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BURIAL GROUNDS, CEMETERIES AND CREMATORIA	These facilities are available to all residents in Swindon; the cost therefore should continue to be borne as a general and not a Special Expense.	Power to provide burial grounds, cemeteries and crematoria.	Blunston, Highworth, Stratton St Margaret
	The amount of money involved is considered to be 'de minimus'.	Power to maintain a closed churchyard.	Bishopstone, Blunston, Highworth
	The amount of money involved is considered to be 'de minimus'.	Power to acquire burial ground by agreement and undertake care management and control of any such burial ground.	Highworth, Stratton St Margaret
	The amount of money involved is considered to be 'de minimus'.	Power to maintain burial grounds.	Bishopstone, Blunston, Chiseldon, South Marston, Stanton Fitzwarren, Stratton St Margaret, Wroughton
BYELAWS	Byelaw as affecting open space and recreation grounds owned by the Borough Council are prepared for both parished and non-parished locations. The cost of drawing up the byelaws should be charged to the location, but as the cost is small, it is suggested that it be regarded as 'de minimus' and therefore not material.	Power to make byelaws in regard to pleasure grounds etc.	South Masrton, Stratton St Margaret, Wroughton
		Burial grounds.	Stratton St Margaret
		Open spaces.	Haydon Wick, Stratton St Margaret, Wanborough, Wroughton
CLOCKS	The clocks provided in the non-parished areas are for general use.	Power to provide public clocks.	
CONFERENCE FACILITIES	These facilities are available to all residents in Swindon; the cost therefore should continue to be borne as a general and not a Special Expense.	Power to encourage visitors and provide conference and other facilities.	Haydon Wick, Highworth, Stratton St Margaret, Wroughton
COMMUNITY CENTRES	The Council incurs minimal costs (such as rates and maintenance charges) for some	Power to provide and equip buildings for use as community centres.	Castle Eaton, Highworth, South Marston, Stratton St Margaret

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	facilities leased to community organisations in the Borough. Nythe and Coleview Community Centres are located within the Special Expenses areas and could therefore be charged as Special Expenses. However, as the sums are negligible and as the cost of these centres has historically been charged as a General Expense, it is proposed to charge these costs as a general expense.		Wanborough, Wroughton
DOCUMENTS	Arrangements affecting official documents are an integral part of the Council's administration function and as such are not intended to benefit a specific part of the Borough only. The costs, therefore, should be charged Borough-wide.	Duty of proper officer of authority to retain documents deposited with them.	Bishopstone, Blunsdon, Chiseldon, Covingham, Haydon Wick, South Marston, Stratton St Margaret, Wanborough, Wroughton
Provision of proper depositories for all papers specified as belonging to the Parish Council.		Bishopstone, Blunsdon, Haydon Wick, Stratton St Margaret, Wanborough Wroughton	
Documents of authority to be open to inspection.		Bishopstone, Blunsdon , Covingham Haydon Wick, Highworth, South Marston, Stratton St Margaret, Wanborough, Wroughton	
Duty where required by an enactment to keep photographic copy of documents.		Bishopstone, Blunsdon, Haydon Wick, Stratton St Margaret, Wanborough	
DRAINAGE	Drainage facilities benefit all residents in Swindon; the cost should therefore continue to be borne as a general and not a Special Expense.	Power to deal with ponds, pools and ditches that are likely to be prejudicial to health.	Bishopstone, South Marston, Stratton St Margaret, Wanborough, Wroughton

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ENTERTAINMENT AND THE ARTS	These are provided by the Borough both as a means of attracting visits and to benefit all residents throughout the Borough. The cost arising should be borne as a General and not a Special Expense.		Haydon Wick, Stratton St Margaret
FINANCE, EXPENDITURE (Section 137 of the 1992 Finance Act)	When relying upon this power, the Council's expenditure is mainly in the form of grant aid and the Council is therefore not deemed to be performing a function under Section 35 (2) of the 1992 Finance Act. These costs can therefore be excluded for the purposes of this report. On the occasions when grant aid is not involved, it is likely that either the whole Borough would benefit, or that the amount involved would be 'de minimus'.	Power to incur expenditure which in the Council's opinion is in the interests of and will bring direct benefit to their area or any part of it.	Bishopstone, Blunsdon, Covingham, Castle Eaton, Haydon Wick, Liddington, South Marston, Stratton St Margaret, Wanborough, Wroughton
GIFTS	In most cases, gifts are received by Cultural Services and are used to benefit all the residents of the Borough. Any cost arising is small and should be regarded as 'de minimus'.	Power to accept, hold and administer for the purpose of discharging any of its functions, gifts of property.	
HIGHWAYS	Most functions provided by the Council and relying on Highway legislation are intended to benefit all residents and the costs should be borne as a general expense.	Power to maintain footpaths and bridleways.	Bishopstone, Chiseldon, Highworth, South Marston, Stratton St Margaret, Wanborough, Wroughton
		Power to maintain privately maintained footpaths and bridleways.	Covingham, South Marston, Wanborough
		Power to plant trees and lay out grass verges in a highway maintainable at public expense with the consent of the highway authority.	Chiseldon, Covingham, Highworth, Liddington, South Marston, Wanborough

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HIGHWAYS (cont)		Power to erect flagpoles and other structures for displaying decorations.	Bishopstone, Highworth, Wroughton
		Power to light roads and public places (these powers shall not be exercised except with the consent of the highway authority).	South Marston, Wroughton
		Power of district or parish councils to transfer lighting system to highway authority.	
		Power to consent to or refuse to consent to the stopping up or diversion of a highway.	Bishopstone, Haydon Wick, South Marston
		Power to consent to or refuse to consent to removal of requirement of maintenance of highway at public expense.	Bishopstone, South Marston
		Power to prosecute in respect of footpaths and bridleways.	Bishopstone
		Power to provide parking spaces	Highworth, South Marston
INFORMATION	It is the Council's policy to inform the public about its services and the cost incurred is not intended to be borne by a part of the Borough only. All costs arising should be charged as a general expense.	Power to provide or assist in the provision of information about services available within the area of the authority.	Bishopstone, Blunston, Chiseldon, Covingham, Haydon Wick, Highworth, Stanton Fitzwarren, Stratton St Margaret Wanborough, Wroughton
LITTER	Litter control, including provision of bins, is intended to benefit the whole Borough and the cost should be borne generally.	Provision of litter bins.	Bishopstone, Blunston, Chiseldon, Covingham, Haydon Wick Highworth, South Marston, Stanton Fitzwarren, Stratton St Margaret

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MARKETS AND FAIRS	Where costs occur, they are small and do not represent the direct provision of a service by the Borough Council. Consequently any costs should be borne as a general expense.	Power to appoint times and charges for markets under a Local Act which confers powers to make byelaws on such matters.	South Marston
		Power to regulate markets and fairs.	Highworth, Wroughton
NOTICES	The Council has powers to serve and display notices as part of its administration. Any costs incurred should therefore be charged as a general expense because they do not benefit a particular area.	Power in respect of public notices.	Castle Eaton, Haydon Wick, Stanton Fitzwarren, Stratton St Margaret, Wanborough, Wroughton
		Power to serve notices.	Chiseldon, Castle Eaton, Wanborough
OPEN SPACES	Please see schedule B.	Power to acquire open space and undertake its care, management and control.	Bishopstone, Haydon Wick, South Marston, Stratton St Margaret, Wroughton
		Power to maintain open spaces.	Bishopstone, Castel Eaton, Covingham, Haydon Wick, Highworth, South Marston, Stanton Fitzwarren, Stratton St Margaret, Wanborough, Wroughton
		Power to make byelaws in respect of open spaces	Bishopstone, Haydon Wick, South Marston, Stratton St Margaret, Wroughton
PARISH PROPERTY		Custody and management.	Bishopstone, Blunsdon, Haydon Wick, Highworth, South Marston, Stanton Fitzwarren, Stratton St Margaret, Wanborough, Wroughton
		Power to execute works in relation to parish property.	Bishopstone, Blunsdon, Chiseldon, Haydon Wick, Highworth, South Marston, Stratton St Margaret, Stanton Fitzwarren, Wroughton
PUBLIC BUILDINGS	The Council's buildings are available for public meetings and assemblies by all residents and organizations throughout the	Power to acquire or provide buildings, offices for use for public meetings and assemblies.	Bishopstone, Blunsdon, Haydon Wick, Highworth, South Marston, Stratton St Margaret, Wroughton

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PUBLIC CONVENIENCES	The Council's public conveniences are available to all residents of, and visitors to, the Borough, and the cost of providing and maintaining them should be a general expense.	Power to provide and regulate public conveniences.	Highworth, South Marston
		Duty when undertaking sanitary conveniences to make provision insofar as is reasonable and practical for the needs of disabled persons.	
RECREATION	Please see schedule B. Where this power is exercised by the Borough Council, it is intended that the resulting show will be for the benefit of all residents.	Parks and pleasure grounds - power to purchase or take on lease plant and improve lands for purpose of being used as public walks or pleasure grounds.	Bishopstone, Chiseldon, Covingham, Haydon Wick, Highworth, South Marston, Stanton Fitzwarren, Stratton St Margaret, Wanborough, Wroughton
		Power to make byelaws to regulate public walks or pleasure grounds.	Stratton St Margaret
		Power to close park/pleasure ground to the public and grant use of the same to any public charity/institution for any show.	Bishopstone, Stratton St Margaret
	The pitches, facilities and sports centers are intended for general use.	Power to set aside part of park for football or cricket; provide facilities for games/recreation; provide and maintain reading rooms and pavilions; provide and maintain refreshment rooms; provide seats.	Bishopstone, Blunsdon, Castle Eaton, Chiseldon, Haydon Wick, Highworth, South Marston, Stratton St Margaret, Wanborough, Wroughton
		Swimming pools, bathing places -	

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		Power to provide swimming pools.	Stratton St Margaret
RECREATION (cont)		Power to provide life-saving appliances at bathing places.	Stratton St Margaret
		Other recreational facilities -	
		Power to provide sports centres.	Stratton St Margaret, Wanborough
		Power to provide swimming pools.	Stratton St Margaret
		Power to provide bowling centres.	Wanborough
		Power to provide tennis courts.	Bishopstone, Blunsdon, Covingham, Stratton St Margaret, Wanborough,
		Power to provide squash courts.	Stratton St Margaret
		Power to provide badminton courts.	Stratton St Margaret
		Power to provide dance studios.	Stratton St Margaret
		Power to provide pitches for team games.	Bishopstone, Blunsdon, Castle Eaton, Haydon Wick, Highworth, South Marston, Stratton St Margaret, Wanborough, Wroughton
		Power to provide cycle tracks.	
		Power to provide golf courses.	
			Power to provide bowling greens.
STREET LIGHTING	Any costs arising would be for the general benefit of residents of, and visitors to the Borough and should be charged as a general expense.	Power to affix to a building lamps, brackets, pipes, electric lines and apparatus as may be required for purposes of street lighting.	South Marston

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TOURISM	These facilities are provided by the Borough both as a means of attracting visits and to benefit residents throughout the Borough. The cost arising should be borne as a general and not a Special Expense.	Power to encourage tourism.	Highworth, Stratton St Margaret, Wroughton
TRAINING	Where this power is exercised by the Borough Council, it is intended that the resulting show	Power to enter into arrangements with the Training Commission or the Secretary of State under the Employment and Training Act 1973.	Stratton St Margaret, Wroughton
TRUSTS	Any costs incurred would be extremely small and should be regarded as 'de minimus'	Power to act as custodian trustee.	Blunston, Wroughton
		Power to act as managing trustee.	Blunston
WAR MEMORIALS	The Council maintains the War Memorial near the Town Hall, but does so for the benefit of all residents, the costs therefore should be borne as a general expense.	Power to incur reasonable expenditure to maintain, repair and protect any war memorial within a local authority district.	Blunston, Chiseldon, Highworth, South Marston, Stanton Fitzwarren Wroughton
		Power to incur expenditure on a war memorial to alter any memorial so as to make it serve as a memorial in connection with any war subsequent to that which it was erected for.	Bishopstone