

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES of a MEETING held at COUNTY HALL, TROWBRIDGE on TUESDAY, 21st NOVEMBER, 2000.

PRESENT: Lt. Col. D.B.W. Jarvis (Chairman), Mr. P.G. Allnatt, Mr. B.E. Atfield, Mr. R.J. Baddeley, Mrs. L.C.S. Bennett, Mrs. M. Boulton, Mrs. N.S. Bryant, Mr. R.G. Catton, Mr. P.F. Chalke, Mr. T.P. Chivers, Mr. P.C.B. Coleman, Mr. M. Connolly, Mrs. C. Crisp, Mr. P.R. Davis, Miss M.F. de Rhé-Philipe, Mr. G.J.M. Downes, Mrs. M.E. Groom, Mrs. G. Hill, Mr. C.P. Humphries, Mr. J.N.B. Irving, Mr. T.R. James, Mrs. B.M. Jay, Mr. J.P. Johnson, Mrs. V.C.S. Landell Mills, Mr. D. Lay, Mrs. D.J. Main, Mrs. L.P. Morris, Mr. C. Newbury, Mr. A.G. Peach, Mr. R.T. Rogers, Mrs. P. Rugg, Mrs. M.E. Salisbury, Mr. P.W.L. Sample, Mrs. J.B.P. Savage, Mrs. J. Scott, Mrs. J.H. Seager, Mrs. C.A. Soden, Mr. W.A. Spiers, Mr. T.R. Sturgis, Mr. J.E. Syme, Mrs. M.S.N. Taylor, Mrs. I. Throp, Mr. I.C. West, Mr. N.S.E. Westbrook, Mr. D.J. Willmott, Mrs. J.M. Wood, Mr. K.C. Wren.

77. **Minutes of Last Meeting** On motion by Lt.Col. Jarvis, seconded by Mr. Johnson,

Resolved: To confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 11th July, 2000.

78. **Communications by the Chairman**

- (1) Bedwyn and Pewsey By-Election The Chairman congratulated Mr. Lay on his election as member for the Bedwyn and Pewsey Division and welcomed him to his first Council meeting.
- (2) Former Members It was with regret that the Chairman reported the deaths of former members, Col. H.D. Rogers, O.B.E., and Mrs. C. Cannell. Col. Rogers represented the former Bedwyn Division from 1985 to 1993 and during his time on the Council served as Vice-Chairman of the Social Services Committee. Mrs. Cannell represented a Trowbridge Division from 1974 to 1977.
- (3) H.M. Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother Members were pleased to hear that the Chairman had sent a message of congratulations, on behalf of the County Council, to the Queen Mother in celebration of her 100th birthday on 4th August, and received a telemessage in reply from Clarence House.
- (4) The William “Doc” Couch Trust The Chairman was delighted inform members that the County Council was the beneficiary of the William “Doc”

Couch Trust, set up by the late Mrs. A.D. Affleck. The trust will generate income of some £150,000 per year which will be used to assist children or young people in the county who are handicapped or in need.

- (5) West Country Food-Tourism Awards The Chairman recently attended the West Country Food Tourism Awards presentation and was pleased to see that a number of establishments in the county won awards, including the top regional Tourist Information Centre going to Trowbridge.
- (6) Mr. David Hempleman Adams, O.B.E. Mr. David Hempleman Adams, who is well known for his remarkable expeditions in the wildest and most inhospitable parts of the world, had been invited to County Hall. The Chairman would be making a small presentation to him shortly after Council adjourned for lunch to recognise his achievements and thank him for the way in which he has spread the name of Wiltshire throughout the world.

79. **Public Participation** Mr. Morland of Chapmanslade and Mrs. Spickernell on behalf of the Council for the Protection of Rural England asked questions in respect of the Wiltshire Structure Plan 2011 to which Mr. J.P. Johnson, Chairman of the Environment & Transport Committee replied.

80. **Bedwyn and Pewsey County Electoral Division By-Election: 20th July 2000 – Returning Officer's Return**

Resolved: *To receive a copy of the result of poll.*

81. **Report by the Council's Monitoring Officer** The Council considered a report by the Monitoring Officer into the finding of maladministration by the Local Government Ombudsman in his report on an investigation into complaint no. 99/B/2400 against Wiltshire County Council. On motion by the Chairman,

Resolved:

- (1) *To note the findings of the Local Government Ombudsman into Complaint No. 99/B/2400 against Wiltshire County Council (set out in Appendix 1 to the report).*
- (2) *To note the action of the Director of Environmental Services explained in paragraph 4 of the report.*
- (3) *To mark its disapproval of Mrs. Bryant's actions by admonishing her for her failure to act appropriately.*
- (4) *To remove Mrs. Bryant from membership of the County Farms Tenants' Selection Panel until the end of this Council in April 2001.*
- (5) *To amend standing orders such that:*
 - (a) *Members declaring a non-pecuniary interest and who propose to remain in the meeting because they feel their interest is not clear and substantial should be asked to explain at the meeting the exact nature of their interest.*

- (b) *Members preferring not to explain their interest should leave the meeting and take no part in the decision-making process*

(Nb. Mrs NS Bryant was given the opportunity to comment following which she left the Chamber during debate and resolution on this matter.)

82. **Review of Allocation of Seats on Committees to Political Groups** The Council considered a report from the bound Summons and a later supplementary report by the Chief Executive. On motion by Mr. P.F. Chalke, seconded by Mrs. J.H. Seager,

Resolved:

- (1) *To note the report and the legal requirements.*
- (2) *To approve the continuation of the Salisbury Transportation Plan Joint Committee as an executive body with delegated highway authority powers within the transport plan area and set aside (which was agreed without dissent) the joint area committees and political proportionality provisions of the Local Government & Housing Act 1989 and subsequent Regulations and agree, as an alternative arrangements, its size as six members from each of the County Council and Salisbury District Council, not necessarily with political proportionality.*
- (3) *To approve the aggregate number of committee places available to members of the County Council being 55 (+6) and the number of members on each committee being as follows:*

Committee	Total Number of Places for Elected Members	Conservative Group Allocation	Liberal Democrat Group Allocation	Labour Group Allocation	Independent Group Allocation	Places reserved for Members not in a Group
Education	11 (+6)	6 (+6)	3	1	1	-
Environment & Transport	12	7	3	1	-	1
Policy & Resources	12	7	4	1	-	-
Social Services	13	7	4	1	1	-
Appointments to Wiltshire Policy Authority (Joint Committee with Swindon Borough Council)	7	4	2	1	-	-
TOTALS	55 (+6)	31(+6)	16	5	2	1

(NB. The six additional Conservative Group places on the Education Committee are to meet the entitlement of a majority group to have a majority over all the voting members. There are six places on the Education Committee for non-County Council voting members appointed by the Churches and parent governors.)

83. Appointment of Members to Committees On motion by the Chairman,

Resolved: To appoint members to the standing committees of the County Council, as set out in Appendix A to these minutes, to serve until the allocation of places on committees is next reviewed under the provisions of the Local Government & Housing Act 1989.

(NB. The names listed in the Appendix were either reported at the meeting or advised to the Director of Corporate Services afterwards.)

84. Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of Committees On motion by Mr. P.F. Chalke and seconded by Mrs. J.H. Seager,

Resolved: To appoint chairmen and vice-chairmen of committees as follows to serve until the Annual meeting of the Council next May (or until the allocation of places on committees is next reviewed under the provisions of the Local Government & Housing Act 1989):-

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Chairman</u>	<u>Vice-Chairman</u>
Policy & Resources	Mr. P.F. Chalke	Mrs. J.H. Seager
Education	Mrs. C.A. Soden	Mrs. J. Scott
Environment & Transport	Miss. M.F. de Rhé-Philipe	Mr. T.R. Sturgis
Social Services	Mrs. J.H. Seager	Mrs. C. Crisp

85. Wiltshire and Swindon Fire Authority On motion by the Chairman,

Resolved: To appoint the following members, as indicated by the Party Group Leaders either at the meeting or afterwards, to serve as County Council representatives on the Wiltshire and Swindon Fire Authority for the ensuing year or unless in the meantime the strength of the respective political groups necessitates an earlier review:-

<u>Conservative (5)</u>	<u>Labour (1)</u>	<u>Liberal Democrat (3)</u>
Mrs. C. Crisp	Mrs. M.E. Salisbury	Mr. B.E. Atfield
Mrs. L.P. Morris		Mr. P.R. Davis
Mrs. P. Rugg		Mr. N.S.E. Westbrook
Mr. T.R. Sturgis		
Mr. D.J. Willmott		

86. **Report of Policy & Resources Committee** (7th July, 25th July, 19th September, 17th October and 31st October, 2000) Received subject to referring back to minute no. 166(5) of 31st October, 2000 regarding the appointment of members to work with an officer group to develop further the proposals on e-local government in Wiltshire.

(NB. This was considered as an urgent item by the Policy & Resources Committee later in the day when it resolved to rescind the above minute and appoint Mr. G.J.M. Downes and Mrs. L.C.S. Bennett.)

87. **Questions : Policy & Resources Committee** The Chairman of the Policy & Resources Committee responded to questions from members asked under Standing Order 15.1 concerning the following:-

<u>Member</u>	<u>Minute</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Subject</u>
Mrs. P. Rugg	167	Market Towns Project	Pilot Towns
Mr. P.W.L. Sample	115/160	Magistrates' Courts	Salisbury Bench
Mrs. M.S.N. Taylor	158	Revenue Budget Monitoring Statement	Devizes Assize Courts
Mr. N.S.E. Westbrook	158	Revenue Budget Monitoring Statement	Latest figures and holding funds*
Mr. P.G. Allnatt	104	PFI Project	Scrutinise Process

(* written reply to be given to Mr. Westbrook and Mr. Allnatt.)

88. **Report of Education Committee** (28th September and 3rd November, 2000) Received.

89. **Questions : Education Committee** The Chairman of the Education Committee responded to questions from members asked under Standing Order 15.1 concerning the following:-

<u>Member</u>	<u>Minute</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Subject</u>
Mrs. I.T. Throp	64(1)	School Performance	Comparisons with other LEA's based on funding
Mr. P.C.B. Coleman	86(3)	Lifelong Learning Seminar	Summary of main issues *
Mr. P.C.B. Coleman	64(1)/80	Permanent Exclusions	Local Case in Chippenham *

Mr. P.W.L. Sample	81/95	Three Tier Review Working Party	Cost of current review *
Mr. N.S.E. Westbrook	65/88	Revenue Budget Monitoring Statement	Latest position
Mr. N.S.E. Westbrook	95(a)	Library Plan 2000	Extra resources
Mr. C. Newbury	68	Capital Expenditure	Westbury Lea Primary School

(* written replies to be given and in the case of the Lifelong Learning Seminar to be copied to all members of the Committee.)

(At this point the Council adjourned for lunch and a presentation was made to Mr. David Hempleman Adams, O.B.E.)

90. **Report of the Social Services Committee** (7th September, and 12th October, 2000) Received.

91. **Questions : Social Services Committee** The Chairman of the Social Services Committee responded to questions from members asked under Standing Order 15.1 concerning the following:-

<u>Member</u>	<u>Minute</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Subject</u>
Mr. N.S.E. Westbrook	49	Revenue Budget Review	Overspend
Mrs. I.T. Throp	59	Visit to Children's Homes	Child abuse/foster carers
Mrs. V.C.S. Landell Mills	72	Review of Learning Disability Day Services	Progress
Mr. N.S.E. Westbrook	78	District Teams	Social Services involvement
Mrs. C. Crisp	67	Joint Review	Funding by Central Government

92. **Report of the Environment & Transport Committee** (1st November, 2000) Received.

93. **Wiltshire Structure Plan 2011** Council received a copy of the Replacement Plan for adoption and noted that the Environment and Transport Committee on 1 November 2000 agreed the Authority's response to the representations on the further proposed modifications together with the minor amendments on recommendation of the Joint Structure Plan Working Party.

Mr. J.P. Johnson moved, seconded by Miss M.F. de Rhé Philipe, to adopt the Wiltshire Structure Plan 2011 as circulated.

Mr. J.N.B. Irving moved and Mr. P.G. Allnatt seconded the following amendment:

"To agree the recommendations in the report, subject to the amendment of DP9, DP10 and DP13 to read:

- (a) DP9 - A sequential approach to the release of sites for development will be adopted. Thus, within or adjoining settlements, suitable previously used land should be re-used in preference to the use of undeveloped land.

In the open countryside the appropriate re-use of previously developed land and buildings should be encouraged.

- (b) DP10 - At Swindon, previously developed land and buildings and the Northern Development area, will initially be the main locations for the development of new housing, employment land, associated shopping and services. Only when these have been substantially completed will any further greenfield land be released.

- (c) DP13 - A rural buffer should be maintained to protect the separate identities of the following towns and villages and prevent their coalescence with Swindon:

Broad Blunsdon	Purton
Chiseldon	South Marston
Cricklade	Stanton Fitzwarren
Highworth	Wanborough
Hook	Wootton Bassett
Liddington	Wroughton
Lydiard Millicent "	

On being put to the meeting and the requisite number of members having requested a recorded vote, voting was as follows:

For the Amendment (12)

Mr. P.G. Allnatt	Mrs. G. Hill	Mr. P.W.L. Sample
Mr. B.E. Atfield	Mr. J.N.B. Irving	Mr. J.E. Syme
Mr. T.P. Chivers	Mr. T.R. James	Mr. I.C. West
Mr. P.C.B. Coleman	Mrs. V.C.S. Landell Mills	Mr. N.S.E. Westbrook

Against the Amendment (30)

Mr. R.J. Baddeley	Mr. J.P. Johnson	Mrs. J.B.P. Savage
Mrs. N.S. Bryant	Mr. D. Lay	Mrs. J. Scott
Mr. R.G. Catton	Mrs. D.J. Main	Mrs. J.H. Seager
Mr. P.F. Chalke	Mrs. L.P. Morris	Mrs. C.A. Soden
Mrs. C. Crisp	Mr. C. Newbury	Mr. W.A. Spiers
Mr. P.R. Davis	Mr. A.G. Peach	Mr. T.R. Sturgis
Mr. G.M.J. Downes	Miss M.F. de Rhé-Philipe	Mrs. M.S. Taylor
Mr. C.P. Humphries	Mr. R.T. Rogers	Mrs. I. Throp
Lt. Col. D.B.W. Jarvis	Mrs. P. Rugg	Mr. D.J. Willmott
Mrs. B.M. Jay	Mrs. M.E. Salisbury	Mr. K.C. Wren

Abstention (1)

Mrs. M.E.M. Groom

(N.B. This amendment was identical to the one moved and defeated at the Environment and Transport Committee on 1st November 2000).

The amendment was therefore lost, whereupon Mr. Johnson's original motion was put to the meeting and was carried. It was therefore

Resolved: To adopt the Wiltshire Structure Plan 2011 as circulated.

(N.B. The final version will be published with a suitable cover and larger colour diagrams.)

94. **Questions : Environment & Transport Committee** The Chairman of the Environment & Transport Committee responded to questions from members asked under Standing Order 15.1 concerning the following:-

<u>Member</u>	<u>Minute</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Subject</u>
Mr. J.N.B. Irving	102	The Provision of Highway Related Services	Ringway Parkman conflict
Mr. P.C.B. Coleman	91	Revenue Budget	Prospects for highway maintenance
Mr. J.E. Syme	102(2)	Severe weather	Low maintenance/ investment

95. **Report of the Salisbury Transportation Plan Joint Committee** (31st July and 18th September, 2000) Received.

96. **Questions : Salisbury Transportation Plan Joint Committee** The Vice-Chairman of the Salisbury Transportation Plan Joint Committee responded to questions from members asked under Standing Order 15.1 concerning the following:-

<u>Member</u>	<u>Minute</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Subject</u>
Mrs. I.T. Throp	13	Progress update on plan	A3094 Harnham traffic calming
Mr. P.W.L. Sample	16	Bus Services	Safety of self-levelling park and ride buses
Mr. P.W.L. Sample	18	Kerb at Fisherton Street	Funding of works *

(* written reply to be given.)

97. **Report of the Policy & Resources and Environment & Transport Scrutiny Sub-Committee** (28th July, 20th September and 27th October, 2000) Received.
98. **Questions : Policy & Resources and Environment & Transport Scrutiny Sub-Committee** The Chairman of the Sub-Committee responded to a question from Mr. P.G. Allnatt asked under Standing Order 15.1 concerning topics for scrutiny (min.39).
99. **Report of the Education and Social Services Scrutiny Sub-Committee** (24th July, 6th September and 26th October) Received.
100. **Questions : Wiltshire Police Authority** Mrs. B.M. Jay responded on behalf of the Wiltshire Police Authority, to a written question from Mr. R.G. Catton asked under Standing Order 15.4 concerning prosecutions in the south of the County against new age travellers or those camped illegally.
101. **Questions : Wiltshire and Swindon Fire Authority** None received.
102. **Notices of Motions**

- (1) **Mr. N.S.E. Westbrook: County Council Balances** In accordance with the Notice of Motion given by him, Mr. N.S.E. Westbrook moved and Mr. P.G. Allnatt seconded:

“Council notes with concern that the County Treasurer predicts a negative balance at the year end as committees struggle to meet increasing demands; and calls for a report on what cuts are planned in services to return balances to a level acceptable to the District Auditor.”

The Chairman permitted the motion being debated at the meeting. Mr. P.F. Chalke moved and Mrs. J.H. Seager seconded an amendment which was

carried. This then became the substantive motion which was put to the meeting and carried. It was therefore,

Resolved:

- (1) *To note that the Policy & Resources Committee endorsed steps taken by the County Treasurer to ensure that the Council holds balances adequate to meet its projected commitments throughout the current financial year and this, together with the decision of the Policy & Resources Committee on the Financial Plan, should restore balances to the level accepted for 2000-01.*
 - (2) *To reaffirm its commitment to prudent and decisive financial management, innovative and effective services, and fair funding for the Council.*
 - (3) *To intend to adopt a budget next February which, as in previous years, reviews the Council's reserves and which balances the need for services with the Council tax payers' ability to pay.*
 - (4) *To lose no opportunity to make the Council's case that it administers a growing county faced with high costs of service delivery due to its rural nature and needs better Government funding than is currently available.*
- (2) **Mr. P.G. Allnatt: Chief Inspector of Schools** In accordance with the Notice of Motion given by him, Mr. P.G. Allnatt moved and Mr. P.C.B. Coleman seconded:

“Council rejoices that Mr. Woodhead had chosen to jump before being pushed into resignation and looks forward to a wholly more constructive climate of Ofsted inspection in our schools.”

The Chairman permitted the motion being debated at the meeting. Mrs. C.A. Soden moved and Mrs. J.A. Scott seconded the following amendment:

“Council wishes the successor to Mr. Woodhead every success in building on the foundations laid for Ofsted inspections.”

During debate, Mr. C.P. Humphries moved and was duly seconded under Standing Order 16.19, to put the question. The Chairman was of the opinion that the question before the meeting had been sufficiently discussed. On being put to the meeting the motion to put the question was carried. The Chairman then moved to a vote on the amendment set out above. On being put to the meeting, the amendment was carried and became the substantive motion. Mr. N.S.E. Westbrook then moved and Mr. P.G. Allnatt seconded the following further amendment:

“To add the following words to the end of the substantive motion ... and inviting Ofsted to review the bureaucratic burden placed on schools and governing bodies.”

On being put to the meeting, the further amendment was lost whereupon the substantive motion was put and was carried. It was therefore,

Resolved: Council wishes the successor to Mr. Woodhead every success in building on the foundations laid for Ofsted inspections.

(NB. The following members asked for their vote in favour of the further amendment to be recorded:-

Mr. P.G. Allnatt, Mr. B.E. Atfield, Mrs. L.C.S. Bennett, Mr. P.C.B. Coleman, Mr. P.R. Davis, Mrs. G. Hill, Mr. J.N.B. Irving, Mr. T.R. James, Mrs. V.C.S. Landell Mills, Mr. P.W.L. Sample, Mr. I.C. West, Mr. N.S.E. Westbrook, Mrs. J.M. Wood.)

- (3) **Mr. P.G. Allnatt: Western Wiltshire Sustainable Transport Strategy** In accordance with the Notice of Motion given by him, Mr. P.G. Allnatt moved and Mr. P.C.B. Coleman seconded:

“(i) Council welcomes:

- (a) the succinct glossy consultation document with reply coupon to the Director of Environmental Services;
- (b) this good example of three tier working; and
- (c) in particular, the eight pedestrian crossings planned for Hungerdown Lane, Chippenham, with the positive assistance of the North Wiltshire District Council.

(ii) However, Council is disappointed at the poor provision for pedestrian crossing points in London Road, Chippenham, particularly in the proximity of the new secondary school.”

The Chairman referred the motion to the Environment & Transport Committee for consideration and report.

- (4) **Mr. P.G. Allnatt: Pockeridge Farm and Peel Circus, Corsham** In accordance with the Notice of Motion given by him, Mr. P.G. Allnatt moved and Mr. P.W.L. Sample seconded:

“Given the size of this development and strength of opposition to it, including by Councillor T. Sturgis, Council regrets that the County Council’s comments as Highways Authority and Local Education Authority were taken under delegated authority and invites councillors Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Seager, Mrs. Crisp, Mrs. Bryant, and Mr. Sturgis to explain how the County’s Social Services, schools and highways will cope.”

The Chairman referred to the motion to the Environment & Transport Committee for consideration and report.

- (5) **Mr. P.G. Allnatt: Structure Plan** Mr. Allnatt had given notice for the inclusion of the following motion in the Summons:

“Council regrets that the Chairman of Environmental Services Sub-Committee, Councillor T. Sturgis (Wootton Bassett) failed to support constructive proposals to strengthen North Wiltshire against incursion by urban Swindon and calls for his immediate resignation.”

The motion was not moved and therefore was treated as abandoned under Standing Order 13.3.

- (6) **Mr. P.G. Allnatt: Rural Buffers and New Schools** In accordance with the Notice of Motion given by him, Mr. P.G. Allnatt moved and Mr. P.W.L. Sample seconded:

“Council congratulates the Salisbury District Council on its robust defence of the countryside and calls for a full inquiry by the appropriate Scrutiny Sub-Committee into the action by the Leader of the Council, Councillor P. Chalke, in promoting such penetration without a committee decision of this Council.”

The Chairman referred the motion to the Environment & Transport Committee for consideration and report.

- (7) **Mr. P.G. Allnatt: North Wiltshire Schools PFI Project** In accordance with the Notice of Motion given by him, Mr. P.G. Allnatt moved and Mr. P.W.L. Sample seconded:

- “(i) Council congratulates and thanks the officers and governing bodies for their efforts.
- (ii) Thanks the Leader of the Council for finally accepting that the process was a “curate’s egg” and has accepted Councillor Allnatt’s advice.
- (iii) Nevertheless calls for a review by the Policy & Resources and Environment & Transport Scrutiny Sub-Committee into the whole process and, in particular, the causes of the delay in signing the contract from May to October, and any additional costs incurred as a result.”

The Chairman referred the motion to the Policy & Resources Committee for consideration and report.

- (8) **Mr. P.G. Allnatt: Asbestos in School Buildings** In accordance with the Notice of Motion given by him, Mr. P.G. Allnatt moved and Mr. P.W.L. Sample seconded:

“Given the fact that some Local Education Authority school buildings still have “safe” asbestos material, Council requests that:

- (i) a report be brought on the cost to school budgets caused by the specialist maintenance requirements and its impact on utility, such as fixtures to walls, etc. and
- (ii) a second report be brought to demonstrate the feasibility of a programme of asbestos replacement on a best value basis.”

The Chairman referred the motion to the Education Committee for consideration and report.

- (9) **Mr. J.N.B. Irving: Floods** In accordance with the Notice of Motion given by him, Mr. J.N.B. Irving moved and Mr. P.G. Allnatt seconded:

“In view of the recent serious flooding in Wiltshire, that Council be informed of what strategic measures are planned to alleviate any future such crises.”

The Chairman referred the motion to the Environment & Transport Committee for consideration and report.

- (10) **Mr. J.N.B. Irving: Crisis Management** In accordance with the Notice of Motion given by him, Mr. J.N.B. Irving and Mr. P.G. Allnatt seconded:

“That Council be informed if any alterations to current procedures for emergency command and control are planned as a result of experiences gained during the recent fuel crisis.”

The Chairman referred the motion to the Environment & Transport Committee for consideration and report.

- (11) **Mr. P.G. Allnatt: Bacon** In accordance with the Notice of Motion given by Mr. J.N.B. Irving, Mr. P.G. Allnatt moved and Mr. N.S.E. Westbrook seconded the following revised wording:

“In view of the continuing plight in Wiltshire of the pig industry the County Council confirms that it recognises the quality and value of local produce and recognises that local bacon is purchased for consumption in County Council premises where that represents value for money.”

The Chairman referred the motion to the Policy & Resources Committee for consideration and report.

(Duration of meeting: 10.30 a.m. – 12.40 p.m. and 1.40 p.m. – 3.50 p.m.)

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