

**CABINET**

**7 February 2006**

Attendance:

Councillor Campbell – *Leader (Chairman) (P)*

Councillor Beveridge – *Portfolio Holder for Planning (P)*

Councillor Collin – *Portfolio Holder for Health and Inclusive Communities (P)*

Councillor Evans – *Portfolio Holder for Culture, Heritage and Sport (P)*

Councillor Hiscock – *Portfolio Holder for Housing (P)*

Councillor Knasel – *Portfolio Holder for Economy and Transport (P)*

Councillor Learney – *Portfolio Holder for Finance and Resources (P)*

Councillor Wagner – *Portfolio Holder for Environmental Health (P)*

Others in attendance who addressed the meeting:

Councillors Beckett, Davies and Mitchell

Mr A Rickman (TACT)

Others in attendance who did not address the meeting:

Councillor Busher

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782. **MINUTES**

With reference to Minute 711, page 10, line 3 (Compulsory Purchase – Hardship Policy and Criteria) the words ‘Silver Hill planning application’ be deleted and replaced with ‘land owner’s approval.’

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 18 January 2006, less exempt items, and as amended above, be approved and adopted.

783. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mr Rickman’s (TACT) comments on Reports CAB1198 and CAB1199 were considered during the relevant items as set out below.

784. **LEADER AND PORTFOLIO HOLDER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Leader confirmed that a letter had been sent to the Save Barton Group which explained why their petition to Council on 11 January 2006 had not been discussed in detail at that meeting. She also reported that on 9 February 2006, she and Councillor Evans would be attending a Hampshire County Council and Whiteley Parish Council meeting to consider proposals for a new school at Whiteley.

Councillor Beveridge reported on the discussion that was held at the Environment Scrutiny Panel on 25 January 2006. He explained that the Panel had broadly welcomed the progress made so far with the Planning Improvement Plan and following debate, Cabinet congratulated staff for their efforts.

Councillor Evans reported that the Guildhall Gallery was currently displaying an exhibition of paintings selected by the Mayor, along with a display of civic silver donated by previous Mayors. She also reported that the Westgate Museum had recently successfully hosted a broadcast of the BBC TV programme "The Politics Show".

785. **DISPOSAL OF HRA LAND: GARAGE COURT, HARWOOD PLACE, KINGS WORTHY**

(Report CAB1198 refers)

Cabinet considered the above Report, less exempt Appendix 2 and noted that this item would also be considered by Principal Scrutiny on 13 February 2006.

At the invitation of the Chairman, Mr Rickman explained that whilst TACT welcomed the development of affordable homes, it had reservations about the proposed asset loss from the Housing Revenue Account.

Although these concerns were echoed by Members, it was agreed that the proposals in the Report represented a best way to achieve affordable housing (one of the Council's priorities) within the framework of regulations set out by Government.

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

RESOLVED

That, subject to the matter not being called in by the Principal Scrutiny Committee:

The disposal of the area of land at Harwood Place, Kings Worthy, to Hyde Housing Association Limited at a nominal consideration be approved, subject to:

- a) terms and conditions to be agreed by the Chief Estates Officer; and
- b) taking account of the requirements of General Consent A (Disposal of Land to Registered Social Landlords) 2005 under Section 25 of the Local Government Act 1988.

786. **DISPOSAL OF HRA LAND: WESLEY ROAD, KINGS WORTHY**

(Report CAB1199 refers)

Cabinet considered the above Report, less the exempt Appendix 2 and noted that this item would also be considered by Principal Scrutiny on 13 February 2006.

At the invitation of the Chairman, Mr Rickman explained that whilst TACT welcomed the development of affordable homes, it had reservations about the proposed asset loss to the Housing Revenue Account.

Councillor Hiscock stated that any objections on the loss of open space raised during the public consultation would be reported to a future meeting of Cabinet.

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

**RESOLVED:**

1. That, subject to the matter not being called in the Principal Scrutiny Committee:

The disposal of the area of land at Wesley Road, Kings Worthy to Hyde Housing Association Ltd at a nominal consideration be approved, subject to:

- a) No material representations being received following the publication of statutory notices under S123 Local Government Act 1972 regarding the proposed disposal of the amenity land
- b) Terms and conditions to be agreed by the Chief Estates Officer and
- c) Taking account of the requirements of General Consent A (Disposal of Land to Registered Social Landlords) 2005 under Section 25 of the Local Government Act 1988.

2. That if any public objections are raised, the matter be brought back to Cabinet for determination.

**787. CORPORATE STRATEGY 2006**  
(Report CAB1211 refers)

It was explained that the Strategy was based on the results of the Citizens Panel and that it sought to improve the way the Council worked, taking into account the conclusions of the recent Comprehensive Performance Assessment. Items within the Strategy had been included in the proposed budget and Members were therefore confident that they could be delivered.

Following debate, Cabinet agreed to amend the last bullet point within “Safer and More Inclusive Communities” to read: “To work with others to help children and young people in the District to stay safe, be healthy, enjoy and achieve, and make a positive contribution to our society.”

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

**RECOMMENDED:**

**THAT THE CORPORATE STRATEGY FOR 2006-09, AS SET OUT IN THE APPENDIX TO THE REPORT BE APPROVED, SUBJECT TO THE ABOVE AMENDMENT.**

788. **WINCHESTER TOWN FORUM – MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 18 JANUARY 2006**

(Report CAB1213 refers)

In response to questions, the Director of Finance explained that a recent change in the financial re-charging for dog bins in Open Spaces in the Winchester town area had resulted in a greater proportion of this charge coming from the Town Account. Members noted however that there was a contribution from the General Fund, which was not available to the Parished areas, as some of the Open Spaces in Winchester town were considered to be of District-wide importance. Following debate, it was noted that a future meeting of the Winchester Town Forum would undertake a further review of these charges.

At the invitation of the Chairman, Councillor Mitchell spoke in support of granting an additional £3,500 from the Town Account to the Weeke Community Association, so that this would attract additional matching funds from the General Fund. Cabinet considered this issue in detail below (Report CAB1201 refers).

The Chief Executive confirmed that any decision on Cittaslow membership would be a matter for Cabinet and Council to consider. At this stage the Town Forum was considering the implications and would report further in due course.

Cabinet also noted a minor error within the minutes which should have reflected Councillor Collin's attendance at the meeting.

**RESOLVED:**

1. That the minutes of the Winchester Town Forum held on 18 January 2006 be received and the recommendations contained therein be noted with reference to the Budget (CAB1172) and Grants Reports (CAB1200 and CAB1201) below.

2. That Minutes 7 and 8 (Winchester Business Hub and Winchester Business Improvement District respectively) be agreed.

789. **BUDGET AND COUNCIL TAX 2006/07**

(Report CAB1172 refers)

The Director of Finance stated that if agreed by Council, the proposed budget was unlikely to be capped by Government. The Office of the Deputy Prime Minister (ODPM) had confirmed that in considering whether the City Council had exceeded the 5% increase threshold for capping it would not take in to account precepts set by Parish Councils.

The Director tabled an updated recommendation to Council, which following debate, was agreed as set out below.

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

**RECOMMENDED:**

**1. THAT THE LEVEL OF GENERAL FUND AND SERVICE BUDGETS FOR 2006/07 BE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:**

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<b>CENTRAL SERVICES</b>				
<b>CHIEF EXECUTIVE</b>				
<b>939,050</b>				
<b>LEGAL,</b>	<b>ELECTORAL,</b>	<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>SERVICES</b>	
<b>2,571,750</b>				
<b>FINANCE,</b>	<b>IT</b>	<b>AND</b>	<b>SUPPORT</b>	<b>SERVICES</b>
<b>2,158,470</b>				
<b>HUMAN RESOURCES</b>				
<b>0</b>				
<b>COMMUNITY SERVICES</b>				
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL</b>				<b>HEALTH</b>
<b>5,177,910</b>				
<b>STRATEGIC</b>				<b>HOUSING</b>
<b>2,448,050</b>				
<b>COMMUNITY</b>				<b>DEVELOPMENT</b>
<b>3,832,890</b>				
<b>DEVELOPMENT SERVICES</b>				
<b>ESTATES</b>				
<b>(823,530)</b>				
<b>ENGINEERING</b>				<b>828,300</b>
<b>CULTURAL</b>				
<b>2,755,510</b>				
<b>PLANNING</b>				
<b>1,543,250</b>				
<b>BUILDING CONTROL</b>				
<b>185,770</b>				
<b>FINANCING</b>				<b>TRANSACTIONS</b>
<b>(8,465,600)</b>				
<b>SAVINGS TO BE ALLOCATED</b>				
<b>(330,000)</b>				

**SUB-TOTAL**  
12,821,820

**TRANSFERS FROM RESERVES**

**(173,800)**

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**GENERAL**  
12,648,020

**FUND**

**BUDGET**

**TRANSFER TO/ (FROM) WINCHESTER TOWN RESERVE**

**(50,190)**

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**TOTAL**  
12,597,830

**CHARGES ON WINCHESTER TOWN**

**(668,900)**

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**TOTAL CITY EXPENDITURE**  
**£11,928,930**

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**THE ITEMS OF GROWTH, SAVINGS AND INCREASED INCOME, AS SET OUT IN APPENDICES 3 AND 4, ARE INCLUDED IN THE FIGURES ABOVE.**

**2. THAT APPROVAL BE GIVEN TO THE INCLUSION OF ANY FURTHER PLANNING DELIVERY GRANT WITHIN THE BUDGET FOR 2006/07, ONCE KNOWN, AND THAT DETAILED PROPOSALS FOR THE USE OF SUCH GRANT BE INCLUDED WITHIN THE DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORATE BUSINESS PLAN FOR 2006/07.**

**3. THAT THE CAPITAL PROGRAMME SET OUT IN APPENDIX 7, PAGE 1, AND THE E-GOVERNMENT PROGRAMME SET OUT IN APPENDIX 8 BE CONSIDERED AND APPROVED.**

**4. THAT MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES FOR 2006/07 BE HELD AT THE 2005/06 LEVELS AND THAT THE INFLATION INDEX IN THE MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES SCHEME BE NOT APPLIED FOR 2006/07.**

**5. THAT THE POLICY AS PREVIOUSLY AGREED BY THE COUNCIL ON 14 JULY 1999 (MIN 186 REFERS) IS 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 £719,090 BE TREATED AS SPECIAL EXPENSES UNDER SECTION 35 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE ACT 1992 IN RESPECT OF THE WINCHESTER TOWN AREA, APPENDIX 11.**

**6. THAT THE COUNCIL TAX FOR SPECIAL EXPENSES IN THE WINCHESTER TOWN AREA AT BAND D BE SET AT £49.05.**

7. THAT THE BALANCES ON THE COLLECTION FUND CALCULATED AT 25 JANUARY 2006, OF £41,630 SURPLUS FOR COUNCIL TAX FOR THIS COUNCIL BE APPROVED.

8. THAT MEMBERS CONSIDER A COUNCIL TAX OF £113.13 AT BAND D FOR CITY COUNCIL SERVICES.

9. THAT PARISH COUNCIL TAXES BE NOTED AS IN APPENDIX 12.

10. THAT THE PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS IN SECTION 12 BE NOTED.

RESOLVED:

That the Director of Finance report direct to Council on the detailed service budgets for 2006/07.

790. **TREASURY MANAGEMENT**  
(Report CAB1174 refers)

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

**RECOMMENDED:**

**THAT THE TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY FOR 2006/07, INCLUDING THE PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS CONTAINED THEREIN BE APPROVED, AS DETAILED IN APPENDIX 2 OF THE REPORT.**

791. **OUTCOME OF RECYCLING PROJECT PILOT**  
(Report CAB1197 refers)

At the invitation of the Chairman, Councillor Davies spoke in general support of the proposed scheme, but expressed concerns as to how it might affect houses in multiple occupation and student households, given that the trial was held in an area dominated by detached dwellings. In response, the Director of Communities proposed that the Council would adopt a flexible approach to these properties and would work with landlords once any decisions on the roll out was made to ensure that the arrangements could be implemented as smoothly as possible.

At the conclusion of debate, Cabinet congratulated officers for their work on the project.

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

RESOLVED:

That subject to Council agreeing that the sum of £180,000 in the 2005/06 budget for AWC (Alternate Weekly Collection) be carried forward to 2006/07 as a managed saving, and approving the overall budget for 2006/07 in February:

1. The system of waste collection known as the Alternative Weekly Collection of waste as operated in the Council's trial area be rolled out across the rest of the district in two phases, as described in paragraph 9.1 and Appendix 6 of the Report.

2. Delegated authority be granted to the Director of Communities, in consultation with the Director of Finance and the Portfolio Holders for Environmental Health and Finance and Resources, to conclude the negotiations with Serco on the changes to the contract.

3. The excess of start-up costs for introducing AWC across the District in the period 2006/07 to 2008/09 be met from the Major Investment Reserve, and that a growth bid on base budget of £42,500 be approved from 2008/09.

4. The New Waste Management Policies in Appendix 7 be approved and that delegated authority be given to the Director of Communities to vary/waive the policy in individual circumstances where applying the policy is impractical.

5. The service of notices under Section 46 (1) and (4) d of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 prohibiting householders disposing of garden waste in refuse and recycling containers emptied by the Council be approved.

792. **PLANNING DEVELOPMENT CONTROL – REQUEST FOR SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATE**  
(Report CAB1208 refers)

In response to Members' comments, Councillor Beveridge explained that the Planning Development Control Committee was regularly updated on the results of Planning Appeals.

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

RESOLVED:

That, subject to the matter not being called in by Principal Scrutiny Committee, the supplementary estimate of £93,144, to cover the additional costs incurred by the Planning Division as detailed in the body of the Report be agreed.

793. **DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT ESTABLISHMENT CHANGES – SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATE**  
(Report CAB1212 refers)

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

RESOLVED:

That subject to the matter not being called in by Principal Scrutiny Committee, a supplementary estimate of £94,000 be approved to meet one-off costs of redundancy and early retirement identified in Report PER98.

794. **BUDGET MONITORING OVERVIEW – DECEMBER 2005**  
(Report CAB1173 refers)

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

RESOLVED:

That the current position for the Revenue Budget and Capital Programme for 2005/06 be noted.

795. **CAPITAL EXPENDITURE ON JEWRY STREET CAR PARK**  
(Report CAB1207 refers)

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

RESOLVED:

That the Director of Development be authorised, in consultation with the Director of Finance and the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Resources, to release up to £180,000 from the agreed capital programme in payment of works to the air raid shelters in the Jewry Street car park.

796. **ITCHEN NAVIGATION HERITAGE TRAIL PROJECT**  
(Report CAB1165 refers)

Cabinet welcomed the proposals in the Report as they would improve the environment of the waterway and attract significant funding from other sources.

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

RESOLVED:

1. That the content and purpose of the Itchen Navigation Heritage Trail project, insofar as it affects the Winchester District, be endorsed.

2. That should the application to the Lottery be successful, a total contribution of £50,000 over the five year life of the project (£10,000 per annum) funded from the planning grants revenue budget be approved.

797. **COMMUNITY GRANTS – REVENUE AWARDS 2006/07**  
(Report CAB1200 refers)

Under the Council Constitution's Access to Information Procedure Rules (Rule 15.1 – General Exception) Members noted that this was a key decision that was not included in the Forward Plan and as such the Chairman of the Principal Scrutiny Committee had been informed.

Councillor Beveridge declared a personal (but not prejudicial) interest in this item as a member of the Winchester Churches Housing Group which had submitted a request for grants in the Report. Councillor Beveridge confirmed

that he was not on the charity's board of management and spoke and voted thereon.

Councillor Hiscock declared a personal and prejudicial interest in this item as he was member of the Trinity Centre's Advisory Committee which had submitted a grant request in the Report. He left the room during consideration of this item.

Councillor Knasel declared a personal and prejudicial interest in this item as Vice-Chairman of the Bishops Waltham Citizens Advice Bureau which had submitted a grant request in the Report. He left the room during the consideration of this item.

During debate, Members noted that there was an error to Recommendation 4 set out in the Report as a grant would be made to the Wickham Youth Club and Winchester Youth Counselling. It was noted that Councillor Evans took no part in the earlier application process of those applications which affected her Ward.

#### RESOLVED:

1 That the following revenue grant awards to key clients be approved from the proposed revenue grants budget for 2006/07, 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 Winchester	£86,100
(v)	Hatfair	£33,825

2 That the following revenue grant awards for 2006/07, from the approved revenue grants budget be approved 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	£12,000
(iii)	Homestart Winchester & Districts	£5,000
(iv)	Relate	£5,000
(v)	SCRATCH	£1,500
(vi)	SNAPS	£1,200
(vii)	Stoneham Housing Association	£6,000

(viii)	The Olive Branch	£1,000
(ix)	Tower Arts Centre	£21,000
(x)	Victoria Housing Project	£3,500
(xi)	Waterlooville Citizens Advice Bureau	£1,290
(xii)	Wickham Youth Club	£1,000
(xiii)	Winchester and District Savers	£15,000
(xiv)	Winchester Carer Centre	£1,100
(xv)	Winchester Churches Housing Group Ltd	£4,500
(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 Live at Home Scheme	£5,000
(xxii)	Winchester Rent Deposit Scheme	£2,400
(xxiii)	Winchester Young Carers	£2,100
(xxiv)	Winchester Youth Counselling	£2,500
(xxv)	Winnall Junior Youth Club	£1,000

3 That the recommendations of the Town Forum for grant awards from the Town Account be approved on condition that each organisation enters into clearly defined service level agreement with appropriate performance targets to:

(i)	Carroll Youth Centre	£5,000
(ii)	King Alfred Youth Activity Centre	£5,000
(iii)	Winnall Community Centre Playscheme	£5,000
(iv)	Winnall Rock School	£5,000

4 That, with regret the following applications be not supported:

- (i) ROCC
- (ii) Chrysalis

- (iii) Hampshire Riding Therapy Centre
- (iv) The Society of St James
- (v) YMCA Fairthorne Manor
- (vi) WACA (Voluntary Sector Housing Forum)

5 That the allocation from the revenue grant budget of £10,147 for 2006/07 for the Community Chest programme be approved.

798. **COMMUNITY GRANTS – CAPITAL AWARDS 2006/07**  
(Report CAB1201 refers)

Following debate, Cabinet agreed to grant an extra £5,000 to the Denmead Tennis Club (total capital grant £20,000) subject to a Service Level Agreement (to include facilities for disabled players). Councillor Beckett addressed the meeting in support of this proposal. Cabinet noted the comments made by Councillor Mitchell under Report CAB1213 above relating to the Weeke Community Association. However, the Director of Communities advised that, because of pressures on the Town Account, the Forum was unable to grant more than £3,500 to the renovation of the Weeke Community Association building. Cabinet indicated support in principle for a further grant of £7,000 from the General Fund provided matching funds of £3,500 could be found from the Town Account. It was suggested that the possibility of carrying forward any underspend on the Town Account for 2005/06 into 2006/07 for this purpose should be investigated by the Forum.

It was noted that Councillor Evans took no part in the earlier application process of those applications which affected her Ward.

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:-

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| (i)    | Alresford & District Community Association | £6,000  |
| (ii)   | Denmead Tennis Club                        | £20,000 |
| (iii)  | Denmead War Memorial Hall                  | £5,397  |
| (iv)   | Easton Village Hall                        | £6,500  |
| (vi)   | St Faith's Parish Hall                     | £3,000  |
| (vii)  | St Matthew's Church Community Room         | £3,625  |
| (viii) | The Kings Royal Hussars Museum             | £5,400  |

(ix)	The Meon Hall	£2,700
(x)	Weeke Community Association	£7,000
(xi)	Wickham Community Association	£1,200
(xii)	Wickham Cricket Club	£15,000
(xiii)	Winchester Judo & Martial Arts Club	£6,000

2. That the following grants are made from the Winchester Town Account:

(i)	St Faith's Parish Hall	£1,500
(ii)	Weeke Community Association	£3,500

3. That the following applications for capital grant are not supported:

- (i) Bishops Waltham Museum Trust
- (ii) Winchester Citizens Advice Bureau

4. That the Town Forum be advised:

- (i) That Cabinet supports in principle a further grant of £7,000 from the General Fund towards the Weeke Community Association project. That as this would require a further matching allocation of £3,500 from the Town Account the Forum be asked to consider whether any underspend on the Town Account in 2005/06 could be used in 2006/07 to enable the Town Forum to provide the necessary matching funding.

799. **COMMUNITY GRANTS – COMMUNITY CHEST PRIORITIES FOR 2006/07**  
(Report CAB1202 refers)

Members noted an error in the Report at paragraph 2.6, where the 2006/07 budget should have read £10,147.

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

RESOLVED:

That Cabinet agree the revised policies and processes for the Community Chest Scheme as outlined in paragraphs 4 and 5 of the above Report.

800. **LAND CHARGES AND CEMETERIES – FEES AND CHARGES**  
(Report CAB1205 refers)

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

## RESOLVED:

1. That the standard Land Charges fee of £140 remain at £140 for 2006/07.
2. That the NLIS (National Land Information Service) discounted Land Charges fee (18% reduction) be discontinued from 1 April 2006.
3. That cemetery charges be increased with effect from 1 April 2006 by an average of 10%, as set out in Appendix 2, and that the City Secretary and Solicitor be authorised to amend other cemetery charges to achieve the same overall percentage increase.

801. **MINUTE EXTRACTS FROM PRINCIPAL SCRUTINY COMMITTEE, HELD ON 16 JANUARY AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE HELD ON 23 JANUARY 2006**  
(Report CAB1214 refers)

The Chief Executive confirmed that the on-line newsletters for Parish Councils and County Councillors would be available shortly. Councillor Learney also confirmed she was monitoring the programme for determinations of "Housing Benefit Changes in Circumstances" on a monthly basis.

## RESOLVED:

That the extracts from the minutes of the Principal Scrutiny Committee, held on 16 January 2006, and Personnel Committee, held on 23 January 2006, be received and the recommendations contained therein be noted.

802. **HOUSES IN MULTIPLE OCCUPATION – MANDATORY LICENSING HOUSING HEALTH AND SAFETY RATING SYSTEM AND ENFORCEMENT POWERS**  
(Report CAB1203 refers)

In response to Members' questions, the Director of Communities explained that the Government had intended the new Licences to affect high-risk houses. Cabinet also noted the success of the Council's own Landlord Accreditation Scheme.

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

**RECOMMENDED:**

**THAT PART 3 OF SECTION 6 OF THE CONSTITUTION (SCHEME OF DELEGATION TO OFFICERS) BE AMENDED TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE ADDITIONAL POWERS TO THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITIES AS OUTLINED BELOW:**

**THAT THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITIES BE AUTHORISED TO:**

- a) APPROVE THE ISSUE OF MANDATORY LICENCES
- b) EXERCISE ASSOCIATED POWERS REGARDING REVOCATION OF LICENCES AND THE APPROVAL OF TEMPORARY EXEMPTION NOTICES
- c) IN RESPECT OF THE PROVISIONS OF PART 2 OF THE HOUSING ACT 2004 (LICENSING OF HOUSES IN MULTIPLE OCCUPATION) AND
- d) ISSUE NOTICES AND EXERCISE ALL OTHER ENFORCEMENT POWERS IN CONNECTION WITH THE HOUSING HEALTH AND SAFETY RATING SYSTEM
- e) IN RESPECT OF THE PROVISIONS OF PART 1 OF THE HOUSING ACT 2004 (HOUSING CONDITIONS).

RESOLVED:

That the following measures be incorporated in the Council's Private Housing Sector Renewal Strategy:

1. a mandatory licensing scheme be introduced for Houses in Multiple Occupation as required by Section 61, Housing Act 2004
2. the existing housing fitness standard be replaced by the Housing Health and Safety Rating System as required by Section 1, Housing Act 2004.

803. **RESPONSE TO SEEDA'S REGIONAL ECONOMIC STRATEGY CONSULTATION**  
(Report CAB1204 refers)

During debate, Cabinet raised concerns as the Strategy made little reference to: a) power generation in the region and which body was responsible for developing future strategy b) water supply issues and c) the needs of rural businesses and of the rural economy. Cabinet agreed to delegate to the Head of Strategic Planning, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Economy and Transport, authority to finalise the Council's response in light of any comments which may be received by Members following the meeting.

RESOLVED:

That delegated authority be granted to the Head of Strategic Planning, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Economy and Transport, to finalise the Council's response to SEEDA's Regional Economic Strategy Consultation taking into account the response set out in Appendix 1 of the Report and the additional points made above.

804. **CONSULTATION ON GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO THE BARKER REVIEW OF HOUSING SUPPLY**  
(Report CAB1209 refers)

Members were concerned that the Barker Review set thresholds for affordable housing which were too high and that, under the proposed regulations, the five-year programme of site allocations could not include windfall sites. Cabinet was also concerned that funds generated from developments through the Planning Gains Supplements would be pooled nationally and might not be redistributed back locally to areas near the originating development. It also considered that proper regard should be had to the concept of community sustainability which should address wider social issues in addition to the provision of physical infrastructure such as housing and roads.

At the conclusion of debate, Cabinet agreed to delegate to the Head of Strategic Planning, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Planning, authority to finalise the Council's response.

RESOLVED:

That authority be delegated to the Head of Strategic Planning, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Planning, to finalise the Council's response to the Government Response to the Barker Review of Housing Supply taking account of the comments set out in Appendices 1-4 of the Report.

805. **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
806	Exempt Minutes of previous meeting	) Information relating to the financial ) or business affairs of any particular ) person (other than the authority). ) (Para 7 Schedule 12A refers).
785 & 807	Disposal of HRA Land – Harwood Place – Financial Details	) 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).
786 & 808	Disposal of HRA Land – Wesley Road – Financial Details	)
791 & 809	Outcome of Recycling Pilot Project	)

806	Exempt Minutes of the previous meeting	) The amount of any expenditure ) proposed to be incurred by the ) authority under any particular
791 & 809	Outcome of the Recycling Pilot Project	) contract for the acquisition of ) property or the supply of goods or ) services. (Para 8 to Schedule 12A ) refers).
801 & 810	Minute Extract Report – Exempt Extracts	) Information relating to a particular ) employee, former employee or ) applicant to become an employee
793 & 811	Development Department Establishment Changes	) of, or a particular office-holder, ) former office-holder or applicant to ) become an office-holder under the ) authority. (Para 1 to 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 11 to Schedule 12A refers).
806	Exempt Minutes of the previous meeting	) 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:- ) (a) any legal proceedings by or ) against the authority, or ) (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).

806. **EXEMPT MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD 18 JANUARY 2006**

Cabinet considered the above exempt minutes which considered Computerisation of Land Charges, Winchester Guildhall Catering Services Contract, Office Recycling Proposals, Depot Services Contract (Benchmarking Exercise on Void Properties) and Compulsory Purchase (Hardship Policy and Criteria).

RESOLVED:

That the exempt minutes of the meeting held 18 January 2006 be approved and adopted.

807. **DISPOSAL OF HRA LAND – GARAGE COURT, HARWOOD PLACE, KINGS WORTHY – EXEMPT APPENDIX**  
(Report CAB1198 refers)

Cabinet noted the information contained within the Exempt Appendix which set out the financial details of the proposed disposal of land.

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

RESOLVED:

That the information contained within the Exempt Appendix to the Report be noted.

808. **DISPOSAL OF HRA LAND – WESLEY ROAD, KINGS WORTHY – EXEMPT MINUTES**  
(Report CAB1199 refers)

Cabinet noted the information contained within the Exempt Appendix which set out the financial details of the proposed disposal of land.

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

RESOLVED:

That the information contained within the Exempt Appendix to the Report be noted.

809. **OUTCOME OF RECYCLING PILOT PROJECT – EXEMPT APPENDIX**  
(Report CAB1197 refers)

Cabinet noted the information contained within the Exempt Appendix which set out the financial details of the proposed roll-out of the recycling project.

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

RESOLVED:

That the information contained within the Exempt Appendix to the Report be noted.

810. **MINUTE EXTRACTS FROM PRINCIPAL SCRUTINY COMMITTEE HELD 16 JANUARY 2006 AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE HELD 23 JANUARY 2006 – EXEMPT ITEMS**  
(Report CAB1214 refers)

Cabinet considered the above minute which set out establishment changes to the Directorate of Development.

RESOLVED:

That the exempt minutes be noted.

811. **DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT ESTABLISHMENT CHANGES**  
(Report PER98 refers)

Cabinet considered the above Report which set out a number of changes to the establishment within the Development Directorate to meet the requirements for the proposed budget for 2006/07.

RESOLVED:

That the exempt Report be noted.

The meeting commenced at 9.00am and concluded at 12.50pm.

Chairman