

**WINCHESTER CITY COUNCIL**

At an Ordinary Meeting of the Council held in the Guildhall, Winchester on 10 January 2007.

**Attendance:**

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

**Councillors:**

Allgood (P)	Johnston (P)
Anthony (P)	Learney (P)
Baxter (P)	Lipscomb (P)
Beckett (P)	Love (P)
Bennetts (P)	Macmillan (P)
Berry (P)	Mather (P)
Beveridge (P)	Maynard (P)
Busher (P)	Merritt (P)
Chamberlain (P)	Nunn (P)
Chapman (P)	Pearce (P)
Clohosey (P)	Pearson (P)
Coates (P)	Pines (P)
Collin (P)	Quar (P)
Cook (P)	Read (P)
Cooper (P)	Rees (P)
de Peyer (P)	Ruffell (P)
Evans (P)	Saunders (P)
Godfrey (P)	Spender (P)
Goodall (P)	Stallard (P)
Hammerton (P)	Stephens (P)
Higgins (P)	Sutton(P)
Hiscock (P)	Tait (P)
Hollingbery (P)	Verney (P)
Howell (P)	Wagner (P)
Huxstep (P)	Weston (P)
Izard (P)	Wood (P)
Jackson (P)	Worrall (P)
Jeffer (P)	Wright (P)

1. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 1 November 2006 be approved and adopted.

2. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR**

The Mayor announced that she had written, on behalf of the Council, to congratulate the following local people who had received awards in the New Years Honours List:-

Mr John Green-Wilkinson MBE – for services to the environment as Co-Founder and Chairman of Winchester Litter Pickers.

Mr John Bradley MBE – for services to the community as the Fleet Manager of Hampshire Constabulary.

Mr Eric Birbeck RVO – for services to the Crown on the RY Britannia and to the community through Bishops Waltham Parish Council.

Lieutenant Colonel Christopher Davies OBE – for services to music as the Royal Marines Principal Director of Music (also conductor of Otterbourne Brass Group).

During her hospital Christmas visits, the Mayor met Mr Geoffrey Smith (90) who was the oldest surviving past Mayor and Alderman of the City. Mr Smith was Mayor in 1967/68.

The Mayor presented to the Leader a business award, given by the South Hampshire Enterprise Agency in recognition of the City Council's efforts to create new business and trading activity.

Finally, the Mayor reported that at the staff 'Alfies' awards in December, the individual award was made to Mr Michael Mattock (from Serco) and the team award to the Benefits Section of the Finance Directorate. The Mayor thanked Mr Paul Wood (Customer Services Manager) and all the staff who helped to organise this successful event.

### 3. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE LEADER**

The Leader reported that he had sent a letter of congratulations to the Dean and Chapter on the success of its ice rink and Christmas market event, which had proved very popular with residents and visitors alike.

Secondly, a letter of congratulation had been sent to Mr and Mrs Martin Bazeley of Offwell Farm, Southwick, (the home of Southwick Ales) for winning the Regional Best Farm Diversifications Section of the Countryside Alliance Best Rural Retailer Award. They would now represent the south east region in the national final, to be decided in February 2007.

Finally, the Leader reported upon a successful meeting held on 9 January 2007 with representatives of parish and town councils regarding budgetary issues.

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

#### 1. **Use of 'Fairtrade' and Local Products by the Guildhall**

The Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Economy and Tourism, Councillor Beckett, answered a question from Councillor Cooper.

#### 2. **Improvements to the Street Scene in the Winchester Town area.**

The Portfolio Holder for Environment, Health and Safety, Councillor Pearson, answered a question from Councillor Lipscomb.

3. Possible Extension of CCTV in the Winchester Town area  
The Portfolio Holder for Environment, Health and Safety, Councillor Pearson, answered a question from Councillor Bennetts.
4. Prevention/Removal of Direction Signs to New Housing Developments  
The Portfolio Holder for Planning and Transport, Councillor Wood, answered a question from Councillor Spender.
5. Typhoon Damage in North Boarhunt – Response of City Council  
The Portfolio Holder for Environment, Health and Safety, Councillor Pearson, answered a question from Councillor Cooper.
6. Current Council Policy relating to Rear Garden and Infill Developments.  
The Portfolio Holder for Planning and Transport, Councillor Wood, answered a question from Councillor Worrall.
7. Availability of Sports Facilities at the Former HMS Dryad Military Base  
The Portfolio Holder for Culture, Heritage and Sport, Councillor Stallard, answered a question from Councillor Cooper.
8. Budget Consultation with Parish Councils  
The Portfolio Holder for Finance and Resources, Councillor Allgood, answered a question from Councillor Learney.
9. Waiting List for Council House Accommodation in Alresford  
The Portfolio Holder for Housing and Communities, Councillor Coates, answered a question from Councillor Cook.
10. Update of the Planning Protocol  
The Portfolio Holder for Planning and Transport, Councillor Wood, answered a question from Councillor Beveridge.
11. Public Consultation Survey - 'Listening to Your Views'  
The Portfolio Holder for Performance and Communications, Councillor Hollingbery, answered a question from Councillor Cook.
12. Citizens Panel Questionnaire – Spring 2006  
The Portfolio Holder for Performance and Communications, Councillor Hollingbery, answered a question from Councillor Spender.
13. Possible Establishment of Winchester Honours Committee.  
The Leader of the Council, Councillor Beckett, answered a question from Councillor Cooper.

14. Possible Extension of the Alcohol Exclusion Zone

The Portfolio Holder for Environment, Health and Safety, Councillor Pearson, answered a question from Councillor Maynard.

15. Support for the Rural Economy

The Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Economy and Tourism, Councillor Beckett, answered a question from Councillor Lipscomb.

5. **CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDED MINUTES**

Cabinet – 13 December 2006

Housing Revenue Account Budget 2007/08 and TACT Comments on Report CAB1369 (Recommended Minute 629)

The Portfolio Holder for Housing and Communities, Councillor Coates, moved that Recommended Minute 629 be approved and adopted.

RESOLVED:

That Recommended Minute 629 be approved and adopted.

Cabinet – 15 November 2006

Principal Scrutiny Committee – 4 December 2006

Disposal of Vacant Dwellings (Recommended Minutes 512 and 586 refer)

The Portfolio Holder for Housing and Communities, Councillor Coates, moved that Recommended Minutes 512 and 586 be approved and adopted.

Amendment (1) Councillor Rees (2) Councillor Pines

“That Recommendation 4 be deleted and the following words inserted:-

“That the Social Issues Scrutiny Panel be requested to undertake pre-scrutiny of the proposals and make recommendations to Cabinet upon the disposal of all vacant dwellings proposed under this scheme.”

Amendment lost.

Amendment (1) Councillor Hiscock (2) Councillor Evans

“That in Recommendations 1 and 4, the figure ‘10’ be deleted and the figure ‘5’ inserted.”

“That in Paragraph 1(A) the figure ‘£8,000’ be deleted and the figure ‘£10,000’ be inserted.”

“That in Recommendation 2, line 5, after the word ‘programmes’ insert the words ‘...of housing for rent of similar size and location.’”

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 32(1), one quarter of the Members present and voting required that a recorded vote be taken in respect of the amendment.

Division List

The following Members voted in favour of the amendment:-

Councillors Bennetts, Beveridge, Chamberlain, Clohosey, Collin, Cook, Evans, Higgins, Hiscock, Izard, Jackson, Johnston, Learney, Love, Maynard, Merritt, Nelmes, Nunn, Pearce, Spender, Sutton and Wagner (22)

The following Members voted against the amendment:-

Councillors Allgood, Anthony, Baxter, Beckett, Berry, Chapman, Coates, Cooper, Godfrey, Goodall, Hammerton, Hollingbery, Howell, Huxstep, Jeffs, Lipscomb, Macmillan, Mather, Pearson, Pines, Quar, Read, Rees, Ruffell, Saunders, Stallard, Stephens, Tait, Verney, Weston, Wood, Worrall and Wright (33).

The following members abstained:-

Councillors Busher and de Peyer.

Amendment Lost.

Amendment (1) Councillor Evans (2) Councillor Collin

“That in Recommendations 1 and 4, the figure ‘10’ be deleted and the figure ‘5’ inserted.”

Amendment lost.

Original Motion carried.

RESOLVED:

That Recommended Minutes 512 and 586 be approved and adopted.

Cabinet – 13 December 2006

Council Tax Base 2007/08 (Recommended Minute 633)

The Portfolio Holder for Finance and Resources, Councillor Allgood, moved that Recommended Minute 633 be approved and adopted.

RESOLVED:

That Recommended Minute 633 be approved and adopted.

Cabinet – 13 December 2006

Members Allowances Scheme – Fourth Review (Recommended Minute 636)

The Portfolio Holder for Finance and Resources, Councillor Allgood, moved that Recommended Minute 636 and the additional recommendations set out in Report CL42 be approved and adopted.

Councillor Pines declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Recommendation 9, as under the Council's informal protocol, he was Mayor Elect for 2007/08 and would take office when the proposed increase in Civic Allowances was to be introduced. Accordingly, he left the meeting during consideration of that Recommendation.

Amendment (1) Councillor Rees (2) Councillor de Peyer

"That in Recommendation 3, all words after 'scheme' be deleted and the following words inserted, '...all issues concerning the budgetary implications for the Council be determined during the 2007/08 financial year, that the scheme be costed for all Councillors wishing to avail themselves of this facility and that in line with other Councils throughout the UK, it be introduced in the 2008/09 financial year.'"

Amendment lost.

Amendment (1) Councillor Verney (2) Councillor Hollingbery

"That Recommendation 3 be deleted and replaced with the following, a new Recommendation 4 be inserted as set out below and that the existing Recommendations 4 – 10 in the Minute be renumbered accordingly."

"3. That the allowances scheme be implemented as recommended by Cabinet but recognising the importance that should be attached to pensions, recognised both by the Independent Review Panel – which recommended that members allowances should be pensioned, by employees and members, as well as government proposals to make pensions compulsory.

"4. That the officers be instructed to allow members to join the local government pension scheme (LGPS). This is for both their Basic Allowance and Special Responsibility Allowance. In order that no cost will fall on the rate payers of the district, the honourable members undertake as a matter of honour for 2007/08 to pay the whole cost by drawing less than their full allowance. This is advised at 88.756% of the full allowance or such other figure as shall be advised by the City Secretary and Solicitor after due enquiry."

Amendment lost.

Original Motion carried.

RESOLVED:

That Recommended Minute 636 and the additional recommendations set out in Report CL42 be approved and adopted.

Principal Scrutiny Committee – 4 December 2006  
Cabinet – 13 December 2006

Annual Review of the Constitution (Recommended Minutes 592 and 637 refer)

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Beckett, moved that Recommended Minutes 592 and 637 be approved and adopted.

RESOLVED:

1. That Recommended Minute 637 be approved and adopted.
2. That Recommended Minute 592 be noted.

Cabinet -15 November 2006  
Principal Scrutiny Committee – 4 December 2006

Members Charter – Revision (Recommended Minutes 520 and 591)

The Portfolio Holder for Finance and Resources, Councillor Allgood, moved that Recommended Minutes 520 and 591 be approved and adopted.

RESOLVED:

1. That Recommended Minute 520 be approved and adopted.
2. That Recommended Minute 591 be noted.

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Transfer of the Council's Building and Associated Contractors Select List to Constructionline and Associated Issues (Recommended Minute 638)

The Portfolio Holder for Housing and Communities, Councillor Coates, moved that Recommended Minute 638 be approved and adopted.

RESOLVED:

That Recommended Minute 638 be approved and adopted.

Cabinet – 13 December 2006

Office Accommodation – Relocation Costs (less Exempt Appendix) (Recommended Minute 643)

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Beckett, moved that the recommendations contained in Report CL43, as circulated with the Supplementary Agenda, be approved and adopted.

RESOLVED:

That the recommendations set out in Report CL43 be approved and adopted.

6. **RECEIPT OF DELEGATED MINUTES**

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14(2)(a), the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Transport, Councillor Wood, answered a question from Councillor Sutton regarding the proposed park and ride site to the south of Winchester (Minute 362 from Cabinet 13 December 2006 refers).

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

Environment Scrutiny Panel – 17 October 2006

Local Economy Scrutiny Panel – 18 October 2006

Social Issues Scrutiny Panel – 23 October 2006

Licensing and Regulation Committee (Special Meeting) – 24 October 2006

Resources Scrutiny Panel – 25 October 2006

Planning Development Control Committee – 26 October 2006

Personnel Committee – 13 November 2006

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Planning Development Control Committee – 16 November 2006

Standards Committee – 20 November 2006

Winchester Town Forum – 22 November 2006

Environment Scrutiny Panel – 27 November 2006

Local Economy Scrutiny Panel – 28 November 2006

Planning Development Control Committee (Special Meeting) – 30 November 2006

Principal Scrutiny Committee – 4 December 2006

Social Issues Scrutiny Panel – 5 December 2006

Resources Scrutiny Panel – 6 December 2006

Planning Development Control Committee – 7 December 2006

Licensing and Regulation Committee – 12 December 2006

Cabinet – 13 December 2006



7. **EXEMPT BUSINESS**

RESOLVED:

(a) That in all the circumstances, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

(b) 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>
###	Office Accommodation –Relocation Costs (Exempt Appendix)	Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) (Para 3 to Schedule 12A refers).
###	Tower Street Car Park Repairs	Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) (Para 3 to Schedule 12A refers).

**CABINET – 13 DECEMBER 2006**

Office Accommodation – Relocation Costs (Exempt Appendix) (Recommended Minute 643)

RESOLVED:

That the information set out in the Exempt Appendix to Report CL43 be noted.

**CABINET – 13 DECEMBER 2006**

Tower Street Car Park Repairs (Recommended Minute 657)

Council considered a report which set out its legal and financial position with regard to the above matter, together with a number of recommendations for future action (details in exempt minute).

Councillor Allgood declared a personal and prejudicial interest as a Hampshire County Councillor, having regard to the ongoing contractual negotiations with the County Council on this matter. He left the meeting during consideration of the item.

The meeting commenced at 7pm and concluded at 11.25pm.