

Minutes

Meeting of : The Cabinet
Meeting held in : The Alamein Suite, City Hall, Salisbury
Date : Wednesday 25 February 2009
Commencing at : 6.00 pm

Present:

Councillors S R Fear (Deputy Leader) in the chair, P M Clegg (Planning), P D Edge (Economic Development and Tourism), A C R Roberts (Finance), J C Robertson (Environment) and A A P Thorpe (Resources).

Apologies: Councillors P W L Sample (Leader), B E Dalton (Community Initiatives), H McKeowan (Transport) and I R Tomes (Housing).

331. Declarations of Interest:

Councillor Thorpe declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the matter set out under minute 342(2) because his wife was a trustee of the Charities Information Bureau. He did not speak or vote, and left the meeting for the duration of the item.

Councillor Thorpe declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the part of the matter under minute 345 relating to the transfer of the freehold of land at Ashley Road to the Trustees of the Studio Theatre set out as he was treasurer of the theatre. He did not speak or vote, and left the meeting for the duration of the item.

332. Minutes of Last Meeting:

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting held on 28 January 2009 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Deputy Leader.

333. John Crawford

The Deputy Leader advised Cabinet that John Crawford who had retired from the position of Head of Legal and Property Services on 31 December 2008 as a result of ill health had died on 19 February 2009. Members paid tribute to his outstanding service to the Council and observed a period of silence as a mark of respect to his memory.

334. Public and Councillor Question and Statement Time:

There were none.

335. Call in Matters:

There were none.



Awarded in:
Housing Services
Waste and Recycling Services



336. Forward Plan:

The Deputy Leader presented the final Forward Plan for the month of March 2009.

Resolved: that the Leader's Forward Plan for March 2009, be adopted for publication subject to the addition of:

- (a) Climate Change Project
- (b) Annual Governance Statement
- (c) Performance report

And to become operational from 1 March 2009.

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Cabinet Decisions

All decisions set out in this section of the minutes will be implemented on or after 10 March 2009 (unless called in for consideration by the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Panel)

337. Wiltshire Council – Day One:

The Cabinet were advised that officers from Wiltshire County Council were unable to attend on this occasion.

338. Conservation Area Appraisals:

Councillor Clegg introduced the previously circulated report of the Principal Conservation Officer. Cabinet considered a suggestion from Western Area Committee that an area at Snow Hill be retained in the conservation.

Resolved: that

- (1) the suggestion from Western Area Committee be not accepted and the conservation area appraisal for Dinton be approved as published;
- (2) the conservation area appraisals for Downton, Durrington, Wylde, Steeple Langford, Hindon, Broad Chalke and Tisbury be approved; and
- (3) the recommendations in the associated management plans, including the proposed boundary changes to the conservation areas be approved.

339. Market Place Design Competition:

Councillor Edge introduced a report from the Salisbury Vision Project Director summarising the background to the project and advising Cabinet of the results of public consultation and of the decision of the judging panel.

Resolved:

- (1) to endorse the decision of the Judging Panel – that the team led by Letts Wheeler Architects is chosen as the preferred design team; and
- (2) to recommend that the Implementation Executive ratify the decision of the Judging Panel and approve an accelerated project timetable.

340. Local Development Framework – results of the consultation and future Process

Councillor Clegg introduced the previously circulated report of the Team Leader, Forward Planning and Conservation. Cabinet also considered comments from the Planning & Economic Development Overview & Scrutiny Panel. Councillor King spoke on behalf of the Panel.

Resolved: that

- (1) the results of the consultation and the influence they are having on shaping the emerging strategy be noted;
- (2) they draw on the totality of the consultation process and evidence thus far gathered, to demonstrate that the views expressed at all stages have been taken into account in moving to final proposals be recommended to the Implementation Executive of Wiltshire Council;

- (3) the findings of the Inspectors Frontloading Assessment be welcomed and recommended to the Implementation Executive of Wiltshire Council that they are fully taken into account when considering the content of the Submission Draft of the Core Strategy; and
- (4) the Planning & Economic Development OSP be thanked for their comments and they be drawn to the attention of the Implementation Executive.

341. Town Scheme Budget:

Councillor Clegg introduced the previously circulated report of the Performance Director. Richard Dean, Chairman of the Salisbury Conservation Area Advisory Panel, addressed Cabinet and expressed concerns about the proposal. Cabinet also considered the views of Councillor Green which had been circulated. Having had regard to the views expressed it was

Resolved: that

- (1) the transfer of the town scheme funds to the Charter Trustees on 1 April 2009 be recommended to the Implementation Executive; and
- (2) consideration of the proposed urgent external works to the Guildhall for funding through the town scheme budget be recommended to the Charter Trustees, when it has transferred to them.

342. National Non-Domestic Rate Write Offs (NNDR) – Write-Offs:

Councillor Roberts introduced the previously circulated report of the Head of Revenue and Benefits.

Resolved: that the amounts shown on the schedule attached to the report and for the reasons indicated and due to the fact that the council is a non-preferred creditor be written off.

343. Additional Support for the Citizens Advice Bureau and Charities Information Bureau:

Cabinet considered the previously circulated report of the Policy & Partnerships Manager.

Resolved: that

- (1) an additional £21,000 funding for Salisbury and District Citizen's Advice Bureau to meet additional demand and provide an additional service be agreed; and
- (2) an additional £5,000 funding for Wiltshire Charities Information Bureau to meet additional demand and provide an additional service be agreed.

344. North Dorset District Council – A303:

Cabinet considered the previously circulated letter from North Dorset District Council concerning the dualling of the A303 between Mere and Wyllye. Councillor West addressed Cabinet suggesting that the dual carriageway should be extended further to Longbarrow and that the South West Regional Assembly and South West Regional Development Agency should be the focus of any lobbying.

Resolved: that

- (1) Cabinet support the resolution from North Dorset DC and the reasons given;
- (2) Cabinet support the further extension of the dual carriageway from Wyllye to Longbarrow as a major arterial route carrying high volumes of freight and other traffic; and
- (3) representations in support of (1) and (2) above be made to the South West Regional Assembly, the South West Regional Development Agency and the Minister for the South West Region.

345. Micro Hydro Power for Salisbury : Climate Change Project:

This item was deferred to the next Cabinet meeting on 25 March 2009.

346. Disposal of Assets:

Councillor Roberts introduced the previously circulated report of the Property Manager.

Resolved: that the transfer of the of the freehold interests in the land at Cow Lane Laverstock to Laverstock and Ford Parish Council and the land at Ashley Road Salisbury to the Trustees of the Studio Theatre on the brief terms contained in the report be approved.

347. Legal LGR Issues:

The Interim Head of Legal and Property Services advised that further structural change regulations would come into force on 11 March 2009 which made provisions relating to councillors' conduct and the financial arrangements of predecessor councils. As a result an Annual Governance Statement would need to be approved and signed by the Leader of the Council and the Head of the Paid Service. It was also anticipated that the Implementation Executive would approve the Order creating Salisbury City Council at its meeting on 26 February 2009.

Resolved: to note.

348. Unitary Update:

The Chief Executive gave an update on the transition to a unitary authority. Information about the responsibilities of county councillors in the transitional period and arrangements for outgoing district councillors would be circulated to members. Most although not all staff now had ownership letters.

Resolved: that the report be noted.

349. Successes of the Council:

Councillor Fear introduced the previously circulated list of successes and achievements of the Council over the last two years.

Resolved: that successes and achievements be noted.

350. Update on Petersfinger Park and Ride:

Cabinet considered the previously circulated briefing note on this matter.

Resolved: that the update position be noted.

351. Special Delegation Procedure:

The Cabinet noted the matters determined under the Special Delegation Procedure as set out at Agenda Item 21 (papers previously circulated) namely:

(a) **Concessionary Travel Scheme**

That the Community Transport South Wiltshire should be included within the concessionary travel scheme.

(b) **Refurbishment and Overhaul of Passenger Lifts at Culver Street Multi Storey Car Park**

The upgrading of all electronic control boards, floor selectors, test controls, renewal of alarm systems with battery back complete electrical rewiring, DDA complaint call panels and shaft witch to the lifts and Culver Street.

*The meeting concluded at 8.15 pm
Number of public present 8*