



Notice of Motion – NM69

Councillor initiating: Cllr Brian Dalton and Cllr Paul Sample JP

Committee: Full Council

Date of meeting: 14 September 2026

2027/28 Budget Allocation

Salisbury 800 Commemorative Medallions for School Children

Proposed by: Cllr Brian Dalton

Seconded by: Cllr Paul Sample JP

Background:

1. This council notes that 2027 marks the historic 800th anniversary of Salisbury's Royal Charter (1227–2027). The city is currently preparing to celebrate this milestone with a full programme of events, including the Salisbury 800 Grand Procession scheduled for Sunday, 25 July 2027.
2. Council notes that there is strong, successful municipal precedence for this specific type of community engagement in Salisbury:
 - **The 1999 / 2000 New Millennium Initiative:** Salisbury District Council produced and distributed a bespoke book of local history to all schoolchildren across the district to commemorate the milestone.
 - **The 2012 Diamond Jubilee Initiative:** Salisbury City Council successfully budgeted, struck, and distributed custom commemorative medallions to local school pupils to mark Queen Elizabeth II's Diamond Jubilee, presented directly by ward councillors.
3. Council further notes that Salisbury has a rich heritage of localized minting dating back to the 17th-century "Salisbury Trade Tokens", which this anniversary initiative seeks to honour.
4. According to data from the Wiltshire Council Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA), there are approximately 5,300 school-aged children (ages 4 to 18) and a further 1,950 early years children (ages 9 months to 4 years) within the Salisbury city civil parish footprint, totalling approximately 7,250 children. An additional number of medallions should be minted to enable as many Salisbury children to receive one.

5. Council notes the proposed design framework for the commemorative medal incorporates:
- **Obverse (Front):** A portrait of King Henry III (the monarch who originally granted Salisbury its Royal Charter in 1227) or the reigning monarch King Charles III.
 - **Reverse (Back):** The Salisbury City Coat of Arms or the silhouette of the Salisbury Cathedral spire, accompanied by the text: *"Salisbury 800 Charter Anniversary 1227 – 2027"*.
 - **Packaging:** Distributed in a flat, protective cardboard presentation pack/card to ensure safe storage and display by local families.

This Council Believes that:

1. Every local child, from early years through to secondary education, should receive a tangible, lifelong keepsake of this historic 800th charter milestone.
2. Civic engagement during the Salisbury 800 celebrations should directly include local families, schools, nurseries, and ward councillors.
3. Providing a non-legal-tender souvenir token is legally practical, free from national currency restrictions, and highly effective for community engagement.

Resolution:

This Council resolves to:

1. **Allocate a maximum sum of £30,000** from General Reserve in this year, to enable commission, strike, and package custom commemorative medallions.
2. **Instruct council officers** to seek initial manufacturing quotes from specialized contract minting services for up to 10,500 base-metal units based on the design criteria outlined in the background of this motion.
3. **Authorise ward members** to co-ordinate the direct presentation of these medallions to all local nurseries, pre-schools, and Infant, Junior, Primary, and Secondary schools in their wards between a set time frame to be determined in 2027. Officers will support Councillors with contact details.
4. **Establish a mechanism** at the Information Centre, at the Guildhall for Salisbury resident families whose children are not registered with local providers, or who attend schools outside the boundary line (such as the Laverstock schools), to present ID and proof of address to claim their child's medallion, between a set time frame to be determined in 2027.
5. **Officers** to liaise with the proposer and seconder of the Motion along with the leader of the council.

Councillor Signed:

Date: