

WINCHESTER CITY COUNCIL

At the Annual Meeting of the Council held in the Guildhall, Winchester on 16 May 2007

Attendance:

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

Councillors:

Allgood (P)	Huxstep (P)
Anthony (P)	Izard (P)
Barratt (P)	Jackson (P)
Baxter (P)	Jefferies (P)
Beckett (P)	Johnston (P)
Bell (P)	Learney (P)
Berry (P)	Lipscomb (P)
Beveridge (P)	Love (P)
Biggs (P)	Mather (P)
Busher (P)	Maynard
Chamberlain (P)	Nelmes (P)
Chapman (P)	Nunn (P)
Coates (P)	Pearce (P)
Collin (P)	Pearson (P)
Cook (P)	Read (P)
Cooper (P)	Ruffell (P)
Evans (P)	Saunders (P)
Fall (P)	Spender (P)
Fitzgerald (P)	Stallard (P)
Godfrey (P)	Stephens
Goodall (P)	Sutton (P)
Hammerton (P)	Tait (P)
Hicks (P)	Verney (P)
Higgins (P)	Wagner (P)
Hiscock (P)	Weston (P)
Hollingbery (P)	Wood (P)
Howell (P)	Worrall (P)
Humby (P)	Wright (P)

1518. **ELECTION OF MAYOR**

Proposed by Councillor Beckett.

Seconded by Councillor Evans and resolved unanimously that Councillor Chris Pines be elected Mayor of the City of Winchester for the period commencing on 16 May 2007.

Councillor Nelmes vacated the Chair, which was taken by the Mayor who made the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

1519. **VOTE OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING MAYOR**

Proposed by Councillor Cook.

Seconded by Councillor Hiscocok and resolved unanimously that the best thanks of the Council be accorded to Councillor Susan Nelmes for her service to the Council as Mayor during the past year.

1520. **ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR**

Proposed by Councillor Jeffs.

Seconded by Councillor Pearson and resolved unanimously that Councillor Michael Read be elected Deputy Mayor of the City of Winchester for the period commencing on 16 May 2007.

1521. **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF CABINET**

Councillor Beckett was elected Chairman of Cabinet and Leader of the Council for the ensuing Municipal Year.

1522. **ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN OF CABINET**

Councillor Hollingbery was elected Vice-Chairman of Cabinet for the ensuing Municipal Year.

1523. **ELECTION OF COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN**

The following Members were elected Chairman of the Committees stated for the ensuing Municipal Year:-

Licensing and Regulation – Councillor Mather
 Planning Development Control – Councillor Jeffs
 Principal Scrutiny – Councillor Learney
 Personnel – Councillor Godfrey
 Standards Committee – Mr P Smith (Independent Member)
 Appeal and Disputes – Councillor Verney
 Housing Appeals – Councillor Berry
 Statement of Accounts – Councillor Beckett
 Environment Scrutiny Panel – Councillor Lipscomb
 Social Issues Scrutiny Panel – Councillor Tait
 Local Economy Scrutiny Panel – Councillor Cooper
 Resources Scrutiny Panel – Councillor Wright

1524. **APPOINTMENT OF CABINET AND COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS**

With the exception of Cabinet and Standards Committee, the Council reviewed the political representation on Committees in accordance with the provisions of Section 15(1) of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989.

In respect of Cabinet and Standards Committee, the Local Government Act 2000 stated that the achievement of political balance was not required.

The Council determined the representation on all the bodies as set out below.

RESOLVED:

That the allocation of seats to political groups be as follows:

Cabinet (7)

Conservatives (7)

Licensing and Regulation (15)

Conservatives (8): Liberal Democrats (6): Independent (1)

Planning Development Control (11)

Conservatives (6): Liberal Democrats (4): Independent (1)

Principal Scrutiny (17)

Conservatives (9): Liberal Democrats (7): Independent (1)

Personnel (12)

Conservatives (6): Liberal Democrats (5): Independent (1)

Standards (6)

Conservatives (3): Liberal Democrats (2): Independent (1)

Appeals and Disputes (9)

Conservatives (5): Liberal Democrats (3): Independent (1)

Housing Appeals (3)

Conservatives (1): Liberal Democrats (1): Independent (1)

Statement of Accounts (9)

Conservatives (5): Liberal Democrats (3): Independent (1)

Environment Scrutiny Panel (12)

Conservatives (6): Liberal Democrats (5): Independent (1)

Social Issues Scrutiny Panel (12)

Conservatives (6): Liberal Democrats (5): Independent (1)

Local Economy Scrutiny Panel (12)

Conservatives (6): Liberal Democrats (5): Independent (1)

Resources Scrutiny Panel (12)

Conservatives (6): Liberal Democrats (5): Independent (1)

Further to the above, and pursuant to Section 16 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, the Chief Executive served notice on each of the Leaders of the four political groups on the Council as to the allocation of seats on Committees as indicated above.

The Chief Executive announced that he had been informed that each group had nominated Members to be appointed under alternative arrangements, although based upon the political balance formula, as set out below.

RESOLVED:

That the following appointments be made (in addition to the Chairmen who were appointed earlier in the meeting):

Cabinet

Allgood, Coates, Hollingbery, Pearson, Stallard and Wood

Licensing and Regulation

Baxter, Bell, Berry, Cooper, Hammerton, Howell, Izard, Jackson, Love, Read, Sutton, Wagner, Weston and Wright

Deputies

Busher, Lipscomb and Pearce

Planning Development Control

Baxter, Busher, Evans, Huxstep, Johnston, Lipscomb, Pearce, Ruffell, Saunders and Sutton

Deputies

Beveridge, Godfrey, Hammerton, Izard, Read and Tait

Personnel

Chapman, Collin, Cooper, Fall, Goodall, Johnston, Learney, Nelmes, Read, Weston and Worrall

Deputies

Hammerton, Hiscock and Howell

Principal Scrutiny

Baxter, Biggs, Chamberlain, Chapman, Collin, Cook, Hiscock, Huxstep, Lipscomb, Maynard, Nelmes, Ruffell, Tait, Verney, Wagner, and Worrall

Deputies

Busher, Evans, and Mather

Standards

Barratt, Berry, Chamberlain, Lipscomb, Nelmes and Read

Statement of Accounts

Allgood, Beveridge, Busher, Hiscock, Hollingbery, Jeffs, Learney, and Verney

Deputies

Chamberlain, Cooper, Wagner

Social Issues Scrutiny Panel

Barratt, Berry, Biggs, Chapman, Hammerton, Hicks, Higgins, Izard, Love, Stephens and Weston

Deputies

Busher, Fall and Ruffell

Environment Scrutiny Panel

Anthony, Barratt, Busher, Fitzgerald, Higgins, Howell, Jackson, Mather, Saunders, Spender and Wright

Deputies

Biggs, Cook and Goodall

Local Economy Scrutiny Panel

Anthony, Cook, Godfrey, Goodall, Huxstep, Love, Maynard, Pearce, Spender, Stephens and Verney

Deputies

Bell, Hammerton and Tait

Resources Scrutiny Panel

Anthony, Bell, Fitzgerald, Goodall, Hiscock, Humby, Huxstep, Jeffs, Learney, Maynard and Verney

Deputies

Chamberlain, Johnston and Ruffell

RESOLVED:

That the Winchester Town Forum be established for 2007/08 with membership consisting of all Members who represent the six Winchester Town Wards.

RESOLVED:

1. That alternative arrangements other than proportional representation be agreed in respect of the Appeals and Disputes Committee insofar as is necessary to enable the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 17(9)(b) still to apply to its hearings.

2. That eight additional Members of the Committee be appointed as follows:

Councillors Chamberlain, Huxstep, Love, Mather, Pearce, Saunders, Sutton and Tait

RESOLVED:

1. That alternative arrangements other than proportional representation be agreed in respect of the Housing (Appeals) Committee.

2. That the following appointments be made to the Housing (Appeals) Committee for the ensuing Municipal Year.

Councillors Izard and Hammerton

Deputies

Councillors Chamberlain, Cooper and Nelmes

The meeting commenced at 7pm and concluded at 8.10pm.

The Mayor