

Minutes

Meeting of : The Cabinet
Meeting held in : The Alamein Suite City Hall, Salisbury
Date : Wednesday 26 March 2008
Commencing at : 6.00 pm

Present:

Councillor P W L Sample (Leader)
Councillor S R Fear (Deputy Leader)

Councillors P M Clegg (Planning), B E Dalton (Community Initiatives), P D Edge (Economic Development and Tourism), Mrs H McKeown (Transport), A C R Roberts (Finance), J C Robertson (Environment), A A Thorpe (Resources), and I R Tomes (Housing).

Apologies were received from the Chief Executive Manjeet Gill - Robin Townsend was in attendance to represent Manjeet.

With the permission of the Chairman, Councillor Brown, Councillor Hewitt and Councillor Westmoreland addressed the cabinet on the matters set out under the minutes 170, 170 and 169 respectively.

155. Declarations of Interest:

Councillor Thorpe declared a personal in agenda item 11 in view of his directorship of an organisation using the Neighbourhood Centre. Councillor Dalton declared a personal and prejudicial interest in agenda item 21, the exempt tenancy matter and left the meeting during discussion thereon.

Councillors Fear and Sample declared personal interests in agenda item 22, in respect of any matter relating to the membership of the Implementation Executive.

156. Leader's Announcements:

The Leader welcomed David Vallis, the Editor of the Salisbury Journal to his last Cabinet meeting prior to his retirement after a long and illustrious career in journalism. Councillor Sample spoke highly of all the excellent qualities that David had displayed over the years and wished him well in the future. The Chairman of the Council, Councillor Mrs Chettleburgh then presented David with a retirement gift from the council in recognition of his 48 years service as a local journalist.

The Cabinet congratulated Councillor Roberts on the birth of his son Freddie.

157. Minutes of Last Meeting:

The minutes of the meeting held on 30 January 2008 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

158. Public and Councillor Question and Statement Time:

There were none



Awarded in:
Housing Services
Waste and Recycling Services



159. Forward Plan:

The Leader presented his Forward Plan for the period 1 April 2008 – 31 July 2008 (previously circulated) to be published and become operational from 1 April 2008.

Resolved: that subject to

- (1) the Christmas lights item being brought forward to April;
- (2) the inclusion of a Unitary update as a standing item, and
- (3) the inclusion for April of an item from Councillor Thorpe on Efficiency in Members Support (concerning a greater use of technology);

the Leader's Forward Plan 1 April 2008 to 31 July 2008 be adopted for publication.

160. Call-in Decisions:

There were none.

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Cabinet Decisions

*All decisions set out in this section of the minutes will be implemented on or after 8 April 2008
(unless called in for consideration by the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Panel)*

161. Adoption of a Local Validation checklist for the new 1APP Planning Application forms:

Councillor Clegg introduced the previously circulated report of the Area Team Leader, Development Control.

Resolved: that

- (1) the checklists (as amended in accordance with appendix 5 of the report) be adopted with effect from 14 April 2008, provided that the Head of Development Services is satisfied no new relevant matters are raised as a result of the consultation. If relevant new issues are raised the matter to come back to cabinet.
- (2) the use of the local checklists on a voluntary basis until adoption be endorsed.

162. Update on Petersfinger Park and Ride:

The Cabinet noted the previously circulated update from Mr David Bullock of Wiltshire County Council.

163. Funding Criteria for the General Community Fund:

Councillor Fear introduced the previously circulated report of the Head of Community Initiatives.

Resolved: that (1) the grant criteria outlined in the Annex to the report be approved subject to the following word inclusion in the paragraph set out below -

The council will not:

Support applications that are deemed to be **solely** the role of other public funded bodies (eg WCC, Parish and Town Councils, PCT)

- (2) that four members be drawn from the Cabinet, two Liberal Democrat and two Labour, to form an advisory group to Cabinet regarding the consideration of grant applications (nominations to be submitted to the Head of Democratic Services).

Note - the Head of Community Initiatives advised that he would now be publicising this scheme through the production of a press release and that he would be writing to all community groups on his Unit's database informing them of the scheme and the dates for application. The Scheme would be further promoted in the July edition of the Citizen.

164. Tisbury and District Sports Centre - Internal Work Costings:

The Leader advised that he had recently visited the Sports Centre, accompanied by the member for Teffont, to meet the staff and view the facilities there. Councillor Sample emphasised the importance of investing in the Centre in order to help secure its long term future.

Councillor Dalton advised the Cabinet of the endorsement that both the Tisbury Managing Body and Western Area Committee had given to the proposed £65,000 scheme to improve the internal layout at Tisbury and District Sports Centre.

Resolved that

- (1) £65,000 be incorporated into the council's capital programme for 2008/9 to fund this scheme.
- (2) In making this decision the Cabinet recognised that the Council may be required to seek the approval of the Implementation Executive to let the building contract prior to work commencing on site.

165. Capital and Revenue Implications for the use of 58 Pinewood Way, Bemerton Heath, as a Community Centre/Youth Club:

Councillor Dalton introduced the previously circulated report of the Head of Community Initiatives. Councillor Fear stated that this Centre would be a lasting tribute to this Authority.

Resolved: that

- (1) subject to obtaining any necessary consent from Wiltshire County Council's Chief Executive as the authorised officer to give consents on behalf of the Wiltshire County Council, the Cabinet having considered the full capital and revenue financial implications approves the use of 58 Pinewood Way, Bemerton Heath, as a community centre and youth club;
- (2) that the local members, Residents Association and the Neighbourhood Centre Manager all be thanked for their part in helping this scheme come to fruition.

Note - it is understood that the Wiltshire Chief Executive has given a favourable response to this scheme.

166. The New Wiltshire Local Area Agreement:

Councillor Clegg introduced the previously circulated report from the Head of Community Initiatives.

Resolved: that

- (1) The current proposals be noted without comment as the opportunity to make further changes has now effectively passed;
- (2) Request that officers continue to work with the district and county-level strategic partnerships to determine possible priorities for inclusion in the new-style Local Area Agreement;
- (3) Ensure that the council's Corporate Plan reflects any actions that are signed up to as part of the Local Area Agreement process; and
- (4) a further report on the near final draft Local Area Agreement be received at the April meeting, for consideration by full Council in May.

167. Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) Changes:

Councillor Thorpe introduced the previously circulated report of the Head of People and Organisational Development.

Resolved: that the policy in relation to contributions bands and application as detailed in paragraph 3 of the report approved, along with the draft policy which reflects this and attached to the report as Appendix A be approved.

168. Community Fund for Young People:

The Leader introduced the report of the Members support Officer. The Leader thanked the Conservative and Independent Group Leaders for their input into the meeting that was held to consider these applications and to Lisa Moore the Members Support Officer for her role in this process.

Resolved: that the recommendations of the Review Panel as set out in Appendix 1 of the report be approved (noting that in respect of St Osmund's Pre-School the money would be used for padded rubber flooring and not tarmac as reported).

169. Wiltshire County Council Highway Issues:

The Cabinet noted the previously circulated responses by Wiltshire County Council Highway Department.

Agreed – that full consideration of this matter be deferred until the next meeting, when the relevant officer, Mr D Thomas will be present, in the meantime the Officers be instructed to write to Wiltshire County Council formally requesting a study be undertaken into the provision of a cycle path linking the outlying villages with Durrington, Bulford and Amesbury, avoiding the A345.

170. Successes of the Council:

Councillor Sample introduced the previously circulated list of successes and achievements of the Council over the last month. Arising out of this item Councillor Hewitt referred to the roll out of black boxes in the rural areas and Councillor Brown advised that he had details, via his Scrutiny Panel, of where some boxes had yet to be delivered which he would forward to councillor Robertson. Councillor Hewitt also asked about the operation of the 5 Rivers Leisure Centre over the Easter Period. Councillor Dalton was pleased to confirm that the Centre had been opened on both Good Friday and Easter Monday.

Resolved: that successes and achievements be noted with satisfaction and that in addition, the Environmental Services Officers and Councillor Robertson be congratulated for achieving the landfill reduction target three months ahead of schedule.

171. Local Government Reorganisation in Wiltshire:

The Leader introduced the report of the Head of Legal and Property Services.

Resolved – that

- (1) the Report be noted;
- (2) further Unitary Authority updates be received every month
- (3) the Chief Executive be delegated, in consultation with the Heads of Financial and Legal and Property Services, the making of a proposal for general consents to the Implementation Executive.
- (4) the decision of the Chief Executive not further to support the Legal Challenge be ratified.
- (5) the withdrawal from the Wiltshire Challenge be agreed.

172. Special Delegation Procedure:

The Cabinet noted the matters determined under the Special Delegation Procedure as set out at Agenda Item 17 (papers previously circulated) namely:

- (a) Contract with Vodafone:
- (b) Seeding Works at the Old Swimming Pool Site:
- (c) Salisbury District Transportation Joint Committee:

173. Exempt Information:

Resolved that In view of the confidential or sensitive nature of the matters to be considered, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of agenda items 20 and 21 on the ground(s) that they may involve the likely disclosure of 'exempt information' as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A inserted into the Local Government Act 1972 by the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 and that the public interest against disclosing the information outweighs the public interest in favour of disclosure as explained below:

Paragraph 1 namely information relating to any individual

Paragraph 3 namely information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)

Summary of Exempt Matters

Special Delegation

Tenancy Matter

*The meeting concluded at 7.20 pm
Number of public present 10*