

Council

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 17 OCTOBER 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 Ian Blair-Pilling, Cllr Nick Botterill, Cllr Allison Bucknell, Cllr Steve Bucknell, Cllr Richard Budden, Cllr Clare Cape, Cllr Trevor Carbin, 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 Brian Dalton, Cllr Kevin Daley, Cllr Jane Davies, Cllr Dr Monica Devendran, Cllr Adrian Foster, Cllr Sarah Gibson, Cllr Howard Greenman, 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 George Jeans, Cllr Bob Jones MBE, 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 Dr Mark McClelland, Cllr Charles McGrath, Cllr Ian McLennan, Cllr Dominic Muns, Cllr Nabil Najjar, Cllr Kelvin Nash, Cllr Jack Oatley, Cllr Paul Oatway QPM, Cllr Andrew Oliver, 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 Ricky Rogers, Cllr Tom Rounds, Cllr Paul Sample JP, Cllr Mike Sankey, Cllr Jonathon Seed, Cllr Caroline Thomas, 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

48 **Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Chuck Berry, David Bowler, Richard Britton, Mathew Dean, Gavin Grant, Johnny Kidney, Christopher Newbury, Ashley O'Neill, Antonio Piazza, Martin Smith, and Ian Thorn.

The Chairman noted and welcomed the return of Cllr Charles McGrath following a period of illness.

49 **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 18 July 2023 were presented for consideration, and it was,

Resolved:

That the minutes be approved and signed as a true and correct record.

50 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations.

51 **Chairman's Announcements**

Since the last meeting of Council there had been the following engagements attended by the Chairman.

- 31 July 2023 - Presentation by the Lord-Lieutenant of a Queen's Commendation for Bravery Award to Mrs. Bardha Kola, first floor ceremony room, County Hall.
- 1 September 2023 - Hosted the Merchant Navy Day Flag Raising Ceremony at County Hall.
- 14 September 2023 - Royal Visit by HRH The Duchess of Edinburgh to the Guildhall, Salisbury.
- 14 September 2023 - Royal Visit by HRH The Princess Royal to Dorothy House Hospice Care, Winsley, to open Firefly Woods to the Community.
- 15 September 2023 - Official opening of new extension, Holbrook School, Trowbridge by HM Lord-Lieutenant of Wiltshire.
- 22 September 2023 - Civic Reception at RAF Fairford, Glos.
- 24 September 2023 - CPRE and CCm Technologies Best Kept Village Competition Presentation Day. Visited Tockenham, Rushall, Urchfont and Bratton.

Since the last meeting of Council there had been the following engagements attended by the Vice-Chairman.

- 1 September 2023 - Chippenham Town Council Merchant Navy Day Flag Raising Ceremony, Chippenham Town Hall.
- 8 October 2023 - Mayor of Royal Wootton Bassett's Civic Service, St. Bartholomew's & All Saints Church, RWB.

52 **Public Participation**

The Chairman explained the procedure for any public participation for the meeting and noted responses to public questions which had been received.

Mr Andrew Nicolson (Question P23-26) asked a supplementary question regarding the council's response to Climate Emergency UK's annual council scorecard benchmarking, which he believed the council had seen in draft ahead of its publication.

Cllr Richard Clewer, Leader of the Council, stated the Cabinet had not presently seen the proposed scorecard, but that officers had engaged with Climate Emergency UK to ensure assessments that had been provided had been accurately reflected in the analysis undertaken.

Cllr Nick Holder, Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change, also added the council had not seen the draft report but would await the public release of the information.

53 **Corporate Parenting Strategy 2023-2026 and other Corporate Parenting Panel Developments**

Introduction

The Chairman invited Cllr Laura Mayes, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education, and Skills, to present a report seeking endorsement and adoption of the new Corporate Parenting Strategy for 2023-2026 along with other updates from the Corporate Parenting Panel.

Cllr Mayes thanked all those involved in shaping the strategy, particular young person involvement. She highlighted the promise to young people as part of the strategy and moved the proposals of the report, seconded by Cllr Peter Hutton.

A poem as set out in Appendix 2 of the report was read out by a number of elected Members in the Chamber.

Group Leaders

Comments were then made by Group Leaders as follows:

Cllr Richard Clewer, Leader of the Council, reflected on the importance of ensuring the council was delivering outcomes for children in care and care leavers, for example to support them in further education, employment and training.

Cllr Gordon King, Deputy Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group, supported adoption of the proposed strategy, and thanked officers for a thoughtful and well-presented piece of work. He particularly endorsed the proposal to explore pursuing care experience as a protected characteristic, noting how it could define and influence a person.

Cllr Ricky Rogers, Leader of the Labour Group, stated his support for all the proposals.

Debate

During the debate, Cllr Peter Hutton, Chairman of the Corporate Parenting Panel, thanked officers and particularly the Youth Voice team for their work on the report and for the service.

Cllr Jon Hubbard, Chairman of the Children's Select Committee, confirmed the report and strategy had been reviewed by a task group of the Committee. They had been impressed with the report, especially it being much more accessible than many council documents, particularly for young people.

There being no other comments, to conclude debate Cllr Mayes stated the council would look carefully at the matter of care experience as a protected characteristic, making sure it was something the young people would want, and

that there would be no unintended consequences, and that if adopted in future that it would lead to specific action.

It was then,

Resolved:

- 1) That Council approves the revised Corporate Parenting Strategy 2023 – 2026 attached as Appendix 1 to the report;
- 2) That approval is given for Wiltshire Council to sign up to the National Care Leavers Covenant;
- 3) That all Councillors as Corporate Parents pledge their commitment to the poem (attached as Appendix 2 to the report) to the children and young people in care as recommended by the Corporate Parenting Panel;
- 4) That the Council commit to the Corporate Parenting Panel exploring care experience as a protected characteristic and progress this to put in place policies and programmes which promote better outcomes for care experienced young people and adults, with a full proposal returning to Full Council for approval.

In accordance with the constitution there was a recorded vote.

Votes for the motion (77)

Votes against the motion (1)

Votes in abstention (2)

Details of the vote are attached as an appendix to the minutes.

54 **Update on the Council's Response to the Climate Emergency and revised Environmental Policy**

Introduction

The Chairman invited Cllr Nick Holder, Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change, to present a report providing the council's eighth progress update on actions taken in response to the climate emergency, including a proposed update to the council's Environmental Policy and a proposal to adjust the annual reporting cycle.

Cllr Holder presented the report, noting it had been reviewed by the Global Warming and Climate Emergency Task Group and approved by the Cabinet. There had been engagement with the Wiltshire Climate Alliance, whom he thanked for providing honest feedback and seeking clarification on several points. He stated it was intended to further develop the council's relationship with the Wiltshire Climate Alliance to assist the council in delivering on its commitments.

It was explained that the climate motion adopted by the council in 2019 had included committing to the council as an organisation to become carbon neutral by 2030, and to seek to make the county carbon neutral by 2030, noting the distinction between matters the council could affect directly or indirectly. Pathway reports had been prepared by consultants to help produce delivery plans with specific actions, and it was reported that the council was on track to meet its target to being carbon neutral by 2030, though it would not be complacent about achieving this.

Examples were provided of work being undertaken, such as installing solar panels on the Five Rivers Leisure Centre which helped power the building and electric vehicle charging points, with renewable energy production on the council's estate trebling in the past year, as well as working with contractors to reduce their emissions. The number of staff within the climate team was increasing further, with all service areas involved in developing and carrying out actions under the climate strategies, action plans and policies such as the draft Local Plan, with details provided on key performance indicators within the report.

Cllr Holder moved the proposals as detailed within the report, which were seconded by Cllr Richard Clewer.

Public Participation

Bill Jarvis, Wiltshire Climate Alliance, stated the report showed real progress, though he expressed concern about lack of progress on scope 3 emissions, engagement with business, and climate adaptation. He hoped that a streamlined reporting on climate progress could still be provided publicly on a more frequent basis even if the proposal for a full report to Council to take place annually was approved.

Andrew Nicolson, Wiltshire Climate Alliance, stated the council's net zero pathway as only average for an organisation of its size, and county wide emissions data was not very positive. He questioned inclusion of certain actions with the report actions. He urged Area Board leads and all councillors to engage with local organisations and groups to learn more about climate actions which could be taken in their areas and discussed methane emissions.

Bill Jarvis asked a supplementary to his submitted questions as detailed in the Agenda Supplement. He asked how the council would be able to demonstrate reduction in scope 3 emissions by business without base data and updates.

Cllr Holder stated he would provide information on how the council recorded or received relevant data where possible. He added the council did engage with businesses, but much of that engagement could not all be made public. He encouraged the Wiltshire Climate Alliance to pursue its own engagement directly with businesses in Wiltshire.

Bill Jarvis asked a second supplementary, regarding the climate adaptation plan. He said the plan had not been updated in 7 years and asked for

reassurance that actions had been tested against the existing plan, and against major impacts that had since occurred.

Cllr Holder acknowledged the adaptation plan review had not yet been completed. He stated all directorates were working with the climate team to address actions, and work was being coordinated to bring forward recommendations in 2024.

Andrew Nicolson asked a supplementary to his submitted question as detailed in the Agenda Supplement, regarding supporting small and medium enterprises during procurement processes regarding emission requirements in contracts.

Cllr Holder responded that the proposed Environmental Policy included details to engage with all suppliers around environmental objectives. He provided details of the socially responsible procurement policy approved in 2022, and toolkits developed for contract and procurement process. He also responded to the comments about Area Boards, and how the council was seeking to support them to communicate on climate issues and take actions in their areas.

Group Leaders and Scrutiny

Comments were then made by Group Leaders as follows:

Cllr Richard Clewer, Leader of the Council, welcomed the report and the evidence it provided of the major work undertaken to tackle carbon emissions and other issues. He stated the council was on track to meet its environmental targets whilst also making savings. On scope 3 emissions he stated central government needed to establish frameworks which Wiltshire and others needed to then deliver on, and that everyone needed to take responsibility for their own emissions. He emphasised the importance of bringing people along with actions to reduce emissions and other climate actions, as the wrong approach could create tensions and undermine the ability to take further necessary actions. He noted there were limitations of what the council could demand of businesses under national policy, and it was necessary to take a joined-up approach to take every action that was possible to achieve results.

Cllr Gordon King, Deputy Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group, stated the report was helpful and informative, and positively engendered further questions and debate. He welcomed details of future plans that needed to be developed and commented upon waste policy.

Cllr Ernie Clark, Leader of the Independent Group, noted his support for the report and proposals.

Cllr Ricky Rogers, Leader of the Labour Group, said he was happy to support the proposals. He noted the importance of moving forward, as an example detailing changes in industries such as the building trade, and the work needed to engage with residents.

Cllr Graham Wright, Chairman of the Global Warming and Climate Emergency Task Group, then addressed the meeting. He welcomed the report and provided

details of the questions and challenges that had been made to the Cabinet Member, for example on reducing wider carbon emissions across the county, air quality improvements, encouraging bus travel, retrofitting homes, and more. He commended the progress made though expressed concerns regarding the adaptation plan, the offsetting strategy and local nature recovery strategy, which the Task Group would continue to seek more information on.

Debate

During debate Members welcomed the detail of the report and progress that had been achieved towards targets.

There was support for the proposal to report to Full Council annually, though it was requested the Task Group receive details of metrics more frequently as the data became available. It was also requested commissioned reports and other information for example from consultants be published upon receipt unless there were clear and justifiable reasons otherwise.

There was discussion over precise language relating to achieving carbon zero housing and the extent to which the council was or would be achieving this as well as policies in the draft Local Plan to facilitate this, the need to ensure future reports were as quantitative and measurable as possible, and the importance of a joined-up approach with partners and challenge made to businesses and others.

Other comments made in debate included concern at the level of recycling dropping in the past year, with an increase in energy from waste, with other comments highlighting the increase in waste diverted from landfill in recent decades, with other comments asking about food waste recycling at other authorities.

Cllr Holder then responded to the points raised. He confirmed information would be provided for scrutiny on a regular basis, and that non-confidential reports should be made available. He confirmed the council had won an award for the communication of its most recent waste campaign.

It was further explained that a high proportion of kerbside waste was food waste, and the council was awaiting guidance from the Department of Food, Environment, and Rural Affairs on food waste collection before any plans for introduction of its collection was made. He noted there were issues regarding vehicles for collection and other costs, as well as financial and contractual impacts to assess and consider before any such decision could be made and implemented.

At the conclusion of debate, it was then,

Resolved:

That Full Council:

- 1) Note the actions taken in response to the climate emergency following the last update in May 2023, and notes the progress made against key indicators as well as areas of limited progress;
- 2) Approve the updated Environmental Policy in Appendix 1 and add it to Paragraph 1.2 of Part 3B of the Constitution for inclusion as part of the Policy Framework;
- 3) Agree that future climate updates are received annually at its October meeting.

In accordance with the constitution there was a recorded vote.

Votes for the motion (77)

Votes against the motion (1)

Votes in abstention (3)

Details of the vote are attached as an appendix to the minutes.

55 **Capital Programme Additions and Amendments to the Revenue Net Budget**

Introduction

The Chairman invited Cllr Nick Botterill, Cabinet Member for Finance, Development Management, and Strategic Planning, to present a report seeking approval for additions to the Capital Programme to deliver additional education provision, and to increase the council's net budget to reflect additional grant funding and an increased share of retained business rates funding.

Cllr Botterill noted that due to prudent and sound financial management the council was not experiencing some of the difficulties of many other local authorities. He explained the investment of further funding for educational provision would lead to better outcomes for children but was also an example of transformational investment to save on revenue costs at a later date. He also provided details of the additional increases to the net budget.

The proposals detailed in the report were then moved, seconded by Cllr Richard Clewer.

Group Leaders and Scrutiny

Comments were then made by Group Leaders as follows:

Cllr Richard Clewer, Leader of the Council, stated that prevention and early intervention was essential in preventing problems from developing and also reduced costs significantly. He said that the council continually reviewed such investment work to ensure they delivered on that aim of prevention and early intervention, and this was reflected in other service areas as well as education.

Cllr Gordon King, Deputy Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group, welcomed and supported the report.

Cllr Ricky Rogers, Leader of the Labour Group, stated he was happy to support the report, and sought details on the additional borrowing proposed.

Cllr Pip Ridout, Chairman of the Financial Planning Task Group, highlighted the interrelation between capital borrowing and revenue, and that the proposals had been considered carefully and regarded as prudent.

Debate

During debate the proposals were supported, with requests for some additional detail on what the new allocation for education provision would be utilised for, requesting a written update from a point raised at Cabinet when the proposal was considered, and highlighting the benefits of small organisations doing early intervention work to which the funding would assist.

In response to comments made in debate Cllr Botterill provided clarity about offsetting the additional borrowing, and explained about the need to fund additional placements for children who needed some time out of mainstream education, with more detail to come as the process developed.

At the conclusion of debate, it was then,

Resolved:

To approve:

- 1) The allocation of a £4.4m budget for Education provision in the North of the County to be funded by a mix of capital receipts, earmarked reserves and £1.7m of new borrowing;**
- 2) To move the £0.382m income budget associated with saving from increased retained share of funding from Business Rates for Council Assets from Assets to the Business Rates Retention Scheme in the Funding section; and,**
- 3) To increase the Government Grants budget in Funding to recognise the additional Market Sustainability Improvement Fund of £2.773m and increase the net budget in Adults by the same amount.**

Proposals b) and c) above will increase the Council's Net Budget to £469.029m

In accordance with the constitution there was a recorded vote.

Votes for the motion (82)

Votes against the motion (0)

Votes in abstention (2)

Details of the vote are attached as an appendix to the minutes.

A break was then taken from 12:20-13:00

Introduction

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Electoral Review Committee, the Chairman invited Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling to introduce the Final Recommendations of the committee and set out the process which had been followed during the 2022/23 Community Governance Review. Prior to the introduction the Chairman set out the process that would be followed for debate on the item.

Cllr Blair-Pilling moved the proposals as set out in the Final Recommendations, which was seconded by Cllr Stuart Wheeler. He then set out the background to the Final Recommendations of the committee, detailing the statutory criteria the council must follow during the process, relating to community interest and identity, and effective and convenient governance. He made clear that once an area was chosen for review the committee considered all options, not only those initially proposed to it.

Details were provided of the public consultations and engagements with local councils which had taken place, with some recommendations being adjusted through the process. Some of the recommendations, if approved, would require the consent of the Local Governance Boundary Commission for England in order to be enacted.

Cllr Blair-Pilling referred throughout to details and reasoning for changes as set out in the Final Recommendations document attached to the Summons.

Before explaining and debating specific recommendations, the Chairman invited Group Leaders to comment upon the process generally.

Group Leaders and procedural points

Cllr Richard Clewer, Leader of the Council, welcomed the work of the Committee in performing detailed review of boundaries and governance of parishes.

Cllr Gordon King, Deputy Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group, expressed his appreciation for the work of the committee and adherence to process, though would speak as an individual divisional member in relation to specific recommendations, noting he was a member for Westbury, which was involved in the first recommendation.

Cllr Ernie Clark, Leader of the Independent Group, as a member of the Committee thanked officers and fellow committee members for their work on the recommendations and supported the proposals.

Cllr Ricky Rogers, Leader of the Labour Group, welcomed the consistent and down to earth approach the committee had developed since its formation.

The Chairman then made a number of procedural points related to any potential amendment and requirement for additional consultation depending on the detail of any such amendment.

Cllr Blair-Pilling was then invited to introduce the detail of the recommendations.

Recommendation 1 – Heywood and Westbury

This was a proposal to transfer land from Westbury to Heywood, and a smaller area from Heywood to Westbury. This was principally to unify the area known as The Ham within a single parish, recommended by the committee to be Heywood. The proposals also sought to unward the parish of Heywood.

Cllr Blair-Pilling provided details on the background of the review in the area and the reasoning of the committee, as set out fully in the report including details of proposals which had not been agreed by the committee. Details highlighted included but were not limited to that the number of electors proposed to be transferred to Heywood represented under 2% of the Westbury electorate, and the issue and ownership of Vivash Urban Park and how the proposed new boundary was developed. It was noted the councils involved were not in agreement, with Westbury Town Council opposed to the recommendation.

Members of the public were then able to make statements to the meeting.

Cllr Phillip Harcourt, Westbury Town Council, spoke in objection to the recommendation. He commented on the benefits of separation between urban and rural communities, considering the proposal to be arbitrary and counterintuitive.

Cllr John Masson, Chairman of Heywood Parish Council, confirmed his council's support for the proposals of the committee.

Francis Morland stated he was a member of both Westbury Town Council and Heywood Parish Council but confirmed his contributions to the review had been in an individual capacity not on behalf of either council, which was detailed within the background information of the review. He stated he was in support of the recommendation of the committee.

Cllr Stuart Wheeler made a point of order on receiving comments from Group Leaders on proposals.

The Chairman stated several approaches had been adopted in the past, and that previous convention had included seeking comment from Group Leaders as with other agenda items, and so invited comments from Group Leaders on the recommendation if they wished.

Councillor Richard Clewer stated he made his comments on the boundaries in a personal capacity. He stated when the electoral divisions had been formed this area had been difficult, and he felt that the committee had arrived at a

reasonable and sound conclusion to the issue when considering the statutory criteria.

Comments in support of the proposal during debate included that the Heywood community was active and collaborative despite its size and somewhat discrete nature. The Parish Council and residents had responded to proposals from Westbury Town Council and made its own proposals to reflect what was considered the best boundary between the communities. The committee was thanked for its analysis of the issues in the area. The cross-party nature of the committee work was highlighted, along with the detailed consultation and extensive reasoning in the Final Recommendations.

Comments in opposition to the proposal during debate included that retaining the status quo between Westbury and Heywood was the most appropriate option and therefore the recommendation should be rejected. It was noted the review process could be adversarial, and that some of the proposals which had initiated the review may have been considered by some as harmful to Heywood, but that the committee's proposals were likewise harmful to the Westbury community. It was argued the committee's reasoning did not take appropriate consideration of the juxtaposition and history of the communities in the area, and that it was not uncommon for a road to form a boundary and houses to be located either side. The urban character of the area was argued, as well as development of housing in the area.

There were also arguments relating to the housing, industry, and road layouts to the north of what was currently the town boundary, and it was argued would more appropriately have been recommended to be unified within the town.

Other comments made included that the area of The Ham, though still within Heywood Parish, had been within a Westbury based electoral division previously.

In response to debate and public comments Cllr Blair-Pilling noted that development would take place, or not, regardless of where the parish boundary was set. He defended the extensive consultation and other engagement which had taken place over and above statutory requirements. He emphasised that in the view of the committee was that the current boundary was not in align with the statutory criteria, that the area, though including some new development, involved an established community, and he urged council to support the recommendation as an improved governance and boundary arrangement.

Details of the vote are included with the resolution.

Recommendations 2-7

Cllr Blair-Pilling then provided details of the remaining recommendations of the committee together. These involved the parishes of Tidworth, Netheravon, Fittleton cum Haxton, Figheldean, Grittleton, Castle Combe, Nettleton, Yatton Keynell, Biddestone & Slaughterford, Warminster, Donhead St Mary, and Monkton Farleigh. The full explanation and reasoning for each recommendation is included within the Final Recommendations document in the Summons. Cllr

Blair-Pilling particularly thanked those communities and parishes which had worked together to develop proposals for their area, such as with Netheravon, Fittleton cum Haxton, and Figheldean.

Group Leaders did not have any further comments.

One comment was made in debate appreciating the work taken to consult even down to individuals in some cases. There being no further comments it was then,

Resolved:

That Council:

- 1) Approve the changes to community governance arrangements as set out below as recommended and detailed by the Electoral Review Committee in the Final Recommendations:**

Recommendation 1 – Heywood/Westbury

Recommendation 2 – Tidworth

Recommendation 3 – Netheravon/Figheldean/Fittleton cum Haxton

Recommendation 4 – Grittleton/Castle Combe/Nettleton – “The Gibb”

Recommendation 5 – Yatton Keynell/Castle Combe/Biddestone & Slaughterford

Recommendation 6 – Warminster

Recommendation 7 – Donhead St Mary/Monkton Farleigh

- 2) To authorise the Solicitor of the Council to take all necessary measures to make and approve the Community Governance Order(s) to bring into effect for 1 April 2025 all of the changes detailed under resolution 1, subject to any required consents by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England;**
- 3) To authorise the Electoral Registration Officer to make any necessary changes to polling districts to bring them into line with the agreed governance changes at the appropriate time, to be reported to the Electoral Review Committee.**

In accordance with the constitution there were recorded votes for this item.

Vote 1 (Recommendation 1 inclusive of resolutions 2 and 3)

Votes for the motion (67)

Votes against the motion (9)

Votes in abstention (7)

Vote 2 (Recommendations 2-7 inclusive of resolutions 2 and 3)

Votes for the motion (79)

Votes against the motion (0)

Votes in abstention (3)

Details of the votes are attached as an appendix to the minutes.

57 **Part 12: Code of Conduct**

The Chairman invited Cllr Paul Oatway QPM, Chairman of the Standards Committee, to present a report proposing amendments to the Code of Conduct.

Cllr Oatway noted that council had adopted a revised Code of Conduct at its meeting in October 2022, and that an annual review was considered on whether revisions were appropriate. In particular there were parts of the LGA Code Guidance which had been adopted which had not been practical in the context of area committees such as the Area Boards, and the large number of members who were also members of city, town, and parish councils. A review had been undertaken to suggest adjustments to improve the practical application of the Code.

The proposals detailed in the report were then moved, seconded by Cllr Richard Clewer.

Group Leaders were then invited to make comments if they wished. Cllr Gordon King, Deputy Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group, stated he was in agreement with the proposals.

No comments were made in debate, and it was then,

Resolved:

That Council approve the following updated section of the Constitution:

Part 12 – Code of Conduct

In accordance with the constitution there was a recorded vote.

Votes for the motion (78)

Votes against the motion (0)

Votes in abstention (2)

Details of the vote are attached as an appendix to the minutes.

58 **Protocol 12: Wiltshire Police and Crime Panel Arrangements and Procedure Rules**

The Chairman invited Cllr Paul Oatway QPM, Chairman of the Standards Committee, to present a report proposing amendments to the arrangements for the Police and Crime Panel.

Cllr Oatway noted that both Wiltshire Council and Swindon Borough Council were required to approve any changes to the Panel arrangements, as it was a joint committee of the councils. Swindon Borough Council had already approved

the changes. It was explained that the Protocol had not been amended since 2014, and the Chairman of the Panel had led a review of the arrangements.

The proposals detailed in the report were then moved, seconded by Cllr Steve Bucknell, Chairman of the Wiltshire Police and Crime Panel.

Group Leaders were then invited to make comments if they wished. Cllr Gordon King, Deputy Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group, supported the proposals.

The Chairman of the Police and Crime Panel spoke during debate, stating that some of the arrangements had been unclear or ambiguous on the role of the Panel and that of the Police and Crime Commissioner. He also urged the public and Members to attend the Panel meetings.

There being no other comments, it was then,

Resolved:

That Council approve the following updated section of the Constitution:

Protocol 12 – Wiltshire Police and Crime Panel Protocol

In accordance with the constitution there was a recorded vote.

Votes for the motion (77)

Votes against the motion (0)

Votes in abstention (3)

Details of the vote are attached as an appendix to the minutes.

59 **Designation of Statutory Functions**

The Chairman invited Cllr Richard Clewer, Leader of the Council, to present a report on proposed changes to the designation of statutory roles to specific officer posts.

Cllr Clewer noted council was required to make changes to designation of statutory roles. It was proposed to designate the Director of Finance and Procurement as Section 151 Officer.

The proposals detailed in the report were then moved, seconded by Cllr Nick Botterill.

No comments were made by Group Leaders or in debate.

It was then,

Resolved:

That Council:

- 1) **Approve the designation of statutory role of Section 151 Officer to the Director of Finance and Procurement;**
- 2) **Note that other designated statutory roles are unchanged as a result of the restructure and remain with existing posts;**
- 3) **Authorise the Monitoring Officer to make any consequential changes to the Constitution arising from the designation of the statutory function outlined.**

60 **S.85 Requests and Membership of Committees**

The Chairman introduced the report detailing a request from Cllr Ian Thorn for an extension to the 6-month rule of non-attendance for medical reasons under S.85 of the Local Government Act 1972. Cllr Charles McGrath had been well enough to attend, so the request in the report was withdrawn. The Chairman moved that Council grant the request of Cllr Thorn. This was seconded by the Vice-Chairman.

Cllr Richard Clewer, Leader of the Council, supported the request, stating it was important to provide assistance to Members in that situation.

Cllr Gordon King, Deputy Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group, welcomed Cllr McGrath back to council meetings, and hoped Cllr Thorn would be able to return soon.

Cllr Ernie Clark, Leader of the Independent Group, and Cllr Ricky Rogers, Leader of the Labour Group, supported the proposal.

Group Leaders also provided details of changes to membership of committees they wished to request, and these were accepted by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman as part of the substantive motion.

There being no debate or further comments, it was then,

Resolved:

- 1) **That Council approves the requests for the Member listed below for an extension beyond the six-month period of non-attendance on the grounds of ill health:**

Councillor Ian Thorn

- 2) **That such an extension be granted until the end of May 2024, which would allow for any request for a further extension being considered by Council at its meeting in May 2024. In the event of that meeting either being cancelled or postponed, such an extension to remain in place until after the next available meeting of the Council.**
- 3) **To make the following changes to membership of committees:**

- **Cllr Iain Wallis to be removed as a Member of the Standards Committee and the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee;**
- **Cllr Jonathan Seed to be added as a Member of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee;**
- **Cllr Tamara Reay to be added as a Member of the Standards Committee;**
- **Cllr Sam Pearce-Kearny to be removed as a Member of the Eastern Area Planning Committee and to be added as a Substitute of the Eastern Area Planning Committee;**
- **Cllr Adrian Foster to be added as a Member of the Eastern Area Planning Committee;**
- **Cllrs Mel Jacob, Tim Trimble, Gordon King to be added as Substitutes of the Officer Appointments Committee.**

61 **Announcements from Cabinet and Committees**

There were no announcements from Cabinet or Committees.

62 **Questions from Members of the Council**

Five questions were received from Members, as set out in the agenda supplement, together with written responses where these had been provided.

Cllr Derek Walters made a supplementary question in relation to question 23-20, asking how the Leader would further rectify the error made in the statement relating to reducing a speed limit in Rudloe.

Cllr Richard Clewer, Leader of the Council, said he had corrected his statement in writing along with an apology for the mistake.

Cllr Jon Hubbard made a supplementary question in relation to question 23-23, seeking clarification on the response, stating that the copies of the Wiltshire Times sold in Melksham was much less than the distribution of the Melksham News, and that the Warminster Journal was also not an ABC (Audit Bureau of Circulation) paper, but was advertised in by Wiltshire Council. He asked if the opportunity to save money in both Melksham and Westbury should not be ignored by advertising in their locally distributed papers.

Cllr Clewer responded by saying that it was not an efficient use of resources to advertise traffic regulation orders in newspapers but was currently required. On the detail of the current methods of advertising he stated officers were undertaking a review at his request, as this was an operational matter.

In relation to question 23-24 Cllr Caroline Thomas, Cabinet Member for Transport, Streetscene, and Flooding, provided a verbal response. She stated the Salisbury Joint Transportation Plan Committee existed prior to the unitary council in 2009, and Area Boards had been established for local transport discussion. The council was happy to host local events where appropriate and did not consider a committee as proposed as necessary or appropriate.

Cllr Brian Dalton made a supplementary question in response, saying he was disappointed by the reply as he did not consider the Area Board had sufficient powers on these matters. He asked if further powers could be delegated to the Area Boards to take delegated decisions relating to transport. Cllr Thomas stated no.

Cllr Derek Walters made a supplementary question in relation to question 23-21, seeking clarity around where agreement from the police was required.

Cllr Thomas replied that if a recommendation for a speed limit reduction was made following an assessment though on the borderline of whether it should be recommended, the police would be contacted regarding their resources to enforce such a reduction if it was made. If they could not, that would be considered in making a final decision.

Cllr Derek Walters made a supplementary question in relation to question 23-22, asking if Members could receive feedback on the responses from the police, as his understanding was they were only involved when the decision was marginal.

Cllr Thomas stated she would need to consult with officers before responding in writing.

(Duration of meeting: 10.30 am - 2.30 pm)

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Full Council Meeting – 17 October 2023 - Members Attendance

Councillor Name	Time in (Meeting start – 10:30)	Time Out (Meeting close – 14:30)
Phil Alford	10:30	Meeting close
Liz Alstrom	10:30	Meeting close
Helen Belcher OBE	10:30	Meeting close
Chuck Berry	Apologies	Apologies
Ian Blair-Pilling	10:30	Meeting close
Nick Botterill	10:30	Meeting close
David Bowler	Apologies	Apologies
Richard Britton	Apologies	Apologies
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	Apologies	Apologies
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	10:30	Meeting close
Brian Dalton	10:30	Meeting close
Jane Davies	10:30	Meeting close
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	10:30	Meeting close
Gavin Grant	Apologies	Apologies
Howard Greenman	10:30	Meeting close
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	10:30	Meeting close
Bob Jones MBE	10:30	Meeting close
Johnny Kidney	Apologies	Apologies

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	10:30	Meeting close
Charles McGrath	10:30	Meeting close
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	10:30	Meeting close
Christopher Newbury	Apologies	Apologies
Ashley O'Neill	Apologies	Apologies
Jack Oatley	10:30	Meeting close
Paul Oatway QPM	10:30	Meeting close
Andrew Oliver	10:30	Meeting close
Stewart Palmen	10:30	Meeting close
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	Apologies	Apologies
Caroline Thomas	10:30	Meeting close
Ian Thorn	Apologies	Apologies
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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Recorded Votes – Council – 17 October 2023

Minute 53 – Corporate Parenting Strategy 2023-2026 and other Corporate Parenting Panel Developments

- 1) That Council approves the revised Corporate Parenting Strategy 2023 – 2026 attached as Appendix 1 to this report.
- 2) That approval is given for Wiltshire Council to sign up to the National Care Leavers Covenant.
- 3) That all Councillors as Corporate Parents pledge their commitment to the poem (attached as Appendix 2) to our children and young people in care as recommended by the Corporate Parenting Panel.
- 4) That the Council commit to the Corporate Parenting Panel exploring care experience as a protected characteristic and progress this to put in place policies and programmes which promote better outcomes for care experienced young people and adults, with a full proposal returning to Full Council for approval.

Vote	Councillors	Count
For	Cllr Phil Alford, Cllr Liz Alstrom, Cllr Helen Belcher OBE, Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling, Cllr Nick Botterill, Cllr Allison Bucknell, Cllr Steve Bucknell, Cllr Richard Budden, Cllr Clare Cape, Cllr Trevor Carbin, Cllr Sam Charleston, Cllr Pauline Church, Cllr Ernie Clark, Cllr Richard Clewer, Cllr Zoë Clewer, Cllr Mark Connolly, Cllr Caroline Corbin, Cllr Kevin Daley, Cllr Brian Dalton, Cllr Jane Davies, Cllr Adrian Foster, Cllr Sarah Gibson, Cllr Howard Greenman, 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 George Jeans, 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 Dr Mark McClelland, Cllr Charles McGrath, Cllr Ian McLennan, Cllr Dominic Muns, Cllr Nabil Najjar, Cllr Kelvin Nash, Cllr Jack Oatley, Cllr Paul Oatway QPM, Cllr Andrew Oliver, Cllr Stewart Palmen, Cllr Bill Parks, Cllr Sam Pearce-Kearney, Cllr Tony Pickernell, Cllr Horace Prickett, Cllr Nic Puntis, Cllr Tamara Reay, Cllr Ricky Rogers, Cllr Tom Rounds, Cllr Paul Sample JP, Cllr Mike Sankey, Cllr Jonathon Seed, Cllr Caroline Thomas, Cllr Elizabeth Threlfall, Cllr Jo Trigg, Cllr Tim Trimble, Cllr Mark Verbinnen, Cllr David Vigar, Cllr Iain Wallis, Cllr Derek Walters, Cllr Stuart Wheeler, Cllr Philip Whitehead, Cllr Suzanne Wickham, Cllr Christopher Williams, Cllr Graham Wright and Cllr Robert Yuill	75
Against	Cllr Bridget Wayman	1
Abstain	Cllr Andrew Davis and Cllr James Sheppard	2

Minute 54 – Update on the Council's Response to the Climate Emergency and revised Environmental Policy

That Full Council

- 1) Note the actions taken in response to the climate emergency following the last update in May 2023, and notes the progress made against key indicators as well as areas of limited progress.**
- 2) Approve the updated Environmental Policy in Appendix 1 and add it to Paragraph 1.2 of Part 3B of the Constitution for inclusion as part of the Policy Framework.**
- 3) Agree that future climate updates are received annually at its October meeting.**

Vote	Councillors	Count
For	Cllr Phil Alford, Cllr Liz Alstrom, Cllr Helen Belcher OBE, Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling, Cllr Nick Botterill, Cllr Allison Bucknell, Cllr Steve Bucknell, Cllr Clare Cape, Cllr Trevor Carbin, Cllr Sam Charleston, Cllr Pauline Church, Cllr Ernie Clark, Cllr Richard Clewer, Cllr Zoë Clewer, Cllr Mark Connolly, Cllr Caroline Corbin, Cllr Kevin Daley, Cllr Brian Dalton, Cllr Jane Davies, Cllr Dr Monica Devendran, Cllr Sarah Gibson, Cllr Howard Greenman, 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 George Jeans, 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 Dr Mark McClelland, Cllr Charles McGrath, Cllr Ian McLennan, Cllr Dominic Muns, Cllr Nabil Najjar, Cllr Kelvin Nash, Cllr Jack Oatley, Cllr Paul Oatway QPM, Cllr Andrew Oliver, Cllr Stewart Palmen, Cllr Bill Parks, Cllr Sam Pearce-Kearney, Cllr Tony Pickernell, Cllr Horace Prickett, Cllr Nic Puntis, Cllr Tamara Reay, Cllr Ricky Rogers, Cllr Tom Rounds, Cllr Mike Sankey, Cllr Jonathon Seed, Cllr Caroline Thomas, 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	75
Against	Cllr Paul Sample JP	1
Abstain	Cllr Richard Budden, Cllr Andrew Davis and Cllr Adrian Foster	3

Minute 55 – Capital Programme Additions and Amendments to the Revenue Net Budget

Amendment

To approve:

- a) **the allocation of a £4.4m budget for Education provision in the North of the County to be funded by a mix of capital receipts, earmarked reserves and £1.7m of new borrowing.**
- b) **to move the £0.382m income budget associated with saving from increased retained share of funding from Business Rates for Council Assets from Assets to the Business Rates Retention Scheme in the Funding section; and**
- c) **to increase the Government Grants budget in Funding to recognise the additional Market Sustainability Improvement Fund of £2.773m and increase the net budget in Adults by the same amount.**

Vote	Councillors	Count
For	Cllr Phil Alford, Cllr Liz Alstrom, Cllr Helen Belcher OBE, Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling, Cllr Nick Botterill, Cllr Allison Bucknell, Cllr Steve Bucknell, Cllr Richard Budden, Cllr Clare Cape, Cllr Trevor Carbin, 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 Kevin Daley, Cllr Brian Dalton, Cllr Jane Davies, Cllr Dr Monica Devendran, Cllr Adrian Foster, Cllr Sarah Gibson, Cllr Howard Greenman, 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 George Jeans, 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 Dr Mark McClelland, Cllr Charles McGrath, Cllr Ian McLennan, Cllr Dominic Muns, Cllr Nabil Najjar, Cllr Kelvin Nash, Cllr Jack Oatley, Cllr Paul Oatway QPM, Cllr Andrew Oliver, 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 Ricky Rogers, Cllr Tom Rounds, Cllr Paul Sample JP, Cllr Mike Sankey, Cllr Jonathon Seed, Cllr Caroline Thomas, 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	80
Against	None	0
Abstain	Cllr Andrew Davis and Cllr James Sheppard	2

Minute 56 - Community Governance Review 2022/23

CGR Recommendation 1 - Westbury/Heywood:

1.1 That the areas marked as A in the map provided be transferred from Westbury Town to the parish of Heywood.

1.2 That the areas marked as B in the map provided be transferred from Heywood to Westbury Town, as part of the Westbury East Ward and Westbury North Ward respectively.

1.3 That the parish of Heywood be unwarded, with seven councillors.

1.4 To request that the LGBCE amend the Westbury North, Westbury East, and Ethandune Electoral Divisions to be conterminous with the proposed revised parish boundaries of Westbury and Heywood.

Vote	Councillors	Count
For	Cllr Phil Alford, Cllr Liz Alstrom, Cllr Helen Belcher OBE, Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling, Cllr Nick Botterill, Cllr Allison Bucknell, Cllr Steve Bucknell, Cllr Clare Cape, Cllr Mary Champion, Cllr Pauline Church, Cllr Ernie Clark, Cllr Richard Clewer, Cllr Zoë Clewer, Cllr Mark Connolly, Cllr Caroline Corbin, Cllr Kevin Daley, Cllr Jane Davies, Cllr Dr Monica Devendran, Cllr Howard Greenman, Cllr Ross Henning, Cllr Sven Hocking, Cllr Nick Holder, Cllr Ruth Hopkinson, Cllr Jon Hubbard, Cllr Peter Hutton, Cllr Tony Jackson, Cllr Simon Jacobs, Cllr Jerry Kunkler, Cllr Jacqui Lay, Cllr Kathryn Macdermid, Cllr Dr Brian Mathew, Cllr Laura Mayes, Cllr Dr Mark McClelland, Cllr Charles McGrath, Cllr Ian McLennan, Cllr Dominic Muns, Cllr Nabil Najjar, Cllr Kelvin Nash, Cllr Jack Oatley, Cllr Paul Oatway QPM, Cllr Andrew Oliver, Cllr Bill Parks, Cllr Sam Pearce-Kearney, Cllr Tony Pickernell, Cllr Horace Prickett, Cllr Nic Puntis, Cllr Tamara Reay, Cllr Pip Ridout, Cllr Ricky Rogers, Cllr Tom Rounds, Cllr Mike Sankey, Cllr Jonathon Seed, Cllr Caroline Thomas, Cllr Elizabeth Threlfall, Cllr Jo Trigg, Cllr Tim Trimble, Cllr Mark Verbinnen, Cllr Iain Wallis, Cllr Bridget Wayman, Cllr Stuart Wheeler, Cllr Philip Whitehead, Cllr Suzanne Wickham, Cllr Christopher Williams, Cllr Graham Wright and Cllr Robert Yuill	65
Against	Cllr Richard Budden, Cllr Trevor Carbin, Cllr Sam Charleston, Cllr Brian Dalton, Cllr George Jeans, Cllr Carole King, Cllr Gordon King, Cllr Edward Kirk and Cllr Derek Walters	9
Abstain	Cllr Andrew Davis, Cllr Adrian Foster, Cllr Sarah Gibson, Cllr Mel Jacob, Cllr Stewart Palmen, Cllr Paul Sample JP and Cllr David Vigar	7

CGR Recommendations 2-7 –

That Council:

1) Approve the changes to community governance arrangements as set out below as recommended and detailed by the Electoral Review Committee in the Final Recommendations:

Recommendation 1 – Heywood/Westbury (Separate Vote)

Recommendation 2 – Tidworth

Recommendation 3 – Netheravon/Figheledean/Fittleton cum Haxton

Recommendation 4 – Grittleton/Castle Combe/Nettleton – “The Gibb”

Recommendation 5 – Yatton Keynell/Castle Combe/Biddestone & Slaughterford

Recommendation 6 – Warminster

Recommendation 7 – Donhead St Mary/Monkton Farleigh

2) To authorise the Solicitor of the Council to take all necessary measures to make

and approve the Community Governance Order(s) to bring into effect for 1 April 2025 all of the changes detailed under resolution 1, subject to any required consents by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England;

3) To authorise the Electoral Registration Officer to make any necessary changes to polling districts to bring them into line with the agreed governance changes at the appropriate time, to be reported to the Electoral Review Committee.

Vote	Councillors	Count
For	Cllr Phil Alford, Cllr Liz Alstrom, Cllr Helen Belcher OBE, Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling, Cllr Nick Botterill, Cllr Allison Bucknell, Cllr Steve Bucknell, Cllr Richard Budden, Cllr Clare Cape, Cllr Trevor Carbin, 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 Kevin Daley, Cllr Brian Dalton, Cllr Jane Davies, Cllr Dr Monica Devendran, Cllr Adrian Foster, Cllr Sarah Gibson, Cllr Howard Greenman, Cllr Sven Hocking, Cllr Nick Holder, Cllr Ruth Hopkinson, Cllr Jon Hubbard, Cllr Peter Hutton, Cllr Mel Jacob, Cllr Simon Jacobs, Cllr George Jeans, Cllr Carole King, Cllr Edward Kirk, Cllr Jerry Kunkler, Cllr Jacqui Lay, Cllr Kathryn Macdermid, Cllr Dr Brian Mathew, Cllr Laura Mayes, Cllr Dr Mark McClelland, Cllr Charles McGrath, Cllr Ian McLennan, Cllr Dominic Muns, Cllr Nabil Najjar, Cllr Kelvin Nash, Cllr Jack Oatley, Cllr Paul Oatway QPM, Cllr Andrew Oliver, 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 Ricky Rogers, Cllr Tom Rounds, Cllr Paul Sample JP, Cllr Mike Sankey, Cllr Jonathon Seed, Cllr Caroline Thomas, 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	77
Against	None	0
Abstain	Cllr Andrew Davis, Cllr Gordon King and Cllr James Sheppard	3

Minute 57 – Part 12 Code of Conduct

That Council approve the following updated section of the Constitution:

Part 12 – Code of Conduct

Vote	Councillors	Count
For	Cllr Phil Alford, Cllr Liz Alstrom, Cllr Helen Belcher OBE, Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling, Cllr Nick Botterill, Cllr Allison Bucknell, Cllr Steve Bucknell, Cllr Richard Budden, Cllr Clare Cape, Cllr Trevor Carbin, Cllr Mary Champion, Cllr Sam Charleston, Cllr Pauline Church, Cllr Ernie Clark, Cllr Richard Clewer, Cllr Zoë Clewer, Cllr Caroline Corbin, Cllr Kevin Daley, Cllr Brian Dalton, Cllr Jane Davies, Cllr Dr Monica Devendran, Cllr Adrian Foster, Cllr Sarah Gibson, Cllr Howard Greenman, Cllr Sven Hocking, Cllr Nick Holder, Cllr Ruth Hopkinson, Cllr Jon Hubbard, Cllr Peter Hutton, Cllr Mel Jacob, Cllr Simon Jacobs, Cllr George Jeans, 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 Dr Mark McClelland, Cllr Charles McGrath, Cllr Ian McLennan, Cllr Dominic Muns, Cllr Nabil Najjar, Cllr Kelvin Nash, Cllr Jack Oatley, Cllr Paul Oatway QPM, Cllr Andrew Oliver, Cllr Stewart Palmen, Cllr Bill Parks, Cllr Sam Pearce-Kearney, Cllr Tony Pickernell, Cllr Horace Prickett, Cllr Nic Puntis, Cllr Tamara Reay, Cllr Ricky Rogers, Cllr Tom Rounds, Cllr Paul Sample JP, Cllr Mike Sankey, Cllr Jonathon Seed, Cllr Caroline Thomas, 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	76
Against	None	0
Abstain	Cllr Andrew Davis and Cllr James Sheppard	2

Minute 58 – Protocol 12: Wiltshire Police and Crime Panel Arrangements and Procedure Rules

That Council approve the following updated section of the Constitution:

Protocol 12 – Wiltshire Police and Crime Panel Protocol

Vote	Councillors	Count
For	Cllr Phil Alford, Cllr Liz Alstrom, Cllr Helen Belcher OBE, Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling, Cllr Nick Botterill, Cllr Allison Bucknell, Cllr Steve Bucknell, Cllr Richard Budden, Cllr Clare Cape, Cllr Trevor Carbin, Cllr Mary Champion, Cllr Sam Charleston, Cllr Pauline Church, Cllr Ernie Clark, Cllr Richard Clewer, Cllr Zoë Clewer, Cllr Caroline Corbin, Cllr Kevin Daley, Cllr Brian Dalton, Cllr Jane Davies, Cllr Dr Monica Devendran, Cllr Adrian Foster, Cllr Sarah Gibson, Cllr Howard Greenman, Cllr Sven Hocking, Cllr Nick Holder, Cllr Ruth Hopkinson, Cllr Jon Hubbard, Cllr Peter Hutton, Cllr Mel Jacob, Cllr Simon Jacobs, Cllr George Jeans, 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 Dr Mark McClelland, Cllr Charles McGrath, Cllr Dominic Muns, Cllr Nabil Najjar, Cllr Kelvin Nash, Cllr Jack Oatley, Cllr Paul Oatway QPM, Cllr Andrew Oliver, Cllr Stewart Palmen, Cllr Bill Parks, Cllr Sam Pearce-Kearney, Cllr Tony Pickernell, Cllr Horace Prickett, Cllr Nic Puntis, Cllr Tamara Reay, Cllr Ricky Rogers, Cllr Tom Rounds, Cllr Paul Sample JP, Cllr Mike Sankey, Cllr Jonathon Seed, Cllr Caroline Thomas, 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	75
Against	None	0
Abstain	Cllr Andrew Davis, Cllr Ian McLennan and Cllr James Sheppard	3

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