

Minutes

Alamein Suite
City Hall, Salisbury
4.00 pm: 26 February 2003

Part I: Procedural Matters

ACTIONED BY
Portfolio Holder
(Contact Officer)

445. Present:

Councillors: K C Wren (Leader) Councillor J Collier (Deputy Leader) E R Draper & J C Noeken (Planning and Economic Development), D W Brown & D A Culver (Environment and Transport), J A Cole-Morgan & A G Peach (Community & Housing) and Mrs S A Warrander (Resources).

Apologies for absence were received from S G Sanders (Resources)

Councillor Bissington was also in attendance and with the Leader's permission spoke on behalf of the Council Chairman, Councillor Mrs Peach on the Public Relations item at minute 458 below.

446. Code of Conduct: Members & Officers' Interests:

Councillor Cole-Morgan advised that whilst he did not consider he had a prejudicial interest in minute 458 relating to the Corporate Public Relations Resources item, others could deem that he may have such an interest, consequently he left the room during discussion thereon.

Cllr Wren
(S Agland)

447. Minutes:

The minutes of the last ordinary meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman. Under Cabinet Member updates, Councillor Cole-Morgan advised that a report would be coming to the next Cabinet Meeting on Sport and Health.

Councillor Noeken advised that a paper would be submitted to the next Cabinet meeting on the Wiltshire County Council Waste Local Plan and the representations made on behalf of this Authority in preparation for the Public Inquiry scheduled for 29 April.

The Leader announced that the Government has allocated the District Council a further £45,000 revenue funding for the next financial year to help with developing initiatives to reduce the number of persons having to be accommodated in Bed and Breakfast establishments and improve homelessness services.

Cllr Wren
(S Agland)

448. Public Questions and Statements: -There were none

Cllr Wren
(S Agland)

449. Call-in:

No decisions from the Cabinet's last meeting had been called-in.

Cllr Wren
(S Agland)

450. Forward Plan:

The Leader presented his Forward Plan for the period 1 April 2003 – 31 July 2003 (previously circulated) which would be published on 14 March to become operational from 1 April 2003.

Agreed: that the Leader's previously circulated proposed Forward Plan be adopted for publication.

***Cllr Wren
(S Agland)***

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Part 2: Recommendations to the Council

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451. Standing Orders Relating to Staff – Constitutional Changes:

The Leader introduced the previously circulated joint report from the Head of Democratic Services and the Legal Services Manager. The Leader referred to sections 6 and 7 and the need for some minor word changes to be incorporated in the version submitted to Full Council

Cllr Wren
(S Agland)
(S Tovey)

Recommended to Full Council on 24 March 2003

that the Officer Employment Procedure Rules set out on pages 96 and 97 of the Constitution be replaced by the document attached as Annex A to these minutes and adopted accordingly.

Note these Rules need to be applied in conjunction with the detailed procedures and operational arrangements set out in the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) Regulations 2001.

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Part 3: Cabinet Decisions

*All decisions set out in this section of the minutes will be implemented on or after 11th March 2003
(unless called in for consideration by the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Panel)*

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Portfolio Holder
(Contact Officer)

452. Local Air Quality Stage 4 Review & Assessment:

The Cabinet Member for Environment & Transport introduced the previously circulated report of the Senior Environmental Health Officer and referred to the consultation process which must be undertaken before an Air Quality Management Area can be declared.

Agreed:

- (1) that the draft Stage Four Review and Assessment of Air Quality be adopted: and
- (2) to note that this will lead to a further Air Quality Management Area at the A36 at Wilton being declared.

Cllr Brown
(B Davidson)

453. Salisbury Transport Plan 2003/04:

The Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport introduced the previously circulated report, including the programme of works which had been agreed by the Salisbury Transport Plan Joint Committee.

Agreed: that the programme of works for 2003/04 be noted.

Cllr Brown
(E Teagle)

454. Bristol/Bath to South Coast Multi Modal Transport Study:

The Cabinet Member for Environment & Transport Introduced the previously circulated report of the Transportation Officer.

Agreed: that having regard to the comments contained in the report, a letter be sent to the Government Office of the South West and the study consultants identifying the following areas of concern:

- (1) As things stand the A36 should not be detrunked without measures to deal with traffic problems in and around Salisbury and South Wiltshire, especially the full provision of the Salisbury Transport Plan including the Wylde Valley Relief Road and on-line improvements along the A36 in Salisbury including the Southampton Road;
- (2) Any improvements should be related to all transport modes including rail and as such the provision of a station at Wilton relating to the Wylde Valley Relief Road and Wilton Park and Ride;
- (3) The A36 should remain part of the Primary Route Network through South Wiltshire;

Cllr Brown
(G Wright)

- (4) Any recommendations of the study should be realistic and achievable within the time frames set out.
- (5) The Government Office should also be advised that Salisbury District Council is in the process of declaring an Air Quality Management Area (AQMA) along the A36 in Wilton (Map attached as Annex B). The Environment Act 1995 requires the Authority to review continually and assess local air quality and, in this particular area, there is a clear indication that annual N02 objectives will be exceeded. Provision of the Wyllye Relief Road will provide the diversion of traffic away from this proposed AQMA, thereby allowing the N02 levels to fall to an acceptable level.

455. Consultation Paper – Housing Revenue Account – Private Finance Initiative – New Build:

The Cabinet Member for Community & Housing introduced the previously circulated report of the Head of Housing Management. The Cabinet noted that to date no local authority has achieved a PFI scheme for its housing stock investment.

Councillor Cole-Morgan referred to the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister's recently published Communities Plan, and to a Ministerial letter detailing the transitional pooling arrangements for Housing Capital receipts relating to Debt Free Authorities

Agreed: that

- (1) response to the consultation paper be sent agreeing with the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister's preferred option namely to remove the restriction of Regulation 16 to allow new build to take place in Housing Revenue Account PFI schemes from April 2003, but expressing disappointment that there are no proposals to make the PFI process simpler or quicker to implement ; and
- (2) without preempting the outcome of the stock option appraisal, a briefing paper on the implications for the Council of the Communities Plan and the Pooling of Housing Capital receipts, be produced for consideration by the Cabinet at its next meeting.

**Cllr Cole-Morgan
(A Reynolds)**

456. Supporting People – Commissioning Board Agreement:

The Deputy Cabinet Member for Community & Housing introduced the previously circulated report of the Head of Housing Services (Elderly & Vulnerable People).

Agreed:

- (1) to approve the Commissioning Board agreement subject to Officers resolving the issues outlined in 3.2 of the report.
- (2) the voting Member be delegated power to make decisions on behalf of the Council with the exception of agreeing the Supporting People Strategy and setting the Supporting People Budget: and
- (3) the decisions on the Supporting People Strategy and Supporting People Budget be referred back to the Cabinet.

**Cllr A Peach
(R Barclay)**

457. Personnel & Training Function – Resource Request:

The Cabinet Member for Resources introduced the previously circulated report of the Head of Personnel & Training.

Agreed: that option 4.2 in the report be adopted namely the establishment of One additional full-time administrative post and one additional part-time Employee Relations Officer post, plus a career grade structure to recognise increased professional competence over time - all to be funded using £30,000 from the sum earmarked for the implementation of the Peer Review action Plan.

**Cllr Mrs Warrander
(A McConkey)**

458. Corporate Public Relations - Resources:

The Cabinet Member for Resources introduced the previously circulated report of the Head of Marketing, Economic Development & Tourism.

Agreed: that £30,000 of the sum earmarked for the implementation of the Peer Review Action Plan be used to strengthen the corporate Marketing & Communications Team by the recruitment and appointment of a full time permanent PR Officer.

**Cllr Mrs Warrander
(G Gould)**

459. Urgent Business Museum Grant:

The Chairman agreed to take this item under urgent business in view of the need to reconsider the grant position of Salisbury Museum for 2003/04 as soon as possible.

Following an undertaking given by the Council Leader, Council Wren, at the Council meeting on 19 February, the Cabinet reconsidered its decision taken at its meeting on 5 February, on the Museum's grant.

The Cabinet noted that there would be a review of the major arts organisations grants later in the year.

Agreed: that the Salisbury Museum's grant for 2003/04, be restored to its current (2002/3) level and that £10,000 be utilised from contingencies to enable this.

**Cllr Wren
(L Waller)**

*There were 2 members of the public present.
The meeting finished at 4.55pm*