

Cabinet

DECISIONS OF THE CABINET MEETING HELD ON 10 DECEMBER 2024 AT KENNET ROOM - COUNTY HALL, BYTHESEA ROAD, TROWBRIDGE, BA14 8JN.

6 Devolution Update

Resolved:

That Cabinet note:

- 1. The revised expression of interest submitted to government as set out in Appendix 1 of the report.**
- 2. The intention to continue discussions with neighbouring councils and government as appropriate, particularly following the publication of the English Devolution White Paper.**

Reason for Decision:

Devolution should provide greater freedoms and flexibilities allowing councils to work more effectively to improve services for local residents.

7 Recommissioning of Speech and Language Therapy Service

Resolved:

That Cabinet:

- 1. Agrees to commission Speech and Language Therapy services for schools and early years settings with a clear co-produced specification that meets the needs of families and children and education settings.**
- 2. Agrees to increased investment in speech and language services from the SEND Transformation Programme budget, to provide a total of £2,280,000 over the lifetime of the contract period of two years, plus one.**
- 3. Delegates authority to approve and award a new contract and future extensions and all associated documents to the Director of Commissioning and Director of Education and Skills in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, SEND and Inclusion.**

Reason for Decision:

The purpose of this paper is to provide an update to Cabinet on the status of the Council's contracted Speech and Language Service which is delivered by an external service supplier and expires on 31 March 2025.

8 **Wiltshire Playing Pitch Strategy (PPS) Adoption**

Resolved:

That Cabinet approve and adopt the Wiltshire Playing Pitch Strategy.

Reason for Decision:

An up-to-date Wiltshire PPS is a tool to assist in the planning process, it informs decision making, policy development, the leveraging in of s106 developer contributions and is needed to underpin the Wiltshire Local Plan as an evidence base to conform with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).

9 **Library Strategy 2025 - 2030**

Resolved:

That Cabinet approve the Library Strategy 2025-30.

Reason for Decision:

The results of a Local Government Association Peer Challenge in July 2023 recommended a strategy be developed so the library service could continue to innovate and adapt to meet the future needs of people living, working and studying in Wiltshire.

The potential impact of demographic, budgetary and environmental changes in the future means a clear framework is required to focus delivery and ensure the statutory requirements of the library service are maintained and delivered in a cost-effective way.

By articulating the vision, purpose and priorities of the library service over the next five years the strategy will ensure the service remains relevant and able to deliver on the national and local priorities a public library is there to support.

These decisions were published on 10 December 2024 and will come into effect on 18 December 2024