

WINCHESTER CITY COUNCIL

At an Ordinary Meeting of the Council held in the Guildhall, Winchester on 21 February 2008.

Attendance:

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

Councillors:

Allgood	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 (P)
Chamberlain (P)	Nelmes (P)
Chapman (P)	Nunn (P)
Clear (P)	Pearce (P)
Coates (P)	Pearson (P)
Collin (P)	Read (P)
Cook (P)	Ruffell (P)
Cooper (P)	Saunders (P)
Evans (P)	Spender (P)
Fall (P)	Stallard (P)
Godfrey (P)	Stephens (P)
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)

1. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 9 January 2008 be approved and adopted.

2. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR**

The Mayor formally recorded the Council's sadness at the recent deaths of Mr Martin White and Mr John Taylor. Mr White was the first Chief Executive of the City Council, following local government reorganisation on 1 April 1974. He held that office for six years before he became Chief Executive of Buckinghamshire County Council. Mr Taylor was appointed at reorganisation as Chief Executive of Test Valley Borough

Council, after being Clerk to the Winchester Rural District Council. After his retirement in 1984, Mr Taylor was elected as a City Councillor and later became Leader from 1990 – 1994.

The Mayor then thanked all those Members who had supported the Hampshire Units Homecoming Parade on 29 January 2008, which was a memorable event and clearly demonstrated the widespread appreciation of the very difficult work undertaken by the County's regiments in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Finally, the Mayor agreed to convey to Councillor Allgood very best wishes on behalf of the Council for a full and speedy recovery, following his recent illness.

The Leader announced that, earlier in the day, the Discovery Centre was officially opened by the Duchess of Cornwall. Later in the meeting, an answer to a question would provide information about the high numbers of people already using the Centre, and the City Council should be proud of its contribution towards making this project a reality. As part of the joint project with the County Council, the City Council contributed £1m, plus land from the adjoining car park, and currently provided ongoing financial support for the running costs of the City Space exhibition area. The Leader considered that the Discovery Centre was a fine facility, which would benefit the community for many years to come.

The Leader concluded by confirming that, together with other bodies, the City Council would provide financial support to help the 101 non-emergency service continue for another year.

3. **QUESTIONS UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 14**

1. Floodlighting of King Alfred Statue

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

2. Strategic Development Area

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

3. Emmaus Project

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

4. Speed Limits

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

5. Council House Sales and New Homes for Rent

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

6. Usage of The Discovery Centre

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

7. Taxis Capable of Carrying Wheelchair Users

The Chairman of Licensing and Regulation Committee, Councillor Mather, answered a question from Councillor Hiscock.

8. Local Development Framework - Core Strategy Issues and Options

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

9. City Council Action to support Small Businesses

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

10. Signage for Secondary Retail Locations in Winchester

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

11. Council Communications to Householders

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

12. Local Development Framework – Guidance on Member Comments

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

13. Footpath linking Airlie Road and St James Lane, Winchester

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

14. Licence for Wickham Festival

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

15. Policy regarding Pollarding of Trees

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

16. Status of Parish Councils

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

4. **CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDED MINUTES**

Reports CL50 and CL51 were circulated after the statutory deadline. The Mayor agreed to accept the reports onto the agenda, because of the urgent need for Council to determine all the matters set out therein, which had budgetary implications.

Cabinet – 13 February 2008
Corporate Strategy 2008 - 2013

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Beckett, moved that Recommended Minute 839 be approved and adopted.

Amendment (1) Councillor Learney (2) Councillor Evans

‘That the proposed Corporate Strategy 2008 - 2013 be replaced by the version now tabled at the meeting.’

Amendment lost

Amendment (1) Councillor Busher (2) Councillor Chamberlain

‘That, the following words be added to the end of the Recommended Minute:

‘....,and that outcomes are vigorously pursued.’

Amendment carried

Substantive motion carried

RESOLVED:

That Recommended Minute 839, as amended, be approved and adopted.

Cabinet – 13 February 2008
Budget and Council Tax 2008/09

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Beckett, moved that Recommended Minute 842 be approved and adopted.

Amendment (1) Councillor Beckett (2) Councillor Hollingbery

‘That an additional recommendation (12) be agreed as follows:-

That approval be given for a further growth item of £10,000 in 2008/09, funded from the Major Investment Reserve, to provide for expenditure on Parish Plans and, as a consequence of this, the following figures in Recommendation 1 become:

GROSS BUDGET FOR GENERAL FUND SERVICES £20,481,320

TRANSFERS TO/(FROM RESERVES (£462,000)'

Amendment carried

Amendment (1) Councillor Learney (2) Councillor Evans

‘That the proposed budgetary provision in respect of Wardens, Community Chest, Waste and the Customer Service Centre, all as set out in Appendix D to Report CAB1629, be replaced by the figures now tabled at the meeting.’

Amendment lost

Amendment (1) Councillor Beckett (2) Councillor Hollingbery

‘That the sum of £5,000 be added to the Community Chest, to support Parish Council carbon reduction schemes and that it be funded from savings from the Organisational Development exercise.’

Amendment carried

Substantive motion carried

RESOLVED:

That Recommended Minute 842, as amended, be approved and adopted.

Council Tax 2008/09

RESOLVED:

1. That any expenses incurred by the Council in performing in a part of its area a function performed elsewhere in its area by a Parish Council/Town Council/Parish Meeting shall not be treated as special expenses for the purposes of Section 35 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, except in the case of the following special items relating to the non-parished area the aggregate amount of which is £743,280 (Appendix K to report CAB1629 refers) and which is shown within the total of special items at paragraph 3(f) below:-

- (a) Magdalen Hill and West Hill Cemeteries;
- (b) Allotments;
- (c) Town centre Christmas lighting;
- (d) Footway lighting;
- (e) Bus shelter maintenance;
- (f) Grants for community facilities in the Town (“parish” element);
- (g) Parks and playing fields (except Abbey Gardens, Riverside Walks, the Weirs Gardens and St Giles Hill);
- (h) Community Wardens;
- (i) Arboricultural work;
- (j) Administration of the Town Forum.

2. That it be noted that at its meeting on 9 January 2008 the Council calculated the following amounts for the year 2008/09 in accordance with Regulations made under Section 33(5) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:

(a) 47,047.11, being the amount calculated by the Council, in accordance with Regulation 3 of the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulations 1992, as its Council Tax base for the year.

3. That the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2008/09 in accordance with Sections 32 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:

(a) £77,355,178.50, being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32(2)(a) to (e) of the Act.

(b) £61,996,990.00, being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32(3)(a) to (c) of the Act.

(c) £15,358,188.50, being the amount by which the aggregate at 3(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 3(b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 32(4) of the Act, as its budget requirement for the year.

(d) £6,936,757.00, being the aggregate of the sums which the Council estimates will be payable for the year into its general fund in respect of redistributed non-domestic rates and revenue support grant, decreased by the amount of the sums which the Council estimates will be transferred in the year to its general fund from its collection fund in accordance with Section 98 of the Local Government Finance Act 1988.

(e) £179.00, being the amount at 3(c) above less the amount at 3(d) above, all divided by the amount at 2(a) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 33(1) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year.

(f) £2,726,368.50, being the aggregate amount of all special items referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act.

(g) £121.05, being the amount at 3(e) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 3(f) above by the amount at 2(a) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no special item relates.

(h) the amounts shown in column 9 of annex 1, being the amounts given by adding to the amount at 3(g) above the amounts of the special item or items relating to dwellings in those parts of the Council's area mentioned in column 1 of Annex 1 divided in each case by the relevant amount at 2(b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(3) of the Act, as the basic amounts of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate.

4. That it be noted for the year 2008/09, the Hampshire County Council, the Hampshire Police Authority and the Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority have stated the following amounts in precepts issued to the Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

<u>Precepting Authority</u>	<u>Precept Amount</u>
Hampshire County Council(HCC)	£47,000,062.89
Hampshire Police Authority (HPA)	£ 6,376,765.29
Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority (HFRA)	£ 2,739,553.22

<u>Valuation Bands</u>	<u>HCC</u>	<u>HPA</u>	<u>HFRA</u>
A	666.00	90.36	38.82
B	777.00	105.42	45.29
C	888.00	120.48	51.76
D	999.00	135.54	58.23
E	1,121.00	165.66	71.17
F	1,443.00	195.78	84.11
G	1,665.00	225.90	97.05
H	1,998.00	271.08	116.46

5. That, having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 3(i) and 4 above, the Council, in accordance with Section 30(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the amounts in columns 2-9 of Annex 2 as the amounts of Council Tax for the year 2008/09 for each of the categories of dwellings shown.

Cabinet – 13 February 2008
Treasury Management

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Beckett, moved that Recommended Minute 848 be approved and adopted.

RESOLVED:

That Recommended Minute 848 be approved and adopted.

Cabinet – 13 February 2008
Housing Revenue Account Budget 2008/09

The Portfolio Holder for Housing and Communities, Councillor Coates, moved that Recommended Minute 840 be approved and adopted.

RESOLVED:

That Recommended Minute 840 be approved and adopted.

Cabinet – 13 February 2008
Army Cadet Force of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight – Proposed Bond of Friendship

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Beckett, moved that Recommended Minute 854 be approved and adopted.

RESOLVED:

That Recommended Minute 854 be approved and adopted.

Standards Committee – 4 February 2008
Standards Bulletin 36 and Proposed Increase in Size of the Standards Committee

The Vice Chairman of Standards Committee, Councillor Read, moved that Recommended Minute 812 be approved and adopted.

RESOLVED:

That Recommended Minute 812 be approved and adopted.

5. **APPOINTMENTS TO BODIES SET UP BY THE COUNCIL**

RESOLVED:

That, on the Planning Development Control Committee, Councillor Beveridge be appointed as a full Member and Councillor Evans as a Deputy Member.

6. **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>
###	Appointment of Replacement Parish Representative(s) for the Standards Committee	Information relating to any individual (Para 1 to Schedule 12A refers).

7. **STANDARDS COMMITTEE – 4 FEBRUARY 2008**

Appointment of Parish Representative(s) for the Standards Committee

Councillors Anthony, Baxter, Chapman, Coates, Learney, Jackson, Johnston and Wood each declared personal and prejudicial interests in this item, in view of their close association with particular applicants for the Parish vacancies. They all left the meeting room during consideration of the item.

The Vice Chairman of Standards Committee, Councillor Read, moved that Recommended Minute 817 be approved and adopted.

RESOLVED:

That Recommended Minute 817 be approved and adopted.

The meeting commenced at 7pm and concluded at 9.15pm

The Mayor

PARISH COUNCIL PRECEPTS AND COUNCIL TAXES 2008/09									Annex 2
(1)	BAND A (2) £	BAND B (3) £	BAND C (4) £	BAND D (5) £	BAND E (6) £	BAND F (7) £	BAND G (8) £	BAND H (9) £	
BILLING AUTHORITY									
WINCHESTER	80.70	94.15	107.60	121.05	147.95	174.85	201.75	242.10	
PRECEPT AUTHORITY									
HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL	666.00	777.00	888.00	999.00	1,221.00	1,443.00	1,665.00	1,998.00	
POLICE AUTHORITY	90.36	105.42	120.48	135.54	165.66	195.78	225.90	271.08	
FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY	38.82	45.29	51.76	58.23	71.17	84.11	97.05	116.46	
SPECIAL AREAS (BILLING AUTHORITY)									
WINCHESTER TOWN	912.57	1,064.67	1,216.76	1,368.86	1,673.05	1,977.24	2,281.43	2,737.72	
PARISHES									
BADGER FARM	894.14	1,043.16	1,192.19	1,341.21	1,639.26	1,937.30	2,235.35	2,682.42	
BEAUWORTH	875.88	1,021.86	1,167.84	1,313.82	1,605.78	1,897.74	2,189.70	2,627.64	
BIGHTON	884.65	1,032.09	1,179.53	1,326.97	1,621.85	1,916.73	2,211.62	2,653.94	
BISHOPS SUTTON	886.99	1,034.83	1,182.66	1,330.49	1,626.15	1,921.82	2,217.48	2,660.98	
BISHOPS WALTHAM	951.79	1,110.42	1,269.05	1,427.68	1,744.94	2,062.20	2,379.47	2,855.36	
BOARHUNT	906.94	1,058.10	1,209.25	1,360.41	1,662.72	1,965.04	2,267.35	2,720.82	
BRAMDEAN & HINTON AMPNER	891.32	1,039.87	1,188.43	1,336.98	1,634.09	1,931.19	2,228.30	2,673.96	
CHERITON	894.53	1,043.62	1,192.71	1,341.80	1,639.98	1,938.16	2,236.33	2,683.60	
CHILCOMB	875.88	1,021.86	1,167.84	1,313.82	1,605.78	1,897.74	2,189.70	2,627.64	
COLDEN COMMON	921.43	1,075.00	1,228.57	1,382.14	1,689.28	1,996.42	2,303.57	2,764.28	
COMPTON & SHAWFORD	898.03	1,047.71	1,197.38	1,347.05	1,646.39	1,945.74	2,245.08	2,694.10	
CORHAMPTON & MEONSTOKE	891.13	1,039.66	1,188.18	1,336.70	1,633.74	1,930.79	2,227.83	2,673.40	
CRAWLEY	914.07	1,066.42	1,218.76	1,371.11	1,675.80	1,980.49	2,285.18	2,742.22	
CURDRIDGE	895.13	1,044.32	1,193.51	1,342.70	1,641.08	1,939.46	2,237.83	2,685.40	
DENMEAD	953.33	1,112.22	1,271.11	1,430.00	1,747.78	2,065.56	2,383.33	2,860.00	
DROXFORD	892.18	1,040.88	1,189.57	1,338.27	1,635.66	1,933.06	2,230.45	2,676.54	
DURLEY	896.90	1,046.38	1,195.87	1,345.35	1,644.32	1,943.28	2,242.25	2,690.70	
EXTON	876.91	1,023.07	1,169.22	1,315.37	1,607.67	1,899.98	2,192.28	2,630.74	
HAMBLEDON	892.05	1,040.72	1,189.40	1,338.07	1,635.42	1,932.77	2,230.12	2,676.14	
HEADBOURNE WORTHY	885.96	1,033.62	1,181.28	1,328.94	1,624.26	1,919.58	2,214.90	2,657.88	
HURSLEY	917.24	1,070.11	1,222.99	1,375.86	1,681.61	1,987.35	2,293.10	2,751.72	
ITCHEN STOKE & OVINGTON	887.71	1,035.66	1,183.61	1,331.56	1,627.46	1,923.36	2,219.27	2,663.12	
ITCHEN VALLEY	888.23	1,036.27	1,184.31	1,332.35	1,628.43	1,924.51	2,220.58	2,664.70	
KILMESTON	894.09	1,043.10	1,192.12	1,341.13	1,639.16	1,937.19	2,235.22	2,682.26	
KINGS WORTHY	913.87	1,066.18	1,218.49	1,370.80	1,675.42	1,980.04	2,284.67	2,741.60	
LITTLETON & HARESTOCK	902.03	1,052.36	1,202.70	1,353.04	1,653.72	1,954.39	2,255.07	2,706.08	
MICHELDEVER	917.43	1,070.33	1,223.24	1,376.14	1,681.95	1,987.76	2,293.57	2,752.28	
NEW ALRESFORD	950.63	1,109.07	1,267.51	1,425.95	1,742.83	2,059.71	2,376.58	2,851.90	
NORTHINGTON	892.51	1,041.26	1,190.01	1,338.76	1,636.26	1,933.76	2,231.27	2,677.52	
OLD ALRESFORD	898.22	1,047.92	1,197.63	1,347.33	1,646.74	1,946.14	2,245.55	2,694.66	
OLIVERS BATTERY	896.61	1,046.05	1,195.48	1,344.92	1,643.79	1,942.66	2,241.53	2,689.84	
OTTERBOURNE	901.17	1,051.36	1,201.56	1,351.75	1,652.14	1,952.53	2,252.92	2,703.50	
OWSLEBURY	901.97	1,052.30	1,202.63	1,352.96	1,653.62	1,954.28	2,254.93	2,705.92	
SHEDFIELD	916.54	1,069.30	1,222.05	1,374.81	1,680.32	1,985.84	2,291.35	2,749.62	
SOBERTON	893.10	1,041.95	1,190.80	1,339.65	1,637.35	1,935.05	2,232.75	2,679.30	
SOUTH WNSTON	909.43	1,061.01	1,212.58	1,364.15	1,667.29	1,970.44	2,273.58	2,728.30	
SOUTHWICK & WIDLEY	900.50	1,050.58	1,200.67	1,350.75	1,650.92	1,951.08	2,251.25	2,701.50	
SPARSHOLT	887.77	1,035.74	1,183.70	1,331.66	1,627.58	1,923.51	2,219.43	2,663.32	
SWANMORE	931.86	1,087.17	1,242.48	1,397.79	1,708.41	2,019.03	2,329.65	2,795.58	
TICHBORNE	901.91	1,052.23	1,202.55	1,352.87	1,653.51	1,954.15	2,254.78	2,705.74	
TWYFORD	913.31	1,065.53	1,217.75	1,369.97	1,674.41	1,978.85	2,283.28	2,739.94	
UPHAM	896.81	1,046.28	1,195.75	1,345.22	1,644.16	1,943.10	2,242.03	2,690.44	
WARNFORD	881.63	1,028.57	1,175.51	1,322.45	1,616.33	1,910.21	2,204.08	2,644.90	
WEST MEON	910.17	1,061.86	1,213.56	1,365.25	1,668.64	1,972.03	2,275.42	2,730.50	
WHITELEY	889.66	1,037.94	1,186.21	1,334.49	1,631.04	1,927.60	2,224.15	2,668.98	
WICKHAM	908.92	1,060.41	1,211.89	1,363.38	1,666.35	1,969.33	2,272.30	2,726.76	
WONSTON	905.13	1,055.99	1,206.84	1,357.70	1,659.41	1,961.12	2,262.83	2,715.40	