

**WINCHESTER CITY COUNCIL**

At the Annual meeting of the Council held in the Guildhall, Winchester on 18 May  
2005

Attendance:

Councillor Baxter (The Mayor in the Chair) (P)

Councillors:

Allgood (P)	Jackson (P)
Anthony	Jeffer (P)
Beckett (P)	Johnston (P)
Bennetts (P)	Knasel (P)
Berry (P)	Learney (P)
Beveridge (P)	Lipscomb (P)
Bidgood (P)	Love (P)
Busher (P)	Macmillan (P)
Campbell (P)	Mather (P)
Chamberlain (P)	Maynard (P)
Chapman (P)	Merritt (P)
Clohosey (P)	Mitchell (P)
Coates (P)	Nelmes (P)
Collin (P)	Nunn (P)
Cook (P)	Pearce (P)
Cooper (P)	Pearson (P)
Darbyshire (P)	Pines (P)
Davies (P)	Quar (P)
de Peyer (P)	Read (P)
Evans (P)	Rees (P)
Godfrey (P)	Saunders (P)
Goodall (P)	Stallard (P)
Hammerton (P)	Steel (P)
Higgins (P)	Sutton (P)
Hiscock (P)	Tait (P)
Hoare (P)	Verney
Hollingbery (P)	Wagner (P)
Hutton (P)	Wright (P)

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1. **ELECTION OF MAYOR**

Proposed by Councillor Lipscomb.

Seconded by Councillor Jeffs and resolved unanimously that Councillor Neil Baxter be elected Mayor of the City of Winchester for the period commencing on 18 May 2005.

Councillor Sutton vacated the Chair, which was taken by the Mayor who made the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

2. **VOTE OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING MAYOR**

Proposed by Councillor Evans

Seconded by Councillor Bidgood and resolved unanimously that the best thanks of the Council be accorded to Councillor Cecily Sutton for her service to the Council as Mayor during the past year.

3. **ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR**

Proposed by Councillor Cook

Seconded by Councillor Hiscock and resolved unanimously that Councillor Susan Nelmes be elected Deputy Mayor of the City of Winchester for the period commencing on 18 May 2005.

4. **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF CABINET**

Councillor Campbell was elected Chairman of Cabinet for the ensuing Municipal Year.

5. **ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN OF CABINET**

Councillor Evans was elected Vice-Chairman of Cabinet for the ensuing Municipal Year.

6. **ELECTION OF COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN**

The following Members were elected Chairman of the Committees stated for ensuing Municipal Year.

Licensing and Regulation – Councillor Johnston  
Planning Development Control – Councillor Busher  
Principal Scrutiny – Councillor Allgood  
Personnel – Councillor Cook  
Standards Committee – Mr J Spokes (Independent Member)  
Appeal and Disputes – Councillor Pearce  
Housing Appeals – Councillor De Peyer  
Statement of Accounts – Councillor Campbell

Chairmen of the following Committees were not appointed, pending a review of the scrutiny structure by the Council:-

Environment and Access  
Central Services  
Health  
Housing  
Community, Arts and Social

7. **APPOINTMENT OF CABINET AND COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS**

With the exception of Cabinet and Standards Committee, the Council reviewed the political representation on Committees in accordance with the provisions of Section 15(1) of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989.

In respect of Cabinet and Standards Committee, the Local Government Act 2000 stated that the achievement of political balance was not required.

The Council determined the representation on all the bodies as set out below.

RESOLVED:

That the allocation of seats to political groups be as follows:

Cabinet (8)

Liberal Democrats (8)

Licensing and Regulation (15)

Liberal Democrats (7): Conservatives (6): Independent (1): Labour (1)

Planning Development Control (15)

Liberal Democrats (7): Conservatives (6): Independent (1): Labour (1)

Principal Scrutiny (11)

Liberal Democrats (5): Conservatives (4): Independent (1): Labour (1)

Personnel (11)

Liberal Democrats (5): Conservatives (4): Independent (1): Labour (1)

Standards (6)

Liberal Democrats (2): Conservatives (2): Independent (1): Labour (1)

Appeals and Disputes (9)

Liberal Democrats (4): Conservatives (3): Independent (1): Labour (1)

Housing Appeals (4)

Liberal Democrats (1): Conservatives (1): Independent (1): Labour (1)

Statement of Accounts (9)

Liberal Democrats (4): Conservatives (3): Independent (1): Labour (1)

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Further to the above, and pursuant to Section 16 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, the Chief Executive served notice on each of the Leaders of the four political groups on the Council as to the allocation of seats on Committees as indicated above.

The Chief Executive announced that he had been informed that each group had nominated Members to be appointed in accordance with the political balance formula where applicable, as set out below.

RESOLVED:

That the following appointments be made (in addition to the Chairmen who were appointed earlier in the meeting):

Cabinet

Beveridge, Collin, Evans, Hiscock, Knasel, Learney and Wagner

Amendment (1) Councillor Davies (2) Councillor Pines

'That, as a single party Cabinet formed by a minority administration is not desirable, Councillor Davies be nominated to replace one of the Members set out above'

Amendment lost

Original motion and membership agreed.

Licensing and Regulation

Allgood, Bennetts, Cook, Evans, Hammerton, Lipscomb, Mather, Macmillan, Nelmes, Pearson, Pines, Sutton, Wagner and Wright

Deputies

Busher, Cooper, Maynard and Rees

Planning Development Control

Baxter, Bennetts, Beveridge, Davies, Evans, Jeffs, Johnston, Mitchell, Pearce, Pearson, Read, Saunders, Sutton and Tait

Deputies

Bidgood, Chapman, de Peyer, and Hammerton

Personnel

Baxter, Beckett, Bennetts, Coates, Cooper, Goodall, Merritt, Mitchell, Nelmes and Rees

Deputies

Hoare, Jackson, Macmillan and Pines

Principal Scrutiny

Beckett, Bidgood, Chamberlain, Clohosey, Cook, Davies, Lipscomb, Mitchell, Stallard and Steel

Deputies

Bennetts, de Peyer, Goodall and Hollingbery

Standards

Cook, Hoare, Lipscomb, Nelmes, Quar and Rees

Statement of Accounts

Allgood, Busher, Clohosey, Davies, Higgins, Learney, Macmillan, and Verney

Deputies

Bennetts, Coates, Hoare and Pines.

RESOLVED:

That the Winchester Town Forum be established for 2005/06 with membership consisting of all Members who represent the six Winchester Town Wards.

RESOLVED:

1. That alternative arrangements other than proportional representation be agreed in respect of the Appeals and Disputes Committee insofar as is necessary to enable the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 17(8)(b) still to apply to its hearings.

2. That eight additional Members of the Committee be appointed as follows:

Councillors Berry, Chamberlain, Clohosey, Godfrey, Hutton, Love, Pines and Read

RESOLVED:

1. That alternative arrangements other than proportional representation be agreed in respect of the Housing (Appeals) Committee.

2. That the following appointments be made to the Housing (Appeals) Committee for the ensuing Municipal Year.

Councillors Berry, Hoare and Love

Deputies

Councillors Hammerton, Pearce, Rees and Tait

The meeting commenced at 7pm and concluded at 8.25pm.

The Mayor