

## Cabinet

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### DECISIONS OF THE CABINET MEETING HELD ON 21 JANUARY 2025 AT KENNET ROOM - COUNTY HALL, BYTHESEA ROAD, TROWBRIDGE, BA14 8JN.

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#### 6 Safety Valve plan update & School's Block Transfer

**Resolved:**

1. That Cabinet endorse the draft revised plan submitted to the DfE in December, including the new timeline and the interventions set out within it.

**That Cabinet approve:**

2. The Corporate Director for Children and Education, in consultation with the relevant Cabinet Members, to seek agreement for the revised plan from the Department for Education.
3. An adjustment to the Plan which was submitted to the DfE in January 2024, and revised in December 2024, to request a block transfer of the maximum amount that can be transferred without impacting school budgets (estimated at 0.24%)

*Reason for Decision:*

*Delivery of the SEND Sustainability Plan is vital to removing the DSG deficit, and related financial risk, from the council and bringing DSG into an in year balance position. Having a realistic plan, over seven years, enables the authority to do this in a structured way that does not compromise on the quality of support given to children and young people with SEND.*

*Delivery of the plan relies on schools and headteachers working effectively with the local authority and continuing to build a more sustainable system. Given the strength of feeling over the School's Block transfer, and the uncertainty about whether a request for a 1% transfer would be granted by the Secretary of State without Schools Forum approval, it is felt that maintaining the relationships with schools is paramount and a change required to that assumed and included previously.*

#### 7 Climate Delivery Plans 2025 - 2027

**Resolved:**

1. To note the conclusions of the review of the Climate Strategy Delivery Plan 2022/24 and the Carbon Neutral Council Plan 2022-24

- 2. To note and endorse the draft Climate Delivery Plan 2025, to be approved by the Corporate Director, Place, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Waste and Environment.**

*Reason for Decision:*

*To provide Cabinet with a concluding review report in relation to the Climate Delivery Plans, for the period 2022-24.*

*To introduce the draft Climate Delivery Plan for 2025, and to provide an opportunity for Cabinet to comment on the draft, with any necessary adjustments made before final approval.*

## **8 Swindon and Wiltshire Economic Strategy**

**Resolved:**

**That Cabinet approve and agree:**

- 1. The Swindon and Wiltshire Economic Strategy 2025-2036; and**
- 2. To delegate to the Corporate Director, Place, in consultation with the Leader of the Council to sign off the designed copy of the strategy for publication.**

*Reason for Decision:*

*The production of an economic strategy for Swindon and Wiltshire is a government requirement.*

## **9 Wiltshire Council's Housing Board Annual Report to Cabinet**

**Resolved:**

**That Cabinet note the annual report.**

*Reason for Decision:*

*Wiltshire Council Housing Board (WCHB) Terms of Reference require an Annual Report to be presented to WCHB AGM and Cabinet.*

## **10 Insurance Services Tender**

**Resolved:**

**That Cabinet notes:**

- 1. The insurance lot structure and intended insurance arrangements;**

**That Cabinet agrees:**

- 1. To delegate the award of the relevant contracts to the winning bidders to the Corporate Director, Resources, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance, Development Management, and Strategic Planning.**

*Reason for Decision:*

*Not having insurance cover in place would expose the Council to significant financial risk.*

11 **City Hall - Salisbury**

**Resolved:**

**That Cabinet approves:**

- 1. The preferred tenant as the third-party organisation to operate City Hall as an entertainment venue on behalf of Wiltshire Council subject to financial due diligence and agreement of the Heads of Terms**
- 2. That the allocated Capital Receipt Enhancement (CRE), budget for Melksham Blue Pool is repurposed to complete the necessary external works to City Hall prior to lease commencement, and that a virement of £0.045m of the 2024/25 budget and £0.255m of the 2025/26 budget from the CRE capital scheme line is made to the Facilities Management Investment Estate capital scheme line.**
- 3. That future decisions relating to the Heads of Terms and lease for City Hall are delegated to the Corporate Director - Place, in consultation with the Director - Assets, and the Leader of the Council.**

*Reason for Decision:*

*To bring City Hall back into use as an arts and entertainment venue.*

14 **City Hall, Salisbury**

**Resolved:**

**That the exempt information detailed in the Appendix be noted.**

*Reason for Decision:*

*To aid Cabinet in making an informed decision.*