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Minutes

Meeting of : The Commercial Services Committee
Date : Monday 6 July 2026
Meeting held in : The Guildhall, Salisbury
Commencing at : 1830 hours

Present:

Chair: Cllr S Foster

Vice Chair: Cllr M Brown

Cllrs: P Beaven, C Corbin, S Hocking, E Rimmer

Officers: Asa Thorpe, Beth George, Luke Harris, Charlotte Eardley, Neil Lucas, Lol Wilde, Dave Brown, Vicky Goodwright

Cllr M Brown arrived at 18:32.

There were 2 members of the public and no press present.

1. Election of Chair and Vice Chair of the Committee:

Cllr S Foster called for nominations of the Chair of the Commercial Services Committee.

Proposed by: Cllr P Beaven

Seconded by: Cllr C Corbin

There was a vote, and it was,

Resolved that:

1.1 Cllr S Foster is elected as the Chair of the Commercial Services Committee.

Cllr S Foster called for nominations of the Vice Chair of the Commercial Services Committee.

Proposed by: Cllr P Beaven

Seconded by: Cllr C Corbin

There was a vote, and it was,

Resolved that:

1.2 Cllr M Brown is elected as the Vice Chair of the Commercial Services Committee.

2. Apologies:

No apologies were received.

3. Public Questions/Statements:

A resident asked questions regarding Salisbury 800 funding; anticipated revenue arising from Salisbury 800; and the refurbishment and reopening of public toilets ahead of the 2027 celebrations.

Response to Question 1

The Chief Executive advised that funding for Salisbury 800 had already been allocated from approved budgets and that a press release providing further information was scheduled for 24 July.

The Chief Executive further advised that the £60,000 secured by John Glen is being administered through the Place Partnership, managed by Susi Mason.

The Chief Executive reported that a letter was being drafted to the Leader of Wiltshire Council seeking financial support and that two briefing meetings had taken place with Councillor Sample regarding the project.

Response to Question 2

The Chief Executive advised that Salisbury City Council anticipates receiving income associated with Salisbury 800, including from merchandise sales and sponsorship opportunities.

Response to Question 3

The Chief Executive advised that a full briefing on the public toilet refurbishment programme was due to be received from the Interim Head of Environment on 13 July. Based on the current programme, the Market Place public toilets remain on track for completion in advance of the 2027 Salisbury 800 celebrations.

In relation to the Central Car Park public toilets, the Chief Executive reported that the Council had recently received the initial legal documentation from Wiltshire Council

regarding the proposed transfer. It was noted that this was the first documentation received since proceedings commenced in September, and that no timescale could currently be confirmed for reopening the facilities.

4. Councillor Questions/Statements:

There were no questions or statements submitted by councillors.

5. Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the meeting of the Commercial Services held on Monday 2 February 2026 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

6. Declarations of Interest:

No declarations of interest were received.

7. Dispensations:

No dispensations were requested or granted.

8. Chair's Announcements:

The Chair of the Committee noted the Business Team's attendance at the Committee and announced that Luke Harris, Operations Manager, is deputising for the Head of Business.

9. Business Team Update:

The committee received an update from Luke Harris, Operations Manager; Charlotte Eardley, Senior Communications Officer; Lol Wilde, Event Manager; Neil Lucas, Crematorium and Cemetery Manager; Dave Brown, Senior Markets Officer; and Vicky Goodwright, Customer Service Manager.

Proposed By: Cllr S Foster

Seconded By: Cllr C Corbin

A vote was taken, and it was:

Resolved that:

9.1 The update is noted.

9.2 Councillors request that officers investigate putting solar panels on Salisbury City Council owned buildings, with appropriate battery storage options, including a cost/benefit analysis.

10. Budget Outturn/Monitoring Report:

Luke Harris, Operations Manager, introduced the 2025/26 budget outturn report.

A vote was taken, and it was:

Resolved that:

10.1 Councillors note the report.

11. Stage Trial Report:

The committee received an update from Lol Wilde, Events Manager, on the temporary stage trial in the Market Square.

Proposed By: Cllr E Rimmer

Seconded By: Cllr S Foster

A vote was taken, and it was:

Resolved that:

11.1 Salisbury City Council conclude the Stage on the Square trial and not progress a permanent stage or undertake any further feasibility work.

Councillors resolved that the meeting continue beyond 21:30 hours in accordance with Annex A of the Standing Orders.

12. Business Team Dashboard Update:

The committee received a demonstration from Luke Harris, Operations Manager, showing the updates to the Dashboard. It was,

Resolved that:

12.1 The update is noted.

13. Urgent matters (if any) which by reason of special circumstances the Chair, decides should be considered as a matter of urgency:

There were no matters considered under this item.

The meeting closed at 21:37 hours.

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