

Wiltshire Council

Council

8 November 2011

Notice of Motion No. 27 – Rail Franchise

To consider the following motion submitted by Cllrs Jon Hubbard (Melksham South Division) and Howard Marshall (Calne Central Division)

1. Council notes that discussions are beginning on a new rail franchise affecting Wiltshire, including a future stakeholder consultation on the exact nature of the franchise, and meetings with short-listed franchise bidders in 2012.
2. Council notes the encouragement of Theresa Villiers MP, Minister of State for Transport, that Wiltshire Council “discuss the potential for a Corsham station and a new Oxford-Bristol service with all bidders for the franchise”.
3. Council recognises this as a unique opportunity to promote and improve the rail network in and through Wiltshire.
4. Council encourages the creation of a Rail Task Group to consult on the specific demands Wiltshire should make of this new franchise.