

COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the MEETING held at COUNTY HALL, TROWBRIDGE on 15TH JULY 2003.

PRESENT: Mr PG Allnatt, Mr BE Atfield, Mr ML Baker, Mrs AB Barker, Mrs M Boulton, Mr WS Braid, Mrs NS Bryant, Mr TW Carbin, Mr PF Chalke, Mr TP Chivers, Mr PCB Coleman, Mrs C Crisp, Mr PR Davis, Miss MF de Rhé-Philipe, Mrs MEM Groom, Mr M Hewson, Mrs G Hill, Mr CP Humphries, Mr JP Johnson, Mr D Lay, Mrs DJ Main, Mr DJ McCarthy, Mr A Molland, Mr AI Moore, Mr WR Moss, Mr C Newbury, Mr JB Osborn, Mr AG Peach, Mr CE Read, Mrs P Rugg, Mr PWL Sample, Mrs JA Scott, Mrs JH Seager, Mr WA Snow, Mr WA Spiers, Mr TR Sturgis, Mrs MSN Taylor, Mr JP Thomson, Mrs SE Webb, Mr IC West, Mr RM Willan, Mr DJ Willmott and Mr KC Wren.

156. **Apologies** Apologies for absence were received from Mr M Connolly, Mrs CA Soden, Mr JA Syme and Mr C Vincent.

157. **Minutes of Previous Meeting** On motion by Mr DJ Willmott seconded by Mr AG Peach,

Resolved: To confirm and sign the minutes of the annual meeting held on 20th May 2003.

158. **Members Interests**

The Chairman reminded members of the need to declare any personal or prejudicial interests or dispensations granted by the Standards Committee .

159. **Communications by the Chairman**

(1) Annie Hudson The Chairman announced that Annie Hudson, Assistant Director for Children & Families, would be leaving at the end of July to take up a post with Bristol City Council. Members paid tribute to her work and the contribution she had made to the County Council and Mrs Scott asked the Director to pass on the comments of Council.

(2) Annual "People of Wiltshire" Awards The Chairman reported that the Annual "People of Wiltshire" Awards had been held on 30th June in Chippenham. It was a very successful day and had been enjoyed by all involved.

(3) Order of Business The Chairman announced that he would be bringing forward Summons Item No 9, Questions on the Report of the Cabinet ahead of Item 8, Appointment of Leader and would take Item No 20(2) Mr Osborn's

notice of motion on Overview & Scrutiny Committees as part of the debate under Item 6, Review of the Constitution.

160. Public Participation

1. Mr G Marks made a statement regarding a bypass for Bradford on Avon.
2. Ms H Drinkwater asked a question regarding GM foods to which the Leader of the Council replied.

161. Review of Wiltshire County Council's Constitution Council considered a report by the Monitoring Officer showing the work undertaken by the Standards Committee and its observations and recommendations. It also had a copy of the revised draft constitution for approval.

Mr Chalke moved a motion seconded by Mrs Scott.

The Chairman agreed to bring forward Mr Osborn's notice of motion on Overview & Scrutiny Committees under this item. Mr Osborn then moved and Mr Carbin seconded the following as an amendment to Mr Chalke's motion.

“This Council considers that the Advisory Panels offer little opportunity for the meaningful participation of backbench members – of all parties – in the business of the Council. Consequently it wishes them replaced by a more comprehensive system of Overview and Scrutiny. This would involve all backbenchers and consist of five distinct committees, plus the statutory Health Scrutiny Committee.

These five Overview and Scrutiny Committees would be:

- a. Corporate Overview and Scrutiny
- b. Children, Education and Libraries Overview and Scrutiny
- c. Adult and Community Services Overview and Scrutiny
- d. Environmental Services Overview and Scrutiny
- e. Community Planning Overview and Scrutiny

These Overview and Scrutiny Committees could establish Task Groups to scrutinise particular “one off” issues, but their routine business would be the regular overview and scrutiny of Portfolio Holders and their overall areas of responsibility.”

After debate and on being put to the vote the amendment was lost.

Mr Newbury moved a further amendment, seconded by Mr Allnatt,

“To delete the section on page 44 of the Constitution “Appointment of substitute members of Committees and Sub-Committees” on the grounds that the County Council has no power to appoint substitute members”.

Mr Chalke confirmed that he would be prepared to refer the appointment of substitute members to the Standards Committee and ask them to report back to the County Council in November. On that basis Mr Newbury withdrew his amendment.

Resolved:

- (1) *To note the observations of the Standards Committee and its view that a fundamental constitutional change was not required.*
- (2) *To note the views of the Standards Committee:*
 - (i) *in relation to back bench members (paragraph 15(a) and (b)) but to draw to members' attention the various protocols and briefings available and the decisions at 8 and 9 which are aimed to address these issues;*
 - (ii) *about the Overview and Scrutiny functions (paragraphs 15 c-e) and the favourable comments by the Improvement and Development Agency and INLOGOV and to concur that the constitution makes adequate provision for their further development, particularly in the area of policy development and the increasing opportunities they afford for back bench members; and,*
 - (iii) *in relation to the development of the community leadership role of members and the work being done by the Council in this area.*
- (3) *Subject to (5) below, to adopt the revised constitution as presented, noting in particular the following significant changes:*
 - *the inclusion of the Council's definition of a 'key' decision;*
 - *provision for the establishment of a Health Scrutiny Committee;*
 - *the inclusion of the terms of office of the Standards Committee;*
 - *the establishment of a Staffing Policy Committee and sub-committees with the terms of reference set out in the constitution (pages 35 and 36) and the consequential changes to the functions of the Regulatory Committee;*
 - *the Chairman's protocol on the arrangements for dealing with notices of motion (pages 47 and 48);*
 - *the inclusion of the statutory provisions under which members lose their seat if they fail to attend any meetings within a six month period without special dispensation (page 54);*
 - *the addition of the following protocols:-*
 - *Media protocol*
 - *Information protocol*
 - *Monitoring Officer's protocol*
 - *Cabinet Advisory Panels protocol*
 - *Consultation protocol*
 - *and such other protocols as may be agreed.*

- (4) *To appoint a Staffing Policy Committee of nine members (five Conservative, two Liberal Democrat, one Labour and one Independent) as follows:*

<u>Conservative</u>	<u>Liberal Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>
Mrs NS Bryant (Chairman)	Mr BE Atfield	Mr C Newbury
Miss MF de Rhe Philipe	Mr PR Davis	
Mrs JA Scott		<u>Labour</u>
Mrs JH Seager		Mr DJ McCarthy
Mr KC Wren		

(NB (i) The Staffing Policy Committee will appoint its sub-committees.

(ii) Its terms of reference are set out in the Constitution.)

- (5) *To adopt the following procedure for the election of the Chairman, Vice-chairman and Leader of the Council.*

- 5.1 *The election of the Chairman and the election of the Vice-Chairman shall be the first and second items of business respectively transacted at the annual meeting of the Council.*
- 5.2 *The election of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Leader shall be determined by a secret ballot which shall be conducted by the person presiding in accordance with the following procedure:-*
- 5.2.1 *The person presiding at the meeting shall invite nominations for Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Leader from those present at the meeting;*
- 5.2.2 *A member's name must be proposed and seconded to be eligible;*
- 5.2.3 *A member shall not be nominated in his or her absence for the position of Chairman, Vice-Chairman or Leader without his or her written consent;*
- 5.2.4 *The Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Leader shall be elected from among the members duly nominated unless any member nominated withdraws his or her name, in which case the election shall be from among the members remaining nominated;*
- 5.2.5 *The Chairman, Vice-Chairman or Leader shall be elected by the vote of a majority of those members present and voting;*
- 5.2.6 *Each member shall vote by writing the name of one of the members nominated upon a ballot paper which shall then be placed in the ballot box;*

- 5.2.7 *When, in the opinion of the person presiding at the election, each member present has had a reasonable time in which to vote, the ballot box should be delivered to the person presiding whereupon the voting shall be deemed to have been completed except that this shall not preclude the person presiding from exercising his or her casting vote in accordance with 5.2.11;*
- 5.2.8 *The ballot papers shall then be counted by the person presiding at the election;*
- 5.2.9 *If only one member is nominated, the person presiding shall declare that member elected as Chairman, Vice-Chairman or Leader as the case may be; and if two members are nominated the member receiving the vote of the majority of those members present and voting shall be declared elected;*
- 5.2.10 *If more than two members are nominated, the person presiding shall announce the name of the member with the smallest number of votes and that name shall be eliminated. A further ballot or ballots shall then be taken and after each ballot the name of the member receiving the smallest number of votes shall be eliminated, in accordance with the foregoing procedure, until only two names remain which shall be submitted to the final vote;*
- 5.2.11 *In the event of an equality of votes in any of the ballots, the person presiding shall give a casting vote and where there are three or more members with an equal number of votes the person presiding shall give a casting vote to each of such members except one.*
- (6) *To agree that substitute members may notify the Director of Corporate Services before the start of the meeting and not be required to give one hours notice (page 44 para 12.3)*
- (7) *To refer the legitimacy of the appointment of substitute members (page 44) to the Standards Committee for a report back to Council in November.*
- (8) *To approve the revised Contract Regulations (pages 88 – 99).*
- (9) *To note the possibility of the Leader establishing an Advisory Panel to consider matters of a corporate nature.*
- (10) *To ask the Chief Executive, together with the Chairman of the Council and Group Leaders to consider further how the Council might develop the suggestions of the Standards Committee set out at paragraph 19 (b-f), (h), (i), (l) and (m).*

(11) *To agree in respect of (g), (j) and (k) that –*

- *public questions are often taken immediately before the agenda item to which they relate, but in any event this is a matter for Chairman's discretion to ensure the efficient conduct of business;*
- *the present arrangements that only members speak at Council meetings is satisfactory but to note that the Chairman, at his/her discretion may allow officers to speak in exceptional circumstances; and,*
- *the current minuting arrangements are satisfactory although they should reflect all amendments and the exceptional nature of some debates.*

(12) *To thank the Standards Committee and officers for all their efforts in carrying out this review.*

162. **Report of Cabinet** (22nd May, 20th June and 11th July 2003) Received.

163. **New Multi - Agency Children in Need Board** Council considered a report by the Director for Children, Education and Libraries which will be discussed by the Corporate Parenting Advisory Panel on 22nd July and a recommendation from the meeting of the Cabinet held on 22nd May,

On motion by Mrs Scott, seconded by Mrs Crisp,

Resolved:

(1) *To establish a Multi-Agency Children in Need Board, with no executive powers, to advise the Cabinet Member and relevant Chief Officer in connection with the County Council's duties and responsibilities in relation to its services to children in need, with the following terms of reference:*

- (i) *To regularly receive and consider comprehensive and appropriate information about services to children in need in Wiltshire so that elected members of the County Council, the police, the PCTs and key voluntary sector partners effectively discharge their statutory responsibilities to children in need.*
- (ii) *To provide a forum for County Council elected members and representatives of health, the police and key voluntary sector agencies to consider and address issues about the quality of children's services. This will include consideration of budgetary and staffing issues, the management of risk, and the overall performance of services to children in need.*
- (iii) *To provide members of the Board with an opportunity for considering major national and local policy or legislative changes (national and local).*
- (iv) *To ensure that County Council elected members discharge their responsibilities as corporate parents to children and young people looked after by Wiltshire County Council.*

(2) To agree that the board consist of 9 County Council members (5 Conservative, 2 Liberal Democrat, 1 Labour and 1 Independent) together with representatives of other key agencies, including:

- (i) All three primary care trusts (PCTs)
- (ii) Wiltshire Constabulary
- (iii) Key voluntary organisations, i.e. NCH, Barnardo's and the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NSPCC)

(3) To note that the membership of the Board will be:

<u>Conservative (5)</u>	<u>Liberal Democrat (2)</u>	<u>Independent (1)</u>
Mrs C Crisp (Chairman)	Mrs G Hill	Mr PG Allnatt
Mr A Peach	Mrs S Webb	
Mrs P Rugg		<u>Labour (1)</u>
Mrs JA Scott		
Mr WAB Snow (Vice-Chairman)		Mrs MSN Taylor

(4) To delegate to the Leader of the County Council responsibility for appointing representatives of other key agencies.

164. **Questions: Cabinet** The relevant Cabinet member responded to questions from members concerning the following:

<u>Member</u>	<u>Minute</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Subject</u>
Mr Osborn	94	Communication Review	Public Satisfaction
Mr Osborn	98	Trowbridge Urban Design Framework	Involvement of local Members
Mr Coleman	100	Economic Strategy Framework	Effect on Local Community of Major Closures (e.g. Dyson)*
Mrs Boulton	94	Communication Review	Use of Quick Drying Cement at George Street Marlborough *
Mr Allnatt	105	Wiltshire & Swindon Record Office	Proposals if Lottery Bid Unsuccessful
Mrs Hill	130	Relationship with Voluntary and Community Sector	Grants Review

*Written reply to be given.

165. **Appointment of Leader** Mr PF Chalke announced his resignation as Leader of the Council following his election as Conservative Group Leader and Deputy Chairman of the Local Government Association. He spoke about the major achievements of the Council during his seventeen years as Leader of the Conservative Group. He expressed great sadness over his decision to relinquish the Leadership but would continue to serve the County in the best way he could.

Members paid tribute to Mr Chalke and wished him well in his new role.

The Chairman called for nominations for a new Leader. Mr Chalke proposed Mrs Scott, seconded by Mrs Bryant. There were no other nominations and therefore it was,

Resolved: To appoint Mrs JA Scott as Leader of the Council for the remainder of the municipal year.

In taking office, Mrs Scott thanked members for their support and said she was looking forward to the challenges the position would bring. The details of Mrs Scott's Cabinet would be made known after the summer recess.

166. **Report of Regulatory Committee** (11th June 2003) Received.
167. **Report of the Standards Committee** (24th June 2003) Received.
168. **Report of the Officer Appointments Committee** (20th June 2003) Received.
169. **Report of the Wiltshire Police Authority** (19th June 2003) Received.
170. **Report of the Wiltshire and Swindon Fire Authority** (29th May 2003) Received.
171. **Members' Allowances** On considering a report by the Director of Corporate Services, following meetings of the Independent Panel on Members' Allowances,

Resolved: To adopt the following scheme of members' allowances with effect from 1st October, 2003:-

(1) *Basic Allowance* £6,750

(2) *Special Responsibility Allowances:-*

<i>Chairman of the County Council</i>	<i>£6,750</i>
<i>Vice-Chairman of the County Council</i>	<i>£3,375</i>
<i>Leader of the Council</i>	<i>£11,500</i>
<i>Deputy Leader of the Council</i>	<i>£1,500</i>
<i>Major Portfolio Holder</i>	<i>£8,500</i>
<i>Minor Portfolio Holder</i>	<i>£4,250</i>
<i>Chairman of Overview & Scrutiny Management Committee</i>	<i>£4,750</i>

<i>Chairman of Overview and Scrutiny Education Committee</i>	£4,750
<i>Chairman of Regulatory Committee</i>	£4,750
<i>Chairman of Staffing Policy Committee</i>	£4,750
<i>Chairman of Standards Committee</i>	£4,750
<i>Chairman of Pensions Fund Committee</i>	£2,000
<i>Chairman of Joint Fire Authority (when Wiltshire County Council holds Chairmanship)</i>	£3,250*
<i>Co-opted Members of Standards Committee</i>	£1,800
<i>Co-opted Members of Overview and Scrutiny Education Committee</i>	£750

(* Subject to decision of Wiltshire & Swindon Fire Authority regarding its consideration of allowances).

(3) A Group Leaders allowance of a flat rate of £1,500 plus £30 for each member of the group.

(4) An allowance for political group responsibilities of £200 per member to be allocated by Group Leaders.

(5) An additional allowance of £2,000 to the Leader to recognise the out-of-pocket expenses that the post will incur.

(6) A Dependants' Carer's Allowance of -

<i>4 hours or less</i>	£9.90
<i>More than 4 hours but not more than 9 hours</i>	£19.80
<i>More than 9 hours</i>	£24.75

(7) Travel and subsistence allowances based on the rates payable to officers, i.e.

<u>Mileage Rate</u>	<u>451cc – 999cc</u>	<u>1000cc – 1199cc</u>	<u>Over 1200</u>
<i>First 8,500 miles</i>	36.4p	40.2p	49.9p
<i>Per mile after 8,500 miles</i>	10.6p	11.3p	12.8p

(8) A cycle allowance of 40p per mile.

(9) An allowance of £2,000 for the County Council's representative on the South West Regional Assembly subject to no allowance being payable by the Assembly.

(10) To use the mean male non-manual wage as recommended by the L.G.A. and the formulae explained in paragraphs 9, 11 and 12 of the report to update allowances annually, subject to final approval and agreement by the Independent Panel.

(11) *No to make available to elected members access to the Local Government Pension Scheme.*

(12) *To thank the members of the Independent Panel for all their work.*

(13) *To agree that in the event of a member (including a co-opted member) being suspended or partially suspended any Basic, Special Responsibility, Travel or Subsistence allowance may be withheld or, if already made, may be repaid and to delegate to the Standards Committee the power to consider each case on its merits.*

172. **Review of Electoral Arrangements in Wiltshire** Council considered the draft recommendations from the Boundary Committee for England and the recommendations of the Electoral Review working Party from its meeting on 11th July, 2003.

Mr Chalke moved a motion, seconded by Mrs Scott to approve the recommendations of the Electoral Review Working Party.

Mr Hewson moved an amendment, seconded by Mr Coleman tabled at the meeting in the following terms:

1. Para 2 – (Objects strongly to....)

- Replace entire paragraph with:

“Accepts the case for two member divisions where these are the best answer to the conflicting needs of electoral equality, community coherence and coterminosity.”

2. Para 5 (North Wilts)

- Replace Wootton Bassett North and South proposals with:

Wootton Bassett	-	Wootton Bassett North, Wootton Bassett South Lydiards, Lyneham	14493	+2%
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3. Para 7 (West Wiltshire)

- Remove all words after “Accepts the proposals for West Wiltshire”.

Following debate and on being put to the meeting, and the appropriate number of members having requested a recorded vote, voting on the amendment was as follows:

For the Amendment (11)	Against the Amendment (23)	Abstention (1)
Mr BE Atfield	Mr WS Braid	Mrs DJ Main
Mr TW Carbin	Mrs NS Bryant	
Mr TP Chivers	Mr PF Chalke	
Mr PCB Coleman	Mrs C Crisp	
Mr PR Davis	Mrs MEM Groom	
Mr M Hewson	Mr JP Johnson	
Mrs G Hill	Mr D Lay	
Mr DJ McCarthy	Mr A Molland	
Mr JB Osborn	Mr A Moore	
Mr PWL Sample	Mr M Moss	
Mr ICWest	Mr C Newbury	
	Mr AG Peach	
	Mr CEG Read	
	Miss MF de Rhe Philipe	
	Mrs P Rugg	
	Mrs J Scott	
	Mrs JH Seager	
	Mr WAB Snow	
	Mr TR Sturgis	
	Mrs MSN Taylor	
	Mr JP Thomson	
	Mr DJ Willmott	
	Mr KC Wren	

The amendment was therefore lost. On considering Mr Chalke's motion, it was;

Resolved: To inform the Boundary Committee that the County Council:

1. *Accepts the view that the future size of the Council should be 49 members divided as follows:*

<u>District</u>	<u>Size</u>
<i>Kennet</i>	<i>9 Members</i>
<i>North Wiltshire</i>	<i>14 Members</i>
<i>Salisbury</i>	<i>13 Members</i>
<i>West Wiltshire</i>	<i>13 Members</i>

2. *Objects strongly to the establishment of two member divisions on the grounds that –*
 - (i) *Large divisions of about 14,000 electors make it very difficult for members to represent the interests of all electors within the division.*
 - (ii) *The concept of two member divisions sits uncomfortably with the aim of the Local Government Act 2000 and the County Council to encourage members to be “community champions” within their divisions.*

- (iii) *Creates duplication of work and caseload management.*
- (iv) *Creates confused lines of communication.*
- (v) *Issues of seniority if the two members are from the same political group.*
- (vi) *If the two members represent different political groups other problems may arise:-*
 - *competing agendas;*
 - *different manifestos;*
 - *working against one another.*
- (vii) *Elections will be more costly to run.*

Proposals for Kennet District

- (3) *Accepts the proposals for Kennet District.*

Proposals for North Wiltshire District

- (4) *Comments as follows in respect of the proposals for North Wiltshire District.*
 - (ii) *The parish of Brokenborough should be included within the Minety Division. Its traditional links have always been with Crudwell and it is very much the wish of local people that these links continue. The move would also improve the balance of electors between the two wards of Malmesbury and Minety.*
 - (ii) *The Cepen Park ward of Chippenham is urban and should be included with the other urban wards to create four single member wards for the town:-*

<u>Division</u>	<u>Ward</u>	<u>Electorate</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Central	Audley Avon Redland	6063	- 15%
Chippenham North	Hill Rise Monkton Park Park Cepen Park North	7137	0
Chippenham Pewsham	London Road Pewsham	6309	- 11%
Chippenham West	Allington Westcroft/Queens Cepen Park South	6847	- 4%

(iii) *Other divisions as follows:-*

<u>Division</u>	<u>Ward</u>	<u>Electorate</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Corsham	Corsham Pickwick	7025	- 1%
Box	Box Colerne Lacock	7704	+ 8%
Kington	Kington Langley Kington St. Michael Nettleton Bremhill	6828	- 4%
Calne	Abberd Lickhill Priestley Chilvester	7846	+ 11%
Calne Without	Calne Without Marden Quemerford Hilmarton	7435	+ 5%
Wootton Bassett North	Wootton Bassett North Lydiards	6198	- 13%
Wootton Bassett South	Wootton Bassett South Lyneham	8295	+ 17%

(iv) *The County Council believes this proposal, meets its wishes to maintain single member divisions whilst at the same time maintains a separation of the rural areas from the urban and creates 15 divisions which have balanced electorates and a high level of co-terminosity.*

(5) Proposals for Salisbury District

- (i) *Accepts the proposals for the rural area of Salisbury District with the exception that the Fovant Division should be re-named Chalke and Nadder to make it more inclusive.*
- (ii) *Accepts that the electorate of the City wards is 32,387 which will create five city divisions of a below average electorate of 6,437. Whilst not being prepared to accept two member divisions the County Council believes the following achieves an excellent balance:*

<u>Division</u>	<u>Ward</u>	<u>Electorate</u>	<u>Variance</u>
<i>Bemerton and St. Paul</i>	<i>Bemerton St. Paul</i>	7085	0
<i>Harnham West and Fisherton</i>	<i>Harnham West Fisherton and Bemerton Village</i>	6306	- 11%
<i>St. Martin and Harnham East</i>	<i>Harnham East St. Martin and Part Milford</i>	6761	- 5%
<i>St. Mark and Stratford</i>	<i>St. Mark and Stratford Bishopdown North Parish Ward</i>	6475	- 9%
<i>St. Edmund</i>	<i>St. Edmund and Milford Bishopdown (Less Bishopdown North Parish Ward)</i>	5760	- 19%

(6) Proposals for West Wiltshire District

Accepts the proposals for West Wiltshire except it objects strongly to the proposal to create a two member division within Trowbridge and recommends the Boundary Committee to adopt the County Council's original submission.

(NB

1. Members were given the opportunity to contact the Chief Executive by the end of the week should they wish to make representation about names for electoral divisions).
2. This motion was approved by all members of the County Council with the exception of one abstention.)

173. Notices of Motion

- (1) **Mrs AB Barker and Mr TP Chivers – Mobile Phone Masts** In accordance with the notice of motion given by them, Mr TP Chivers moved and Mrs AB Barker seconded,

“Due to concerns regarding health & safety this Council follows the good example of many other Councils within the UK and bans all mobile phone masts from Council owned land within the County of Wiltshire.

In doing so this Council enters into negotiations for the removal of phone masts on Council owned land within the County.

This Council also makes urgent representation to Wiltshire Police Authority urging them not to site the new Terrestrial Trunk Network near residential areas within the County”.

On motion by Mr Willmott seconded by Mr Peach it was agreed to debate the motion at the meeting. A paper by the Director of Environmental Services had been circulated.

Miss MF de Rhe Philipe moved and Mr TR Sturgis seconded the recommendation in the report by the Director of Environmental Services and, on being put to the meeting it was carried. This then became the substantive motion, which was also carried. Therefore it was,

Resolved: To confirm the current standard procedures which are followed when considering applications from telecommunications operators, as detailed in appendix A of the report.

(NB Mr Hewson declared a personal interest in this matter as an employee of British Telecom and took no part in the debate).

2. **Mr JB Osborn – Overview and Scrunity Committees** This notice of motion was taken under the Review of the Wiltshire County Council’s Constitution (minute no. 161).
3. **Mr T Carbin – Sustainable Energy Bill** In accordance with the notice of motion given by him, Mr TW Carbin moved and Mr PWL Sample seconded,

“That this Council supports the Sustainable Energy Bill, which gives statutory backing to the following targets:

- (i) an increase in domestic energy efficiency of 20% by 2010;
- (ii) the generation of 25% of electricity from renewable sources by 2020; and,
- (iii) the generation of 10GW of electricity by combined heat and power by 2010.

Council further resolves:

- (a) to ask Wiltshire's MPs to sign House of Commons Early Day Motion 148 in support of the energy efficiency target and EDM 910 supporting the Bill;
- (b) to ask Wiltshire's MPs to write to the relevant government ministers in support of the Bill and of the retention of targets in the Bill; and,

- (c) to write to the relevant government ministers urging them to back the Bill with the targets retained in it.”

On motion by Mr Willmott, seconded by Mr Peach, it was agreed to debate the motion at the meeting. A paper by the Director of Environmental Services had been circulated.

Miss MF de Rhe Philipe moved and Mr TR Sturgis seconded the recommendation in the report by the Director of Environmental Services, and on being put to the meeting, it was carried. This then became the substantive motion, which was also carried. Therefore it was,

Resolved:

- (1) *To support the Sustainable Energy Bill which gives statutory backing to the following targets:-*
- *An increase in domestic energy efficiency of 20% by 2010;*
 - *The generation of 25% of electricity from renewable sources by 2020;*
 - *The generation of 10GW of electricity by combined heat and power by 2010.*
- (2) *To send a copy of this report and the resolution of County Council to Wiltshire Members of Parliament.*

(Duration of meeting: 10.30am – 1.05pm and 2.00pm – 3.35pm)

The Officer who has produced these minutes is Paul Kelly, Democratic & Members' Services, direct line 01225 713049.

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