

Chairman's Announcements - 8 February 2011

Waste Consultation Results

Those of you who attended Area Board meetings during the summer will recall the presentations about the Council's proposal for changes to Wiltshire's waste collection and recycling service.

The consultation finished on 20 August 2010. There is a report on the full results of the consultation that can be seen on the Wiltshire Council website <http://www.intelligencenetwork.org.uk/environment/>, or if preferred, hard copies can be made available.

The proposed service changes are planned for Summer 2011, and residents will be kept informed throughout the process.

Invitation to Comment on a Proposed New Council-Wide Street Trading Scheme

There is currently no harmonised street trading policy for the Wiltshire Council area. This is because the former District Councils controlled street trading in different ways. The Licensing Committee agreed to introduce a new harmonised consent street trading scheme across the Wiltshire Council area. Council Officers have produced a draft scheme for formal consultation with all interested parties and would like to invite general comments and feedback on the proposed scheme.

A full copy of the proposed scheme and consultation survey is available on the Wiltshire Council website, <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council/constitutions.htm>. All interested parties should return written responses to the Wiltshire Council Licensing Team by 17 March. Written responses should be emailed to alissa.davies@wiltshire.gov.uk or returned to the Wiltshire Council Licensing Team at the Monkton Park Office.

Fairtrade and the Wiltshire Fairtrade Coalition

Fairtrade is based on the idea that small producers in the developing world should be paid a price for their produce that covers the cost of production and gives the family a living wage.

The producer makes a long term agreement in advance with the Fairtrade purchasing company that ensures a guaranteed minimum price. In return the producer commits to working to progressive standards of production and environmental protection.

Under the agreement children are not forbidden to work but bonded labour is prohibited and children must go to school. There is a fair trade promotion stand available to view before the meeting if you would like to find out more.

Childcare Sufficiency Assessment

Local authorities have a duty, under the Childcare Act 2006, to assess the sufficiency of childcare in their area and produce a report. Wiltshire's second report has now been drafted and it is out for consultation on the Wiltshire Council website.

Any comments should be forwarded to the early years team using the response sheet provided on the website by 20 March 2011, <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/schoolseducationandlearning/earlyyearsandchildcare/childdcaresufficiencyassessment.htm>. The final report will be published on the website before 1 April 2011.