

Newsletter

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Councillors agree draft boundary proposals

As part of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England consultation on the Wiltshire Council electoral review, Wiltshire councillors recently agreed draft proposals which detail what the divisional boundaries in the county could look like from 2021.

A key priority has been the retention of all area boards.

In August the Local Government Boundary Commission for England reported that it was 'minded to' propose that Wiltshire should keep the current number of councillors - 98.

That decision followed a submission by Wiltshire Council.

The council argued that it was essential to retain its area boards based on distinct communities as executive committees with decision making powers, and a reduction in councillors would have put them at risk. This was accepted by the commission.

Since then, the council's cross-party Electoral Review Committee has met publicly to develop and recommend divisional boundary proposals to full council. Workshops were also held to which all councillors were invited. Submissions were also received from many of our towns and parishes. These discussions shaped the draft design of the boundaries.

The draft submission was discussed at the October meeting of full council and backed by councillors with none voting against the proposal and only two abstaining.

The document will now be finalised and submitted to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England who will produce their draft recommendations in February 2019. The precise boundaries of area boards from the 2021 election will need to be determined by Wiltshire Council once the Boundary Commission has finalised its proposals.

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England's conclusions on the size and boundaries of council divisions is still **open for public consultation until the end of today (5 November)**. Any parties interested in making a submission should contact the Local Government Boundary Commission for England at <https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/node/14518>

The Wiltshire Council Electoral Review Committee will accept copies of any submissions at the same time right up to the deadline. They should be sent to committee@wiltshire.gov.uk

Wiltshire Council's original submission to the Local Government Boundary Commission and other information can be found at <https://cms.wiltshire.gov.uk/mgGeneric.aspx?MD=ElectoralReview&bcr=1>

Grants available to help Wiltshire's talented elite athletes succeed at world level

Wiltshire Council's Funding Future Olympians and Paralympians Elite Athlete grant is open once again for applications.

Working in partnership with local businesses, Wiltshire Council supports our sports stars through the Funding Future Olympians and Paralympians Foundation.

Now in its eighth year, this successful grant programme enables Wiltshire's elite sports stars to access training and competitions, purchase equipment and cover the cost of transport to regional, national and international events.

As part of delivering a lasting sporting legacy in Wiltshire, the partnership between Wiltshire Council and local businesses, through the annual Wiltshire Sports and Business Gala Dinner, has enabled more than £72,000 in funding to be allocated to support 40 individuals with an elite athlete grant, with numerous grant recipients achieving national and international success at the highest level of their sport.

Previous grant recipients have included Paralympic gold medallists Stephanie Millward MBE and Aaron Moores MBE, Commonwealth medallist Laura Halford, world champion Hannah Brown and 2018 Winter Paralympic gold medallist Jennifer Kehoe MBE.

People of any age, who are competing at a national level or above in any sport recognised by Sport England, are invited to apply.

The deadline for applications is Monday 28 January 2019 at 5pm. For more information, the criteria and the application form, go to www.wiltshire.gov.uk/leisure-supporting-athletes



Wiltshire Council welcomes local residents to join its senior leaders at a series of events to discuss the services that the council provides and its plans for future years.

The Focusing on the Future public meetings will be spread across four dates in four locations around Wiltshire in November.

Philip Whitehead - Wiltshire Council's cabinet member for finance will focus on how the council is changing to provide the services that taxpayers expect and need both now and in the years ahead.

The discussion will include:

- **Decision making** how the council allocates your tax to offer services
- **Diligence** how it spends wisely to balance the budget
- **Difference** how it's changing
- **Digital** how the council is making it easier for you to book, pay and do on line when you want to
- **Devolution** how parish and town councils and communities can provide more services locally
- **Delivery** how the council will continue to do what it says it will

Date	Location	Venue	Time
15 November 2018	Trowbridge	Cotswold Room, County Hall	6pm – 7.30pm
22 November 2018	Chippenham	Council Chamber, Monkton Park	5.30pm – 7pm
26 November 2018	Devizes	Devizes Community Hub and Library	5.30pm – 7pm
29 November 2018	Salisbury	The Banqueting Room, Salisbury Guildhall	5.30pm – 7pm

Wiltshire Council Focusing on the Future: dates and venues

Please email events@wiltshire.gov.uk if you'd like to attend refreshments will be available.

For more information please contact the Wiltshire Council communications team on 01225 713115/6 or 01225 713370.



If you would like to promote an event in your area to staff and the wider public why not use the [events calendar](#) on our website. You can find the link to the calendar on the home page under "What's on".

Check what else is on at Wiltshire Music Centre in Bradford on Avon:

www.wiltshiremusic.org.uk and City Hall in Salisbury: www.cityhallsalisbury.co.uk

Quick links

Area Board information - www.wiltshire.gov.uk/communityandliving/areaboards.htm

All the latest news releases - www.wiltshire.gov.uk/latestnews.htm

A blog for the heritage community of Wiltshire - <https://heritageinwiltshire.wordpress.com>

Community virtual notice boards - www.wiltshire.gov.uk/ourcommunitymattersblogsites.htm

Recycle for Wiltshire - www.recycleforwiltshire.com

Roadworks - www.wiltshire.gov.uk/roadshighwayspavements/roadworks.htm

Tree wardens for Wiltshire - www.wiltshiretreewardens.co.uk

What's on in Wiltshire - www.wiltshire.gov.uk/leisureandrecreation/whatson.htm

What's on at City Hall in Salisbury - www.cityhallsalisbury.co.uk

A blog for Wiltshire's arts community - <http://theartsinwiltshire.wordpress.com>

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