

**WINCHESTER CITY COUNCIL**

At a Special Meeting of the Council held in the Guildhall, Winchester on 1 February 2006

Attendance:

Councillor Baxter (The Mayor)  
Councillor Nelmes (Deputy Mayor – in the Chair) (P)

## Councillors:

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

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650. **COMMUNICATION FROM THE LEADER**

The Leader of the Council reported that a Private Members' Bill, seeking to limit the proliferation of telecommunication masts, was being supported by a number of national and local organisations. The Portfolio Holder for Planning (Councillor Beveridge) was currently reviewing information forwarded to the Council in connection with this initiative and would be submitting a report to Members later in the year.

651. **COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

The Chief Executive advised the Council that those Members who served on the Planning Development Control Committee (which included The Mayor) had decided, in accordance with advice from the City Secretary and Solicitor, not to attend this Special Meeting, in order that they may deal with the subsequent Silver Hill development planning applications. Councillors de Peyer and Lipscomb, as Deputy Members on that Committee, had also decided not to attend for that reason. In addition, Councillor Hammerton would not be in attendance due to her role as non-Executive Director of the Mid-Hants Primary Care Trust, as the Trust were in current negotiations with the developers (Thornfields) about certain aspects of the Silver Hill scheme.

In addition, there were apologies from Councillors Goodall, Hoare, Love and Merritt.

652. **CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDED MINUTES**

652.1 Cabinet – 12 December 2005

Silver Hill Development – Landowners' Approval (Recommended Minute 623)

652.2 Cabinet – 9 January 2006

Silver Hill Development – to consider matters raised at Principal Scrutiny Committee (12/12/05) (Recommended Minute 639)

At the invitation of the Deputy Mayor, Mr J. Sawyer, representing the North Hampshire Incorporated Chamber of Commerce, addressed the Council in support of the proposed Silver Hill development.

The Chairman, Councillor Campbell, moved that the composite recommendation set out in Appendix 1 to Report CL34, as previously circulated to Members, be approved and adopted.

RESOLVED:

That the composite recommendation, as set out in Appendix 1 to Report CL34, be approved and adopted.

653. **RECEIPT OF DELEGATED MINUTES**

Council received and noted the minutes of the following meetings:

Cabinet – 12 December 2005

Principal Scrutiny Committee – 12 December 2005

Cabinet – 9 January 2006

654. **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.

| <u>Minute Number</u> | <u>Item</u>  | <u>Description of Exempt Information</u>   |
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| 628 & 643            | Silver Hill Development – Further Information and Landowners' Approval | <p>Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (other than the authority). (Para 7 Schedule 12A refers).</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> <p>Any instructions to counsel and any opinion of counsel (whether or not in connection with any proceedings) and any advice received, information obtained or action to be taken in connection with:-</p> <p>(a) any legal proceedings by or against the authority, or</p> <p>(b) the determination of any matter affecting the authority, (whether, in either case, proceedings have been commenced or are in contemplation). (Para 12 to Schedule 12A refers).</p> |

655. **CABINET – 12 DECEMBER 2005 AND 9 JANUARY 2006**

Silver Hill Development – Landowners Approval (Recommended Minute 628 refers)

Silver Hill Development – Further Information (Recommended Minute 643 refers)

Council agreed that Mr A. Murphy (Drivers Jonas – the Council's property advisors) and Mr T. Hellier (Berwin Leighton Paisner – the Council's legal advisors) remain during the exempt session to answer Members' questions on the matters raised in the above minutes.

Council also noted that in Appendix 3 to Report CL34, the figure stated in the third line of the minute extract from Cabinet (18 January 2006) as the size limit for a qualifying interest under Section 149 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, should be amended to a rateable value of £29,200.

The Chairman, Councillor Campbell, moved that the composite recommendation as set out in Appendix 2 to Report CL34, as previously circulated to Members, be approved and adopted.

RESOLVED:

That the composite recommendation, as set out in Appendix 2 to Report CL34, be approved and adopted.

The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm and concluded at 9.10 pm.

The Mayor