Parish Council

Central Swindon North Parish Council

Princess Elizabeth Pavilion,

Moredon Sporting Hub,

Cheney Manor

SWINDON SN2 2QJ

EXTRAORDINARY FULL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday 11th November 2026 19.00

Present:	
Councillors:	Cllr Kevin Small (Chair) Cllr John Ballman Cllr Rouchell Cardoso Cllr Ana Fernandes Cllr Dave Patey Cllr Javes Rodrigues Cllr Josh Woods
Clerk:	Mr Andy Reeves (Parish Clerk)
Officers:	Mr Andrew Briggs (OPS Manager)
Member of the Public Present: None	
Apologies	Cllr Joy Grotzinger Cllr Vanessa Bentley Cllr Roderick Hebden

		Action
FC-2026.47	**Declarations of Interest** Cllr John Ballman declared an interest in The Library & Leisure Trust, HBuF and RSPB. **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** the Declarations of Interest.	
FC-2026.48	**Public Question Time & Correspondence** None **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** *The Council is asked to consider whether, under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, it considers that the public and press should be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business on the grounds that there would be a likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the appropriate paragraph of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act, 1972.* **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** *Exclusion of Press and Public to RESOLVE that in accordance with the provision of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, Section 5 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations, the public and press be excluded during consideration of the following item due to confidentiality reasons.*	
FC-2026.49	**Grounds Procurement** Mr A Briggs presented a verbal update from a written report, including the **APPROVED** recommendations from the FGP 03/11/2026 Committee meeting. Cllr J Woods suggested reviewing the area covered by the other Parish Councils manage to help our Parish estimate more accurately how much the various options could cost. Councillors agreed. Mr A Reeves noted that during the 2027/28 budget setting allowing enough funding to make all options viable would be important. Cllr K Small noted that adjustments could be made in the 2028/29 budget if a cheaper option was found/agreed to but using reserves to cover extra expenditure was not viable.	

	Councillors discussed the options and what Lot 1 & Lot 2 included. Cllr J Ballman enquired how the Parish will research accurate figures to compare in house street cleansing figures. Mr A Briggs explained that he is acquiring a variety of quotes from the private sector at the moment to help the Parish assess the tenders when they are received. Cllr J Rodrigues mentioned that bringing the street cleansing in house provides an option to sell those services to smaller Parish Councils to mitigate some of the added costs. Mr A Reeves agreed that this is an option. Recommendations to Councillors: 1) **APPROVE** retaining the in-house Street Cleansing option within the procurement process and continuing development of the associated in-house business case. 2) **APPROVE** progression of the procurement to market on the basis of: • Lot 1 – an integrated Grounds Maintenance and Street Cleaning service; and • Lot 2 – a standalone Grounds Maintenance service, with bidders also invited to provide supplementary standalone Street Cleansing pricing for benchmarking purposes; and 3) **AGREE** that the final delivery model will be determined following receipt and evaluation of tenders, with the Council able to compare the fully outsourced integrated option against the standalone Grounds Maintenance option together with its in-house Street Cleansing business case, supported where available by supplementary external Street Cleansing pricing. **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** all recommendations.	
	Meeting Closed 19:32	

Signed…… Date…….