

**JOINT GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**  
**1 DECEMBER 2016**

Present: Devizes Town Council

Councillors: East  
Hopkins  
Wooldridge

Roundway Parish Council

Councillors: Callow  
Stevens

Officers: Sarah Todhunter, Town Clerk  
Simon Fisher, Deputy Town Clerk

Members of the Public: Nil

**406. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 13 October 2016 having been circulated to all Members were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

**407. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillor Von Berg.

**408. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

None.

**409. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no members of the public present

**410. REPORT FOR INFORMATION – UPDATE ON DEVIZES & ROUNDWAY COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW**

The committee received noted the report.

It was noted that the report indicated that the wards would remain as they currently stand, although committee had hoped that they would fall in line with the Unitary wards, requiring a slight realignment of the South ward and Roundway boundary. Officers agreed to review this.

**411. REPORT FOR DECISION – EARLY ADOPTION OF INTERIM GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS**

After some debate on the item, it was proposed by Councillor Stevens and seconded by Councillor Hopkins and UNANIMOUSLY agreed

THAT Devizes Town Council and Roundway Parish Councils are asked to agree a resolution to enter into a voluntary interim arrangement from 28 February 2017 whereby both Councils delegate all decisions to, what would effectively be, the Joint Governance Committee now comprising of all members of Devizes and Roundway Councils under the protocols set out in the report.

Following the decision, the committee hoped that the Chairmanship arrangement for that committee would rotate between the Mayor of Devizes and the Chairman of Roundway Parish Council.

**412. REPORT FOR DECISION – COMMUNICATION PROGRAMME**

After a general discussion it was proposed by Councillor Stevens and seconded by Councillor East and UNANIMOUSLY agreed

THAT the content of the information leaflet, which is to be sent to residents of both Roundway and Devizes, should include the following issues;

- Why a decision has been made to join the two authorities
- The benefits of one Council for the Town
- How the Council will work with residents.
- The financial implications.

It was further agreed that the design of the leaflet should be replicated on the banners which will be placed strategically in Devizes and Roundway.

Following the decision officers circulated a draft of the leaflet and asked members if they could provide any comment. The final draft will be agreed by email consent.

**413. QUESTION TIME**

There were no questions.

CHAIRMAN