

# Minutes

**Meeting of** : The Cabinet  
**Meeting held in** : The Alamein Suite City Hall, Salisbury  
**Date** : Monday 28 April 2008  
**Commencing at** : 6.00 pm

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**Present:**

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

Councillors 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) and A A Thorpe (Resources).

Apologies were received from P M Clegg (Planning) and I R Tomes (Housing)

**176. Declarations of Interest:**

Councillor A C Roberts declared a personal interest in agenda item 184, in that he had lived in Churchfields Road.

**177. Minutes of Last Meeting:**

The minutes of the meeting held on 26 March 2008 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**178. Public and Councillor Question and Statement Time:**

There were none

**179. Forward Plan:**

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

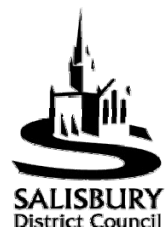
**Resolved:** that the Leader's Forward Plan 1 May 2008 to 31 August 2008 be adopted for publication subject to the deletion in May of the Local Development Framework – Core Strategy issues as this had been overtaken by events following the Full Council decision last Wednesday.

**180. Call-in Decisions:**

There were none.



**Awarded in:**  
Housing Services  
Waste and Recycling Services



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## **Recommendations to the Council**

*(The recommendations set out below will be considered by the Council)*

### **181. Salisbury Vision - Adoption:**

Councillor Edge introduced the previously circulated report of the Salisbury Vision Project Director, together with the views of the Planning and Economic Development Overview and Scrutiny Panel.

The Leader thanked Mr Bryder for the detailed comments which he had submitted on this document and the Chairman of the Environment and Transport Overview and Scrutiny Panel, Councillor Brown, advised Cabinet that his Panel had yet to consider the document and the views submitted by Mr Bryder.

**Recommended to Full Council on 23 June 2008** – that the Salisbury Vision document detailed in appendix A of the previously circulated report, including the additional information outlined in paragraph 1.5, be adopted as a key strategic document; subject to:

- (1) Any views expressed by the Environment and Transport Overview and Scrutiny Panel, such views to be incorporated in the Cabinet's recommendation to Council if they are firstly approved by the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader, Deputy Leader and Cabinet members for Economic Development and Tourism and Transport;
- (2) Any comments from the Implementation Executive meeting on 22 May, that Full Council agree to incorporate into the final document.

### **182. The New Wiltshire Local Area Agreement:**

The Cabinet considered the previously circulated report of the Partnership Team Manager.

**Recommended to Full Council on 19 May 2008** – that

- (1) the Council endorses the draft LAA which has been negotiated to date and agrees to be a signatory;
- (2) delegated authority be given to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council, to agree any outstanding matters and to sign off the final LAA once it has been agreed by Government; and
- (3) the Implementation Executive be advised that the Agreement should place greater emphasis on sustainable rural communities and have regard to the findings of the District Council's Scrutiny Review undertaken on this matter; it should also be asked to consider the possibility of including an additional indicator relating to reduction in road deaths.

### **183. Scrutiny Review on Sustainable Rural Communities together with response to Rural Services Network Document:**

Councillor Mrs Spencer who led the above scrutiny review, gave a presentation to the Cabinet on the Panel's recommendations. The Cabinet Member for Economic Development and Tourism, Councillor

Edge thanked Councillor Mrs Spencer and her review group, for producing such a thorough and thought provoking report.

The Leader also thanked Councillor Mrs Spencer and the other members of the Scrutiny Panel together with the Officers that supported the process for this excellent piece of work. He recognised that a lot of villages have been going through a difficult period and had issues that did need to be addressed, particularly local housing needs.

**Recommended to Full Council on 19 May 2008 – that**

- (1) the recommendations set out in the summary be approved for recommendation to the Implementation Executive;
- (2) the Scrutiny findings be taken into account during the new stage of consultation for the local development framework as agreed by Full Council on 23 April; and
- (3) a copy of the Review be sent to the Primary Care Trust and the Joint Director of Public Health as the recommendations address a number of important health issues.

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## **Cabinet Decisions**

*All decisions set out in this section of the minutes will be implemented on or after 10 May 2008  
(unless called in for consideration by the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Panel)*

**184. Churchfields Project Initiation Document and Authorisation to Proceed with the Project:**

Councillor Edge introduced the previously circulated report of the Team Leader of Forward Planning and Conservation. The Leader and Deputy Leader emphasised the need to improve access to Churchfields and recognised that in so doing it was important not to transfer a problem from one area to another.

**Resolved:** that subject to paragraphs 2.5 and 2.7 in the report be amended by deletion of reference to "greenfield land at Harnham" and replaced by "to alternative locations close to the City" the Cabinet accept the Project Initiation Document as the start of the process of implementing the Churchfields proposal and authorise officers to carry on with the project.

**185. Christmas in 2008:**

Councillor Edge introduced the previously circulated report of the Economic Development Manager, and referred to the views of the Planning and Economic Development Overview and Scrutiny Panel and the City Centre Management, both of which support option 4.

**Resolved** that

- (1) Option 4 be chosen, in principle (subject to (2) and (3) below) namely: the purchase and erection of new lights and erection of those purchased in 2007. In addition, LED's lights in the trees of the Guildhall and Market Square will be erected and these shall remain in situ all year round. The event finishes with an 8-minute firework display off three rooftops; and
- (2) £99,700 be funded from Capital and £35,000 be met from existing revenue budget;
- (3) the City Centre Management report back to Cabinet with its detailed proposals within the budget agreed, such report to include its views on how best to illuminate the Fisherton Street Clock Tower within that budget figure.

**Note:** Option 4, meets all the criteria that the Council has been trying to attain in Salisbury, but most importantly will leave a legacy of lights that the city can enjoy for many years to come. It meets all of the aims stated in point 2 of the report.

**186. Southern Area Committee Recommendation:**

Councillor Thorpe introduced the recommendation from the Southern Area Committee meeting held on 28 February 2008 minute 108, that the Council consider reviewing the possible health impact of mobile phone masts.

**Resolved:** that the matter be referred to the County Council's Health Scrutiny Committee to consider the issue and make recommendations to the new Unitary Authority on what if any actions need to be taken.

**187. Wiltshire County Council Highway Issues:**

The Cabinet noted the previously circulated responses by Wiltshire County Council Highway Department. Mr Thomas, Principal Traffic Engineer was in attendance and made statements and responded to questions, the key ones being detailed below -

- (1) as regards real time passenger information, a dedicated officer based in Endless Street was now in post. A meeting had been held with the system suppliers and it was hoped that resultant improvements would soon be evident. It was noted that a report was going to City Area (Community) Committee next week concerning bus shelters within the City.
- (2) local members would be welcome to join Highway Inspectors on their monthly walk through their respective areas and they should make contact with the local Wilton Area Office to so arrange.
- (3) The state of roads and pavements was a number one priority for the County members, but they had to categorise repairs in view of financial constraints, he would however examine the situation in Middleton Road Salisbury following the comments made by the Deputy Leader. A working party had been established to expedite the process for dealing with road reinstatements.
- (4) The reduction in the maintenance budget for highways was completely separate from the integrated transport budget.
- (5) The District Council's request to explore the viability of a cycle path between the outlying villages and Durrington, Bulford and Amesbury had been received by the County Council.
- (6) Traffic calming measures in Francis Way Harnham, was on the County's list, but no funding had been allocated this year.
- (7) Church Road, Laverstock – a school travel plan had been received and funding allocated to investigate the feasibility of traffic measures in that area and depending on the outcome, consideration of any possible scheme funding would take place next year.

**Agreed:** that Mr Thomas be thanked for his attendance at the meeting and for his helpful response to the Cabinet's questions.

**188. Climate Change – Implementation Plan:**

The Leader introduced the Implementation Plan (previously circulated) as requested at the Cabinet meeting held on 30 January 2008.

**Resolved:** that

- (1) the implementation plan attached as Appendix 1 to the report be noted;
- (2) steps be taken to secure the early appointment of a Climate Change Officer with a view to further work being done on the prioritisation of the recommendations in the report; and
- (3) The Chief Executive in consultation with the Portfolio Holder will look at analysing the resource implications inherent in the other recommendations and report back to the Leader and Deputy Leader on the outcome.

Note - Councillor Roberts wished his opposition to the appointment of the Climate Change Officer to be minuted, on the grounds that the cost is not in the Council's budget and would exceed any benefit that is likely to be achieved in the time available before abolition of the Council.

**189. Unitary Update:**

The Chief Executive advised:

- (1) the Implementation Executive is starting to look at the amalgamation of services and that the Chief Executives' Implementation Team was assessing the criteria for a rolling programme to facilitate this process;
- (2) the proposed senior management structure for the new council had been produced and agreed by Wiltshire County Council's Cabinet on 15 April 2008;
- (3) in terms of the District Council's capacity it was important to concentrate on tasks and functions rather than posts and people.

**190. Successes of the Council:**

Councillor Sample introduced the previously circulated list of successes and achievements of the Council over the last month.

**Resolved:** that successes and achievements be noted with satisfaction.

**191. Update on Petersfinger Park and Ride:**

The Cabinet Member for Transport indicated there might be some slight slippage in the project in view of an application for other development in the vicinity of the site. The Cabinet discussed the bus tendering process and the emission levels of the fleet likely to be used. Mr Thomas advised that it was hoped that in 2011 it would be possible to let one contract for all park and ride bus routes, which should bring certain advantages to the process, in the meantime interim transport arrangements would be needed to service this site.

**Agreed** – that the officers be asked to investigate the viability of influencing the type of buses to be used as regards emission levels within the contract for this site, and report back with findings.

**192. Joint Consultative Forum:**

The Cabinet Member for Resources introduced the previously circulated recommendation together with the associated report) of the Forum meeting held on 08 April 2008.

**Agreed** – that the recommendations from the Joint Consultative Forum meeting concerning the following policy be approved

(a) **Long Service Awards Policy**

**193. Special Delegation Procedure:**

The Cabinet noted the matter determined under the Special Delegation Procedure as set out at Agenda Item 18 (papers previously circulated) namely:

(a) ICT Service Support Contract:

**194. Matter of Urgency: Fingerposts:**

The Deputy Leader, with the permission of the Leader advised Cabinet that the Charter Trustees, with the support of City Centre Management, had expressed a desire to have a fingerpost erected on district council land somewhere in the Market/Guildhall Square area indicating the directions of Salisbury's twin Cities. Councillor Fear advised that he had not yet been able to speak to the planning officers to establish their views on this.

**Agreed** - that in principle no objection be raised to the proposal to erect a fingerpost somewhere in the Guildhall/Market Square area identifying the directions of Salisbury's twin cities.

*The meeting concluded at 8.50 pm  
Number of public present 6*