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# Minutes

**Meeting of** : Community & Housing Overview & Scrutiny Panel  
**Meeting held in** : The Meeting Room, City Hall, Salisbury  
**Date** : Wednesday 12 March 2008  
**Commencing at** : 6.00 pm

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**District Councillors:**

Councillor B M Rycroft (Vice-Chairman) – **IN THE CHAIR**  
Councillor R Clewer – Vice-Chairman for the meeting

Mrs J A Green, M A Hewitt, D J Luther, C G Mills, I M Mitchell, Mrs J Broom, R Britton, J English, Mrs C J M Morrison and M J Osment.

**Tenants Panel:**

Mr J Hinnis and Mrs Jewell

**Apologies:** Councillors J A Cole-Morgan, Mrs I M Evans, Mrs S Dennis, Mr D Edwards and Mr A Wells (Tenants Panel)

**Present - Officers:**

Robin Townsend and Kelly Bagley (Community Initiatives) Haylea Fryer and Tom Bray (Democratic Services)

**52. Public Questions / Statement Time**

Mr C H Duller submitted a letter to the Chairman of the Panel. He attended the meeting and read out the letter. The Chairman acknowledged the letter and stated that a detailed response would be given within 10 working days. The response is to be circulated to the District Councillors in Mr Duller's ward, the Community and Housing Overview and Scrutiny Panel and the Tenants Panel.

**53. Councillor Questions/Statement Time**

Councillor Britton gave an update to the Panel on the health of Councillor Cole-Morgan. The Panel expressed their best wishes to Councillor Cole-Morgan and his family.

**54. Minutes:**

**Resolved:** that the minutes of the last ordinary meeting held on 28th November 2007 (previously circulated) be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**Matters arising from the minutes:**

1. *Salisbury Vision – Sub-Group (minute 49)* – Councillor Mitchell updated the Panel on the status of the Salisbury Vision and the work carried out by the sub-group tasked with looking at all aspects of the Vision. He stated that the paper produced by the sub-group is yet to be considered.



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He informed Members that there are some forthcoming sessions on the Vision notably a special City Area Community meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> April and a Vision meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> April that he plans to attend.

2. *Salisbury Vision – Arts and Culture Sub-Group* – Councillor Rycroft raised the Panel's attention to the work of the art and culture sub-group. As part of the sub-group's work they looked into the current situation at Wiltshire College in Salisbury. The sub-group were concerned that Wiltshire College in Salisbury should maintain its provision of higher education specifically relating to the creative industries. The Panel, although supportive of the sub-group's work in highlighting the creative industries, suggested that the Principal of Wiltshire College be invited to the next meeting to discuss the future of Wiltshire College in Salisbury with regard to its provision of higher education in general and its location.

**Resolved** – That the Principal of Wiltshire College be invited to attend the next meeting in May to discuss the future of Wiltshire College in Salisbury with regard to its provision of higher education and its location.

3. *Refurbishment of Sports Facilities in the District (minute 50)* – Councillor Green informed the Panel that the Western Area Committee endorsed the proposed further work at Tisbury and District Sport Centre and requested that the centre's business plan be revised to effectively plan for the medium to long-term.

**55. Declarations of Interests:**

There were none.

**56. Chairman's Announcements:**

There were none.

**57. Performance Management Report – Quarter 3:**

The Panel considered data on the Council's performance against national and local performance indicators within the Community and Housing Portfolio as set out in the report. The Panel were concerned that violent crime, vehicle crime and domestic burglaries have all risen in quarter 3. The panel express concern that the indicator for violent crime appeared to very high compared to previous data. The Community Safety Manager stated that more violent crimes and domestic violence cases had been reported due to a victims being encouraged to report incidents. Members were concerned that these figures were increasing and there is a need for them to be monitored closely. Members felt that investigations should be carried out on the causes of crimes in the district.

**Resolved** – That a representative of Wiltshire Police be invited to attend the next meeting on May 14<sup>th</sup> 2008 to address the Committee regarding community safety issues in the district.

**58. Briefing on progress against the Equality Standard for Local Government (BVPI 2a) and the Duty to Promote Race Equality (BVPI 2b):**

The Panel considered the previously circulated report of the Performance Improvement Manager who also gave a verbal update at the meeting.

**Resolved** – that the report be noted.

**59. Hate Crime Reporting:**

The Panel considered the previously circulated report of the Community Safety Manager who gave a verbal update at the meeting. Members also received a True Vision pack, which can be used to report hate crimes against gender discrimination, sexuality, race, religion and disability.

**Resolved** – that the report be noted.

*Meeting closed at 8.20 pm  
Members of the Public: 1*