltshire & Swindon	109.32	127.54	145.76	163.98	200.42	236.86	273.30	327.96
Wiltshire & Swindon Fire Authority	43.25	50.46	57.67	64.88	79.30	93.72	108.13	129.76
Town & Parish Council (Average)	55.44	64.68	73.92	83.16	101.64	120.12	138.60	166.32
Total	1,022.96	1,193.46	1,363.95	1,534.45	1,875.44	2,216.43	2,557.41	3,068.90

Council Tax Charge by band per Parish/Town Council

Rushall Parish Council	31.63	36.91	42.18	47.45	57.99	68.54	79.08	94.90
Salisbury City Council	70.00	81.67	93.33	105.00	128.33	151.67	175.00	210.00
Savernake Parish Council	4.95	5.78	6.60	7.43	9.08	10.73	12.38	14.86
Seagry Parish Council	47.45	55.36	63.27	71.18	87.00	102.82	118.63	142.36
Sedgehill & Semley Parish Council	15.73	18.35	20.97	23.59	28.83	34.07	39.32	47.18
Seend Parish Council	13.09	15.28	17.46	19.64	24.00	28.37	32.73	39.28
Semington Parish Council	16.39	19.12	21.85	24.58	30.04	35.50	40.97	49.16
Shalbourne Parish Council	6.25	7.30	8.34	9.38	11.46	13.55	15.63	18.76
Sherrington Parish Council	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sherston Parish Council	24.31	28.36	32.41	36.46	44.56	52.66	60.77	72.92
Shrewton Parish Council	20.17	23.54	26.90	30.26	36.98	43.71	50.43	60.52
Sopworth Parish Council	5.18	6.04	6.91	7.77	9.50	11.22	12.95	15.54
South Newton Parish Council	12.85	14.99	17.13	19.27	23.55	27.83	32.12	38.54
South Wraxall Parish Council	10.71	12.49	14.28	16.06	19.63	23.20	26.77	32.12
Southwick Parish Council	15.43	18.00	20.57	23.14	28.28	33.42	38.57	46.28
St Paul Without	8.09	9.43	10.78	12.13	14.83	17.52	20.22	24.26
Stanton St Bernard Parish Council	27.93	32.58	37.24	41.89	51.20	60.51	69.82	83.78
Stanton St Quintin Parish Council	14.07	16.41	18.76	21.10	25.79	30.48	35.17	42.20
Stapleford Parish Council	15.67	18.28	20.89	23.50	28.72	33.94	39.17	47.00
Staverton Parish Council	21.96	25.62	29.28	32.94	40.26	47.58	54.90	65.88
Steeple Ashton Parish Council	30.11	35.12	40.14	45.16	55.20	65.23	75.27	90.32
Steeple Langford Parish Council	12.89	15.04	17.19	19.34	23.64	27.94	32.23	38.68
Stert Parish Council	6.75	7.87	9.00	10.12	12.37	14.62	16.87	20.24
Stockton Parish Council	4.25	4.95	5.66	6.37	7.79	9.20	10.62	12.74
Stourton Parish Council	13.13	15.31	17.50	19.69	24.07	28.44	32.82	39.38
Stratford Tony Parish Council	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sutton Bengier Parish Council	13.55	15.81	18.07	20.33	24.85	29.37	33.88	40.66
Sutton Mandeville Parish Council	6.23	7.26	8.30	9.34	11.42	13.49	15.57	18.68
Sutton Veny Parish Council	23.13	26.99	30.84	34.70	42.41	50.12	57.83	69.40
Swallowcliffe Parish Council	14.83	17.30	19.77	22.24	27.18	32.12	37.07	44.48
Teffont Parish Council	35.09	40.93	46.78	52.63	64.33	76.02	87.72	105.26
Tidcombe & Fosbury Parish Council	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Tidworth Town Council	79.05	92.23	105.40	118.58	144.93	171.28	197.63	237.16
Tilshead Parish Council	31.42	36.66	41.89	47.13	57.60	68.08	78.55	94.26
Tisbury Parish Council	38.87	45.34	51.82	58.30	71.26	84.21	97.17	116.60
Tockenham Parish Council	25.71	29.99	34.28	38.56	47.13	55.70	64.27	77.12
Tollard Royal Parish Council	41.75	48.70	55.66	62.62	76.54	90.45	104.37	125.24
Trowbridge Town Council	93.09	108.61	124.12	139.64	170.67	201.70	232.73	279.28
Upavon Parish Council	25.31	29.53	33.75	37.97	46.41	54.85	63.28	75.94
Upper Deverills Parish Council	26.05	30.40	34.74	39.08	47.76	56.45	65.13	78.16
Upton Lovell Parish Council	22.42	26.16	29.89	33.63	41.10	48.58	56.05	67.26
Upton Scudamore Parish Council	15.33	17.89	20.44	23.00	28.11	33.22	38.33	46.00
Urchfont Parish Council	56.39	65.79	75.19	84.59	103.39	122.19	140.98	169.18
Warminster Town Council	54.93	64.08	73.24	82.39	100.70	119.01	137.32	164.78
West Ashton Parish Council	9.02	10.52	12.03	13.53	16.54	19.54	22.55	27.06
West Dean Parish Council	38.53	44.96	51.38	57.80	70.64	83.49	96.33	115.60
West Knoyle Parish Council	33.78	39.41	45.04	50.67	61.93	73.19	84.45	101.34

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Wiltshire & Swindon Fire Authority	43.25	50.46	57.67	64.88	79.30	93.72	108.13	129.76
Town & Parish Council (Average)	55.44	64.68	73.92	83.16	101.64	120.12	138.60	166.32
Total	1,022.96	1,193.46	1,363.95	1,534.45	1,875.44	2,216.43	2,557.41	3,068.90

Council Tax Charge by band per Parish/Town Council								
West Lavington Parish Council	38.19	44.55	50.92	57.28	70.01	82.74	95.47	114.56
West Tisbury Parish Council	15.97	18.64	21.30	23.96	29.28	34.61	39.93	47.92
Westbury Town Council	58.50	68.25	78.00	87.75	107.25	126.75	146.25	175.50
Westwood Parish Council	22.75	26.54	30.33	34.12	41.70	49.28	56.87	68.24
Whiteparish Parish Council	26.17	30.54	34.90	39.26	47.98	56.71	65.43	78.52
Wilcot & Huish Parish Council	15.18	17.71	20.24	22.77	27.83	32.89	37.95	45.54
Wilsford-cum-Lake Parish Council	6.38	7.44	8.51	9.57	11.70	13.82	15.95	19.14
Wilton Town Council	69.14	80.66	92.19	103.71	126.76	149.80	172.85	207.42
Wingfield Parish Council	33.90	39.55	45.20	50.85	62.15	73.45	84.75	101.70
Winsley Parish Council	13.77	16.06	18.36	20.65	25.24	29.83	34.42	41.30
Winterbourne Parish Council	21.43	25.00	28.57	32.14	39.28	46.42	53.57	64.28
Winterbourne Stoke Parish Council	47.08	54.93	62.77	70.62	86.31	102.01	117.70	141.24
Winterslow Parish Council	25.33	29.55	33.77	37.99	46.43	54.87	63.32	75.98
Woodborough Parish Council	28.61	33.37	38.14	42.91	52.45	61.98	71.52	85.82
Woodford Parish Council	13.15	15.35	17.54	19.73	24.11	28.50	32.88	39.46
Wootton Rivers Parish Council	12.05	14.05	16.06	18.07	22.09	26.10	30.12	36.14
Worton Parish Council	25.91	30.23	34.55	38.87	47.51	56.15	64.78	77.74
Wylve Parish Council	16.07	18.75	21.43	24.11	29.47	34.83	40.18	48.22
Yatton Keynell Parish Council	15.95	18.61	21.27	23.93	29.25	34.57	39.88	47.86
Zeals Parish Council	11.56	13.49	15.41	17.34	21.19	25.05	28.90	34.68

Wiltshire Council - Town & Parish Precepts 2015/2016

Parish/Town Council	2014/2015			2015/2016			C Tax Increase/ (Decrease)
	Tax Base	Precept (£)	Council Tax Band D (£)	Tax Base	Precept (£)	Council Tax Band D (£)	
Aldbourne Parish Council	767.83	24,716.76	32.19	770.38	25,063.24	32.53	1.06%
Alderbury Parish Council	930.53	44,086.34	47.38	929.22	44,028.31	47.38	0.00%
All Cannings Parish Council	250.98	10,597.00	42.22	255.85	11,848.41	46.31	9.69%
Allington Parish Council	184.29	7,717.42	41.88	189.00	7,842.18	41.49	(0.93%)
Alton Parish Council	103.53	2,251.29	21.74	107.77	3,891.44	36.11	66.10%
Alvediston Parish Meeting	46.00	0.00	0.00	46.87	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Amesbury Town Council	3,515.27	203,710.00	57.95	3,517.22	214,374.55	60.95	5.18%
Ansty Parish Council	73.57	1,523.63	20.71	70.67	1,523.63	21.56	4.10%
Ashton Keynes Parish Council	639.84	32,770.63	51.22	665.12	33,008.06	49.63	(3.10%)
Atworth Parish Council	473.36	22,646.00	47.84	476.32	22,787.00	47.84	0.00%
Avebury Parish Council	216.72	10,237.08	47.24	218.03	10,416.07	47.77	1.12%
Barford St Martin Parish Council	193.85	8,456.00	43.62	195.24	7,702.88	39.45	(9.56%)
Baydon Parish Council	283.50	14,101.00	49.74	283.11	13,390.00	47.30	(4.91%)
Beechingstoke Parish Council	65.77	0.00	0.00	62.53	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Berwick Bassett & W/Bourne Monkton Pa	83.69	2,208.06	26.38	87.75	2,260.61	25.76	(2.35%)
Berwick St James Parish Council	73.33	1,167.82	15.93	74.19	1,190.01	16.04	0.69%
Berwick St John Parish Council	131.99	7,000.00	53.03	129.83	7,000.00	53.92	1.68%
Berwick St Leonard Parish Council	15.53	0.00	0.00	15.52	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Biddestone Parish Council	243.59	8,000.00	32.84	246.58	8,000.00	32.44	(1.22%)
Bishops Cannings Parish Council	761.06	16,150.00	21.22	772.63	24,225.00	31.35	47.74%
Bishopstone Parish Council	263.22	5,274.39	20.04	267.87	5,368.00	20.04	0.00%
Bishopstrow Parish Council	62.88	1,200.00	19.08	63.18	1,200.00	18.99	(0.47%)
Bowerchalke Parish Council	173.93	5,289.89	30.41	172.78	5,346.62	30.94	1.74%
Box Parish Council	1,449.75	134,746.24	92.94	1,460.10	135,597.00	92.87	(0.08%)
Boyton Parish Council	87.98	586.58	6.67	85.85	750.20	8.74	31.03%
Bradford On Avon Town Council	3,662.50	373,929.00	102.10	3,767.78	417,854.00	110.90	8.62%
Bratton Parish Council	485.45	24,711.70	50.90	491.71	26,809.69	54.52	7.11%
Braydon Parish Council	25.46	0.00	0.00	27.36	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Bremhill Parish Council	447.17	4,852.24	10.85	451.47	6,392.13	14.16	30.51%
Brinkworth Parish Council	573.78	15,995.39	27.88	590.69	16,470.18	27.88	0.00%
Britford Parish Council	183.05	2,965.26	16.20	187.33	2,974.64	15.88	(1.98%)
Broad Hinton & W/Bourne Bassett Parish	377.21	5,806.56	15.39	380.84	5,858.79	15.38	(0.06%)
Broad Town Parish Council	254.32	3,525.00	13.86	261.25	3,625.00	13.88	0.14%
Broadchalke Parish Council	307.61	6,495.91	21.12	314.64	6,551.01	20.82	(1.42%)
Brokenborough Parish Council	94.87	1,265.00	13.33	99.50	1,326.34	13.33	0.00%
Bromham Parish Council	744.18	34,098.67	45.82	752.81	34,612.03	45.98	0.35%
Broughton Gifford Parish Council	331.92	8,652.00	26.07	335.73	9,152.00	27.26	4.56%
Bulford Parish Council	1,148.11	41,327.47	36.00	1,186.68	46,167.46	38.90	8.06%
Bulkington Parish Council	117.01	4,500.00	38.46	118.21	4,500.00	38.07	(1.01%)
Burbage Parish Council	740.33	31,499.39	42.55	754.06	26,309.82	34.89	(18.00%)
Burcombe Parish Council	58.23	2,501.43	42.96	61.87	3,000.00	48.49	12.87%
Buttermere Parish Council	30.12	0.00	0.00	30.89	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Calne Town Council	5,201.48	1,039,984.00	199.94	5,337.54	1,122,660.00	210.33	5.20%
Calne Without Parish Council	1,092.22	5,824.47	5.33	1,106.55	7,871.87	7.11	33.40%
Castle Combe Parish Council	159.12	4,588.81	28.84	166.67	4,632.33	27.79	(3.64%)
Chapmanslade Parish Council	299.52	3,863.81	12.90	297.38	4,390.51	14.76	14.42%
Charlton Parish Council	222.00	4,876.50	21.97	228.25	5,209.84	22.83	3.91%
Charlton St Peter & Wilsford Parish Cour	80.82	800.00	9.90	80.93	1,100.00	13.59	37.27%
Cherhill Parish Council	343.85	6,698.29	19.48	345.59	6,779.75	19.62	0.72%
Cheverell Magna (Great Cheverell) Paris	239.60	8,044.24	33.57	244.11	8,521.88	34.91	3.99%

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Parish/Town Council	2014/2015			2015/2016			C Tax Increase/ (Decrease)
	Tax Base	Precept (£)	Council Tax Band D (£)	Tax Base	Precept (£)	Council Tax Band D (£)	
Chicklade Parish Council	38.18	0.00	0.00	36.09	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Chilmark Parish Council	230.72	6,848.58	29.68	229.86	6,889.47	29.97	0.98%

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Parish/Town Council	2014/2015			2015/2016			C Tax Increase/ (Decrease)
	Tax Base	Precept (£)	Council Tax Band D (£)	Tax Base	Precept (£)	Council Tax Band D (£)	
Chilton Foliat Parish Council	188.24	6,600.00	35.06	189.62	6,600.00	34.81	(0.71%)
Chippenham Town Council	11,379.61	1,717,463.00	150.92	11,465.93	1,747,577.00	152.41	0.99%
Chippenham Without Parish Council	87.11	4,000.00	45.92	86.17	5,000.00	58.02	26.35%
Chirton Parish Council	171.37	2,114.71	12.34	172.07	4,247.00	24.68	100.00%
Chitterne Parish Council	130.76	6,039.00	46.18	132.17	6,280.56	47.52	2.90%
Cholderton Parish Council	84.13	3,800.00	45.17	85.01	3,800.00	44.70	(1.04%)
Christian Malford Parish Council	338.43	8,967.58	26.50	346.18	9,976.33	28.82	8.75%
Chute Forest Parish Council	85.50	3,868.00	45.24	88.31	3,868.00	43.80	(3.18%)
Chute Parish Council	161.20	6,000.00	37.22	168.71	6,100.00	36.16	(2.85%)
Clarendon Park Parish Council	114.59	600.00	5.24	110.66	3,600.00	32.53	520.80%
Clyffe Pypard Parish Council	140.18	2,000.00	14.27	143.52	2,000.00	13.94	(2.31%)
Codford Parish Council	331.30	7,080.06	21.37	334.31	7,600.00	22.73	6.36%
Coleme Parish Council	911.87	50,078.10	54.92	930.59	51,467.73	55.31	0.71%
Collingbourne Ducis Parish Council	354.50	17,412.93	49.12	364.40	18,257.00	50.10	2.00%
Collingbourne Kingston Parish Council	203.51	8,917.19	43.82	213.66	9,449.55	44.23	0.94%
Compton Bassett Parish Council	105.56	2,695.56	25.53	107.28	3,370.00	31.41	23.03%
Compton Chamberlayne Parish Council	60.14	2,250.00	37.41	58.41	2,500.00	42.80	14.41%
Coombe Bissett Parish Council	348.62	10,854.03	31.13	344.72	10,893.44	31.60	1.51%
Corsham Town Council	4,286.13	586,187.00	136.76	4,364.97	596,953.00	136.76	0.00%
Corsley Parish Council	327.26	8,000.00	24.45	333.92	8,000.00	23.96	(2.00%)
Coulston Parish Council	81.18	1,960.00	24.14	81.59	1,960.00	24.02	(0.50%)
Cricklade Town Council	1,485.70	240,106.00	161.61	1,505.80	250,426.00	166.31	2.91%
Crudwell Parish Council	494.85	15,097.74	30.51	498.99	15,226.40	30.51	0.00%
Dauntsey Parish Council	242.97	12,000.00	49.39	248.23	13,000.00	52.37	6.03%
Devizes Town Council	3,763.77	462,363.64	122.85	3,787.69	473,864.00	125.11	1.84%
Dilton Marsh Parish Council	667.92	17,858.12	26.74	674.42	21,301.43	31.58	18.10%
Dinton Parish Council	282.78	10,645.00	37.64	287.97	10,296.00	35.75	(5.02%)
Donhead St Andrew Parish Council	242.57	7,252.00	29.90	244.31	7,252.00	29.68	(0.74%)
Donhead St Mary Parish Council	452.91	14,542.76	32.11	458.37	15,441.82	33.69	4.92%
Downton Parish Council	1,241.26	57,819.87	46.58	1,247.02	60,616.13	48.61	4.36%
Durnford Parish Council	175.22	1,989.60	11.36	173.83	2,072.05	11.92	4.93%
Durrington Town Council	2,066.94	104,074.75	50.35	2,115.83	108,203.24	51.14	1.57%
East Kennett Parish Council	50.61	0.00	0.00	50.76	0.00	0.00	0.00%
East Knoyle Parish Council	330.21	7,062.07	21.39	336.31	7,599.31	22.60	5.66%
Easterton Parish Council	227.30	14,500.00	63.79	232.08	14,790.00	63.73	(0.09%)
Easton Grey Parish Council	43.81	0.00	0.00	42.19	200.00	4.74	N/A
Easton Royal Parish Council	135.41	5,600.00	41.36	136.82	5,600.00	40.93	(1.04%)
Ebbesbourne Wake Parish Council	101.17	999.56	9.88	100.05	999.50	9.99	1.11%
Edington Parish Council	317.54	6,238.55	19.65	324.60	7,109.15	21.90	11.45%
Enford Parish Council	245.98	4,730.40	19.23	247.98	7,217.95	29.11	51.38%
Erlestoke Parish Council	90.38	5,584.26	61.79	88.78	6,034.38	67.97	10.00%
Etchilhampton Parish Council	70.46	1,403.91	19.92	71.17	1,429.85	20.09	0.85%
Everleigh Parish Council	87.60	3,367.18	38.44	89.24	3,428.69	38.42	(0.05%)
Figheledean Parish Council	214.95	15,170.61	70.58	220.39	15,554.51	70.58	0.00%
Firsdown Parish Council	277.53	8,974.00	32.34	275.47	10,410.10	37.79	16.85%
Fittleton Parish Council	100.76	4,333.49	43.01	102.45	4,626.44	45.16	5.00%
Fonthill Bishop Parish Council	37.60	0.00	0.00	42.24	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Fonthill Gifford Parish Council	54.08	1,400.00	25.89	54.84	1,500.00	27.35	5.64%
Fovant Parish Council	317.24	8,787.82	27.70	314.66	9,195.11	29.22	5.49%
Froxfield Parish Council	138.30	6,000.00	43.38	142.64	6,000.00	42.06	(3.04%)

Wiltshire Council - Town & Parish Precepts 2015/2016

Parish/Town Council	2014/2015			2015/2016			C Tax Increase/ (Decrease)
	Tax Base	Precept (£)	Council Tax Band D (£)	Tax Base	Precept (£)	Council Tax Band D (£)	
Fyfield & West Overton Parish Council	384.20	8,361.82	21.76	387.12	8,436.93	21.79	0.14%

Wiltshire Council - Town & Parish Precepts 2015/2016

Parish/Town Council	2014/2015			2015/2016			C Tax Increase/ (Decrease)
	Tax Base	Precept (£)	Council Tax Band D (£)	Tax Base	Precept (£)	Council Tax Band D (£)	
Grafton Parish Council	320.62	6,900.00	21.52	331.03	6,500.00	19.64	(8.74%)
Great Bedwyn Parish Council	547.51	15,212.67	27.79	548.43	15,425.25	28.13	1.22%
Great Hinton Parish Council	102.06	3,000.00	29.39	100.69	3,000.00	29.79	1.36%
Great Somerford Parish Council	370.51	6,726.00	18.15	363.97	6,977.00	19.17	5.62%
Great Wishford Parish Council	129.91	3,500.00	26.94	133.13	3,531.29	26.53	(1.52%)
Grimstead Parish Council	265.25	9,000.00	33.93	271.52	11,500.00	42.35	24.82%
Grittletton Parish Council	268.84	3,930.66	14.62	270.00	3,931.57	14.56	(0.41%)
Ham Parish Council	105.70	3,000.00	28.38	105.75	2,500.00	23.64	(16.70%)
Hankerton Parish Council	146.83	3,523.49	24.00	149.39	3,644.15	24.39	1.63%
Heddington Parish Council	186.58	2,591.42	13.89	189.00	2,634.24	13.94	0.36%
Heytesbury & Knook Parish Council	330.33	8,692.37	26.31	330.45	8,683.43	26.28	(0.11%)
Heywood Parish Council	288.68	3,843.77	13.32	290.38	3,979.55	13.70	2.85%
Hilmarton Parish Council	288.99	7,084.28	24.51	302.01	7,169.53	23.74	(3.14%)
Hilperton Parish Council	1,871.82	26,205.48	14.00	1,814.20	25,906.78	14.28	2.00%
Hindon Parish Council	224.66	7,282.41	32.41	224.47	10,341.16	46.07	42.15%
Holt Parish Council	653.23	16,666.00	25.51	661.02	17,697.00	26.77	4.94%
Horningsham Parish Council	143.24	9,309.25	64.99	155.26	10,292.03	66.29	2.00%
Hullavington Parish Council	466.58	16,561.98	35.50	478.26	17,380.24	36.34	2.37%
Idmiston Parish Council	875.36	24,449.75	27.93	870.34	25,086.47	28.82	3.19%
Keevil Parish Council	226.13	6,200.37	27.42	229.90	6,431.47	27.98	2.04%
Kilmington Parish Council	127.04	4,111.33	32.36	131.50	4,727.55	35.95	11.09%
Kington Langley Parish Council	350.51	18,160.00	51.81	353.25	18,396.50	52.08	0.52%
Kington St Michael Parish Council	281.60	15,423.85	54.77	297.85	16,313.77	54.77	0.00%
Lacock Parish Council	485.00	10,757.30	22.18	482.88	16,741.13	34.67	56.31%
Landford Parish Council	570.27	19,000.00	33.32	571.00	21,000.00	36.78	10.38%
Langley Burrell Parish Council	122.84	4,600.00	37.45	169.03	7,500.00	44.37	18.48%
Latton Parish Council	224.72	6,336.00	28.19	230.79	6,800.00	29.46	4.51%
Laverstock & Ford Parish Council	2,402.05	29,905.00	12.45	2,579.44	33,211.80	12.88	3.45%
Lea & Cleverton Parish Council	382.12	8,592.13	22.49	395.76	8,782.75	22.19	(1.33%)
Leigh Parish Council	134.67	3,830.50	28.44	136.62	3,870.86	28.33	(0.39%)
Limpley Stoke Parish Council	289.09	12,924.30	44.71	289.48	14,236.87	49.18	10.00%
Little Bedwyn Parish Council	126.08	3,095.18	24.55	130.24	3,091.66	23.74	(3.30%)
Little Cheverell Parish Council	78.61	2,425.13	30.85	78.70	2,445.35	31.07	0.71%
Little Somerford Parish Council	180.59	6,076.34	33.65	182.79	6,076.00	33.24	(1.22%)
Longbridge Deverill Parish Council	377.28	6,130.32	16.25	379.97	6,482.38	17.06	4.98%
Luckington Parish Council	291.09	7,400.00	25.42	293.81	8,201.62	27.91	9.80%
Ludgershall Town Council	1,306.20	100,390.44	76.86	1,330.07	114,044.80	85.74	11.55%
Lydiard Millicent Parish Council	731.80	19,905.00	27.20	738.67	21,211.50	28.72	5.59%
Lydiard Tregoze Parish Council	207.43	7,000.00	33.75	207.37	7,135.00	34.41	1.96%
Lyneham & Bradenstoke Parish Council	1,428.50	87,573.00	61.30	1,452.02	50,000.00	34.43	(43.83%)
Maiden Bradley Parish Council	125.06	10,400.14	83.16	131.06	12,358.90	94.30	13.40%
Malmesbury Town Council	1,871.47	322,491.71	172.32	1,896.44	336,599.15	177.49	3.00%
Manningford Parish Council	186.79	6,120.95	32.77	185.59	6,169.30	33.24	1.43%
Marden Parish Council	51.82	332.60	6.42	52.82	600.00	11.36	76.95%
Market Lavington Parish Council	730.10	42,746.15	58.55	731.14	44,027.97	60.22	2.85%
Marlborough Town Council	3,137.05	457,444.68	145.82	3,171.08	473,544.00	149.33	2.41%
Marston Meyse Parish Council	105.65	2,840.00	26.88	108.62	2,900.00	26.70	(0.67%)
Marston Parish Council	77.17	1,930.12	25.01	76.52	2,000.00	26.14	4.52%
Melksham Town Council	4,271.95	371,110.00	86.87	4,382.93	384,930.00	87.82	1.09%
Melksham Without Parish Council	2,966.74	123,496.42	41.63	3,121.00	166,423.59	53.32	28.08%

Wiltshire Council - Town & Parish Precepts 2015/2016

Parish/Town Council	2014/2015			2015/2016			C Tax Increase/ (Decrease)
	Tax Base	Precept (£)	Council Tax Band D (£)	Tax Base	Precept (£)	Council Tax Band D (£)	
Mere Parish Council	1,088.10	99,220.86	91.19	1,119.81	105,002.13	93.77	2.83%

Wiltshire Council - Town & Parish Precepts 2015/2016

Parish/Town Council	2014/2015			2015/2016			C Tax Increase/ (Decrease)
	Tax Base	Precept (£)	Council Tax Band D (£)	Tax Base	Precept (£)	Council Tax Band D (£)	
Mildenhall Parish Council	210.17	13,000.00	61.85	212.48	13,000.00	61.18	(1.08%)
Milston Parish Council	53.48	828.43	15.49	53.58	800.00	14.93	(3.62%)
Milton Lilbourne Parish Council	251.82	7,872.18	31.26	260.23	8,906.69	34.23	9.50%
Minety Parish Council	662.04	11,946.15	18.04	672.66	11,960.69	17.78	(1.44%)
Monkton Farleigh Parish Council	169.00	4,624.45	27.36	168.50	5,000.00	29.67	8.44%
Netheravon Parish Council	375.81	19,568.39	52.07	381.60	21,500.00	56.34	8.20%
Netherhampton Parish Council	191.97	1,736.33	9.04	194.75	1,760.46	9.04	0.00%
Nettleton Parish Council	328.49	4,886.84	14.88	326.45	5,000.00	15.32	2.96%
Newton Toney Parish Council	164.86	7,014.00	42.55	165.30	7,960.00	48.15	13.16%
North Bradley Parish Council	665.90	9,504.14	14.27	672.55	9,659.16	14.36	0.63%
North Newton Parish Council	189.22	3,700.00	19.55	188.46	5,500.00	29.18	49.26%
North Wraxall Parish Council	204.17	6,000.00	29.39	205.80	6,000.00	29.15	(0.82%)
Norton & Foxley Parish Meeting	63.01	0.00	0.00	63.58	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Norton Bavant Parish Council	54.03	0.00	0.00	55.12	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Oaksey Parish Council	223.61	13,365.17	59.77	226.31	13,798.12	60.97	2.01%
Odstock Parish Council	239.83	9,580.00	39.95	245.34	11,268.47	45.93	14.97%
Ogbourne St Andrew Parish Council	184.48	2,889.93	15.67	184.17	2,894.41	15.72	0.32%
Ogbourne St George Parish Council	204.93	6,500.00	31.72	214.03	8,451.98	39.49	24.50%
Orcheston Parish Council	101.43	1,434.42	14.14	102.12	1,452.12	14.22	0.57%
Patney Parish Council	59.78	563.41	9.42	60.78	973.29	16.01	69.96%
Pewsey Parish Council	1,407.82	82,038.69	58.27	1,452.17	85,648.24	58.98	1.22%
Pitton & Farley Parish Council	355.83	7,258.88	20.40	358.96	9,323.98	25.97	27.30%
Potterne Parish Council	563.96	16,000.00	28.37	572.39	16,238.00	28.37	0.00%
Poulshot Parish Council	142.28	5,454.40	38.33	152.00	6,784.39	44.63	16.44%
Preshute Parish Council	76.63	2,050.00	26.75	82.39	2,050.00	24.88	(6.99%)
Purton Parish Council	1,625.95	171,902.00	105.72	1,724.79	185,087.21	107.31	1.50%
Quidhampton Parish Council	143.17	5,342.00	37.31	146.54	6,466.00	44.12	18.25%
Ramsbury Parish Council	896.18	44,646.03	49.82	907.32	45,986.00	50.68	1.73%
Redlynch Parish Council	1,519.91	44,615.69	29.35	1,530.82	45,832.75	29.94	2.01%
Roundway Parish Council	1,968.12	80,833.36	41.07	1,950.08	80,088.96	41.07	0.00%
Rowde Parish Council	469.50	26,357.73	56.14	483.11	27,120.45	56.14	0.00%
Royal Wootton Bassett Town Council	4,009.84	761,101.00	189.81	4,226.50	802,232.00	189.81	0.00%
Rushall Parish Council	70.00	3,224.65	46.07	73.30	3,478.09	47.45	3.00%
Salisbury City Council	13,646.26	1,432,857.30	105.00	13,820.27	1,451,128.30	105.00	0.00%
Savernake Parish Council	133.47	1,000.00	7.49	134.52	1,000.00	7.43	(0.80%)
Seagry Parish Council	152.91	8,458.04	55.31	161.57	11,500.00	71.18	28.69%
Sedgehill & Semley Parish Council	272.11	6,432.72	23.64	279.01	6,580.88	23.59	(0.21%)
Seend Parish Council	503.49	9,962.00	19.79	510.33	10,021.00	19.64	(0.76%)
Semington Parish Council	366.81	8,168.56	22.27	376.62	9,258.05	24.58	10.37%
Shalbourne Parish Council	315.33	3,000.00	9.51	319.70	3,000.00	9.38	(1.37%)
Sherrington Parish Council	32.55	0.00	0.00	34.92	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!
Sherston Parish Council	679.69	24,784.84	36.46	694.53	25,322.62	36.46	0.00%
Shrewton Parish Council	716.23	17,606.91	24.58	722.03	21,848.04	30.26	23.11%
Sopworth Parish Council	58.95	492.14	8.35	63.61	494.26	7.77	(6.95%)
South Newton Parish Council	222.46	4,228.51	19.01	225.99	4,355.81	19.27	1.37%
South Wraxall Parish Council	210.53	3,495.19	16.60	217.77	3,496.49	16.06	(3.25%)
Southwick Parish Council	694.21	14,075.00	20.27	712.16	16,477.04	23.14	14.16%
St Paul Without	929.67	11,276.00	12.13	945.08	11,463.00	12.13	0.00%
Stanton St Bernard Parish Council	80.54	2,458.42	30.53	82.83	3,469.65	41.89	37.21%
Stanton St Quintin Parish Council	250.29	5,366.39	21.44	256.05	5,402.00	21.10	(1.59%)

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Parish/Town Council	2014/2015			2015/2016			C Tax Increase/ (Decrease)
	Tax Base	Precept (£)	Council Tax Band D (£)	Tax Base	Precept (£)	Council Tax Band D (£)	
Stapleford Parish Council	132.85	3,037.33	22.86	135.06	3,173.56	23.50	2.80%

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Parish/Town Council	2014/2015			2015/2016			C Tax Increase/ (Decrease)
	Tax Base	Precept (£)	Council Tax Band D (£)	Tax Base	Precept (£)	Council Tax Band D (£)	
Staverton Parish Council	661.70	20,757.53	31.37	652.89	21,505.22	32.94	5.00%
Steeple Ashton Parish Council	421.45	19,032.68	45.16	425.03	19,194.35	45.16	0.00%
Steeple Langford Parish Council	233.92	4,323.18	18.48	232.69	4,500.00	19.34	4.65%
Stert Parish Council	91.13	911.30	10.00	90.05	911.30	10.12	1.20%
Stockton Parish Council	81.80	500.00	6.11	78.48	500.00	6.37	4.26%
Stourton Parish Council	91.70	1,838.10	20.04	96.41	1,898.00	19.69	(1.75%)
Stratford Tony Parish Council	28.20	0.00	0.00	29.02	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Sutton Benger Parish Council	433.03	8,699.57	20.09	467.73	9,508.95	20.33	1.19%
Sutton Mandeville Parish Council	134.32	1,200.00	8.93	136.47	1,275.00	9.34	4.59%
Sutton Veny Parish Council	297.88	10,523.22	35.33	306.94	10,651.95	34.70	(1.78%)
Swallowcliffe Parish Council	99.71	2,247.55	22.54	101.88	2,266.05	22.24	(1.33%)
Teffont Parish Council	136.65	6,379.00	46.68	141.79	7,463.00	52.63	12.75%
Tidcombe & Fosbury Parish Council	53.50	0.00	0.00	54.33	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Tidworth Town Council	1,938.84	201,023.13	103.68	2,038.77	241,759.85	118.58	14.37%
Tilshead Parish Council	131.34	6,250.00	47.59	133.58	6,295.00	47.13	(0.97%)
Tisbury Parish Council	847.96	44,822.73	52.86	893.69	52,106.39	58.30	10.29%
Tockenham Parish Council	112.74	3,600.00	31.93	114.24	4,405.28	38.56	20.76%
Tollard Royal Parish Council	63.78	3,200.00	50.17	63.88	4,000.00	62.62	24.82%
Trowbridge Town Council	9,616.60	1,326,290.00	137.92	10,226.12	1,427,981.00	139.64	1.25%
Upton Parish Council	444.57	16,164.04	36.36	450.10	17,089.75	37.97	4.43%
Upper Deverills Parish Council	166.73	6,510.00	39.04	166.57	6,510.00	39.08	0.10%
Upton Lovell Parish Council	91.22	3,007.36	32.97	90.72	3,050.50	33.63	2.00%
Upton Scudamore Parish Council	137.75	3,100.80	22.51	135.97	3,127.58	23.00	2.18%
Urchfont Parish Council	475.60	39,329.67	82.70	490.43	41,485.38	84.59	2.29%
Warminster Town Council	5,609.73	454,801.96	81.07	5,707.03	470,211.33	82.39	1.63%
West Ashton Parish Council	302.43	4,070.58	13.46	306.24	4,143.62	13.53	0.52%
West Dean Parish Council	101.69	3,158.49	31.06	103.81	6,000.00	57.80	86.09%
West Knoyle Parish Council	63.15	2,689.66	42.59	63.23	3,203.76	50.67	18.97%
West Lavington Parish Council	440.99	25,259.46	57.28	449.11	25,725.02	57.28	0.00%
West Tisbury Parish Council	268.43	5,981.79	22.28	267.91	6,419.00	23.96	7.54%
Westbury Town Council	4,372.89	343,697.00	78.60	4,494.73	394,427.00	87.75	11.64%
Westwood Parish Council	466.55	10,898.58	23.36	470.72	16,060.96	34.12	46.06%
Whiteparish Parish Council	681.44	26,753.33	39.26	685.06	26,895.46	39.26	0.00%
Wilcot & Huish Parish Council	260.29	5,448.73	20.93	264.09	6,012.57	22.77	8.79%
Wilsford-cum-Lake Parish Council	57.33	500.00	8.72	52.23	500.00	9.57	9.75%
Wilton Town Council	1,201.51	115,810.79	96.39	1,273.21	132,048.88	103.71	7.59%
Wingfield Parish Council	183.17	6,372.64	34.79	185.00	9,407.03	50.85	46.16%
Winsley Parish Council	889.08	18,538.35	20.85	903.84	18,662.99	20.65	(0.96%)
Winterbourne Parish Council	545.21	16,985.00	31.15	554.84	17,834.00	32.14	3.18%
Winterbourne Stoke Parish Council	83.69	5,300.00	63.33	82.56	5,830.00	70.62	11.51%
Winterslow Parish Council	867.11	21,707.33	25.03	874.28	33,212.22	37.99	51.78%
Woodborough Parish Council	140.45	2,994.06	21.32	139.74	5,995.66	42.91	101.27%
Woodford Parish Council	221.52	4,163.29	18.79	228.35	4,505.35	19.73	5.00%
Wootton Rivers Parish Council	119.69	2,162.80	18.07	127.68	2,307.18	18.07	0.00%
Worton Parish Council	257.35	9,519.98	36.99	257.68	10,015.58	38.87	5.08%
Wylve Parish Council	202.64	4,867.87	24.02	203.40	4,903.54	24.11	0.37%
Yatton Keynell Parish Council	362.25	8,750.00	24.15	365.68	8,750.00	23.93	(0.91%)
Zeals Parish Council	261.78	4,169.74	15.93	256.76	4,452.05	17.34	8.85%
TOTAL / AVERAGE	167,334.47	13,473,538.42	80.52	170,842.49	14,206,458.20	83.16	3.28%

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SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE PLACES

Committee	Total Number of Places for Elected Members	Conservative Group Allocation (59 seats)	Liberal Democrat Group Allocation (22 seats)	Labour Group Allocation (4 seats)	Independent Group Allocation (12 seats)	UKIP (1 seat)
Strategic Planning	11	7	3	-	1	-
Area Planning Committees						
North	11	7	3 (2)	-	1 (2)	-
South	11	6	2	2	1	-
East	8	7	-	-	1	-
West	11	7	2	-	2	-
Licensing	12	7	3	-	2	-
Overview and Scrutiny Management	15	8	4	1	2	-
Children's Select	13	8	3	1	1	-
Environment Select	13	7	4	1	1	-
Health Select	13	7	3	1	2	-
Standards	11	7	3	-	1	-
Police and Crime Panel	7	4	2	-	1	-
Audit	11	6	3	-	1	1
Appeals	8	5	2 (1)	1	- (1)	-
Staffing Policy	9	5	2	-	1	1
Officer Appointments	5	3	1	-	1	-
Pension Fund	5	4	1	-	-	-
TOTALS:	174	105	39	7	21	2

Figures in red indicate changes as agreed with the leaders of the liberal democrat and Independent groups

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Item 22 - Councillors' Questions

From Councillor Ernie Clark, Hilperton Division

**To Councillor Toby Sturgis, Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning,
Development Management, Strategic Housing, Property, Waste**

Question 1

Does Wiltshire Council own, lease or have any financial interest, in any land within the area known as The Hilperton Gap? If it does, is the interest freehold or leasehold, what is the size (area) of the holding, where exactly is it located and is there any intended use for the land? Why does WC own/lease the land?

Response

Wiltshire Council has a number of land interests within the area known as 'Hilperton Gap'. These are listed below with a brief summary.

- **4a Horse Road-** held freehold as Sheltered Housing **size:976m²**
- **Hilperton Primary School-** playing field held freehold for education purposes **size: 5,073 m²**
- **Hilperton St Michael & All Angel's Churchyard-** held via a management agreement as amenity space **size: 2,082 m²**
- **Hilperton Middle Lane Cemetery-** held freehold as amenity space **size: 3,329m²**
- **Land at 118 Wyke Road, -** held freehold as highways land. This land is subject to a section 278 Agreement legal agreement which requires the council to make this land available in order to enable the relief Road. **size: 349 m²**
- **Land at Victoria Road/Wyke Road-** Held freehold as rural estate land **size: 23,921 m²**

As well as the above parcels of land there is a section 278 Agreement with Wiltshire council regarding the new relief road. This agreement contains various obligations in respect of making the land available to Persimmon in order to enable the construction of the relief road and its dedication as publicly maintainable highway.

Item 22 - Councillors' Questions

From Councillor Chris Hurst, Royal Wootton Bassett South Division

To Councillor John Thomson, Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Highways and Streetscene and Broadband

Question 2

Given the very significant population increase in Royal Wootton Bassett over the past few years is it not time for Wiltshire Council to provide more litter bins?

Response

This administration remains committed to three main priorities – to protect those who are most vulnerable in our communities, to boost the local economy; and to support and empower communities to do more for themselves. It will continue to seek and explore ways of reducing expenditure to meet these.

To increase the highway and streetscene asset in the form of new litter bins or salt bins and bus shelters is not sustainable in the future. Many existing litter bins are not ideally located and remain under used. Consideration will first be made to re-siting these for more effective use. Such requests, supported by the Town Council can be brought to the attention of the Local Highways Community Coordinator in the first instance.

However, it is generally accepted that the presence of bins do not always solve the problem of the certain members of the community littering the area. Members of the public who do use bins will make other arrangements where none are present.

The Highway Service will continue to react to litter reports to maintain the area. These may be made through the normal channels to the council's customer service or more directly through the Council's 'App'. Between April 2014- January 2015 only twenty-six littering reports were received relating to Royal Wootton Bassett. Members and the public are encouraged to continue to report problems.

Question 3

In Royal Wootton Bassett, the speed limit around a number of our local schools is 20mph. However, on a prominent road adjacent to a children's play area (New Road) the speed limits remains 30mph. Recent metro counts have show that vehicles drive on average at 35mph in this area but this is below the Council's threshold for traffic calming measures. Residents have been told nothing more can be done. Can this matter be reviewed urgently and is the Council prepared to review its policy in order

to reduce the speed of vehicles around play areas and improve the safety of young children?

Response

The playground in question is located behind a substantial metal palisade fence approximately 5ft high. There is one access point from New Road into the playground via a staggered gate. The police collision database shows that there have been no recorded collisions along this length of New Road in the latest 10 year period. There are playground warning signs, but their location and condition could be reviewed to ensure they are providing adequate warning. This can be requested via the Community Area Transport Group.

The metrocount referred to recorded an average speed of 29.5mph with an 85%ile speed of 34mph. This would indicate that the posted 30mph limit is generally adhered to by the majority of motorists and that measures to reduce speeds are unnecessary. The use of 20mph speed restrictions around schools in Wiltshire is currently being reviewed to ensure that the Council's policy is appropriate and conform to current best practise. The initial findings of this review are due shortly.

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From Councillor Helen Osborn, Trowbridge Lambrok Division

To Councillor John Thomson, Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Highways and Streetscene and Broadband

Question 4

Last year across the UK 48000 claims were made to local Councils for damage to cars caused by potholes.

How many claims were made to Wiltshire Council last year, and how many claims were accepted and what was the total amount paid out in claims?

Response

The number of claims made, those paid and the costs of the claims paid in the last calendar year are given in the table below.

All claims for potholes for period 01/01/2014 – 31/12/2014

Total claims received	Total closed as liability NOT accepted - NIL cost	Total closed as liability accepted – claims paid	Cost of claims Paid	% of claims Paid
920	220	567	£141,884.76	72%

As you are aware the flooding in Wiltshire from December to April last year caused a substantial increase in the number of reported potholes in the county. As a result we had an increased number of insurance claims against the Council. The huge increase in reported potholes as a result of the flooding is shown below:

	January – March 2013	January – March 2014	% increase
Total Pothole Reports	2,122	6,809	220%

Wiltshire's liability for a claim is time driven from the time that we are aware of a pothole. It is understandable that if there is a significant increase in the total number of potholes there will be more difficulty in achieving these crucial time limits. Consequently, we receive an increase in claims, but more importantly, an increase in claims where we are liable.

The figures for the last 3 financial years are given below:

	2012-2013	2013-2014	% increase	2014-2015*
Claims made	602	773	28%	358 (430)
Claims Paid	189	439	132%	224 (269)
Value paid	£72,921	£131,839	80%	£43,989 (£53k)

2015-2016 figures are part year to 31/01/2015, ie 10 months (pro-rata full year figures in brackets)

This year's figures to date are included to show that following the abatement of the flooding from April 2014 there has been a significant reduction in potholes, claims and liability. This is a result of better weather and Wiltshire Council's increased investment of £53M on our roads.

We were not the only authority to suffer in this way last year and the entire flood affected areas suffered in a similar way, as you would expect:

Authority	% Rise in claims
Somerset	750%
Worcestershire	400%
Surrey	352%
Dorset	127%

Source Daily Telegraph

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From Councillor Jeff Osborn, Trowbridge Grove Division

To Councillor Richard Britton, Chairman of the Wiltshire Police and Crime Panel

Question 5

Recently it has been widely reported that the Wiltshire Police will be working much more closely with the Avon and Somerset Police. Some reports have implied that this will be a merger in all but name.

Can Council please be informed as to the repercussions of this for the agreed back office integration of Wiltshire Council and Wiltshire Police?

Response

At the last meeting of the Police and Crime Panel on 5th February the Police and Crime Commissioner explained that the proposed strategic alliance between the Wiltshire and Avon & Somerset police forces was not a merger and would be looking at how specialist police resources and some office functions could be shared.

Whilst it is far too early in the process to speculate on how the strategic alliance might develop he emphasised that local police emergency response and neighbourhood policing, which is so valued by our communities, will continue to be delivered and managed locally and the co-location arrangements and associated back office collaborations between the force and Wiltshire Council will therefore be unchanged.

It is possible that in the future some collaboration (such as some IT, HR and training) which might have taken place between Wiltshire Police and Wiltshire Council might instead now take place between the two police forces. Equally, Wiltshire Council could provide some back office services to both forces.

The Police and Crime Panel will monitor progress very closely. I am also aware that senior council officers meet regularly with both the Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable and will keep the Council apprised of how this proposed alliance might affect the strategic alliance between the Council and Wiltshire Police.

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From Councillor Terry Chivers, Melksham Without North Division

To Councillor Jane Scott OBE, Leader of the Council

Question 6

On the 15th October 2014 the Council issued a press release 'Wilts Council named fifth best Council'. It has been alleged by the local press that this article in the national press was in fact written by Rupert Sturgis the son of Cllr Toby Sturgis.

Can you confirm this and did you know this had been alleged when issuing the press release

Response

A verbal response will be provided at the meeting.

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From Councillor Terry Chivers, Melksham Without North Division

To Councillor John Thomson, Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Highways and Streetscene and Broadband

Question 7

How many traffic wardens did the Council have on duty at the Lacock Boxing Day hunt? What was the cost to the Council and how many tickets were issued?

Response

As requested by the Parish Council, we deployed 6 officers in anticipation of demand similar to the previous year (2013) where 4 officers were deployed and could not cope with demand.

Officers made 13 observations with 12 PCN's issued.

Costs are part of regular officer deployment and was not additional to forecasted budget: Bank Holidays are part of the working role and is paid at normal working day rates.

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From Councillor Terry Chivers, Melksham Without North Division

To Councillor Stuart Wheeler, Cabinet Member for Hubs, Heritage & Arts, Governance (including information management), Support Services (HR, Legal, ICT, Business Services, Democratic Services)

Question 8

When a resident calls the main Councils main number what is the average time before they are contacted to an operator? And how many calls go unanswered?

Response

In order to provide a recent picture of call performance, these call figures have been taken from the last 4 months, to calculate an average:

On the council's main number, the average time for a customer to wait before they are answered is **32 seconds**

On the council's main number, the average connection rate is **90.7%**. This equates to an average of **1,729** calls per month in which customers have been unable to get through first time.

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From Councillor Terry Chivers, Melksham Without North Division

**To Councillor Toby Sturgis, Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning,
Development Management, Strategic Housing, Property, Waste**

Question 9

Who carried out the consultation on the future of the green waste service and what was the total cost?

Response

The consultation was carried out by the Waste Management service supported by the Communications team and the results were analysed by the council's Knowledge Management team. The total cost was £1512.62 excluding the freepost facility.

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From Councillor Terry Chivers, Melksham Without North Division

To Councillor Jane Scott OBE, Leader of the Council

Question 10

Over the past six months we have seen the price of fuel fall from nearly £1.50 per litre to under £1.00 in some places today. As we are looking to cut public transport which may include the RUH Hopper would you agree that we could afford to cut the amount members claim in mileage claims?

Response

Under the Members' Allowance Scheme – Part 14 of the Constitution, “the rates for travel by a member in a private car are linked to the inland revenue rate (currently 45p per mile) and any movement in that rate to trigger an automatic rise in the councillors' rate”.

Therefore, should there be an adjustment to the inland revenue rate to reflect the decrease in fuel costs or for any other reason, this will automatically be applied to the rates for travel for Councillors.

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From Councillor Jeff Osborn, Trowbridge Grove Division

To Councillor Richard Tonge, Cabinet Member for Finance, Performance and Risk

Question 11

In a Cabinet Assets Committee report dated 24 July 2012 it is stated that there is a target for capital receipts of £50 million over four years.

Whereas in the recently published Budget papers reference is made to the Disposal of Assets bringing in a total of £34.739 million up until 2017/18.

Could the relationship between these figures please be explained?

Response

The two references are related to different information. The £50m was a target at that date. Both the programme and management of receipts is fluid due to the nature of developments and strategic decision making. The actual receipts received during this period were £52m.

Looking at the capital programme today the forecast is £34.739m going to Council today (24th February) but again that is indicative at the moment and will change as circumstances change. The movements are monitored through quarterly reporting to the Cabinet Capital Assets Committee.

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From Councillor Simon Killane, Malmesbury Division

To Councillor Jane Scott OBE, Leader of the Council

Question 12

I would like to gain full details about when Wiltshire Council intends to start web-casting other Committee meetings and ask for the following list of committee meetings to be included in future broadcasts:

- . Cabinet
- . Scrutiny Management
- . Health Select Scrutiny
- . Children's Select Scrutiny
- . Environmental Select
- . Health and Well-being Board
- . Police and Crime Panel
- . Area Planning committees with important planning decisions for large housing estates, retail or business units.

Response

The technology for webcasting is only available in the Council Chamber and the Kennet committee room, so in order to broadcast, it would be necessary for the relevant public meetings to be held in one of those two venues.

We are testing the equipment in Kennet and also addressing some of the minor technical issues identified within the Council Chamber. Full Council will continue to be broadcast, with other meetings being webcast as appropriate, once the issues have been resolved.

Question 13

We now have the technology in the council chamber to make every vote a recorded vote and to provide a voting record for every councillor to the public. Why don't we just agree to do this for the meetings of full Council?

Response

This would require a change to the Constitution. It will be discussed at the Constitutional Focus Group.

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Item 22 - Councillors' Questions

From Councillor Chris Caswill, Chippenham Monkton Division

To Councillor Laura Mayes, Cabinet Member for Children's Services

Question 14

- a) How many Early Years Advisory Teacher posts were on the Council complement on each of May 1 2012, May 1 2013 and May 1 2014?
- b) Would you agree that Early Years Advisory Teachers are in the front line of early years' provision and support, recently prioritised in the Early Years Strategy?
- c) Recognising that Childrens Services is facing an overall budget cut, why have Early Years Advisory Teacher posts not been protected in 2015/16?

Response

- a) In May 2012 there were 14.4 FTE Early Years Advisory Teacher posts. In May 2013 there were 13.4 FTE Early Years Advisory Teacher posts. In May 2014 there were 7.8 FTE Early Years Advisory Teacher posts.
- b) Early Years Advisory Teachers play an important role alongside other staff that work within early years, including the Child Care Officers, Children's Centre staff and staff that support the delivery of free entitlement (15 hours per week child care) to disadvantaged two year olds and three and four year olds.
- c) A further reduction in the number of Early Years Advisory Teachers posts (1 post) is being made in 2015/16 due to changes in our statutory responsibilities with regards to early years provision. The local authority is now only required to work intensively with early years settings that are graded 'inadequate' or 'requires improvement' by Ofsted (previously satisfactory). Central Government do not expect the local authority to provide support to early years settings that are graded 'good' or 'outstanding' and this is clearly set out in revised statutory guidance. However, we continue to run locality cluster meetings for early years settings and provision of advice and training opportunities. This includes safeguarding advice.

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From Councillor Chris Caswill, Chippenham Monkton Division

**To Councillor Toby Sturgis, Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning,
Development Management, Strategic Housing, Property, Waste**

Question 15

- a) The Council officers who prepared the Core Strategy and the draft Chippenham Site Allocation DPD have publicly asserted that they did not know that the Council was the principal landowner within the 91 hectares that is now proposed for development on the east of Chippenham, across the River Avon. Given that you are the Cabinet member for both Property and Strategic Planning, how did you operationalise that 'Chinese Wall' in your own decision making?
- b) When were you first consulted about the intention to include the East Chippenham site in the draft Chippenham DPD?
- c) Will you confirm that the 'at least 4510' number for additional houses in Chippenham was proposed by this Council's officers and that the Enquiry Inspector did not make any specific recommendations for the Chippenham numbers, only for the revision upwards of the overall Wiltshire total?
- d) The second Atkins report on the traffic implications for Chippenham was only submitted to the Council in its final form on February 4 and published on 9 February, the day before the Cabinet met to decide on the draft Site Allocation plan for Chippenham. Why were four versions required and why was the final one only submitted to the Council two days *after* that Site Allocation plan was published?
- e) At what precise time on 9 February was this report made available on the Council web site?
- f) Will you publish all the advice received from Council flooding experts on the proposals to develop farm land on both sides of the River Avon in and around Chippenham, and if not, why not?
- g) In earlier discussions, equal consideration was given to both a southern and an eastern link road. Given that a southern link road would make a direct

connection to the Council's priority A350, why was almost no attention given to it in the draft Site Allocation plan for Chippenham?

- h) Though you may believe it will 'mitigate the impacts of growth' (in and around Chippenham) (to quote your response to my question at Cabinet) will you confirm that an eastern link road around Chippenham is not an established and approved Wiltshire Council priority, and that responses to the public consultation which do not promote that link road will not be penalised for that and will be treated on their intrinsic merits?

Response

- a) Who owns land is not a consideration in the allocation of land in development plans. Site selection is based on evidence and a transparent methodology. Evidence includes Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment which is a public record kept by all Local Planning Authorities of those land owners and developers promoting land for development and for consideration through a plan preparation process. It will include land held by the Council.
- b) The emerging evidence and methodology that has informed the identification of potential sites within the Draft Chippenham DPD was shared at the informal Councillor/Officer Group, which has met during the preparation of the draft Plan. The proposal to include the site at East Chippenham was first considered at the informal Councillor/Officer Group meeting on 17 November 2014, as part of the draft proposals to be included in the Plan.
- c) In response to the 10th Procedural Letter issued by the Inspector examining the Wiltshire Core Strategy, the Council proposed modifications to the Core Strategy including the 'at least 4,510 new homes' for Chippenham over the period 2006 to 2026. These proposals were then consulted on. The Inspector considered these proposals and the outcome of the consultation and considered that this change was necessary to make the Plan sound.
- d) It is not unusual for more than one version of a draft report to be created during the course of a report's preparation.

As with any report commissioned from consultants, there are reporting stages in order to ensure the project fulfils its brief and the outcomes are understood. In this case, given the relatively short period of time within which the draft Plan was being prepared Officers met with Atkins at points during its preparation in order to have an early understanding of the emerging findings.

Late publication of the final report related to undertaking final checks in the interests of clarity and accuracy in order to ensure that the report could be signed off.

- e) It is understood that the report went live on the Council's website around 4pm.

- f) Council land drainage engineers input into the preparation of Evidence Paper 6: Flood Risk and Surface Water Management, including comments on draft versions, and is available on the Council's website.
- g) Both possible link roads would connect to the A350 and the benefits of each are considered in the site selection report as a part of determining the preferred areas for development. That consideration also takes account of findings published in Evidence Paper 3 : Transport and Accessibility (Part One) that a growth scenario based around a southern link road performed significantly worse in traffic terms than a scenario based around an eastern link.
- h) The Plan aims to ensure that necessary supporting road infrastructure is provided in step with Chippenham's growth. Specific requirements in the Plan's proposals set out these requirements. Responses to the public consultation are considered on the basis of whether individual proposals and the Plan as a whole are 'sound' and will be examined by an independent inspector appointed by the Secretary of State.

If the Plan is found sound by the Inspector then it will become a priority for the Council.

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From Councillor Chris Caswill, Chippenham Monkton Division

To Councillor Keith Humphries, Cabinet Member for Public Health, Protection Services, Adult Care and Housing (exc strategic housing)

Question 16

As of 17 February, when this question was drafted, the provision of Help to Live at Home Services in the South of the County was still being listed on the Care Quality Commission (CQC) as **requiring improvements** in four of the five areas in which the CQC has carried out two inspections – *providing care that meets people's needs, caring for people safely and protecting them from harm, staffing and quality of management*. This service has been publicly identified as needing serious improvement since the CQC carried out its first inspection in June 2014.

Isn't it time to stop coming up with hopeful phrases and excuses and admit that the Council has commissioned a Help to Live at Home service for residents which has regrettably proved not be adequate, and in some cases not safe? And to ask for a Wiltshire Council officer's endorsement of Mears to be taken off their web site? And to provide a clear public statement of what lessons have been learnt, and what has been done to guarantee that the Council's contractor delivers what we all believe to be needed – a safe, caring and effective service to elderly people who choose to stay in their own homes?

Response

A verbal response will be provided at the meeting.

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From Councillor Jon Hubbard, Melksham South Division

To Councillor Laura Mayes, Cabinet Member for Children's Services

Question 17

Could the Cabinet Member please inform me of the total cost of keeping the Canberra Youth Development Centre in Melksham empty is? Please supply the costs as a breakdown including details of security arrangements, business rates, utilities and any other costs.

Response

FM Void Costs:

- . NNDR - £8,500
- . Keyholding - £234
- . Security - £2,500

Note – building is not fully void as yet; still has residual storage use; full decommissioning imminent.

Question 18

Could the Cabinet Member please confirm the existence of a Covenant that restricts the options for disposal of the Canberra Youth Development and clarify if they were aware of the existence of this covenant when they decided to closed the building, with the stated intention of disposing of it to help subsidise the Campus development?

Response

Officers have been aware of the covenant in the deeds for the property for many years. The building closed as it was no longer required for Youth services. The sale of the property was linked to the original business case for Melksham Campus.

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From Councillor Graham Payne, Trowbridge Drynham Division

To Councillor Jane Scott OBE, Leader of the Council

Question 19

Is this Council still operating the Protocol whereby a Council Member must be advised of a Council Decision made that directly applies to and affects the Electoral Division that the member represents?

Response

The constitution includes Protocol 1 - Briefing and Information for Local Councillors. The main purposes of the Protocol is to ensure that councillors are provided with information on matters affecting their electoral division.

The Protocol is in fact currently under review, the outcome of which will be considered by the Constitution Focus Group. Recommended changes will be presented to the Standards Committee for onward recommendation to Council. The Review will focus on making the Protocol more effective and measures will be taken to raise awareness of the Protocol among staff.

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From Councillor Graham Payne, Trowbridge Drynham Division

To Councillor John Thomson, Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Highways and Streetscene and Broadband

Question 20

Can you confirm that this Council no longer uses SMA (stone mastic asphalt) for highway surfacing? If not, why not? If so, why?

Response

Wiltshire Council does not generally use SMA (Stone Mastic Asphalt). The material does have advantages in providing a quieter running surfaces than most surfacing materials, and because it can be laid in thinner layers, it can be cheaper.

However, previous experience with SMA has raised concerns about its long term durability, with failure of the material usually occurring much sooner than would be the case with more traditional materials. The thin layers and comparative stiffness of the material generally make it less suitable for surfacing roads which have evolved rather than been purpose built.

There is also an issue with SMA and equestrians as the smoother surface provides less grip for horses, with consequent safety implications.

There are places where SMA is suitable, especially on some new construction, but in most cases it is currently avoided. The road surfacing technologies continue to evolve and it is monitored so that improved materials can be considered for use.

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From Councillor Graham Payne, Trowbridge Drynham Division

To Councillor Jane Scott OBE, Leader of the Council

Question 21

Do you still believe that this Council should be an unflinching supporter of the Armed Forces Covenant and all that entails in regard to our serving men and women and those who now form the large community of Ex service men and women who live in Wiltshire?

Response

Wiltshire Council is committed to the Armed Forces Community Covenant, which is a voluntary statement of mutual support between a civilian community and its local Armed Forces Community. It is intended to complement the Armed Forces Covenant, which outlines the moral obligation between the Nation, the Government and the Armed Forces, at the local level. Its purpose is to encourage support for the Armed Forces Community working and residing in Wiltshire and to recognise and remember the sacrifices made by members of this Armed Forces Community. This includes in-Service and ex-Service personnel their families in Wiltshire. For the Armed Forces community, it encourages the integration of Service life into civilian life and encourages members of the Armed Forces community to help their local community.

It also seeks to encourage all parties within a community to offer support to the local Armed Forces community and make it easier for Service personnel, families and veterans to access the help and support available from the MOD, from statutory providers and from the Charitable and Voluntary Sector.

Accordingly, Wiltshire Council along with the numerous organisations that have signed and reaffirmed the covenant (last done at the Wiltshire Assembly in December 2013) remain fully committed to upholding its aims and principles. Although the council has made this covenant with the Armed Forces community, this is in line with the way in which we would hope to support any other part of the community in Wiltshire.