

WINCHESTER CITY COUNCIL

At an Ordinary Meeting of the Council held in the Guildhall, Winchester on 19 April
2006

Attendance:

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

Councillors:

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

996. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 23 February 2006 be approved and adopted.

997. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR**

The Mayor reported that five Members had decided not to seek re-election on 4 May 2006. In accordance with the Council's usual practice, he presented certificates in recognition of their public service as follows:

Councillor Knasel – who had served from May 2002
Councillor Hoare – who had served from September 1998
Councillor Hutton - who had served from May 1996
Councillor Steel – who had served from May 1994
Councillor Bidgood – who had served on the former Winchester Rural District Council from April 1971 to March 1974, the shadow District Council for 1973/74 and on the City Council from April 1974.

With regard to Councillor Bidgood, the Mayor presented him with a gift from Members and officers, to commemorate his long and much valued contribution to the District in general and to Colden Common in particular.

The Mayor then thanked the Council for its support of the recent Freedom Parade, which involved the King's Royal Hussars. In particular, he thanked Mr C J Ashcroft (Assistant City Secretary – Administration) and Mrs C Bailey (Mayor's Secretary) for their work in the organisation of the event.

998. **COMMUNICATION FROM THE LEADER**

The Leader of the Council reported that the South East Plan had been published and copies were available in either paper form or on line. A report about the document would be submitted to Cabinet early in the new Municipal Year.

999. **QUESTIONS UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 14(2)(b)**

999.1 **68 St Georges Street, Winchester – Leasing Arrangements**

The Portfolio Holder for Healthy and Inclusive Communities, Councillor Collin, answered a question from Councillor Tait.

999.2 **Grant Assistance to the Theatre Royal, Winchester**

The Portfolio Holder for Culture, Heritage and Sport, Councillor Evans, answered a question from Councillor Pearce.

999.3 **Silver Hill Re-development – Agreement with Thornfield plc**

The Portfolio Holder for Planning, Councillor Beveridge, answered a question from Councillor Steel.

999.4 **Laying of Replacement Gas Pipes in Winchester Town Centre**

The Portfolio Holder for Economy and Transport, Councillor Knasel, answered a question from Councillor Tait.

999.5 **LABGI Funding**

The Portfolio Holder for Finance and Resources, Councillor Learney, answered a question from Councillor Anthony.

999.6 **Provision of Affordable Accommodation in the District**

The Portfolio Holder for Housing, Councillor Hiscock, answered a question from Councillor Steel.

1000. **CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDED MINUTES**

1000.1 Cabinet – 1 March 2006

Amendments to the Constitution – Revised Descriptions of Exempt Information under the Local Government Act 1972 (Recommended Minute 885 refers)

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Campbell, moved that Recommended Minute 885 be approved and adopted.

RESOLVED:

That Recommended Minute 885 be approved and adopted.

1000.2 Cabinet – 22 March 2006

Corporate Business Plan 2006/07 (Recommended Minute 901)

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Campbell, moved that Recommended Minute 901 be approved and adopted, subject to the inclusion of the amendment to the Planning Portfolio Section of the Corporate Business Plan, as set out in Report CL36 This proposition was seconded by Councillor Evans and became the Revised Original Motion before Council.

RESOLVED:

That the Corporate Business Plan (Performance Plan Part 1) 2006/07, as circulated with Report CAB 1220 be approved and adopted, subject to the minor amendment shown in Appendix 1 to Report CL36.

1001. **RECEIPT OF DELEGATED MINUTES**

The Council received and noted the minutes of the following meetings:

Planning Development Control Committee – 16 February 2006

Cabinet – 1 March 2006

Planning Development Control Committee – 8 March 2006

Environment Scrutiny Panel – 13 March 2006

Local Economy Scrutiny Panel – 15 March 2006

Social Issues Scrutiny Panel – 16 March 2006

Resources Scrutiny Panel – 21 March 2006

Cabinet – 22 March 2006

1002. **EXEMPT BUSINESS**

RESOLVED:

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 item 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>
1003 & 1004	Office Options	Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). (Para 3 Schedule 12A refers)

1003. **CABINET AND PRINCIPAL SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - 13 APRIL 2006**

The Mayor reported that the minutes of Cabinet and Principal Scrutiny Committee, who both met on 13 April 2006, had not been made available within the statutory deadline for items for this meeting. However, he had decided to accept minute extracts from both meetings relating to 'Office Options' onto the agenda, because of the urgent need for Council to determine how it wished to proceed in the matters raised (details in exempt minute).

The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm and concluded at 9.30 pm.