### **CABINET**

### **11 April 2012**

### Attendance:

Councillor Beckett - Leader and Portfolio Holder for Local Economy and

Tourism (Chairman) (P)

Councillor Cooper - Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Communities,

Safety and Public Health (P)

Councillor Coates - Portfolio Holder for Strategic Housing and Landlord

Services (P)

Councillor Godfrey - Portfolio Holder for Administration, Innovation and

*Improvement* (P)

Councillor Humby - Portfolio Holder for Planning and Enforcement (P)
Councillor Stallard - Portfolio Holder for Culture, Heritage and Sport (P)
Councillor Weston - Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport (P)

Councillor Wood - Portfolio Holder for Finance and Estates (P)

### Others in attendance who addressed the meeting:

Councillors Jackson and Learney

Others in attendance who did not address the meeting:

Councillors Evans, Hiscock, Hutchison and Tait

John Bond (TACT)

### 1. MINUTES

### **RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 14 March 2012, be approved and adopted.

### 2. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no questions asked/statements made.

### 3. LEADER AND PORTFOLIO HOLDER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councillor Godfrey stated that the Council had recently undertaken the Investors in People Health Accreditation and the results of this would be available next month.

# 4. HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT REFORM – CONFIRMATION OF BORROWING ARRANGEMENTS

(Report CAB2323(HSG) refers)

Members noted that the Report had been considered by Cabinet (Housing) Committee, at its meeting on 4 April 2012, which had approved the recommendations as set out.

Some Members commented on the need for the proposed "new build" programme to commence as soon as possible and expressed some disappointment about the statement in the Report, which suggested the Council might not have capacity in the current year to also commit the additional £830,887 now available, because of the reduction in the annual interest costs achieved in the final borrowing arrangements.

At the invitation of the Chairman, Councillor Learney welcomed the Report and the favourable borrowing terms achieved by the Council. She concurred with comments made above regarding the need for the "new build" programme to commence as soon as possible.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Learney for her support and confirmed that officers were being urged to commence work on the programme as soon as possible.

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

### **RESOLVED:**

- 1. That the final borrowing arrangements detailed in the Appendix to the Report be noted.
- 2. That proposals for revising the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) budget for 2012/13 be reported to the Cabinet (Housing) Committee in September 2012.
- 3. That transaction fees of £54,853 be met from the 2011/12 HRA budget.

### 5. **PROPOSED NEW HOMES DELIVERY TEAM**

(Report PER208 refers)

Cabinet noted that the Report had been considered by Personnel Committee at its meeting on 28 March 2012 which had supported the recommendations (relevant minute extract contained within CAB2327 below).

The Chief Executive confirmed that the new Team had already been established, with the previous Head of Strategic Housing as the lead officer. There were still some details to be worked out, such as the necessary support from Legal, Finance and the Estates Teams, and these would be the subject

of a further Report. In addition, the Chief Executive drew attention to the report to Council on 18 April 2012 which set out a proposed programme and processes to be followed (Report CL76 refers).

Some Members raised concerns about the possible lack of capacity in existing Council teams to meet the new build requirements and also the need to set targets to measure the success of the new Team.

The Chief Executive responded that he believed this Report and the further Report referred to would address the requirement for adequate staffing resources. In addition, the Report to Council would set out proposed principles and processes. However, it would be for all Members to confirm their support, especially in relation to proposed schemes in their own Wards.

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

### RESOLVED:

- 1. That the approach being taken as set out in the Report be endorsed.
- 2. That a further report be brought to Cabinet in June 2012 to update arrangements.

# 6. NATIONAL CYCLE NETWORK ROUTE 23 - PROGRESS REPORT AND APPROVAL OF REPAIRS TO THE HOCKLEY VIADUCT (LESS EXEMPT APPENDIX)

(Report <u>CAB2311</u> refers)

Councillor Godfrey declared a personal (but not prejudicial) interest in respect of this item as a County Council employee. Councillor Stallard declared a personal (but not prejudicial) interest as a County Councillor. Councillor Beckett declared a personal (but not prejudicial) interest as a member of Compton and Shawford Parish Council. All three Councillors remained in the room, spoke and voted thereon.

The Head of Access and Infrastructure highlighted that the partnership working between the City Council, County Council and Sustrans had worked well, both in terms of joint funding and shared expertise.

One Member queried whether the Council could ask that local labour be utilised to undertake the required work. The Head of Access and Infrastructure agreed to ask the proposed contractor if this was possible, but highlighted that much of the work was specialist in nature, which might limit the availability of suitable labour.

At the invitation of the Chairman, Councillor Jackson spoke in support of the Report. She raised a number of detailed points regarding the proposed as summarised below:

- With regard to Appendix 4 (Town Forum considerations), she agreed with the second question regarding signing of the route around the Park and Ride south car park. She believed that the proposed route would probably not be utilised by commuters, but welcomed its introduction as a leisure route.
- She also concurred with comments made at the Town Forum regarding access to the route at Bridge Street.

The Head of Access and Infrastructure confirmed he would continue to liaise with Councillor Jackson and other relevant parties regarding the detail of the design. The decision had been made to not sign the route directly into the Park and Ride South car park, because of safety concerns regarding possible conflicts between cyclists and drivers. However, there was a cycle access point that cyclists could use if they wished.

Cabinet noted that Recommendation 7 would be considered by Planning Development Control Committee at its meeting on 26 April 2012. Some Members raised concern that there was no suggestion of any agreement to grant future planning permissions to Winchester College. In response to Members' concerns, the Corporate Director (Operations) clarified that there was no such suggestion and the proposal only related to an off-set arrangement to accept dedication in lieu of open space monies, should the residential applications by the College be subsequently granted.

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

- 1. That the Head of Access and Infrastructure be given delegated authority to appoint Avon Construction Limited to undertake the refurbishment works to the Hockley Viaduct as set out in this report.
- 2. That the expenditure of up to £350,000 be authorised from the existing provision in the capital programme under Financial Procedure Rule 6.4 (authority to release capital expenditure) for the above repairs.
- 3. That the Head of Legal Services, in consultation with the Head of Finance and Portfolio Holder for Finance and Estates, be authorised to enter into an agreement with Hampshire County Council to secure a section of the route through tenanted farm land as set out in paragraph 3.1 of the Report, and to authorise release of appropriate expenditure under Financial Procedure Rule 6.4 to pay appropriate compensation to the tenant.
- 4. That, subject to approval of the Planning Development Control Committee, the Head of Legal Services be authorised to enter

into an agreement with Winchester College to waive certain open space contributions as set out in paragraph 3.1 of the Report in return for permitting a section of the route to cross the College's land.

- 5. The route of National Cycle Network Route (NCN) 23 from the City Centre to the South Winchester Park and Ride shown in Appendix 1 and 2, and forming the basis of the recent application, be the Council's preferred one, given the various constraints on the project.
- 6. The Head of Access and Infrastructure, in consultation with the Head of Finance and the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Environment, be authorised to seek tenders for the next phase of construction works needed to complete NCN Route 23, with results to be reported back to Cabinet in July 2012.

### 7. WINCHESTER MARKET (LESS EXEMPT APPENDIX)

(Report <u>CAB2310</u> refers)

The above Report had not been notified for inclusion on the agenda within the statutory deadline. The Chairman agreed to accept the item onto the agenda, as a matter requiring urgent consideration, due to the need to seek agreement on matters contained within by 1 May 2012.

In response to questions, the Head of Estates highlighted that the Tourism South East (TSE) survey results had demonstrated the comparable higher spend by shoppers in the High Street shops, as opposed to spend on the market stalls. He acknowledged that some Winchester BID members remained concerned about some aspects of the market and therefore its operation would be kept under review. The Head of Estates confirmed that additional street cleaning was undertaken specifically in the market area, funded by the market management fees.

The Head of Estates advised that discussions with any organisation wishing to use the High Street for events on market days (for example, the Hat Fair) were undertaken as required, in order to achieve the best possible solution for the particular circumstances.

Councillor Cooper emphasised that the Community Safety Partnership had monitored the potential effect of the market on crime and disorder levels and found that there had been no increase in levels.

The Head of Estates confirmed he would consult with the Corporate Director (Governance) before agreeing the performance payments outlined in Recommendation 7.

The Chairman congratulated the Head of Estates for his work in ensuring the success of the market to date, whilst acknowledging that there remained a minority of traders and residents with some concerns. He believed the

recommendation requiring a further review in six months time should ensure its success was maintained.

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

- 1. That the principle of the market continuing in the High Street be approved.
- 2. That Option 1 for the layout of stalls referred to in Paragraph 1.15 of the Report be approved, the remaining areas of Market operation to continue unchanged.
- 3. That an incentive based management agreement be entered into with SMT Management for a year commencing on 1 May 2012 for the management and operation of the Weekly, Art and Antiques & Collectables Markets and that a direction be made under Contracts Procedure Rule 2.4 accordingly.
- 4. That the Head of Estates be authorised to conclude negotiations for the detailed terms of a management agreement with SMT Management based on the terms set out in the Report and in the exempt Appendix B.
- 5. That the principle, when availability permits, of offering up to two stalls on Middle Brook Street to new start up businesses with one month rent free be approved.
- 6. That the purchase of an additional ten pop-up Gazebos be agreed at a cost of £3,300.
- 7. That the Head of Estates, in consultation with the Corporate Director (Governance), be authorised to agree the performance payments due under the original contract, following the receipt of the final turnover accounts for the market, on the basis set out in the exempt Appendix B.
- 8. That the Council continue to work with the BID and City Centre retailers to consider opportunities for increasing footfall in the streets adjoining the High Street.
- 9. That the success of these arrangements be kept under review by the Head of Estates with the Market Manager and reported to Cabinet in October 2012.

### 8. **CCTV MONITORING**

(Report CAB2312 refers)

Councillor Godfrey declared a personal (but not prejudicial) interest in respect of this item as a County Council employee. He remained in the room, spoke and voted thereon.

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

### RESOLVED:

- 1. That the timetable and principles for the renewing of the CCTV operating and monitoring contract, as set out in the Report, be approved.
- 2. That the evaluation of tenders for the CCTV operations contract be based on a model comprising 40% price and 60% on quality factors.
- 3. That delegated authority be given to the Head of Access and Infrastructure, in consultation with Head of Finance and the Portfolio Holder for Communities, Safety and Public Health, to:-
- a) draw up a short list of suitable suppliers to be invited to submit a tender for the contract; and
- b) finalise the detailed evaluation model for the evaluation of tenders.
- 4. That the Head of Access and Infrastructure be instructed to review suitable framework arrangements already in place for the provision of similar services and appropriate decisions be made under the Portfolio Holder Decision Making process to authorise use of such framework arrangements as an alternative to the above process, where this would be more advantageous to the Council.

# 9. REVIEW OF DATA PROTECTION FOR COUNCIL TAX DEMANDS AND COUNCIL TAX BENEFIT NOTIFICATION

(Report CAB2315 refers)

The Chief Executive advised that, since the publication of the Report, the Information Commissioner had confirmed that he would not take any further action at the current time, but would monitor the situation should new information become available which affected the circumstances of the case.

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

### RESOLVED:

That the findings of this investigation be noted and the actions recommended in Paragraph 4 of the Report be endorsed.

# 10. <u>LOCALISM ACT 2011 – CODE OF CONDUCT AND RELATED MATTERS</u> (Report <u>CAB2308</u> refers)

The Corporate Director (Governance) advised that since the Report was published, the Local Government Association had issued a short example of a model code and some guidance. However, he considered this new information to be of limited assistance as it specified that much of the detail still needed to be produced locally, but the contents would be considered further, together with the Regulations to be issued by the Secretary of State.

In response to questions, the Corporate Director clarified that the treatment of pre-determination under the Act remained broadly the same as current advice issued by the Council. This was because the Localism Act had taken account of recent relevant case law. However, the first training session of the new Municipal Year for Planning Development Control Committee Members would provide further guidance.

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

### RECOMMENDED:

- 1. THAT THE COUNCIL CONTINUES TO ABIDE BY ITS EXISTING CODE OF CONDUCT, REGISTER OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS AND RELATED PROTOCOLS AND GUIDELINES, SAVE TO THE EXTENT THAT ANY PROVISIONS ARE INCONSISTENT WITH ANY REGULATIONS MADE BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE OR OTHER LEGAL REQUIREMENT, UNTIL SUCH TIME AS A PREFERRED OPTION ON A REPLACEMENT CODE HAS BEEN ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL.
- 2. THAT THE COUNCIL CONTINUES TO APPOINT A STANDARDS COMMITTEE UNDER THE EXISTING PROVISIONS IN THE CONSTITUTION AND THAT, FOR THE 2012/13 MUNICIPAL YEAR, ITS MEMBERSHIP CONTINUE TO BE SEVEN COUNCILLORS.
- 3. THAT THE CURRENT THREE PARISH REPRESENTATIVES BE THANKED FOR THEIR PAST SERVICE AND BE INVITED TO CONTINUE TO SERVE ON THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE, AS NON-VOTING CO-OPTED MEMBERS, FOR THE 2012/13 MUNICIPAL YEAR TO PROVIDE CONTINUITY OF EXPERIENCE.
- 4. THAT THE CURRENT INDEPENDENT MEMBERS BE THANKED FOR THEIR PAST SERVICE AND THEY BE INFORMED OF ANY CHANGE IN REGULATIONS MADE BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE, SHOULD IT PERMIT THEM TO APPLY TO BE 'INDEPENDENT PERSONS' UNDER THE NEW SYSTEM.

- 5. THAT, WHEN APPROPRIATE, THE STATUTORY PUBLIC ADVERTISEMENTS BE PLACED TO ENABLE APPLICATIONS FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF THREE 'INDEPENDENT PERSONS', AS THAT NUMBER WOULD ALLOW FOR ABSENCES, CONFLICTS OF INTEREST ETC.
- 6. THAT THE COUNCILLOR MEMBERS OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE APPOINTMENTS OF THE THREE 'INDEPENDENT PERSONS' TO COUNCIL AT ITS MEETING TO BE HELD ON 18 JULY 2012.
- 7. THAT THE EXISTING PROCEDURES FOR HANDLING COMPLAINTS REMAIN IN FORCE AFTER 1 JULY 2012, PENDING THE WIDER REVIEW OF THE STANDARDS FRAMEWORK, SUBJECT TO THE MONITORING OFFICER BEING GIVEN DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO GIVE AN INITIAL VIEW ON WHETHER THERE IS A POTENTIAL BREACH OF THE CODE, AND, IF THERE MAY BE A POTENTIAL BREACH, IN CONSULTATION WITH AN INDEPENDENT PERSON, TO MAKE DETERMINATIONS UNDER THE ASSESSMENT STAGE OF THE PROCESS.
- 8. THAT, SUBJECT TO NOT PREJUDICING ANY POTENTIAL INVESTIGATION, THE MONITORING OFFICER SHOULD BE ABLE TO SEEK, AT THE ASSESSMENT STAGE, A RESPONSE FROM THE COUNCILLOR AGAINST WHOM THE COMPLAINT HAS BEEN MADE.
- 9. THAT THE REVIEW STAGE OF THE COMPLAINTS PROCESS, BY A STANDARDS (REVIEW) SUB-COMMITTEE, BE MAINTAINED UNTIL THE WIDER REVIEW IS COMPLETED.
- 10. THAT THE MONITORING OFFICER BE GIVEN DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO ISSUE INTERIM GUIDANCE OR APPROVE OTHER INTERIM CHANGES, SHOULD ANY REGULATIONS MADE BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE OR OTHER LEGAL REQUIREMENT REQUIRE CHANGES TO CURRENT PRACTICE IN THE CONSTITUTION, CODE OR ASSOCIATED PROCEDURES AND PROTOCOLS.
- 11. THAT THE MONITORING OFFICER BE REQUESTED TO PRODUCE A DRAFT UPDATED LOCAL STANDARDS FRAMEWORK, INCLUDING A REVISED CODE OF CONDUCT, HAVING REGARD TO THE ABOVE POINTS AND THE GUIDANCE OR REGULATIONS WHICH ARE STILL EMERGING FROM THE GOVERNMENT AND RELEVANT NATIONAL BODIES.

### 11. NORTH WALLS SKATE PARK

(Report WTF169 refers)

Cabinet noted that the Report had been considered by the Winchester Town Forum, at its meeting on 21 March 2012, which had supported the recommendations, subject to an additional proposal that four Forum Members be appointed to provide informal advice to the Head of Landscape and Open Spaces (Report CAB2326 below refers).

The Chairman stated that Cabinet Members considered the proposals were a matter to be determined by the Winchester Town Forum, but emphasised that it should not seek additional resourcing from the General Fund.

At the invitation of the Chairman, Councillor Jackson supported the proposals outlined in the Report. However, she also emphasised the requirement for an area of hard standing to continue to be provided, to be utilised, for example by people learning to ride a bicycle.

The Corporate Director (Operations) confirmed that this matter had been raised by Town Forum Members and could be considered further by the informal group of Members providing advice to the Head of Landscape and Open Spaces.

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

### **RESOLVED:**

That the views of the Town Forum on the proposal for the North Walls Skate Park be noted and the Town Forum have regard to the comments of Cabinet outlined above.

# 12. MINUTES OF THE WINCHESTER TOWN FORUM HELD 21 MARCH 2012 (Report CAB2326 refers)

With regard to the Queen Elizabeth II Commemorative Fields proposals, Cabinet noted that clarification was still awaited as to whether designation would require a change in name of the sites, although the Corporate Director (Operations) advised he considered such a requirement unlikely.

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

#### RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Winchester Town Forum held 21 March 2012 be received and the recommendations therein be noted.

### 13. <u>FINAL REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONING INFORMAL SCRUTINY</u> <u>GROUP (ISG) – RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CABINET</u>

(Report CAB2325 refers)

A Member requested that the Chief Executive report back to the next Cabinet meeting with further details regarding the implementation and prioritisation of the ISG's proposals. Cabinet agreed that consideration of the Report be deferred until then.

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

### **RESOLVED:**

That the recommendations of The Overview and Scrutiny Committee, as set out in Appendix 1 of the Report, regarding the Commissioning ISG be deferred to the next Cabinet meeting on 17 May 2012, to be considered together with a further Report as outlined above.

# 14. <u>REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES - PORTSMOUTH WATER</u> FORUM

(Report <u>CAB2314</u> refers)

Cabinet proposed that Councillor Weston be appointed as the representative on the Water Forum.

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

### **RESOLVED:**

That Councillor Weston be appointed as the representative on the Portsmouth Water Forum.

### 15. UNISON – LOCAL PAY CLAIM

(Report PER211 ADDENDUM refers)

Cabinet noted that the Report had been considered by Personnel Committee, at its meeting on 28 March 2012, which had noted a number of corrections to the Report, as set out in the minutes (Report CAB2327 refers). In particular, the changes reduced the supplementary estimate required from £42,000 to £35,000.

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

### RESOLVED:

That a supplementary estimate of £35,000 be approved for the General Fund.

### 16. THE NATIONAL GRADUATE SCHEME AND APPRENTICESHIPS (Report PER210 refers)

Cabinet noted that the Report had been considered by Personnel Committee at its meeting on 28 March 2012 which had supported its recommendations (Report CAB2327 refers).

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

#### RESOLVED:

That a supplementary estimate of £47,000 be approved for the General Fund.

# 17. <u>EXTRACT FROM MINUTES OF PERSONNEL COMMITTEE HELD 28</u> <u>MARCH 2012 (LESS EXEMPT MINUTES)</u>

(Report CAB2327 refers)

Cabinet noted that the minute extracts had been considered under the relevant reports discussed above.

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

### **RESOLVED**

That the minute extracts from the Personnel Committee held 28 March 2012 (less exempt items) be noted.

### 18. PROCUREMENT OF A SHARED REPLACEMENT TELEPHONE SYSTEM WITH TEST VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

(Report CAB2320 refers)

Cabinet noted this Report had mistakenly been listed as exempt on the Cabinet agenda, but it did not contain exempt information and would therefore be considered in the open section of the meeting.

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

### RESOLVED:

1. That the Head of IM&T be authorised to procure a telephony system solution in conjunction with Test Valley Borough Council.

2. That planned £115,000 provision within the capital programme be released to fund the necessary network upgrades.

### 19. **FUTURE ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

### RESOLVED:

That the list of future items, as set out in the Forward Plan for April 2012, be noted.

### 20. **EXEMPT BUSINESS**

- 1. That in all the circumstances, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.
- 2. 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	<u>Item</u>		Description of Exempt Information
##	Hockley Viaduct/National Cycle Route (exempt appendix)	) ) )	Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).
##	Risk Management and Insurance Services	)	(Para 3 Schedule 12A refers)
##	Winchester Market (exempt appendix)	)	
##	Pest Control Review	)	Information relating to any individual. (Para 1 Schedule
##	Exempt Personnel Committee Minute	) )	12A refers)
	Extract	)	Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an
##	Care & Support Arrangements in Extra Care Housing	) )	individual. (Para 2 Schedule 12A refers)

Information relating to any consultations or negotiations, or contemplated consultations or negotiations, in connection with any labour relations matter arising between the authority or a Minister of the Crown and employees of, or office holders under, the authority. (Para 4 Schedule 12A refers

# 21. NATIONAL CYCLE NETWORK ROUTE 23 - PROGRESS REPORT AND APPROVAL OF REPAIRS TO THE HOCKLEY VIADUCT (EXEMPT APPENDIX)

(Report CAB2311 refers)

Cabinet noted the contents of Appendix 5 of the Report which included details of the tender prices and tender evaluation report.

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

### **RESOLVED:**

That the contents of the exempt appendix be noted.

### 22. **PEST CONTROL REVIEW**

(Report PER209 refers)

Cabinet noted that the Report had been considered by Personnel Committee, at its meeting on 28 March 2012, which had supported its recommendations (Report CAB2327 refers).

Cabinet considered the above Report which set out proposals regarding the Pest Control service (detail in exempt minute).

### 23. <u>EXTRACT FROM MINUTES OF PERSONNEL COMMITTEE HELD 28 MARCH 2012 (EXEMPT MINUTES)</u>

(Report CAB2327 refers)

Cabinet noted that the minute extracts had been considered under consideration of Report PER209 discussed above.

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

### **RESOLVED**

That the exempt minute extracts from the Personnel Committee held 28 March 2012 be noted.

### 24. CARE AND SUPPORT ARRANGEMENTS IN EXTRA CARE HOUSING (Report CAB2322(HSG) refers)

Councillor Godfrey declared a personal (but not prejudicial) interest in respect of this item as a County Council employee. Councillor Stallard declared a personal (but not prejudicial) interest as a County Councillor. Both Councillors remained in the room, spoke and voted thereon.

Cabinet considered the above Report which set out proposals regarding the future care and support arrangements in extra care housing (detail in exempt minute).

# 25. RISK MANAGEMENT AND INSURANCE SERVICES – HAMPSHIRE INSURANCE FRAMEWORK

(Report CAB2328 refers)

Under the Council Constitution's Access to Information Procedure Rules (Rule 16- Special Urgency), this was a key decision which was not included in the Forward Plan. Under this procedure, the Chairman of The Overview and Scrutiny Committee had confirmed he had no objection to the matter being considered at this meeting.

The above Report had not been notified for inclusion on the agenda within the statutory deadline. The Chairman agreed to accept the item onto the agenda, as a matter requiring urgent consideration, due to the need for an urgent decision because of the opportunity which had arisen to make savings under the Hampshire framework contract.

The Head of Finance advised Cabinet of the recommendations at the meeting (as set out below).

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

- 1. That a direction be made under Contract Procedure Rule 2.4 (b) to enable the Council to join the Hampshire Insurance Framework with the other Hampshire Districts and Boroughs and align expiry of Long Term Agreement until 31 March 2015.
- 2. That he Head of Finance, in consultation with the Head of Legal Services, be authorised to finalise the arrangements in 1 above.

### 26. WINCHESTER MARKET (EXEMPT APPENDIX)

(Report CAB2310 refers)

The Head of Estates outlined the proposals contained within the exempt appendix regarding the changes to the terms of the management agreement.

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

### **RESOLVED**:

That the contents of the exempt appendix be noted.

The meeting commenced at 10.00am and concluded at 1.15pm