

CABINET

13 February 2007

Attendance:

Councillor Beckett – *Leader and Portfolio Holder for Economy and Tourism* (Chairman) (P)

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

Councillor Coates – *Portfolio Holder for Housing and Communities* (P)

Councillor Hollingbery – *Portfolio Holder for Performance and Communications* (P)

Councillor Pearson – *Portfolio Holder for Environment, Health and Safety* (P)

Councillor Stallard - *Portfolio Holder for Culture, Heritage and Sport*

Councillor Wood – *Portfolio Holder for Planning and Transport* (P)

Others in attendance who addressed the meeting:

Councillors Beveridge, Busher, Higgins, Hiscock, Jackson, Jeffs, Learney and Rees

Others in attendance who did not address the meeting:

Councillors de Peyer and Sutton

1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillor Stallard.

2. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the previous meeting (less exempt items), held on 17 January 2007, be approved and adopted.

3. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mr R Atkins (New Alresford Town Council) outlined his concerns about what he perceived to be the inappropriate involvement of some City Council officers and Members in a number of issues affecting the Town Council.

The Chairman noted his concerns, but commented that it was open for a Councillor to act in a private capacity on some occasions. However, he would act on any evidence provided of a Member behaving inappropriately in their role as a City Councillor. The Chief Executive advised that he would be replying to a letter received from Mr Atkins which outlined similar concerns.

Mr A Weeks (Winchester Residents' Association) requested clarification of the types of affordable housing accommodation that would be provided in the Silver Hill development. In particular, he expressed concern that social housing should not be provided indiscriminately, without adequate safeguards also being in place. He mentioned that discarded needles from drug use were already found in the town centre and Stanmore. Further details about the need to tackle such issues, in Stanmore in particular, had been issued to the press in a statement entitled "Pride in Stanmore Campaign" (a copy of which was made available to the Chairman at the meeting).

The Chairman advised that the current proposals for Silver Hill provided for approximately 20 per cent social rented housing units. The Chief Executive continued that affordable housing in the development would be managed by a housing association. Units would be allocated in accordance with the policies already adopted by the Council and whichever association was selected. The Council would not seek to exclude any particular groups, but would aim to offer appropriate support, whilst recognising the particular requirements of the development.

Councillor Higgins addressed Cabinet as a member of the Highcliffe Action Group. He advised that the Group had considered the speed of traffic in the Highcliffe area and were requesting that a 20 mile per hour limit be adopted. He mentioned the Group supported the proposals for the Bar End Athletics Track, but recognised this would impact on the amount of traffic in the area. In summary, he requested that the City Council seek to progress the reduced speed limit with the County Council.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Higgins for his comments and requested that the Action Group supply to Councillor Wood a plan of roads it considered suitable for a 20 mile per hour limit. This could then be discussed with appropriate officers from the City Council, before contact was made with the County Council.

Mrs C Slattery (Council for Protection of Rural England) spoke on behalf of the CPRE and the City of Winchester Trust, who were unable to attend the Cabinet meeting. In summary, both Groups believed that Winchester Town was at a disadvantage in terms of representation to other areas of the District, because it was unparished. In particular, they considered the proposals to consult the town area under the Local Development Framework (LDF) process were inadequate. She requested that the proposed meeting in the Guildhall for stakeholder groups be made open to community groups to attend.

Councillor Wood stated that he would consider this request further once the first round of meetings LDF consultation meetings had been held. He also highlighted his discretion as Chairman of the Cabinet (Local Development Framework) Committee to allow contributions for longer than the three minutes stipulated. The Chairman commented that the Winchester Town Forum offered an opportunity for such groups to contribute to the debate on issues affecting Winchester Town. The Chief Executive mentioned that he had replied to a letter from Mrs P Edwards which had outlined the City of Winchester Trust's concerns on these matters.

Ms F Burn (Chief Executive of the Theatre Royal) expressed her thanks for the City Council's support of the Theatre in the past. In summary, she outlined the success of the Theatre, its contribution towards the economy of Winchester, and its involvement with the whole District through its education programme. She confirmed that the Theatre had a reserve of £10,000 from last year. However, sustained levels of funding were vital for the

Theatre to survive. The Theatre was no longer in receipt of Regular Funded Organisation (RFO) status from the Arts Council England, due to a shift to more project based funding. This would result in a cut of £17,500 in the next two years and £35,000 thereafter, although the Theatre would still be able to apply for grants for specific projects. She also stressed that any reduction in City Council funding had a knock-on effect with matched County Council funding.

The Chairman stated that Cabinet acknowledged and appreciated the achievement of the Theatre Royal. However, partner organisations were being requested to make savings, as the Council was having to find significant savings in its own budget, so a reduction in funding for the Theatre Royal of £5,000 was proposed (Report CAB1418 below refers).

4. **LEADER AND PORTFOLIO HOLDERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councillor Pearson advised that he had been appointed as the Parish Council representative for Hampshire on the Hampshire Countryside Access Forum.

5. **WINCHESTER DISTRICT COMMUNITY STRATEGY UPDATE – FINAL DRAFT**

(Report CAB1417 refers)

The Chief Executive confirmed that baselines were required for some of the stated priorities to enable proper monitoring to take place, and the Local Strategic Partnership would undertake this work as soon as possible.

Cabinet also noted the comments of Principal Scrutiny Committee at its meeting of 15 January 2007 (as contained in Report CAB1419 below).

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

RECOMMENDED:

1. **THAT THE FINAL DRAFT COMMUNITY STRATEGY (UPDATE), AS SET OUT IN APPENDIX 1 TO REPORT CAB1417, BE APPROVED.**

2. **THAT DELEGATED AUTHORITY BE GIVEN TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE LEADER, TO MAKE ANY MINOR EDITING ALTERATIONS AND PUBLISH THE DOCUMENT IN ITS FINAL FORM.**

6. **CORPORATE STRATEGY 2007-2012 – FINAL DRAFT**

(Report CAB1416 refers)

Councillor Allgood requested that the title "Modern Council" on page 3 of the Draft Strategy be amended to "Efficient and Effective Council". This change was agreed.

At the invitation of the Chairman, Councillor Hiscock acknowledged that the final document took on board comments made during the consultation process. However, he believed this had resulted in the Strategy being too lengthy and unfocused, without clear

priorities. As such, it had not been of great use to Cabinet in defining the budget process.

The Chairman noted the comments, but highlighted the Strategy was shorter and included less priorities than in previous years. In addition, the new Strategy would be subject to an Implementation Plan, which would measure the Council's achievements.

Cabinet also noted the comments of Principal Scrutiny Committee at its meeting of 15 January 2007 (as contained in Report CAB1419 below)

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

RECOMMENDED:

1. THAT THE FINAL DRAFT CORPORATE STRATEGY 2007-2012, AS SET OUT IN APPENDIX 1 TO REPORT CAB1416 AND AMENDED ABOVE, BE APPROVED.

2. THAT DELEGATED AUTHORITY BE GIVEN TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE LEADER, TO MAKE ANY FURTHER MINOR EDITORIAL ALTERATIONS AND PUBLISH THE DOCUMENT IN ITS FINAL FORM.

7. BUDGET AND COUNCIL TAX 2007/08

(Report CAB1418 refers)

Councillor Allgood circulated at the meeting an Addendum to the Report containing revised Recommendations 1, 2 and 8, in addition to amended Appendices C and D. An addendum containing minor corrections to CAB1418 was also circulated prior to the meeting.

In addition, a further Addendum containing the Winchester Town Forum Informal Councillor Group's recommendations to Cabinet on the budget, was also circulated at the meeting (and had been circulated at Principal Scrutiny Committee on 12 February 2007). This paper also included an annex to Appendix G and Appendix E (Summary of Reserves) which was not available at the time of dispatch.

The Chairman agreed to accept these additional items onto the agenda as matters requiring urgent consideration, in order that Cabinet could make a recommendation on the budget, based on the most up-to-date information.

Councillor Allgood introduced the revised budget proposals and stated that it resulted in a Council Tax increase of 2.9 per cent. He highlighted that more information on the level of Planning Delivery Grant and LABGI funding would be reported to Council on 28 February 2007, if available. He thanked the Informal Group of the Winchester Town Forum for their considerations and recommended that the Group's proposals to set the Council Tax for the Winchester Town Area at £52.92 for 2007/08 be accepted.

At the invitation of the Chairman, Councillors Busher, Jackson, Beveridge, Rees and Learney addressed Cabinet on this Report and their comments are summarised below.

Councillor Busher expressed her concern with the budget process in general. In particular, the late availability of Reports and detailed figures made it very difficult to formulate meaningful comments for this meeting. She made the following points:

- Why did the engineering figures vary so much?
- The historic buildings grant should continue to be supported;
- The maintenance budgets for public conveniences and street cleaning should be maintained;
- The meals on wheels budget should not be reduced.

Councillor Jackson expressed disappointment that "green issues" were not given a higher priority in the budget. She also highlighted that any reduction in funding of the Theatre Royal could have a knock-on effect of the success of the new 'Discovery Centre'. On behalf of Littleton and Harestock Parish Council, she requested that the Council reduce expenditure on policy matters and instead concentrate on funding front line public services.

Councillor Beveridge expressed concern that the use of an Informal Group meant that the recommendations on Council Tax for the Winchester Town Area did not result from agreement of the whole Winchester Town Forum. He requested that consideration be given to how the Forum's involvement in the budget process could be improved in future years.

Councillor Rees (Chairman of Winchester Town Forum) agreed that the Forum's involvement in budget considerations should be reviewed in the future, but believed that the Informal Group had worked well this year. He highlighted that, although the Council Tax increase proposed for the Town Area was 8 per cent, this resulted in a rise of only approximately one pence per day. Councillor Rees also stated that the Meals on Wheels budget should not be reduced and highlighted that it could result in the extra charge being passed onto the recipients of the service.

Councillor Learney (Chairman of Principal Scrutiny Committee) stated that, at its meeting the previous evening, the Committee had been unable to properly debate the budget because of a lack of information on the Conservative Group's proposals. This was exacerbated by the fact that Cabinet's recommendations on parking charges were also not available. She outlined the following areas of particular concern:

- The environmental impact of any proposed increase to Park and Ride charges;
- The use of "managed vacancies" to increase the level of savings under the "organisational development" heading. In addition, she believed that procurement savings could not be relied upon, as they had not been achieved in the current year;
- The reduction in the budget for Meals on Wheels;
- Possible double-counting regarding Gershon savings;
- Lack of commitment to the Neighbourhood Warden Scheme.

Cabinet responded to the comments made by Councillors. The Chairman stated that Members would be given the opportunity for further consideration of the proposed budget, prior to its debate at Council on 28 February 2007. In addition, he highlighted that although some figures had been amended, the priorities had not changed since December 2006. Since then, consultation on the proposals had been undertaken with Principal Scrutiny Committee, the Scrutiny Panels and external groups.

The Chairman agreed that the earlier involvement of the Winchester Town Forum required further consideration in future years.

Councillor Allgood stressed that he and the Director of Finance were not aware of any areas of 'double counting' regarding Gershon savings. He continued that some detail of the budget might change before Council on 28 February 2007, and further consideration would be given to funding of Meals on Wheels. Councillor Pearson outlined the number of different "green" items under the Environment budget, such as the recycling scheme

The Director of Finance explained that some of the figures in the recommendations could be altered by decisions on other Reports on the agenda, in particular Report CAB1410 (Parking Charges) to be considered below. The resolution below takes account of the decision on parking charges.

Cabinet noted that a further report would be submitted to Council on 28 February 2007 containing the revised budget details and updated appendices (Report CL44 refers).

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

RECOMMENDED:

1. THAT THE FOLLOWING TOTALS FOR GENERAL FUND BUDGET AND SERVICE BUDGETS FOR 2007/08 BE AGREED:

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE	925,250
CITY SECRETARY AND SOLICITOR	2,604,520
FINANCE	2,114,470
HUMAN RESOURCES	(5,000)
COMMUNITY	11,783,990
DEVELOPMENT	<u>3,481,280</u>
	20,904,510
SAVINGS TO BE ALLOCATED	<u>(146,000)</u>
GROSS BUDGET FOR GENERAL FUND SERVICES	20,758,510
FINANCING TRANSACTIONS	<u>(6,681,770)</u>
	14,076,740
CONTRIBUTIONS TO WINCHESTER TOWN	(23,270)
LABGI	(167,000)
TRANSFER FROM MAJOR INVESTMENT RESERVE	<u>(876,000)</u>
<u>TOTAL</u>	13,010,470
LESS CHARGES OF WINCHESTER TOWN	<u>(728,440)</u>
<u>TOTAL CITY EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>12,282,030</u>

2. THAT THE ITEMS SUBMITTED IN THE REVISED APPENDICES C (REVENUE GROWTH TOTALLING £986,000 IN 2007/08) AND D (SAVINGS AND ADDITIONAL INCOME TOTALLING £950,000 IN 2007/08) AND IN THE ANNEX TO APPENDIX 6 (CAPITAL GROWTH TOTALLING £3,796,000 IN 2007/08) BE AGREED, WITH THE INCLUSION OF THE ITEMS RELATING TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STUDY AND THE DESIGN STATEMENTS BEING SUBJECT TO THE RECEIPT OF SUFFICIENT LOCAL AUTHORITY BUSINESS GROWTH INCENTIVE SCHEME MONIES.

3. THAT APPROVAL BE GIVEN TO THE INCLUSION OF ANY FURTHER PLANNING DELIVERY GRANT WITHIN THE BUDGET FOR 2007/08, ONCE KNOWN, AND THAT DETAILED PROPOSALS FOR THE USE OF SUCH GRANT BE INCLUDED WITHIN THE DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORATE BUSINESS PLAN FOR 2007/08.

4. THAT THE CAPITAL PROGRAMME SET OUT IN APPENDICES G AND H BE CONFIRMED.

5. THAT THE POLICY AS PREVIOUSLY AGREED BY THE COUNCIL ON 14 JULY, 1999 (MIN 186 REFERS) BE 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 £727,710 BE TREATED AS SPECIAL EXPENSES UNDER SECTION 35 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE ACT 1992 IN RESPECT OF THE WINCHESTER TOWN AREA, APPENDIX 11 REFERS.

6. THAT THE COUNCIL TAX FOR THE SPECIAL EXPENSES IN THE WINCHESTER TOWN AREA AT BAND D BE SET AT £52.92 FOR 2007/08.

7. THAT THE BALANCES ON THE COLLECTION FUND CALCULATED AT 25 JANUARY 2007, OF £35,280 SURPLUS FOR COUNCIL TAX FOR THIS COUNCIL, BE APPROVED.

8. THAT THE LEVEL OF COUNCIL TAX AT BAND D FOR CITY COUNCIL SERVICES FOR 2007/08 BE £116.46.

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

10. THAT THE PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS IN SECTION 15 OF THE REPORT BE NOTED.

RESOLVED:

That the recommendations of the Winchester Town Forum Informal Group, as set out below, be approved:

- a) That the planning policy for determining decisions on play areas should be reviewed during 2007/08;
- b) That a review should be conducted of all Play Area funding during 2007/08 to identify the total costs of Play Areas;
- c) That evidence should be provided by officers to the Town Forum of the schedules for and monitoring of bus shelter cleaning;
- d) That regrettably there is no scope in the Town budget to provide a contribution towards the Theatre Royal;
- e) Similarly there is no scope in the Town budget for providing funding towards the Cash Office. However it is recommended that the benefits of merging the parking office with the cash office be explored
- f) The proposed growth item of £30,000 for Playground Inspections is unavoidable and is supported;
- g) That the charge levels for cemeteries should be increased by 10% in 2007/08;
- h) That the Council Tax for the Winchester Town Area should be £52.92 for 2007/08.

8. **REVIEW OF CAR PARK CHARGES 2007/08**

(Report CAB1410 refers)

An Addendum (Option 9) setting out revised charging proposals was circulated to those present at the meeting (and attached as Appendix B to the minutes) The Chairman agreed to accept the Addendum onto the agenda, as a matter requiring urgent consideration, in view of the need to consider the option as part of the budget process.

Councillor Wood drew attention specifically to the following points within the proposed scale of changes relating to the following:

- Free parking up to half hour to assist local businesses (in on-street areas where the current charge was £0.30);
- Increased Park and Ride charges to £2.50 for card payments and £2.70 for cash payments;
- Increase in charge for car parking in long stay car parks over four hours to £5.00 (apart from Tower Street and Gladstone Street which remained at £6.50).

In addition, Councillor Wood advised that further investigations would take place on the possibility of reducing Park and Ride charges for those parking after 10am.

At the invitation of the Chairman, Councillors Higgins, Rees and Learney spoke regarding this item and their comments are summarised below.

Councillor Higgins expressed concern about the late availability of the proposals and also that an increase in Park and Ride charges would encourage people to use town centre car parks instead. He requested further information on comparisons with other local authorities, the cost of altering the ticket machines, and clarification about where the increased revenue would be allocated in the budget.

Councillor Rees also expressed concern about the late availability of the proposals. In principle, he believed that motorists should pay for the right to park in the City Centre. He also agreed that the option of introducing car parking charges on Sundays required further consideration. The importance of working with public transport providers to ensure that bus services into the City Centre were adequate was also stressed.

Councillor Learney stated that it was not possible to make meaningful comments at this stage, as the car parking charges should have been debated before the budget was approved.

In response to comments made, Councillor Wood advised that there would be a cost of altering the ticket machines. He agreed that the question of charging for Sunday parking would be considered further, in order that all the implications could be properly assessed.

The Director of Development requested delegated authority to spend up to £10,000 to finance the alterations required to ticket machines and signage. It was agreed that this should be funded from the additional income to be generated. The Director of Finance highlighted that if the new proposal was agreed, this would affect the level of savings to be allocated in the previous budget paper.

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

RESOLVED:

1. That the option for parking charge increases as set out in the Addendum to the Report (Option 9) be approved for implementation from 26 March 2007, and that the Off-street and On-street Parking Places Orders be amended accordingly by giving public notice of the variation in charges.

2. That delegated authority be given to the Director of Development, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Transport, for expenditure of up to £10,000 on alterations to parking machines and signage required as a result of Recommendation 1 above.

9. **TREASURY MANAGEMENT**
(Report CAB1377 refers)

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

RECOMMENDED:

THAT THE TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY FOR 2007/08, INCLUDING THE PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS CONTAINED THEREIN (AS DETAILED IN APPENDIX B OF REPORT CAB1377) BE APPROVED.

10. **COMMUNITY GRANTS – CAPITAL AWARDS 2007/08**

(Report CAB1401 refers)

Councillor Hollingbery declared a personal and prejudicial interest in respect of the application by the New Alresford Town Trust in relation to the Eel House. He then departed for the remainder of the meeting and took no further part in debate or decisions made.

Councillors Busher and Pearson declared personal and prejudicial interests due to their involvement with Bishops Waltham Citizens Advice Bureau and left the room during consideration of this Report.

At the invitation of the Chairman, Councillor Jeffs spoke against the recommendation not to award a capital grant to New Alresford Town Trust. The application had been submitted for a grant towards the restoration of the old Eel House, which the Trust intended to use in its planned enhancement of the Millennium Trail. He emphasised the importance to New Alresford of tourism business and stressed that the building would be accessible to the public.

The Director of Communities advised that the grant application from the Town Trust stated that public access would not be available. Cabinet agreed that the decision not to award a grant be reviewed in the light of the new information provided at the meeting, and the Director report back to a future meeting.

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

RESOLVED:

1. That the carry forward of £15,000 of unspent capital grant from 2006/07 to 2007/08, to meet the financial commitments identified in the report be approved.

2. That, subject to approval by Council of the 2007/08 capital budget provision, the following capital grants for 2007/08 be approved, subject to compliance with the conditions of grant currently in force and any additional conditions specified in Appendix 1 of the Report:

(i)	Alresford & District Community Association	£7,000
(ii)	Alresford Tennis Club	£20,000
(iii)	East Stratton Village Hall	£30,000
(iv)	Shedfield Reading Room	£3,000

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| (v) | South Wonston Village Hall | £5,000 |
| (vi) | The Gratton Trust | £10,000 |

3. That, subject to approval by Council of the 2007/08 capital budget provision, the following capital grant for 2007/08 be approved as an exception:

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| (i) | West Meon Community Shop Association | £20,000 |
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4. That a report be brought to a future Cabinet for a decision to be made on the application from the New Alresford Town Trust.

11. **COMMUNITY GRANTS REVENUE AWARDS 2007/08**

(Report CAB1400 refers)

Councillors Busher and Pearson declared personal and prejudicial interests due to their involvement with Bishops Waltham Citizens Advice Bureau and left the room during consideration of grants to that organisation.

Councillor Wood declared a personal and prejudicial interest as a trustee of Hampshire Youth Options and left the room during consideration of that organisation.

At the invitation of the Chairman, Councillors Busher, Hiscock and Rees spoke in respect of this Report and their comments are summarised below.

Councillor Busher spoke in opposition to the proposed reduction in grant to the Bishops Waltham Festival, highlighting that a £1,000 reduction represented one third of their previous grant. In addition, planning for the festival was already underway, so a reduction in expected levels could cause difficulties for the organisers.

In response, the Director of Communities stated that a decision on a grant for the Festival had to be balanced against other requests made and at £2,000, the grant was the same as to Wickham Festival.

Councillor Hiscock spoke on behalf of Councillor Evans who welcomed the grant for Wickham Festival whilst supporting the concerns raised regarding the reduction to Bishops Waltham Festival.

As the Winchester Town Forum Chairman, Councillor Rees emphasised the Forum's involvement in awarding grants. He also welcomed the award of key client status for a period of three years to those organisations listed in Recommendation 3. As a Ward Councillor for St Luke, he supported the recommendation to award grants to Tower Arts Centre and the Carroll Centre.

Councillor Coates emphasised the careful consideration given to each of the organisations requests before the recommendations listed in the Report were made. The grant levels proposed were achievable and also intended not to jeopardise the future of any organisation.

Following debate, Cabinet agreed that the recommended grant to Bishops Waltham Festival should not be increased. However, a report would be submitted to a future

Cabinet considering in more detail the requirement for consistency in funding of such festivals, having regard to the need for such organisations to plan ahead.

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

RESOLVED:

That subject to Council approval of the 2007/08 budget provision: -

1. The grants approved by Winchester Town Forum for 2007/08, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the Report, be noted.

2. Hatfair be awarded the following, subject to consideration of Report CAB1382 below:

- (i) 'Key Client' status for the period 2007-2010;
- (ii) A revenue grant for 2007/08 of £30,425, from the approved revenue grants budget on condition that it enters into a clearly defined service level agreement with appropriate performance targets.

3. The following be awarded 'Key Client' status for the period 2007-2010:

- (i) Winchester Area Community Action
- (ii) Winchester Citizens Advice Bureau
- (iii) Bishops Waltham Citizens Advice Bureau
- (iv) Trinity Winchester
- (v) Tower Arts Centre

4. The following revenue grant awards for 2007/08 be approved, from the approved revenue grants budget on condition that each organisation enters into clearly defined service level agreement with appropriate performance targets:

(i)	Winchester Citizens Advice Bureau	£120,837
(ii)	Winchester Area Community Action (including £2,000 for LSP work)	£102,927
(iii)	Trinity Winchester	£84,903
(iv)	Bishops Waltham Citizens Advice Bureau	£41,630
(v)	Tower Arts Centre	£18,900
(vi)	Homestart Meon Valley	£12,000

(vii)	Winchester and District Savers	£10,000
(viii)	Streetreach – Winchester Detached Youth Project	£7,650
(ix)	Theatre Royal Winchester Rural Youth Theatre	£7,500
(x)	Winchester Churches Housing Group (Keystone)	£6,000
(xi)	Winchester Live at Home Scheme	£4,950
(xii)	Carroll Centre (The)	£4,625
(xiii)	Relate	£4,625
(xiv)	Winnall Community Centre Playscheme	£4,604
(xv)	Homestart Winchester & Districts	£4,500
(xvi)	King Alfred Youth Activity Centre	£4,500
(xvii)	Signature Care & Support (Victoria House)	£4,500
(xviii)	Winnall Rock School	£4,500
(xix)	Nightshelter (Winchester Churches)	£3,600
(xx)	Trinity Winchester – Women’s Centre	£2,700
(xxi)	Winchester Youth Counselling	£2,250
(xxii)	Bishops Waltham Festival	£2,000
(xxiii)	Wickham Festival	£2,000
(xxiv)	Winchester Rent Deposit Scheme	£2,000
(xxv)	Winchester Young Carers	£1,900
(xxvi)	Winchester Festival	£1,800
(xxvii)	Havant & District Citizens Advice Bureau	£1,328
(xxviii)	SNAPS	£1,200
(xxix)	Wickham Youth Club	£1,000
(xxx)	Winchester Carer Centre	£1,000
(xxxi)	Winchester Festival of Art and the Mind	£1,000

(xxxii) Olive Branch (The)	£900
(xxxiii) Winchester Folk Festival (WinMad)	£900
(xxxiv) Winnall Youth Club	£900

5. That it be regretted that it is unable to support the following applications:

- (i) SCRATCH
- (ii) European Law Monitor
- (iii) Hampshire Youth Options
- (iv) Kudos Employment
- (v) Triangle Playgroup
- (vi) Tribe Community Arts Ltd
- (vii) University of Winchester
- (viii) Winchester Centre

6. That £9,846 be allocated from the revenue grant budget for the Community Chest programme.

7. That a report be submitted to a future Cabinet on the funding process for the various arts festivals held throughout the District.

12. **ELECTRONIC DOCUMENT AND RECORDS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM - IMPLEMENTATION**
(Report CAB1413 refers)

Councillor Allgood emphasised the importance of the management system to the Council's aims in making its working practices more efficient and effective.

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

RESOLVED:

1. That final approval be given for the Director of Finance, in consultation with the City Secretary and Solicitor and the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Resources, to agree the detailed terms of the contract with Hedra Limited.

2. That a direction be made under Contract Procedure Rule 2.1 to waive the requirement under Contract Procedure Rule 10.7 for the provision of a Bond.

13. **OPEN SPACE FUND RELEASE TO BISHOPS WALTHAM PARISH COUNCIL FOR NEW CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA AT HOE ROAD RECREATION GROUND**
(Report CAB1374 refers)

At the invitation of the Chairman, Councillor Busher supported the recommendations set out in the Report. However, she expressed concern that due to the complicated history of the Pondsides proposals, it might still face difficulties in implementation.

The City Secretary and Solicitor noted these concerns, but advised that he was satisfied that after implementing the Hoe Road scheme, there would be sufficient sums available to proceed with the acquisition of the Pondsides site if Bishops Waltham Parish Council decided to go ahead with this project, although works to the site might need to be phased over an appropriate period.

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

RESOLVED:

1. That authority be given to the Director of Development to release £70,086 from the Open Space Fund, held by the City Council, to Bishops Waltham Parish Council to enable them to proceed with the construction of a new children's play area at Hoe Road Recreation Ground.

2. That the revised apportionment (to 25% play : 75% sport) within the Open Space Fund for Bishops Waltham of the amount agreed for the Priory Park Skatepark project be approved (CAB1329 refers).

3. That the ring fence requiring 20% of contributions received to be reserved for the Pondsides Project be removed and these funds released for any projects approved under the Strategy.

14. **EFFICIENCY UPDATE**
(Report PS271 refers)

With reference to the comments made by Principal Scrutiny Committee on this subject at its meeting on 15 January 2007 (Report CAB1419 below refers), Councillor Allgood confirmed he was working with the Director of Finance to identify more non-cashable savings.

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

RESOLVED:

That the current position be noted.

15. **THE ROYAL GREEN JACKETS – TRANSFER OF RIGHT OF FREEDOM OF ENTRY TO THE RIFLES**
(Report CAB1411 refers)

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

RECOMMENDED:

THAT THE RIGHT OF FREEDOM OF ENTRY TO THE CITY OF WINCHESTER, AS HELD BY THE ROYAL GREEN JACKETS, BE FORMALLY TRANSFERRED TO THE RIFLES AS THE SUCCESSOR REGIMENT.

16. **APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT MEMBERS AND PARISH REPRESENTATIVES TO SERVE ON THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE**
(Report CAB1412 refers)

The City Secretary and Solicitor advised that nominations to the Special Committee should be submitted to Council on 18 April 2007.

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

RECOMMENDED:

THAT A SPECIAL COMMITTEE (11 MEMBERS) BE ESTABLISHED TO RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL ON 18 APRIL 2007 THE APPOINTMENT OF FOUR INDEPENDENT MEMBERS AND THREE PARISH REPRESENTATIVES TO SERVE ON THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE FOR THE 2007/08 AND 2008/09 MUNICIPAL YEARS.

17. **WINCHESTER DISTRICT STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP – UPDATE FROM MEETING HELD ON 25 JANUARY 2007**
(Report CAB1414 refers)

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

RESOLVED:

That the work of the Winchester District Strategic Partnership, as set out in the Report, be noted.

18. **EXTRACT FROM MINUTES OF PRINCIPAL SCRUTINY COMMITTEE HELD 15 JANUARY 2007**
(Report CAB1419 refers)

Councillor Allgood declared a personal (but not prejudicial) interest as Chairman of the County Council Hampshire Action Team, and continued to participate fully in the meeting. He indicated that its March meeting would consider the highway maintenance issues, particularly within the City Centre, that had been referred to by the Principal Scrutiny Committee.

Cabinet noted that the other issues raised in the minute extracts had been dealt with under the relevant Reports above.

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

RESOLVED:

That the recommendations contained in the extract from the minutes of the Principal Scrutiny Committee held 15 January 2007 be noted.

19. **MINUTES OF THE WINCHESTER TOWN FORUM HELD 16 JANUARY 2007**
(Report CAB1420 refers)

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

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Winchester Town Forum held 16 January 2007 be received and the recommendations contained therein be noted.

20. **MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY PANEL HELD 24 JANUARY 2007**
(Report CAB1407 refers)

Cabinet noted that the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Transport was giving consideration to the actions requested by the Panel.

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

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Environment Scrutiny Panel held 24 January 2007 be received and the recommendations contained therein be noted.

21. **MINUTES OF THE LOCAL ECONOMY SCRUTINY PANEL HELD 29 JANUARY 2007**
(Report CAB1424 refers)

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

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Local Economy Scrutiny Panel held 29 January 2007 be received and the recommendations contained therein be noted.

22. **MINUTES OF THE CABINET (TRAFFIC AND PARKING) COMMITTEE HELD 30 JANUARY 2007**
(Report CAB1423 refers)

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

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Cabinet (Traffic and Parking) Committee held 30 January 2007 (as attached as Appendix A to the Minutes) be received.

23. **FUTURE ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

RESOLVED:

That the future items for consideration, as set out in the Forward Plan for February 2007, be noted.

24. **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 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>
##	Exempt minutes of the previous meeting) Information relating to the financial or business affairs of
##	Tower Street – Terms for Capital Work) any particular person (including the authority holding that
##	The Winchester Centre) information). (Para 3 Schedule 12A refers)
##	Banking Contract)
##	Winnall Business and Innovation Centre – Terms)
##	Decision under Section A.2 of the Scheme of Delegation to Officers –)
	Rent Review, High Street, Winchester)
##	Hat Fair Funding)

25. **EXEMPT MINUTES**

RESOLVED:

That the exempt minutes of the meeting, held on 17 January 2007, be approved and adopted.

26. **TOWER STREET – TERMS FOR CAPITAL WORKS**

(Report CAB1403 refers)

Councillor Allgood declared a personal and prejudicial interest in respect of this item as a Member of the County Council. He left the room during its consideration.

Cabinet considered the above Report which provided further information on the terms for capital works to Tower Street car park (detail in exempt minute).

27. **HAT FAIR FUNDING**

(Report CAB1382 refers)

Cabinet considered the above Report which set out proposals regarding the funding of the Hat Fair (detail in exempt minute).

28. **THE WINCHESTER CENTRE**

(Report CAB1422 refers)

Cabinet considered the above Report which set out proposals regarding the Winchester Centre (detail in exempt minute).

29. **BANKING CONTRACT**

(Report CAB1415 refers)

Cabinet considered the above Report which proposed the award of the Council's banking contract to National Westminster Bank.

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

RESOLVED:

That a contract for banking services be awarded to National Westminster Bank for a period of four years.

30. **WINNALL BUSINESS AND INNOVATION CENTRE – TERMS**

(Report CAB1406 refers)

Cabinet considered the above Report which set out terms with regard to the Winnall Business and Innovation Centre (detail in exempt minute).

31. **DECISION UNDER SECTION A.2 OF THE SCHEME OF DELEGATION TO OFFICERS – RENT REVIEW, 153 HIGH STREET, WINCHESTER**
(Report CAB1421 refers)

Cabinet considered the above Report which set out a decision made under Section A.2 of the Scheme of Delegation to Officers.

RESOLVED:

That the decision made under Section A.2 of the Scheme of Delegation to Officers, as detailed in the Appendix to the Report, be noted.

The meeting commenced at 10.00am and concluded at 1.20pm