

Extract Draft Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive held on Thursday 31st August 2006 in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Monkton Park, Chippenham commencing at 7.00p.m.

Present: Councillor C. O’Gorman, Leader in the Chair

Councillors A. L. Davis, H. M. Dixon, S. K. Doubell, D. J. E. Evans, R. J. Henning, D. M. Moore, G. Offord and O. J. Thomas.

Non-Executive Councillors Present: Councillors S. Meadowcroft, S. Meadows, T. R. Sturgis and S. R. Walls

Officers Present: D. Burbidge (Chief Executive), D. Ashton (Interim Chief Accountant), L. Bell (Community & Environment Strategic Manager), H. Braid (Policy & Democratic Services Officer), A. Davies (Planning Services Strategic Manager), N. Fenwick (Customer Services Strategic Manager), M. Gilmour (Principal Community Partnerships Officer), P. Jeremiah (Legal Services Team Leader), W. Oulton (Policy & Democratic Services Officer), S. Pangbourne (Strategic Manager Corporate Services), S. Parker (Community Partnership Officer), C. Pescod (Development Control Team Leader) and Jo Stirling (Principal Housing Enabling Officer).

E31. Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence had been received from Councillor P. G. Allnatt.

E53. Exclusion of Press and Public

Resolved that in accordance with Regulation 21 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000, the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting on the grounds that the following item of business involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as specified in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as follows and that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

Agenda item/Report name	Paragraph(s) of the Act / Schedule describing the exemption
Item 24 – Future of Public Conveniences	Paragraph 1 & 4

E54. Future of Public Conveniences

Consideration was given to Report No.24 (circulated with the agenda) which advised the Executive of the current position with regard to Public Conveniences and sought instruction as to the way forward.

Issues discussed during consideration of this item included:

- The need for a robust framework when devolving the public conveniences to Town and Parish Councils.
- Negotiations with Town and Parish Councils will be ongoing.



- The resource implications of the protracted negotiations.

Resolved

- (1) The seasonal closure of 5 public conveniences, as detailed in paragraph 3.2 (3) of Report No.24, be deferred and additional budget (approximately £18,000) be vired from elsewhere within the Revenue accounts or from reserves.
- (2) Negotiations with Wootton Bassett Town Council concerning the transfer of the Station Road facility, closure of Borough Fields and related issues be continued.
- (3) Wootton Bassett Town Council be asked to undertake a consultation exercise to justify the closure of Borough Fields.
- (4) A report be presented to the Executive meeting on 5th October 2006, providing an update as to the progress of negotiations with Town and Parish Councils in respect of devolving public conveniences.

The meeting commenced at 7.00pm and concluded at 7.50pm.

There were 2 members of the public present.