

Agenda

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

- 1 **Apologies:**
To receive any apologies for absence.
- 2 **Declarations of Interest:**
- 3 **To Receive Minutes of Last Meeting:**
To receive minutes of last meeting and to receive updates on the decisions from the respective Portfolio Holders.
- 4 **Public Question/Statement Time:**
To receive public questions/statements at this meeting.

Please note that in accordance with the Council's Constitution a question/statement may only be asked /made if written notice has been given to the Head of Democratic Services by midday on the working day before the meeting.

- 5 **Forward Plan (Agenda):**
To consider the Leader's proposed 4 month Forward Plan for the period 1 June 2008 – 30 September 2008 (copy attached) which will become operational from 1 June 2008.
- 6 **Call-in Decisions:**
To consider any Scrutiny Panel Call-in's of decisions taken at last meeting.
The Resources Overview and Scrutiny Panel considered the call-in of Minute 185 **Christmas in 2008** on 12 May 2008. An extract of their decision is set out below

Request for Call-in: Christmas in Salisbury 2008:

The Panel considered the previously circulated call-in request of the Chairman.

Resolved - that the Panel considers that the decision made by Cabinet (selection of option 4) fails to comply with the principles of decision making as set out in the Constitution (Article 13.02; (a) and (f)) and therefore refers the decision back to Cabinet for reconsideration, to take into consideration the reasons and alternatives set out below:



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Awarded in:
Housing Services
Waste and Recycling Services



1. The cost of option 4 is considered to be excessive and will not benefit the whole district. Although the cost of the new lights will fall on the whole district, the report states in section 3.1 that 'all new lighting belongs to the city of Salisbury and being LED has a five to ten year life span'. (Relating to article 13.02 of the Council's Constitution (a) Proportionality)
2. The costing for the 'wishes and hopes' set out in section 4 of the report have not been published in the report and therefore a full account of total cost and details of the proposed option 4 have not been presented. (Relating to article 13.02 of the Council's Constitution (f) Explanation of options considered and reasons for decisions in respect of Cabinet decision)

The alternative solution to this decision:

Option 2 is adopted or (if Option 4 is preferred), that the additional costs (over and above Option 2) be absorbed within the City precept.

The Panel deemed it necessary to draw the attention of the Cabinet to the ongoing costs of the Christmas lights in Salisbury, as when the new city council is established the light would need to be funded out of the city council's precept. The Panel were concerned that the Salisbury City Council would have difficulty to maintain a high level of investment in the Christmas lights.

7 Provision of a Handyperson Service for the Council's Tenants:

To consider the attached report of the Housing Manager.

Cabinet Member for Housing

Recommended – In order to meet this political priority, it is proposed that the Handyperson service should be introduced.

8 National Non-Domestic Rate Write Offs:

To consider the attached report of the Head of Revenue and Benefits.

Cabinet Member for Resources

Recommended – To write off the amounts shown on the attached schedule for the reasons indicated and due to the fact that the council is a non-preferred creditor.

9 Long Services Goodwill Gesture Awards:

To consider the attached report of the Employee Relations Manager.

Cabinet Member for Resources

Recommended – to approve the payment of these ad hoc long service awards.

10 Unitary Update:

To receive a verbal update from the Chief Executive.

11 Successes of the Council:

To receive the attached update provided by the Corporate Communications Team.

Cabinet Leader

12 Update on Petersfinger Park and Ride:

To receive the update from the David Bullock, Highways Improvements Manager.

Cabinet Member for Transport

13 Special Delegation Procedure:

The following matter has been determined under the Special Delegation Procedure.

(a) **Lockers at 5 Rivers and Durrington Swimming Pool:**

Request to waive standing orders relating to tendering so that SDC enter into contract with the Locker Company (UK) without having to open the contract to tender.

The completed signed special delegation form for the above is attached

14 Any Urgent Business Requiring a Decision:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'manjeet gill', with a large loop at the end.

Manjeet Gill
Chief Executive
19 May 2008