

**SUMMARY OF PUBLIC QUESTIONS REQUIRING A WRITTEN RESPONSE
AND MEMBER REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION
18th June 2018**

Minute No. 4	Consideration of Cabinet Decisions	Outcome
Cllr Des Moffatt requested that a heatmap of UK Broadband consumers be circulated to members of Scrutiny.	Response requested from the Director of Digital Services and Corporate Programmes on 20 June 2018.	Ongoing

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16th July 2018**

Minute No. 11	Consideration of Cabinet Decisions	Outcome
<p>Cllr Jim Robbins requested the following information:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) How much did it cost to produce the plans for Kimmerfields? 2) How much public money has been spent on the Kimmerfields project so far? 3) How much private money has been attracted to the project? 	<p>Response received from the Cabinet Member for the Town Centre and the Head of Town Centre Development on 23 October 2018 as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The original masterplan was produced by MUSE Developments Ltd and we do not have access to all the information that they spent on this. In December 2017 we parted way with Muse. Since then, the Kimmerfields masterplan is in the process of being refreshed by Homes England and SBC. To date, £50,000 has been spent on a draft refreshed masterplan including cost and viability advice. Up to a further £250K of SBC contribution will take 	Complete

	<p>the plans through to completion and carry out market testing which will inform a disposal strategy for the site from 2019 onwards.</p> <p>2) As per the development agreement with MUSE, Homes England have spent £10million on Kimmerfields to date including whalebridge roundabout. Whalebridge MSCP cost £15m to deliver and this was funded by SBC through borrowing to be repaid with future car parking revenue. In addition, the wider site has been made safe by hoarding and the old Carfax medical centre has demolished. These works and the masterplan services above have been funded from the proceeds of the work on Kimmerfields so far which was settled when the Development Agreement between Homes England, SBC and Muse was terminated. In addition, 80K has been expended so far on CPO costs associated with the bus boulevard.</p> <p>3) Phase 1 of the project also delivered infrastructure improvements, the NHS Centre and a sheltered housing scheme funded by Muse.</p> <p>We are working with an anchor occupier to secure investment in 100,000 sq ft office accommodation with investment of £30m+. The bus companies are supportive of the bus boulevard design and we are working with them to ensure the new facility significantly improves the public realm and provides us with a 21st century environment. They are considering future tenancies and passenger facilities in the Kimmerfields development but this has not yet been confirmed.</p> <p>Some market testing of the scheme will take place in 2019 with the intention to seek new developers, be it a master</p>	
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	developer for the whole site, or individual investment on a plot by plot basis, whichever produces the best viability and returns for the landowners.	
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13th August 2018**

Minute No. 18	Cabinet Member Q&A Session – Cabinet Member for Adults	Outcome
Cllr Jane Milner-Barry asked how long members of the public have to wait for autistic spectrum disorder diagnoses.	<p>Response received from the Director of Nursing and Transformation at the NHS Swindon Clinical Commissioning Group on 19 November 2018 as follows:</p> <p>I can confirm we have a 18 month waiting list for autism assessment for children and young people.</p> <p>The CCG have agreed to invest both in longer term workforce but also to scope how we can get the waiting list down over the next 3 months.</p>	Complete

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10th September 2018**

Minute No. 25	Cabinet Member Q&A Session – Cabinet Member for Economic Prosperity	Outcome
Cllr Bob Wright referred to the most deprived Ward in Swindon and asked what is being done to	Response requested from the Cabinet Member for Economic Prosperity and the Project Manager for Economy and Skills	Ongoing

improve the situation in the Ward.	on 20 th September 2018.	
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22nd October 2018**

Minute No. 33	Cabinet Member Questions and Answer Session – Cabinet Member for Children’s Services	Outcome
<p>Cllr Jim Robbins asked for an update on the following within children’s services:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What are the figures for placement changes for Looked After Children over the last year. 2. What is the number for changes to Social Workers working with a Looked After Child over the previous year. 3. A breakdown of the examination results for Children Looked After. 	Response requested from the Cabinet Member for Children and School Attainment and the Corporate Director of Children’s Services on 9 th November 2018.	On-going
Cllr Chris Watts asked for an update on the Service Improvement Targets currently in place for Children’s Services.	Response requested from the Cabinet Member for Children and School Attainment and the Corporate Director of Children’s Services on 9 th November 2018.	On-going
Cllr Bob Wright asked split within the school budget for work relating to prevention, intervention and work with those pupils at risk from moving past the intervention stage.	Response requested from the Cabinet Member for Children and School Attainment and the Corporate Director of Children’s Services on 9 th November 2018.	On-going

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19th November 2018

Minute No. 40	Public Question Time	Outcome
<p>Mr Roy Worman, Chairman of Haydon View Community Association, noted that no information had been forthcoming from the Borough Council following the strategic flood risk review in 2014. He referred to the update planned in 2019 and asked if that will still be the status quo, will people be asked to contact the council with their worries and concerns, and can they expect to receive answers back at that time.</p>	<p>Response received from the Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning and the Director of Communities and Housing on 27th November 2018 as follows:</p> <p><i>We have developed the existing Local Flood Risk Management Strategy in partnership with Risk Management Authorities and in consultation with other stakeholders. Consultation on a draft version of the previous Strategy took place between December 2013 and March 2014. The final Strategy, which took account of the consultation comments raised, was published in July 2014.</i></p> <p><i>The Strategy covers the period to 2019 with a formal review in 2018. Unfortunately we are still waiting for the guidance to emerge from the Environment Agency. Pending release of the detailed guidance from the Environment Agency we would anticipate a similar consultation process will be used for the 2019 document.</i></p>	Complete
Minute No. 41	Consideration of Decisions of the Cabinet Panel on School Organisation	Outcome
<p>Cllr Chris Watts and the Chair requested information on the projected population numbers of children in the profile areas for both Bridlewood Primary School and Nythe Primary School, and sought reassurance that the future capacity of non-nursery places at these schools is not at risk as a result of these decisions.</p>	<p>Response received from the Education Place Planning and Admissions Manager on 21st November 2018 as follows:</p> <p><i>The proposals will seek to increase early years provision for these two schools and there are no plans to remove places available to reception age (and onwards) pupils in the future.</i></p>	Complete

Minute No. 42	Cabinet Member Q&A Session – Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning	Outcome
<p>Cllr Emma Bushell requested the following information:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The number of houses built by the private sector in 2016 and 2017, and the percentage / number of those that were affordable housing. 2) The projections of these figures in terms of consents going forward. 	<p>Response received from the Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning and the Head of Housing on 27th November 2018 as follows:</p> <p>1) Data is not available on the total number of homes built.</p> <p>2016/17 – affordable units 220 (11 @ SR, 153 @ AR, 56 @ LCHO. 2017/18 – affordable units 285 (7 @ SR, 135 @ AR, 95 @ LCHO.</p> <p>2) Projected figures for 2018/19 and 2019/20:</p> <p>2018/19 – affordable units 281 (AR @ 112, LCHO @ 169) 2019/20 – projected affordable units 280, based on information from the RP's. This will be a mixture of Affordable Rents & LCHO products.</p> <p>We will seek to achieve as close to the 30% target of affordable housing on all qualifying sites as set out in the Local Plan.</p>	Complete
<p>Cllr Bob Wright asked whether the insulation in SBC homes is of a fire resistant standard, or is it of a similar nature to what the problem was at Grenfell. Cllr Wright also asked if there is any idea about the</p>	<p>Response received from the Head of Property Maintenance on 23rd November 2018 as follows:</p> <p>I would like to inform you that SBC's housing stock was built in accordance with the building regulations or codes of practice in place at the time of construction. Approx. 40% of the Council's housing stock was built using non-traditional construction methods post war through to the 1960s.</p>	Complete

<p>standards that have gone before in the properties in the town.</p>	<p>All our housing stock has been built to prevent the spread of flame between dwellings and in the case of flats between compartments.</p> <p>None of our blocks of flats have been refurbished with the same Aluminium Composite Material (ACM) panels or cladding that may have been a contributory factor for the rapid spread of fire at Grenfell Tower.</p> <p>The Council fitted Urea Formaldehyde (UF) cavity wall insulation to the majority of its housing stock in the late 1970s and 80's. The UF cavity wall insulation is fitted between non-combustible material (bricks and blocks/poured concrete/concrete slabs) and has not been a cause of concern in relation to the spread of flame or high calorific value that may contribute to a fire. During recent years mineral wool or fibreglass has been used to provide cavity wall or top-up loft insulation, which both have an A1 rating and are classed as non-combustible in accordance with the European Standard EN 13501.</p> <p>During the last 20 to 30 years the Council has fitted External Wall Insulation (EWI) systems to a proportion of its non-traditional housing stock, which improves the thermal comfort and protects the fabric of the structure from water ingress etc. The insulation is adhered directly to the external poured concrete or concrete panel (to the outer wall) and encased mainly with cement polymer based render systems. We had a recent fire to a private residential property in Beech Avenue and the fire stopping, fitted as part of the improvement works, performed better than expected and prevented the spread of flame to the adjoining council home.</p> <p>Our Building Control Team have advised that we have no reason for concern about the risk of spread of fire in relation to UF cavity wall insulation or EWI systems fitted to council homes.</p>	
Cllr Chris Watts requested	Response received from the Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning and the Head of	Complete

information on the number of officers employed within the Planning Department now as compared to five years ago.	<p>Planning, Regulatory Services and Heritage on 21st November 2018 as follows:</p> <p><u>December 2013</u> Total employed on planning tasks (applications and Local Plan) = 21fte (excl. Head of Service)</p> <p><u>December 2018</u> Total employed on planning tasks (applications, NEV, Design, Local and Neighbourhood Plans) = 30.5fte (excl. Head of Service) These figures aren't quite comparable as the 2018 figure includes some functions that have since come under the Planning Team, included in the 30.5fte above. These are; <i>NEV team – 5fte's</i> <i>Neighbourhood Planning Officer – 1fte</i> <i>Urban Designers – 2fte</i> <i>Temp planner to backfill senior officer (developer funded) – 1fte (temp)</i> <i>Enforcement Officers – 2fte.</i></p> <p>So a direct comparison is 21fte (December 2013) and 19.5fte (December 2018).</p>	
Minute No. 45	A Review of Outsourcing / Business Transfers	Outcome
Cllr Jane Milner-Barry requested a breakdown of how GLL has invested the £2m in improvements at the leisure centres.	Response requested from the Head of Property Assets on 20 th November 2018.	Ongoing
Cllr Chris Watts asked whether the lease arrangement with Twigmarket for Highworth Golf Course allows them an option of changing the use of the site, and also how long the lease is running for.	Response requested from the Head of Property Assets on 20 th November 2018.	Ongoing

<p>Cllr Chris Watts asked for an explanation of / expansion upon the following statement within the report: ‘That having the library on the same premises as the Art Centre added complexity’.</p>	<p>Response received from the Heritage and Cultural Services Manager on 21st November 2018 as follows:</p> <p>Having a public library operate at Swindon Arts Centre has given challenges as this is unusual within the usual operating duties for HQ Theatres & Hospitality Ltd – it means employees of a separate organisation having access to alarm codes, security procedures etc. It is the practicalities of two different organisations working together in one building. It has however brought benefits, so for example HQ Theatres found it impossible to programme the very small (50 seat) studio space at the rear of Arts Centre – partly because it is too small for producers/ hirers to make it work financially and mainly because there is no soundproofing between the main stage and the studio space making concurrent performances impossible. Therefore HQ Theatres agreed that Old Town Library can use this space which has enabled an expansion of the Children’s services at the library.</p>	Complete
<p>Cllr Jane Milner-Barry asked how much had been spent on the previous plans for the housing alongside the canal in Wichelstowe.</p>	<p>A private and confidential response from the Wichelstowe Strategic Delivery Manager was circulated to members of the Committee on 26th November 2018.</p>	Complete