

**CABINET**

**8 February 2005**

Attendance:

Councillors:

Campbell (Chairman) (P)

Beveridge (P)  
Collin (P)  
Evans (P)  
Hiscock (P)

Knasel (P)  
Learney (P)  
Wagner

Others in attendance who addressed the meeting:

Councillors Allgood, Davies, Hammerton and Verney  
TACT Representative: Mr C Gilbert-Wood

Others in attendance who did not address the meeting:

Councillors Coates

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805. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillor Wagner.

806. **LEADER AND PORTFOLIO HOLDER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Leader announced that the Hampshire Strategic Partnership had discussed the various sub regional strategies emerging from the recently launched South East Regional Spatial Plan (2006-2026). The Council was to arrange Information sessions, specifically for Parish Councils, in March 2005 to explain the probable implications of the Plan. These were to be held in Alresford, Denmead, Whiteley and Winchester. The Leader also reported that representatives of the Winchester 4 Business Forum had met with officers from East Hants District Council to discuss the implications of a South Downs National Park. She advised that the meeting of the Winchester Town Forum on 28 February 2005 was to be utilised as part of the architects and developer's ongoing public consultation regarding the Broadway/Friarsgate proposals.

The Portfolio Holder for Culture, Heritage and Sport reported that a cultural consortium of representatives of the Local Strategic Partnership had recently been established. She also reported on recent successes in gaining investments in community facilities in the southern parishes.

807. **MINUTES**

## RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 19 January 2005 be approved and adopted (less exempt items).

808. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mrs Janet Berry (representing Highcliffe Tenants and Leaseholders Association) presented a petition to Cabinet requesting that the Council investigate traffic calming along Milland Road, Highcliffe, Winchester. Mrs Berry explained that the approximately 160 signatures represented about half the addresses of neighbouring roads, as well as those in Milland Road. She pointed out that children had to cross Milland Road to get to the popular playground within King George V Playing Fields. Furthermore, there were a number of elderly residents residing in Milland Place which raised additional safety implications. Mrs Berry referred to recent consultation undertaken by John Thompson which had noted excessive traffic speeds in the area. The Leader thanked Mrs Berry and requested that officers consider the concerns raised by residents and the points regarding traffic speeds in the area as highlighted in the John Thompson documents, and report back to a future meeting of Cabinet. She also asked that liaison take place with the Highcliffe Community Action Group before the report was brought to Cabinet.

Mr R Atkins addressed the Cabinet with his concerns regarding the Council's involvement with the Winchester Alliance for Mental Health (WAMH). Mr Atkins advised that he had written to the Council's external auditors, PricewaterhouseCoopers (who had been briefed by officers to undertake a review of the Council's involvement) as well as the WAMH's appointed liquidator. Mr Atkins had set out in his letter a number of areas that he considered required thorough investigation, summarised as follows:

1. Did the WAMH have adequate capital to carry out its affairs?
2. Was the management of the WAMH inadequate? If so, why was the City Council unable to understand these inadequacies?
3. Does the City Council have the authority to loan money within its standing orders?
4. Why did the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Resources not personally supervise the loans?
5. Why had both the Council's internal and external auditors seemingly not abided by the rules of the Institute of Accountancy?
6. Why have auditors not adequately done a 'break up value'?
7. Why did the WAMH not stop trading when it was first insolvent in 2002/03?
8. Why did the Council continue to pay money in arrears to the Alliance whilst it was in debt to the Council?

Mr Atkins suggested that the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Resources should have overall responsibility for the ensuing debt from the liquidation of WAMH, and therefore should resign from the Cabinet.

Responding to the points raised, the Chairman drew Mr Atkins' attention to the report considered by the Central Services Performance Improvement Committee at its meeting held on 25 January 2005 (Report CEN81 refers). This report set out all the background information to the Council's involvement with the Alliance including details which were not previously available to the public. Furthermore, there was evidence of a clear audit trail of all decisions made by the Council regarding the WAMH.

Following discussion, it was agreed that the audit brief, as drafted by the Director of Finance for PricewaterhouseCoopers, be made available to Members in due course along with the results of their investigations.

Mrs V Achwall (a Whiteley Parish Councillor) referred to item 18 on the agenda regarding the consideration by Principal Scrutiny Committee of the scrutiny review of Whiteley. Mrs Achwall advised that the Parish Council was generally pleased with the review but disappointed that neither they, nor the Whiteley Business Forum (as consultees in the review) been issued a copy of the final report in advance of its consideration by Principal Scrutiny Committee and Cabinet. Responding, the Chief Executive apologised for this oversight and confirmed that this had now been rectified. He also formally invited the Parish Council to address Principal Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 14 February 2005 and that, in light of their concerns, he suggested that the Cabinet may be minded to defer consideration of the Whiteley report until its next meeting on 2 March 2005, where the minutes of Principal Scrutiny Committee would be made available.

Mrs B Hatch (also a Whiteley Parish Councillor) spoke of her concerns as a local resident, of poor representation of the Ward by one of the District Councillors. The Chairman thanked Mrs Hatch for her comments and advised that she would raise this issue with the relevant Group Leader.

809. **BUDGET MONITORING OVERVIEW TO DECEMBER 2004**  
(Report CAB997 refers)

Members noted that this Report would also be considered by Principal Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 14 February 2005.

The Portfolio Holder for Finance and Resources pointed out the need to keep under review the budget assumptions about projected levels of underspend.

Cabinet agreed to the following for the reasons set out above and outlined in the report.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

810. **BUDGET AND COUNCIL TAX 2005/06**  
(Report CAB973 refers)

At the invitation of the Chairman, Councillor Davies spoke of his concern of a lack of meaningful input by non-Executive Councillors to the setting of the budget proposals, prior to consideration at Council on 24 February 2005. He suggested that Cabinet could have requested that Principal Scrutiny Committee look at their budget proposals and submit their comments prior to its final submission to Cabinet in advance of Council.

Councillor Davies also commented on the need for adequate budget provision for litter and graffiti clearing and grass cutting, particularly in the Winchester Town area.

The Chairman advised that the Performance Improvement Committees had been requested to submit specific growth and savings proposals regarding the revenue budget. She said that Principal Scrutiny Committee could have asked to consider the draft budget proposals if it had wanted to. Referring to the new legislation regarding litter and graffiti clearance and the statutory duties imposed on local authorities, the Director of Health and Housing stated that it was not yet clear whether there would be additional funding from Government to implement this. A Member also suggested that, as such duties in parished areas were often undertaken by the Parish Councils, the issue could be raised at a future meeting of the Winchester Town Forum.

The Portfolio Holder for Finance and Resources drew to Cabinet's attention an error in the first recommendation of the report. Against 'Transfers from Reserves', the figure of £648,170 should read £634,650 and the figure against 'Transfer to Winchester Town Reserve' of £47,730 should now read £61,250. It was confirmed that these amendments would have no overall impact upon the total City expenditure of £11,050,810.

Following a question, the Director of Finance advised that the draft percentage make-up of the remainder of the Council Tax was currently as follows: Hampshire County Council 3.5%, Police Authority 5.5% and Fire Authority 1.6%.

Cabinet agreed to the following for the reasons set out above and outlined in the report.

**RECOMMENDED:**

**1. THAT THE LEVEL OF GENERAL FUND BUDGET AND SERVICE BUDGETS FOR 2005/06 BE AS FOLLOWS:**

<b>SERVICE DEPARTMENT</b>	
<b>CHIEF EXECUTIVE</b>	<b>353,960</b>
<b>PERSONNEL SERVICES</b>	<b>20,000</b>
<b>LEGAL, ELECTORAL &amp; COMMITTEE SERVICES</b>	<b>2,323,750</b>
<b>FINANCE, IT &amp; SUPPORT SERVICES</b>	<b>2,450,770</b>
<b>FINANCING TRANSACTIONS</b>	<b>(8,591,530)</b>
<b>HEALTH SERVICES</b>	<b>5,214,000</b>
<b>HOUSING (GENERAL FUND) SERVICES</b>	<b>2,727,590</b>
<b>COMMUNITY SERVICES</b>	<b>6,113,560</b>
<b>DEVELOPMENT SERVICES</b>	<b><u>1,758,910</u></b>
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>12,371,010</b>
<b>TRANSFERS FROM RESERVES</b>	<b><u>(634,650)</u></b>
<b>GENERAL FUND BUDGET</b>	<b>11,722,840</b>

<b>TRANSFER TO WINCHESTER TOWN RESERVE</b>	<b><u>(61,250)</u></b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11,675,110</b>
<b>CHARGES ON WINCHESTER TOWN</b>	<b><u>(624,300)</u></b>
<b>TOTAL CITY EXPENDITURE</b>	<b><u>11,050,810</u></b>

(THE ITEMS OF GROWTH, SAVINGS AND INCREASED INCOME, AS SET OUT IN APPENDICES C AND D, ARE INCLUDED WITHIN THE LEVELS OF EXPENDITURE ILLUSTRATED ABOVE.)

2. THAT THE INCLUSION OF PLANNING DELIVERY GRANT WITHIN THE BUDGET FOR 2005/06, ONCE KNOWN, BE AGREED AND THAT DETAILED PROPOSALS FOR THE USE OF SUCH GRANT BE INCLUDED WITHIN THE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES BUSINESS PLAN FOR 2005/06.

3. THAT THE CAPITAL PROGRAMME SET OUT IN APPENDIX G, PAGE 1, BE APPROVED.

4. THAT MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES FOR 2005/06 BE HELD AT THE 2004/05 LEVELS AND THAT THE INFLATION INDEX IN THE MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES SCHEME BE NOT APPLIED FOR 2005/06.

5. THAT THE POLICY AS PREVIOUSLY AGREED BY THE COUNCIL ON 14 JULY, 1999 (MIN 186 REFERS) BE CONFIRMED TO TREAT ALL EXPENSES OF THE COUNCIL AS GENERAL EXPENSES OTHER THAN THOSE SPECIFICALLY IDENTIFIED AND ITEMISED IN THE WINCHESTER TOWN ACCOUNT. IN CONSEQUENCE OF WHICH THE SUM OF £685,550 BE TREATED AS SPECIAL EXPENSES UNDER SECTION 35 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE ACT 1992 IN RESPECT OF THE WINCHESTER TOWN AREA, APPENDIX J.

6. THAT THE COUNCIL TAX FOR THE SPECIAL EXPENSES IN THE WINCHESTER TOWN AREA AT BAND D BE SET AT £46.75.

7. THAT THE BALANCES ON THE COLLECTION FUND CALCULATED AT 25 JANUARY 2005, OF £14,570 SURPLUS FOR COUNCIL TAX FOR THIS COUNCIL, BE APPROVED.

8. THAT A COUNCIL TAX OF £107.82 AT BAND D FOR CITY COUNCIL SERVICES, BE APPROVED.

9. THAT PARISH COUNCIL TAXES AS IN APPENDIX K BE NOTED.

10. THAT THE PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS IN SECTION 11 BE NOTED.

811. **TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY**  
(Report CAB974 refers)

Cabinet agreed to the following for the reasons set out above and outlined in the report.

**RECOMMENDED:**

**THAT THE TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY FOR 2005/06  
BE APPROVED, INCLUDING THE PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS  
CONTAINED WITHIN APPENDIX 2 OF THE REPORT.**

**812. COMMUNITY GRANTS – REVENUE AWARDS 2005/06**

(Report CAB1013 refers)

Councillors Evans and Knasel declared personal and prejudicial interests in respect for this item as they were on the management board of Bishops Waltham Citizens Advice Bureau, and they left the meeting during the consideration of the relevant application.

Councillor Hiscock declared a personal and prejudicial interest in respect of this item as the Council's appointed representative on the Trinity Centre Management Committee, and left the meeting during the consideration of the relevant application.

Councillor Allgood declared a personal and prejudicial interest as he was the Council's appointed representative on the Waterlooville Citizens Advice Bureau. He left the meeting during consideration of the relevant application.

At the invitation of the Chairman, Councillor Allgood addressed Cabinet before leaving the room. Councillor Allgood firstly advised that references to 'Waterlooville Citizens Advice Bureau' should read 'Havant Citizens Advice Bureau'. He also suggested that, in future, the relevant Performance Improvement Committee be involved, in a pre-scrutiny role, in the consideration of grant applications.

The Portfolio Holder for Culture, Heritage and Sport reminded Cabinet of the rigorous processes for assessing each application, However she suggested that it might be appropriate to undertake further monitoring of the 'value for money' achieved by revenue grants from the Council and the effectiveness of the Service Level Agreements. The City Secretary and Solicitor advised that a report to the Community, Arts and Social Performance Improvement Committee be submitted at a later date regarding this matter.

Cabinet agreed to the following for the reasons set out above and outlined in the report.

**RESOLVED:**

1. That the following revenue grant awards to key clients from the proposed revenue grants budget for 2005/06 be approved on condition that each organisation enters into a clearly defined service level agreement with appropriate performance targets:

(i)	Winchester Area Community Action	£100,465
(ii)	Winchester Citizens Advice Bureau	£127,158
(iii)	Bishop Waltham Citizens Advice Bureau	£40,615
(iv)	Trinity Centre	£86,100
(v)	Hatfair	£33,825

2. That the following revenue grant awards for 2005/06 be approved, from the approved revenue grants budget on condition that each organisation enters into clearly defined service level agreement with appropriate performance targets:

(i)	Bishop Waltham Festival	£3,000
(ii)	Homestart Meon Valley	£10,000
(iii)	Relate	£5,000
(iv)	ROCC	£2,000
(v)	SCRATCH	£1,500
(vi)	SNAPS	£1,200
(vii)	Stonham Housing Association	£6,000
(viii)	The Olive Branch	£1,000
(ix)	Tower Arts Centre	£21,000
(x)	Victoria Housing Project	£3,500
(xi)	Havant Citizens Advice Bureau	£1,290
(xii)	Winchester Area Community Action	£5,000
(xiii)	Winchester and District Savers	£15,000
(xiv)	Winchester Carer Centre	£1,100
(xv)	Winchester Churches Housing Group Ltd	£3,000
(xvi)	Winchester Churches Nightshelter	£10,000
(xvii)	Winchester Detached Youth Project	£8,500
(xviii)	Winchester Festival of Art and the Mind	£1,000
(xix)	Winchester Festival	£2,000
(xx)	Winchester Folk Festival	£1,000
(xxi)	Winchester Group for Disabled People	£1,500
(xxii)	Winchester Rent Deposit Scheme	£4,800
(xxiii)	Winchester Young Carers	£2,100

3. That the following awards for 2004/05 from the Revenue Grant Reserve account be approved, on condition that each organisation enters into a clearly defined service level agreement with appropriate performance targets:

(i)	Homestart Winchester and Districts	£5,000
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4. That the recommendations of the Town Forum be approved for grant awards from the Town Account to:

(i)	Carroll Youth Centre	£5,000
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(ii)	King Alfred Youth Activity Centre	£8,112
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(iii)	Winnall Junior Youth Club	£1,000
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(iv)	Winnall Community Centre Playscheme	£5,000
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(v)	Winnall Rock School	£5,000
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(vi)	Winchester Live at Home Scheme	£5,000
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5 That Cabinet expresses regret that it is unable to support the following applications:

(i)	deafPLUS South
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(ii)	Pheonix House Alpha Service
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(iii)	Platform 4
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(iv)	Plaza Theatre Romsey
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(v)	The Saturday Venture Association
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(vi)	The Winchester Gallery
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6. That the allocation from the revenue grant budget of £10,000 for 2005/06 for the establishment of a Community Chest programme be approved.

7. That the Director of Community Services report to the Community, Arts and Social Performance Improvement Committee on the undertaking of a post scrutiny review of the value for money achieved from the Revenue Grants and the effectiveness of the Service Level Agreements with the organisations concerned.

813. **COMMUNITY GRANTS – CAPITAL AWARDS 2005/06**  
(Report CAB1014 refers)

At the invitation of the Chairman, Councillor Hammerton (a Ward Member for Bishops Waltham) addressed Cabinet. Councillor Hammerton advised that Bishops Waltham Parish Council had recently awarded a 50 per cent capital funding towards the Bishops Waltham Museum.



Cabinet agreed to the following for the reasons set out above and outlined in the report.

RESOLVED:

1. That the following capital grants be approved, subject to compliance with the conditions of grant currently in force and any additional conditions specified in Appendix 1:-

(i)	Bishops Waltham Museum Trust	£1,000
(ii)	Cheriton Village Hall	£5,000
(iii)	Colden Common Community Minibus	£5,000
(iv)	Denmead Memorial Hall	£3,340
(vi)	Droxford Community Hall	£8,000
(vii)	Swanmore Methodist Church	£10,000
(viii)	The Colour Factory	£10,000
(ix)	Victoria Hall	£6,000
(x)	Winchester Lido Sports Association	£3,000

2. That subject to the views of the Winchester Town Forum, the following grants are made from the Winchester Town Account:

(i)	The Colour Factory	£5,000
(ii)	Winchester Lido Sports Association	£1,500

3. That Cabinet expresses regret that it is unable to support the following applications for capital grant:

- (i) Denmead Memorial Hall (second application)
- (ii) Winchester Citizens Advice Bureau

4 That the following application be funded as an exception:

(i)	The Rowans Hospice	£5,000
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814. **CORPORATE ACCESS POLICY AND PROGRAMMES**  
(Report CAB1016 refers)

Cabinet agreed that the Portfolio Holder for Healthy and Inclusive Communities and the Acting Director of Development Services discuss how to best promote the policy and oversee progress regarding the requirements of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 in relation to the Council's buildings and services.

Cabinet agreed to the following for the reasons set out above and outlined in the report.

## RESOLVED:

1. That the steps being taken to improve access by improving the way the Council delivers services to citizens be noted.
2. That it be noted that physical access to buildings will be one of the priorities under programmes for the maintenance and improvement of the Council's operational buildings, with costs falling to relevant capital or revenue budgets.
3. That it be noted that equalities and diversity training, which raises disability awareness, will continue to be rolled out to all front line staff.
4. That further consideration be given, within the existing financial envelope, to the case for appointing an Access Officer post and Corporate Management Team consider whether this is necessary and where the post should be located within the organisation, bringing back a report back to Cabinet.
5. That the Director of Community Services and the Portfolio Holder for Healthy and Inclusive Communities be given responsibility for disability issues, as part of current responsibilities for social inclusion.

815. **WINCHESTER DISTRICT KEY WORKER HOUSING STRATEGY**  
(Report CAB1008 refers)

Cabinet noted that future publicity should be undertaken to promote the Strategy to residents.

Following questions, the City Secretary and Solicitor advised that a future report would set out any changes in Government Guidance on Section 106 Agreements and any implications that this may have on the affordable housing programme.

Cabinet agreed to the following for the reasons set out above and outlined in the report.

## RESOLVED:

1. That the Key Worker Housing Strategy set out in Appendix 1 of the report be agreed for publication.
2. That the Key Worker Housing Action Plan set out in Appendix 2 of the report be agreed.
3. That the Director of Health and Housing in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Housing, be authorised to agree any change to the groups of employees which form the Priority Group Two, i.e. the Key Workers who provide essential public services in the Winchester District but who fall outside the Government's definition.
4. That in maximising resources for Key Worker housing, a report on the outcome of adopting more flexible approaches to the use of Section 106 Agreements, in the light of new PPG3 guidance, should be brought back to Cabinet within 12 months of any change.

816. **HAMPSHIRE SUPPORTING PEOPLE FIVE YEAR STRATEGY**  
(Report CAB1020 refers)

Cabinet expressed concerns at possible Government cuts to the supported housing funding within Hampshire and changes to the allocation formula.

Cabinet agreed to the following for the reasons set out above and outlined in the report.

RESOLVED:

That the draft Hampshire Supporting People Strategy be endorsed, to enable the Council's representative on the County Core group to agree the Strategy at its meeting on 11 March 2005.

817. **A SOUTH DOWNS JOINT COMMITTEE: LOCAL AUTHORITY CONSULTATION**  
(Report CAB1013 refers)

Following discussion, it was agreed that the City Council should have equal representation to East Hampshire District Council on the Joint Committee and that the Hampshire Economic Partnership Forum should also be represented on the Advisory Forum.

Cabinet agreed to the following for the reasons set out above and outlined in the report.

RESOLVED:

1. That the Joint Advisory Committee of the East Hampshire AONB and the Sussex Downs Conservation Board be thanked for their consultation regarding the formation of a South Downs Joint Committee.

2. That taking account of the matters set out in paragraph 3.4 of the report, the principle of a South Downs Joint Committee be agreed, subject to satisfactory terms for its participation and for other organisations to be represented (see below).

3. That the East Hampshire Joint Advisory Committee's amendment and the improvement to local democratic representation which that would bring about, should a Joint Committee be set up, be supported, subject to Winchester City Council having equality of representation with East Hants District Council, preferably with both Councils each having 2 representatives.

4. That the formation and development of a South Downs Advisory Forum be supported, regardless of whether a South Downs Joint Committee be established.

5. The Hampshire Economic Partnership be also represented on the South Downs advisory Forum, should this be established.

6. That the Acting Director of Development Services be given delegated authority to approve the final proposals for the Joint Committee and Advisory Forum, subject to consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Planning.

818. **CITY SECRETARY AND SOLICITOR'S DEPARTMENT FEES AND CHARGES 2005/06**

(Report CEN83 refers)

Members noted that this report had been approved for recommendation to Cabinet by the Central Services Performance Improvement Committee at its meeting on 25 January 2005 (minutes of Committee contained within Report CAB1029 below).

Cabinet agreed to the following for the reasons set out above and outlined in the report.

RESOLVED:

1. That the standard Land Charges fee of £130 be increased to £140 with effect from 1 April 2005.
2. That Cemetery Charges be increased with effect from 1 April 2005 by an average of 10%, as set out in Appendix C of the Report, and that the City Secretary and Solicitor be authorised to amend other cemetery charges to achieve the same average overall percentage increase.

819. **EXTRACTS FROM MINUTES OF PRINCIPAL SCRUTINY COMMITTEE HELD 10 JANUARY 2005**

(Report CAB1019 refers)

At the invitation of the Chairman, Councillor Allgood, as Chairman of the Principal Scrutiny Committee, addressed Cabinet. Cabinet also referred to the comments raised by Parish Councillor Achwall during the Public Participation session. Councillor Allgood advised that following his discussions with Whiteley Parish Council and their request to address Principal Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 14 February 2005, he requested that Cabinet's consideration of this matter be deferred to its next meeting, where the minutes of Principal Scrutiny Committee (including matters raised by the Parish Council and any ensuing discussion of the Committee) would be made available.

Cabinet also agreed that the discussions at Principal Scrutiny Committee on 14 February should take into account all relevant issues related to Whiteley arising since the publication of the report.

Cabinet considered the recommendations of Principal Scrutiny Committee regarding their consideration of the minutes of the Central Services Performance Improvement Committee on 2 December 2004 with reference to the Winchester Alliance for Mental Health (WAMH). Cabinet noted that Principal Scrutiny Committee had recommended proposals to change the Council's policy on providing payroll services to voluntary bodies. Cabinet agreed to support the proposed changes.

Cabinet agreed to the following for the reasons set out above and outlined in the report.

RESOLVED:

1. That the recommendations contained within the extracts from the minutes of the Principal Scrutiny Committee held on 10 January 2005 regarding scrutiny review of the community of Whiteley (Report PS155 refers), be deferred.

2. That the recommendation contained within the extract of the minutes of the Principal Scrutiny Committee held on 10 January 2005 regarding the minutes of the Central Services Performance improvement Committee held on 2 December 2004 (exempt item) referring to Winchester Alliance for Mental Health (WAMH) be noted and proposals for the changes to the Council's policy on providing payroll services to voluntary bodies, be agreed.

820. **BROADWAY/FRIARSGATE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT**  
(Report CAB1030 refers)

The Chief Estates Officer drew to the attention of Cabinet to a typing error as set out in the appendix to the report. At paragraph 16 the total number of residential units as detailed in the second bullet point after paragraph 2 should be amended to read 364 rather than 264.

Cabinet discussed the proposals for wide scale consultation with the public and other interested parties regarding the design of the scheme. It was noted that this had already commenced and that the meeting of the Town Forum on 28 February 2005 would also consider the issue.

Cabinet agreed that the timetable of public consultation should be published on the Council's website under a specific area on its front page, together with a link to the the planning brief and other related public documents regarding the scheme.

Cabinet agreed to the following for the reasons set out above and outlined in the report.

RESOLVED:

That during the development of the Broadway/Friarsgate area, the Council continues with its policy of ensuring that there is wide scale consultation with the public and other interested parties.

821. **MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY, ARTS AND SOCIAL PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE HELD 18 JANUARY 2005**  
(Report CAB1025 refers)

Cabinet agreed to the following for the reasons set out above and outlined in the report.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Community, Arts and Social Performance Improvement Committee held on 18 January 2005 be received and noted.

822. **MINUTES OF THE HEALTH PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE HELD 19 JANUARY 2005**  
(Report CAB1026 refers)

Cabinet endorsed the proposals to establish the Commercial Team Inspection Informal Scrutiny Group and noted that its membership was a matter for approval of the Performance Improvement Committee as it might change in the new Municipal Year.

Cabinet agreed to the following for the reasons set out above and outlined in the report.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Health Performance Improvement Committee held on 19 January 2005 be received and the recommendations contained therein be agreed.

823. **MINUTES OF THE HOUSING PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE HELD 24 JANUARY 2005**  
(Report CAB1028 refers)

At the invitation of the Chairman, Mr Gilbert-Wood (TACT) addressed Cabinet and referred to the Committee's consideration of the performance of the Council's contractor SERCO (Minute 7, Report HO54 refers). Mr Gilbert-Wood stated that although responsive repairs were a small element of the SERCO contract, any continued failings would be at the severe detriment to tenant's service from the Council.

Cabinet agreed that it would not support the recommendations (Minute 7, recommendations 1 and 2) of the Committee regarding the performance of the SERCO contract, due to the ongoing discussions with SERCO management regarding their performance. The Director of Health and Housing confirmed that a report of these discussions would be produced for Cabinet at a later date.

Cabinet agreed to the following for the reasons set out above and outlined in the report.

RESOLVED:

1. That recommendations 1 and 2 of Minute 7 of the minutes of the Housing Performance Improvement Committee held 24 January 2005 be not supported (Report HO54 refers) but the concerns about performance be raised in the ongoing discussions with the contractor and a report be brought back to Cabinet .

2. That the remainder of the minutes of the Housing Performance Improvement Committee held on 24 January 2005 be received and the recommendations contained therein be agreed.

824. **MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND ACCESS PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE HELD 20 JANUARY 2005**  
(Report CAB1027 refers)

At the invitation of the Chairman, Councillor Verney, as Chairman of the Environment and Access Performance Improvement Committee, addressed the meeting.

Councillor Verney referred to Minute 7 (Report EA50 refers) and requested that the priority order given for the maintaining of the grants to countryside organisations and projects be revised, as further information had emerged regarding the appropriateness of one of the projects. Cabinet asked that the priority order should therefore be re-considered at a future meeting of the Performance Improvement Committee for recommendation to Cabinet at a later date.

Cabinet agreed to the following for the reasons set out above and outlined in the report.

RESOLVED:

1. That consideration of the grants to countryside organisations and projects (as contained within Minute 7, Report HO54 refers) be deferred to allow further consideration at a future meeting of the Performance Improvement Committee for recommendation to Cabinet at a later date.
2. That the remainder of the minutes of the Environment and Access Performance Improvement Committee held on 20 January 2005 be received and the recommendations contained therein be agreed.

825. **MINUTES OF THE CENTRAL SERVICES PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE HELD 25 JANUARY 2005 (LESS EXEMPT ITEM)**  
(Report CAB1028 refers)

Cabinet agreed to the following for the reasons outlined in the report.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Central Services Performance Improvement Committee held on 25 January 2005 (less exempt item) be received and the recommendations contained therein be agreed.

826. **FUTURE ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

RESOLVED:

That the list of future items, as set out in the Council's Forward Plan for February 2005, be noted.

827. **EXEMPT BUSINESS**

RESOLVED:

That the public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items of business because it is likely that, if members of the public were present, there would be disclosure to them of 'exempt information' as defined by Section 100I and Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

Minute Number	Item	Description of Exempt Information
828	Exempt Minutes of the Previous Meeting	<p>) Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (other than the authority). (Para 7 Schedule 12A refers).</p> <p>) The amount of any expenditure proposed to be incurred by the authority under any particular contract for the acquisition of property or the supply of goods or services. (Para 8 to Schedule 12A refers).</p> <p>)</p> <p>) Any terms proposed or to be proposed by or to the authority in the course of negotiations for a contract for the acquisition or disposal of property or the supply of goods or services. (Para 9 to Schedule 12A refers).</p>
829 & 831	Plots 7&9 Winnall Valley Road, Winchester	<p>) Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (other than the authority). (Para 7 Schedule 12A refers).</p> <p>)</p> <p>)</p> <p>)</p> <p>)</p> <p>)</p> <p>)</p> <p>)</p> <p>)</p> <p>)</p> <p>) Any terms proposed or to be proposed by or to the authority in the course of negotiations for a contract for the acquisition or disposal of property or the supply of goods or services. (Para 9 to Schedule 12A refers).</p>
830	Exempt Minute of Central Service Performance Improvement Committee - 25 January 2005	<p>) Any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime. (Para 14 to Schedule 12A refers).</p>



828. **EXEMPT MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

RESOLVED:

That the exempt minutes of the previous meeting held 19 January 2005 be approved and adopted.

829. **PLOTS 7 AND 8 WINNALL VALLEY ROAD, WINCHESTER**  
(Report CAB1018 refers)

Cabinet considered the above report which considered future proposals regarding Plots 7 and 8 Winnall Valley Road, Winchester (detail in exempt minute).

830. **EXEMPT MINUTES OF THE CENTRAL SERVICES PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE HELD 25 JANUARY 2005**  
(Report CAB1029 refers)

Cabinet agreed to the following for the reasons outlined in the report.

RESOLVED:

That the exempt minutes of the Central Services Performance Improvement Committee held 25 January 2005 be received and the contents be noted.

The meeting commenced at 9.00am and concluded at 11.55am