



SWINDON BOROUGH COUNCIL
Municipal Year 2014/15

Thursday, 6 November 2014

**COUNCIL CHAMBER
CIVIC OFFICES
SWINDON**

29 October 2014

Dear Councillor,

Summons to attend Council Meeting

A MEETING of the **Council**, which you are requested to attend, is to be held at the CIVIC OFFICES, SWINDON, on **Thursday, 6 November 2014 at 7.00 p.m.**

The business to be transacted will be as follows:-

AGENDA

- 1. Apologies for Absence**
- 2. Communications**
To receive any communications or letters which the Mayor or Chief Executive may have to bring before the Council.
- 3. Minutes** (Pages 1 - 8)
To receive the minutes of the previous meeting held on 18th September 2014.
- 4. Declarations of Interest**
Members are reminded that at the start of the meeting they should declare any known interests in any matter to be considered, and also during the meeting if it becomes apparent that they have an interest in the matters being discussed.

5. Public Question Time

See explanatory note below.

6. Minutes for Confirmation (Pages 9 - 12)

(1) To consider Minutes for Confirmation from Cabinet:

- Minute 41(2) (Budget Management 2014/15 and Draft Budget 2015/16).
- Minute 46(1) (Independent Remuneration Panel on Councillors' Allowances Recommendations 2015/16).

(Minutes to follow under separate cover)

(2) To receive Minutes to Note from Cabinet:

- Minute 31 (Housing Strategy 2015-2026).
- Minute 34 (Motion at Council – Traffic on Cricklade Road, Swindon).
- Minute 35 Invest and Save for a Low Carbon Swindon – Swindon's Energy Future – Motion at Council).

7. Motions

(a) Motion - University for Swindon

Councillor Mark Dempsey will move and Councillor Jim Robbins will second:

"This Council:

- Recognises that a University for Swindon is vital to unlock the talents of local people and drive economic regeneration.
- Recognises a University is also vital to attracting businesses to Swindon and enabling existing businesses recruit the skilled workers they need.
- Notes Swindon is the only major town out of 59 in England and Wales without a university, and Swindon is among the worst 10% of local authorities in England for participation in HE at 18.
- Notes the most recent research by the Higher Education Funding Council For England (HEFCE), which shows that 7 wards in Swindon are identified as in the lowest quintile in the country for Higher Education participation.

This Council resolves to ask Cabinet to:

- Reaffirm its commitment to establishing a University for Swindon.
- Build on its Higher Education Strategy and establish a detailed plan and business proposal for a University for Swindon – including a Higher Education Centre as a starting point for a full University.
- Ensure a Higher Education Centre is the number one priority in the next application for funds for Swindon through the Local Enterprise Partnership and the Higher Education Funding Council For

England.

- Accelerate discussions with Government, neighbouring Universities, and Further Education Colleges in Swindon to realise additional funding and support for this plan.”

(b) **Motion - Hindu Temple**
Councillor Jim Grant will move:

“This Council:

- Supports the rights of recognised religious groups to have a place of worship inside the Borough.
- Notes the efforts of the Swindon Hindu Temple Trust to provide a Hindu Temple and Cultural Centre in Swindon.
- Supports the principle of the Swindon Hindu Temple Trust building a Hindu Temple and Cultural Centre in the Borough.

This Council requests the Cabinet Member for the Economy, Regeneration, and Skills and Chief Executive of the Council to work with the Swindon Hindu Temple Trust in identifying a suitable site in the Borough for a Hindu Temple and Cultural Centre and to bring a report to Cabinet on the matter.”

(c) **Motion - Regent Circus Crossing**
Councillor Bob Wright will move:

“This Council recognises the concerns of motorists that drive through and pedestrians that use the Shared Space crossing at Regents Circus about the safety of the crossing and is also concerned that the confusion over the right of way of the crossing on such a busy road will lead to accidents in the near future.

This Council also recognises the recent concerns of traders on Commercial Road who have urged the Council to take action to deal with the speed of vehicles and parking on the road. This Council notes that in the Town Centre Masterplan it is proposed that two-way traffic is re-established with short stay on-street parking through a series a lay-bys.

This council believes it should address residents safety concerns by installing a traditional traffic light crossing on the Regent Circus shared space crossing and request the Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning, Sustainability and Transport bring a report to Cabinet detailing a scheme so that would bring about this new crossing and to detail how the Council can more quickly realise its Masterplan ambitions for Commercial Road.”

8. Minutes of Cabinet and Decisions Delegated to Cabinet Members (Pages 13 - 28)

Members have the opportunity to raise questions with the relevant Cabinet Member in respect of Cabinet minutes (which are not reserved for Council for decision) and in respect of individual Cabinet Member delegated decisions.

9. Minutes of other Council Bodies

Members have the opportunity to raise questions with the relevant Chair in respect of all other Committee minutes (not reserved to Council for decision), as set out in the Minute Book circulated separately.

10. Councillors Question Time

Questions (if any) of which notice has been given by Councillors in accordance with Standing Order 15.

Yours faithfully

Director of Law and Democratic Services

Questions by Members of the Public in accordance with Standing Order 11

Swindon Borough Council remains committed to increasing its accountability to the public and to promoting active citizenship. 15 minutes will be allowed at the start of all Council meetings for questions to the Chair from the public about the work of the Committee (except for confidential matters, and matters relating to planning and licensing applications). We will give priority to those who submit questions in writing at least two days before the meeting. Questions must be relevant, clear, and concise. You may not use Public Question Time as an opportunity to make speeches or statements.

Questions in writing should be sent to the Committee Officer whose contact details appear on the agenda above or to the Director of Law and Democratic Services, we will publish it, along with the answer, alongside the Minutes. The process associated with asking a public question is set out in the "Public Question Time at Council Meetings Protocol and Guidance" available on the Council's Website (<http://www5.swindon.gov.uk/moderngov/ecCatDisplay.aspx?sch=doc&cat=13338&path=0>) or from the Committee Officer named above.

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COUNCIL

THURSDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER 2014

PRESENT:- The Worshipful The Mayor in the Chair; Councillors Junab Ali, Steve Allsopp, Abdul Amin, Paul Baker, John Ballman, Ray Ballman, Andrew Bennett, Alan Bishop, Roderick Bluh, Michael Bray, Wayne Crabbe, Mark Dempsey, Oliver Donachie, Mark Edwards, Toby Elliott, Emma Faramarzi, Fionuala Foley, Brian Ford, Mary Friend, Jim Grant, John Haines, Neil Heavens, Dale Heenan, Russell Holland, Fay Howard, Richard Hurley, Colin Lovell, Mary Martin, Nick Martin, Cindy Matthews, Brian Mattock, Gemma McCracken, Des Moffatt, Derique Montaut, Stan Pajak, Kevin Parry, Maureen Penny, Garry Perkins, David Renard, Ann Richards, James Robbins, Nicky Sewell, Eric Shaw, Carol Shelley, Kevin Small, Timothy Swinyard, Vera Tomlinson, Joe Tray, Steve Wakefield, Nadine Watts, Peter Watts, Steve Weisinger, Keith Williams and David Wood.

36. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bob Wright and Julie Wright.

37. Communications

The Board Director Commissioning reported that no communications had been received.

38. Minutes

Resolved – That the minutes of the meeting held on 17th July, 2014, be confirmed and signed.

39. Declarations of Interest

The Mayor reminded Members of the need to declare any known interests in any matters to be considered at the meeting.

In accordance with the Code of Conduct Councillors Andrew Bennett, Mark Edwards, Garry Perkins and Joe Tray made non prejudicial declarations of interest in respect of Agenda Item Nos. 7(a) and 7(b) in their capacity as a Swindon Borough Council representative serving on the Wiltshire and Swindon Fire Authority.

In accordance with the Code of Conduct Councillors Jim Grant and Nicky Sewell made personal and prejudicial declarations of interest in respect of Agenda Item No. 7(b) as they were employed by the Wiltshire Police Authority.

In accordance with the Code of Conduct Councillor John Ballman made a non prejudicial declaration of interest in respect of Agenda Item No. 7(c) as he was a School Governor.

In accordance with the Code of Conduct Councillor Mark Dempsey made a non prejudicial declaration of interest in respect of Agenda Item No. 7(c) as he was a Governor of Abbey Meads Primary School.

In accordance with the Code of Conduct Councillor Mark Edwards made a non prejudicial declaration of interest in respect of Agenda Item No. 7(c) as his wife served on the Butterflies Management Committee.

In accordance with the Code of Conduct Councillor Cindy Matthews made a non prejudicial declaration of interest in respect of Agenda Item No. 7(c) as the Chair of a Children's Centre Management Committee.

In accordance with the Code of Conduct Councillor Maureen Penny made a non prejudicial declaration of interest in respect of Agenda Item No. 7(c) as the Chair of the Ladybird Children's Centre Advisory Board.

40. Public Question Time

Mr Michael Dickinson submitted written questions regarding car parking in Old Walcot. A written response was tabled at the meeting.

Mr Joe Backshell asked a public question seeking clarification on whether the consultation process undertaken in respect of moving the Shopmobility service and of groups providing support and advice for disabled persons had met the Council's policy. The Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning, Sustainability and Transport and the Leader of the Council responded at the meeting.

Mr Joe Backshell asked the Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning, Sustainability and Transport if he would arrange a meeting to discuss the Equality Access Group's concerns. The Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning, Sustainability and Transport requested that Mr Backsell contact him after the meeting.

Mr Tim French asked a public question regarding the Averies fire and whether any enquiry into the circumstances of the fire would be open to the public. The Leader of the Council responded at the meeting.

Mr Terry Reynolds asked a public question regarding whether Section 106 money was to be used for improvements to the Stratton/Moonrakers junction. The Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning, Sustainability and Transport indicated that a written response would be provided.

Mr Peter Goodfellow asked the Council if it would join local residents in congratulating the the North Swindon Community Committee for the recent funday and if the Council would support future events. The Worshipful The Mayor, the Cabinet Member for Communities and Volunteering, and Councillors Mark Dempsey, Emma Faramarzi, the Cabinet Member for Housing and Public Safety, and Vera Tomlinson responded at the meeting.

41. Minutes for Confirmation

(1) Councillor Russell Holland moved and Councillor David Renard seconded:

“That Minute 18(6) of the Cabinet (Budget Management 2014/15) be confirmed and adopted.”

The Motion was put to the vote and declared carried.

(2) Councillor Emma Faramarzi moved and Councillor David Renard seconded:

“That Minute 36(1) of the Cabinet (Reference from Other Council Bodies – Licensing Committee (Delegations under Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013)) be confirmed and adopted.”

The Motion was put to the vote and declared carried.

(3) Councillor Vera Tomlinson moved and Councillor Eric Shaw seconded:

“That Minute 15 of the Licensing Committee (Revision of Street Trading Policy) be confirmed and adopted.”

The Motion was put to the vote and declared carried.

In response to a question seeking clarification regarding Minute 15 of the Licensing Committee from Councillor Kevin Small, the Chair of the Licensing Committee confirmed that the revised Street Trading Policy would permit the playing of music at Christmas Markets, and where appropriate, at other organised markets.

(4) Councillor Vera Tomlinson moved and Councillor Eric Shaw seconded:

“That Minute 17 of the Licensing Committee (Adoption of Consolidated Skin-piercing Byelaws) be confirmed and adopted.”

The Motion was put to the vote and declared carried.

(5) Councillor Steve Weisinger moved and Councillor Oliver Donachie seconded:

“That Minute 9(2) of the Audit Committee (Audit Committee: Terms of Reference and Work Plan) be confirmed and adopted.”

The Motion was put to the vote and declared carried.

42. Motion - Averies Waste Site

Councillor John Haines moved and Councillor Dale Heenan seconded:

“This Council requests that:

(1) The Leader of the Council, with the Director of Law and Democratic Services, investigates all additional legal and regulatory avenues that might enable the Averies site to be closed down and for the principle of the polluter pays to apply.

(2) The Leader of the Council, with the Director of Law and Democratic Services, and the Borough's two Members of Parliament, to examine all legislative means to allow the Council to assume the regulatory function of such sites. This will allow better coordination with local planning, environmental health, and new regulatory powers on scrap metals.

(3) At the Leader of the Council's request, the Chair of Scrutiny invites the Scrutiny Committee to review the Local Resilience Forum's independent, multi-agency debrief of the Averages Fire incident."

The Motion was put to the vote and unanimously carried.

At the request of the mover and seconder of the Motion, and with the approval of Council, agenda Item 7(a)(ii) was withdrawn.

43. Motion - Police Community Support Officers

Councillor Carol Shelley moved and Councillor Peter Watts seconded:

"This Council notes the car parking issues that have arisen around some of the Borough's schools. This has led to at times to it being unsafe for pedestrians and also problems for residents living near to the schools who find they are not able to move their own vehicles during these times.

This Council recognises that there is no simple solutions to the problem of parking in and around some schools and recognises the strategies and work that schools have already done to alleviate the problem. This Council further recognises that schools need support from the Council in solving the on-going parking issues through Traffic Regulation Orders and an increased ability to enforce existing Traffic Regulation Orders.

This Council recognises it does not have enough traffic enforcement officers to make a meaningful impact in enforcing existing parking regulations. This Council believes that granting Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) the powers to enforce Council parking regulations would enable more visibility and more flexibility to respond quickly to the needs of residents living in neighbourhoods near to schools.

The Council requests that the Leader of the Council write to the Wiltshire Police and Crime Commissioner communicating the Council's interest in granting PCSOs the powers to enforce parking regulations. Council also requests the Cabinet Member for Highways to bring a report to Cabinet with further detail on how PCSOs can be granted new powers to enforce council parking regulations and how PCSOs could work with existing council parking enforcement officers."

With the agreement of the mover and seconder the Motion was amended to read:

Councillor Carol Shelley moved and Councillor Oliver Donachie seconded:

“This Council notes the car parking issues that have arisen around some of the Borough’s schools. This has led to at times to it being unsafe for pedestrians and also problems for residents living near to the schools who find they are not able to move their own vehicles during these times.

This Council recognises that there is no simple solutions to the problem of parking in and around some schools and recognises the strategies and work that schools have already done to alleviate the problem. This Council further recognises that schools need support from the Council in solving the on-going parking issues through Traffic Regulation Orders and an increased ability to enforce existing Traffic Regulation Orders.

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The Council requests that the Leader of the Council write to the Wiltshire and Swindon Police and Crime Commissioner communicating the Council’s interest in granting PCSOs the powers to enforce parking regulations. Council also requests the Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning, Sustainability and Transport to bring a report to Cabinet with further detail on how PCSOs could be granted new powers to enforce council parking regulations and how PCSOs could work with existing council parking enforcement officers.”

The Motion was put to the vote and unanimously carried.

44. Motion - Children's Centres

Councillor Cindy Matthews moved and Councillor Mark Dempsey seconded:

“Council notes the concerns of some parents over the proposed closure of some of Swindon's Children's Centres and it believes that these centres should remain open for many reasons, including:

- Children's Centres have been working energetically to engage vulnerable groups, and many of these families will not be amenable to other mainstream services.
- The Council's figures show that there will be virtually as many vulnerable children unable to access a Children's Centre in the future than able to access them in the Children's Centres being retained, with 1759 vulnerable children not having access to a Children's Centre.
- Referrals to Children's Social Care have increased by 38% in the past year, with 45% more children subject to child protection plans. This suggests a need to keep as much early intervention assistance as possible, which Children's Centres offer.
- Children's Centres act as a tool for the Council to prevent at an early stage families finding themselves in a situation where the Council needs to take

Children in to Care. It costs the Council on average between £23,000 and £56,000 per annum for every child brought in to care.

Council notes that the Children's Centres consultation runs until the 3rd October. Council urges the Cabinet to take full account of the views of those responding and to show that consultations are meaningful by reviewing its proposals accordingly."

Councillor Finuala Foley moved and Councillor Garry Perkins seconded that the Motion be amended to read:

"Council notes the concerns of some parents over the proposed closure of some of Swindon's Children's Centres.

This Council encourages parents to read the Cabinet report from July 2014 about the proposal and to respond to the consultation.

This Council also notes the proposals regarding the West Swindon Family Centre and Butterflies for which there is a consultation proposal to transform them into multi-generation centres."

The Amendment was put to the vote becoming the Substantive Motion.

The Substantive Motion was put to the vote and declared carried.

45. Swindon and Wiltshire Local Enterprise Partnership Governance

Council considered (a) a joint report of the Leader of the Council and Head of Economy and Skills regarding the introduction of a proposed governance structure within the Swindon and Wiltshire Local Enterprise Partnership, and (b) Minute 32 of the Cabinet (Swindon and Wiltshire Local Enterprise Partnership Governance), and (c) comments of the Leader of the Council regarding investigating the submission to the Council of the minutes of the Swindon and Wiltshire Local Enterprise Partnership for information.

Resolved – That Minute 32 of the Cabinet (Swindon and Wiltshire Local Enterprise Partnership Governance) be confirmed and adopted.

46. Minutes of Cabinet and Decisions Delegated to Cabinet Members

The Council considered (a) the minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 23rd July 2014, and (b) questions to the Cabinet Members regarding their portfolio responsibilities and answers received.

47. Minutes of other Council Bodies

The Council (a) received the minutes set out in the "Minutes of Other Council Bodies" circulated with the Agenda, and (b) considered questions to Chairs relating to the work of their Committees and other bodies and answers received.

48. Councillors Question Time

The Director of Law and Democratic Services reported that Standing Order 15 questions had been received from Councillors Jim Grant, Des Moffatt, Steve Wakefield and Dave Wood.

Councillor Steve Wakefield asked a supplementary question regarding the prioritisation of those areas most in need of Superfast Broadband. The Cabinet Member for the Economy, Regeneration and Skills responded at the meeting.

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COUNCIL

THURSDAY 6TH NOVEMBER 2014

MINUTES TO NOTE

CABINET

WEDNESDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER 2014

31. Housing Strategy 2015-2026

The Cabinet Member for Housing and Public Safety and the Head of Housing and Community Safety submitted a joint report setting out a proposed Housing Strategy 2015-2026.

Councillor Emma Faramarzi, Cabinet Member for Housing and Public Safety, introduced the report and highlighted the key themes of the proposed Strategy and the proposed Actions over the next five years to deliver the plan. She referred to the issue of Housing Growth and to the shortage in Swindon of housing aimed at high-earners and key workers. She drew attention to proposals for the rented sector and the possible development of a Municipal Housing Company. She commented on the consultation process associated with the Strategy and noted that the consultation period was to run until 10th November and not 13th October 2014 as had been stated in the report. She referred to the work that had been undertaken to develop the Strategy and to produce the evidence base that supported it. She thanked the officer team for their hard work and commitment.

Councillor Stan Pajak, Leader of the Minority Group on the Council, welcomed the Strategy. He noted that the key measurement of its success would be the ability to deliver the required actions. He welcomed the aim to bring more empty properties back into housing use and hoped that the time taken to achieve this with individual properties could be speeded up. He welcomed the reference to Houses in Multiple Occupation and hoped that effective solutions could be identified to overcome the type of problems identified in his and other wards.

Councillor Jim Grant, Leader of the Opposition, referred to the Motion at the Council meeting on the 17th July 2014, calling for the investigation of the introduction of a licensing scheme similar to that adopted by Oxford City Council for Houses in Multiple Occupation, but that this did not appear to be being pursued.

Councillor Emma Faramarzi and the Head of Housing and Community Safety explained that cross-party discussions were taking place on Houses in Multiple Occupation and that the situation in Swindon was very different from that in Oxford. It was unlikely given the differences in the scale of the problem and number of properties involved that the Secretary of State would support a licensing scheme in Swindon. However, ensuring that residents in shared accommodation could occupy safe and comfortable homes remained a priority.

Councillor Brian Mattock, Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Social Care, welcomed the Strategy and referred to its links to other Council strategies and actions supporting Social Care and helping to maintain independence.

Resolved – (1) That the Draft Housing Strategy 2015-2026 and Action Points, as set out in Appendices 1 and 2 to the joint report, be approved, and an eight week consultation exercise be undertaken with interested parties, to run from Monday 15th September to Monday 10th November 2014.

(2) That the findings of the consultation referred to in (1) above, be reported to the Cabinet Member for Housing and Public Safety with a summary of the responses received and any proposed amendments to the Strategy being published for approval within a Cabinet Member Decision Note, once the consultation period has closed.

(3) That it be noted that the consultation exercise referred to in (1) above will include conversations with housing developers and house builders on how Swindon can achieve greater depth to its housing market.

(4) That it be noted that the proposed Housing Strategy 2015-2026 also addresses the Housing issues raised in the Council Motions of 20th September 2012 (Council Minute 49, 2012/13), 21st February 2013 (Council Minute 111, 2012/13), 11th April 2013 (Council Minute 130, 2012/13), 7th November 2013 (Council Minute 62, 2013/14) and 17th July 2014 (Council Minute 30 refers).

The reasons for the decision and alternative options are as set out in the report to the meeting.

34. Motion at Council - Traffic on Cricklade Road, Swindon

The Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning, Sustainability and Transport and the Board Director, Service Delivery, submitted a joint report concerning a proposed response to the Motion at the Council meeting on 3rd April 2014 regarding traffic problems on Cricklade Road, Swindon and calling for action to seek a new or improved Moonrakers Junction to ease traffic flow (Council Minute 114, 2013/14 refers).

Councillor Dale Heenan, Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning, Sustainability and Transport, introduced the report and referred to the original Council motion. He highlighted the background and key issues surrounding traffic problems at the Moonrakers Junction and for the Cricklade Road corridor. He believed that there were no clear or easy solutions that would both satisfy motorists and local residents. He commented on the limited resources available to the Council for major traffic schemes and the competing demands for the use of such resources. However, he was hopeful that the proposed actions referred to in the report would identify a workable solution that would assist both residents and drivers.

Councillor Jim Grant, Leader of the Opposition Group on the Council, expressed disappointment that there were no plans for an immediate survey or preliminary design to overcome the problems being experienced by residents. He enquired whether in the shorter term the Cabinet Member could request officers to investigate the possible removal of the bus lane that had previously supported the

former Park and Ride Site, as he believed this could help improve traffic flows in the area.

The Chair referred to the north bound bus lane in the vicinity of the Headlands Road Junction and whether this could be changed to improve traffic movements.

Councillor Heenan thanked Cabinet colleagues and Councillors for their comments but believed that the issue of reviewing Bus Lanes in the area should take place as part of the overall review. He cautioned about taking a piecemeal approach to changes in an area of complex traffic movements. He reiterated that the Council needed to make the best use of the limited resources available, both in terms of staff and funding, to deal the Borough's traffic problems and future growth plans.

Resolved – (1) That the summary of the history and key issues surrounding traffic problems at the Moonrakers Junction and Cricklade Road corridor, Swindon, as referred to in the joint report, be noted.

(2) That the work currently under way to update the Swindon Strategic Transport Model (Saturn) and the significant number of major transport infrastructure projects entering the design and feasibility stage in the planning process in the coming months, as highlighted in the joint report, be noted.

(3) That the Head of Highways and Transport in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning, Sustainability, and Transport, be authorised to agree an appropriate position for Moonrakers Junction in a prioritised, three-year programme of design and feasibility work for major transport schemes.

(4) That the Head of Highways and Transport circulate the programme referred to in (3) above, to Members once agreed.

(5) That the Council be advised of the contents of this joint report in response to the Motion at the Council meeting on 3rd April 2014 (Council Minute 114, 2013/14 refers).

The reasons for the decision and alternative options are as set out in the report to the meeting.

35. Invest and Save for a Low Carbon Swindon - Swindon's Energy Future - Motion at Council

The Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning, Sustainability and Transport, the Cabinet Member for Finance and the Head of Economy and Skills, submitted a joint report concerning (a) the proposed response to a Council motion approved at the Council meeting on 3rd April 2014 seeking the setting up of a Swindon Energy Social Enterprise (Council Minute 110, 2013/14 refers), (b) progress on "Swindon's Energy Future" since last reported to the Cabinet (Minute 114, 2013/14 refers), and (c) proposed models to enable "Investment in Renewables".

Councillor Dale Heenan, Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning, Sustainability and Transport, welcomed the report and explained how it sought to encourage community and partner investment in the delivery of Swindon's Energy Future. He referred to the type of options available and the role of the Council as an enabler in the process helping local energy schemes to develop and become successful.

Resolved – (1) That it be noted that Swindon Borough Council seeks to work with partners such as Swindon Commercial Services Ltd (SCS) who have the experience and capability to delivery successful community investment initiatives.

(2) That the Head of Economy and Skills be authorised to work with Swindon Commercial Services Ltd (SCS) and other selected partners to develop appropriate investment initiatives that could allow communities to benefit financially from local energy schemes.

(3) That the Head of Communications be authorised to work with partners to agree an approach for the promotion of the local energy schemes highlighted in the joint report to local communities with a target date of April 2015.

(4) That it be noted that requests to the Cabinet will be required as and when any Swindon Borough Council funding implications arise from proposed schemes.

(5) That the Council be advised of the contents of this joint report in response to the Motion at the Council meeting on 3rd April 2014 (Council Minute 110, 2013/14 refers).

(Councillor Garry Perkins, Cabinet Member for the Economy, Regeneration and Skills, made a personal declaration of interest in respect of the above item as he was a Council appointed Director serving on the Board of Swindon Commercial Services Ltd (SCS).)

The reasons for the decision and alternative options are as set out in the report to the meeting.

CABINET

WEDNESDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER 2014

PRESENT:- Councillors David Renard (Chair), Brian Mattock (Vice-Chair), Russell Holland, Emma Faramarzi, Brian Ford, Fionuala Foley, Dale Heenan and Garry Perkins.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Richard Hurley and Keith Williams.

Councillor Jim Grant attended the meeting in respect of Minutes 27, 28, 30, 31, 32 and 34. Councillor Stan Pajak attended the meeting in respect of Minutes 27, 30 and 31.

24. Declarations of Interest

The Chair reminded Members of the need to declare any known interests in any matters to be considered at the meeting.

25. Minutes

Resolved –That the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd July 2014 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

26. Public Question Time

The following question was asked in accordance with Standing Order 28 –

Questioner

Mr Tim French, Cassan Road, Swindon

Questions

Mr French asked a question regarding the need for the holding of a Public Planning Inquiry into the proposed Solar Farm at Wroughton Swindon, given the support for this proposed development from the local community, Wroughton Parish Council and the Borough's Planning Committee.

Response

The Chair thanked Mr French for his question and comments. Councillor Dale Heenan, Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning, Sustainability and Transport, and Councillor Brian Ford, Cabinet Member for Streetsmart, and a Wroughton and Wichelstowe Ward Councillor, responded at the meeting to the question and comments.

27. Wiltshire and Swindon Fire Authority Consultation

The Leader of the Council and the Director of Law and Democratic Services submitted a joint report concerning the Council's response to the consultation being undertaken by the Wiltshire and Swindon Fire Authority regarding the future of the service.

The Chair referred to the consultation being undertaken by the Joint Fire Authority on the future of the Wiltshire and Swindon Fire and Rescue Service. He commented on the significance of the decision to be made by the Fire Authority for Swindon and its residents. He referred to the options being presented for consideration and to the response of Wiltshire Council set out in Appendix 2 to the joint report. He advised that the Fire Authority had requested that responses to its consultation exercise be received by 20th October 2014.

The Chair welcomed Mr Simon Routh-Jones, Chief Fire Officer of Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service to the meeting and invited him to address the Cabinet on the consultation document, the options that it contained and the views of the Service.

Councillor Garry Perkins, Cabinet Member for the Economy, Regeneration and Skills, and a Swindon appointed member of the Joint Fire Authority, commented on the background to the proposals and the options under consideration. He believed that the proposed third option involving a merger with the Dorset Fire Authority and increased collaboration with local partners was the only solution that could ensure that there was no negative effect on the current level of service provided to Swindon residents and that could support the future development of the Fire and Rescue Service. He commented on the consultation exercise and to the wish of the Fire Authority to receive as much feedback as possible from the local community on this important issue.

Councillor Stan Pajak, Leader of the Minority Group on the Council, welcomed the opportunity for the public to contribute to this important consultation. Based on the information available and the comments of the Service and Joint Fire Authority, he and his group was supportive of Option 3 as this seemed to offer the most security for the maintenance and development of the Fire and Rescue Service in Swindon and the rest of Wiltshire.

Councillor Jim Grant, Leader of the Opposition Group on the Council, advised that based on the information available, his group was also supportive of Option 3 in view of the security it would offer Swindon and its residents. He asked whether the Fire and Rescue Service could give an assurance that if Option 3 was approved, the ten minute service response time in Swindon would be maintained.

Councillor Perkins and the Chief Fire Officer confirmed that under Option 3 it was believed that the 10-minute response time would be maintained. The Chair suggested that the requirement for this assurance being highlighted could be included as part of the Borough's response to the Joint Fire Authority's Consultation.

The Chair thanked Mr Routh-Jones and Councillors for their contributions, and explained that whilst there appeared to be a clear preference for Option 3 within the Borough, it was his view that this matter would be most appropriately dealt with by way of a joint "cross-party" written response on behalf of the Council.

Resolved – (1) That the contents of the Wiltshire and Swindon Fire Authority Consultation Document, be noted.

(2) That the Director of Law and Democratic Services, in consultation with the Leader of the Council and the political group leaders on the Council be authorised to develop, finalise and submit the Council's response to the Wiltshire and Swindon Fire Authority by 20th October 2014.

(3) That the Cabinet express its appreciation to Mr Simon Routh-Jones, Chief Fire Officer of Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service, for his attendance and contribution to this meeting of the Cabinet.

The reasons for the decision and alternative options are as set out in this minute and the report to the meeting.

28. Budget Management 2014/15

The Cabinet Member for Finance and the Board Director, Resources submitted a joint report setting out (a) the current forecast outturn position of the Council's Revenue Budget as at the end of July 2014, (b) issues impacting on the Council's finances, including (i) Capita Integration, (ii) Sports Pitches, and (iii) Swindon Commercial Services Ltd (SCS), and (c) the current forecast out-turn position for the Housing Revenue Account and the Dedicated Schools Grant.

Councillor Russell Holland, Cabinet Member for Finance, introduced the report and referred to the continuing work being undertaken by the Council's officer team to deliver budget savings early for the next Financial Year to both strengthen the Council's financial position and provide capacity to fund the Council's on-going transformation.

Councillor Jim Grant, Leader of the Opposition Group on the Council, referred to the current Public Inquiry into the proposed Wroughton Solar Farm and asked what "Plan B" existed should the Planning Inspector refuse planning permission.

Councillor Garry Perkins, Cabinet Member for the Economy, Regeneration and Skills, advised that whilst the Wroughton Solar Farm was an important scheme for Swindon Commercial Services Ltd. (SCS), it did have a number of other energy related schemes within its business plan that could be brought forward if required.

Resolved – (1) That the Cabinet notes the Projected Out-turn by Service 2014/15, as set out in Table 1 and Appendices 1 and 2 to the joint report.

(2) That the proposed Budget virements, as set out in Appendix 3 to the joint report, be approved.

(3) That the use of in-year savings resulting from the early achievement of measures to deliver the 2015/16 Budget, as highlighted in paragraph 4.4 of the joint report, being set aside for any one-off implementation costs, be approved.

(4) That, in the event that savings are realised in the current year that directly relate to re-integration of services from Capita, their use to contribute to the one-off contract severance costs as referred to in paragraph 5.1 of the joint report, be approved.

(5) That up to £10,000 from one-off reserves be spent on football pitch security and equipment to support the implementation of part of the £40,000 Budget saving to reduce the annual subsidy of sports pitches, as referred to in paragraphs 6.1 and 6.2 of the joint report.

The reasons for the decision and alternative options are as set out in the report to the meeting.

29. Capital Programme Monitoring - First Quarter 2014/15

The Cabinet Member for Finance and the Board Director, Resources submitted a joint report setting out the 2014/15 Capital Programme position as at the end of June 2014.

Councillor Russell Holland, Cabinet Member for Finance, referred to the report and explained that it addressed the projected outturn position of the Council's Capital Budget for 2014/15 and highlighted proposed changes to the current Capital Programme.

Resolved – (1) That the 2014/15 Capital Programme position, as set out in paragraphs 3.1 to 3.3 of the joint report, be noted.

(2) That the changes to the Council's Capital Programme, as set out in paragraph 3.4 of the joint report, be approved.

The reasons for the decision and alternative options are as set out in the report to the meeting.

30. Education Provision 2014-2017

The Cabinet Member for Children's Services and the Board Director, Commissioning submitted a joint report concerning (a) school place planning pressures relating to Early Years, Primary and Secondary education arising from new housing developments and increasing demand associated with Special Educational Needs, (b) proposed responses to these pressures and the associated legal and consultation processes, (c) the progress of proposals to establish Secondary age "Free School" provision in Swindon, (d) Early Years education provision and the proposed Council approach to ensure Government targets were achieved, (e) progress made in establishing additional Primary School Places, (f) the requirement for school places and schools in new areas of major housing development within the Borough, and (g) pressures within Special Educational Needs provision at Primary and Secondary levels, and proposals to respond to existing pressures and future demands.

Councillor Fionuala Foley, Cabinet Member for Children's Services, introduced the report and drew attention to the differing but significant pressures effecting education provision in the Borough. She highlighted how the Council was seeking to respond to these pressures. She expressed her thanks to the officer team that had produced the report and that were working to deliver the best possible outcomes for Swindon's children and young people.

Councillor Jim Grant, Leader of the Opposition Group on the Council, referred to the proposal to establish Free Schools in Swindon. He commented on his opposition to the Government's policy on Free Schools and to his belief that local authorities should be able to build and run schools where there was a need for school places to be provided. He hoped that the Council would lobby the Government to change its policies. He asked what would happen should the bids for Free Schools fail.

Councillor Foley noted the comments and reiterated that the Council was following Government policy and requirements. Should the applications for Free Schools fail then this Council would be required to provide the necessary Capital

funding to provide the required schools by way of “Borrowing”. The sums were likely to be significant and this would have a considerable on-going effect on the Council’s Revenue Budget. The Council had few options available to it in order to respond to the pressures to provide secondary places.

Councillor Stan Pajak, Leader of the Minority Group on the Council, referred to the possible reasons for the high numbers of children with Statements of Special Education Need in Swindon. He welcomed the proposed research into this and wondered if a factor could be the high number of children with “English as an Additional Language” classification. He referred to the petitions required to support Free School bids and noted that only parents were permitted to sign these. He believed that such petitions should be accessible to all to sign.

Councillor Foley commented that she was not aware of any direct link between the number of children with Statements of Special Educational Need and English as an Additional Language, but that the proposed research should give clarity to the position. She hoped that as many parents as possible would sign the Free School petitions given the significance of these for the future of secondary provision in the Borough.

Resolved – (1) That the education place planning demand arising for Early Years, Primary, Secondary and Special Educational Needs places, be noted.

(2) That the progress of the Free School applications from New College and the Diocese of Bristol Academies Trust be noted and the Council offer further assistance, if required, by the sponsor.

(3) That the Board Director, Commissioning be authorised to commence statutory processes for the expansion of the (a) Chalet Special School for September 2015, and (b) Primary Emotional and Social Difficulties (ESD) provision at Nyland Special School for September 2015.

(4) That the Head of Property Assets in consultation with the Board Director Resources and the Director of Law and Democratic Services be authorised to complete the necessary legal documentation to transfer the Local Authority ownership of part of the South Marston Primary School site to the Bristol Diocese to ensure continuity of education provision on the site and allow the Diocese to negotiate the extension of the site with South Marston Parish Council.

(5) That the next steps towards an 11 to 25 years Special Education Needs place planning strategy, as referred to in paragraphs 3.36 to 3.47 of the joint report, be approved.

The reasons for the decision and alternative options are as set out in the report to the meeting.

31. Housing Strategy 2015-2026

The Cabinet Member for Housing and Public Safety and the Head of Housing and Community Safety submitted a joint report setting out a proposed Housing Strategy 2015-2026.

Councillor Emma Famarzi, Cabinet Member for Housing and Public Safety, introduced the report and highlighted the key themes of the proposed Strategy and the proposed Actions over the next five years to deliver the plan. She referred to the issue of Housing Growth and to the shortage in Swindon of housing aimed at high-earners and key workers. She drew attention to proposals for the rented sector and

the possible development of a Municipal Housing Company. She commented on the consultation process associated with the Strategy and noted that the consultation period was to run until 10th November and not 13th October 2014 as had been stated in the report. She referred to the work that had been undertaken to develop the Strategy and to produce the evidence base that supported it. She thanked the officer team for their hard work and commitment.

Councillor Stan Pajak, Leader of the Minority Group on the Council, welcomed the Strategy. He noted that the key measurement of its success would be the ability to deliver the required actions. He welcomed the aim to bring more empty properties back into housing use and hoped that the time taken to achieve this with individual properties could be speeded up. He welcomed the reference to Houses in Multiple Occupation and hoped that effective solutions could be identified to overcome the type of problems identified in his and other wards.

Councillor Jim Grant, Leader of the Opposition, referred to the Motion at the Council meeting on the 17th July 2014, calling for the investigation of the introduction of a licensing scheme similar to that adopted by Oxford City Council for Houses in Multiple Occupation, but that this did not appear to be being pursued.

Councillor Emma Faramarzi and the Head of Housing and Community Safety explained that cross-party discussions were taking place on Houses in Multiple Occupation and that the situation in Swindon was very different from that in Oxford. It was unlikely given the differences in the scale of the problem and number of properties involved that the Secretary of State would support a licensing scheme in Swindon. However, ensuring that residents in shared accommodation could occupy safe and comfortable homes remained a priority.

Councillor Brian Mattock, Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Social Care, welcomed the Strategy and referred to its links to other Council strategies and actions supporting Social Care and helping to maintain independence.

Resolved – (1) That the Draft Housing Strategy 2015-2026 and Action Points, as set out in Appendices 1 and 2 to the joint report, be approved, and an eight week consultation exercise be undertaken with interested parties, to run from Monday 15th September to Monday 10th November 2014.

(2) That the findings of the consultation referred to in (1) above, be reported to the Cabinet Member for Housing and Public Safety with a summary of the responses received and any proposed amendments to the Strategy being published for approval within a Cabinet Member Decision Note, once the consultation period has closed.

(3) That it be noted that the consultation exercise referred to in (1) above will include conversations with housing developers and house builders on how Swindon can achieve greater depth to its housing market.

(4) That it be noted that the proposed Housing Strategy 2015-2026 also addresses the Housing issues raised in the Council Motions of 20th September 2012 (Council Minute 49, 2012/13), 21st February 2013 (Council Minute 111, 2012/13), 11th April 2013 (Council Minute 130, 2012/13), 7th November 2013 (Council Minute 62, 2013/14) and 17th July 2014 (Council Minute 30 refers).

The reasons for the decision and alternative options are as set out in the report to the meeting.

32. Swindon and Wiltshire Local Enterprise Partnership Governance

The Leader of the Council and the Head of Economy and Skills submitted a joint report concerning the approval of a proposed governance structure within the Swindon and Wiltshire Local Enterprise Partnership which would enable it in a robust, open and transparent manner, to develop, assess and deliver the projects outlined in the Growth Deal and funded by the Local Growth Fund.

The Chair explained that following Government advice a proposed governance structure had been developed by the Swindon and Wiltshire Local Enterprise Partnership (SWLEP) in consultation with both Swindon and Wiltshire Councils. It aimed to provide a governance structure that would strengthen the democratic accountability of the SWLEP by demonstrating transparency supported by a robust joint scrutiny function that would be managed by Swindon Borough Council. He referred to the significance of the decisions to be made regarding the delivery of the projects within and affecting the Borough that were contained within the Growth Deal and funded by way of the Local Growth Fund held by SWLEP. It was important to both the Council and residents that appropriate governance was in place to ensure that the decision-making process was robust. He highlighted the success of the SWLEP's Strategic Economic Plan bid and the funding that would be forthcoming for Swindon schemes. He thanked the Council's officer team involved in preparing the Swindon elements of the bid.

Councillor Jim Grant, Leader of the Opposition Group on the Council, welcomed the intention to address the democratic deficit surrounding the operation of SWLEP and the proposed parity arrangement regarding the representation of the two local authorities involved. He sought clarity on the Borough's representation on the proposed Joint Overview and Scrutiny Task Group, which the Head of Economy and Skills provided.

Resolved – That subject to the approval of the Council –

- (a) The proposed governance structure for the Local Growth Fund, as proposed by the Swindon and Wiltshire Local Enterprise Partnership Secretariat and presented to its Board for approval on 9th September 2014, be noted.
- (b) The Swindon and Wiltshire Local Enterprise Partnership Governance Structure, as set out in Appendix 1 to the joint report be approved.
- (c) The Director of Law and Democratic Services in consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Head of Economy and Skills be authorised to undertake the necessary actions, including changes to the Council's Constitution, to enable the implementation of the governance structure set out in Appendix 1 to the joint report.
- (d) The Swindon and Wiltshire Local Enterprise Partnership proposal to create three new posts and that there will be no financial implications of this for Swindon Borough Council, be noted.

The reasons for the decision and alternative options are as set out in the report to the meeting.

33. Town Centre Car Parking Rationalisation

The Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning, Sustainability and Transport and the Board Director, Service Delivery, submitted a joint report concerning Town

Centre Car Parking Rationalisation and in particular (a) objections received in response to the advertisement of the related Traffic Regulation Order, (b) a proposed response to the objections received and to address concerns raised, (c) an additional change to the Traffic Regulation Order required as a result of developments on the Civic Offices campus effecting public use of the Clarence Street Car Park, and (d) the progress of the Town Centre car park rationalisation proposals previously agreed by the Cabinet (Minute 33, 2013/14 refers).

Councillor Dale Heenan, Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning, Sustainability and Transport, introduced the report and highlighted the actions proposed in response to concerns that had arisen through the Traffic Regulation Order process. He believed that the proposed actions would respond to these concerns raised and together with the progression of the rationalisation of car parking provision, produce positive results for the local economy and for car park users.

Councillor Garry Perkins, Cabinet Member for the Economy, Regeneration and Skills, referred to the importance of the car park rationalisation process to the Council and to the viability of Swindon Town Centre. He particularly welcomed the revised proposal for the Commercial Road / Davis Place Car Park that he believed would help local small businesses by allowing short-term parking encouraging trade. He hoped that the operation of this car park could be monitored to measure its success and to identify whether the approach could be used in other Swindon car parks.

Councillor Heenan confirmed that he would welcome the monitoring of the effectiveness of the proposed changes at the Commercial Road / Davis Place Car Park and for a review, also examining the possible implications for other car parks, to be submitted to the Cabinet at an appropriate time in the future.

Resolved – (1) That the objections received to the Traffic Regulation Order advertising the changes necessary to implement the first stage of the rationalisation of Swindon Town Centre car parks, be noted.

(2) That the proposed change to the original decision in relation to the Commercial Road/Davis Place Car Park, as referred to in paragraph 3.8 of the joint report, be approved.

(3) That consideration of the objections received and the decision whether to proceed with implementation be delegated to the Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning, Sustainability, and Transport in consultation with the Cabinet Member for the Economy, Regeneration and Skills.

(4) That the Head of Highways and Transport be authorised to advertise the necessary Traffic Regulation Order to implement the changes to the Clarence Street Car Park as referred to in paragraphs 3.19 and 3.20 of the joint report.

(5) That consideration of any objections received to the advertised changes for the Clarence Street Car Park and the decision whether to proceed with implementation be delegated to the Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning, Sustainability, and Transport in consultation with the Cabinet Member for the Economy, Regeneration and Skills.

The reasons for the decision and alternative options are as set out in the report to the meeting.

34. Motion at Council - Traffic on Cricklade Road, Swindon

The Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning, Sustainability and Transport and the Board Director, Service Delivery, submitted a joint report concerning a proposed response to the Motion at the Council meeting on 3rd April 2014 regarding traffic problems on Cricklade Road, Swindon and calling for action to seek a new or improved Moonrakers Junction to ease traffic flow (Council Minute 114, 2013/14 refers).

Councillor Dale Heenan, Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning, Sustainability and Transport, introduced the report and referred to the original Council motion. He highlighted the background and key issues surrounding traffic problems at the Moonrakers Junction and for the Cricklade Road corridor. He believed that there were no clear or easy solutions that would both satisfy motorists and local residents. He commented on the limited resources available to the Council for major traffic schemes and the competing demands for the use of such resources. However, he was hopeful that the proposed actions referred to in the report would identify a workable solution that would assist both residents and drivers.

Councillor Jim Grant, Leader of the Opposition Group on the Council, expressed disappointment that there were no plans for an immediate survey or preliminary design to overcome the problems being experienced by residents. He enquired whether in the shorter term the Cabinet Member could request officers to investigate the possible removal of the bus lane that had previously supported the former Park and Ride Site, as he believed this could help improve traffic flows in the area.

The Chair referred to the north bound bus lane in the vicinity of the Headlands Road Junction and whether this could be changed to improve traffic movements.

Councillor Heenan thanked Cabinet colleagues and Councillors for their comments but believed that the issue of reviewing Bus Lanes in the area should take place as part of the overall review. He cautioned about taking a piecemeal approach to changes in an area of complex traffic movements. He reiterated that the Council needed to make the best use of the limited resources available, both in terms of staff and funding, to deal the Borough's traffic problems and future growth plans.

Resolved – (1) That the summary of the history and key issues surrounding traffic problems at the Moonrakers Junction and Cricklade Road corridor, Swindon, as referred to in the joint report, be noted.

(2) That the work currently under way to update the Swindon Strategic Transport Model (Saturn) and the significant number of major transport infrastructure projects entering the design and feasibility stage in the planning process in the coming months, as highlighted in the joint report, be noted.

(3) That the Head of Highways and Transport in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning, Sustainability, and Transport, be authorised to agree an appropriate position for Moonrakers Junction in a prioritised, three-year programme of design and feasibility work for major transport schemes.

(4) That the Head of Highways and Transport circulate the programme referred to in (3) above, to Members once agreed.

(5) That the Council be advised of the contents of this joint report in response to the Motion at the Council meeting on 3rd April 2014 (Council Minute 114, 2013/14 refers).

The reasons for the decision and alternative options are as set out in the report to the meeting.

**35. Invest and Save for a Low Carbon Swindon
- Swindon's Energy Future - Motion at Council**

The Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning, Sustainability and Transport, the Cabinet Member for Finance and the Head of Economy and Skills, submitted a joint report concerning (a) the proposed response to a Council motion approved at the Council meeting on 3rd April 2014 seeking the setting up of a Swindon Energy Social Enterprise (Council Minute 110, 2013/14 refers), (b) progress on “Swindon’s Energy Future” since last reported to the Cabinet (Minute 114, 2013/14 refers), and (c) proposed models to enable “Investment in Renewables”.

Councillor Dale Heenan, Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning, Sustainability and Transport, welcomed the report and explained how it sought to encourage community and partner investment in the delivery of Swindon’s Energy Future. He referred to the type of options available and the role of the Council as an enabler in the process helping local energy schemes to develop and become successful.

Resolved – (1) That it be noted that Swindon Borough Council seeks to work with partners such as Swindon Commercial Services Ltd (SCS) who have the experience and capability to delivery successful community investment initiatives.

(2) That the Head of Economy and Skills be authorised to work with Swindon Commercial Services Ltd (SCS) and other selected partners to develop appropriate investment initiatives that could allow communities to benefit financially from local energy schemes.

(3) That the Head of Communications be authorised to work with partners to agree an approach for the promotion of the local energy schemes highlighted in the joint report to local communities with a target date of April 2015.

(4) That it be noted that requests to the Cabinet will be required as and when any Swindon Borough Council funding implications arise from proposed schemes.

(5) That the Council be advised of the contents of this joint report in response to the Motion at the Council meeting on 3rd April 2014 (Council Minute 110, 2013/14 refers).

(Councillor Garry Perkins, Cabinet Member for the Economy, Regeneration and Skills, made a personal declaration of interest in respect of the above item as he was a Council appointed Director serving on the Board of Swindon Commercial Services Ltd (SCS).)

The reasons for the decision and alternative options are as set out in the report to the meeting.

36. References from Other Council Bodies - Licensing Committee

The Cabinet Member for Housing and Public Safety and the Director of Law and Democratic Services submitted a joint report concerning recommendations

arising from a meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 13th August 2014 regarding licensing responsibilities under the Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013.

Councillor Emma Faramarzi, Cabinet Member for Housing and Public Safety, expressed her support for the recommendations of the Licensing Committee as she believed that the Licensing Committee was the most appropriate body to oversee the licensing of scrap metal dealers and motor salvage operators.

Resolved – (1) That, further to Minute 16(1) of the Licensing Committee, and to the endorsement of the Council, all the Council's (executive) functions under the Scrap Metal Act 2013, be delegated to the Licensing Committee.

(2) That, further to Minute 16(2) of the Licensing Committee, the following functions be delegated to the Ad-Hoc Licensing Sub-Committee:

(i) The determination of new and renewal applications under the Scrap Metal Act 2013 where: (a) the applicant or site manager has been convicted of a relevant offence or subject to relevant enforcement action under the Act, or (b) a previous application for a scrap metal licence or environmental permit/registration has been refused, or (c) a previous scrap metal licence has been revoked; and (ii) The revocation of a licence issued under the Act or the variation of a licence to include conditions.

(3) That, further to Minute 16(2) of the Licensing Committee, the Head of Planning and Regulatory Services be authorised to exercise the following delegated powers: (i) The administration and enforcement of the functions under the Scrap Metal Act 2013; (ii) The power to request further information of applicants; (iii) The determination of new, renewal or variation applications, other than where: (a) the applicant or site manager has been convicted of a relevant offence or subject to relevant enforcement action under the Act, or (b) a previous application for a scrap metal licence or environmental permit/registration has been refused, or (c) a previous scrap metal licence has been revoked; (iv) The power to give notice to an applicant or licensee of the authority's proposal to consider refusing an application or revoking or varying a licence, and to invite representations from the applicant or licensee; and (v) The power to issue or cancel a closure notice for unlicensed sites under Schedule 2 to the Act, and where appropriate, to apply for closure orders and take such other action in this respect as may be required.

(4) That, further to Minute 16(4) of the Licensing Committee and to the decisions set out in (1) to (3) above, the Director of Law and Democratic Services be requested to make the necessary arrangements for the inclusion of these delegations within the Council's Constitution and Scheme of Delegations.

The reasons for the decision and alternative options are as set out in the report to the meeting.

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Notice of Decisions Made

Decision Maker:	Councillor Dale Heenan, Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning, Sustainability and Transport
Subject	Approval of North Wessex Downs ANOB Management Plan
Decision(s): -	That the 2014-2019 Management Plan for the North Wessex Downs AONB be adopted as a statutory document that fulfils the Council's duty under the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 part IV (CRoW Act 2000) where it will help to inform planning policy and decision making on issues that impact on the AONB.
Consultation:	The Shadow / Group Spokespersons - Councillor Junab Ali (Labour) and Councillor Nicky Sewell (Liberal Democrat) (and Ward Councillors particularly effected by the AONB) were consulted on the contents of the Decision Note. No adverse comments or requests for Cabinet consideration were received.
Date of Publication:	Thursday 4 th September 2014
Date for Receipt of Requests for Call-in	Thursday 11 th September 2014

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The Decision Note (report) sets out the background to, and reasons for, the decisions referred to in the Notice above. Details of the alternative options put forward for consideration (if any) are also recorded in the Decision Note (report). Any alternative options considered that did not appear in the initial report will be recorded as part of the above Notice of Decisions. The Decision Note is available via the following link on the Council's website =

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Notice of Decisions Made

Decision Maker: Councillor Emma Faramarzi, Cabinet Member for Housing and Public Safety

Subject Housing – Anti-Social Behaviour Policy

Decision(s): - That the revised Housing Anti-Social Behaviour Policy as attached as Appendix one to the Decision Note be approved and implemented by the Head of Housing and Community Safety in consultation with the relevant Council officers and other partners.

Consultation: The Shadow / Group Spokespersons - Councillor Bob Wright (Labour) and Councillor David Wood (Liberal Democrat) were consulted on the contents of the Decision Note. No adverse comments or requests for Cabinet consideration were received.

Date of Publication: Thursday 18th September 2014

Date for Receipt of Requests for Call-in Thursday 25th September 2014

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Notice of Decisions Made

Decision Maker:	Councillor Garry Perkins, Cabinet Member for the Economy Regeneration and Skills
Subject	Swindon Big Screen – Wharf Green, Swindon Town Centre
Decision(s): -	<p>That the Board Director Service Delivery be authorised (under Article 14.06 of the Constitution) to continue the management and programming of the Swindon Big Screen, with a 3 year development plan (Appendix 1 to the Decision Note).</p> <p>That the Board Director Service Delivery be authorised to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with “b-focused” to enable “b-focused” to work with the Council to attract commercial events and screen content to the Swindon Big Screen on a partly exclusive basis.</p> <p>It be noted that the reason for seeking a single source service provider is that this work is highly specialised and this company have a successful record of working with the national network of Big Screens. This will require an exemption under paragraph 3.6 of Standing Orders Relating to Contracts.</p>
Consultation:	The Shadow / Group Spokespersons - Councillor Bob Wright (Labour) and Councillor Nicky Sewell (Liberal Democrat) and Central Ward Councillors were consulted on the contents of the Decision Note. Councillor Bob Wright asked for the matter to be referred to the Cabinet. No other adverse comments or requests for Cabinet consideration were received.
Date of Publication:	Thursday 18 th September 2014
Date for Receipt of Requests for Call-in	Thursday 25 th September 2014

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