

14.2 Principles of decision making

All decisions of the council will be made in accordance with the following principles:

- to produce action that is proportionate to the desired outcome
- to ensure open, fair and honest administration
- to be clear over desired outcomes and aims
- to record the options considered and discarded
- to state the reasons for the action
- to consult interested parties where appropriate and practicable
- to consult appropriate officers and to seek their professional advice
- to show due respect for human rights, and to provide equality of opportunity
- to obtain best value and operate efficiently, effectively and economically
- to serve Wiltshire communities and to work in partnership with other agencies having the same aim
- to promote the economic, social, and environmental well-being of the county
- to determine issues at the lowest level commensurate with their importance
- to keep and sustain what is useful in the traditions of the authority and to reject any practices or services retained purely out of sentiment.