

# Minutes

**Meeting of** : Community & Housing Overview & Scrutiny Panel  
**Meeting held in** : The Meeting Room, City Hall, Salisbury  
**Date** : Wednesday 28 November 2007  
**Commencing at** : 5.30 pm

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**District Councillors:**

Councillor J A Cole-Morgan (Chairman)  
Councillor B M Rycroft (Vice-Chairman)

Mrs J A Green, M A Hewitt, D J Luther, C G Mills, I M Mitchell, Mrs I M Evans, J English, and M J Osment.

**Tenants Panel:**

Mr Loggie, J Hinnis, T Watson and Mrs Jewell

**Apologies:** Councillors Mrs S Dennis, Mrs J Broom, Mrs C J M Morrison Mr D Edwards and Mr A Wells (Tenants Panel)

**Present - Officers:**

Tom Bray (Democratic Services)

**44. Public Questions / Statement Time**

There were none.

**45. Councillor Questions/Statement Time**

Councillor Hewitt addressed the committee regarding a letter he had received regarding work carried out on a council-owned property. The Democratic Services Officer was handed the letter to pass on to the Head of Housing Management after the meeting.

**46. Minutes:**

**Resolved:** that the minutes of the last ordinary meeting held on 14th November 2007 (previously circulated) be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**47. Declarations of Interests:**

There were none.

**48. Chairman's Announcements:**

The Chairman updated members on the progress of the Extended Licensing Hours Review Group, stating that they had visited the Council's CCTV unit and went out on patrol with the City centre police on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November on what proved to be a very interesting and useful experience for the group.

**49. The Salisbury Vision – Working Group on all aspects of the Vision:**

The Panel considered the previously circulated report of The Salisbury Vision Sub-Group. The lead member, Councillor Ian Mitchell introduced the report. The updated version of the report is attached to these minutes at annex 1, complete with the Panels' views expressed at the meeting.

**Resolved** – that the report, complete with the Panels' views expressed at the meeting, be forwarded to the Vision Director to be included in his final report to Cabinet on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2008.

**50. Refurbishment of Sports Facilities:**

The Panel considered the report of the Head of Community Initiatives, circulated at the meeting.

**Resolved** – that the following statement be submitted to Cabinet:

" Community and Housing Overview and Scrutiny Panel considers that this work represents Salisbury District Council's commitment to providing quality services in sports and leisure and that the work will be important in maintaining a competitive position against other providers of leisure in the District. The Panel were concerned that the figures outlined in appendix A could be optimistic and felt that there is a need for a contingency budget. In order to get value for money, it is important that the contractor is of very high quality and there are penalty clauses in the contract for work not completed on time. Members also suggested that an evaluation of this work is undertaken to establish the risk and opportunity associated with each individual piece of work."

**51. Performance Management Report – Quarter 2:**

The panel considered data on the Council's performance against national and local performance indicators within the Community and Housing Portfolio. The indicators discussed had been selected for consideration by the Chairman of the panel in conjunction with Councillor King and the Performance Improvement Manager (circulated at the meeting). The Panel were concerned over the reported rise in violent crime and vehicle crime in quarter 2 and also noted that it appears that the energy efficiency of council dwellings had reduced. Subsequently it has been confirmed that this reduction is solely due to a change in the rating scale and does not represent in a reduction in efficiency of council dwellings.

**Resolved** –

1. That Kelly Bagley, Community Safety Project Manager attends the next meeting in January to answer members questions on the Community Safety Performance Indicators in terms of procedures in place for verifying the data provided to the council by the police, target-setting, historic and future trends, providing clarification of the council's role and influence in relation to these indicators, etc.
2. That Robin Townsend, Head of Community Initiatives attends the next meeting in January to provide information on how the action the council is taking based on the revised approach to the Equalities and Diversity agenda translates to the scoring system for BVPI 2a the level achieved of the Equality Standard and BVPI 2b progress towards the Duty to Promote Race Equality.
3. To request that procedures for racial incident recording be developed as a matter of urgency the possibilities of extending incident recording by the council for the other Equality Streams.
4. That a Local Indicator be established for Rough Sleeper Counts based on the findings of the Shoots Panel as the BVPI is deemed to be insufficient as the nationally set definition and guidance means it is based on a less robust evidence base and procedure.

*Meeting closed at 7.00 pm  
Members of the Public: 0*