

**WINCHESTER CITY COUNCIL**

At an Ordinary Meeting of the Council held in the Guildhall, Winchester on 25 June 2008

**Attendance:**

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

**Councillors:**

Achwal (P)	Izard (P)
Allgood (P)	Jackson (P)
Anthony (P)	Jeffs (P)
Barratt (P)	Johnston (P)
Baxter (P)	Learney (P)
Beckett (P)	Lipscomb
Bell (P)	Love (P)
Berry (P)	Mason (P)
Biggs (P)	Mather (P)
Busher (P)	Maynard (P)
Chamberlain	Mitchell (P)
Clear (P)	Nelmes (P)
Coates (P)	Pearce
Collin (P)	Pearson (P)
Cook (P)	Pines (P)
Cooper (P)	Ruffell (P)
Evans (P)	Sanders (P)
Fall (P)	Spender (P)
Gemmell (P)	Stallard (P)
Godfrey (P)	Stephens (P)
Hammerton (P)	Tait (P)
Hicks (P)	Thompson (P)
Higgins (P)	Verney (P)
Hiscock (P)	Wagner
Hollingbery (P)	Weston (P)
Howell (P)	Wood (P)
Humby (P)	Worrall (P)
Huxstep (P)	Wright (P)

1. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 16 April 2008 and the Annual Meeting of the Council held on 14 May 2008 be approved and adopted.

2. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR**

The Mayor welcomed to the meeting two representatives from the Council's twin town of Giessen.

The Mayor then announced that he had written, on behalf of the Council, to congratulate the following local people who had received awards in the Queen's Birthday Honours List :-

Mr Michael Andrews of Twyford – awarded an MBE for voluntary services to the community.

Major Alan Gower of Winchester – awarded an MBE for services to the Army Benevolent Fund.

Dr Graham Spittle of Soberton – awarded a CBE for services to industry.

Rev. Professor June Boyce-Tillman of Old Alresford– awarded an MBE for services to music and education.

Finally, the Mayor reminded Members about the Freedom Parade by the Adjutant's General Corps, which would take place in Winchester on Monday 30 June 2008.

### **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE LEADER**

The Leader reported with regret the decision of the Hampshire Police Authority to move the Constabulary Headquarters from Romsey Road, Winchester to Chandlers Ford. It was hoped that a revision in planning policies may allow the Council to be more flexible in the future about the needs of large scale employers such as the Police.

The Leader then referred to national concerns about the levels of surveillance being undertaken by some local authorities. He assured the meeting that the City Council had a proportionate approach to its powers in this respect and did not use excessive or inappropriate surveillance methods.

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

#### 1. **Promotion of Cycling in the Winchester District**

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

#### 2. **Council Tax Discount for Special Constables**

The Portfolio Holder for Finance and Efficiency, Councillor Allgood, answered a question from Councillor Weston.

#### 3. **Success of Alcohol Exclusion Zone**

The Portfolio Holder for Communities and Safety, Councillor Cooper, answered a question from Councillor Tait.

#### 4. **Bus Shelters in Winchester Town and Adjoining Areas**

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

5. Morn Hill Recreational Land

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

6. Costs Incurred on Lost Planning Appeals

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

4. **CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDED MINUTES**

Cabinet – 4 June 2008

Corporate Business Plan – 2008 - 2013

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Beckett, moved that Recommended Minute 30 be approved and adopted.

RESOLVED:

That Recommended Minute 30 be approved and adopted.

Cabinet – 4 June 2008

Principal Scrutiny Committee – 9 June 2008

Performance Report 2007/08

The Portfolio Holder for Performance and Organisational Development, Councillor Godfrey, moved that Cabinet Recommended Minute 31 be approved and adopted.

Following debate, the Leader withdrew from the Plan the forward looking targets for BV82(a)(i) and BV82(b)(i) and explained that they would be considered again by Members at a future meeting. This was agreed by Council.

RESOLVED:

1. That Recommended Minute 31 be approved and adopted, subject to the forward looking targets for BV82(a)(i) and BV82(b)(i) being withdrawn from the Plan and considered again by Members at a future meeting.

2. That Recommended Minute 51 from Principal Scrutiny Committee be received and noted.

Principal Scrutiny Committee – 9 June 2008

Annual Scrutiny Report 2007/08

The Vice Chairman of Principal Scrutiny Committee, Councillor Worrall, moved that Recommended Minute 52 be approved and adopted.

RESOLVED:

That Recommended Minute 52 be approved and adopted.

Cabinet – 4 June 2008

Principal Scrutiny Committee – 9 June 2008

Capital Outturn 2007/08

Councillors Allgood and Godfrey declared personal interests in those projects within the Outturn figures which involved Hampshire County Council partnerships, because they were a County Councillor and County Council employee respectively. They both indicated that they did not consider their interests to be prejudicial and so remained in the meeting and voted thereon.

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Beckett, moved that Cabinet Recommended Minute 32 be approved and adopted.

It noted that a typographical error should be corrected in Recommendation 2, where the amount of £634,203 should read £643,203. This was agreed by Council.

RESOLVED:

1. That Recommended Minute 32 be approved and adopted, subject to the correction of the amount in Recommendation 2, from £634,203 to £643,203.
2. That Recommended Minute 49 from Principal Scrutiny Committee be received and noted.

Cabinet – 4 June 2008

Principal Scrutiny Committee – 9 June 2008

Revenue Outturn 2007/08

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Beckett, moved that Cabinet Recommended Minute 33 be approved and adopted.

Amendment (1) Councillor Beckett (2) Councillor Allgood

'That all the wording in the Recommended Minute be deleted and replaced with the following:-

That with regard to the proposal to set up an earmarked reserve as set out in paragraph 7.6 of Report CAB1675, the following be agreed:

- 1) the setting up of an earmarked reserve in the form of a property fund for the purposes set out in paragraph 7.6 with £400,000 to be transferred from the Major Investment Reserve for this purpose.
- 2) that the release of funds of up to £400,000 from the earmarked Property Reserve to the appropriate budgets be delegated to Cabinet.'

Amendment carried.

Substantive motion carried.

## RESOLVED:

1. That Recommended Minute 33, as amended, be approved and adopted.
2. That Recommended Minute 50 from Principal Scrutiny Committee be received and noted.
3. That the congratulations of Council be conveyed to the Leader Bid team members.

Cabinet – 4 June 2008

Principal Scrutiny Committee – 9 June 2008

Winchester Town Forum – 18 June 2008

Henry Beaufort School, Winchester – Community Synthetic Pitch

The Corporate Director (Governance) reported that the Recommended Minute from the Winchester Town Forum had not been circulated within the statutory deadline. Therefore, the Mayor would need to decide whether or not to accept the item onto the agenda as a matter requiring urgent attention.

The Mayor announced that he would accept the item onto the agenda, in view of the need to consider all the Recommended Minutes relating to the above matter at the same meeting.

Councillor Learney declared a personal and prejudicial interest in this item, as she was the Council's representative on the Henry Beaufort Community and Business Development Committee; she left the meeting during consideration of the item. Councillors Allgood and Godfrey declared personal interests in this item because of the involvement of Hampshire County Council, and they were a County Councillor and County Council employee respectively. They both indicated that they did not consider their interests to be prejudicial and so remained in the meeting and voted thereon.

The Corporate Director (Governance) explained that the following words of the Cabinet Recommended Minute were no longer relevant and should be deleted:

'That subject to the matter not being called in by Principal Scrutiny Committee and to support for the project from the Winchester Town Forum...'

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Beckett, moved that Cabinet Recommended Minute 35 be approved and adopted, subject to deletion of the words set out above.

## RESOLVED:

1. That Recommended Minute 35, as amended, be approved and adopted.
2. That Recommended Minute 55 from Principal Scrutiny Committee and the Recommended Minute from the Winchester Town Forum, as appended to the supplementary agenda, be received and noted.

Cabinet – 21 April 2008Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 – Consequential Changes to the Constitution

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Beckett, moved that Recommended Minute 1056 be approved and adopted.

RESOLVED:

That Recommended Minute 1056 be approved and adopted.

Cabinet – 4 June 2008Minor Amendments to the Constitution

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Beckett, moved that Recommended Minute 37 be approved and adopted.

RESOLVED:

That Recommended Minute 37 be approved and adopted.

5. **NOTICE OF MOTION**

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 9, the Council considered the following Notice of Motion proposed by Councillor Higgins and seconded by Councillor Pines:-

“This Council, recognising the need to increase the safety of the residents of the area and the overwhelming support given by local community groups, calls on the officers in conjunction with Hampshire County Council to introduce 20mph zones in residential areas in the District.”

Councillor Higgins explained that, when studying statistical evidence, the District performed very well regarding most aspects of healthy living, but one major area where the statistics were poor concerned the high number of road accidents. Reducing vehicle speeds in certain areas would be a positive step towards achieving greater road safety in the District.

Other Members supported the Motion and pointed out that cyclists and areas around schools could benefit from the additional protection which lower speed limits would bring. It was suggested that the Winchester Town Forum and the Cabinet (Traffic and Parking) Committee could undertake some joint work on this matter. It may also be productive to involve the Environment Scrutiny Panel and to liaise with Portsmouth City Council, who had some experience of introducing lower speed limits.

Further comments focussed on the need to reduce the speed of buses through the pedestrianised area of Winchester town centre and that there were equally important traffic safety concerns in many rural parts of the District. One Member offered a counter view, explaining that some evidence suggested that lower speed limits had led to an increase in accidents; therefore other options to improve road safety must also be considered.

RESOLVED:

That the above Notice of Motion be referred to the Cabinet (Traffic and Parking) Committee for consideration.

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

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Mitchell replace Councillor Spender as a full member of the Principal Scrutiny Committee.

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 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>
###	Henry Beaufort School, Winchester – Community Synthetic Turf Pitch – 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).

**CABINET – 4 June 2008**

**PRINCIPAL SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 9 June 2008**

**WINCHESTER TOWN FORUM – 18 June 2008**

Henry Beaufort School, Winchester – Community Synthetic Turf Pitch – Exempt Appendix

RESOLVED:

That the content of the Exempt Appendix be noted.

The meeting commenced at 7pm and concluded at 9.50pm

The Mayor