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In Attendance:

Sir Christopher Benson (SCB)	Chairman	Richard Walters(RW)	Director, Salisbury Vision
Cllr Fleur de Rhe-Philippe (FRP)	Economic Development and Strategic Planning, Wiltshire Council	Alistair Cunningham (ACu)	Director Economy and Enterprise – Wiltshire Council
Cllr Su Thorpe (ST)	Salisbury City Council	Scott Anderson (SA)	Economic Development Administrator – Wiltshire Council
Cllr Mary Douglas (MD)	Salisbury Community Area Board	Alastair Clark (ACI)	Salisbury Civic Society
Debrah Biggs (DB)	Salisbury Community Area Partnership		

Members of Public in Attendance: 47

Total in Attendance: 55

Item	Subject
1	<p>Apologies</p> <p>Ian Newman – City Centre Management Jack Wills – SWEP Peter Edge – Business Representative Robert Newman – Chamber of Commerce Reg Williams – Salisbury City Council</p> <p><u>Changes to the Board</u></p> <p>Salisbury Cathedral representative: Mark Elcomb has resigned from the Board. He will be replaced by Canon Mark Bonney.</p> <p>Councillor Fleur de Rhe-Philippe has been appointed as Wiltshire Council's Cabinet Member, holding the portfolio for Economic Development and Strategic Planning. She replaces Councillor John Brady on the Vision Board, who formerly held this role.</p>
2	<p>Announcements from the Chairman and Introductions</p> <p>The Chairman welcomed the public to the board meeting. He noted that the meeting was a Board Meeting held in public, not a public meeting. He confirmed that the Vision would hold public meetings in the future when appropriate. The Chairman directed the public's attention to the protocol in preparation for Board Meeting proceedings.</p>

	<p>It was noted that the meeting would be audio recorded to ensure a true record of the proceedings and that in future the minutes kept would be action minutes only, i.e. recording the actions that need to be taken forward by the executive team and / or the board before the following meeting. Audio recordings will be made available, for which a nominal charge to cover costs may be made.</p>
3	<p>Minutes of Last Meeting (14th April) and matters arising</p> <p>The minutes of the last meeting were agreed. No other matters were arising.</p>
4	<p>Salisbury Vision Board protocol and procedures</p> <p>The Vision Director presented the paper provided to the Board and placed on the Vision Web-site. The paper sets out proposed procedures as discussed at the Board Meeting on 14th April. Comments were invited from the board.</p> <p>Councillor de Rhe-Philipe observed that the proposed 48 hour deadline for receipt of written questions prior to the Board was very short, particularly given the likely need for the Director to consult with other officers and Members in preparing a written response. In view of this it she moved that the Board extend the minimum notice required for questions to four working days. This was agreed by the Board.</p> <p>The protocol paper was then agreed.</p>
5	<p>Current project updates (RW)</p> <p>5a) Market Place</p> <p>The project team is addressing matters raised by the statutory and local authority consultees, and the public, via the planning application consultation process. Particular consideration is being given to the following aspects of the scheme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resurfacing / Materials & Paving Pattern • Lighting scheme • Trees • War Memorial realignment • Toilets and refuse stores • Other street furniture • Disabled parking <p>The project team will continue to consult with English Heritage in connection with the listed buildings application.</p> <p>Specialist listed building advice to address some of the more technical points that have been raised by English Heritage and the Council's Conservation Officer is being sought.</p> <p>The project team is continuing to progress with the appointment of a suitably qualified contractor to undertake the works. The current programme anticipates a start on site in January 2012.</p> <p>The project team will continue to liaise with Wiltshire Council's planners in progressing the application to determination.</p>

	<p>5b) Central Car Park and Maltings</p> <p>The Council is proceeding with the next stage of the competition to appoint a development partner. The identity of the shortlisted bidders will be confirmed to both the bidders themselves and the public in early July.</p> <p>The programme remains on course to identify a preferred developer partner in late December 2011 / early January 2012 with the aim of completing contract negotiations in the spring of 2012.</p> <p>It was noted that some householders with flats in the existing Maltings Shopping Centre may be affected by the uncertainty surrounding the development process. It was confirmed that the Vision Director, alongside relevant officers from Wiltshire Council, will be meeting with residents affected by the scheme in order to understand and seek to address their individual circumstances.</p> <p>5c) Public Realm Strategy</p> <p>The Vision will report to the Board further progress on developing the PRS into a robust manual that will form the first point of reference for works within the city. Further consideration will be given to the components of this document.</p> <p>5d) The Friary</p> <p>The Vision is continuing to liaise with Wiltshire Council to obtain a better understanding of the main issues affecting the physical condition of the estate alongside an understanding of the challenges affecting the local community in socio-economic terms. The Vision Director will update future Board meetings on the work being undertaken. The local community will be engaged through established channels via Wiltshire Council.</p>
6	<p>Other projects / issues</p> <p>6a) Business Improvement District (BID)</p> <p>The Vision will continue its support for a BID by working with Wiltshire Council and other stakeholders to engage with key representative groups including City Centre Management, the Chamber of Commerce, the South Wiltshire Economic Partnership and the Federation of Small Businesses as well as Wiltshire Council and Salisbury City Council. The Vision will post documentation on the website explaining in more detail what a BID is and does, and will report progress to future Board Meetings.</p> <p>6b) Business Summit</p> <p>The Board will consider the proposal of a business summit meeting between the Vision, Wiltshire Council, City Centre Management, Salisbury City Council, Salisbury Chamber of Commerce and other key stakeholders to discuss the challenges facing retailers and businesses within the city. It is proposed that this discussion take place at the next meeting where a representative of City Centre Management will be able to set out their ideas in person.</p> <p>In the meantime the Vision director will liaise with City Centre Management.</p> <p>It is envisaged that a meeting could take place in the form of an extraordinary meeting</p>

	<p>of the Vision Board specifically convened for this purpose, since the Vision already has representatives of the principal organisations on its Board. The format of the meeting is to be agreed, but is likely to take the form of an open forum at which other organisations will be invited to attend and contribute.</p> <p>6c) Transport</p> <p>Discussions remain on-going with Wiltshire Council's Transport team with the objective of moving forward discussions on wider integrated Transport issues across the city.</p> <p>The Vision is also engaged in an on-going dialogue with public transport providers, moving towards the establishment of a Bus Quality Partnership for the city.</p> <p>6d) The Unit</p> <p>Tim Scrace made a statement regarding the work of The Unit's "ReVision" project to the Board (see attached). The board was asked to select a winning entrant from a competition the Unit ran to design a new youth hub for Salisbury.</p>
7	<p>Planning applications received</p> <p>A planning application to construct a medical centre and related uses on Avon Approach was reported to the board (S/2011/0640). The Vision will maintain a watching brief on planning applications relevant to the Vision.</p>
8	<p>AOB</p> <p>No other business was raised.</p>
9	<p>Next meeting: 8 September, 2011, Salisbury Guildhall</p>

APPENDIX: STATEMENTS AND QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Questions from Helen Farmer

My question is pertaining to the documents which are on the website, particularly the Vision document appendix 6 states under the heading 'Equalities and diversity impact assessment',

Equalities and diversity are an intrinsic part of the Sustainable Communities programme and as such they are fundamental to the Salisbury Vision. As work begins on implementing the Vision individual equalities and diversity impact assessments will be carried out on each of the delivery projects.

So my question is (because I understand that this is no longer the case): When and why the decision was made to deviate from that stated policy? I am afraid I haven't had an answer as to when and why; it has been explained to me that the Salisbury Vision intends in future to utilize the Equality Impact Assessments of Wiltshire Council, which again is fine, although I would still like to know when it was decided to change it.

Given that, can I ask which, if any, of the board members have actually read the entire Wiltshire Council Parking Strategy, which is known as PS3, the background reference material, and the accompanying EIA; and whether those who have, consider that the plans for the removal of the parking from the market place are compatible with the Council's commitment to meet and exceed minimum national standards for provision of parking spaces for disabled people?

Also part of the question is, what mechanisms are in place to ensure that the Vision acts in accordance with wider Wiltshire strategy documents and who is responsible for that?

Salisbury Vision Response – as outlined at the meeting

In reply RW noted that the Vision board has not at any point resolved to ignore or otherwise overlook equality and diversity issues, and it certainly hasn't decided to disregard the statement in appendix 6.

HF stated that she was not implying that it had.

RW noted that equality impact assessments are generally undertaken in relation to strategic matters rather than individual projects, and so in this case reference would be made to the relevant equality impact assessment produced by the Council. For this project it is the equality impact assessment relating to parking. The Design and Access statement outlines the approach taken and the Board is satisfied, through its officers and through working with the relevant teams at Wiltshire Council, that the requirements within that document have been complied with.

RW addressed the question as to which members of the Board have read the document and noted that officers of the Council are required by the Board to have knowledge of the details of those documents, which they do, and liaise with the relevant teams to make sure that those requirements are complied with. The board delegates that responsibility to the officers within Wiltshire Council via the Vision Director, to make sure that those requirements are complied with.

SCB invited other board members to add to the Director's response.

MD noted that in her experience it is impossible for Councillors to read everything. She confirmed that she tries to read all key documents but does have to rely on officers to do the basic groundwork, because otherwise nothing will get done.

FRP agreed with MD, that it is simply impossible for Councillors to read every document. It is necessary to rely on officers. She noted that she has been involved with the highways team for many years and has not been 'let down' at any point.

SCB thanked HF for her questions and noted that they are relevant and that this issue needs to be resolved satisfactorily. He stressed the importance of continuing with the dialogue and noted that the proposed arrangements with the contractor (Early Contractor Involvement) will allow for dialogue between key stakeholders (such as the disabled community) and the people who actually carry out the work.

Statement from Helen Farmer

Salisbury Vision director Mr Richard Walters was reported in the Salisbury Journal a few weeks ago, as saying that "there will be no overall reduction in the number of Disabled parking spaces in the City Centre", this is incorrect. There are currently 10 off road Blue Badge parking spaces in the Guildhall Square and the proposal is to provide just 9 road side spaces.¹

Road side spaces are far more difficult and dangerous for disabled people to park in, and exit their vehicle from, than the safe, off road spaces currently available. The suggested sites for these spaces are all in the one way system, on busy bus routes. People will not have a choice of which side of their vehicle faces the roadway, and disabled drivers and passengers will therefore have to exit their vehicles into traffic.

Disabled people also currently have the option of parking on street or in any of the 52 general access parking spaces in Market Square itself, and large numbers do. Recent surveys have shown that during the day time, there have never been less than eight Blue Badge holders parked. Several times there were 17 or 18 and on one day there were 21! At the same time, all 10 dedicated spaces in the Guildhall Square were also occupied.

The use of the Market Square car park by Blue Badge holders has simply not been taken into account when calculating the level of disabled parking need. In addition to Blue Badge holders, having spoken to large numbers of people using this car park, we have learnt that many do so because although they are not actually 'disabled' and do not qualify for a Blue Badge, they would still find it impossible to walk from the nearest alternative parking.

The spaces in the Guildhall Square were provided when the High Street was pedestrianised, as a result of a campaign by Mrs Jean Rushby at that time. Blue Badge holders are also entitled to park on double yellow lines for up to 3 hours (providing they are not causing an obstruction). Over the years, as more and more double yellow lines within the City have been replaced with 'no loading markings', considerable numbers of informal Blue Badge spaces have been lost; The most recent being the length of New Canal behind the taxi rank and coach parking. At the same time, medical advances and an ageing population have resulted in more people becoming eligible for Blue Badges. The effect has been an increase in demand for disabled parking spaces.

Wiltshire Councils recently published Parking Strategy (PS3) states that minimum national standards for the provision of disabled parking spaces will be implemented. This applies to existing, as well as new build provision. Several documents are referenced, and these are very specific about the number, quality and location of such spaces.

Further investigation has uncovered the fact that Salisbury presently has less than half the number of blue badge parking spaces required and that virtually all of the on road spaces do not meet the required standard as they lack not have dropped kerbs, meaning that wheelchair users have to wheel in the road amongst traffic. The guidance also states that blue badge parking spaces should be provided within 50 metres of essential services and that it should be positioned so that either side of the vehicle can be accessed.

Clearly provision of Blue Badge parking in Salisbury is not entirely Salisbury Vision's responsibility. However, decreasing the number of parking spaces within 50 metres of essential services in the city centre would certainly not be compatible with the Wiltshire wide strategy (PS3), and for Salisbury Vision to be proposing the removal of the current 10 fully accessible, safe, off road BB bays, as well as 52 flat, level, off street general access bays whilst claiming that there will be no reduction in the number of disabled parking spaces in the City centre, is unacceptable.

Helen Farmer
Secretary - Salisbury Wheelchair Awareness Group

¹ This is a copy of the written statement that HF submitted to the Board in advance of making her spoken statement during the meeting. At the meeting, HF recognised that there are eight disabled bays in front of the Guildhall rather than ten.

Statement from J.A Bolwell:

To the members of the Salisbury Vision Board I would like to submit this statement.

I, myself, am a carer for a man seriously disabled with Multiple Sclerosis. I know from experience how hard it can be to get him in and out of a car safely.

Recent reports in the Journal state that at least 1,600 people signed petitions against removal of parking.

We can't all be wrong and I find it hard to accept a decision by an able bodied person for someone who obviously isn't capable.

We don't ask for special treatment just understanding.

I appreciate that Salisbury must change with the times but there should have been more communication.

The phrase, 'There but for the Grace of God I go'; has given me the understanding I needed and it is true anyone of us could end up in a second being physically disabled and having to rely on others.

Since the Equality Act of 2010 not a lot has changed I ask you to consider the minority because we are as much a part of Salisbury as any other.

Salisbury Vision Response to statements from Helen Farmer and J. A. Bolwell

The Market Place Improvement scheme proposes to replace more marked disabled parking bays around the Square than it removes. The size of these parking spaces will exceed minimum standards, and for those bays along Blue Boar Row there will remain a significant gap between the space and the carriageway.

We recognise the strength of feeling on this issue but stress that the spaces being removed are general access spaces not disabled ones, available on a first-come, first-served basis to both able bodied and disabled people alike. Even following the removal of 60 marked spaces in the Market Place the city centre still has over 3,000 parking spaces.

It is the task of the Vision to improve the future of the whole city and its public realm in the long term, working to create the best possible environment for everyone within the city, able bodied, disabled, young and old alike. We have to balance the interests of all groups to arrive at a solution that takes account of the needs of the whole community and provides for the long term economic future of the city.

It has long been acknowledged that the presence of motor vehicles within public spaces such as the Market Place is not only unsightly but can also be dangerous. One individual's right to park in a particular location can intrude upon the ability of others to enjoy and use the space in a safe and unencumbered way. The principle of making the Market Place car free is one to which the Vision and its partners remain fully committed.

Statement from Eric Hart

Those who have been stalwart enough to plough through the final draft of the Salisbury Public Realm Strategy Document without falling asleep by now have realised that there can be no doubt about the intention of Salisbury Vision and its associate organisations to 'Disneyfy' our medieval city. (Did all you Journal readers receive your Disney book this morning. Look and learn!)

A very highly regarded American professor, Harry G Frankfurt, has written books on truth and on moral responsibility. His international best seller is called 'On Bullshit' and the Salisbury Public Realm Strategy Document is a classic example.

For those who have not had a chance to read the Salisbury Public Realm Strategy Document here is a sample:-

"The analysis of the current public realm is based upon the on-site collection of information. The information used within the analysis section is based on a qualitative and observational study, rather than detailed, quantitative data collection. The development of any particular parts of the Strategy may require this analysis to be further investigated through more detailed data collection."

Anyone any idea what that means because I don't have a clue. I think it probably means that the public is not going to be asked for its opinion.

The whole document adopts this tone and is awash with examples of the ghastliness that is proposed. If you have liked Salisbury in the past and still like it today my advice is don't look at the strategy document. The section on street lighting is particularly hideous.

We are told that the redevelopment of the Market Place and Guildhall Square is the first stage of this theme park strategy with its lollipop trees, corporation street furniture and dull grey slabbing. The groups that make up Salisbury Vision have foisted this scheme for the Market Place and Guildhall Square upon us.

Over the past couple of weeks I have been trying to get a suitable representative from those groups to step forward and answer two questions. Our local newspaper, The Journal, is today loaded with representations from many others who are also asking these questions.

The two questions are, firstly,

'When, during the consultation process or at any other time, has the public been asked if the Market Place and Guildhall Square trees should be chopped down?'

and secondly

'When, during the consultation process or at any other time, has the public been asked if the War Memorial should be moved?'

I have even asked Mr Glen, our MP, to find someone to answer them. There are no takers. That is because the residents of Salisbury have never been asked those questions or anything like them. The document that we were asked to complete in relation to this project has no such questions and if you look at the original six presentation images the majority of the trees still appear to be in situ. Why would anybody looking at those various artists impressions ever suspect that the trees would be chopped down? Now they are to go. Isn't this commonly known as deception however subtly it is carried out?

The reality is that if Salisbury Vision had actually asked those questions it might have received answers that didn't fit in with its plan so it made sure it didn't ask them. Instead it gave us some tick box options and the opportunity to comment on some vaguely peripheral matters which since then have been fed back to us as the public's agreement to accept what Salisbury Vision wanted. Salisbury Vision and Wiltshire Council call that consultation. I call it cheating the public and the final draft of the Salisbury Public Realm Strategy Document is more of the same. There will be an opportunity to comment on that strategy but to do so

effectively would demand another document requiring an equal or even greater amount of input. Exactly which members of the public have the time or the money to produce that?

The Public Realm Strategy document goes on to tell us that the desired outcome is as follows (and I quote):-

'The successful implementation of a public realm strategy for Salisbury, including the Market Place, will have been achieved which shows heritage assets off to best effect.'

Not in my view it won't. Where can we see some proper evidence for this claim?

But, on reflection, there is one small consolation. The Public Realm Strategy informs us that it is going to take at least 15 years to achieve all this theme park joy. By that time I will probably be too old to care. However I have a very strange feeling that following generations will be as unimpressed by this scheme as I am. Isn't it a pity that by the time those generations realise what has been done to Salisbury, in their name, it will all be too late.

Salisbury Vision Response

The premise of Mr Hart's two questions is that for every change proposed the electorate need to be asked a specific question, to which they give a binary yes/no response.

In reality, a referendum is only a practical option where there is a single yes/no question to be answered. What we are dealing with on the Market Place and with the Vision more widely are subjective, and aesthetic matters on which there are probably as many opinions as there are voters.

On this basis a referendum is clearly inappropriate. By undertaking a poll on whether the trees should be replaced or the war memorial relocated to seek a yes/no answer you instantly rule out the views of the vast majority, which is maybe yes, maybe no, depending upon a whole range of complex criteria.

In November 2010, the Salisbury Vision consulted in detail with the public and analysed over 800 responses where people were invited to answer both a series of tick-box questions on key aspects of the scheme, but also to express their own views in writing.

In practice, the Vision has consulted at each stage and amended and refined the proposals in response to those consultations. The design competition selected via public ballot a preferred team based on an indicative scheme. That was taken forward and following further public consultation we have changed and adapted the scheme that went forward for planning. Now that we are at the planning stage we continue to make further changes in response to the consultation.

To the best of our knowledge, Mr Hart has taken the opportunity to express his views at each stage of the process, and his views have been considered along-side those of many others.

Statement from Tim Scrace

TS introduced himself stating that he represents the Unit, a young persons' social enterprise group operating from Endless Street. He noted that he is an architect by trade, and has been running an alternative Vision, which is called Re-Vision, with young people in Salisbury, to try and get them engaged on a basic level as the Vision project progresses. He confirmed that he has been running a series of workshops, most recently a Youth Hub workshop on the previous evening (29th June) This included a competition from which he had a shortlist of entries from which he invited the Board to select a winner. TS was keen to encourage the Board to think about engagement with young people because he has concerns that many feel they are not being taken seriously, and that there is a real opportunity to engage the young people of the city.

Salisbury Vision Response / discussion at the Board Meeting;

SCB: Thanked TS for his comments and welcomed the opportunity that this presented to engage further with the younger members of the community. He drew parallels with school engagement that took place as part of the London CrossRail project (where he has Chairman).

AC also noted that Salisbury Civic Society is running a young people's competition to help redesign its website.

DB advised the Board that Salisbury Community Area Partnership had run successful questionnaires previously, including one for which seven hundred young people had contributed to the design, but noted that for the full consultation questionnaire for the redesign of the Market Place, only a very few people in the 13 and below / 13 to 19 year olds demographics had responded. Noting that younger people are responsive to using computers to engage socially, they have sent out new questionnaires to all members of The Unit, and to local schools, with questions specifically about their views on Salisbury and on the Vision.

Statement from Colin Duller

Received 4pm, 29 June 2011

The Chairman of: -
The Salisbury Vision Board

Dear Sir

I wish to ask questions of The Board Members at The Meeting in Salisbury Guildhall on Thursday 30th of June. A rough list is as follows.

1. When was The Board set up and who was its First Chairman.
2. Who were the last District Councillors attached to The City Centre Management Group.
3. What Total Amount of Public Money has been allocated to The Vision Program and who gave what.
4. What is The Involvement on The Board of our City Council and Wiltshire Council Representatives.
5. How long is The Vision Board Going to last Poject.
6. What is the position on The War Memorial.

Perhaps you could prepare answers to the above.

Why my interest.?

1. I was Wilt Cllr Ian Tomes a Councillor for The City Centre and Market Squares between 1995/99 and oversaw the last refurbishment.
2. I was a Member or Trustee of Salisbury Alms houses under your wife Lady Benson
3. I have been a Member of The Civic Society for over 14 years
4. I was Vice Chairman of The City Hall.
5. I am a member of The St James Branch of The Royal British Legion, A Life Member of The Royal Engineers Association and a Member of The Parachute Regt Association.
6. I have in the Past Worked for both District and County Councils and Various Government Agencies
7. Last but not least, I come from Lincolnshire which also holds A Magma Cart Edition.

Yours Sincerely
Colin H Duller

Questions from Colin H. Duller

Passed to the Chairman at the meeting (17.35pm Thursday 30th June).

(the questions were received too late to receive a formal answer at the meeting)

TO: THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SALISBURY VISION BOARD
SIR CHRISTOPHER BENSON,

SIR,
COULD I PLEASE ASK THE BOARD THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS
AT THURSDAYS PUBLIC MEETING.

NUMBER 1, WHO PROVIDED THE MONEY FOR THE VISION
EXERCISE
AND WHO CONTROLS THE PURSE STRINGS?

2, WHO NOW OWN THE MARKET SQUARE AND GUILD HALL,
SQUARE?
WHICH WHERE CITY POSSESSIONS FOR HUNDREDS OF YEARS.

3, THE BOARD HAS ONLY 2 CITY CLLRS. AND TWO WILTSHIRE
CLLRS,
AND SEVEN UNELECTED, BUSINESSMEN IN ITS MAKEUP. WHY?
WHERE DO CTIY RESIDENTS FIT IN TO THE EQUATION.

SURELY OUR CITY COUNCIL AND CITY BOARD SHOULD BE
MORE,
PROMINENT IN TIIS AFFAIR. WHICH CHANGE THE FACE OF
SALISBURY
WHETHER WE LIKE IT OR NOT IT SEEMS.

THE CITY CENTRE MANAGEMENT SEEM TO BE ACTING LIKE A
TROJAN
HORSE AND USURPING PUBLIC RIGHTS IN MY OPINION.

AS AN EX DISTRICT COUNCILLER' WHO OVERSAW THE 1996 -- 1999
CITY I AM APALLED A TTHE WAY CITY VIEW HAVE BEEN AND ARE
BEING IGNORED BE IT TREES OR WAR MEMORIALS.
NB, I AM AN EX SOLDIER AND MEMBER OF THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION AND
SALISBURY CIVIC SOCIETY.

YOURS SINCERELY,
COLIN HDULLER
WEST HARNHAM.

Salisbury Vision Response:

Combined response to the questions raised by Mr Duller

1. When was The Board set up and who was its First Chairman?

The Board of Salisbury Vision was first established in April 2009. It had an interim Chairman, Cllr Peter Edge. The first permanent Chairman of the Salisbury Vision Board was Sir Christopher Benson, who assumed the role in July 2009.

2. Who were the last District Councillors attached to The City Centre Management Group?

This is a matter that should be addressed to Salisbury City Centre Management Limited (SCCM). It is important to note that SCCM is a partner organisation to Salisbury Vision and is represented on the Board of Salisbury Vision by its Chairman. The activities and composition of SCCM is entirely a matter for SCCM and its Members.

3. What Total Amount of Public Money has been allocated to The Vision Program and who gave what?

The funding for the Vision has derived from a variety of sources. In its initial stages there was funding from Wiltshire County Council, Salisbury District Council and the South West Regional Development Agency.

Since the establishment of Wiltshire Council as a Unitary Authority the principal funding for the activities of the Vision have come from Wiltshire Council. However there has been some funding secured from the Homes and Communities Agency.

A more detailed response to this question is being compiled and will be placed upon the Vision website in due course.

4. What is The Involvement on The Board of our City Council and Wiltshire Council Representatives?

The Board Members contribute to the activities of the Board through their attendance at Board Meetings. These are held in public and their contributions are a matter of public record.

5. How long is The Vision Board Going to last?

There is no set timescale. The duration of the Board is a matter for the Board and its partners to agree.

6. What is the position on The War Memorial?

An update on this matter was provided to the Board by the Director in his presentation (see minutes).

7. Who provided the money for the Vision exercise and who controls the purse strings?

Please see the answer to question 3 above.

8. Who now owns the Market Square and Guildhall Square?

The ownership of these spaces remains with the local authority, Wiltshire Council. Responsibility for day-to-day management of the Markets rests with Salisbury City Council, along with a number of other management and maintenance responsibilities.

9. The Board has only 2 city councillors, and two Wiltshire councillors, and seven unelected businessmen in its makeup. Why? Where do city residents fit in to the equation?

The Board includes two Wiltshire Councillors (the Chair of the Area Board and the Cabinet Member for Economic Development, Planning and Housing) and the Leader of Salisbury City Council. Wiltshire Council is also represented at officer level on the Board by the Service Director of Economy and Enterprise. The City Clerk sits on the Board as an observer.

The other members of the Board represent a variety of community and commercial groups. There are four Board Members that represent business / commercial organisations: the Chamber of Commerce, City Centre Management Limited, the South Wiltshire Economic Partnership and a private business representative. The remaining three Board Members represent community groups and stakeholders; Salisbury City Community Area Board, Salisbury Cathedral and Salisbury Civic Society.

The composition of the Board seeks to encompass all the key community, commercial and administrative stakeholders within the city. Residents are represented via the three elected Councillors on the Board.