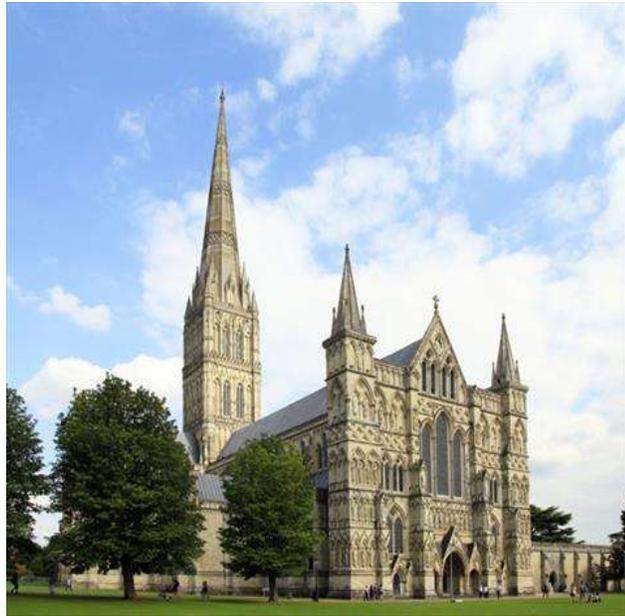


Salisbury City Recovery update

11 April 2018

Baroness Jane Scott of Bybrook OBE

Leader Wiltshire Council



This evening's panel

- Baroness Jane Scott - Leader Wiltshire Council
- John Glen MP
- Alistair Cunningham - Chair of Recovery Co-ordination Group
- Tracy Daszkiewicz - Director of Public Health
- David Minty – Superintendent, Wiltshire Police



What we will cover this evening

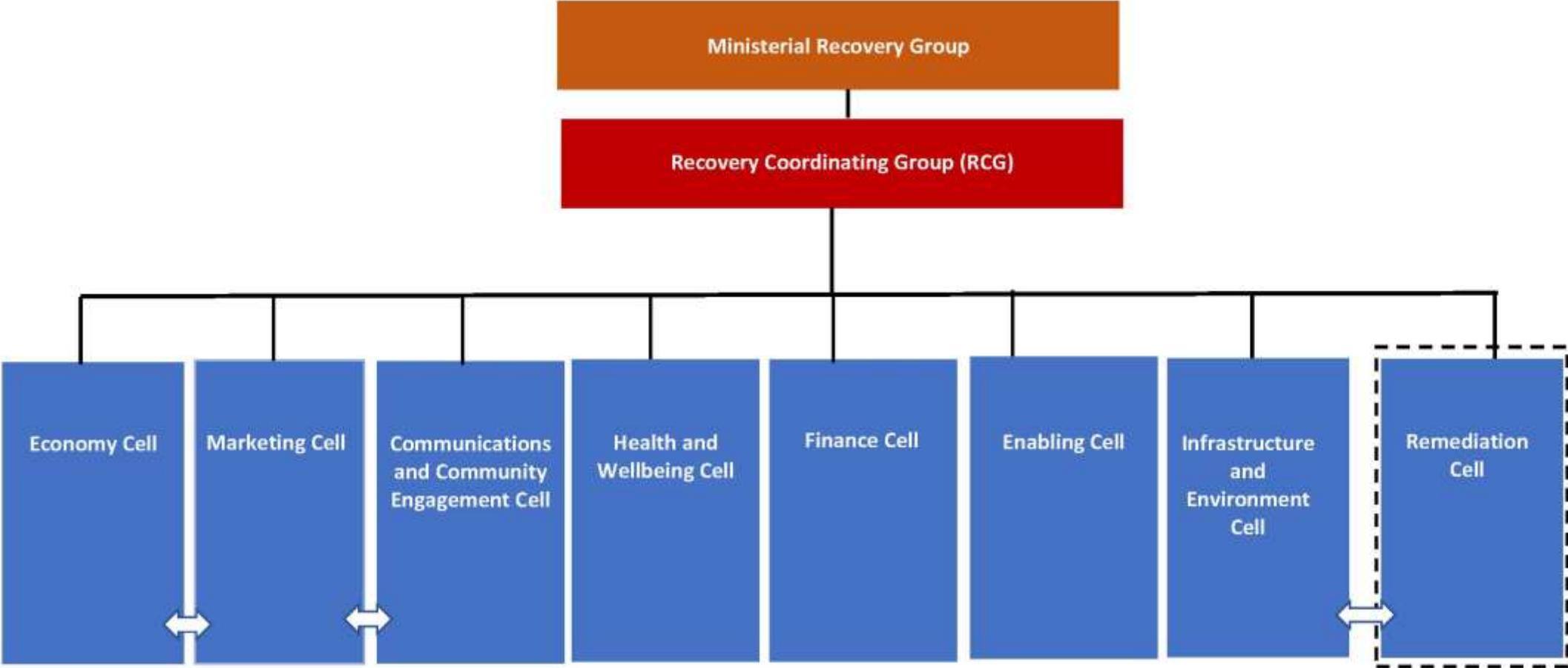
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- Public health
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- Community police
- Your questions



Recovery focus

- Government announced £1m to support businesses and tourism
- The money agreed by the Government's Ministerial Recovery Group - set up to ensure resource and support is provided to help Salisbury recover
- The Recovery Coordinating Group (RCG) made up of local and national agencies is overseeing the recovery to return Salisbury to normal
- The sites affected will be decontaminated and made safe – multi-agency approach and resource
- Short, medium and long term plans for recovery
- We will keep everyone updated on what's happening through meetings and information

Recovery focus



Remediation update

- Planning for each of the sites is well advanced
- Hoardings to secure the sites affected will be erected shortly
- Each site has unique challenges
- Multi-agency approach
- Specially trained personnel will be undertaking further assessments at the sites
- This is methodical work and will take some months
- Some sites will be released sooner
- Safety is paramount but the risk to health is low
- The city is safe outside of the cordoned sites
- Sites will be released from Police following investigation to the Recovery Co-ordinating Group for remediation.

Public health

- Salisbury is safe for residents and visitors
- The areas of interest to the ongoing investigation and for decontamination will remain cordoned
- Talking to residents at Christie Miller Road – still a cordoned area – providing support, as needed
- Supporting and engaging with the wider community through local events and community groups
- Overall low level of concern from public, but support provided for vulnerable groups and the wider population.

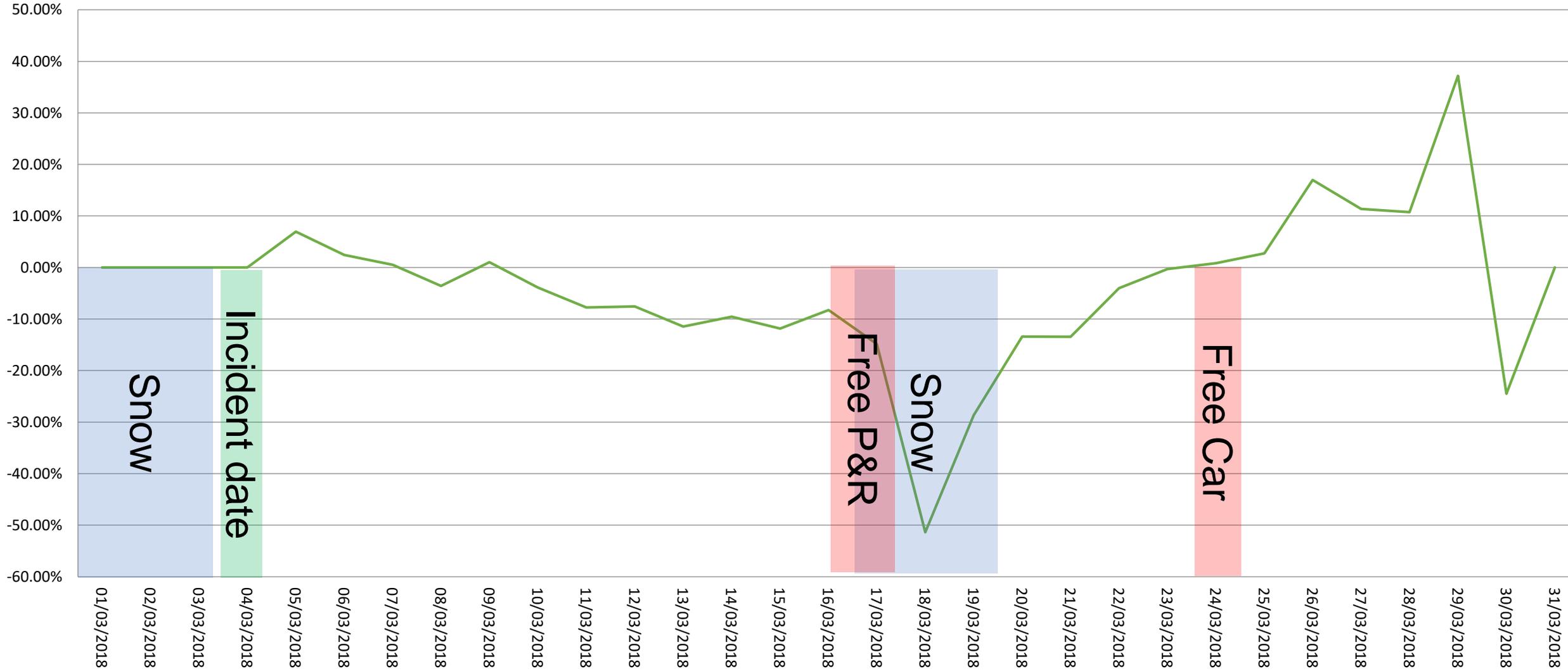


Economy

- Footfall for the month of March down 17.1% - compared with down 8.6% nationally
- Concern around international visitors and tour operators and the image of the city – estimated as up to 40% drop in bookings
- The ‘business as usual’ message reaching local residents - carrying on and demonstrating resilience, but outlying village residents not visiting the city
- Shops open and located close to the affected sites continue to see a downturn in trade
- Swindon and Wiltshire Local Enterprise Partnership – Hardship Fund set up – up to £100,000 available plus match funding from BEIS also available for business support
- Rate relief funding available as part of the £1m from central Government
- £270,000 available to support tourism; £200,000 from Govt. and £70,000 from Wiltshire Council
- Programme of events to summer 2019 to support the city and encourage visitors – including re-routing national events; Cycle Britain, Tour of Britain etc.

Car park usage (Culver, Central and Old George Mall)

Percentage Change 2017 to 2018



Police – community support

- Police presence in the city will continue around the cordoned sites
- Other police business continues as usual
- Support to community, talking to residents
- As the sites are handed back following investigation we will continue to oversee security through the decontamination process.



Recovery focus – information and updates

- Dedicated webpage – www.wiltshire.gov.uk/salisbury
- The page offers up-to-date information and advice for visitors, residents and businesses
- Our social media posts have been seen more than 1.4 million times
- Digital portal for businesses to receive and share information - <https://growthhub.swlep.co.uk/topics/supporting-Salisbury>
- Gov.UK page <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/novichok-nerve-agent-use-in-salisbury-uk-government-response>
- Regular meetings will be scheduled through the recovery programme



Your questions

Over to you...