

SUMMONS

Council Meeting

Date: 13 July 2010

Time: 10.30 am

Place: Council Chamber, County Hall, Trowbridge

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A G E N D A

PART I

Items to be considered while the meeting is open to the public

1. **Apologies**

2. **Minutes of Previous Meeting** (*Pages 1 - 48*)

To approve as a correct record and sign the minutes of the Annual meeting of Council held on 18 May 2010.

3. **Declarations of Interest**

To declare any personal or prejudicial interests or dispensations granted by the Standards Committee.

4. **Announcements by the Chairman**

5. **Petitions - Update** (*Pages 49 - 52*)

No petitions have been received for presentation at this Council meeting.

A report by the Head of Democratic Services updating Council on petitions received by this Council is attached.

6. **Public Participation**

The Council welcomes contributions from members of the public.

If you would like to make a statement at this meeting on any item on this agenda, please register to do so at least 10 minutes prior to the meeting. Up to 3 speakers are permitted to speak for up to 3 minutes each on any agenda item. Please contact the officer named above for any further clarification.

Members of the public wishing to ask a question should give written notice (including details of any question) to the officer named above (acting on behalf of the Director of Resources) by **12.00 noon on Friday 9 July 2010**.

Any questions received will be circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting and made available at the meeting and on the Council's website.

COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS

7. **Councillors' Questions**

Please note that Councillors are required to give notice of any such questions in writing to the officer named above (acting on behalf of the Director of Resources) by **noon Friday 9 July 2010**. Questions may be asked without notice if the Chairman decides that the matter is urgent.

Details of any questions received will be circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting and made available at the meeting and on the Council's website.

EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

8. **Executive Business**

- (a) The Leader and/or Cabinet Members to update Council on any major activities within their respective areas of responsibility.
- (b) Area Boards – This is an opportunity to raise general issues relating to Area Boards but not specific local issues.

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

9. **Overview and Scrutiny**

The Chairmen of the Overview and Scrutiny Select Committees to update Council on any major activities within their respective Committees.

MINUTES OF CABINET AND COMMITTEES

10. **Minutes of Cabinet and Committees**

- (a) The Chairman will move that Council receives and notes the minutes of Cabinet and the various Committees of the Council and adopt the recommendations as listed in the Minutes Book enclosed separately.
- (b) Chairmen of Committees other than Cabinet and Scrutiny Select Committees will be given a brief opportunity to make any important announcements concerning the work of their respective committees. Cabinet and Scrutiny Select Committees in this respect are dealt with under items 8 and 9 respectively.
- (c) Councillors will be given the opportunity to raise questions on points of information or clarification.

EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS

To receive reports from external organisations.

Please note that under the Constitution, Councillors wishing to ask a question in relation to the reports of the Wiltshire Police Authority and the Wiltshire and Swindon Fire Authority are required to give written notice to the officer named above (acting on behalf of the Director of Resources) no later than five clear days before the Council meeting – 5 July 2010.

11. **Wiltshire Police Authority**

To receive and note:

- (a) **the minutes of the Wiltshire Police Authority meeting held on 10 June 2010** (*Pages 53 - 62*)
- (b) **the report of the Wiltshire Police Authority** (*Pages 63 - 64*)

12. **Wiltshire and Swindon Fire Authority** (*Pages 65 - 70*)

To receive and note the minutes of the Wiltshire and Swindon Fire Authority meeting held on 26 May 2010.

Please note the documents referred to in items 11 (a) and (b) and 12 above were previously circulated to Councillors to provide an opportunity to submit any questions within the above mentioned timescale. The documents are also circulated with this agenda for ease of reference.

OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS

13. **Notices of Motion**

To consider the following notices of motion:

- (a) **No. 11 - Opting out arrangements for Schools**
From Councillors Jeff Osborn and Helen Osborn (*Pages 71 - 72*)
- (b) **No. 12 - Political Reform and Freedom Bill**
From Councillors Jon Hubbard and Peter Colmer (*Pages 73 - 76*)

14. **Warminster Town Alcohol Consumption In Designated Public Places Order (DPPO)** (*Pages 77 - 114*)

Report by the Joint Director of Public Health which includes a recommendation from the Warminster Area Board.

15. **Standards Committee Annual Report 2009/10** (*Pages 115 - 126*)

With the Chairman's permission, Mrs Isabel McCord, Chairman of Wiltshire Council's Standards Committee will present the Annual Report of the Standards Committee for the period 2009/10.

16. **Membership of Committees**

To determine any requests from Group Leaders for changes to committee membership in accordance with the allocation of seats to political groups previously approved by Council.

PART II

Items during consideration of which it is recommended that the public be excluded

NONE

COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 18 MAY 2010 AT COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, TROWBRIDGE.

Present:

Cllr Desna Allen, Cllr Chuck Berry, Cllr John Brady, Cllr Richard Britton, Cllr Philip Brown, Cllr Rosemary Brown, Cllr Allison Bucknell, Cllr Jane Burton, Cllr Trevor Carbin, Cllr Nigel Carter, Cllr Chris Caswill, Cllr Ernie Clark, Cllr Richard Clewer, Cllr Christopher Cochrane, Cllr Peter Colmer, Cllr Linda Conley, Cllr Christine Crisp (Vice-Chair), Cllr Brian Dalton, Cllr Paul Darby, Cllr Andrew Davis, Cllr Peter Davis, Cllr Tony Deane, Cllr Christopher Devine, Cllr Bill Douglas, Cllr Mary Douglas, Cllr Peggy Dow, Cllr Peter Doyle, Cllr Rod Eaton, Cllr Nick Fogg, Cllr Peter Fuller, Cllr Richard Gamble, Cllr Jose Green, Cllr Howard Greenman, Cllr Mollie Groom, Cllr Lionel Grundy OBE, Cllr Brigadier Robert Hall (Chairman), Cllr Russell Hawker, Cllr Mike Hewitt, Cllr Malcolm Hewson, Cllr Alan Hill, Cllr Charles Howard, Cllr J Hubbard, Cllr Chris Humphries, Cllr Keith Humphries, Cllr Peter Hutton, Cllr Tom James MBE, Cllr David Jenkins, Cllr Julian Johnson, Cllr Simon Killane, Cllr John Knight, Cllr Jerry Kunkler, Cllr Jacqui Lay, Cllr Alan Macrae, Cllr Laura Mayes, Cllr Ian McLennan, Cllr Jemima Milton, Cllr Francis Morland, Cllr Bill Moss, Cllr Christopher Newbury, Cllr John Noeken, Cllr Jeffrey Ody, Cllr Stephen Oldrieve, Cllr Helen Osborn, Cllr Jeff Osborn, Cllr Mark Packard, Cllr Sheila Parker, Cllr Graham Payne, Cllr Stephen Petty, Cllr Nina Phillips, Cllr Fleur de Rhe-Philippe, Cllr Pip Ridout, Cllr Bill Roberts, Cllr Ricky Rogers, Cllr Judy Rooke, Cllr Paul Sample, Cllr Jane Scott OBE, Cllr Jonathon Seed, Cllr John Smale, Cllr Toby Sturgis, Cllr Julie Swabey, Cllr John Thomson, Cllr Dick Tonge, Cllr Anthony Trotman, Cllr Bridget Wayman, Cllr Ian West, Cllr Fred Westmoreland, Cllr Stuart Wheeler, Cllr Roy While, Cllr Christopher Williams and Cllr Graham Wright

Presentations

For the information of Councillors, the following presentations were made prior to this meeting:

Showing of a short film 'Making a Difference' on the Council's Parish Steward Scheme which would also be shown at forthcoming meetings of the Area Boards.

Presentation on the Touch2ID scheme given that Trowbridge had been selected as the UK pilot site.

20. **Election of Chairman**

The outgoing Chairman, Cllr Brigadier Hall sought nominations for the position of Chairman of Wiltshire Council for 2010/11.

Cllr Brigadier Hall was proposed by Cllr Seed and seconded by Cllr Deane.

In the circumstances, Cllr Brigadier Hall vacated the chair and left the meeting for the duration of this item.

Cllr Moss, Vice-Chairman in the Chair

Cllr Moss asked if there were any other nominations. At which point, Cllr Moss was proposed by Cllr McLennan and seconded by Cllr Rogers. Cllr Moss declined the nomination and there being no further nominations, it was

Resolved:

That Councillor Brigadier RWS Hall be elected Chairman of Wiltshire Council for 2010/11.

Cllr Brigadier Hall then signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Chairman of Wiltshire Council in the presence of the Chief Executive.

Cllr Brigadier RWS Hall in the Chair

The Chairman commented that it was an honour to be re-elected Chairman of the Council and thanked Councillors for their confidence in him.

21. **Election of Vice-Chairman**

The Chairman sought nominations for the position of Vice-Chairman of Wiltshire Council for 2010/11.

Cllr Christine Crisp was proposed by Cllr Milton and seconded by Cllr Wheeler. There being no further nominations and on being put to the vote, it was

Resolved:

That Cllr Christine Crisp be elected Vice-Chairman of Wiltshire Council for 2010/11.

Cllr Crisp signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Vice-Chairman of Wiltshire Council in the presence of the Chief Executive.

22. **Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Marshall, Soden, Griffiths, Connolly, Beattie, Cuthbert-Murray, Jeans and Randall.

23. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the last meeting held on 23 February 2010 were presented. The Chairman explained that minor amendments had been made to the copy for signature to correct the spelling of Wootton Bassett and only having one entry for the Chairman in the list of attendees.

Resolved:

That the minutes of the last meeting held on 23 February 2010 as amended be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Minute number 8 – Budget
(1) Revenue Budget Proposals for 2010/11

The Leader reminded Council that in considering the budget at the last meeting, she undertook to write a letter to HM Treasury copied to Ministers to press for an explanation of why this authority continued to be poorly funded in comparison to other authorities. At the Leader's request, a copy of the letter sent and the response from Barbara Follett, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State was circulated to Councillors for their information. The Leader explained that following the change in Government, she would write a further more detailed letter, copied to local MP's, to press for a more satisfactory explanation.

24. **Declarations of Interest**

No interests were declared.

25. **Election Results**

For Council's information, the Chairman presented the Returning Officer's report which gave the results of the Parliamentary elections for the Council's area held on 6 May and congratulated those elected. The Chairman asked for any suggestions or observations on the election process to be referred to the Chief Executive in his capacity as Returning Officer.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

26. **Announcements by the Chairman**

(a) **Bill Moss – Vice-chairman**

The Chairman paid tribute to the help and support given to him by his outgoing Vice-Chairman of Council, Councillor Bill Moss.

(b) **Award – Implementation of BMP/SAP**

The Chairman announced that Wiltshire Council had recently received two prestigious awards for the implementation of SAP, delivered through the Business Management Programme (BMP).

The Council had been named as a 2010 Computerworld honours program Gold Laureate and was also awarded the SAP bronze quality award.

Both awards represented a significant achievement on the part of everyone involved in the BMP, which was delivered on time and on budget, despite very challenging timescales and numerous competing priorities associated with the one council programme. Jacqui White, the Service Director for Shared Services and Customer Care accepted the award on behalf of her team.

(c) **Online Register of Interests - reminder**

The Chairman reminded Council that it had at its last meeting agreed that Councillors' register of interest details would be published online on a voluntary opt-in basis. Details of how this would be done had since been issued to all elected and co-opted members of the Council. It was noted that no details would be published online unless a member gave their express approval. Members of the Council were asked to contact Democratic Services if they wished to have their interest details published online.

(d) **Wiltshire Flag**

The Chairman gifted a Wiltshire flag to the Council in recognition of his service as Chairman of the Council for the past year and requested that it be displayed along with the other flags in the Council chamber.

(e) **Janet de Rhe Philipe**

The Chairman reported that Mrs Janet de Rhe Philipe, Senior Assistant to the Chief Executive and Assistant to the Lord Lieutenant would soon be retiring from the Council having given 27 years service to the Council. Janet looked after the Lord Lieutenant and Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Wiltshire, the Chairman of Council and Vice-Chairman of Council. She also coordinated Royal visits in Wiltshire and was highly regarded by private secretaries of the Royal family and

was awarded the Royal Victorian Order in the 2007 Birthday Honours. The Chairman thanked her for all her hard work commenting that she had been a longstanding and valuable member of staff at County Hall.

(f) The late former councillor Allan Peach

The Chairman paid tribute to the work of former Wiltshire County Councillor Mr Allan Peach who had sadly died recently. Mr Peach had been Chairman of Wiltshire County Council in 2004/05 and served local government and the community of Amesbury with distinction and dedication for many years. His death was a great loss not only to the town of Amesbury but also to the County. These sentiments were echoed by other members of the Council. The Chairman and the Leader of the Council as well as other Councillors, past and present had attended a thanksgiving service for Mr Peach's life on 12 May held in Amesbury.

As a mark of respect the Council stood for a moment's silence.

27. **Petitions**

Petition – Night TaxiBuzz Service – Pewsey Vale Area

The Chairman reported receipt of a petition organised by the Association of Kennet Passengers. The petition with 202 signatories objected to the decision to cut the Night TaxiBuzz service and called on the Council to review its decision.

At the Chairman's invitation, Mrs Kate Freeman, the petition organiser and Mrs Susan Hiscocks presented their petition and urged the Council to reinstate the service. A copy of the petition and petition statement were circulated.

The Chairman called on Cllr Dick Tonge, Cabinet member for Highways and Transport to respond to the petition. Cllr Tonge acknowledged that this matter had also been raised at the Environment Select Committee on 11 May. He assured the petitioners that both the representations made to the Environment Select Committee and to this Council meeting had been given serious consideration. He explained how the service was an experimental one intended to test whether taxibuses could provide evening services in rural areas at an affordable subsidy. However, the service had proved very expensive to run with each passenger journey costing the council about £12 in subsidy. Alternatives for particular groups affected were being investigated. He reiterated that whilst the Council regretted the inconvenience that the withdrawal of the Night TaxiBuzz service had caused, the subsidy level was far too high for it to continue, even when proposals made by the petitioners were taken into account.

Councillors Dow and Carter both spoke in support of the petition.

Resolved:

- a) That Council receive and note the petition.
- b) That a copy of the full statement made by Cllr Dick Tonge, Cabinet member for Highways and Transport be sent to the petition organisers to explain why unfortunately, the NightBuzz could not be restored.

28. **Public Participation**

The Chairman reported receipt of a question from Mr Ross Kavanagh of Hilperton regarding the classification of Hilperton village within the Wiltshire Core Strategy. A copy of the question together with the response from Cllr John Brady, Cabinet member for Economic Development, Planning and Housing was circulated. Mr Kavanagh was unable to attend the meeting. The Chairman therefore accepted the question and response from Cllr Brady as tabled and asked that a copy of the response be forwarded to Mr Kavanagh.

A copy of the question and response are attached to these minutes as Appendix A.

29. **Appointments**

- (a) Appointment of Committees and Review of Allocation of Seats on Committees to Political Groups
- (b) Appointment to Committees
- (c) Appointment of Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of Committees
- (d) Appointment of Wiltshire Council Members to Serve on the Combined Fire Authority

The Chairman drew Councillors' attention to the reports of the Service Director, Legal and Democratic Services which invited Council to

- appoint the various committees of the Council and review the allocation of seats on those committees to political groups according to their respective political strengths on the Council;
- make appointments to committees in accordance with such a review taking into account the wishes of the political group leaders;
- appoint chairmen and vice-chairmen of committees excluding the Standards and Select Committees which would be asked to make such appointments at their respective first meetings. The Chairman explained

that following this item, he would seek to adjourn the meeting over the lunch period to allow each Area Board to meet to elect its respective Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

- Appoint nine Wiltshire Council members to serve on the Combined Fire Authority for the ensuing year.

The Chairman explained that Group Leaders had been consulted on the principles of what was being proposed.

The Leader proposed a motion which encompassed all of the above, details of which were circulated and this was duly seconded; on being put to the vote, it was

Resolved:

- (a) To note the reports and the legal requirements.
- (b) To appoint the following committees with the terms of reference as set out in the Constitution:-

**Strategic Planning
Area Planning – East, North, South and West
Licensing
Standards
Organisation and Resources Select
Children’s Services Select
Health and Adult Social Care Select
Environment Select
Audit
Appeals
Staffing Policy
Officer Appointments
Pension Fund
Joint Committee for Appointment to Wiltshire Police
Authority**

- (c) To approve the aggregate number of committee places available to members of the Council being 169 and the number on each committee as follows:-

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Total Number of Places for Elected Members</u>	<u>Conservative Group Allocation (61 seats)</u>	<u>Liberal Democrat Group Allocation (24 seats)</u>	<u>Labour Group Allocation (2 seats)</u>	<u>Independent Group Allocation (8 seats)</u>	<u>Devizes Guardians Group Allocation (3 seats)</u>
Strategic Planning	13	9	3	-	1	-
Area Planning Committees						
North	10	7	3	-	-	-
South	11	6	3	1	1	-
East	9	6	1	-	1	1
West	11	6	3	-	2	-
Licensing	12	8	3	-	1	-
Organisation and Resources Select	13	7	3	1	1	1
Children's Services Select	13	9	3	-	1	-
Health & Adult Social Care Select	13	8	3	-	1	1
Environment Select	13	7	3	1	1	1
Audit	13	8	3	-	1	1
Appeals	9	6	3	-	-	-
Staffing Policy	9	6	2	-	1	-
Officer Appointments	5	3	1	-	1	-
Pension Fund	5	3	2	-	-	-
Joint Police Appointing Committee	7	4	2	-	1	-
Great Western Ambulance Joint Scrutiny Committee	3	2	-	1	-	-
<u>TOTALS:</u>	169	105	41	4	14	5

- (d) To appoint Area Boards, constituted as area committees as set out in paragraphs 17 to 19 of the report and within the Constitution, and to appoint those members representing electoral divisions to their respective area boards as set out in Appendix B of these minutes.

- (e) To agree to continue the proposed arrangements for any future appointments of Councillors to Health Scrutiny Joint Committees as set out in paragraph 13 of the report presented.
- (f) To approve the nominations of Group Leaders, as set out in Appendix C for the appointment of Councillors and substitutes, to serve on committees in accordance with the agreed scheme of committee places, until the next occasion membership is reviewed under the provisions of the Local Government & Housing Act 1989.
- (g) To appoint the Standards Committee with the terms of reference as set out in the Constitution and to reappoint the following Council members to serve until the next Annual Council meeting in 2011:-
- Councillors Fuller, Johnson, Hewson, McLennan, Clark and Carter.
- (h) To appoint the following non-elected members to the Children's Services Select Committee:-

<u>Non-Elected Voting Members</u>	<u>Representing</u>
Vacancy (Reserve/substitute: Mr C Shepperd)	Church of England
Dr M Thompson (Reserve/substitute: Canon L. O'Driscoll)	Roman Catholic Church
Mr N Owen	Parent Governor (Secondary)
Mrs A Kemp	Parent Governor (Special)
Mrs R Ryan	Parent Governor (Primary)
<u>Non-Elected Non-Voting Members</u> (Up to Five)	School, Children and Young People representatives
Mrs D Dale	Further Education Representative
Mr C Dark	Secondary Schools Headteacher Representative
Mrs J Finney	Primary School Headteachers Representative
Mr J Hawkins	School Teacher Representative
Mr C King	Children & Young People's Representative

- (i) To appoint the following councillors to serve on the Combined Fire Authority for 2010/11 :-

Conservative (6) Councillors	Liberal Democrat (2) Councillors	Independent (1) Councillor
Peter Davis	Howard Marshall	Christopher Newbury
Graham Payne	Jeff Osborn	
Mollie Groom		
Christopher Devine		
Philip Brown		
Brigadier Robert Hall		

- (j) To appoint following Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen:-

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Chairman</u>	<u>Vice Chairman</u>
Area Planning Committee – Eastern	P Brown	C Howard
Area Planning Committee – Northern	T Trotman	A Hill
Area Planning Committee – Southern	F Westmoreland	J Green
Area Planning Committee – Western	P Fuller	R While
Audit Committee	R While	S Parker
Licensing Committee	W Moss	N Phillips
Officer Appointments Committee	J Scott	JThomson
Pension Fund Committee	T Deane	C Howard
Staffing Policy Committee	A Bucknell	M Hewitt
Strategic Planning Committee	A Davis	C Crisp

- (k) To note that in accordance with the Constitution the Chairmen and Vice Chairmen of the Standards Committee and Select Committees will be elected at their first meeting.

30. Appointments Process - Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of Area Boards

The Chairman presented the report of the Head of Democratic Services which proposed a revised procedure for electing chairmen and vice chairmen of Area Boards for the period 2010/11 in order to improve the process on last year.

The proposal involved each Area Board meeting in turn in the Council Chamber with each member of an Area Board standing so as to be easily identified as a member. The Chairman of the Council, appointed as a non voting ex-officio member would then manage the appointments process supported by Democratic Services. Where the Chairman of Council was himself a full voting member of an Area Board, the Vice-Chairman of Council would be the non voting ex-officio member. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman's role on the Area Board would be limited to facilitating the appointment process. This would take place either on the rising of Annual Council or during an adjournment of the meeting whichever is appropriate at the time.

It was noted that Group Leaders having been consulted on this proposal had raised no objections. During the debate, a proposal was moved that election of chairmen and vice-chairmen should be undertaken at the first round of meetings of Area Boards in the presence of other members of the Area Boards. However, this was subsequently withdrawn with a request that this be given consideration in the future.

Cllr Williams, Portfolio Holder for Communities reported that a training event for chairmen and vice-chairmen of Area Boards had been arranged.

Resolved

- a) That Council agrees the procedures for the election of chairmen and vice chairmen of Area Boards as set out in paragraph 5 of the report presented.**
- b) That the Council agrees the appropriate amendments to the Constitution to facilitate the appointments process as set out in paragraphs 6 and 7 of the report presented.**

31. Corporate Plan

The Chairman called upon the Leader of the Council to present the recommendation of her Cabinet concerning the adoption of the Corporate plan. The report considered by the Cabinet in arriving at its recommendation was presented as background information together with the recommended Plan.

The Leader of the Council moved that Council adopt the Corporate Plan and this was duly seconded by Cllr Thomson. The Leader explained that the Medium Term Financial Plan would be reviewed in the context of the outcome of the public spending review. A Business Plan was being drawn up which would document how the Council would make efficiencies.

The Chairman of the Council invited Cllr Jeff Osborn to add any comments on behalf of the Scrutiny Select Committee. Cllr Jeff Osborn explained that the Corporate Plan had been examined in detail by the Scrutiny Select Committee. The relevant Scrutiny Committees would examine the Service Delivery Plans, the Medium Term Financial Plan and Business Plan. He urged backbench members to be as involved as possible as scrutinising all of these documents would require a great deal of work.

Cllr Carbin explained that whilst agreeing with most of what was included in the Plan he considered the wording in some parts of it lacked ambition. He moved an amendment to the effect that the Council adopt the Corporate Plan and looks forward to a more ambitious and dynamic version being produced when it was next reviewed. On being put to the vote, the amendment was LOST.

Following debate which included comments from other group leaders, it was

Resolved:

That Council adopt the Corporate Plan 2010-2014.

32. **Homelessness Strategy**

The Chairman called upon Cllr John Brady as Cabinet member for Economic, Development, Planning and Housing to present the recommendation of Cabinet concerning adoption of the Homelessness strategy. The report considered by the Cabinet in arriving at its recommendation was presented as background information together with the recommended Strategy.

Cllr Brady moved adoption of the Homelessness Strategy and this was duly seconded. Cllr Brady explained that if adopted, this would be the Council's first Homelessness Strategy. The Strategy set out the Council's plans for the prevention of homelessness and for securing that sufficient accommodation and support would be available for people who become homeless or who were at risk of becoming so.

During the debate a number of issues and points of clarification were raised to which Cllr Brady responded. Cllr Brady reported that he was seeking to arrange a meeting with the Housing Minister to lobby the Government on housing issues and particularly with a view to ensuring that the social housing grant is not lost as part of the public sector cuts.

Resolved:

That Council adopts the Homelessness Strategy 2010/15.

MEETING ADJOURNED

The meeting was adjourned at this point (1.45pm) to allow each Area Board to meet to elect its Chairman and Vice-Chairman in accordance with the newly adopted procedure (minute no. 30 refers).

The meeting reconvened after lunch at 2.30pm.

33. **Councillors' Questions**

The Chairman reported receipt of questions from Councillors Nick Fogg, Trevor Carbin, Ernie Clark, Peter Colmer and Jeff Osborn.

Details of the questions and responses given were tabled at the meeting and attached as Appendix D to these minutes.

Supplementary questions were made in some cases summarised as follows:

Cllr Fogg – honoraria payments made by the former Kennet District Council. Cllr Fogg commented that use of the word honoraria was perhaps misleading. The report although exonerated those concerned did comment that the confidentiality clause gave the matter an air of secrecy. He requested that the circumstances and details of this matter should be made publicly available.

The Leader responded by emphasising that this related to the former Kennet District Council and not Wiltshire Council. She confirmed that legal advice had been taken to ensure that information considered confidential including the names of individuals was treated accordingly. She explained that matters which could be made public had already been included in a Part I report to the Audit Committee which had endorsed the actions taken. The Leader also added that her understanding was that honoraria payments were made in recognition of additional work carried out by officers during a particularly difficult time.

Cllr Carbin – publication of Valley News. Cllr Carbin sought clarity over what the media could do with the Council's strapline which would warrant a ban of their publication from Council premises.

Cllr Thomson emphasised his response which stated that the publication in question had not been banned from Wiltshire libraries but asked to follow the Council's guidance.

Cllr Clark – Private Eye article. Cllr Clark sought information on the number of payments and total amount the Council was seeking to recover.

The Leader responded that the Council was seeking to recover two amounts totalling £20,000.

Cllr Clark – Housing Revenue Account debt plan. Cllr Clark asked what was the Council's views on an increased debt of £115m.

Cllr Brady commented that he was unable to give an answer at this stage and that he was awaiting advice from the new Government.

Cllr Clark - Affordable housing in villages. Cllr Clark sought clarification on whether or not villages would be involved in developing affordable housing policies.

Cllr Brady confirmed that villages would be consulted. He also added that villages could help in developing affordable housing policies and gave an open invitation to parish councils who wished to speak with him.

Cllr Colmer – cost of administering the Area Board process. Cllr Colmer asked that aside from the distribution of grants, when would Area Boards be given further delegated powers to provide more benefit to their communities.

Cllr Thomson emphasised that the main role of Area Boards was to influence decisions at a local level.

Cllr Colmer – Removing people from the Homes 4 Wiltshire database who no longer required housing. Cllr Colmer enquired as to the timescale for this filtering process.

Cllr Brady asked Cllr Colmer to email his question to him and he would provide a written response.

Cllr Jeff Osborn – Non implementation of SATs and guidance issued to governing bodies. Cllr Osborn sought information on what the guidance contained.

Cllr Grundy gave an undertaking to give a written reply in order to provide as accurate information as possible.

34. **Executive Business**

(a) Executive Updates

The Chairman invited the Leader and members of her Cabinet to update Council on any significant executive matters.

Pay Harmonisation

Cllr John Noeken, Cabinet member for Resources drew Council's attention to Briefing Note no. 35 which updated Councillors on the Pay Harmonisation process.

ICT Contract

Cllr John Noeken, Cabinet member for Resources updated Council on the position with regards the Council's ICT contract. It was noted that the Council would be terminating its contract with Steria. Work was taking place on developing exit plans for some services alongside designing a new ICT service. The remaining life of the contract would be closely monitored with regular meetings held with Steria to manage the exit strategy and to manage performance issues robustly.

Cllr Jeff Osborn added that this was of fundamental importance to the Council. The Scrutiny Select Committee at its meeting on 27 May would be considering establishing a Task Group to look at this in more detail. In the meantime, he would continue to work closely with Cllr Noeken and the Service Director.

(b) Area Boards

Councillors were given the opportunity to ask questions of a general nature only concerning Area Boards.

Cllr Chris Williams, Portfolio Holder for Communities read out guidance concerning dual hatted members on Area Boards. He also referred to a report which would be considered by the Standards Committee on 19 May on the same subject in relation to the procedure for applying for dispensations. He undertook to circulate the report and guidance to all Councillors. He also advised that a meeting of Area Board Chairmen would be held at on 20 July 2010.

The Leader referred to guidance from Standards for England on declarations of interests in particular the difference between what constituted a personal and prejudicial interest. She understood that it was where an interest was considered a prejudicial interest requiring a member to withdraw from a meeting which would result in a meeting being inquorate which was causing difficulties.

Cllr Jeff Ody commented that the Devizes Area Board operated very successfully but considered that the relationship with the partnerships was rather ambiguous and therefore sought guidance from Cllr Thomson.

Cllr Thomson replied that he would be more than happy to meet with Cllr Ody and the Chairman of the Area Board or the Area Board to explain. He added that the Wiltshire Forum of Community Area Partnerships (WfCAP) would also be able to assist.

35. **Overview and Scrutiny**

The Chairmen of the Overview and Scrutiny Select Committees were invited to update Council on major activities within their respective Select Committees.

Environment Select Committee

Cllr Mollie Groom updated Council on her Committee's activities since the last Council meeting and ongoing matters:

- The Environment Select Committee had met twice since the last meeting of Council, minutes of the March meeting could be found in the separate Minutes Book.
- At the meeting on May 11 some of the key issues raised included a commitment to signing the contract for the new MBT plant in Westbury within the next 6 weeks and confirmation that the PFI housing agreement should be finalised by the end of July.

- An enormous amount of work was being carried out by the various Task Groups of the Committee. Cllr Groom gave a general invitation to any members who wanted to get involved in these groups.

Overview and Scrutiny Organisation and Resources Select Committee

Cllr Jeff Osborn updated Council on his Committee's consideration of the following matters:

- Pay harmonisation and terms and conditions of service
- Partnership working in connection with community safety
- S.106 Agreements
- Value for money

Children's Services Select Committee

In Cllr Carole Soden's absence, Cllr Jon Hubbard (Vice-Chairman) updated Council on the following matters:

- The Children's Services Select Committee had met once since the last Council meeting, details of which could be found in the separate Minutes Book.
- At the Committee's next meeting on 8 June, Councillors would be focussing on what was being done to improve Wiltshire's primary schools, as well as receiving a report on transport for pupils with Special Educational Needs - an historic area of overspend for this Council.
- A seminar for all Councillors would be held on 22nd July in the Council Chamber on the current review of Special Educational Needs (SEN) provision in Wiltshire, held in the Council Chamber. Further details would be provided to Councillors.

36. Minutes of Cabinet and Committees

The Chairman moved that Council receives and notes the minutes as listed in the separate Minutes Book and this was duly seconded by the Vice-Chairman.

Cabinet	23/02/10, 23/03/10 and 20/04/10
Children's Services Select Committee	18/03/10
Environment Select Committee	02/03/10
Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee	11/03/10
Organisation and Resources Select Committee	25/03/10

Audit Committee	24/03/10
Officer Appointments Committee	23/03/10
Standards Committee	10/03/10
Staffing Policy Committee	10/03/10
Wiltshire Pension Fund Committee	25/02/10
Northern Area Planning Committee	24/02/10, 17/03/10, 07/04/10, 28/04/10
Eastern Area Planning Committee	04/02/10, 25/02/10, 18/03/10, 29/04/10
Southern Area Planning Committee	18/02/10, 22/04/10
Western Area Planning Committee	10/02/10, 17/10/10, 10/03/10, 21/04/10

Resolved:

That the above mentioned minutes be received and noted.

The Chairman invited questions from Councillors on points of information or clarification on the above mentioned minutes and gave Chairmen of those meetings the opportunity to make any important announcements on the work for their respective meetings.

No questions were raised. Cllr Moss, Chairman of the Licensing Committee mentioned that training for Licensing Committee was being arranged for 13 July 2010 on the rising of the next Council meeting. The training would cover the Councillors' roles as 'interested parties', the new provisions relating to the regulation of sexual entertainment venues and update training on mandatory conditions on licences.

37. Wiltshire Police Authority

The minutes of the Wiltshire Police Authority meeting held on 11 February 2010 and the report of the Police Authority were received and noted. No questions on these documents had been received from Councillors.

38. Wiltshire and Swindon Fire Authority

The minutes of the Wiltshire and Swindon Fire Authority meeting held on 11 February 2010 were received and noted. No questions had been raised by Councillors.

39. **Duty to Respond to Petitions**

Cllr Noeken, Cabinet member for Resources presented the report of the Head of Democratic Services on the new Duty to Respond to Petitions, imposed as a result of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009.

The background to the Act and its key principles were outlined. Local authorities were required to establish a scheme for handling petitions by 15 June 2010 with a further requirement to establish a scheme for handling e-petitions by 15 December 2010. Council was therefore asked to consider a suggested petition scheme to meet this requirement. It was noted that the Council already made provision within its constitution for handling petitions which more than met the minimum requirements now imposed. Council was keen that the suggested petition scheme would supplement rather than replace the existing provisions for handling petitions. It was noted that the new duty would not extend to regulatory matters such as development control and licensing where there were mechanisms already in place to deal with representations on those issues.

Resolved:

(a) That Council:

- (i) approve the petition scheme as set out in the Annexe to the report presented, in particular to set the thresholds referred to in paragraphs 6.3 and 6.7 (2.5% of the local authority population to trigger a debate at Council and 1.25% to require an officer to attend a meeting of the appropriate Select Committee to answer questions) ;**
 - (ii) note that further detail would be required to guide users on the e-petition element of the scheme and to authorise the Solicitor to the Council and Monitoring Officer to make the final alterations to this part of the scheme;**
 - (iii) agree that the scheme supplements the current provisions relating to petitions within the Constitution;**
 - (iv) agree that the scheme be reviewed as part of the overall review of the Constitution being undertaken by the Focus Group on the Review of the Constitution; and**
 - (v) produce an easy to read guide to petitions for public use.**
- (b) To designate the Solicitor to the Council and Monitoring Officer as the Proper Officer for petitions with delegated authority to determine inappropriate or non-compliant petitions and whether e-petitions may be**

hosted on the Council's web site, as well as approving minor amendments to the scheme such as changes in names of officers or designation of posts.

40. **Financial Regulations and Financial Procedure Rules**

Cllr de Rhe Philipe, Cabinet member for Finance, Performance and Risk presented a report by the Chief Finance Officer, which proposed a revised set of Financial Regulations and Procedures as recommended by the Audit Committee at its meeting on 24 March 2010. Cllr de Rhe Philipe moved that Council adopt the Financial Regulations and Procedures and this was duly seconded by Cllr Roy While, Chairman of the Audit Committee

The new Financial Regulations and Procedures had been produced in accordance with good practice. They had been reviewed and developed by a dedicated Working Group comprising the Chair of the Audit Committee, Chief Finance Officer, Head of Internal Audit, the Cabinet Member for Finance, Performance and Risk, elected Member representative for the Audit Committee and other relevant officers. The Financial Regulations and Procedures as proposed and a summary outlining the main provisions were presented.

Resolved:

That Council adopts the Financial Regulations and Procedures as revised and replaced in the Constitution with immediate effect.

41. **Date of Council Tax Setting meeting - 2011**

The Chairman moved that the date for the council tax setting meeting in 2011 be confirmed as 22 February 2011 and this was duly seconded by the Vice-Chairman.

Resolved:

That the date of the next Council Tax Setting meeting be confirmed as 22 February 2011.

42. **Notices of Motion**

No notices of motion were received for the meeting.

Appendices:

- A – Question from Mr Kavanagh and response (minute no. 28 refers)
- B – Membership Area Boards (minute no. 29 refers)
- C – Membership of Committees (minute no. 29 refers)
- D – Councillors' questions and responses (minute no. 33 refers)

(Duration of meeting: 11.00am – 3.40pm)
(which includes an adjournment between 1.45pm – 2.30pm)

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

QUESTION FROM MR ROSS KAVANAGH OF HILPERTON

**TO COUNCILLOR JOHN BRADY, CABINET MEMBER FOR ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT, PLANNING AND HOUSING**

Question

In the West Wilts Core Strategy, Hilperton was treated as a village. During the consultation process more than 300 objections - over half of total responses - were received concerning further development around Hilperton.

Why in the consolidated Wilts 2026 paper is Hilperton no longer listed as a village but as part of Trowbridge? Will the Council provide concrete assurance that such a clear public mandate will be acted upon and Hilperton will continue to be treated as a village for planning purposes?"

Response

In the Spatial Strategy background document, which accompanied the Wiltshire 2026 consultation, and on which the consultation document is based, Hilperton is identified as part of a 'grouped settlement' (Appendix B). This list includes 'Tidworth and Ludgershall', as well as the 'Trowbridge and Hilperton (including Staverton Marina) functional grouping'. 'Laverstock and Salisbury' are treated similarly in the South Wiltshire Core Strategy.

Appendix B to the Spatial Strategy background paper states:

"If Hilperton were located at some distance from Trowbridge, it would be able to function more independently as a small town or village. However, due to its proximity to Trowbridge, and its close relationship with its neighbour, it cannot be considered in isolation."

There is an eminently practical reason why, for the purposes of the Core Strategy, Hilperton should be treated as a part of the 'Trowbridge/Staverton Marina/Hilperton' functional grouping. Namely, that the Local Development Framework should allocate an appropriate level of development to each settlement in accordance with its needs. By treating Hilperton as part of a "grouped settlement", such additional development can be accommodated at the most suitable location, or locations, for the grouping as a whole. If

Hilperton were regarded as separate and distinct from Trowbridge for the purposes of the Core Strategy, additional development would have to be accommodated in or around the village to satisfy, what would then be, a separate need.

This 'grouping' of settlements for the purpose of the Core strategy, is just that. It implies no loss of identity for Hilperton, but merely reflects, from a spatial planning perspective, the relationship between settlements either abutting or in close proximity to one another.

The outcome of the Wiltshire 2026 consultation that was undertaken last year is being analysed and consideration will be given to the views received before any decisions are made about how Hilperton is shown in the draft Core Strategy when it is prepared. We fully appreciate and understand the weight of opinion of the local community on the status of the village for planning policy purposes and are taking this into consideration in developing the draft Wiltshire Core Strategy.

It would be wrong at this stage in the process to make statements about what the document should and should not contain in advance of considering all the evidence and completing the draft Core Strategy for formal approval by members.

Area Boards: Electoral Divisions**Amesbury Area Board****Electoral Divisions 6**

Amesbury East
 Amesbury West
 Till & Wylve Valley
 Durrington & Larkhill
 Bulford, Allington & Figheldean
 Bourne & Woodford Valley

Members

John Noeken
 Fred Westmoreland
 Ian West
 Graham Wright
 John Smale
 Mike Hewitt

Bradford on Avon Area Board**Electoral Divisions 4**

Holt & Staverton
 Winsley & Westwood
 Bradford on Avon North
 Bradford on Avon South

Members

Trevor Carbin
 Linda Conley
 Rosemary Brown
 Malcolm Hewson

Calne Area Board**Electoral Divisions 5**

Calne Rural
 Calne North
 Calne Chilvester & Abberd
 Calne Central
 Calne South & Cherhill

Members

Christine Crisp
 Chuck Berry
 Tony Trotman
 Howard Marshall
 Alan Hill

Chippenham Area Board**Electoral Divisions 10**

By Brook
 Chippenham Cepen Park & Derriads
 Chippenham Cepen Park & Redlands
 Chippenham Hardenhuish
 Chippenham Monkton
 Chippenham Queens and Sheldon
 Chippenham Hardens and England
 Chippenham Lowdon and Rowden
 Chippenham Pewsham
 Kington

Members

Jane Scott
 Peter Hutton
 Nina Phillips
 Paul Darby
 Chris Caswill
 Desna Allen
 William Douglas
 Judy Rooke
 Mark Packard
 Howard Greenman

Corsham Area Board

Electoral Divisions 4

Box and Colerne
Corsham Pickwick
Corsham without & Box Hill
Corsham Town

Members

Sheila Parker
Alan Macrae
Dick Tonge
Peter Davis

Devizes Area Board

Electoral Divisions 7

Bromham, Rowde and Potterne
Devizes & Roundway South
Devizes East
Devizes North
Roundway
The Lavingtons & Erlestoke
Urchfont & The Cannings

Members

Philip Brown
Jeff Ody
Jane Burton
Nigel Carter
Laura Mayes
Richard Gamble
Lionel Grundy

Malmesbury Area Board

Electoral Divisions 4

Brinkworth
Malmesbury
Minety
Sherston

Members

Toby Sturgis
Simon Killane
Carole Soden
John Thomson

Marlborough Area Board

Electoral Divisions 4

Aldbourn & Ramsbury
Marlborough East
Marlborough West
West Selkley

Members

Chris Humphries
Peggy Dow
John Fogg
Jemima Milton

Melksham Area Board

Electoral Divisions 6

Melksham Central
Melksham North
Melksham South
Melksham Without North
Melksham Without South
Summerham and Seend

Members

Stephen Petty
Rod Eaton
Jon Hubbard
Mark Griffiths
Roy While
Jonathon Seed

Pewsey and Tidworth Area Committee

Electoral Divisions 6

Pewsey Vale
Pewsey
Burbage & The Bedwyns
The Collingbournes & Netheravon
Ludgershall & Perham Down
Tidworth

Members

Robert Hall
Jerry Kunkler
Stuart Wheeler
Charles Howard
Chris Williams
Mark Connolly

Salisbury Area Board

Electoral Divisions 8

Salisbury Fisherton & Bemerton Village
Salisbury Bemerton
Salisbury Harnham
Salisbury St Edmund & Milford
Salisbury St Francis & Stratford
Salisbury St Mark's & Bishopdown
Salisbury St Martin's & Cathedral
Salisbury St Paul's

Members

Christopher Cochrane
Ricky Rogers
Brian Dalton
Paul Sample
Mary Douglas
Bill Moss
John Brady
Richard Clewer

South West Wiltshire Area Board

Electoral Divisions 5

Fovant & Chalke Valley
Mere
Nadder & East Knoyle
Tisbury
Wilton & Lower Wylde Valley

Members

Jose Green
George Jeans
Bridget Wayman
Tony Deane
Richard Beattie

Southern Wiltshire Area Board

Electoral Divisions 5

Alderbury & Whiteparish
Downton & Ebbel Valley
Laverstock, Ford and Old Sarum
Redlynch & Landford
Winterslow

Members

Richard Britton
Julian Johnson
Ian McLennan
Leo Randall
Christopher Devine

Trowbridge Area Board

Electoral Divisions 9

Hilperton
Southwick
Trowbridge Adcroft

Members

Ernie Clark
Francis Morland
Tom James

Trowbridge Central
Trowbridge Drynham
Trowbridge Grove
Trowbridge Lambrok
Trowbridge Park
Trowbridge Paxcroft

John Knight
Graham Payne
Jeff Osborn
Helen Osborn
Peter Fuller
Steve Oldrieve

Warminster Area Board

Electoral Divisions 5

Waminster without
Warminster Broadway
Warminster Copheap and Wylve
Warminster East
Warminster West

Members

Fleur de Rhe- Philipe
Keith Humphries
Christopher Newbury
Andrew Davis
Pip Ridout

Westbury Area Board

Electoral Divisions 4

Ethandune
Westbury East
Westbury North
Westbury West

Members

Julie Swabey
Michael Cuthbert-Murray
David Jenkins
Russell Hawker

Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board

Electoral Divisions 6

Cricklade and Latton
Lyneham
Purton
Wootton Bassett East
Wootton Bassett North
Wootton Bassett South

Members

Peter Colmer
Allison Bucknell
Jacqui Lay
Mollie Groom
Bill Roberts
Peter Doyle

Appointments to Committees

Strategic Planning Committee (13)

Conservative Group (9)	Liberal Democrat Group (3)	Labour Group (0)	Independent (1)	Devizes Guardians (0)
P Brown	G. Wright	-	R. Hawker	-
M Connolly	I. West			
C. Crisp	M. Packard			
A. Davis				
P.Fuller				
C Humphries				
J. Johnson				
T. Trotman				
F. Westmoreland				
Substitutes:				
M. Groom	B. Douglas		E.Clark	
J. Lay	J Knight		N.Fogg	
L. Randall	S Petty		F Morland	

Area Planning Committee – East (9)

Conservative Group (6)	Liberal Democrat Group (1)	Labour Group (0)	Independent (1)	Devizes Guardians (1)
P Brown	P Dow	-	J Fogg	J Burton
R Gamble				
C. Howard				
C Humphries				
L Mayes				
C Williams				
Substitutes:				
L Grundy	P Colmer		G.Jeans	J.Ody
J. Kunkler	-		C. Newbury	N Carter
J. Milton				

Area Planning Committee – North (10)

Conservative Group (7)	Liberal Democrat Group (3)	Labour Group (0)	Independent (0)	Devizes Guardians (0)
C Crisp	P. Colmer	-	-	-
P Davis	B. Douglas			
P Doyle	H. Marshall			
A Hill				
P Hutton				
T Sturgis				
T Trotman				
Substitutes:				
C Berry	P. Darby			
M Groom	S. Killane			
B Roberts	M. Packard			

Area Planning Committee – South (11)

Conservative Group (6)	Liberal Democrat Group (3)	Labour Group (1)	Independent (1)	Devizes Guardians (0)
R. Britton	B. Dalton	I. McLennan	G. Jeans	
C Devine	I. West			
M Douglas	G. Wright			
J Green				
M Hewitt				
F Westmoreland				
Substitutes:				
W Moss	P. Sample		E.Clark	
L. Randall			R.Hawker	
J Smale			C.Newbury	

Area Planning Committee – West (11)

Conservative Group (6)	Liberal Democrat Group (3)	Labour Group (0)	Independent (2)	Devizes Guardians (0)
R Eaton	M. Hewson	-	E. Clark	-
P Fuller	J Knight		C. Newbury	
M Griffiths	S Petty			
G Payne				
J Seed				
R While				
Substitutes:				
A Davis	R Brown		F Morland	
F De Rhé-Philippe	T Carbin		R Hawker	
P Ridout	J. Osborn		T.James	

Licensing Committee (12)

Conservative Group (8)	Liberal Democrat Group (3)	Labour Group (0)	Independent (1)	Devizes Guardians (0)
R Beattie	D Allen	-	G Jeans	-
R Eaton	P Dow			
J Green	J Hubbard			
M Griffiths				
B Moss				
N Phillips				
B Roberts				
J Seed				
Substitutes:				
A Bucknell	T Carbin			
J Lay	B Douglas			
P Ridout	H Marshall			

Organisation and Resources Select Committee (13)

Conservative Group (7)	Liberal Democrat Group (3)	Labour Group (1)	Independent (1)	Devizes Guardians (1)
T. Deane	J Hubbard	R Rogers	N Fogg	N Carter
C Devine	J Osborn			
P Doyle	J Rooke			
C Howard				
J Lay				
B Roberts				
J Seed				
Substitutes:				
C Berry	T Carbin		E Clark	J Burton
M. Douglas	D Jenkins		R Hawker	J. Ody
P Ridout	G Wright		C Newbury	

Children's Services Select Committee (13)

Conservative Group (9)	Liberal Democrat Group (3)	Labour Group (0)	Independent (1)	Devizes Guardians (0)
A Davis	P Darby	-	R Hawker	-
P. Davis	J Hubbard			
M Douglas	H Osborn			
P Fuller				
M Griffiths				
J Lay				
B Moss				
P Ridout				
C Soden				
Substitutes:				
C. Crisp	P Dow		E Clark	
C Devine	P Colmer		J Fogg	
B Roberts	H Marshall		T James	

Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee (13)

Conservative Group (8)	Liberal Democrat Group (3)	Labour Group (0)	Independent (1)	Devizes Guardians (1)
C Berry	D Allen		T James	J Burton
C Crisp	P Colmer			
P Davis	M Hewson			
M Hewitt				
P Hutton				
N Phillips				
P Ridout				
B Roberts				
Substitutes:				
R. Britton	T Carbin		N Fogg	N. Carter
M Douglas	P Darby		R Hawker	J. Ody
W. Moss	J Hubbard		G Jeans	

Environment Select Committee (13)

Conservative Group (7)	Liberal Democrat Group (3)	Labour Group (1)	Independent (1)	Devizes Guardians (1)
C Berry	R Brown	I. McLennan	T James	N Carter
P Doyle	P Colmer			
J Green	S Oldrieve			
M Groom				
A Hill				
C Humphries				
L Randall				
Substitutes:				
C Howard	T Carbin		N Fogg	J. Burton
J Johnson	C Caswill		R Hawker	J. Ody
T Trotman	H Marshall		G Jeans	

Audit Committee (13)

Conservative Group (8)	Liberal Democrat Group (3)	Labour Group (0)	Independent (1)	Devizes Guardians (1)
R Britton	C Caswill	-	G Jeans	N Carter
P Doyle	D Jenkins			
J Johnson	H Osborn			
A Macrae				
J. Milton				
S Parker				
B Wayman				
R While				
Substitutes:				
R. Eaton	P Colmer		E Clark	
J. Lay	M Hewson		M Cuthbert-Murray	
M. Groom	J Osborn		F Morland	

Appeals Committee (9)

Conservative Group (6)	Liberal Democrat Group (3)	Labour Group (0)	Independent (0)	Devizes Guardians (0)
A Bucknell	B Douglas	-	-	-
A Davis	P Dow			
P Davis	D Jenkins			
A. Hill				
J Milton				
R While				
Substitutes:				
C Crisp	J Hubbard			
C Cochrane				
B Wayman				

Staffing Policy Committee (9)

Conservative Group (6)	Liberal Democrat Group (2)	Labour Group (0)	Independent (1)	Devizes Guardians (0)
A Bucknell	D Jenkins	-	F Morland	-
R Eaton	M Packard			
M Hewitt				
J Noeken				
J Smale				
J Scott				
Substitutes:				
M Douglas	H Marshall		E Clark	
B Moss	P Colmer		G Jeans	
J Seed			C Newbury	

Officer Appointments Committee (5)

Conservative Group (3)	Liberal Democrat Group (1)	Labour Group (0)	Independent (1)	Devizes Guardians (0)
L Grundy	T Carbin	-	C Newbury	-
J Scott				
J Thomson				
Substitutes:				
J Noeken	C Caswill		E Clark	
J Brady			G Jeans	
F de Rhe-Philippe			T James	

Pension Fund Committee (5)

Conservative Group (3)	Liberal Democrat Group (2)	Labour Group (0)	Independent (0)	Devizes Guardians (0)
T Deane	D Jenkins	-	-	-
C Howard	J Osborn			
S Parker				
Substitutes:				
F De Rhé-Philippe	M Packard			
W Moss				
J Smale				

Joint Committee for Appointment to Wiltshire Police Authority (7)

Conservative Group (4)	Liberal Democrat Group (2)	Labour Group (0)	Independent (1)	Devizes Guardians (0)
Fleur de Rhe-Philippe	C Caswill		C Newbury	
L Grundy	P Sample			
C Soden				
J Scott				
Substitutes:				
K Humphries			E Clark	
J Thomson			G Jeans	
R Tonge			T James	

Great Western Ambulance Joint Scrutiny Committee (3)

Conservative Group (2)	Liberal Democrat Group (0)	Labour Group (1)	Independent (0)	Devizes Guardians (0)
C Crisp	-	I McLennan	-	-
M Hewitt				
Substitutes:				
P Hutton		R Rogers		
P Ridout				

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COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS

**QUESTION FROM COUNCILLOR NICK FOGG
MARLBOROUGH WEST DIVISION**

**TO COUNCILLOR JANE SCOTT
LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

Question 1

Is she aware of the article that appeared in *Private Eye* on April 30th concerning bonuses awarded at Kennet District Council? Can she comment on the accuracy of the report and advise this Council if it is intended to take any further steps as a result of the report on the issue by KPMG.?’

Response

The Leader is aware of the article and the circumstances to which it relates.

Following the transition to the new Wiltshire Council the then acting chief executive was advised by the monitoring officer and chief finance officer of honorarium payments made to some employees of the former Kennet District Council.

In order to ensure transparency and accountability, the acting chief executive agreed that the Council's external auditors, KPMG, should carry out an independent audit into the payments.

The auditors concluded that the payments were made under appropriate authority, but advised that the approach followed by the former district council in determining how non-pensionable honorarium payments were made, and to whom, lacked objectivity and transparency and was insufficiently documented. The report, however, stressed that no direct evidence of deceitful or illicit behaviour was uncovered during the audit.

Although this matter concerns a predecessor authority, the auditors provided a number of recommendations, based on good practice, which are being implemented in relation to Wiltshire Council's own policy on any future payment of honoraria.

Legal advice has since been obtained on the validity of the payments included within the audit and steps are now being taken to recover payments where it is legally and economically justifiable to do so in the interests of council tax

payers. These focus upon those cases where an honorarium payment was mistakenly included in severance calculations. The Council is unable to comment on individual cases because of legal restrictions to which we are subject under data protection legislation.

Wiltshire Council's Audit Committee considered a confidential report on this matter at its meeting on 24 March 2010, and endorsed the action that is being taken regarding recovery of payments.

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**QUESTION FROM COUNCILLOR TREVOR CARBIN
HOLT AND STAVERTON DIVISION**

**TO COUNCILLOR JANE SCOTT
LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

Question 1

One of the three key goals set out in WC's First Year Plan was to "Ensure local, open, honest decision making." Cabinet on 23rd June 2009 resolved to devise a rotation scheme for meetings of the Cabinet "so that meetings are held regularly around the county."

Of the ten Cabinet meetings since that resolution was made one (July 2009) was held in Salisbury and the next nine were in County Hall.

What is the reason for this failure of Cabinet to observe its own resolution of June 2009?"

Response

We did agree to rotate cabinet meetings around the County and for the Cabinet Forward Work Plan to be used to identify localised issues which would determine the location of meetings.. We had a significant item for Salisbury in respect of the Academies project in June last year and accordingly, the meeting which discussed that item in July was held in Salisbury. Since then, in the absence of what could be regarded as significant local issues, Cabinet meetings have been held at County Hall.

I do intend, that regardless of whether or not there are local issues to be considered, meetings will be rotated around the County in future and at the Cabinet meeting on 20 April, I circulated details of the location of future meetings which are as follows.:

24 May - Monkton Park, Chippenham
22 June - County Hall
27 July - Browfort, Devizes
14 September - City Hall, Salisbury
19 October - Browfort, Devizes
16 November - Monkton Park, Chippenham
14 December - County Hall

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**QUESTION FROM COUNCILLOR TREVOR CARBIN
HOLT AND STAVERTON DIVISION**

**TO COUNCILLOR JOHN THOMSON
DEPUTY LEADER AND CABINET MEMBER FOR ADULT CARE,
COMMUNITIES AND LIBRARIES**

Question 1

The publication "Valley News" has been banned from Wiltshire libraries.
Why?

Response

It is not correct to state that Valley News has been banned from Wiltshire Libraries.

Valley News has made a complaint, which is currently being investigated by the Local Government Ombudsman. The position, as confirmed to the Ombudsman, is as follows.

On 3 September 2009, the council's communications team was made aware by the General Manager (South) covering Tisbury Leisure Centre of concerns regarding the content of articles published in Valley News September edition regarding Wiltshire Council.

The concern also referred to the use of the council's branding and logo and a modification made to the logo to substantiate one particular article.

The article concerned did not reflect balanced reporting as no comment was sought from the council. It was written as an opinion piece rather than a news story but was presented as a news article. It was in the council's view neither fair nor balanced and related to money spent on advertising for key posts in the council and the value of staff.

The council was not offered a right of reply regarding senior management salaries or the recruitment of the Chief Executive post, or to advise on the vast savings made as a result of the new council reducing the number of senior managers and chief executives.

The communications team was only made aware of copies of Valley News being available in Tisbury Leisure Centre. It was not aware of copies in any other council premises at this stage. There is no agreement or contractual arrangement regarding the promotion or display of Valley News publications.

The manager of Tisbury Centre was advised to withdraw the September edition only from the Leisure Centre. There was no communication or decision regarding future editions.

To note -

The council currently spends £480.00 on advertising in Valley News to promote Tisbury Leisure Centre.

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COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS

**QUESTION FROM COUNCILLOR ERNIE CLARK HILPERTON
DIVISION**

**TO COUNCILLOR JANE SCOTT
LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

Question 1

The 30th April edition of Private Eye carried an article in its Rotten Boroughs page entitled 'Under the counter'. This brought the matter of non-pensionable honoraria awarded by Kennet District Council into the public domain. The article named a councillor involved in the process and gave details of the sum of money awarded to various officers (over £60,000).

In the interest of 'open decision making' will this matter in future be discussed by the Audit Committee in public, or will this council still seek to use the Data Protection Act 1998 to keep the matter 'under wraps'?

Response

Cllr Clark is referred to the response to the question raised by Cllr Fogg on the same subject.

In dealing with this matter the council has been concerned to ensure that the interests of council tax payers are protected. The council has sought to be and will continue to be as open as possible within the constraints of the law. In particular, the council has a legal duty to protect the rights of individuals under data protection legislation, breach of which would expose the Council to potential litigation, including proceedings before the Information Commissioner.

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**QUESTION FROM COUNCILLOR ERNIE CLARK
HILPERTON DIVISION**

**TO COUNCILLOR JOHN BRADY, CABINET MEMBER FOR ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT, PLANNING AND HOUSING**

Question 1

Under the proposed revision to the Housing Revenue Account debt plan, Wiltshire Council's 'council housing' debt will increase from £4million to £119million. Is the council in broad agreement to this £115million increase? If so, why?

Notwithstanding grants currently available exclusively to councils, would it not be prudent for this council to encourage its tenants to allow a transfer of the housing stock to either a RSL or an ALMO with existing WC staff TUPE'd to the new body?

Response

As you have correctly identified, proposals were circulated by the previous Government for alternatives to the current Housing Revenue Account subsidy system. At this time, we do not have any information as to the status of those proposals and whether or not they will be carried out by the new Government.

With regard to stock transfer as you probably know Salisbury District Council balloted its tenants for a second time on a transfer to a newly formed housing association in 2006 but 72% decided to stay with the council. Since that time the financial position of the HRA has marginally improved and therefore it is our view that tenants are less likely to vote for a transfer. Overall the reasons for tenants to vote for transfer have decreased rather than increased. A transfer ballot is a very costly and time consuming exercise likely to cost approximately £500k. We do not detect any desire amongst tenants to reopen the stock transfer debate and the proposals for the subsidy change currently being consulted on may further reduce the desire for a transfer.

The main priority for the council is to provide a period of stability and certainty about the future of council housing during which we can deliver a service improvement programme that will over the next two years ensure that our housing management service is a high performing, quality service that is responsive to the needs of our tenants.

COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS

**QUESTION FROM COUNCILLOR ERNIE CLARK
HILPERTON DIVISION**

**TO COUNCILLOR JOHN BRADY, CABINET MEMBER FOR ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT, PLANNING AND HOUSING**

Question 1

I have not been able to find any reference to the provision of affordable housing in the LDF consultation document. Currently in west Wiltshire there is a requirement for up to 50% provision in villages and up to 30% in towns for new developments that meet certain criteria. On 'exception' sites outside Village Policy Limits (VPL) the requirement is for 100% unless the housing is for agricultural or forestry workers.

Assuming that this authority will still be seeking a mechanism for affordable housing to be built via 'planning gain', what criteria will be used for villages where you propose to remove the VPL? How will you control small scale 'speculative' housing from intruding into the countryside? Will villages that have their VPL removed only see 30% affordable housing in future, thus denying villages much needed houses for rent?

Response

The LDF consultation document (Wiltshire 2026: Planning for Wiltshire's Future) was a very broad high level document outlining the key issues in each settlement and the proposed areas of growth. It suggests how each area might change by 2026 and then what the core strategy should seek to deliver, including an outline of the suggested scale and location of housing and employment development where this has been identified. It also sets out the general location of preferred options for sites to help provide for this growth within each community area, and provides a brief description of the option, together with the reason for its choice.

The more detailed policy development outlining how the objectives for each community will be achieved through planning policy will be a later part of the process. This policy development will include the development of affordable housing policies outlining the amount of affordable housing to be sought in urban and rural areas and the approach to exceptions sites in rural areas. It is intended that this work will take place over the summer months with a view to publishing draft policies in the autumn of 2010 for further consultation.

The draft South Wiltshire Core Strategy, programmed for adoption in autumn 2010, requires new developments on sites of 15 dwellings or more to provide 40% affordable housing and 25% on sites between 5 and 14 dwellings. While we cannot guarantee the same levels across Wiltshire due to the need to take into account local circumstances and evidence this gives an indication as to the level that we might deliver through new policy elsewhere in Wiltshire.

In terms of 'Village Policy Limits', as agreed at Council on 10 November, a review on the application of these is being undertaken as part of the development of the draft Wiltshire Core Strategy to ensure a consistent approach across Wiltshire and allow local views on this issue to be sought.

COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS

**QUESTION FROM COUNCILLOR ERNIE CLARK
HILPERTON DIVISION**

**TO COUNCILLOR JOHN BRADY, CABINET MEMBER FOR ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT, PLANNING AND HOUSING**

Question 1

Time and again we see the strap line 'Wiltshire Council.' Where everybody matters'. Could the planning portfolio holder therefore advise why the Spatial Planning department seems intent on ignoring the opinion of some 500+ Hilperton residents in their response to a WWDC consultation document regarding future development around Hilperton? Does he want a petition served on the council, similar to that from Chippenham residents recently, to convince him that this council is working against residents and not for them in Hilperton?

Why has the stance regarding the Hilperton Village Policy Limit changed since the recent departure of an ex WWDC planning consultant?

Response

The outcome of the Wiltshire 2026 consultation that was undertaken last year is being analysed and consideration will be given to the views of the Hilperton residents before any decisions are made about how Hilperton is shown in the draft Core Strategy. A petition would not provide any additional weight to the comments already received. We fully appreciate and understand the weight of opinion of the local community on the issues surrounding future development at the village including its status and are taking this into consideration in developing the draft Wiltshire Core Strategy.

The position regarding the status of Hilperton in adopted planning policy and as indicated in the emerging Wiltshire Core Strategy (Wiltshire 2026 consultation document) has not changed. Notwithstanding this, it would be wrong at this stage in the process to make statements about what the Core Strategy should and should not contain in advance of considering all the evidence and completing the draft Core Strategy for Committee approval

COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS

**QUESTION FROM COUNCILLOR PETER COLMER
CRICKLADE, LATTON & MARSTON MEYSEY DIVISION**

**TO COUNCILLOR JOHN THOMSON, DEPUTY LEADER AND CABINET
MEMBER FOR ADULT CARE, COMMUNITIES AND LIBRARIES**

Question 1

What is the total annual cost in administering the Area Board process (excluding the grant funding sum of circa £1m)?

Response

The total cost of the Area Boards Team is £1.2m per annum or £63k per community area. This includes the Head of service, team leaders, 18 Community Area Managers, administration team, sound technicians and all associated administrative, transport and support costs.

The total cost of Democratic Services Support to the Area Boards is approximately £250,000. The costs are approximate as budgets such as premises hire and refreshments cover all formal meetings not just Area Boards. Estimates have therefore been made as to the proportion of these costs that are attributable to area boards. The costs however do not include the printing and distribution of agenda.

**TO COUNCILLOR JOHN BRADY, CABINET MEMBER FOR ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT, PLANNING AND HOUSING**

Question 1

How is the Homes 4 Wiltshire data base audited to remove applicants that no longer require affordable housing and how often is this process carried out?

Response

It is part of our policy that we should have a rolling programme with all Homes 4 Wiltshire applicants being written to once a year on the anniversary of their joining the register. If there is no response; their circumstances have changed and they are no longer entitled, or people tell us they are no longer in need of housing they should be removed from the register. Unfortunately as a result of the review and other work commitments we have not been able to carry out that filter. However we are taking on additional staffing resource to work in this area, with the Homes 4 Wiltshire review now being completed, we expect to commence this work within the next couple of months.

Once people have been adequately housed through the system they are shown as adequately housed and no longer form part of the register. We also send out a newsletter and where these are returned "gone away" we will remove the applicant from the register.

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**QUESTION FROM COUNCILLOR JEFF OSBORN
TROWBRIDGE GROVE DIVISION**

**TO COUNCILLOR LIONEL GRUNDY CABINET MEMBER FOR
CHILDREN'S SERVICES**

Question 1

How has the Local Education Authority been affected by the publicised action not to implement SATS?

Response

Schools are not required to tell the Local Authority of the action they intend take. However DCE contacted all schools and asked their intentions. 7 confirmed that they would be taking some form of action. 22 advised us that they were undecided and the remaining schools indicated that they would be continuing as normal. LA staff have continued to monitor the situation.

The LA has role through the SATs of undertaking a sample of monitoring and compliance visits to ensure that the SATs are appropriately undertaken. We wrote to all schools and advised them that these visits would continue. Officers have continued in their visits, making a note on their report if the SATs have not taken place or other action in line with union guidance is in place. I am advised that the majority of these visits have taken place as expected.

From feedback & general intelligence it would appear that the majority of schools have continued with the SATs in Wiltshire. However from informal feedback the number not participating does seem higher than the 7 reported, although at this stage we do not have definite numbers.

Schools HR have issued guidance to governing bodies on their role with regard to the Headteacher and teacher action.

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL

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PETITIONS UPDATE

1. Introduction

1.1 The Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 imposed a duty on local authorities to respond to petitions and to tell local people what action was going to be taken.

1.2 This duty came into effect on 15 June 2010.

1.3 The Council approved a new petition scheme on 18 May 2010

2. Petitions Scheme

2.1 The petitions Scheme has been finalised and is available for members of the public online.

2.2 In adopting the scheme councillors were keen that the new statutory requirements would supplement the existing provisions, rather than replace them, and that significant flexibility and discretion would be applied to petitions which failed to reach the required level of signatures, or which fell between categories.

2.3 In these instances discussions would take place with the relevant cabinet member or the appropriate area board chairman to determine the most appropriate way of dealing with the petition. The options may include referring the matter to the cabinet or the appropriate area board.

2.4 In all cases the petition will be acknowledged and to ensure maximum transparency a short report will be submitted to each meeting of the council detailing what petitions had been received and how they were being managed. This information will also be publicly available on the petitions website.

3. Petitions Received

3.1 As of 1 July, four petitions have been received by Wiltshire Council under the new scheme. Further details are shown at Appendix 1 to this report.

4. e-Petitions

3.1 A new e-Petitions facility is under development by Democratic Services using the Modern.gov system, and will be piloted in mid September, in advance of the statutory deadline of 15 December 2010.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council:

- 1) Note the report, the petitions received and the actions being taken, as set out in the Appendix to this report.**
- 2) Note the proposed piloting of the E-Petitions Scheme with effect from mid September.**

**John Quinton
Head of Democratic Services**

Appendix

Record of petitions received

Date Received	Topic	No of Signatures	Action	Outcome
16 June	Speeding at Ridge Woodfalls – Request for a crossing outside the Post Office From Redlynch Parish Council	30	Redlynch Parish Council's letter acknowledged on 21 June Item to be referred to the Southern Wiltshire Area Board	
22 June	Safety Concerns for pedestrians using the Lynch, Mere From Ms Varsani	68	Petition acknowledged by democratic services on 23 June Item to be referred to the South West Wiltshire Area Board.	
23 June	Closure of Westbury Swimming Pool Via Cllr Cuthbert-Murray	2,739	Email acknowledgement sent to Cllr Cuthbert Murray on 25 June. To be considered as part of the consultation on the leisure review which will be considered by Cabinet on 27 July.	
30 June	Recycling of Plastic Bottles- Downside Park Trowbridge From Dolly Goode	46	Petition acknowledged by Chief Executives Officer on 29 June. Referred to Neighbourhood and Planning to respond with reference to the Waste Collection Proposals. A copy of the response will be sent to Cllr Clark, Chairman of the Trowbridge Area Board, and to Democratic Services	

Excludes petitions in respect of development control and licensing which are dealt with separately

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WILTSHIRE POLICE AUTHORITY

MINUTES of a MEETING held at POLICE HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, DEVIZES on THURSDAY 10TH JUNE 2010

PRESENT: Mr C Hoare (Chairman), Mr R Bluh, Mr R Britton, Mr C Caswill, Mr R Fisher, Mr B Fishlock, Mr B Ford, Ms J Hillyer, Mr C Humphries, Mr A Johns, Mr A Macpherson, Mrs G Mortimer, Mr P Sample, Mrs C Soden, and Mrs G Stafford

IN ATTENDANCE: Chief Constable B Moore, DCC D Ainsworth, ACC P Geenty, A/ACC M Veale, Mr M Milton, Mr K Kilgallen, Mr M Prince and Miss S Kyte

1. **Membership** The Chief Executive reported the Membership as follows:

Local Authority Members

Conservative

Mr R Bluh

Mr R Britton

Mr R Fisher

Mr B Ford

Mr C Humphries

Mrs C Soden

Labour

Ricky Rogers

Liberal Democrat

Mr C Caswill

Mr P Sample

Independent Members

Mr B Fishlock

Mr C Hoare

Ms J Hillyer

Mr A Johns

Mr A Macpherson

Mrs G Mortimer

Mrs G Stafford

Ms G Tawiah

2. **Appointment of Member to Preside at the Election of a Chairman**

Resolved: *To appoint Mr Fishlock to preside.*

3. **Election of Chairman**

Resolved: *To elect Mr Hoare as Chairman of the Authority until the next Annual Meeting.*

4. **Election of Vice-Chairmen**

Resolved: *To elect Mr Ford and Mrs Soden as Vice-Chairmen of the Authority until the next Annual Meeting.*

5. **Apologies** Apologies for absence were received from Mr Rogers and Ms Tawiah.

6. **Public Questions**

Mr Carter stated that he had attended a hustings event in Chippenham on 7th April 2010 to which Parliamentary candidates had been invited with the exception of the British Nationalist Party (BNP) candidate, Mr Simpkins. Mr Simpkins believed he was entitled to attend and arrived on the evening. Before the start of the event, three Police Officers arrived and removed Mr Simpkins from the venue. Mr Carter asked for an opportunity for this to be discussed at the meeting as reasons for Mr Simpkins' removal had not been provided.

Acting Assistant Chief Constable Veale stated he would respond to Mr Carter's query based on the known facts of the evening. A call was received from a member of the public stating that matters appeared to be getting out of hand with regard to a breach of the peace. Three Police Officers attended who asked Mr Simpkins to leave the meeting as there were concerns around how events would degenerate if he were to attempt to stay. The Officers and Mr Simpkins left and there was no other disorder that evening.

The Chief Constable stated that the Force would provide a written response to Mr Carter's query.

On a separate matter, Mr Carter wished to congratulate the Force on the late night presence of Police Officers on Friday and Saturday evenings in Melksham.

Mr Britton stated that one of his constituents had written to the Chief Constable asking about a discretionary payment made by the Force to Wiltshire Racial Equality Council (WREC), details of other payments made under the Chief Constable's discretionary powers, and the basis for those contributions. A reply had been received but this merely confirmed the amount paid to WREC. The individual wrote again asking for his original questions to be answered and has since received no further response. Mr Britton acknowledged that this was not the forum to respond but sought reassurance that a response would be sent. The Chief Constable confirmed that this would be case and that he would liaise with Mr Britton outside of the meeting to obtain the full details.

7. **Declarations of Interest** There were none.

8. **Chairman's Announcements**

Reductions in Police Funding 2010-11

The Chairman reported that the Home Office had announced in-year reductions in Home Office revenue grant of approximately 1.4% for all Forces, although this was still subject to Parliamentary approval. The reduction equates to £1million for Wiltshire plus a reduction of £100k in capital grant. The announcement of the emergency budget would be on 22nd June 2010 and an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) of the Police Authority would be called as soon as possible after this date to discuss the consequences of the announcement.

Resolved: That an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Police Authority would be held as soon as possible after 22nd June 2010 to discuss the consequences of the Government's emergency budget.

9. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 11th February 2010**

Resolved: To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 11th February 2010.

10. **Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on 30th April 2010**

Resolved: 1) To amend Minute 9.3a) from overtime to "...potential to increase over time as..."

2) With the above amendment to approve and sign the minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on 30th April 2010.

11. **Outstanding Actions**

11th February 2010

6.1) A skills audit of current Authority membership would be conducted in due course.

- 14.3) Improvement Group work has taken precedence over the Custody Visiting Scheme review, but work on the review has now commenced.
- 14.5) Mr Bradburn would be invited to attend the Award Ceremony on 7th July in order for his contribution to the Custody Visiting Scheme to be formally recognised.

Resolved: To note the update provided.

12. **WPA Risk Register**

Risk 1.50 (Inability to accommodate the impact of unavoidable financial pressures): That the full Authority should be added as a Risk Owner and that the further action would be to hold an EGM of the Authority.

Risk 1.60 (Viability – can the Police Authority maintain an efficient and effective force in its current form?): To amend probability from 3 to 4 giving a total risk rating of 16, thus making this a serious (red) risk.

Resolved: To note the amendments to the Risk Register as detailed above.

13. **Conferences and Meetings Attended by Members since the Previous Meeting, and Future Conferences / Seminars**

NPIA Can You Manage It Performance Training

Mr Macpherson reported that he and the Chief Executive had recently attended this six day course which was run, and paid for, by the National Policing Improvement Agency (NPIA). The learning from this will be for the Authority to look at actual and apparent performance, and how to interpret success. Consideration ought to be given to running this in-house, in some form, for Members, Officers, and Force personnel.

Neighbourhood Policing

Mr Ford attended the above event with Mr Humphries at Gablecross, Swindon. Thirty members of the public attended, which was disappointing.

Police Federation Conference

Mr Ford reported that he attended this Conference on behalf of the Chairman. The Federation had since written to Mr Ford raising some concerns to which a response has been sent. A copy of this letter and Mr Ford's response would be sent to all Members and the Chief Constable for information.

NPIA Joining Up at the Front Line – 25th March 2010

Mrs Mortimer stated that she had attended this event which looked at the effective integration of neighbourhood policing and neighbourhood management. Case studies from areas within the UK and internationally where there had been success were reviewed. Mr Caswill expressed interest in receiving further information. The Secretariat will locate the Conference pack and disseminate the information to Members.

NPIA Workforce Development

Ms Hillyer reported that this was the re-titled Workforce Modernisation and was an unsatisfactory Conference. Discussion revolved around the Productivity Framework and how this would move ahead. There was a promise of a Policing Model to come but nothing has yet been received. Mr Caswill stated that Members needed to understand how other Authorities were managing and reacting to the current financial situation. The Chief Executive stated he would progress this with the APA and the Association of Police Authorities Chief Executives (APACE) and the Police Authorities Treasurer's Society (PATS).

ACPO / APA Conference 29th June – 1st July 2010

The Chairman reported that he would be attending this event and that if any other Member was interested in attending to let him know.

Association of Police Authorities Chief Executives (APACE) – 8th June 2010

The Chief Executive stated that it would appear the Government were intending to move ahead with elected Commissioners with the aim of introducing legislation in the forthcoming parliamentary term.

- Resolved:
- 1) *That a copy of the Police Federation letter to Mr Ford and Mr Ford's response would be circulated to all Members and the Chief Constable.*
 - 2) *That the Secretariat would obtain a copy of the Joining up at the Front Line Conference pack for dissemination to Members.*
 - 3) *That the Chief Executive would approach APA, APACE, and PATS, with regard to finding out how other Authorities were managing and reacting to the financial situation.*
 - 4) *For Members to advise the Chairman if they wished to attend the ACPO / APA Conference in June.*
 - 5) *To note the verbal reports provided.*

14. **Minutes of Meetings** The minutes of the following meetings were circulated:

<u>Meeting</u>	<u>Date (2010)</u>
Performance	27 th January 28 th April
General Purposes	2 nd February 1 st April
Professional Standards	9 th February 29 th April
Standards	3 rd March
Audit and Risk	22 nd March
Resources	24 th March
Consultation and Public Focus	19 th April
Human Resources	29 th April

- Resolved:
- 1) *To note the above minutes.*
 - 2) *To delegate authority to the Audit and Risk Committee to approve the Statement of Accounts 2009-10 at its June meeting.*

15. **Report on Force Performance 2009-10** A report on the Authority's assessment of Force performance was circulated. The Performance Committee Chairman reported as follows:

- The Authority's assessment and the Force's own assessment of performance broadly matched with the Force being excellent in five areas, and poor in one.
- The Authority wants to see sustained progress over time.
- The area graded poor was the percentage of survey respondents who say they know how to contact their Neighbourhood Policing Team. The result for last year was 50% and a target of 55% had been set for 2009-10 but the final figure was 38%. It is not known at this time the reason for the variance.

- The Authority's assessment of sickness absence was graded as excellent, although the Force graded themselves as good.
- It was anticipated that the next challenge would be for the Force to sustain current performance levels with less funding.

The following comments / observations were made by Members in response:

- Mrs Soden requested a breakdown between rural and urban of the percentage of survey respondents who say they know how to contact their Neighbourhood Policing Team.
- Mrs Stafford reported that she was concerned with the performance in respect of immediate response incidents attended and would be interested to know the breakdown of police business between rural and urban areas.

The Chief Constable responded to the Authority's comments by saying he would like to see one document in the public domain summarising the Force performance for 2009-10. He asked Members to take account of the journey the Force has been on in the last two years and that now the Force was amongst the top ten best performing Forces.

- Resolved:
- 1) *That the Secretariat would provide Mrs Soden with a rural / urban breakdown of the survey respondents who say they know how to contact their Neighbourhood Policing Team.*
 - 2) *For the Force to provide Mrs Stafford with a breakdown of police response activity between rural and urban areas.*

16. **End of Year Performance Report 2009-10** A report by the Chief Constable had been circulated. He commented that work was being done on understanding the violent crime profile in Swindon and how the crimes were being recorded.

Resolved: *To note the content of the report and the verbal update provided.*

17. **Chief Constable's Performance Report 2010-11** A report by the Chief Constable covering the period 1st April to 31st May 2010 had been circulated.

The Chief Constable reported that:

- The performance framework for the Policing Plan 2010-11 had been structured around three areas: national confidence target, policing pledge, and the five Strategic Priorities agreed with the Authority.
- The approach was more consistent and in line with how the Force are judged nationally and is also responsive to the continually changing environment.
- As only two months data was available it was felt too early in the year to report in detail on performance.

The Chief Constable also spoke about the following:

- Football World Cup
Happy to provide detail of Force plans off-line with Members. The Force were well engaged and informed on what the potential issues may be.
- Cumbria Incident
A lot of work would be done nationally on this with all Forces interested in the lessons to be learnt from the incident.

- Weapons Enabled Violence

Aggravated burglary – individual arrested for carrying a gun and a knife. Recently convicted and sentenced to seven years.

Father and son returned home and disturbed burglar. Father stabbed during the scuffle to detain suspect. Suspect sentenced to four years.

The Chief Constable had recently taken on a national lead to look into the strengthening of laws around self protection. He reported that he would look to pilot any proposed changes coming out of this review in Wiltshire.

Distraction burglary – the Chief Constable stated he was pleased to note a local Judge’s comment when sentencing an individual, “that they were one conviction away from receiving the full 14 year sentence”.

- Dan Cooper

The inquest into Pc Dan Cooper’s death is due to be held on 23rd June 2010. A commemoration ceremony has been arranged a few days later in Trowbridge which the Chairman and the Chief Constable would be attending.

- Assault on Prisoner

A Wiltshire Police Custody Sergeant was currently on trial for assaulting a prisoner whilst in custody. Although the verdict was expected to be announced later in the day, the matter was still sub judice and, therefore, no further comment could be made.

Resolved: To note the content of the Chief Constable’s report and the verbal update provided.

Mrs Soden assumed the Chair.

18. **Annual Treasury Management Report** A report by the Treasurer had been circulated. The Treasurer reported that the main issue to report was the total return on cash invested for 2009-10 was £239k which was considerably less than in previous years. The Treasurer reported that he was looking into this matter and would be submitting a report to Resources Committee in due course.

Resolved:

- 1) *To note the content of the Treasurer’s report.*
- 2) *To note the net return for 2009-10 from the investment of surplus cash of £239k.*
- 3) *To note that the Treasurer would be presenting an options paper to the next Resources Committee.*

19. **WPA Improvement Group** A report by the Chair of the Improvement Group, Ms Hillyer, had been circulated. The proposed new structure improves the dynamism of the Authority and its relationship with the Force; removes duplication (as far as possible) between Committees and Groups; recognises the value of Budget Monitoring Group, Project Monitoring Group, and Informal Performance; allows for more focus to be given to value for money; and a fuller Police Authority agenda meeting more frequently. The most important outstanding matter was how to move forward with the Consultation and Public Focus Committee and the Improvement Group’s recommendation was that a working group be established to look at this.

Mr Hoare resumed the Chair.

Members discussed the matter and the following comments / observations were noted:

- To ask the Secretariat to take account of meetings already arranged at Swindon Borough Council and Wiltshire Council when arranging meeting dates for the new Committees / Groups.
- Although the Government appeared to be pressing ahead with Directly Elected Commissioners, the Authority still needed to ensure that it met the public's needs by providing the best possible service to them.
- More opportunities to share knowledge / learning / support on an informal basis would be welcome.
- Community Engagement should not be seen as a business area and should be used to drive WPA business, hence it should be considered at full Authority meetings.
- The Working Group for CPF should include all Members as each Member has differing views of how community engagement works / is working within their own area.
- Significant organisational risks identified in moving to the new structure should be included on the WPA risk register.
- The Policy and Performance Officer post was currently vacant and the intention was to recruit as soon as possible. The Chief Executive reported that the Secretariat would look to see if other resources could be redirected more effectively to service the value for money and consultation requirements of the Authority.

The Chief Constable welcomed the opportunity to be engaged with the Authority on this and would co-operate and assist in working through the details.

Members were invited to pass their comments through to members of the Improvement Group.

- Resolved:**
- 1) *To approve the structure as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report in principle.*
 - 2) *To delegate authority to the Improvement Group to develop the structure, Terms of References for Committees and Groups, Lead Memberships and action plans, and to consult the Force on proposed changes.*
 - 3) *To approve the appointment of a Working Group to consider Community Engagement but to ensure all Members are consulted for their views.*
 - 4) *To approve the proposed changes to the Secretariat.*

20. **A Regional Approach to Standards Committee** A report by the Chief Executive had been circulated. The Chief Executive stated that the Standards Board for England had circulated a letter on 1st June 2010 advising that the Government had announced in the recent Queen's Speech that the proposed Decentralisation and Localism bill would include proposals to 'abolish the Standards Board regime'. Although the statutory framework would remain until such time as relevant legislation was passed allowing this, it was now unlikely that a regional approach to Standards Committee would be progressed.

Resolved: *To approve in principle the establishment of a Regional Standards Committee for Police Authorities but to note the verbal update provided by the Chief Executive.*

21. **Dates of Police Authority Meetings in 2010 and 2011**

2010	2011
16 th September	10 th February
2 nd December	16 th June
	22 nd September
	8 th December

22. **Urgent Items** There were no urgent items.

23. **Exclusion of the Public**

Resolved: *In accordance with Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 to exclude the public from the meeting for the business specified in Items 24-27 below because it is likely that if a member of the public were present there would be disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 3 and 4 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act.*

24. **Confidential Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on 30th April 2010**

Resolved: *To approve and sign the confidential minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on 30th April 2010.*

25. **Confidential Minutes of Meetings** The confidential minutes of the following meetings were circulated:

<u>Meeting</u>	<u>Date (2010)</u>
Resources	24 th March
General Purposes	1 st April
Human Resources	29 th April

Resolved: *To note the above confidential minutes.*

26. **Salary Scale Benchmarking for Police Staff** A confidential report by the Chief Constable had been circulated.

The Chief Executive reminded Members that the Secretariat and Police Staff had an interest in this matter and that Members' Allowances were linked to the pay award given to Police Staff. However, as all Members had an equal interest in this matter there was no impediment to the debate.

Members discussed the matter, including whether a decision on this should be delayed until after the emergency budget was announced on 22nd June 2010. Members were also anxious that Police Staff were not seen to be treated unfairly given that the Police Officer pay award would still proceed. This is a decision taken by the Government and not something the Authority could influence.

Members determined that an extraordinary meeting of WPA would be convened as soon as possible after the budget announcement and that the decision would be subject to what was contained in the Budget.

The Chief Constable advised Members that there was insufficient budget to make the pay award. Mr Sample proposed that the matter be deferred for discussion until after the 22nd June 2010. A vote was taken and 5 were in favour and 9 against. The motion fell.

Mr Bluh moved the recommendation that no pay award be given to Police Staff in September 2010. This was seconded by Mr Humphries. A vote was taken and 11 were in favour and 3 against. The motion was carried.

Following on from this matter, Mrs Stafford asked whether the Authority should continue with its recruitment of a second Assistant Chief Constable. The matter was discussed by Members and the views of the Chief Constable sought.

Mr Sample proposed that the Authority proceed with the recruitment of a second Assistant Chief Constable. This was seconded by Mr Humphries. A vote was taken and 9 were in favour and 2 against.

- Resolved:
- 1) *That an extraordinary meeting of WPA be convened as soon as possible to consider the emergency budget on 22nd June 2010.*
 - 2) *That, pending the outcome of the extraordinary meeting no pay award would be given to Police Staff in September 2010.*
 - 3) *The Authority would proceed with the appointment of a second Assistant Chief Constable.*

27. **Major Investigation Team and Special Branch Section 23 Agreement** A report by the Chief Executive had been circulated.

- Resolved: *To approve the Heads of Terms as contained in Appendix 1 of the report for the proposed Major Investigation, Special Branch, and Serious and Organised Crime collaborations.*

(Duration of Meeting: 10.30am to 2.05pm)

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WILTSHIRE COUNCIL – July 2010 REPORT BY CAROLE SODEN

WILTSHIRE POLICE PERFORMANCE – COUNTY DIVISION

Good performance in reducing crime and securing detections has been maintained by Wiltshire's County Division.

Crime is down 14%. Whilst there has been an 11% fall in the number of detections, a detection rate of 29.1% has been achieved. It is in the top quartile for key crime categories in comparison to the 15 most similar policing divisions. Performance data for the twelve months to May 2010 are given below.

The Division is keeping the level of violent crime comparatively low, currently in 3rd place, and is in 2nd place for violent crime detections. In respect of serious acquisitive crime, which includes burglary of dwellings, vehicle crime and robbery, County Division compare favourably its most similar Basic Command Units and is ranked 2nd. During the twelve months May 2009 to April 2010 there has been a 14% reduction in criminal damage. However, in the same period there has been a 2% (55 crimes) increase in serious acquisitive crime category.

There are some areas where performance can be improved and where the County Division is giving priority. In respect of dwelling burglaries there has been a series of these in West Wiltshire.

Crime Types	Similar Areas (out of 15)	Comparison: May 09 - April 2010 to same period 08/09
All Crime	1st (1 st)	-5% (1,183 fewer crimes)
Overall Sanction Detections	4th (1 st)	-11% (834 fewer detections)
Violent Crime	3rd (2 nd)	+ 2% (Up 110 crimes)
Violent Crime Detections	2nd (1 st)	-5% (118 fewer detections)
Serious Acquisitive Crime	2nd (1 st)	+2% (55 more crimes)
Serious Acquisitive Crime Detections	1st	+14% (67 more detections)
Criminal Damage	3 rd (3 rd)	-14% (837 fewer crimes)

User Satisfaction (Victims of Crime)

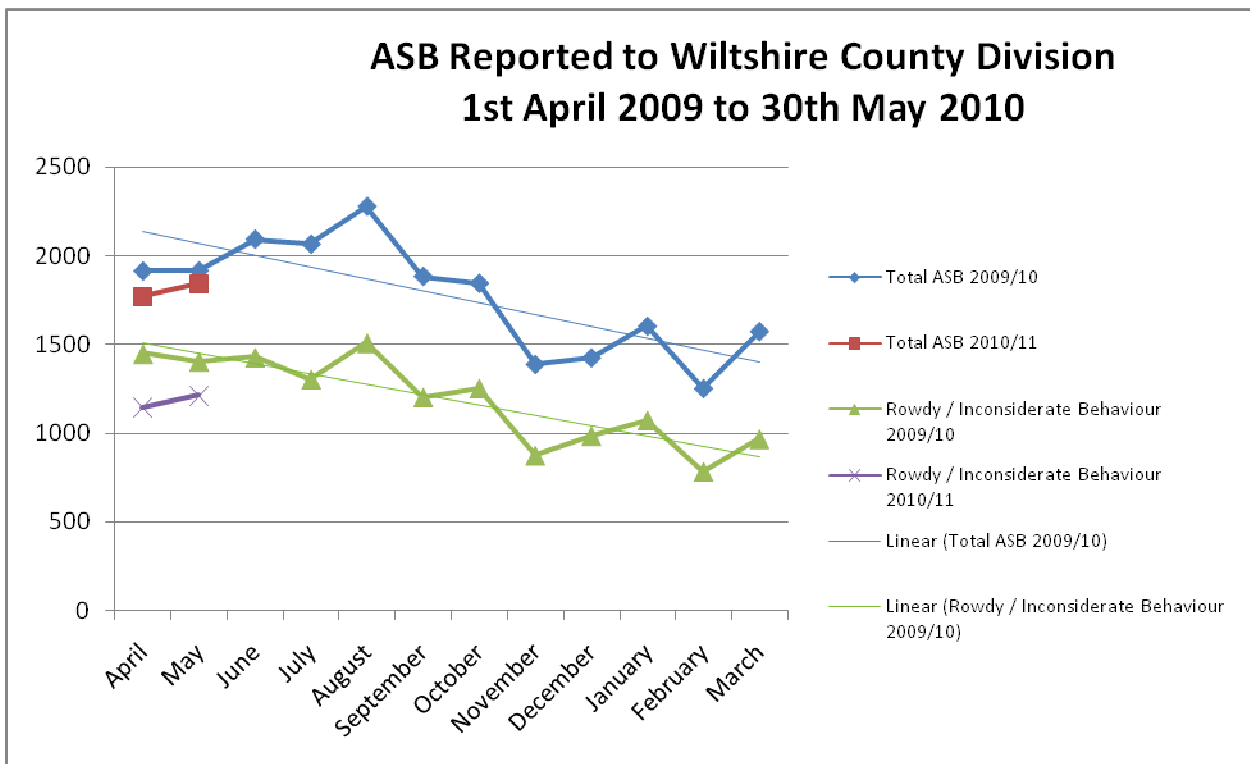
Comparison with Most Similar BCU's (MSBCU): 12 months ending 31st December 2009			
Measure	Wiltshire % Satisfied	MSBCU Av. % Satisfied.	Wiltshire County BCU Position (Out of 15)
SPI 1.1 Overall experience of the Police	84.9%	85.7%	Down from 9th to 10th

Neighbourhood Policing Team Abstraction Rates

Wiltshire Police Authority set a target of a minimum of 80% for the time spent by NPT staff on their respective areas. County Division has consistently achieved this target since April 2009.

Anti-Social Behaviour Incidents Reported to the Police

The level of antisocial behaviour reported to Wiltshire County Division fell during the year 2009/10 and the monthly figures are given in the graph overleaf. So far this year the monthly figures are below those of April and May 2009.



Appointment of Assistant Chief Constable (ACC)

In my last report, I reported that the Authority was advertising for a second ACC. Wiltshire initially had five applicants for this post but this was reduced to three when two were successful elsewhere. Three candidates were shortlisted, but shortly afterwards Chief Superintendent Julian Kirby withdrew following his appointment as ACC to South Wales Police. WPA was not prepared to proceed with the recruitment process with only two applicants.

Revenue Shortfall

On 27th May 2010, the Policing Minister, Nick Herbert, wrote to all Police Authority Chairmen advising them of the Home Office's requirement to save £125m from the policing budget during this financial year. As a result of this, the Police Grant to WPA has been reduced by £1m. An Extraordinary meeting of the Authority is due to be held on 21st July 2010 at which the implications of the emergency budget will be discussed.

Police Authority Meetings

An extra-ordinary meeting of the Police Authority will be held on 21st July 2010 to discuss the implications of the emergency budget.

16th September 2010

2nd December 2010

Carole Soden
Vice-Chairman
Wiltshire Police Authority

**MINUTES of a MEETING of the WILTSHIRE & SWINDON FIRE AUTHORITY
held at the WILTSHIRE FRS TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT CENTRE, DEVIZES
on WEDNESDAY 26 MAY 2010**

Present : Cllr M Bawden, Cllr P Brown, Cllr P Davis, Cllr Mrs M Groom,
Cllr Brigadier R Hall, Cllr H Marshall, Cllr N Martin, Cllr D Montaut,
Cllr C Newbury, Cllr J Osborn, Cllr D Wren.

16 Membership

The Clerk reported that the constituent authorities had appointed the following to be members of the Authority for the ensuing year :

Swindon Borough Council :

Cllr M Bawden, Cllr N Martin, Cllr D Montaut, Cllr D Wren.

Wiltshire Council :

Cllr P Brown, Cllr P Davis, Cllr C Devine, Cllr Mrs M Groom, Cllr Brigadier R Hall,
Cllr H Marshall, Cllr C Newbury, Cllr J Osborn, Cllr G Payne.

17 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr C Devine and Cllr G Payne.

18 Election of Chairman

This item was conducted by the Clerk, Cllr Brigadier R Hall having relinquished the chair prior to the meeting. Members agreed to suspend Standing Order 5.2 for this item of business to avoid the need for a secret ballot for the election of Chairman.

Cllr Brigadier R Hall was elected Chairman for the ensuing year and took the chair for the remainder of the meeting.

19 Election of Vice Chairman

Members agreed to suspend Standing Order 5.2 for this item of business to avoid the need for a secret ballot for the election of Vice Chairman.

Cllr D Wren was elected Vice Chairman for the ensuing year.

20 Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 February 2010 were confirmed and signed.

21 Members' Interests

Cllrs Brigadier Hall and Wren each declared a personal interest in the business discussed under Minute No.30 by reason of their positions as Alternate Director and Director respectively of South West Fire Control Ltd. The Clerk to the Authority also declared an interest in the same item of business because of his position as Company Secretary of the Company, and in the business under Minute No.31 because the subject matter concerned the contractual arrangements for the services of a Clerk.

22 Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman welcomed the re-appointed members of the Authority.

Cllr Brigadier Hall reminded members of the recent sad deaths of firefighters Alan Bannon and James Shears from Hampshire FRS. Members observed a minute's silence as a mark of respect. The Chairman commended the staff from Green Watch at Swindon who had walked 70 miles from Swindon to Southampton 28/29 April to raise money for a fund in memory of the two firefighters. He said he would send a letter of appreciation to Green Watch on members' behalf.

The Chairman reported on the visit from Sir Ken Knight, the then Government's Chief Fire and Rescue Adviser who had subsequently written expressing his appreciation.

Cllr Brigadier Hall commended Station Manager Dan Cooke for his professional and profoundly thought provoking presentation on his experiences as a member of RAPID-UK and in particular his experiences in the aftermath of the Haitian earthquake. A number of Members had attended the presentation.

The Chairman reported on his recent visit to the Fire Service College. He also reminded Members of the forthcoming Equality & Diversity Training on 9 June 2010.

23 Programme & Scrutiny Board

A report of the meeting of the Board held on 22 April 2010 was received. Arising from the report, discussion took place on (i) the work of the task and finish groups, (ii) the future of the Fire Control project in the light of the change of Government, and (iii) the Audit Commission's intention to focus on the themes of road safety and climate change in this year's audit programme. Regarding the latter, it was agreed to invite all members to the meeting of the Programme & Scrutiny Board at which the audit report would be considered.

24 Strategic Documents

- (1) Asset Management
- (2) Procurement
- (3) ICT

These three documents were considered by members, having previously been recommended for approval by the Finance & Resources Workstream and the Programme & Scrutiny Board.

Resolved:

- (a) *To request members to forward any detailed comments on the documents to the Chief Fire Officer not later than 7 June.*
- (b) *To authorise the Chief Fire Officer in consultation with the Chairman to approve the final text of the documents in the light of (i) minor editorial corrections and (ii) any comments received from members.*
- (c) *Subject to (a) and (b) above, to approve these three strategies.*

25 Finance Review & Audit Committee

The minutes of the meeting of the Finance Review & Audit Committee held on 23 March 2010 were received.

26 Protection, Prevention and Intervention

A short visual presentation was made.

27 Standards Committee

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 2 March 2010 were received.

28 Membership of Committees and Representations on Other Bodies, etc.

On considering a paper by the Clerk,

Resolved :

To approve the nomination of members to the positions, and the appointment of members to the committees and other bodies, as set out in the table appended to these minutes for the ensuing year, i.e. until the annual meeting of the Authority in 2011.

29 Regional Management Board

The minutes of meetings of the Regional Management Board held on 28 January and 22 March 2010 were received.

30 South West Fire Control Limited

Summaries of the discussion and decisions at meetings of the Board of Directors of South West Fire Control Limited held on 5 February and 9 April 2010 were received.

31 Staffing Committee

A summary of the minutes of the meeting of the Staffing Committee held on 11 February 2010 was received.

(Duration of meeting 10.30 a.m. to 11.45 a.m.)

**WILTSHIRE AND SWINDON FIRE AUTHORITY
APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES, OUTSIDE BODIES, ETC
2 0 10 / 11**

Committee/body	No of places	Allocation of places where rules on political proportionality apply	Member(s) or representatives	Deputies where permitted
Regional Management Board	1	n/a	Councillor Brigadier R Hall	Councillor D Wren
Finance Review Committee	5	Conservatives – 3 Liberal Democrat – 1 Other -1	Councillor M Bawden Councillor C Devine Councillor N Martin Councillor J Osborn Councillor C Newbury	n/a
Urgency Committee	5	Conservatives – 3 Liberal Democrat – 1 Other -1	Councillor Brigadier R Hall Councillor D Wren Councillor P Davis Councillor H R Marshall Councillor D Montaut	n/a
Standards Committee (Chairman : Mr D Barker)	3 + 3 lay	n/a	Councillor P Brown Councillor H R Marshall Councillor D Montaut Mr D Barker) Mr D Inight) lay members Mr R McMillan)	n/a
Staffing Committee	3	n/a	Councillor P Davis Councillor J Osborn Councillor D Wren	n/a
Programme & Scrutiny Board	4	n/a	Councillor M Bawden Councillor Brigadier R Hall Councillor D Wren Councillor J Osborn	n/a

LGA General Assembly	4	n/a	Councillor Brigadier R Hall Councillor D Wren Councillor H R Marshall Councillor C Newbury	Reserve: Councillor M Bawden
LGA Fire Forum	1	n/a	Councillor Brigadier R Hall	Councillor D Wren
Rural Commission	2	n/a	Councillor P A Brown Councillor Mrs M Groom	None
South West Councils	1	n/a	Councillor Brigadier R Hall	Councillor D Wren
South West Provincial Council	1	n/a	Councillor D Wren	Councillor P A Brown
Wiltshire Assembly	1	n/a	Councillor H R Marshall	Councillor G Payne
Wiltshire Public Service Board	1	n/a	Councillor Brigadier R Hall	Councillor D Wren
South West Fire Control Limited	1	n/a	Councillor D Wren	Councillor Brigadier R Hall

**Pool of members
for Appeal Committee**

Cllr M Bawden
Cllr P Davis
Cllr C Devine
Cllr H R Marshall
Cllr C Newbury
Cllr G Payne

Programme & Scrutiny Board Workstreams

<u>Workstream</u>	<u>Lead</u>	<u>Deputy Lead(s)</u>
HR, Learning & Development	Cllr P Davis	Cllr P A Brown & Cllr C Newbury
Service Delivery	Cllr H R Marshall	Cllr G Payne & Cllr Mrs M Groom
Finance & Resources	Cllr C Devine	Cllr N Martin & Cllr M Bawden
Performance & Risk	Cllr D Montaut	Cllr J Osborn

Member Champions
Equality & Diversity
Climate Change/Carbon

Cllr P Davis
Cllr Mrs M Groom

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Wiltshire Council

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Notice of Motion No. 11
Opting Out Arrangements For Schools

From Councillor Jeff Osborn, Trowbridge Grove Division
and Councillor Helen Osborn, Trowbridge Lambrook Division

'This Council views with alarm moves to encourage Wiltshire primary and secondary schools to opt out of their formal relationship with this local education authority (LEA).

The outcome of such a move is likely to result in a "creaming off" of well performing schools, leaving the LEA with a greater proportion of underperforming schools. Also it is unclear as to whether these opted out schools will take full responsibility for Special Educational Needs pupils.

A further consequence will be that the LEA will lose its critical mass to provide the full range of viable support services.

Already in this current year Wiltshire Council's Children Services is to have its budget cut by £2.1 million. Added to this is the certainty that Wiltshire Council funds from central government will be cut by at least 25% over the next four years. This must severely impact on local – non opted out – educational provision.

Also it seems that much of the funding for these opted out schools – Academies and Free Schools – will come from the curtailing of the Building Schools for the Future programme. This, in turn, will mean that few, if any, remaining LEA schools will be rebuilt.

This Council therefore resolves to:

communicate the consequences of the opting out of Academies and Free Schools to the people of Wiltshire so that they can better understand what is going on'.

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13 July 2010

Notice of Motion No. 12
Political Reform and Freedom bill

From Councillor Jon Hubbard, Melksham South division and Councillor
Peter Colmer, Cricklade and Latton Division

‘That:

Council notes:

The new Government's commitment for much needed political reform and the restoration of our civil liberties.

Council welcomes:

The proposal to bring in a proportionally elected second chamber ensuring that all Wiltshire residents have a full and proper say in who represents them;
Proposals to regulate party funding increasing transparency to Wiltshire residents of how their political parties operate;
The proposal to hold a referendum to give people a chance to vote to end First Past the Post elections for Local Authorities, such as Wiltshire Council, and the House of Commons;

Council also welcomes the introduction of the Freedom Bill, which will enhance the lives of Wiltshire residents by:

Scrapping the illiberal ID cards scheme;
Bringing to an end to the fingerprinting of children in schools without their parent's consent;
Introducing better regulation of CCTV cameras;
Placing significant restrictions on the DNA database;
and restoring the right to protest.

Council resolves to write to Wiltshire's MPs asking for their support in Parliament when these bills are heard

To write to the Deputy Prime Minister giving this council's support to the proposed bills'.

Supporting information on the Freedom Bill attached

Queen’s Speech – Freedom (Great Repeal) Bill

“Legislation will be brought forward to restore freedoms and civil liberties through the abolition of identity cards and repeal of unnecessary laws.”

A Freedom or Great Repeal Bill would address concerns around what has been described as a tidal wave of criminal justice legislation in recent years. It also provides an opportunity to strengthen the accountability of bodies receiving public funding in light of lessons learnt so far from the operation of the Freedom of Information Act.

The purpose of the Bill is to:

Roll back the State, reducing the weight of government imposition on citizens that has increased in recent years through legislation and centralised programmes.

The main benefits of the Bill would be:

The exact content of the Bill will be announced in due course and could cover a range of benefits, including:

- Restoring freedoms and civil liberties.
- Providing for greater accountability of the State to citizens.
- Reducing the burden of Government intrusion into the lives of individuals, by repealing unnecessary criminal laws.
- Strengthening the accountability of bodies receiving public funding in light of lessons learnt so far from the operation of the Freedom of Information Act.
- Introducing new legislation to restrict the scope of the DNA database and to give added protection to innocent people whose samples have been stored.
- Allowing members of the public to protest peacefully without fear of being criminalised.
- Ensuring anti-terrorism legislation strikes the right balance between protecting the public, strengthening social cohesion and protecting civil liberties.
- Protecting privacy by introducing new legislation to regulate the use of CCTV.
- Ensuring the storage of internet and email records is only done when there is good reason to do so.

The main elements of the Bill are:

The exact content of the Bill will be announced in due course and could cover a range of policies, including:

- The extension of the scope of the Freedom of Information Act to provide greater transparency.
- The protection of historic freedoms through the defence of trial by jury.
- The reform of libel laws to protect freedom of speech.
- The repeal of unnecessary criminal offences.
- Adopting the protections of the Scottish model for the DNA database.
- The restoration of rights to non-violent protest.
- Safeguards against the misuse of anti-terrorism legislation.
- Further regulation of CCTV.
- Ending of storage of internet and email records without good reason.

Source: www.number10.gov.uk

'The official site of the Prime Minister's Office'

25 May 2010

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Wiltshire Council

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13 July 2010

**Warminster Town - Alcohol Consumption in
Designated Public Places Order (DPPO)**

Summary

Warminster Area Board has recommended that the Council make a Designated Public Place Order (DPPO) in respect of a prescribed area of Warminster Town.

A DPPO gives the police the power to ask persons who are behaving or likely to behave in an alcohol induced anti-social manner within the area, to stop drinking and hand over any alcohol in their possession. Refusal is an offence, which may result in arrest and a fine.

The Area Board report is attached and provides the full background to the process including the consultation findings, which have found in favour of the order.

Proposal

That Wiltshire Council makes a Designated Public Place Order under section 13 of the Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001 in respect of the land described in the attached map in the town of Warminster.

Reason for Proposal

A working group has been addressing alcohol related anti-social behaviour in Warminster. An action plan was developed to respond to each of the issues identified. With the evidence of almost 400 hundred alcohol related incidents in six months it was felt necessary to investigate the implementation of a DPPO and a consultation was initiated. At the meeting of 24 June 2010 the Warminster Area Board considered the consultation findings, implications of the order being granted, benefits and potential drawbacks and agreed to support the recommendation that the full DPPO be made.

Maggie Rae
Joint Director of Public Health

13 July 2010

**Warminster Town - Alcohol Consumption in
Designated Public Places Order (DPPO)**

Purpose of Report

1. This report requests the Council to make a Designated Public Place Order in respect of prescribed areas of Warminster Town.

Background

2. Power has been given to local authorities in England and Wales to introduce Designated Public Place Orders (DPPOs), the provisions of which are contained in section 13 of the Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001 and section 26 of the Violent Crime Reduction Act 2006. In Wiltshire the local authority is Wiltshire Council.

3. A DPPO gives the police the power to ask persons who are over 18 and who are behaving or likely to behave in an alcohol induced anti-social manner within a defined area, to stop drinking and hand over any alcohol in their possession. Refusal is an offence, which may result in arrest and a fine.

4. A due process has considered a DPPO for Warminster Town and found in favour of an order being made.

5. Following a review of the process and results of the consultation by the Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing, the Service Director for Public Protection, the Warminster Community Area Manager and Legal Services it was considered that the Full Council should consider and if appropriate by order specify the prescribed areas as a designated public place under section 13 of the Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001.

Main Considerations for the Council

6. Following the gathering of evidence of alcohol related anti-social behaviour, crime and disorder in Warminster, a report was submitted and a presentation given to the Warminster Area Board on the 4 March 2010 explaining the scope and powers within a DPPO and setting out the case for initiating a DPPO process. The Area Board supported the proposal. In accordance with requirements of the legislation, wide ranging consultation was carried out which found in favour of the order.

7. At the meeting of 24 June 2010 the Warminster Area Board considered the consultation findings, implications of the order being granted, benefits and

potential drawbacks. The Board agreed to support the recommendation that the full DPPO be made.

8. The full Area Board report and all appendices is attached and sets out the evidence base, the consultees and consultation findings, the boundaries of the DPPO area proposed and the financial costs.

Environmental and climate change considerations

9. The designated area will be identified by signs mounted on lighting columns at the perimeter of the area and at appropriate intervals within. Locations will be agreed with Wiltshire Council Department of Neighbourhood and Planning. There are no implications for climate change.

Equalities Impact of the Proposal

10. The DDPO is an order enabled by the Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001 and the Violent Crime Reduction Act 2006 both of which comply with equalities frameworks.

Risk Assessment

11. The DPPO empowers local police officers to tackle individuals who are behaving or likely to behave in an alcohol induced anti-social manner within a defined area, to stop drinking and hand over any alcohol in their possession. Without this power the police are restricted in their ability to deal with this type of behaviour.

12. There is a small risk of challenge to the Council with regard to the DPPO either by individuals or groups opposed to the restriction of personal freedoms; or by individuals to the police when requested to stop drinking.

13. Consultation has found in favour of the DPPO locally, and the order has been recommended by the Warminster Area Board. If the council does not make the order there is a risk to the credibility of local decision making.

Financial Implications

14. The financial implications are set out in Appendix F of the Area Board report. There are no ongoing financial implications for the Council.

Legal Implications

15. Before making such an order the Council must be satisfied that nuisance or annoyance to members of the public or a section of the public or disorder has been associated with the consumption of alcohol in the area specified to justify the Order. The full evidence is set out in the Area Board report.

16. If the order is made it must be advertised in the local press, signs installed and Secretary of State notified. The order will then take effect.

Options Considered

17. The DPPO is one of a range of measures in place to address alcohol related crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour in Warminster Town.

Conclusions

18. The national guidance recommends a swift process. If a significant amount of time has elapsed since the first consultation and the granting of the order it is advised to go back to the initial results of the consultation and review whether the process needs to be revisited.

19. For this reason this report is being brought to Full Council at the earliest opportunity.

Report Author: Pippa McVeigh, Head of Crime Reduction, Safer Communities Team, Public Protection Service

Date of report 24 June 2010

Background Papers

Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001

Violent Crime Reduction Act 2006

Guidance on Designated Public Place Orders (DPPO) Home Office November 2009

The following unpublished documents have been relied on in the preparation of this report:

Warminster Alcohol Working Group notes

Warminster Alcohol Working Group Action Plan

Appendices

The Appendices form part of the Area Board report attached and include:

Appendix A list of consultees

Appendix B consultation signs and boards

Appendix C consultation results

Appendix D survey

Appendix E proposed DPPO boundary

Appendix F estimate of costs

Additional Information:

Appendix G – Schedule of Alcohol Related Incidents (Warminster Town Centre)

Warminster DPPO Consultation

1.0 Background

Following a perceived rise of alcohol fuelled Anti Social Behaviour in Warminster, a working group was convened by the Community Safety Team involving a range of partners to investigate the concerns.

The first task of the working group was to establish what the actual problem was. Wiltshire Police and Warminster Town Council provided recorded incident data for the previous six months (August 2009-January 2010). Although there were a number of underage alcohol related incidents, there was also a significant number of adult alcohol related incidents.

An action plan was developed to respond to each of the issues identified. To tackle the issue of underage drinking street based youth work and Police patrols were increased. A small number of individuals were referred to the Anti Social Behaviour Panel. Licensing and Trading Standards representatives spoke with licensed premises to ensure all on and off licensees knew their responsibilities regarding the sale of alcohol.

The response to adult alcohol related issues included supporting the churches in their bid to establish a street pastor scheme. Additionally, with the evidence of almost 400 recorded alcohol related incidents it was felt necessary to investigate the possibility of implementing a Designated Public Place Order (DPPO).

A report was submitted and presentation given to the Warminster Area Board on the 4th March 2010 explaining the scope and powers within a DPPO and setting out the case for initiating a DPPO process. The Area Board supported the proposal. The first stage was to carry out, in accordance with requirements of the legislation, wide ranging consultation, the results of which are presented within this document.

2.0 What is a DPPO?

A DPPO gives the police the power to ask persons who are behaving or likely to behave in an alcohol induced anti-social manner within a defined area, to stop drinking and hand over any alcohol in their possession. Refusal is an offence, which may result in arrest and a fine.

3.0 Consultation – Legal Requirements (Guidance on DPPOs: For Local Authorities in England and Wales 2007)

The consultation process should consult:

- the parish or community council covering all or part of the public place to be designated;
- any premises licence holder, club premises certificate holder or premises user (as appropriate)
- the owners or occupiers of the land proposed to be designated. Where residential areas are proposed to be included in the DPPO area, you should endeavour to consult with residents of those areas.

A map of the proposed area can be found in Appendix E.

4.0 Consultation Process - Warminster

The consultation period ran from Thursday 29th April – Thursday 27th May 2010. Within this time the following consultation took place:

- A legal notice was placed in the Warminster Journal on Thursday 29th April 2010.
- Approximately 70 notices were placed upon lampposts within the proposed designated area.
- Letters were sent too 46 licensed premises, 60 private businesses, the Army, Police and Town Council (a full list of which can be found in appendix A)

All of the above directed the consultees and all members of the public within the proposed area to the following to gain their views:

- Display boards and surveys were located in:
 - Warminster Library
 - Dewey House, Warminster Town Council
 - Bradley Road, Trowbridge, Wiltshire Council Offices
 - County Hall, Trowbridge, Wiltshire Council Offices
- All information including the map, road names, electronic survey was available for viewing at www.wiltshire.gov.uk
- A public drop in on Tuesday 11th May 1800hrs-2000hrs at Dewey House, Warminster Town Council where the lead officer and Police were available to answer questions and gain views.

Photos of public consultation signs and of the presentation board can be found in Appendix B

5.0 Results

Within the whole consultation process 13 surveys were completed, of these all of the respondents supported the proposed DPPO. Respondents' status within Warminster was as follows (please note more than one box could be ticked):

Resident in	13
Employed in	7
License Holder	4
Represent an Organisation	4

No respondents envisaged any drawbacks. A common theme was that it would generally improve behaviour and reduce litter i.e. bottles and cans.

A number of the surveys mentioned behaviour that was detailed in the evidence provided by the Police and CCTV. It should be noted that some of the behaviour mentioned would not be prevented by a DPPO such as people being loud on their way home after they have been drinking alcohol.

The full results can be found in Appendix C and a copy of the survey from which these results are collated is available in Appendix D.

6.0 Conclusion

The consultation was thorough and wide ranging in its method and surpassed the minimal requirements. Although only 13 questionnaires were completed this is a relatively good response when compared to the 5 that were analysed for the Trowbridge DPPO in 2008.

The surveys raised some further points which will be passed on to the appropriate departments to follow up.

The overall result of the consultation was that all respondents supported the implementation of a DPPO.

No objections were received throughout a very comprehensive consultation.

7.0 Role of Area board

At the Area Board meeting held on 4th March 2010 the board endorsed the recommendation for the working group to begin the process towards implementing the DPPO. The Area Board now needs to consider the findings, implications of the order being granted, benefits and potential drawbacks and consider whether to support the recommendation that the full DPPO be pursued.

7.1 Financial Implications

To date the majority of the cost has been absorbed by the Community Safety Team, Police and Warminster Town Council in kind through officer time. However, should the order be granted, signs will need to be designed, produced and installed. The cost of this is estimated to be no more £1,500. It is expected that the majority of these costs will be met at a local level through the Area Board and Warminster Town Council. A summary of the costs can be found in Appendix F

7.2 Enforcement

The Police are committed to the DPPO process and have assisted in presenting evidence, drawing up the boundaries and supported the consultation process. The Police are in full support of the order and are aware of the need to properly enforce this.

8.0 Next Steps

If the Area Board supports the recommendation to proceed to a full order, a draft will go to full council to be granted. The next step is for the order to be again advertised in local press, signs installed and Secretary of State notified. The order will then become live.

The national guidance recommends a swift process. If a significant amount of time has elapsed since the first consultation and the granting of the order it is advised to go back to the initial results of the consultation and review whether the process needs to be revisited. For this reason if the Area Board endorses the recommendation, steps will be taken to take the draft order to full council at the earliest opportunity.

9.0 Recommendation

- 1) That Warminster Area Board notes the findings of the DPPO Consultation and the implications of granting the order.**
- 2) Supports the pursuit of the full DPPO order by Wiltshire Council.**

Appendix A – List of Consultees

Category	Organisation/ Business	Category	Organisation/ Business
Police	Police	Private Business	Peacocks
Town Council	Warminster Town Council	Private Business	Superdrug
Army	Warminster Garrison	Private Business	W H Smith
Army	3rd Battalion The Yorkshire Regiment	Private Business	Thomas Cook
Licensed Premises	Warminster Bowling Club	Private Business	CM3
Licensed Premises	Newmarket	Private Business	Julian Graves
Licensed Premises	Ref. Yew Tree Inn Warminster	Private Business	Thorntons
Licensed Premises	Snooty Fox	Private Business	Stead & Simpson
Licensed Premises	Cornmarket Café	Private Business	G&B Griffin
Licensed Premises	Fox & Hounds Inn	Private Business	Boots
Licensed Premises	Ref. Bell & Crown Warminster	Private Business	JAG
Licensed Premises	Ref. Esso Petroleum Warminster	Private Business	Dorothy Perkins
Licensed Premises	Agra Indian Restaurant	Private Business	Batchelors
Licensed Premises	Ref. Masons Arms Warminster	Private Business	Café Mortons
Licensed Premises	Thai Rice Restaurant	Private Business	Travel Angels
Licensed Premises	Ref. Rose & Crown Warminster	Private Business	Capelli
Licensed Premises	Great Wall Chinese Restaurant	Charity	British Heart Foundation
Licensed Premises	The Weymouth Arms	Private Business	Journal Shop
Licensed Premises	White Hart	Private Business	Currys
Licensed Premises	Paprika Restaurant	Private Business	Edinburgh Woollen
Licensed Premises	Hunters Moon	Private Business	Town Pets
Licensed Premises	Le Café Journal	Private Business	Hallmark
Licensed Premises	The Athenaeum Centre	Private Business	Serendipity
Licensed Premises	Jaqueline's	Private Business	Hains & Smith
Licensed Premises	The Organ Inn	Private Business	Raves
Licensed Premises	Ref. One Stop Warminster	Private Business	Burtons pet foods
Licensed Premises	Ref. The Ivory Rooms Warminster	Private Business	Warminster Framing
Licensed Premises	Ref. The Bath Arms Warminster	Private Business	Car Mart
Licensed Premises	Ref. The Old Bell Warminster	Private Business	Subway
Licensed Premises	Bargain Booze	Private Business	Twist
Licensed Premises	Ref. The Anchor Hotel Warminster	Private Business	Warminster Jeweller
Licensed Premises	Ref. Co-Op Warminster	Private Business	Banana Blues
Licensed Premises	Warminster Masonic Club	Private Business	Johnsons
Licensed Premises	The Nags Head	Private Business	The Game Exchange
Licensed Premises	Warminster & District Conservative Club	Private Business	Alworths
Licensed Premises	Ref. Spar Warminster	Private Business	Carpets Rugs Flooring
Licensed Premises	Dewey House	Private Business	The Factory Shop
Licensed Premises	Warminster Cricket Club	Private Business	Fancy Dress Shop
Licensed Premises	Farmers Hotel	Private Business	Upper & Clothing
Licensed Premises	Obelisk Post Office & News	Private Business	The Co-op pharmacy
Licensed Premises	Ref. Lidl Warminster	Private Business	The One Stop Office Shop
Licensed Premises	Prestbury Sports Bar	Private Business	Pampered Pets
Licensed Premises	reF. Tesco Warminster Express	Private Business	Warm wishes
Licensed Premises	The Wessex Club	Charity	Help the Aged
Licensed Premises	Ref. Iceland Warminster	Private Business	Hipp pot and Mouse

Licensed Premises	West Parade Stores	Private Business	The Cornflower floral design
Licensed Premises	Ref. The Cock Inn Warminster	Private Business	M&Co
Licensed Premises	Ref. Morrisons Warminster	Private Business	Corn Market Café Bistro
Licensed Premises	Ref. The John Barlycorn Warminster	Private Business	Lindsays Linens
Licensed Premises	Warminster Town Football Club	Private Business	Iceland
Charity	Dorothy House	Private Business	Insport
Private Business	Mad about Toys	Private Business	The George Café
Private Business	Gregs	Private Business	Intek Communications
Private Business	Stokes	Charity	British Red Cross
Private Business	Barber Shop Trio		

Appendix C – Results

Key or common responses to the survey questions are summarised below:

Question 2) What do you see as the benefits or drawbacks of this proposal?

“Less Rubbish, less bad language, better atmosphere around the town”

“Enable Police to confiscate – stop ASB in park (esp broken glass smashed everywhere + and bottles in lake”

“...stop the anti-social behaviour and drunken behaviour which has become the norm on fri and sat nights”.

“There are no drawbacks...”

“Anything that prevents anti social behaviour and crime can only be a benefit to the town”.

Question 3) What experience and/or evidence do you have of anti social behaviour or crime caused by alcohol in the proposed area?

“The damage to public and business property has escalated in some areas of the town and the Councillors would wish to see all necessary action taken to prevent these events to enable the public of the town to go about their business without fear”.

“I have had shop windows broken in the past...”

“Drink cans, bottles left on windowsills of properties and businesses and NatWest ATM”.

“Plenty of arguments, rowdiness and misbehaviour outside our premises, sometimes up to 3:00am in the morning...”

Question 4) If you object to these proposals, do you have any other suggestions of how to resolve the problem of alcohol related anti-social behaviour?

This question did not raise any objections to the proposal.

Question 5) Do you have any other comments you would like to make?

This question did not raise any new points. Some respondents used this section to discuss some personal issues of where they live etc and these comments will be considered by the working group in case an increase in policing patrols is required.

Warminster Designated Public Place (DPPO) proposal Questionnaire

Q1. Do you agree with the proposal?

Yes No

Q2. What do you see as the benefits or drawbacks of this proposal?

Q3. What experience and/or evidence do you have of anti-social behaviour or crime caused by alcohol in the proposed DPPO area?

Q4. If you object to these proposals, do you have any other suggestions of how to resolve the problem of alcohol related anti-social behaviour?

Q5. Do you have any other comments you would like to make?

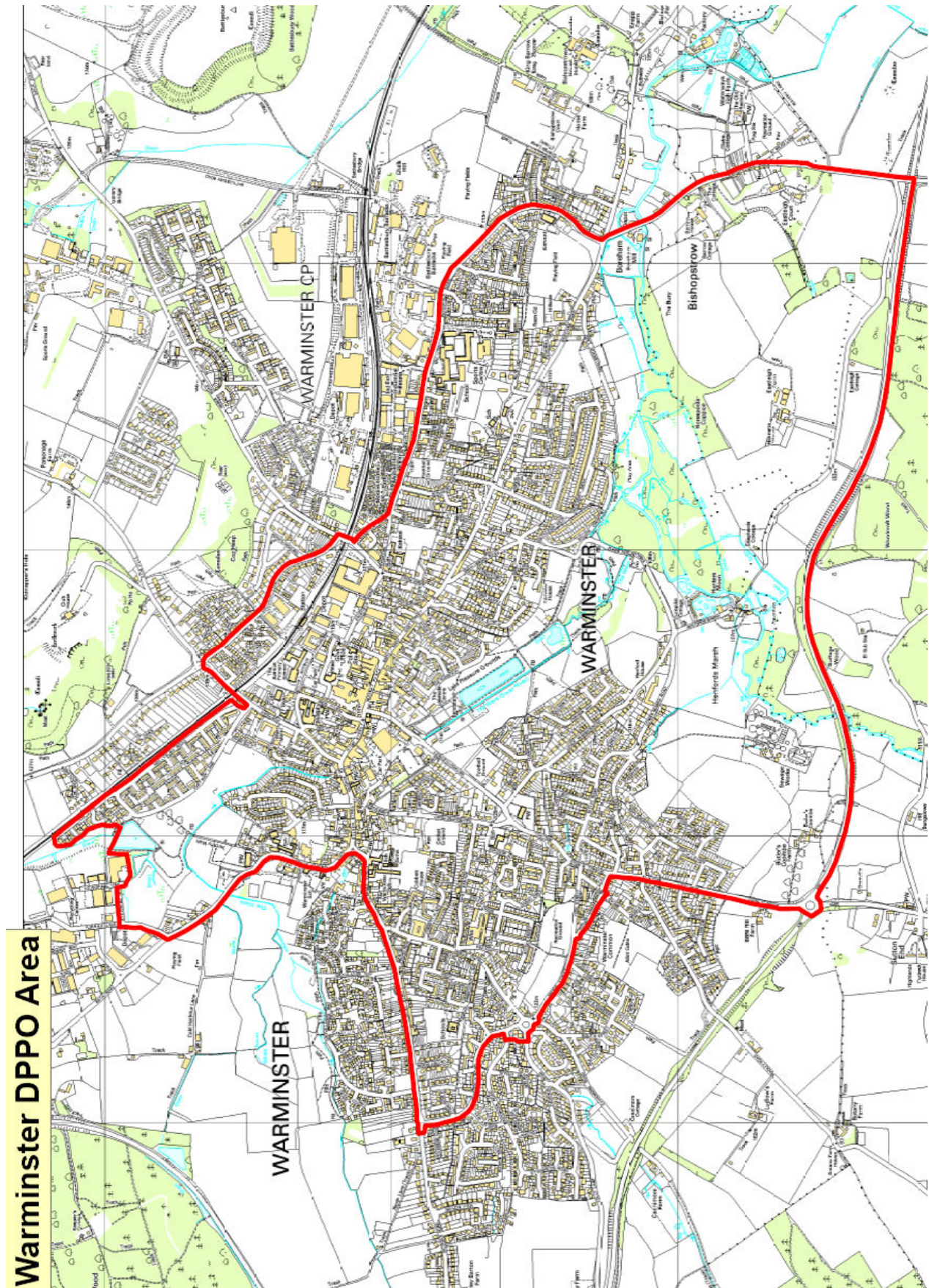
None

Q6. Which of the following applies to you (tick all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | I live in Warminster, please provide postcode: | <input type="text"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | I work in Warminster | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | I am a premises license holder | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | I represent an organisation | |

Please return to: Tom Ward, Community Safety Manager, Safer Communities, Court Mills, Trowbridge, BA14 7EG or Tom Ward, Community Safety Manager, Warminster Town Council, Dewey House, North Row, Warminster

Appendix E- Proposed Boundary of DPPO



Appendix F- Estimated Costs

	Unit Price	Number	Total
To date:			
Press Ad	£92.00	1	£92
Est Officer Time (CSM)			£654
Project Support			£80
To be charged:			
Press Ads	£92.00	2	£184
Sign Artwork (est)	£50.00	1	£50
Signs (est)	£15.00	60	£900
Window Stickers (est)	£10.00	40	£400
Est Officer Time (CSM)			£218
Legal Time	£61.50	4	£246
Total:			<u>£2,824</u>
Total minus in kind charges			<u>£1,872</u>

Alcohol related incidents

Warminster Town Centre



01/08/09 – 31/01/10

AUGUST 2009			
Source	Date	Location	Incident
CCTV	23:45 hrs 02/08/09	High Street	2 males drunk and fighting. Police attend and slit it up
CCTV	23:53 hrs 02/08/09	High Street	2 males fighting, alcohol related
CCTV	01:39 hrs 04/08/09	Market Place	Broken window, 2 males fighting, alcohol related
CCTV	17:51 hrs 06/08/09	Skate Park	Youths with alcohol under skate ramp
CCTV	23:30 hrs 06/08/09	High Street	Male throws wheelie bin through car window
Storm CCTV	01:22 hrs 07/08/09	The Old Bell Market Place	Drunken males climbing on bins.
CCTV	01:54 hrs 07/08/09	Market Place	2 Fijian males fighting, both arrested, alcohol related
CCTV	20:10 hrs 08/08/2009	Mall	Group of 20 or so in number, drinking and being anti-social
CCTV	22:40 hrs 08/08/09	Lakeside	Groups of youths drinking and using rear of building as toilet
CCTV	01:17 hrs 09/08/09	Lakeside	Male using lighter to set fire to alcohol
CCTV	01:20 hrs 09/08/09	High Street	Criminal damage, drunk male causes damage to door
Storm	02:40 hrs 09/08/09	JB's Weymouth Street	Assaulted whilst breaking up fight.
NICHE	02:59 hrs 09/08/09	High Street	2 males kicking communal entrance door
Storm	04:26 hrs 09/08/09	Prestbury Drive	Dispute over taxi fare.
CCTV	00:11 hrs 10/08/09	Ice cream hut	Group of youths drinking, some very young
Storm	00:19 hrs 10/08/09	Boots Market Place	Persons on roof.
Storm	00:45 hrs 11/08/09	Naggs Head Portway	Assault / Alcohol related
Storm NICHE	23:10 hrs 11/08/09	High street	Disorder / Drunken male assaulted refused to make complaint
CCTV	19:28 hrs	Mall and rear of Iceland	Large group causing a disturbance and being anti-social

	12/08/09		
Storm CCTV	00:33 hrs 13/08/09	The Close	Drunken youths jumping on parked cars no damage caused
CCTV	01:14 hrs 13/08/09	Market Place	Males drinking, then drove off, RSA
Storm	19:50 hrs 13/08/09	Town park	Boats have been cut free
Storm	20:59 hrs 13/08/09	Town park	Drunk youths in boats on lake
CCTV	21:41 hrs 13/08/09	Mall	Female arrested, drunk
CCTV	21:23 hrs 14/08/09	Lakeside	Drunk teenage girl urinating, drinking from large vodka bottle
CCTV	23:13 hrs 14/08/09	Ice cream hut	Females drinking
CCTV	02:27 hrs 15/08/09	High Street	Male drunk and causing disturbance, anti-social behaviour
Storm	02:11 hrs 16/08/09	Town centre	Disorder abusive drunk male
CCTV	02:20 hrs 16/08/09	Park, Then Weymouth Street	Drunk male urinating, then fighting at Speedy Chef
Storm	02:20 hrs 16/08/09	Speedy chef Weymouth street	Drunk male causing problems
CCTV	03:14 hrs 19/08/09	Market Place	Males urinating in doorway
CCTV	19:40 hrs 19/08/09	Park	Females drunk, ambulance called
CCTV	20:18 hrs 19/08/09	Mall	Group drinking and anti-social behaviour
CCTV	01:10 hrs 20/08/09	George Street	Drunk male kicking bins over
Storm	01:57 hrs 20/08/09	Market place	Brick through window
CCTV	16:42 20/08/09	Skate Park	Youths cause criminal damage to skate park
CCTV	02:10 hrs 21/08/09	East Street	Male arrested drunk and disorderly
CCTV	23:47 hrs 21/08/09	Market Place	Male drunk, kicking signs and throwing bollards

Storm NICHE	00:26 hrs 22/08/09	Market place	Issue of Section 5 FPN
CCTV	22:08 hrs 22/08/09	Toilets Central Car Park	Drunk male urinating by toilets
Storm	22:35 hrs 22/08/09	Weymouth street	Disorder 3 drunk males
CCTV	22:36 hrs 22/08/09	Steps	Drunk males fighting
CCTV	23:59 hrs 22/08/09	Market Place	Drunk male pushing wheelie bins over and punching windows
Storm CCTV	02:07 hrs 23/08/09	Town park	Drunk youths climbing on roof
Storm NICHE CCTV	02:07 hrs 23/08/09	High street	Drunk male throwing wheelie bins around
CCTV	02:27 hrs 23/08/09	Park entrance	Youths throwing Bottles
Storm NICHE	03:44 hrs 23/08/09	High street	Criminal damage to jewellers window
Storm	21:43 hrs 23/08/09	Bell and Crown Market place	Drunk male causing a nuisance
CCTV	23:41 hrs 23/08/09	High Street	Criminal damage to car and property, drink related. Male smashed windows
NICHE	10:35 hrs 24/08/09	Shearwater lodge The Avenue	Criminal damage / window smashed
CCTV	00:17 hrs 25/08/09	Park	Groups of youths throwing bottles
NICHE	18:58 hrs 25/08/09	East street	ASB / Drunken males arguing with each other
Storm	19:51 hrs 25/08/09	The Old Bell Market place	Drunk female shouting and being abusive
CCTV	01:00 hrs 26/08/09	Bath Arms Market Place	3 males fighting one male, drunk and ejected from pub
CCTV	02:41 hrs 26/08/09	JB's Weymouth Street	2 drunk males ejected from pub, being hostile with door staff
Storm	19:53 hrs 26/08/09	Morrison's Weymouth street	Drunken abusive male
CCTV	21:30 hrs 26/08/09	One Stop Imber Road	Youths at shop drinking, some are underage
CCTV	22:30 hrs 26/08/09	Lakeside	Group drinking urinating by doors

Storm CCTV	00:06 hrs 27/08/09	Three horseshoes Market place	Drunken males fighting both friends
CCTV	01:57 hrs 27/08/09	Feta Feast East Street	Very drunk male causing problems
CCTV	22:58 hrs 27/08/09	Speeding Chef, then Lakeside	Large group leave Speedy Chef, all with alcohol and then sit by Lakeside drinking, Litter all over the Place
CCTV	23:47 hrs 27/08/09	East Street	Drunk male. People ask us to look for him as he may have assaulted someone in the Old Bell
CCTV	01:14 hrs 28/08/09	Bandstand	Drunk youths leave a mess of empty bottles
CCTV	01:27 hrs 28/08/09	High Street	Drunk male and female urinating on Town Hall steps
CCTV	16:41 hrs 28/08/08	Skate Park	Large group drinking and smoking cannabis
CCTV	23:10 hrs 28/08/09	Skate Park	Drunk youths urinating on ramps
Storm CCTV	23:22 hrs 28/08/09	The Old Bell Market place	Drunk male evicted from pub
CCTV	23:31 hrs 28/08/09	Old Bell Market Place	Drunk male ejected from pub. He then takes glasses from the Bath Arms and throws them at Old Bell door staff, Later arrested
Storm	00:31 hrs 29/08/09	The Old Bell Market place	Drunk abusive male evicted from pub
CCTV	01:42 hrs 29/08/09	Nationwide Market Place	Very drunk female on floor by Nationwide, ambulance called
Storm	00:45 hrs 29/08/09	Silver street	Drunken couple arguing in street
CCTV	03:10 hrs 29/08/09	Speedy Chef Weymouth Street	JB's kick out, lots go to Speedy Chef, fight breaks out, police attend
Storm NICHE	14:05 hrs 29/08/09	The Anchor Market place	Drunk male making threats to staff having been bared
Storm CCTV	02:21 hrs 30/08/09	Speedy chef Weymouth street	Disorder drunken males fighting
Storm	03:09 hrs 30/08/09	East street	Disorder / Drunk persons shouting in street
Storm NICHE	22:31 hrs 31/08/09	The Anchor Market place	Disorder / Drunk males fighting 1 arrested D&D
Incidents for August 2009: 76			Running total of incidents: 76

SEPTEMBER 2009			
Source	Date	Location	Incident
NICHE	15:06 hrs 01/09/09	Masons Arms East street	Drunk male arrested for Common assault on female
Storm	22:52 hrs 01/09/09	George street	Disorder / Criminal damage drunken male with weapon
CCTV	23:15 hrs 01/09/09	Feta Feast East Street	Drunk lads fighting
NICHE	08:49 hrs 02/09/09	Market place	Criminal damage / Fixtures on exterior of house smashed
Storm	18:13 hrs 03/09/09	Railway station Station road	Drunken males fighting on platform
CCTV	17:43 Hrs 03/09/09	Park	Youths drinking and giving alcohol to minors
NICHE	19:13 hrs 03/09/09	Masons Arms East street	3 Females arrested for assault and possession of drugs
CCTV	21:47 hrs 03/09/09	Market Place	Drunk group leaving mall, throwing bollards, 2 have large bottles of alcohol
CCTV	01:16 hrs 04/09/09	Feta Feast East Street	Drunk female wrestled to the floor by door staff
CCTV	01:29 hrs 04/09/09	Lakeside	Large group drinking, including minors, also up on the roof of building
CCTV	01:57 hrs 04/09/09	Feta Feast East Street	3 young males fighting outside Feta Feast, one throws a can at the other
Storm NICHE	08:47 hrs 04/09/09	Esso garage East street	Assault / Male assaulted by 2 other possible alcohol related incident
NICHE	22:14 hrs 04/09/09	East street	Positive roadside breath test
Storm CCTV	23:06 hrs 04/09/09	Town park	12 youths causing damage to a bike
CCTV	23:48 hrs 04/09/09	Park	Drunk group in park then smash up a bike and throw it in the lake
CCTV	02:14 hrs 05/09/09	High Street	Drunk young males rugby tackle a road bollard
Storm	02:24 hrs 05/09/09	Market place	Drunken male fallen off scaffolding
NICHE	12:18 hrs 05/09/09	Market place	ASB / Male shouting abuse in street

Storm	16:56 hrs 05/09/09	JB's Weymouth street	Drunken abusive male trying to assault female
CCTV	19:27 hrs 05/09/09	Playground area	Group there with large crate of alcohol
Storm	01:41 hrs 06/09/09	JB's Weymouth street	Assault / Drunk male assaulted another inside club
NICHE	11:41 hrs 07/09/09	Factory shop High street	ASB / Racist abuse in shop
CCTV	19:41 hrs 07/09/09	Car Park 2	2 young males sat by toilets drinking a bottle of vodka
CCTV	01:59 hrs 08/09/09	Lake	Youths throwing bottles into water
CCTV	02:28 hrs 08/09/09	Ice cream hut	Youths urinating
Storm	00:14 hrs 09/09/09	Railway Station	Disorder / 8 Drunken males fighting after incident in a pub
CCTV	01:16 hrs 09/09/09	Park	Group drinking, 2 lads fall out and start fighting. Police attend and disperse them
Storm	10:54 hrs 09/09/09	Morrison's Weymouth street	Female assaulted by female drugs related
CCTV	23:16 hrs 09/09/09	North Row	Drunk group walk down street throwing bottles
CCTV	01:27 hrs 10/09/09	Fairfield Road	Lone female followed by drunk male. Male urinates in front of police, then arrested
Storm	02:01 hrs 10/09/09	Station road	Disorder / Drunk male assaults ambulance crew
Storm	20:44 hrs 10/09/09	JB's Weymouth street	Drunk male refusing to leave club
CCTV	19:23 hrs 11/09/09	Front of Mall	Drunk teenage gang climbing on Railings and scaffolding
Storm	21:52 hrs 11/09/09	Morrison's Weymouth street	ASB / Youths kicking windows
Storm CCTV	02:07 hrs 12/09/09	Feta feast Market place	Disorder / Drunken males fighting
CCTV	02:14 hrs 12/09/09	Feta Feast East Street	Drunk Fijian Males start fighting and are ejected by door staff
Storm	1526hrs 12/09/09	King street	Drunken male fallen over in street
CCTV	18:53 hrs 12/09/09	Hillside	Youths throwing cans and bottles

Storm CCTV	02:30 hrs 13/09/09	Market place	Drunken males causing problems
CCTV	02:41 hrs 13/09/09	Park	Drunk male seen urinating in hedge, later seen in Market Place causing issues
Storm	12:45 hrs 15/09/09	Factory shop High street	Youths being racist to workers
CCTV	18:24 hrs 16/09/09	Skate Park	Youths drinking, including underage, and smoking cannabis
CCTV	20:20 hrs 16/09/09	Rear of mall	2 teenage girls drinking from vodka bottle
CCTV	23:44 hrs 16/09/09	Anchor Market Place	Drunk female leaves the pup, takes her top off, then moons and dances in street, eventually vomiting
CCTV	20:54 hrs 17/09/09	Back of mall	Large group of teenagers on door cam 20, drinking and urinating
CCTV	22:53 hrs 17/09/09	Market Place	Drunk female carrying a pint of lager through the town
CCTV	01:44 hrs 18/09/09	Market Place	2 females fighting, both very drunk, stop fighting and are friends again
CCTV	01:50 hrs 18/09/09	George Street	3 males chasing another, male assaulted at Olympia
Storm	02:14 hrs 19/09/09	Olympia pizza George street	Disorder drunken males being abusive to staff
Storm	02:25 hrs 19/09/09	Weymouth street	Issue of Section 5 FPN
Storm CCTV	01:52 hrs 20/09/09	Fairfield road	Disorder / male arrested D&D
Storm NICHE	10:04 hrs 21/09/09	East street	Male and female arguing both drunk male arrested ABH
NICHE	12:45 hrs 21/09/09	East street	Criminal damage / Fire extinguishers let off in rental property
Storm	16:48 hrs 21/09/09	Town park	ASB / youths causing problems
CCTV	16:49 hrs 21/09/09	Skate Park	Youths drinking and spraying graffiti
CCTV	19:44 hrs 23/09/09	Park	Youths drinking, pushing each other into hedges, criminal damage
CCTV	01:10 hrs 24/09/09	Weymouth Street	Drunk female falling over, pulls her top down and flashes at camera

CCTV	02:53 hrs 24/09/09	JB's Weymouth Street	Large group fighting at kicking out time
CCTV	21:41 hrs 24/09/09	Park	Group in park drinking. All old enough, but alcohol being passed to minors
CCTV	23:24 hrs 24/09/09	High Street	Drunk female falls over, Ambulance required
CCTV	02:31 hrs 25/09/09	Park	Car in park damaged by drunk youths
Storm	00:59 hrs 25/09/09	JB's Weymouth street	Disorder / 20 Drunken persons fighting in street
CCTV	20:39 hrs 25/09/09	Rear of Mall	Group of young males drinking. All push over bins
CCTV	01:02 hrs 26/09/09	Boat House	Large mixed group on steps all drinking and smashing bottles
NICHE	01:12 hrs 26/09/09	Market place	Assault
Storm	22:34 hrs 26/09/09	Prestbury club The Close	Disturbance / Drunks leaving the club
CCTV	22:53 hrs 26/09/09	The Close	Disorder with drunk teenagers reported by QJ near the Prestbury Sports Bar
CCTV	23:00 hrs 26/09/09	East Street	Drink and driving offence
CCTV	01:16 hrs 27/09/09	JB's Weymouth Street	Drunk males ejected from pub, one male arrested and ambulance needed
Storm	02:13 hrs 27/09/09	Market place	Noisy party in house
CCTV	00:44 hrs 28/09/09	Lakeside	2 large groups drinking and urinating behind building. Large mess left behind
NICHE	10:42 hrs 28/09/09	Market place	Criminal damage / Drainpipe removed from wall
Storm NICHE	18:26 hrs 28/09/09	The Old Bell Market place	Drunk male refusing to leave pub throwing glass at TV
CCTV	02:08 hrs 30/09/09	Market Place	Group of soldiers, all drunk and start fighting with locals
CCTV	23:10 hrs 30/09/09	Car Park 2	Drunk group by toilets, all falling over and bottles smashed
Incidents for September 2009: 75			Running total of incidents: 151

OCTOBER 2009

Source	Date	Location	Incident
Storm CCTV	01:09 hrs 01/10/09	Market place	Disorder / 2 Drunken males squaring up to each other
Storm	01:24 hrs 01/10/09	Station road	Disorder / Drunken youths fighting in street
Storm	05:31 hrs 01/10/09	Emwell street	Criminal Damage / Drunken male seen to smash the wing mirrors off 10+ parked cars
Storm CCTV	01:14 hrs 02/10/09	Market place	Youths climbing over fences
Storm	01:45 hrs 03/10/09	Feta feast Market place	15 Drunken males fighting
Storm NICHE	01:12 hrs 03/10/09	Bath Arms Market place	2 Males arrested Burglary in pub
Storm	01:21 hrs 04/10/09	The Old Bell Market place	Drunken male refusing to leave pub
CCTV	02:10 hrs 03/10/09	Lakeside	Large group drinking
CCTV	17:27 hrs 03/10/09	Toilets	Group in toilets with bottle of vodka
CCTV	18:47 hrs 03/10/09	Toilets	Group return with more bottles. Then smash the when finished
Storm CCTV	02:34 hrs 04/10/09	Behind Barclays bank Market place	Disorder / Large group seen to be pushing and shoving each other
Storm	02:38 hrs 04/10/09	Threshers Market place	Drunk male fallen over request for ambulance
Storm	02:40 hrs 04/10/09	Speedy chef Weymouth street	Disorder / Male assaulted by a drunken male
NICHE	15:50 hrs 04/10/09	Factory shop High street	ASB / Racist abuse in shop
CCTV	23:57 hrs 04/10/09	Sambourne Road	Driver assaults male with iron bar, later arrested RSA
CCTV	00:51 hrs 05/10/09	Ice cream Hut	Drunk male urinates by hut
Storm	00:58 hrs 05/10/09	JB's Weymouth street	Disorder / Drunk male refusing to leave club
Storm	05:03 hrs 05/10/09	West street	Concern for drunk male

Storm	20:27 hrs 05/10/09	The Close	ASB / Youths causing a nuisance throwing bottles in street
Storm	00:55 hrs 06/10/09	Imber road	Drunk male about to drive away
CCTV	01:27 hrs 06/10/09	Park steps	Drunk female urinates on steps
Storm NICHE	15:40 hrs 06/10/09	Factory shop High street	Males threatening staff
CCTV	02:57 hrs 08/10/09	East Street	Drunk male causes damage to wheelie bin by setting on fire
Storm NICHE	04:11 hrs 09/10/09	East street	Arson / cardboard boxes set alight
NICHE	11:19 hrs 09/10/09	East street	Theft of wheelie bin and contents set alight
Storm NICHE	23:11 hrs 09/10/09	The Anchor Market place	Disorder / Drunk male has bottled door staff arrested ABH
CCTV	01:29 hrs 10/10/09	Park	2 drunk males running into hedges causing damage
CCTV	01:41 hrs 10/10/09	Weymouth Street	Drunk male causes criminal damage
Storm CCTV	01:43 hrs 10/10/09	JB's Weymouth street	ASB / 20+ Drunks fighting outside club
Storm	08:28 hrs 10/10/09	West street	ASB / Persons banging on door
Storm	16:53 hrs 10/10/09	Weymouth street	Issue of Section 5 FPN at 0220hrs 10/10/09
Storm	00:27 hrs 11/10/09	Speedy chef Weymouth street	Female arrested Drunk in charge of a child (Small baby)
Storm	02:15 hrs 11/10/09	High street	Drunken male in street
Storm	02:39 hrs 11/10/09	East street	ASB / Drunk male shouting in street
Storm	16:24 hrs 11/10/09	Town park	ASB / 10 youths seen attacking ducks
Storm	19:19 hrs 11/10/09	Threshers Market place	Drunk male refusing to leave off licence
CCTV	01:41 hrs 13/10/09	Weymouth Street	Smashed window at Northwood, male drunk

NICHE	12:26 hrs 14/10/09	Library Three Horseshoes	Criminal damage to roof tile
Storm	19:10 hrs 14/10/09	Town park	ASB / Large group of youths causing problems throwing bottles around
Storm CCTV	21:02 hrs 14/10/09	Town centre	Concern for drunken 15 year old female in street
Storm	01:26 hrs 16/10/09	Masons Arms East street	Disorder / 3-5 drunk males fighting
Storm CCTV	22:16 hrs 16/10/09	Town park	Youths trying to set fires
Storm	19:33 hrs 17/10/09	Morrison's Weymouth street	ASB / 10 youths throwing cans of cider around
Storm	01:48 hrs 18/10/09	The Old Bell Market place	Disorder / 12-14 Drunk males fighting
Storm	18:32 hrs 18/10/09	Morrison's Weymouth street	Youths setting fires
NICHE	10:07 hrs 19/10/09	Library Three Horseshoes	Criminal damage / windows smashed
Storm NICHE	15:20 hrs 20/10/09	Assam Restaurant East street	Male banging on door
Storm	20:20 hrs 20/10/09	Railway Station Station road	Disorder / Male shouting and swearing before leaving area
Storm	13:09 hrs 22/10/09	East street	Assistance to Ambulance crew in dealing drunk patient
Storm	16:00 hrs 22/10/09	Morrison's Weymouth street	ASB / Youths shouting and swearing threatening staff
CCTV	19:28 hrs 22/10/09	Lakeside	Girls drinking and urinating by building
Storm	19:28 hrs 22/10/09	Morrison's Weymouth street	Disorder / Assault on staff
CCTV	01:29 hrs 23/10/09	Feta Feast East Street	Broken window at Roland John in East Street after fight at Feta Feast, alcohol related
Storm	15:41 hrs 23/10/09	Morrison's Weymouth street	Disorder / 6-7 youths fighting outside
CCTV	01:29 hrs 24/10/09	Park	Large group pushing through hedges and kicking guttering off buildings
Storm	01:55 hrs 24/10/09	The Old Bell Market place	Disorder / Drunk male has punched another male
Storm	02:12 hrs	Feta feast	Disorder / 20+ drunks fighting in small groups outside in street

	24/10/09	Market place	
Storm NICHE	05:50 hrs 24/10/09	East street	Drunken males on bikes / Issue of Section 5 FPN
NICHE	10:10 hrs 24/10/09	Roland hair studio East street	Criminal damage / window smashed
Storm	22:48 hrs 24/10/09	Bath Arms Market place	Disorder / 2 Drunken males fighting in street after being ejected
Storm NICHE	01:57 hrs 25/10/09	Market place	Assault / Drunk male assaulted another after damaging his car.
Storm	03:32 hrs 25/10/09	Weymouth street	Issue of Section 5 FPN
CCTV	23:47 hrs 25/10/09	Market Place	Fight, male assaulted, alcohol related
CCTV	00:41 hrs 26/10/09	Bandstand	Youths drinking and urinating, also causing criminal damage kicking toilet doors
CCTV	19:42 hrs 26/10/09	Skate Park	Group of older males drinking and being antisocial. Possible smoking cannabis. Group has been stopped & searched previously
NICHE	22:49 hrs 26/10/09	Station road	Male arrested Section 5
Storm	23:14 hrs 26/10/09	One Stop shop Imber road	Disorder / 30+ fighting outside shop possible weapon involved
CCTV	01:10 hrs 27/10/09	Bandstand	Large group of all ages drinking and being Anti-social
CCTV	14:20 hrs 28/10/09	Park	Stephen Lee in park drunk
CCTV	16:53 hrs 28/10/09	Park	Youth in park with motor scooter riding where he shouldn't, many youths around him all being anti – social
Storm	00:40 hrs 29/10/09	JB's Weymouth street	Drunken male evicted from club making allegations against door staff
Storm	18:47 hrs 29/10/09	Rose and Crown East street	Drunken male refusing to leave pub
Storm	22:17 hrs 29/10/09	One Stop shop Imber road	Disorder / 3 males fighting outside shop after causing damage inside shop 2 males arrested
Storm	12:07 hrs 30/10/09	Market place	Drunk offering whiskey to youths
NICHE	13:11 hrs 30/10/09	Station road	Criminal damage / Taxi damaged with implement
NICHE	16:37 hrs 30/10/09	Bath Arms Market place	Assault on staff and threats to kill

CCTV	19:21 hrs 30/10/09	Park	Drunk male assaults another
Storm	19:38 hrs 30/10/09	Weymouth street	Disorder / Drunk male admits to assaulting someone
CCTV	19:49 hrs 30/10/09	Toilets	Group with drink and takeaways being anti –social
CCTV	23:00 hrs 30/10/09	Car Park 2	Wing mirror kicked off a bus by a big group with alcohol. Fair in town, and anti-social behaviour
NICHE	23:37 hrs 30/10/09	Central car park Station road	Criminal damage / Wing mirror ripped off car
CCTV	23:51 hrs 30/10/09	Park	Large group in park drinking age range between teens to early 20's
CCTV	16:40 hrs 31/10/09	Park	Drug related arrest
NICHE	21:13 hrs 31/10/09	High street	ASB / Male making threats
Storm	21:18 hrs 31/10/09	Railway station Station road	Concern for drunk person
CCTV	21:40 hrs 31/10/09	Car Park 2	Toilets, 6 males drinking, alcohol taken away
NICHE	2142hrs 31/10/09	Market place	ASB / Making threats
Incidents for October 2009: 87			Running total of incidents: 238

NOVEMBER 2009

Source	Date	Location	Incident
Storm NICHE	01:43 hrs 01/11/09	Old Bell Market place	ASB / Drunken male making threats to kill staff
Storm	03:39 hrs 01/11/09	British heart foundation Market place	Disorder / Drunken male outside trying to start fights
Storm	04:11 hrs 01/11/09	George street	Youths fighting in street
Storm	22:12 hrs 01/11/09	JB's Weymouth street	Drunk soldier
CCTV	02/11/09	Play Park	Play Park area swings being used by teenagers being anti-social to young mothers
Storm	18:08 hrs 02/11/09	Station road	Assist Ambulance crew with drunken male
NICHE	01:05 hrs 03/11/09	East street	Criminal damage / brick thrown through house window
CCTV	18:29 hrs 03/11/09	Park	Youths drinking and lighting fireworks
CCTV	04/11/09	Park	Front doors of lakeside large groups drinking also rear used as a toilet
NICHE	15:01 hrs 04/11/09	Station road	ASB / Threats made to female
CCTV	21:20 hrs 04/11/09	Park	Youths drinking, throwing bottles and lighting fireworks
Storm	01:21 hrs 05/11/09	Weymouth street	Concern for drunken female
CCTV	18:37 hrs 05/11/09	Lakeside	Youths sat drinking and using rear as toilet
Storm CCTV	01:03 hrs 06/11/09	Old Bell Market place	Disorder / 20 Drunken persons fighting in street
Storm	16:07 hrs 06/11/09	North street	Person causing damage to door
CCTV	21:49 hrs 06/11/09	Bandstand	30 strong group drinking, many under age
CCTV	22:11 hrs 06/11/09	Park	2 very drunk females handling out drink to minors

CCTV	22:16 hrs 06/11/09	Skate Park	Full of teenager drinking, also urinating
Storm	01:28 hrs 07/11/09	Weymouth street	issue of Section 5 FPN
CCTV	21:03 07/11/09	Park	Large known group drinking, males and females
Storm	00:34 hrs 08/11/09	Old Bell Market place	Male assaulted suspect in pub
Storm	14:42 hrs 09/11/09	Morrison's Weymouth street	Drunken male staggering around
Storm	19:31 hrs 11/11/09	West street	Drunken male distressing family
Storm	01:50 hrs 12/11/09	Feta feast Market place	Drunken male laying in street
Storm NICHE	01:10 hrs 13/11/09	Market place	ASB / Issue of Section 5 FPN
Storm	01:24 hrs 13/11/09	Feta feast Market place	ASB / Drunken soldiers causing problems
CCTV	21:49 hrs 13/11/09	Bandstand	Gang of youths drinking, all ages
Storm	23:53 hrs 13/11/09	Old Bell Market place	Disorder / Ambulance crew requests assistance dealing with drunken male who has been assaulted
NICHE	02:19 hrs 14/11/09	Market place	Positive roadside breath test
Storm	02:25 hrs 14/11/09	Crème de la cod George street	ASB / Drunk female banging on doors
Storm	15:15 hrs 14/11/09	Railway station Station road	ASB / Youths throwing stones at trains
CCTV	22:51 hrs 14/11/09	Lakeside	2 youths seen putting graffiti on doors. Police called, one male arrested
Storm	00:48 hrs 15/11/09	Weymouth street	Male arrested D&D
Storm CCTV	02:04 hrs 15/11/09	Old Bell Market place	Drunk persons fighting outside no complaints
NICHE	11:03 hrs 16/11/09	Market place	Criminal damage / Windows smashed
Storm	21:10 hrs 18/11/09	West street	ASB / Drunken father outside home
CCTV	21:41 hrs 18/11/09	Bandstand	Large group drinking

CCTV	21:31 hrs 20/11/09	Bandstand	Same group as at 18/11/09 drinking
Storm NICHE	01:20 hrs 21/11/09	The Anchor Market place	Disorder / Drunk male smashing up pub
Storm	01:33 hrs 21/11/09	Fore street	Issue of Section 5 FPN
Storm	03:20 hrs 21/11/09	Fairfield road	Issue of Section 5 FPN
NICHE	17:46 hrs 21/11/09	Market place	Male assaulted
CCTV	21:51 hrs 21/11/09	Lakeside and toilets	Two groups one female all ages drinking. The other group at toilets drinking and playing around with toilet doors
CCTV	22:41 hrs 23/11/09	Lakeside	Usual group drinking
CCTV	20:51 hrs 25/11/09	Lakeside	Group of females drinking and using the rear as a toilet
Storm CCTV	01:09 hrs 27/11/09	JB's Weymouth street	Disorder / Drunken Fijians squaring up to each other
Storm NICHE	11:22 hrs 27/11/09	Factory shop High street	Person assaulted by 3 males
CCTV	20:29 hrs 27/11/09	Lakeside	Same group of females as previous day drinking, again using the rear as a toilet
Storm	20:49 hrs 27/11/09	Morrison's Weymouth street	ASB / youths causing problems outside store
Storm	21:05 hrs 27/11/09	The Anchor Market place	Drunken male refusing to leave
Storm	23:08 hrs 27/11/09	Library car park	Disorder / Fight in progress
CCTV	21:51 hrs 28/11/09	Lakeside	Same group of females and using rear as a toilet
Storm CCTV	23:51 hrs 28/11/09	Old Bell Market place	Ambulance crew request assistance drunk males fighting outside pub
Storm	00:34 hrs 29/11/09	Bath Arms Market place	Disorder / 3 Drunk males fighting
Storm CCTV	00:50 hrs 29/11/09	JB's Weymouth street	Drunken males refusing to leave club
CCTV	21:00 – 23:00 hrs 30/11/09	Lakeside	Females drinking by ice-cream hut and using rear of lakeside as toilet

Incidents for November 2009: 56	Running total of incidents: 294
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DECEMBER 2009			
Source	Date	Location	Incident
Storm	02:15 hrs 02/12/09	East street	Disorder heard in home
NICHE	20:48 hrs 02/12/09	East street	Female assaulted
Storm	00:03 hrs 03/12/09	Prestbury Bar The Close	Disorder / 6 Drunks have been fighting with each other
Storm	00:59 hrs 03/12/09	JB's Weymouth street	Disorder / 50+ Drunken soldiers fighting just back from Afghanistan
CCTV	19:27 hrs onwards 04/12/09	Mall and Park	Large group of youths reported by public as being anti-social. 53 male and females all ages with drink. Group followed to the park. After 45 Minutes returned to mall. Group growing in numbers.
Storm NICHE	22:03 hrs 04/12/09	Iceland car park	Male assaulted / Racially aggravated
Storm	22:46 hrs 04/12/09	Weymouth street	Assistance to ambulance crew drunken male assaulted
Storm	22:58 hrs 04/12/09	Three Horseshoes	ASB / Group of 20 youths causing problems throwing things around the area
Storm CCTV	01:10 hrs 05/12/09	Market place	Disorder / Police officer requesting assistance dealing with aggressive drunks
Storm	22:25 hrs 05/12/09	Prestbury Bar The Close	Assault / Drunk male assaulted by unknown person in bar
Storm NICHE	22:55 hrs 05/12/09	Three Horseshoes	Female has been assaulted / Racially and homophobic related
Storm CCTV	01:54 hrs 06/12/09	Olympia Pizza George street	Disorder / 5 Drunks fighting in street
Storm	19:55 hrs 07/12/09	Youth Centre The Close	Disorder Youths seen squaring up to two others then chasing them and assaulting a male
Storm	22:11 hrs 07/12/09	High street	Drunk male in street
CCTV	23:16 hrs 07/12/09	The Close	Females fighting, alcohol related
Storm NICHE CCTV	16:22 hrs 08/12/09	High street	Caller being chased by 2 males and then assaulted
Storm	00:38 hrs 09/12/09	East street	Dispute over taxi fare / Drunk male has been sick in the cab

Storm NICHE	19:56 hrs 09/12/09	Bath Arms Market place	Disorder / Male assaulted by 2 others in the pub
CCTV	21:29 hrs 09/12/09	Mall	Large group, anti-social behaviour and criminal damage to windows 2 broken
CCTV	23:08 hrs 10/12/09	Market Place	Male hit by car, victim very drunk
Storm	00:25 hrs 19/12/09	Iceland car park	Possible drink driver about leave area
Storm	01:11 hrs 11/12/09	Imber road	Paramedic being attacked by 2 drunk soldiers
Storm NICHE	18:59 hrs 11/12/09	Wessex Club Three Horseshoes	Homeless drunk male has assaulted MOP
Storm	19:31 hrs 11/12/09	Morrison's Weymouth street	Drunken male causing problems
Storm	20:36 hrs 11/12/09	West street	Drunken male being aggressive
CCTV	20:49 hrs 11/12/09	Mall	Police move group on and tip drink away. Reports that a homeless person had assaulted a youth in the mall, youth taken home by police
CCTV	22:51 hrs 11/12/09	Mall and toilets	Group of 20 in mall drinking, being very loud and abusive to Wessex club members. Moved to lavatories and continued to drink
Storm CCTV	01:11 hrs 12/12/09	Market place	Group of youths squaring up for a fight then running off before arrival of Police
Storm	01:14 hrs 12/12/09	West street	Drunk male kicking front door
CCTV	19:49 hrs 12/12/09	Mall	Large group, over 30 strong. Fizzy drink bottles being thrown around. Alcohol present.
CCTV	20:27 hrs 12/12/09	Mall and toilets	Group at Lavatories and throw bottles about
Storm CCTV	02:50 hrs 13/12/09	Feta feast Market place	Drunk males fighting inside
Storm	21:40 hrs 13/12/09	Prestbury Bar The Close	Possible drink driver about leave bar
Storm	16:33 hrs 15/12/09	Three Horseshoes	ASB / Youths causing problems in the area setting small fires
Storm	00:15 hrs 16/12/09	Organ Inn High street	Drunken male banging on the door
Storm	00:43 hrs 18/12/09	Weymouth street	Disorder / Drunk male kicking fence
Storm	20:59 hrs	Three Horseshoes	ASB / Youths causing trouble in the area throwing stuff around and

	18/12/09		strong smell of cannabis
Storm	21:45 hrs 18/12/09	Bath Arms Market place	Drunk male assaulted outside
Storm CCTV	00:25 hrs 19/12/09	Three Horseshoes Car park	Positive roadside breath test
Storm	01:44 hrs 19/12/09	East street	Disorder Drunk male kicking front door
Storm	02:48 hrs 19/12/09	Weymouth street	2 males issued Section 5 FPN
Storm	20:00 hrs 19/12/09	Masons Arms East street	Drunk male wandering around streets
Storm NICHE	20:35 hrs 19/12/09	Masons Arms East street	Drunk male has assaulted female inside pub
Storm	21:23 hrs 19/12/09	Masons Arms East street	Disorder / Drunk male being verbally abusive to Landlord
Storm	01:13 hrs 20/12/09	Weymouth street	Issue of Section 5 FPN
Storm CCTV	02:20 hrs 20/12/09	High street	ASB Drunk male seen pushing wheelie bins up street
NICHE	12:31 hrs 21/12/09	Old Bell Market place	Drinks spiked person taken to Hospital very ill
Storm NICHE	22:07 hrs 20/12/09	Feta feast Market place	Male assaulted / Drunk male arrested Common assault
NICHE	15:58 hrs 21/12/09	Hospital	Criminal damage / window smashed
NICHE	16:11 hrs 21/12/09	Old Bell Market place	Person alleging assault by 2 door staff whilst being ejected for being drunk
Storm	22:12 hrs 22/12/09	East street	ASB / Drunk male banging on doors
CCTV	20:23 hrs 23/12/09	Mall	16 males and females with alcohol and demonstrating anti-social behaviour
Storm	16:59 hrs 24/12/09	JB's Weymouth street	Drunken male refusing to leave
Storm NICHE	18:02 hrs 24/12/09	Masons Arms East street	Drunken male arrested D&D
Storm	18 :39 hrs 24/12/09	East street	Concern for drunken male in street
CCTV	22:00 hrs 24/12/09	Mall	Group dispersed by PCSO's

Storm NICHE	20:05 hrs 24/12/09	Masons Arms East Street	Drunken male racial abuse on Landlord
Storm	21:39 hrs 24/12/09	Bath Arms Market place	2 Drunken males causing problems
Storm CCTV	01:10 hrs 27/12/09	Market place	Disorder / 2 Drunks seen fighting in street
Storm	02:54 hrs 27/12/09	Speedy chef Weymouth street	Assault / Drunken male has head butted another male
NICHE	12:19 hrs 27/12/09	Masons Arms East street	Person assaulted by drunk
Storm	14:53 hrs 27/12/09	Three Horseshoes	ASB / Underage youths drinking in the area and causing problems
NICHE	20:55 hrs 29/12/09	Bath Arms Market place	Person threatened and chased out of pub by drunken males
CCTV	20:11 hrs 30/12/09	Mall	Large group over 30 in number, loud noises being generated, lots of broken bottles, takeaway wrappers left on floor, discarded beer cans and vodka bottles.
Storm	01:20 hrs 31/12/09	Travel Angel Weymouth street	Criminal damage / Drunken female put foot through shop window
Storm NICHE	11:57 hrs 31/12/09	Market place	Male arrested for DV assault in street Alcohol related
Incidents for December 2009: 66			Running total of incidents: 360

January 2010			
Source	Date	Location	Incident
Storm	03:01 hrs 01/01/10	JB's Weymouth street	Drunken male being abusive in club
Storm NICHE	11:36 hrs 01/01/10	George street	Assault / Drunk male arrested DV ABH in street
Storm	10:42 hrs 01/01/10	West street	Criminal damage to front door
CCTV	19:45 hrs 08/01/10	Mall and toilets	Large group of teenage girls with large vodka bottles and boys with cans of stella and wine
CCTV	19:40 hrs 09/01/10	Mall and toilets	Same group as 8 th Jan, drinking and being anti-social. Loud shouting, bottles thrown and being smashed. Females using rear of mall to

			urinate
Storm	20:19 hrs 09/01/10	Bookmakers Market place	Drunk male throwing bins around street
Storm	02:17 hrs 10/01/10	Masons Arms East street	ASB / Drunk and abusive females in pub
Storm NICHE	20:21 hrs 11/01/10	Athenaeum High street	Criminal damage / Brick thrown through window
CCTV	21:09 hrs 12/01/10	Mall	Group using the rear of shops as a toilet.
CCTV	21:43 hrs 13/01/10	Mall and Toilets	Groups behaving in an anti-social manner
Storm	20:21 hrs 14/01/10	Fox and Hounds Deverill road	Assistance to Ambulance crew with aggressive drunk patient
Storm NICHE	01:35 hrs 17/01/10	One Stop shop Imber road	Male assaulted whilst trying to break up drunken argument between male and female in street
Storm	02:33 hrs 17/01/10	Weymouth street	Drunken male in street
NICHE CCTV	16:58 hrs 17/01/10	Three Horseshoes	Sexual offence / Female seen to expose her breasts whilst 2 males filmed her
CCTV	20:20 hrs 15/01/10	Mall	Large group with vodka and wine being drunk by females. Rear of mall used as meeting point by both females and males. Females seen taking of clothes and boys forcing females to do so.
CCTV	19:45 hrs – 22:53 hrs 16/01/10	Mall and toilets	Group in mall all moved to the toilets where they stayed most of the evening drinking and being anti-social
NICHE	14:44 hrs 19/01/10	Masons Arms East street	Assault / Drunken male assaulted by another male
Storm	01:03 hrs 20/01/10	Railway station	Concerns for very drunk male sleeping on platform
Storm CCTV	21:03 hrs 22/01/10	Three Horseshoes	Underage youths drinking in the area
Storm	22:02 hrs 22/01/10	The Prestbury club The Close	ASB / Noisy drunks outside bar
Storm CCTV	22:25 hrs 22/01/10	The Anchor Market place	Drunk male refused entry as he is barred and is kicking off
Storm	23:16 hrs 22/01/10	The Prestbury club The Close	3 Drunken females seen laying in street
Storm CCTV	23:59 hrs 22/10/10	The Prestbury club The Close	30+ Persons being very noisy as they leave the pub
Storm CCTV	00:36 hrs 23/01/10	Market place	Male has been assaulted in the street and is out cold possibly alcohol related

Storm CCTV	02:00 hrs 23/01/10	George street	6-7 Drunken males and females fighting in the street
Storm NICHE	01:11 hrs 24/01/10	Central car park	Drunken and aggressive male arrested Section 5 POA
Storm CCTV	01:38 hrs 24/01/10	Market place	4 Drunken males fighting in street
Storm NICHE	02:18 hrs 24/01/10	High street	Positive roadside breath test
Storm CCTV	02:26 hrs 24/01/10	Market place	2 Drunken males squaring up to each other
Storm NICHE	03:09 hrs 24/01/10	Police station	Male arrested D&D have kicked off outside JB's and being taken home by parents in car kicked windows
Storm	23:04 hrs 24/01/10	The Anchor Market place	Drunken female being abusive to staff
Storm	00:35 hrs 25/01/10	JB's Weymouth street	Drunk male has left club and driven off in car
Storm	21:12 hrs 25/01/10	The Close	2 drunken males seen fighting in the street
Storm NICHE	03:16 hrs 26/01/10	High street	Male arrested D&D
Storm CCTV	01:30 hrs 29/01/10	The Anchor Market place	Disorder / 3 drunken males and 3 drunken females fighting in street now joined by larger group of males all drunk and fighting
Storm NICHE	02:13 hrs 29/01/10	The Anchor Market place	Drunken male arrested for criminal damage to Police vehicle parked in street
Storm	21:15 hrs 29/01/10	Station road	20+ youths seen to be kicking bins over as they go down street
Storm	00:37 hrs 30/01/10	Olympia pizza George street	Drunk soldier refusing to pay for food
Storm NICHE CCTV	01:53 hrs 30/01/10	Weymouth street	Positive roadside breath test
Storm CCTV	02:55 hrs 30/01/10	High street	4 Drunken males seen fighting in the street on the floor
Storm	21:26 hrs 30/01/10	Bath Arms Market place	Drunk male detained by door staff Issued Section 5 FPN
Storm CCTV	02:02 hrs 31/01/10	JB's Weymouth street	Drunk male abusing female door staff
Storm CCTV	02:25 hrs 31/01/10	Speedy chef Weymouth street	Large group of drunken males fighting outside

Storm CCTV	02:27 hrs 31/01/10	Olympia pizza George street	6-7 Drunks outside fighting in street
Storm NICHE	18:34 hrs 31/01/10	Silver street	Male arrested drunk in charge of a motor vehicle
Incidents for January 2009: 45			Running total of incidents: 405

Wiltshire Council
Standards Committee
Annual Report 2009/10

Foreword by the chairman

I am delighted to present the Wiltshire Council Standards Committee Report for 2009/10. It explains who sits on the committee, what it does, its achievements over the last year and its future work programme. It is reassuring to know that good governance and high standards of behaviour was taken seriously by the former Wiltshire County Council and this continues to be the case with the new Wiltshire Council.

The last year has been busy for both the committee and the officers that support it. On 1 April last year the four Wiltshire district councils and Wiltshire County Council were amalgamated to form one council for Wiltshire, the Wiltshire Council. At the same time the committee took over responsibility for determining complaints against councillors from all the 255 town and parish councils in the new Wiltshire Council area, in addition to any complaints against the 98 Wiltshire councillors, co-opted members and church and parent governors. To ensure the committee was able to carry out its increased responsibilities and particularly each stage of the local assessment of complaints, its size was increased from 9 to 22 members. This included 8 town and parish councillors. Furthermore I have ensured all committee members are trained to carry out their responsibilities fairly and with due regard to the law.

This year we have concentrated on:

- implementing and further developing our processes to ensure fairness and transparency in our handling of complaints arising from the Wiltshire Council Code of Conduct
- promoting understanding of the standard of behaviour required by developing training packages, one for Wiltshire councillors and one for town and parish councillors
- raising member and public awareness of this standard of behaviour and the complaint procedures by producing and distributing a leaflet on the code itself and developing another on the local assessment procedure
- identifying our priorities for the next four years to ensure high standards of conduct and good governance remain core values of the council.

All our meetings are characterised by open and constructive discussion and I thank fellow members and our officers for their hard work and valuable contributions. Progress has been made in a number of important areas and the committee is keen to maintain this momentum and take forward its work programme proactively this year. The public are welcome to attend our meetings and I welcome their contribution to the discussions.

I am very pleased that the Wiltshire Council Standards Committee has continued to play an effective role in the work of the council. Public trust in elected representatives has been adversely affected by the behaviour of some Members of Parliament and I believe it is more important than ever that this committee does all it can to raise public trust in local democracy by promoting consistently high standards of conduct throughout local government in Wiltshire. I look forward to working with Wiltshire Council, town and parish councils, the people of Wiltshire and officers to achieve this vision over the coming year.

Isabel McCord

Independent Member and Chairman of the Wiltshire Council Standards Committee

Introduction

Under the Local Government Act 2000 all councils are required to have a standards committee. The Wiltshire Council Standards Committee's main role is to promote and maintain high standards of conduct of the 96 members of Wiltshire Council, co-opted members, church and parent governor representatives, 255 town and parish councillors and officers.

In achieving this role the committee carries out the following functions:

- assists elected and co-opted members and church and parent governor representatives to observe the members' code of conduct
- advises the council on the adoption or revision of the members' code of conduct
- monitors and advises the council about the operation of its code of conduct in the light of best practice, changes in the law, guidance from the Standards for England and recommendations of case tribunals under Section 80 of the Local Government Act 2000
- advises on training or arranges to train elected and co-opted members and church and parent governor representatives on matters relating to the members' code of conduct
- handles all matters relating to alleged breaches of the code of conduct for elected and co-opted members of Wiltshire Council and the town and parish councils within Wiltshire Council's jurisdiction
- grants dispensations to elected and co-opted members and church and parent governor representatives from requirements relating to interests set out in the members' code of conduct
- promotes and oversees high standards of ethical governance throughout the council
- overviews the council's whistle-blowing policy
- overviews corporate complaints handling and reviews the implementation of recommendations made by the Ombudsman
- has oversight of Wiltshire Council's Constitution
- considers and determines applications for exemption to the requirements in relation to politically restricted posts.

Members of Wiltshire Council Standards Committee



The Standards Committee with the Monitoring Officer

Independent co-opted members (eight)

Jane Bayley, Michael Cronin, Philip Gill MBE JP, Isabel McCord (Chairman), Ian McGill CBE, Stuart Middleton, Gerry Robson OBE (Vice-Chairman) and Keith Shipman

Wiltshire Council members (six)

Cllr Nigel Carter, Cllr Ernie Clark, Cllr Peter Fuller, Cllr Malcolm Hewson, Cllr Julian Johnson and Cllr Ian McLennan

Town/parish council co-opted members (eight)

Bill Bailey, Craig McCallum, Paul Neale, Robert Oglesby JP, John Scragg, Pam Turner, Keith Wallace and His Hon David MacLaren Webster QC

Keith Shipman retired at the end of March 2010 having served for four years and having chaired the committee during 2008/09. The committee is grateful for his services and the valuable contribution he has made particularly during the transition to one council and the development of the local assessment process.

The Wiltshire Council Standards Committee will be reviewing its size and composition with the aim of ensuring it has the optimum number of members to deliver its objectives and carry out its responsibilities.

The Monitoring Officer

Wiltshire Council's monitoring officer, Ian Gibbons, and other officers from the governance team and democratic services section support the standards committee in its work. The monitoring officer is a statutory role responsible for ensuring that the council, its members and officers carry out their functions in a lawful manner

Meetings

The following standards committee and sub-committees meetings were held:

Standards committee*	5
Assessment sub-committee	12
Review sub-committee	3
Consideration sub-committee	3
Hearing*	2
Dispensation sub-committee*	3
Training sub-committee	2
Communications sub-committee	6

Meetings marked * are usually public meetings. Agenda, papers and minutes are on the Wiltshire Council web site (www.wiltshire.gov.uk).

How does local assessment work?

Wiltshire Council Standards Committee is responsible for receiving all complaints about alleged breaches of the code of conduct made against elected members of Wiltshire Council and the town and parish councils and co-opted members. There is an **initial assessment stage** when the **assessment sub-committee** of the standards committee meets to consider whether the complaint relates to a local member, if it involves a potential breach of the code and, if it does, whether it should be investigated or dealt with by other action such as training or mediation.

Depending on the outcome, the complainant can **appeal against the assessment sub-committee decision**. If this happens a **review sub-committee**, made up of different members of the standards committee from the assessment sub-committee will consider the appeal.

If a complaint is referred for investigation, a **consideration sub-committee** will consider the monitoring officer's investigation report and determine whether the alleged breach, if proven, justifies the holding of a full hearing into the complaint.

Finally the complaint will be considered by a **hearing sub-committee**, which will hear evidence and representations to determine if there has been a breach of the code and, if so, what sanctions are appropriate.

Complaints 2009/10

Number of complaints received

Of the 48 complaints received, 31 were assessed by sub-committees of the standards committee, whilst two were assessed by previous district council standards committees prior to the establishment of Wiltshire Council.

The outcome of the complaints that were assessed was:

Action	Numbers
Investigated/under investigation	18
No investigation	13

The 17 complaints that were not assessed fall into the following categories:

Reasons for no assessment	Numbers
Case closed as sufficient details not provided	11
Not a code of conduct complaint	3
Complaint withdrawn	2
Yet to be assessed	1

The work of the Wiltshire Council Standards Committee April 2009 – March 2010

Local assessment

The majority of committee members sat on the various sub-committees involved in local assessment of code of conduct complaints.

The committee received regular updates on the number of complaints regarding alleged breaches of the code of conduct. The committee noted that the percentage of complaints going forward to investigation was higher than the national average and that this was also the case for a number of other local authorities.

Training

The training needs of the committee were met, including training on the code of conduct and specific training on the role of the standards committee and its members.

Mindful that the assessment of complaints into alleged breaches of the code was a relatively new area of work for the committee and that more complaints were going forward for investigation than the national average, follow-up training in this area was provided. This took the form of viewing the 'Assessment Made Clear' DVD produced by Standards for England; a question and discussion session, sharing learning points, examining case studies and exploring use of other action, including mediation.

Training packages for both Wiltshire Council members and town and parish councillors were developed for use in the forthcoming year. The former took account of the work of the Wiltshire Council Members Development Group while the latter was developed in conjunction with the Wiltshire Association of Local Councils (WALC).

A training sub committee was set up to look at these and all other training issues. It disbanded in January 2010 and its areas for action were included in the Wiltshire Council Standards Committee Plan 2010/14.

Raising awareness of the code of conduct

The committee took the view that the majority of complaints made against members into alleged breaches of the code stemmed from a misunderstanding of the provisions of the code rather than a wilful act to breach it.

The committee considered it was important to take a proactive stance in raising awareness of the provisions of the code particularly among town and parish councils in order to create a better understanding and observance of it which, in turn, would bring about a reduction in the number of complaints received.

To this end, a letter was circulated to all town and parish councils in the council's area which drew attention to the work of the Standards Committee and outlined ways in which Wiltshire Council may be able to support governance arrangements in those town and parish councils. The letter included a leaflet, developed by the communication sub-committee, which summarised the key provisions of the code of

conduct; a copy of the Standards for England DVD 'The Code Uncovered' and a booklet kindly donated by Wiltshire Association of Local Councils (WALC) 'The Good Councillor Guide'. The leaflet is available on the Wiltshire Council website, in the hubs, libraries and Citizen's Advice Bureaux.

Furthermore the committee has approved the leaflet on the local assessment process developed by the communications sub-committee for the public. This leaflet will also be made available shortly on the Wiltshire Council website, in the hubs, libraries and Citizens Advice Bureaux.

The chairman of the committee and monitoring officer met with the leader of the council and chief executive to explain and promote the work of the standards committee. A further meeting has been arranged with the leader and recently appointed chief executive and future meetings have been arranged to take place on a quarterly basis. The aim is to ensure that high standards of conduct and ethical governance remain core values of Wiltshire Council.

The committee endorsed a communications strategy developed by its communication sub-committee. This sub-committee disbanded in January 2010 and its work plan was incorporated into the Wiltshire Council Standards Committee Plan 2010/14.

Determining applications for dispensations

In considering the implications of the Standards Committee (Further Provisions) (England) Regulations 2009, the committee agreed a procedure and criteria for dealing with applications for dispensations and established a sub-committee to determine such applications.

Review of Wiltshire Council's Constitution

Wiltshire Council's Constitution was reviewed prior to the establishment of the unitary authority. In keeping with its role of overseeing the constitution, the standards committee was kept informed of the progress on reviewing the document. The chairman of the standards committee chaired a cross-party group of members, the focus group on the constitution, which assisted with the review and made recommendations to the Implementation Executive (IE) prior to consideration and adoption of an updated constitution by the council in February and June 2009.

Adoption of the constitution was on the basis that a review of the effectiveness of the document would be undertaken in light of experience after six months and the standards committee was requested to undertake such a review. The committee therefore agreed a process for undertaking the review and established another cross-party focus group which includes standards committee representation. This will be a major piece of work for the standards committee in 2010.

Registers of Interest

The committee considered an annual update which confirmed that following the elections in June 2009, all elected and co-opted members of the council had complied with their obligation to provide details of their interests as required by the code. The committee was also satisfied that members would continue to receive

periodic reminders of their obligations to update their register of interest forms and submit details of any gifts and hospitality received as and when necessary.

Following recommendation by this committee, the council agreed that members and co-opted members of Wiltshire Council may opt into the on-line publication of their entries in the statutory register of members' interests. This is in addition to the statutory obligation to make the register of interests open for public inspection.

Wiltshire Council Standards Committee Plan 2010/14

In order to ensure that it remains effective in its role and makes the best use of its resources, the committee agreed its priorities over the next four years subject to reviewing the plan every quarter.

The plan was drawn up using Standards for England guidance on what excellent standards committees should be doing and was linked to the goals and aims of the council.

Local Government Ombudsman

The committee received a presentation from Jerry White, the Local Government Ombudsman, and Vereena Jones, Assistant Ombudsman, on the role of the Ombudsman and the relationship between the Ombudsman and the council. The Ombudsman also presented his annual review of Wiltshire Council for the year ended March 2009 in which it was noted there had been a reduction in complaints made to the Ombudsman against the council.

Whistle-blowing procedure

The committee noted that the Whistle-blowing procedure had been revised to take account of advice from the external auditors, good practice and learning gained from running the procedure over the past five years.

Annual Assembly of the Standards Board for England – 12-13 October 2009

It is customary for the Wiltshire Council Standards Committee to be represented by a member and officer at the annual assembly. Some 800 delegates attended from councils across England. Councillor Ernie Clark attended the annual assembly on behalf of the chairman, along with the monitoring officer. The standards committee considered a report on the outcomes of the assembly.

'The Bulletin'

The committee continued to receive 'The Bulletin' newsletter from Standards for England. The committee finds the publication useful in terms of benchmarking against best practice in other authorities and in further developing its procedures in the light of Standards for England advice.

Reports

The committee considered the following reports:

- **The Annual Audit and Inspection Letter**

The committee noted that there were no significant ethical governance issues.

- **Department of Community Services Compliments and Complaints Annual Report 2008/09**

The committee noted that some major improvements had taken place in this area, but requested that in future, benchmarking information be included.

- **Annual Governance Statement**

The committee noted that ethical governance issues were adequately addressed in the document.

Issues for 2010/11

The committee will continue with its core functions which includes continuing to look at the following areas:

- consider the local government Ombudsman's annual report
- consider the annual audit and inspection letter regarding ethical governance issues
- review the effectiveness of the council's whistle-blowing policy
- provide views on the council's annual governance statement prior to adoption by the audit committee
- ensure members' compliance with the code of conduct in respect of the completion of the register of members' interests and gifts and hospitality forms.

As mentioned above, the committee has agreed a standards committee plan for the period 2010/14 to focus the committee's attention on its priorities. The plan will be considered by the committee every quarter to review its priorities as necessary. The following areas of work have been included in the standards committee plan:

Local standards framework

The committee will review its processes to ensure it continues to apply the local standards framework in a fair, efficient and proportionate manner.

Promote ethical wellbeing

The committee will promote the ethical well-being of Wiltshire Council by embedding standards further within the council. It will do this by supporting the council in moving to a single culture by promoting the values articulated in the council document 'What will we be like'; increasing the committee's visibility at meetings of council, cabinet, committees and area boards and hold regular meetings between the chairman of the committee, the leader and chief executive of the council.

Review of the constitution

As requested by the council, the committee will undertake the review of the council's constitution to ensure it continues to be lawful and fit for purpose. The review will be carried out with the assistance of a cross-party group of councillors and representatives of the Wiltshire Council Standards Committee and Overview and Scrutiny Management Resources Select Committee and Audit Committee.

Complaints handling

The committee will review how the council handles complaints received to ensure they are dealt with efficiently and lead to improvements to services to the public.

Code of conduct training

The committee will ensure the provision of training on the code of conduct for elected and co-opted members of Wiltshire Council and town and parish councils. It will monitor the take-up and effectiveness of the training.

Town and parish councils

The committee will communicate regularly with town and parish councils on standards issues. It will promote excellence in wider aspects of governance through membership of WALC.

Standards in local government

The committee will inform and engage the public on standards in local government. It will do this by providing articles related to the code of conduct in Wiltshire Council's internal and external communications and ensure committee representation at public meetings and events. It will also distribute leaflets on making a complaint and the local assessment procedure for distribution throughout the council's area. The committee will also assist in reviewing the Wiltshire Council website to ensure easy access and navigation.

Promote standards in partnerships

The committee will review partnership governance arrangements and incorporate agreed values and standards of behaviour in partnership documentation.

Would you like to be involved?

The position of independent member is open to anyone who can demonstrate they:

- can exercise personal integrity and are committed to integrity in local government
- have experience of critically assessing written and verbal evidence and reaching a balanced and objective decision based on the evidence
- have comprehensive experience of working with a wide range of people, both colleagues and customers or service users, and that they can communicate effectively at all levels
- are able to express their ideas and point of view confidently, effectively and tactfully
- have excellent listening skills
- have experience of problem solving and analysis
- are tenacious and independent, and can exercise persuasion and influence
- have an understanding of the principles and practice of equality and diversity and are committed to those principles

If you are interested in applying to serve on the Wiltshire Council Standards Committee as an independent member or as a town or parish council representative when a vacancy arises, please look out for the advertisements in the local newspapers, or register your interest with us using the contact details below and we will contact you when we next recruit new members.

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