

**WINCHESTER CITY COUNCIL**

At an Ordinary Meeting of the Council held in the Guildhall, Winchester on 18 April 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
Bennetts	Macmillan (P)
Berry (P)	Mather (P)
Beveridge (P)	Maynard (P)
Busher (P)	Merritt
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 28 February 2007 be approved and adopted.

2. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR**

The Mayor reported that she had sent a letter of condolence to the Mayor of Winchester, Virginia following the tragic events at Virginia Tech University.

The Mayor then reported that four Members had decided not to seek re-election on 3 May 2007. In accordance with the Council's usual practice, she presented certificates in recognition of their public service as follows:-

Councillor Peter Rees – who had served from May 2003  
 Councillor Christine Quar – who had served from May 2002  
 Councillor Phil Clohosey – who had served from May 2002  
 Councillor Geoff Bennetts – who had served from May 2002

### 3. **COMMUNICATION FROM THE LEADER**

The Leader reminded Council of the Retiring Mayor's Dinner to be held on Friday 11 May 2007, for which tickets were still available.

The Leader then referred to the recent moving of certain Divisions from the City Offices into the West Wing. That move had been successfully undertaken and he thanked the Facilities Manager and her team for successfully undertaking this difficult logistical exercise.

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

#### 1. Increase in Rent for Council Garages

The Portfolio Holder for Housing and Communities, Councillor Coates, answered a question from Councillor Clohosey.

#### 2. Anti-Graffiti Hit Squad

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

#### 3. Possible Townscape Study for Winchester

The Portfolio Holder for Planning and Transport, Councillor Wood, answered a question from Councillor Beveridge.

#### 4. Policy for Using the Council's Financial Reserves

The Portfolio Holder for Finance and Resources, Councillor Allgood, answered a question from Councillor Evans.

#### 5. Possible Development of Allotment Land

The Portfolio Holder for Planning and Transport, Councillor Wood, answered a question from Councillor Hiscock.

#### 6. Litter on the A34

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

#### 7. Procedure for Tree Preservation Orders

The Portfolio Holder for Planning and Transport, Councillor Wood, answered a question from Councillor Jackson.

8. Impact of the 101 Service on the City Council

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

9. Use of First Class Mail

The Portfolio Holder for Planning and Transport, Councillor Wood, answered a question from Councillor Johnston.

10. Petition to save Portsmouth Naval Base

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Beckett, answered a question from Councillor Cooper.

11. Licensed Events – Consultation with Ward Members

At the invitation of the Mayor, the City Secretary and Solicitor answered a question from Councillor Evans.

12. Rough Sleepers and Homeless People in the Winchester District

The Portfolio Holder for Housing and Communities, Councillor Coates, answered a question from Councillor Tait.

13. Staff Anti-Bullying Policy

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Beckett, answered a question from Councillor Cooper.

14. Reduction in Grant to the Theatre Royal

The Portfolio Holder for Culture, Heritage and Sport, Councillor Stallard, answered a question from Councillor Cooper.

15. Food Premises Inspections in the Winchester District

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

16. Level of Arts Funding Provided by the City Council

The Portfolio Holder for Culture, Heritage and Sport, Councillor Stallard, answered a question from Councillor Cooper.

5. **CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDED MINUTES**

The City Secretary and Solicitor reported that the minutes relating to Whiteley School, the Corporate Strategy Implementation Plan and the Powers of the Winchester Town Forum, as set out in Report CL46 appended to the Supplementary Agenda, had not been made available for publication within the statutory period.

The Mayor decided to accept the above minutes onto the Agenda, as matters of urgency, in view of the need to determine the various issues without further delay.

Cabinet – 11 April 2007  
Petition Relating to Whiteley School

Councillors Anthony and Chapman each declared personal and prejudicial interests with regard to this item, as they owned dwellings within the vicinity of the site. They both left the meeting whilst the item was under consideration.

Councillor Collin declared a personal and prejudicial interest with regard to this item, as an employee of Hampshire County Council. He left the meeting whilst the item was under consideration.

Councillor Allgood declared a personal interest in this item, as he was also a Hampshire County Councillor. He remained during consideration of the item.

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Beckett, moved that the Recommended Minute be approved and adopted

RESOLVED:

That the Recommended Minute appended to Report CL46 be approved and adopted.

Cabinet – 11 April 2007  
Corporate Strategy Implementation Plan 2007 – 2012

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Beckett, moved that the Recommended Minute set out in Report CL46 be approved and adopted.

RESOLVED:

That the Recommended Minute set out in Report CL46 be approved and adopted.

Cabinet – 11 April 2007  
Annual Review of the Constitution – Powers of the Winchester Town Forum

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Beckett, moved that the Recommended Minute set out in Report CL46 be approved and adopted.

RESOLVED:

That the Recommended Minute set out in Report CL46 be approved and adopted.

Cabinet – 7 March 2007  
Segensworth Business Improvement District (BID) (Recommended Minute 870)

Councillor Allgood declared a personal interest with regard to the above item, as he was also a Hampshire County Councillor. He remained during consideration of the item.

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Beckett, moved that Recommended Minute 870 be approved and adopted.

RESOLVED:

1. That Recommended Minute 870 be approved and adopted.
2. That Fareham Borough Council be thanked for its assistance with the Segensworth BID process.

Cabinet – 28 March 2007

Minor Amendments to the Constitution (Recommended Minute 963)

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Beckett, moved that Recommended Minute 963 be approved and adopted.

RESOLVED:

That Recommended Minute 963 be approved and adopted.

Special Committee (Appointment of Independent Members and Parish Representatives to the Standards Committee) – 28 March 2007

Appointment of Independent Members and Parish Representatives to the Standards Committee (Recommended Minute 975)

The Chairman of the Special Committee, Councillor Pines, moved that Recommended Minute 975 be approved and adopted.

RESOLVED:

That Recommended Minute 975 be approved and adopted.

6. **RECEIPT OF DELEGATED MINUTES**

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

Planning Development Control Committee – 21 February 2007

Licensing and Regulation Committee – 1 March 2007

Personnel Committee – 5 March 2007

Cabinet – 7 March 2007

Planning Development Control Committee – 8 March 2007

Environment Scrutiny Panel – 12 March 2007

Social Issues Scrutiny Panel – 14 March 2007

Local Economy Scrutiny Panel – 15 March 2007

Resources Scrutiny Panel – 20 March 2007

Winchester Town Forum – 22 March 2007

Principal Scrutiny Committee – 26 March 2007

Cabinet – 28 March 2007

Special Committee (Appointment of Independent Members and Parish Representatives to the Standards Committee) – 28 March 2007

7. **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>
	Appointment of Independent Members and Parish Representatives to the Standards Committee	Information relating to any individual. (Para 1 Schedule 12A refers)
	Winchester City Council Organisational Development	Information relating to any individual. (Para 1 Schedule 12A refers)
		Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual. (Para 2 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 4 Schedule 12A refers)

8. **SPECIAL COMMITTEE (APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT MEMBERS AND PARISH REPRESENTATIVES TO THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE) – 28 MARCH 2007**  
**APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT MEMBERS AND PARISH REPRESENTATIVES TO THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

The Chairman of the Committee, Councillor Pines, moved that Recommended Minute 976 be approved and adopted.

RESOLVED:

1. That Recommended Minute 976 be approved and adopted and the following appointments be made for the 2007/08 and 2008/09 Municipal Years:-

Independent Members

Ms Jennifer Collins

Ms Maryanne McCormack

Ms Sylvia Peach

Mr Peter Smith (Chairman of the Standards Committee for 2007/08)

Parish Representatives

Ms Lynda Banister

Ms Angela Clear

Mr Michael Westwell

2. That the best thanks of the Council be extended to Mr John Spokes, Mr Glynn Llewelyn, Mr Richard Johns, Mr Ralph Scaiff and Mr Geoffrey Sharman for their past service on the Committee.

9. **CABINET – 28 MARCH 2007**  
**WINCHESTER CITY COUNCIL ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

The City Secretary and Solicitor, Director of Development Services and Director of Communities declared personal and prejudicial interests in this item, as part of the content of Report CL45 related to their current posts. They left the meeting accordingly.

It was noted that the Personnel Committee, at its meeting held on 17 April 2007, had amended Recommendation 6 in Appendix 5 to Report CL45 to read as follows:-

‘That the Committee approves the use of pension discretionary compensation using the current criterion on three year savings pay back’.

The Chief Executive and Director of Human Resources answered a number of questions regarding the content of Report CL45.

RESOLVED:

That the recommendations set out in Report CL45 be approved and adopted.

The meeting commenced at 7pm and concluded at 10:35pm.

The Mayor