

Council

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 16 MAY 2023 AT COUNCIL CHAMBER - COUNTY HALL, BYTHESEA ROAD, TROWBRIDGE, BA14 8JN.

Present:

Cllr James Sheppard (Chairman), Cllr Andrew Davis (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Phil Alford, Cllr Liz Alstrom, Cllr Helen Belcher OBE, Cllr Chuck Berry, Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling, Cllr Nick Botterill, Cllr David Bowler, Cllr Richard Britton, Cllr Allison Bucknell, Cllr Steve Bucknell, Cllr Clare Cape, Cllr Trevor Carbin, Cllr Daniel Cave, Cllr Mary Champion, Cllr Sam Charleston, Cllr Pauline Church, Cllr Ernie Clark, Cllr Richard Clewer, Cllr Zoë Clewer, Cllr Mark Connolly, Cllr Caroline Corbin, Cllr Dr Monica Devendran, Cllr Adrian Foster, Cllr Gavin Grant, Cllr Ross Henning, Cllr Sven Hocking, Cllr Nick Holder, Cllr Ruth Hopkinson, Cllr Jon Hubbard, Cllr Peter Hutton, Cllr Tony Jackson, Cllr Mel Jacob, Cllr Simon Jacobs, Cllr Bob Jones MBE, Cllr Johnny Kidney, Cllr Carole King, Cllr Gordon King, Cllr Edward Kirk, Cllr Jerry Kunkler, Cllr Jacqui Lay, Cllr Kathryn Macdermid, Cllr Dr Brian Mathew, Cllr Laura Mayes, Cllr Ian McLennan, Cllr Dominic Muns, Cllr Dr Nick Murry, Cllr Nabil Najjar, Cllr Christopher Newbury, Cllr Jack Oatley, Cllr Paul Oatway QPM, Cllr Andrew Oliver, Cllr Ashley O'Neill, Cllr Stewart Palmen, Cllr Bill Parks, Cllr Sam Pearce-Kearney, Cllr Tony Pickernell, Cllr Horace Prickett, Cllr Nic Puntis, Cllr Tamara Reay, Cllr Pip Ridout, Cllr Rich Rogers, Cllr Ricky Rogers, Cllr Tom Rounds, Cllr Paul Sample JP, Cllr Mike Sankey, Cllr Jonathon Seed, Cllr Martin Smith, Cllr Caroline Thomas, Cllr Ian Thorn, Cllr Elizabeth Threlfall, Cllr Jo Trigg, Cllr Tim Trimble, Cllr Tony Trotman, Cllr Mark Verbinnen, Cllr David Vigar, Cllr Iain Wallis, Cllr Derek Walters, Cllr Bridget Wayman, Cllr Stuart Wheeler, Cllr Philip Whitehead, Cllr Suzanne Wickham, Cllr Christopher Williams, Cllr Graham Wright and Cllr Robert Yuill

20 Election of Chairman 2023/24

On the nomination of Councillor Laura Mayes, seconded by Councillor Caroline Thomas, it was,

Resolved:

To elect Councillor James Sheppard as Chairman for the forthcoming year.

21 Election of Vice-Chairman 2023/24

A nomination of Councillor Andrew Davis for Vice-Chairman was received from Councillor Tamara Reay, seconded by Councillor Bill Parks. A second nomination of Councillor Stuart Wheeler was received from Councillor Ian McLennan, seconded by Councillor Jon Hubbard, however Councillor Wheeler chose not to accept this nomination.

It was therefore,

Resolved:

To elect Councillor Andrew Davis as Vice-Chairman for the forthcoming year.

On behalf of the Council the Chairman thanked Councillor Wheeler for his service to the council as Chairman for the past two years, and praised his knowledge of the Constitution and good humour in the position.

22 **Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Jane Davies, Kevin Daley, Brian Dalton, Matthew Dean, Sarah Gibson, Howard Greenman, George Jeans, Dr Mark McClelland, Charles McGrath, Kelvin Nash and Antonio Piazza.

23 **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 21 February 2023 were presented for consideration.

Subject to a correction to include Councillor Sam Charleston among the list of attendees in the appendix to the minutes, it was,

Resolved:

That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 21 February 2023 be approved and signed as a true and correct record.

24 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

25 **Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman made the following announcements:

a) **Chairman's Engagements**

A list of recent engagements attended by the Chairman from 21 February 2023 to May 2023 were detailed as set out below:

- Sunday 12 March 2023 - The High Sheriff's Reception at the Guildhall, Salisbury followed by the Service for the Rule of Law, Salisbury Cathedral.
- Monday 13 March 2023 - Hosted the Commonwealth Day Flag Raising Ceremony at County Hall, followed by a tree planting ceremony as part of the QGC initiative.

- Friday 31 March 2023 - The Declaration and Appointment of the new High Sheriff of Wiltshire, Mr. Pradeep Bhardwaj, St. Mark's Church, Swindon, 3.00 pm followed by a Reception at University Technical College, Swindon.
- Friday 31 March 2023 - The Mayor of Melksham's Civic Reception, Assembly Hall, Melksham.
- Monday 3 April 2023 - The Lord-Lieutenant's BEM Presentation Ceremony, First Floor Ceremony Room, County Hall.
- Sunday 7 May 2023 - Salisbury Cathedral Service of Celebration for the Coronation of HM King Charles III.
- Saturday 13 May 2023 – Salisbury Mayor Making.

b) Old Sarum Airfield – Notice of Motion

The Chairman noted that on Monday 16 May 2023, the Monitoring Officer provided advice to the out-going Chairman, Councillor Stuart Wheeler regarding agenda item 11. As detailed in the agenda supplement, since publication of the Summons it became apparent that two planning applications relating to the site had been submitted and validated.

Paragraph 18.7 of Part 4 of the Constitution set out the scope of motions which could be considered by Council, which excluded those relating to any non-determined planning application. On advice of the Monitoring Officer the Chairman therefore ruled the motion as being out of scope for the meeting and it would be withdrawn from the agenda.

Councillor Ian McLennan, the proposer of the motion, was offered the opportunity to address the meeting in relation to the motion he had submitted. Councillor McLennan stated that the motion related to the need for a Community Area Management Plan for the Airfield, with reference made to the Atkins Heritage Assessment which identified the Airfield as one of the oldest surviving active airfields in the United Kingdom. Additional reference was made to the special qualities possessed by the Airfield to be a conservation area.

26 **Public Participation**

The Chairman explained the procedure that would be followed for public participation at the meeting in accordance with the constitution.

Details of two questions were set out in the Agenda Supplement.

Question P23-08 and P23-09 – Celia Beckett (Hilperton Area Action Group) Written responses were provided as also detailed in the Agenda Supplement. A supplementary question was asked in relation to how the Wiltshire Local Planning Review assesses where green field allocations may be needed.

Councillor Nick Botterill, Cabinet Member for Finance, Development Management and Strategic Planning, stated that the Local Planning process was complex in nature and the purpose of the process was to include stages of

consultation before a draft plan was set to be produced for 3 July 2023. Such consultations would take local opinions into account whilst also being evidence led including the use of technical assessments.

27 **Petitions**

No petitions had been received for receipt or presentation to the meeting in accordance with the timescales set out within the Constitution.

28 **Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report**

The Chairman invited Councillor Graham Wright, Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee, to present the Annual Report on Overview and Scrutiny activity.

Councillor Wright stated that in the past year Overview and Scrutiny had continued to play a key role in developing Council policy and holding decision makers to account, with 73% of decisions taken by the Council's Cabinet scrutinised and 65% of eligible members taking part in work conducted by Overview and Scrutiny at some level. He also referred to the recent LGA Peer Challenge Review, which had provided positive comments on the work of Overview and Scrutiny Function. Thanks were provided to elected Members, Officers, and members of the public as well as to Vice-Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee, Councillor Christopher Williams.

A brief overview of the work conducted by Overview and Scrutiny was provided, including scrutiny of the budget and opposition group amendments, as well as complaints data, the new Service Devolution and Asset Transfer Policy, and the Council's new performance scorecards. The work of the Select Committees was outlined with thanks paid to the respective Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of the Committees.

Councillor Wright paid tribute to the support provided by Henry Powell, Democracy and Complaints Manager, and the Scrutiny Officers, who had produced outstanding reports and other work supporting the Committees. It was stated that the Committees were focused on increasing emphasis on data to inform findings, with Members using their experience to improve policies. It was stated that all of the Overview and Scrutiny Forward Work Plans were available to view on a dedicated [page](#) which demonstrated the amount of work conducted by the Committees.

The Chairman then moved a motion to note the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report, which was seconded by the Vice-Chairman.

Comments were then received by Select Committee Chairmen as follows:

Councillor Jon Hubbard, Chairman of the Children's Select Committee, thanked the officer team for the support that they had provided, particularly to Marie

Gondlach, Senior Scrutiny Officer, and the Members who had served on task groups.

Councillor Johnny Kidney, Chairman of the Health Select Committee and Councillor Jerry Kunkler, Chairman of the Environment Select Committee also thanked officers for their hard work and support.

Comments were then made by Group Leaders as follows:

Councillor Richard Clewer, Leader of the Council, echoed his thanks and stated how important Scrutiny was to the Council in working alongside the Executive to develop policies. The Leader cited Councillor Wright's work as Chairman as an example of why Scrutiny was working as well as it was.

Councillor Ian Thorn, Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group, took the opportunity to pay tribute to Councillor Wheeler for his role as previous Chairman of the Council, whilst also welcoming the incoming Chairman and Vice-Chairman to their new positions. Councillor Thorn praised the work of Members who had volunteered their time to working groups. He also questioned whether there would ever be a specific Select Committee for Financial Planning matters, and not a standing task group.

Councillor Ernie Clark, Leader of the Independent Group, added his thanks to Members and officers for their work.

Councillor Ricky Rogers, Leader of the Labour Group, added his congratulations to Councillor Wright and the whole of the Scrutiny team for investigating a diverse range of services under their microscope. Encouragement was provided for Members to take part in task groups. He also noted the open and transparent process for scrutiny of budgetary matters, highlighting his own proposed amendment which had been considered at the last meeting.

The item was then opened to wider discussion and debate.

During the debate, Members were encouraged to participate in task groups as an opportunity to learn more about the Council functions. The cross-party working of the groups was also highlighted.

At the conclusion of the debate, it was then,

Resolved:

That Full Council note the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report.

29 **Update on the Council's Response to the Climate Emergency**

The Chairman invited Councillor Nick Holder, Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change, to present the report providing an update on the council's response to the climate emergency.

Councillor Holder stated this was the seventh update report which had been provided to the council since approving the motion to declare a climate emergency. He noted that Wiltshire Council had been rated as the 5th best unitary authority for its response from the Climate Emergency UK Council, with the LGA Peer Review also providing positive feedback on the council's extensive efforts to address climate issues.

Councillor Holder thanked the officers for their hard work, with support also having been received from the Housing and Highways departments to tackle the issues. Highlights of the report were outlined, including that the Council had secured funding of more than £3.6million from Government to improve the energy efficiency of 201 homes, and that the council had employed three extra members of staff to deliver further climate change work. He stated that 70 electric charging batteries were set to be installed across the county, and that the first carbon neutral school was set to be constructed in Bowerhill, Melksham Without. Reference was also drawn to how the council had worked with partners, particularly the Wiltshire Climate Alliance, and developed a positive engagement with them.

Councillor Holder proposed a motion to note the actions taken in response to the climate emergency following the last update in October 2022, which was seconded by Councillor Richard Clewer.

Comments were then received from Group Leaders as follows:

The Leader, Councillor Richard Clewer, emphasised that the council had taken an evidence led approach to its climate actions. He stated Wiltshire Council was seen as a national leader and that he was often approached by other Leaders and Cabinet Members seeking advice on how such work has been achieved, and that the Public Service Board and public sector partners were taking the work on board. He confirmed the council would continue to work with and lobby Government where needed. He provided his thanks to both Councillor Holder and the Climate Team.

Councillor Ian Thorn, Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group, also offered thanks to Councillor Holder and the Climate Team for their work. He considered that the upcoming new Local Plan would be a test for the Council's commitment to the climate emergency. He stated that the council was now 7 years away from the county-wide target date and that a response was needed across the whole county and not just from Wiltshire Council, and though impressive achievements had been made in some cases it might not be enough. He noted the role of communications to generate further activity and engagement in communities as well as making use of roadshows to outline what communities should be doing to deliver on their climate change responsibilities. It was also suggested that there was more to be done through the means of partnerships and working together.

Councillor Ricky Rogers, Leader of the Labour Group, stated that he welcomed the report and though it was positive news it might not be as fast as desired. He

stated he would look at the new charging points with interest to ensure that they would be properly maintained. He provided an example of the community project work of the Climate Team in respect of putting a solar panel company in contact with a local sports club.

Councillor Graham Wright, Chairman of the Global Warming and Climate Change Emergency Task Group, welcomed the report from Councillor Nick Holder, noting the discussion at Cabinet on 18 April 2023. He stated that though the Climate Team had expanded, the Council should not get complacent about achieving its goals.

The item was then opened up for wider debate. Comments made included discussing use of anaerobic digester plans to produce methane to fuel waste collection vehicles and supply homes, how to upscale smaller projects to share progress across the county, and working in partnership to delivery upgrades such as electric vehicle charging points.

Other matters raised included effectiveness of the mechanical biological treatment plant in Westbury, zero carbon standards for new homes, retrofitting of properties such as in Studley Green, Trowbridge, production of a green skills plan for Wiltshire, and recent reports around the potential of a railway station in Devizes. It was also stated a recent event had been attended by over 30 councils, and the Climate and Environment Forum, which met four times a year to provide feedback.

Councillor Holder responded to several points that had been raised during the debate, including how the Council aimed to be better engaged with organisations such as the Army, who faced their own issues in carbon reduction. Regarding communications it was stated that the Council was working alongside the Wiltshire Climate Alliance to contact people they previously would not have been able to reach, with the Alliance consisting of 40 different groups and over 500 members.

Additionally, clarification was provided about recycling and that there had been a 'Recycle for Wiltshire Campaign'" to reinforce to residents what could and could not be recycled as currently 20% of material sorted at recycling centres could not be accepted due to being either incorrect or soiled. Furthermore, the Council would have an opportunity to ensure that new waste collection vehicles would be more carbon neutral, and that he would discuss the potential of a green skills plan with officers.

At the conclusion of the debate, it was:

Resolved:

That Council note the actions taken in response to the climate emergency following the last update in October 2022.

30 **Notice of Motion No. 2023-01 - Old Sarum Airfield**

As detailed under Chairman's Announcements, the notice of motion was withdrawn from consideration by the Chairman.

31 **Proposed Changes to the Constitution**

The Chairman invited Councillor Ashley O'Neill, Cabinet Member with responsibility for Governance, to present a report on recommendations from the Standards Committee in respect of the following Parts of the Constitution:

Part 1 – Introduction and Contents

Part 2 – Articles of the Constitution

Part 3 – Responsibility for Functions and Schemes of Delegation

Part 4 – Council Rules of Procedure

Councillor O'Neill outlined that these changes were the first set of changes set to be brought before the Council as part of a review of every section of the Constitution, and that further parts and protocols would be taken to later meetings, with some sections having not been updated for many years.

It was explained that changes to Part 1 were made to enable the section to be more useful as an introductory section and to highlight the purpose of each section. Changes to Part 2 included, but were not limited to, the removal of sections which had been duplicated elsewhere, updating references to the business plan, general clarifications to be consistent and further details relating to Overview and Scrutiny and key decisions.

It was outlined that Part 3 had been amended to provide adjustments to terms of references for committees as well as minor clarifications relating to schemes of delegation and updates in relation to the Area Board procedure in line with the Area Board Handbook approved by the Leader in 2022. Following approval of the new Code of Conduct in October 2022 it was proposed that the Monitoring Officer would be authorised to approve some dispensations rather than requiring a Standards Sub-Committee. The section on indemnity was also proposed to be changed to be brought in line with other local authorities, and to include details relating to Members. It was also explained that changes to Part 4 were proposed to, among other details, provide guidance on notices of motion and council questions as well as procedural clarifications on debate processes.

Councillor O'Neill paid tribute to the work of the cross-party Constitution Focus Group, which had spent considerable time and many meetings working on the suggested changes with a detailed, collaborative approach. He thanked Kieran Elliott, Democracy Manager (Democratic Services) for his support and guidance during the process. He confirmed the changes had been approved by the Standards Committee.

Councillor O'Neill then proposed the motion to update the sections of the constitution as outlined, which was seconded by Councillor Paul Oatway QPM, Chairman of the Standards Committee.

In moving the motion Councillor O'Neill included a further change not considered at Standards Committee in respect of substitution arrangements for planning committees and the Officer Appointments Committee.

Comments were then received from Group Leaders as follows:

Councillor Richard Clewer, Leader of the Council, acknowledged that though there was a lot of proposed changes these were for the most part procedural and straightforward improvements. The Leader thanked Councillor O'Neill and the Focus Group for their work.

Councillor Ian Thorn, Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group, thanked Councillor O'Neill for his thoughtful and considered approach to the process of undertaking the series of amendments as well as to the officer for patience and support during the process. He raised a query relating to gender neutral terminology where possible.

The item was then opened up for debate.

Comments raised in debate included seeking clarification on the proposal to allow any number of substitutes for planning committees, not a maximum of four as at present, and the legal position of substitution generally. The importance of reviewing and updating the Constitution, as the rule book of the council, was highlighted, and the need for Members to participate in that process. It was noted some concerns had been raised regarding clarity around interests and Members who also sat on town or parish councils, and it was noted that the Constitution Focus Group would be looking at this matter further.

Following a summary and response from Councillor O'Neill, at the conclusion of the debate it was then,

Resolved:

That Council approve the following updated sections of the Constitution:

Part 1 – Summary and Contents

Part 2 – Articles of the Constitution

Part 3 – Responsibility for Functions and Schemes of Delegation

Part 4 – Council Rules of Procedure

32 **Annual Appointment of Committees**

The Chairman drew attention to the allocations report published in an agenda supplement, and the circulation to Members during the meeting of a proposal for allocation of seats on committees to political groups, and membership of those committees. This had been prepared following agreement by Group Leaders and would be attached with the minutes.

Councillor Richard Clewer, Leader of the Council, proposed the combined appointment motions. This was seconded by Councillor Ian Thorn.

With consent of the meeting the motion was then put to the vote, and it was,

Resolved:

- 1) That Council note the report and the legal requirements.
- 2) That Council re-appoint the following committees with the terms of reference as set out in the Constitution:
 - Strategic Planning Committee
 - Area Planning Committees: Northern, Eastern, Southern and Western
 - Licensing Committee
 - Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee
 - Children's Select Committee
 - Environment Select Committee
 - Health Select Committee
 - Standards Committee
 - Audit and Governance Committee
 - Staffing Policy Committee
 - Officer Appointments Committee
 - Electoral Review Committee
 - Appeals Committee
 - Wiltshire Police and Crime Panel (joint with Swindon Borough Council)
 - Wiltshire Pension Fund Committee (joint with Swindon Borough Council)
 - Health and Wellbeing Board
- 3) That Council re-appoint those Area Boards, as set out at Appendix 1 of the report presented and within the Constitution, to comprise the Unitary Councillors for that area.
- 4) That Council re-appoint the Local Pension Board established under the Public Service Pensions Act 2013 and consequent amendments to the Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations 2013.
- 5) That Council appoint members to the Dorset and Wiltshire Fire Authority, in accordance with the guidance set out in this report.
- 6) That Council approve a scheme of committee places which sets out the number of seats available to members of the Council and to political groups as at Item 13a (Appendix 3)
- 7) Council appointed Members to serve on those committees in accordance with the agreed scheme of allocations, until the next occasion membership is reviewed under the provisions of the Local Government & Housing Act 1989.
- 8) Council appointed substitute members (to a maximum of four per group) to the committees referred to in (b) above (as attached).

9) That Council appoint those Members representing electoral divisions to their respective Area Boards as set out at Item 13b Appendix 1.

10) That Council note that the following persons remain appointed as non-voting co-opted members of the Standards Committee for the remainder of the council term:

- Gordon Ball
- Kathy Barnes
- Joanne Cetti
- Julie Phillips

11) That Council note that the following persons remain appointed as Independent Persons for the remainder of the council term:

- Tony Drew
- John McAllister
- Patricia Bunch

12) That Council note the following non-elected members of the Children's Select Committee:

Non-Elected Voting Members	Representing
Vacancy	Church of England
Dr Mike Thompson	Clifton Diocese Roman Catholic Church
Vacancy	Parent Governor (Secondary- maintained)
Vacancy	Parent Governor (Secondary – academy)
Vacancy	Parent Governor (Special Educational Needs)
Vacancy	Parent Governor (Primary)
Maisy Humphrey (Sub Declan Kiely)	School, Children and Young People representatives
Nikki Barnett	Further Education Representative
Sarah Busby	Secondary Schools Head teacher Representative
Catriona Williamson	Primary School Head teacher Representative
John Hawkins	School Teacher Representative

13) That Council note the following co-opted members of the Wiltshire Pension Fund Committee:

Name	Representing
(to be confirmed – currently Cllr Vijay Manro)	Swindon Borough Councillor (as determined by Swindon Borough Council)
(to be confirmed – currently Cllr Kevin Small)	Swindon Borough Councillor (as determined by Swindon Borough Council)
Tracy Adams	Employer Representative
Claire Anthony	Employer Representative
Stuart Dark	Scheme Member Observer- appointed by Unison
Mike Pankiewicz	Scheme Member Observer- appointed by Unison

14) That Council note the membership of the Local Pension Board under the Public Service Pensions Act 2013 until the expiry of the 4-year term

Name	Representing
Mark Spilsbury	Independent Chairman
George Simmonds	Scheme Member Representative
Marlene Corbey	Scheme Member Representative
Mike Pankiewicz	Scheme Member Representative
Paul Smith	Employer Member Representative
Laura Fisher	Employer Member Representative
Vacant	Employer Member Representative

15) That Council note the following co-opted members of the Police and Crime Panel:

Name	Representing
To be confirmed – previously Cllr Kevin Parry	Swindon Borough Council (as determined by Swindon Borough Council)
To be confirmed – currently Cllr Abdul Amin	Swindon Borough Council (as determined by Swindon Borough Council)
To be confirmed – currently Cllr Alan Bishop	Swindon Borough Council (as determined by Swindon Borough Council)

To be confirmed – previously Cllr Jenny Jeffries	Swindon Borough Council (as determined by Swindon Borough Council)
Louisa Ahmeti	Independent co-optee
Louise Williams	Independent co-optee

16) That Council appoint the following 6 members to serve as Council representatives on the Dorset and Wiltshire Fire Authority:

Conservative (4)	Liberal Democrat (2)	Independent (0)	Labour (0)
Cllr Pip Ridout	Bob Jones		
Cllr Daniel Cave	Brian Dalton		
Cllr Paul Oatway			
Cllr Kelvin Nash			

17) That Council appoint Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of the following meetings:

Committee	Chairman	Vice-Chairman
Strategic Planning Committee	Howard Greenman	Tony Trotman
Northern Area Planning Committee	Tony Trotman	Howard Greenman
Eastern Area Planning Committee	Philip Whitehead	Paul Oatway
Southern Area Planning Committee	Andrew Oliver	Sven Hocking
Western Area Planning Committee	Christopher Newbury	Bill Parks
Licensing Committee	Peter Hutton	Allison Bucknell
Standards Committee	Paul Oatway	Allison Bucknell
Audit and Governance Committee	Iain Wallis	Stuart Wheeler
Staffing Policy Committee	Stuart Wheeler	Allison Bucknell

Officer Appointments Committee	Richard Clewer	Laura Mayes
Wiltshire Pension Fund Committee	Richard Britton	Committee Appointment
Health and Wellbeing Board (Chairman	Richard Clewer	NA

18)That Council note that the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee, Children’s Select Committee, Environment Select Committee, Health Select Committee, the Police and Crime Panel, Electoral Review Committee, and the Area Boards will be asked to elect their respective Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen at their first meeting following the annual meeting of council. The Wiltshire Pension Fund Committee will be asked to elect their Vice-Chairman at the first meeting following the annual meeting of council.

19)That Council note that the Appeals Committee does not meet as a formal committee and so no Chairman or Vice-Chairman will be appointed. However, three members who have undergone appropriate training are drawn from its membership to form Appeal Sub-Committees to consider and determine various types of appeals. Each Sub-Committee when convened will elect its own chairman.

33 Announcements from Cabinet and Committees

On behalf of the Leader, the Chairman formally noted that there had been no executive decisions taken under special urgency provisions in the last year.

The Chairman also noted that in March 2013 the then Chairman had agreed that Cabinet Member decision HSAAT-01-23 was considered to be urgent and as such the regular call-in period did not apply for that decision.

The next cycle of Full Council meetings was also noted as:

18 July 2023
17 October 2023
20 February 2024

There were no announcements from Cabinet Members, Committee Chairmen, or on other matters.

34 Questions from Members of the Council

The Chairman noted that two questions had been received by the deadline to receive a written response. Those questions as well as their responses had been included within the Agenda Supplement.

23-04 – Councillor Carole King to Councillor Caroline Thomas
Councillor King asked a supplementary question in relation to the last two words included in the written response to her question which were “once proven”. She

encouraged the Council to embrace innovative trials and asked for an example of when Wiltshire Council had taken part in such a trial to do with Highways, as well as the pros and cons of partaking in such.

Councillor Caroline Thomas, Cabinet Member for Transport, Street Scene, and Flooding stated that she would provide a written answer to Councillor King.

23-05 – Councillor Edward Kirk to Councillor Phil Alford.

Councillor Kirk asked a supplementary question on an arrangement had been reached with Melksham Town Council in relation to a Service Delegation and Asset Transfer Package, similar to the one arranged with Trowbridge Town Council.

Councillor Phil Alford, Cabinet Member for Housing, Strategic Assets and Asset Transfer, responded that Melksham Town Council had not been in contact.

The Chairman noted that a total of twelve questions had been received by the deadline to receive a verbal response. Those questions had been included in the agenda supplement.

A point of order was raised by Councillor Philip Whitehead as to whether the questions were all or partly operational questions which should have been directed to receive responses from the relevant Director. The Chairman noted that if a Member was not satisfied with a response received to an operational question then they could require the question come before Council, though in this instance the questions had been included directly with the Summons. He would ensure any procedural checks took place as appropriate on any future questions.

The Leader, Councillor Richard Clewer provided verbal responses in relation to questions 23-06 to 23-17, which had been submitted by Councillor David Vigar. Written responses would be attached to the minutes.

Councillor Vigar raised a number of supplementary questions in relation to the various responses he had received.

Supplementary Question 1

Would the Council consider re-advertising the four posts that it advertised for dedicated Housing Support Officers to help Ukrainian refugees find homes?

The Leader confirmed that these posts would be re-advertised.

Supplementary Question 2

Would it be accepted that the house buying by Wiltshire is on a scale that is different to any other council in Britain?

The Leader stated that he was unaware whether any other local authorities were operating on a similar scale and Wiltshire Council had looked with officers at the issues to be addressed and that was the agreed response.

Supplementary Question 3

Has the Council engaged with the Department for Levelling Up Housing and Communities and does the Secretary of State Michael Gove know about the plan?

The Leader stated that Wiltshire Council had consulted with the Department for Levelling Up Housing and Communities, though could not comment on what the Secretary of State would personally have been told by the Department.

The Chairman allowed a further question from Councillor Clare Cape which had not been submitted for the meeting. Councillor Caped asked whether Wiltshire Council could find a way in the future to mark the Palestinian Nakba each year.

(Duration of meeting: 10.30 am - 12.40 pm)

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Item 15 – Members' Questions

From Cllr David Vigar – Trowbridge Grove

**To Cllr Richard Clewer, Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for
Economic Development, Military-Civilian Integration, Heritage, Arts, Tourism,
Health and Wellbeing**

Question (23-06)

How many Ukrainian individuals and families are now living in Wiltshire under the Homes for Ukraine programme?

Response:

643 individuals (297 units/families)

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Question (23-07)

Does the Council know how many Ukrainian households have progressed from a sponsorship into rented accommodation in Wiltshire?

Response:

392 individuals (168 units/families) inc. both social and private accommodation

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Question (23-08)

Does the Council have a known total or estimate for the total number of Ukrainians living in Wiltshire who have arrived since February 2022?

Response:

1437 individuals inc. 85 arrivals since Jan 2023

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Question (23-09)

How much has the Council now received from central Government as a result of the ‘tariff’ payments of £10,500 per Ukrainian in 2022 and £5,900 in 2023?

Response:

The total tariff funding for 2022/23 is expected to be £14.182m with £13.051m already received and an additional £1.131m due. No payments have been received in 2023/24 financial year.

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Item 15 – Members’ Questions

From Cllr David Vigar – Trowbridge Grove

To Cllr Richard Clewer, Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Economic Development, Military-Civilian Integration, Heritage, Arts, Tourism, Health and Wellbeing

Question (23-10)

How much does the Council expect to receive in the future from central Government as a result of the ‘tariff’ payments of £5,900 per Ukrainian?

[Note: Tariff funding referenced in question 23-09]

Response:

25 individuals have arrived since 1st April 2023 and we would expect to receive £147k funding to support them. We are not able to forecast future income as this is dependent on how many more people will arrive under this scheme. We have seen an average of 20 people per month arrive since January 2023 but it is not clear whether this level of uptake of the scheme will continue.

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Question (23-11)

How much of that tariff funding has been spent?

[Note: Tariff funding referenced in question 23-09 and 23-10]

Response:

£1.243m of tariff funding has been spent in 2002/23 and to date for 2023/24 £78k has been spent.

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Question (23-12)

How much of the tariff funding does the Council expect to use to buy homes through the Stone Circle Housing Company – in monetary terms and as a percentage of the tariff funding received?

[Note: Tariff funding referenced in questions 23-09 to 23-11]

Response:

The amount that will be used in the acquisition of housing cannot be calculated as it is dependent on the volume and cost that is expended through the application of the revised Government guidance. These measures will be prioritised first and the balance will then be used to leverage the funding of housing acquisitions.

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Question (23-13)

How much does the Council expect to borrow for by leveraging that part of the tariff funding set aside for Stone Circle’s home-buying programme?

[Note: Tariff funding referenced in questions 23-09 to 23-12]

Response:

As per the response to (23-12) as the amount being used cannot at present be calculated equally the amount being leveraged cannot be provided. It is anticipated that there will be differing levels of leverage applied rather than a set %, with a likely range of between 10% & 40%.

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Question (23-14)

How many homes does the Council expect Stone Circle to acquire through use of the Ukrainian tariff funding?

[Note: Tariff funding referenced in questions 23-09 to 23-13]

Response:

The Council will be lending money to Stone Circle as per its normal business plan operation, Stone Circle will not receive any tariff funding. The number of homes will be dependent on level of tariff funding that will be applied in the financing by the Council, which cannot at this moment be calculated.

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Question (23-15)

How much has Wiltshire Council been granted from the Government’s £500 million Local Authority Housing Fund to obtain housing for those fleeing conflicts including in Ukraine and Afghanistan?

Response:

£4m was awarded to the council as part of the original £500m Local Authority Housing Fund; £2.6m for Ukrainian housing (24 homes) & £1.4m for Afghan housing (6 homes).

We are still awaiting details following the announcement in March 2023 of an additional £250 million added to this fund. The Home Office are planning to run regional workshops on the new funding, these will likely take place later this month.

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Question (23-16)

How many homes does the Council expect to acquire with its share of the Local Authority Housing Fund?

Response:

30

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From Cllr David Vigar – Trowbridge Grove

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Question (23-17)

Will the Council act as a guarantor for Ukrainian families’ rentals given that Government guidance issued on 16 January <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/private-rented-accommodation-and-alternative-accommodation-homes-for-ukraine> stated that “as per the Local Government Act 1988, it is possible for a local authority housing or social services department to act as a guarantor for someone they have a duty or a power to accommodate.”

Response:

As per Government guidance, we were asked to consider various guarantor options, one of which being the council acting as guarantor. Upon consideration of this option, the risks did not make this a viable option. Risks include no clear end date of H4U scheme, lack of clarity on reconciliation to the Minister (at scheme end), lack of security of future funding and lack of ability to plan budgetary spend on unpaid rents. Therefore, we are unable to effectively plan tariff spend on long term sustainable solutions.

Appendix 2

Committee	Total Places for Elected Members	Conservative Group Allocation	Liberal Democrat Group Allocation	Labour Group Allocation	Independent Group Allocation
Strategic Planning Committee	11	7	3	0	1
Northern Area Planning Committee	11	7	4	0	0
Eastern Area Planning Committee	8	6	2	0	0
Southern Area Planning Committee	11	6	3	1	1
Western Area Planning Committee	11	7	3	0	1
Licensing Committee	12	8 (+1)	4	0	0 (-1)
Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee	15	9	4	0	2
Children's Select Committee	13	7	4	1	1
Environment Select Committee	13	7	4	1	1
Health Select Committee	13	9 (+1)	4	0 (-1)	0
Standards Committee	11	7	3	0	1
Audit and Governance Committee	11	7	3	0	1
Staffing Policy Committee	9	6	2	1	0
Officer Appointments Committee	5	3	2	0	0
Electoral Review Committee	10	6	2	1	1
Appeals Committee	8	5	2	0	1
Total	172	107	49	5	11
		107.061	49.143	5.265	10.531

Committee Allocations May 2023

Strategic Planning Committee (11)

Conservative (7)	Liberal Democrat (3)	Labour (0)	Independent (1)
Howard Greenman	Adrian Foster		Ernie Clark
Tony Trotman	Sarah Gibson		
Christopher Newbury	Carole King		
Pip Ridout			
James Sheppard			
Elizabeth Threlfall			
Robert Yuill			
Substitutes	Substitutes	Substitutes	Substitutes
Andrew Oliver	Helen Belcher OBE		George Jeans
Nic Puntis	Clare Cape		Dr Nick Murry
Bridget Wayman	Ruth Hopkinson		Graham Wright
Richard Britton	Stewart Palmen		
Jonathan Seed			
Steve Bucknell			
Stuart Wheeler			

Northern Area Planning Committee (11)

Conservative (7)	Liberal Democrat (4)	Labour (0)	Independent (0)
Tony Trotman	David Bowler		
Howard Greenman	Gavin Grant		
Chuck Berry	Dr Brian Mathew		
Steve Bucknell	Martin Smith		
Jacqui Lay			
Nic Puntis			
Elizabeth Threlfall			
Substitutes	Substitutes	Substitutes	Substitutes
Peter Hutton	Clare Cape		
Ashley O'Neill	Ruth Hopkinson		
Tom Rounds	Bob Jones MBE		
	Dr Nick Murry		

Eastern Area Planning Committee (8)

Conservative (6)	Liberal Democrat (2)	Labour (0)	Independent (0)
Philip Whitehead	Dr Brian Mathew		
Paul Oatway QPM	Sam Pearce-Kearney		
Kelvin Nash			
Tony Pickernell			
Iain Wallis			
Stuart Wheeler			
Substitutes	Substitutes	Substitutes	Substitutes
Jerry Kunkler	Mel Jacob		
James Sheppard			

Caroline Thomas			
Dominic Muns			

Southern Area Planning Committee (11)

Conservative (6)	Liberal Democrat (3)	Labour (1)	Independent (1)
Andrew Oliver	Trevor Carbin	Ian McLennan	George Jeans
Sven Hocking	Brian Dalton		
Charles McGrath	Sam Charleston		
Nabil Najjar			
Bridget Wayman			
Rich Rogers			
Substitutes	Substitutes	Substitutes	Substitutes
Kevin Daley	Bob Jones MBE	Ricky Rogers	Ernie Clark
Robert Yuill	Sam Charleston		Graham Wright

Western Area Planning Committee (11)

Conservative (7)	Liberal Democrat (3)	Labour (0)	Independent (1)
Christopher Newbury	Trevor Carbin		Ernie Clark
Bill Parks	Stewart Palmen		
Andrew Davis	David Vigar		
Edward Kirk			
Pip Ridout			
Jonathan Seed			
Suzanne Wickham			
Substitutes	Substitutes	Substitutes	Substitutes
Tony Jackson	Mel Jacob		Matthew Dean
Mike Sankey	Gordon King		Jon Hubbard
			George Jeans
			Graham Wright

Licensing Committee (12)

Conservative (8)	Liberal Democrat (4)	Labour (0)	Independent (0)
Peter Hutton	Trevor Carbin		
Allison Bucknell	Sam Charleston		
Steve Bucknell	Ruth Hopkinson		
Daniel Cave	Tim Trimble		
Kevin Daley			
Andrew Davis			
Robert Yuill			
Jerry Kunkler			
Substitutes	Substitutes	Substitutes	Substitutes
Jacqui Lay	David Bowler		Ernie Clark
Charles McGrath	Bob Jones MBE		Jon Hubbard
Nic Puntis	Dr Brian Mathew		
	Stewart Palmen		

Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee (15)

Conservative (9)	Liberal Democrat (4)	Labour (0)	Independent (2)
Tony Jackson	Ruth Hopkinson		Jon Hubbard
Johnny Kidney	Bob Jones MBE		Graham Wright
Jerry Kunkler	Gordon King		
Tony Pickernell	Jo Trigg		
Pip Ridout			
Richard Britton			
Tony Trotman			
Iain Wallis			
Christopher Williams			
Substitutes	Substitutes	Substitutes	Substitutes
Steve Bucknell	Clare Cape		Ernie Clark
Tom Rounds	Brian Dalton		Dr Nick Murry
Jonathan Seed	Gavin Grant		
	Ian Thorn		

Children's Select Committee (13)

Conservative (7)	Liberal Democrat (4)	Labour (1)	Independent (1)
Mary Champion	Helen Belcher OBE	Caroline Corbin	Jon Hubbard
Jacqui Lay	Carole King		
Kelvin Nash	Kathryn MacDermid		
Antonio Piazza	Jo Trigg		
Mike Sankey			
Bridget Wayman			
Mark Verbinnen			
Substitutes	Substitutes	Substitutes	Substitutes
Daniel Cave	Trevor Carbin	Ricky Rogers	
Johnny Kidney	Adrian Foster		
Iain Wallis	Sam Peace-Kearney		
Jack Oatley	Martin Smith		

Environment Select Committee (13)

Conservative (7)	Liberal Democrat (4)	Labour (1)	Independent (1)
Jerry Kunkler	Mel Jacob	Ian McLennan	Dr Nick Murry
Tony Jackson	Bob Jones MBE		
Charles McGrath	Dr Brian Mathew		
Tom Rounds	Derek Walters		
Stuart Wheeler			
Tony Trotman			
Iain Wallis			
Substitutes	Substitutes	Substitutes	Substitutes
Jacqui Lay	Brian Dalton	Ricky Rogers	Matthew Dean
Mark McClelland	Ross Henning		Jon Hubbard
Bridget Wayman	Stewart Palmen		

Health Select Committee (13)

Conservative (9)	Liberal Democrat (4)	Labour (0)	Independent (0)
Johnny Kidney	Clare Cape		
Mary Champion	David Bowler		
Tom Rounds	Gordon King		
Dr Monica Devendran	David Vigar		
Howard Greenman			
Pip Ridout			
Mike Sankey			
Tony Pickernell			
Horace Prickett			
Substitutes	Substitutes	Substitutes	Substitutes
Kelvin Nash	Liz Alstrom		
Jack Oatley	Trevor Carbin		
	Mel Jacob		
	Ian Thorn		

Standards Committee (11)

Conservative (7)	Liberal Democrat (3)	Labour (0)	Independent (1)
Paul Oatway QPM	Ruth Hopkinson		Matthew Dean
Allison Bucknell	Sam Pearce-Kearney		
Andrew Davis	Derek Walters		
Bill Parks			
Pip Ridout			
Mike Sankey			
Iain Wallis			
Substitutes	Substitutes	Substitutes	Substitutes
Richard Britton	Trevor Carbin		Ernie Clark
Howard Greenman	Mel Jacob		Jon Hubbard
	Gordon King		Dr Nick Murry
	Kathryn MacDermid		Graham Wright

Audit and Governance Committee (11)

Conservative (7)	Liberal Democrat (3)	Labour (0)	Independent (1)
Iain Wallis	Adrian Foster		George Jeans
Stuart Wheeler	Gavin Grant		
Chuck Berry	Martin Smith		
Edward Kirk			
Antonio Piazza			
Pip Ridout			
Mike Sankey			
Substitutes	Substitutes	Substitutes	Substitutes
Tom Rounds	Liz Alstrom		Ernie Clark
Pauline Church	Ross Henning		Matthew Dean
	Jo Trigg		Jon Hubbard

Non-voting members ex officio from Cabinet on Audit and Governance - Richard Clewer, Nick Botterill

Staffing Policy Committee (9)

Conservative (6)	Liberal Democrat (2)	Labour (1)	Independent (0)
Stuart Wheeler	Helen Belcher OBE	Ricky Rogers	
Allison Bucknell	Carole King		
Richard Clewer			
Jacqui Lay			
Ashley O'Neill			
Tamara Reay			
Substitutes	Substitutes	Substitutes	Substitutes
Simon Jacobs	Liz Alstrom	Caroline Corbin	
Nabil Najjar	Mel Jacob		
Tom Rounds	Bob Jones MBE		
	Kathryn MacDermid		

Officer Appointments Committee (5)

Conservative (3)	Liberal Democrat (2)	Labour (0)	Independent (0)
Richard Clewer	Bob Jones MBE		
Laura Mayes	Derek Walters		
Ashley O'Neill			
Substitutes	Substitutes	Substitutes	Substitutes
Ian Blair-Pilling	Brian Dalton		
Nick Botterill	Carole King		
Caroline Thomas	Paul Sample JP		
Phil Alford			
Nick Holder			
Jane Davies	Jo Trigg		

Electoral Review Committee (10)

Conservative (6)	Liberal Democrat (2)	Labour (1)	Independent (1)
Ian Blair-Pilling	Gavin Grant	Ian McLennan	Ernie Clark
Ashley O'Neill	Ian Thorn		
Allison Bucknell			
Jacqui Lay			
Paul Oatway QPM			
Stuart Wheeler			
Substitutes	Substitutes	Substitutes	Substitutes
Peter Hutton	Adrian Foster	Ricky Rogers	
Nic Puntis	Derek Walters		

Appeals Committee (8)

Conservative (5)	Liberal Democrat (2)	Labour (0)	Independent (1)
Allison Bucknell	Sam Charleston		Matthew Dean
Andrew Davis	Brian Dalton		

Tony Jackson			
Paul Oatway QPM			
Stuart Wheeler			
Substitutes	Substitutes	Substitutes	Substitutes
Ian Blair-Pilling	Adrian Foster		George Jeans
Tamara Reay	Dr Brian Mathew		Graham Wright
Elizabeth Threlfall	David Vigar		
	Derek Walters		

Wiltshire Police and Crime Panel (7)

Conservative (4)	Liberal Democrat (2)	Labour (0)	Independent (1)
Steve Bucknell	Ross Henning		George Jeans
Tony Pickernell	Dr Brian Mathew		
Elizabeth Threlfall			
James Sheppard			
Substitutes	Substitutes	Substitutes	Substitutes
Dominic Muns	Adrian Foster		Dr Nick Murry
Caroline Thomas	Sarah Gibson		Ernie Clark
	Gordon King		Graham Wright
	Sam Pearce-Kearney		Jon Hubbard

Wiltshire Pension Fund Committee (5)

Conservative (3)	Liberal Democrat (1)	Labour (0)	Independent (1)
Richard Britton	Gordon King		George Jeans
Stuart Wheeler			
Christopher Newbury			
Substitutes	Substitutes	Substitutes	Substitutes
Robert Yuill	Gavin Grant		Ernie Clark
	Carole King		Nick Murry
	Ian Thorn		
	Sarah Gibson		

Other Appointments outside the Council's Committee Scheme

Health and Wellbeing Board

Note: This is not subject to the rules of political proportionality and is not included in the Council's scheme of committee places.

Conservative	Liberal Democrat	Labour	Independent
Richard Clewer - Leader	Gordon King		
Deputy Leader - Laura Mayes			
Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care – Jane Davies			

Cabinet Member for Public Health, Leisure, Libraries, Facilities Management and Operational Assets - Ian Blair-Pilling			
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Dorset and Wiltshire Fire Authority

Note: This is not a committee of the Council and is not included in the Council's scheme of committee places, however appointments are made subject to the rules on political proportionality by Council

Conservative (4)	Liberal Democrat (2)	Labour (0)	Independent (0)
Pip Ridout	Bob Jones MBE		
Daniel Cave	Brian Dalton		
Paul Oatway QPM			
Kelvin Nash			

Safeguarding Children and Young People Panel

Note: This is not a committee of the Council but is appointed by Full Council, however appointments have historically been made subject to the rules on political proportionality by Group Leaders, and included in this document for the awareness of members.

Conservative (5)	Liberal Democrat (2)	Labour (0)	Independent (1)
Peter Hutton	Ross Henning		Jon Hubbard
Laura Mayes	Sam Peace-Kearney		
Nabil Najjar			
Suzanne Wickham			
Dominic Muns			
Substitutes	Substitutes	Substitutes	Substitutes
Janes Davies	Helen Belcher OBE		Dr Nick Murry
Mary Champion	David Bowler		
	Tim Trimble		

Corporate Parenting Panel

Note: This is not a committee of the Council but is appointed by Full Council, however appointments have historically been made subject to the rules on political proportionality by Group Leaders, and included in this document for the awareness of members.

Conservative (5)	Liberal Democrat (2)	Labour (0)	Independent (1)
Peter Hutton	Stewart Palmen		Ernie Clark
Laura Mayes	Sam Peace-Kearney		
Simon Jacobs			
Mary Champion			
Dominic Muns			
Substitutes	Substitutes	Substitutes	Substitutes
Janes Davies	Helen Belcher OBE		Jon Hubbard
Nabil Najjar	Clare Cape		
Caroline Thomas	Ross Henning		
	Tim Trimble		

Recorded Votes – Council – 16 May 2023

Item 12 Proposed Changes to the Constitution:

That Council approve the following updated sections of the Constitution:

Part 1 – Summary and Contents

Part 2 – Articles of the Constitution

Part 3 – Responsibility for Functions and Schemes of Delegation

Part 4 – Council Rules of Procedure

Vote	Councillors	Count
For	Cllr Phil Alford, Cllr Liz Alstrom, Cllr Helen Belcher OBE, Cllr Chuck Berry, Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling, Cllr Nick Botterill, Cllr David Bowler, Cllr Richard Britton, Cllr Allison Bucknell, Cllr Steve Bucknell, Cllr Clare Cape, Cllr Trevor Carbin, Cllr Daniel Cave, Cllr Mary Champion, Cllr Sam Charleston, Cllr Pauline Church, Cllr Ernie Clark, Cllr Richard Clewer, Cllr Zoë Clewer, Cllr Caroline Corbin, Cllr Dr Monica Devendran, Cllr Adrian Foster, Cllr Gavin Grant, Cllr Ross Henning, Cllr Sven Hocking, Cllr Nick Holder, Cllr Ruth Hopkinson, Cllr Jon Hubbard, Cllr Peter Hutton, Cllr Mel Jacob, Cllr Simon Jacobs, Cllr Bob Jones MBE, Cllr Johnny Kidney, Cllr Carole King, Cllr Gordon King, Cllr Edward Kirk, Cllr Jerry Kunkler, Cllr Jacqui Lay, Cllr Kathryn Macdermid, Cllr Dr Brian Mathew, Cllr Laura Mayes, Cllr Ian McLennan, Cllr Dominic Muns, Cllr Dr Nick Murry, Cllr Nabil Najjar, Cllr Ashley O'Neill, Cllr Jack Oatley, Cllr Paul Oatway QPM, Cllr Andrew Oliver, Cllr Stewart Palmen, Cllr Bill Parks, Cllr Sam Pearce-Kearney, Cllr Tony Pickernell, Cllr Nic Puntis, Cllr Tamara Reay, Cllr Pip Ridout, Cllr Rich Rogers, Cllr Ricky Rogers, Cllr Tom Rounds, Cllr Paul Sample JP, Cllr Mike Sankey, Cllr Jonathon Seed, Cllr Martin Smith, Cllr Caroline Thomas, Cllr Ian Thorn, Cllr Elizabeth Threlfall, Cllr Jo Trigg, Cllr Tim Trimble, Cllr Mark Verbinnen, Cllr David Vigar, Cllr Iain Wallis, Cllr Derek Walters, Cllr Bridget Wayman, Cllr Stuart Wheeler, Cllr Philip Whitehead, Cllr Suzanne Wickham, Cllr Christopher Williams, Cllr Graham Wright and Cllr Robert Yuill	79
Against	None	0
Abstain	Cllr Andrew Davis, Cllr Tony Jackson, Cllr Christopher Newbury and Cllr Horace Prickett	4

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Full Council Meeting – 16 May 2023 - Members Attendance

Councillor Name	Time in (Meeting start – 10:30)	Time Out (Meeting close – 12:40)
Phil Alford	10:30	Meeting close
Liz Alstrom	10:30	Meeting close
Helen Belcher OBE	10:30	Meeting close
Chuck Berry	10:30	Meeting close
Ian Blair-Pilling	10:30	Meeting close
Nick Botterill	10:30	Meeting close
David Bowler	10:30	Meeting close
Richard Britton	10:30	Meeting close
Allison Bucknell	10:30	Meeting close
Steve Bucknell	10:30	Meeting close
Clare Cape	10:30	Meeting close
Trevor Carbin	10:30	Meeting close
Daniel Cave	10:30	Meeting close
Mary Champion	10:30	Meeting close
Sam Charleston	10:30	Meeting close
Pauline Church	10:30	Meeting close
Ernie Clark	10:30	Meeting close
Richard Clewer	10:30	Meeting close
Zoë Clewer	10:30	Meeting close
Mark Connolly	10:30	Meeting close
Caroline Corbin	10:30	Meeting close
Kevin Daley	Apologies	Apologies
Brian Dalton	Apologies	Apologies
Jane Davies	Apologies	Apologies
Andrew Davis	10:30	Meeting close
Matthew Dean	Apologies	Apologies
Dr Monica Devendran	10:30	Meeting close
Adrian Foster	10:30	Meeting close
Sarah Gibson	Apologies	Apologies
Gavin Grant	10:30	Meeting close
Howard Greenman	Apologies	Apologies
Ross Henning	10:30	Meeting close
Sven Hocking	10:30	Meeting close
Nick Holder	10:30	Meeting close
Ruth Hopkinson	10:30	Meeting close
Jon Hubbard	10:30	Meeting close
Peter Hutton	10:30	Meeting close
Tony Jackson	10:30	Meeting close
Mel Jacob	10:30	Meeting close
Simon Jacobs	10:30	Meeting close
George Jeans	Apologies	Apologies
Bob Jones MBE	10:30	Meeting close
Johnny Kidney	10:30	Meeting close

Carole King	10:30	Meeting close
Gordon King	10:30	Meeting close
Edward Kirk	10:30	Meeting close
Jerry Kunkler	10:30	Meeting close
Jacqui Lay	10:30	Meeting close
Kathryn MacDermid	10:30	Meeting close
Dr Brian Mathew	10:30	Meeting close
Laura Mayes	10:30	Meeting close
Dr Mark McClelland	Apologies	Apologies
Charles McGrath	Apologies	Apologies
Ian McLennan	10:30	Meeting close
Dominic Muns	10:30	Meeting close
Dr Nick Murry	10:30	Meeting close
Nabil Najjar	10:30	Meeting close
Kelvin Nash	Apologies	Apologies
Christopher Newbury	10:30	Meeting close
Ashley O'Neill	10:30	Meeting close
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Bill Parks	10:30	Meeting close
Sam Pearce-Kearney	10:30	Meeting close
Antonio Piazza	Apologies	Apologies
Tony Pickernell	10:30	Meeting close
Horace Prickett	10:30	Meeting close
Nic Puntis	10:30	Meeting close
Tamara Reay	10:30	Meeting close
Pip Ridout	10:30	Meeting close
Rich Rogers	10:30	Meeting close
Ricky Rogers	10:30	Meeting close
Tom Rounds	10:30	Meeting close
Paul Sample JP	10:30	Meeting close
Mike Sankey	10:30	Meeting close
Jonathon Seed	10:30	Meeting close
James Sheppard	10:30	Meeting close
Martin Smith	10:30	Meeting close
Caroline Thomas	10:30	Meeting close
Ian Thorn	10:30	Meeting close
Elizabeth Threlfall	10:30	Meeting close
Jo Trigg	10:30	Meeting close
Tim Trimble	10:30	Meeting close
Tony Trotman	10:30	Meeting close
Mark Verbinnen	10:30	Meeting close
David Vigar	10:30	Meeting close
Iain Wallis	10:30	Meeting close

Derek Walters	10:30	Meeting close
Bridget Wayman	10:30	Meeting close
Stuart Wheeler	10:30	Meeting close
Philip Whitehead	10:30	Meeting close
Suzanne Wickham	10:30	Meeting close
Christopher Williams	10:30	Meeting close
Graham Wright	10:30	Meeting close
Robert Yuill	10:30	Meeting close

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