

WINCHESTER CITY COUNCIL

At an Ordinary Meeting of the Council held in the Guildhall, Winchester on 19 February 2009.

Attendance:

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

Councillors:

Achwal (P)	Huxstep (P)
Allgood (P)	Izard (P)
Anthony (P)	Jackson (P)
Barratt (P)	Jefferies (P)
Baxter (P)	Johnston (P)
Beckett (P)	Learney (P)
Bell (P)	Lipscomb (P)
Berry (P)	Love (P)
Biggs (P)	Mason (P)
Busher (P)	Mather (P)
Chamberlain (P)	Maynard (P)
Clear (P)	Mitchell (P)
Coates (P)	Nelmes (P)
Collin (P)	Pearce (P)
Cook (P)	Pearson (P)
Cooper (P)	Pines (P)
Evans (P)	Ruffell (P)
Fall (P)	Sanders (P)
Gemmell (P)	Spender (P)
Godfrey (P)	Stallard (P)
Hammerton (P)	Stephens (P)
Henry (P)	Tait (P)
Hicks (P)	Thompson (P)
Higgins (P)	Verney (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 7 January 2009 be approved and adopted.

2. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR**

The Mayor informed the Council that, in support of the Mayor's Charities, a Welsh Choir would be performing on Saturday 28 February and a St Georges Ball was planned for Friday 24 April 2009. Both events would be held in the Guildhall and tickets were now on sale.

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

1. Policies for Gypsy and Travellers Sites

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

2. Road Sweeping in Colden Common

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

3. Grange Road/Grange Close, Winchester – Highway Improvements

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

4. Support for Local Businesses

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

5. Silver Hill Development - Sustainability

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

6. Local Development Framework – Site Visits

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

7. Future of the Scrutiny Function

The Portfolio Holder for Performance and Organisational Development, Councillor Godfrey, answered a question from Councillor Cook.

8. Parking Spaces in Upper High Street, Winchester

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

9. Income from Pre-Application Planning Advice

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

10. Council Investment Policy - Public Comments

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

4. **CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDED MINUTES**

It was noted that Report CL54 had been circulated after the statutory deadline. The Mayor agreed to accept the report onto the agenda, because of the urgent need for Council to determine all the matters set out therein, which had budgetary implications.

Cabinet – 4 February 2009

Principal Scrutiny Committee – 9 February 2009

Budget and Council Tax 2009/10

Councillor Clear declared a personal (but not prejudicial) interest in respect of the budget issue relating to the future funding of Wickham public conveniences, as she was Chairman of Wickham Parish Council. As the specific topic did not arise in debate, she did not need to declare a prejudicial interest and remained in the meeting.

Councillor Evans declared a personal (but not prejudicial) interest in respect of the budget issue relating to the future funding of Wickham public conveniences, as she was a member of Wickham Parish Council. As the specific topic did not arise in debate, she did not need to declare a prejudicial interest and remained in the meeting.

The Chief Executive declared a personal (but not prejudicial) interest in respect of the budget issue relating to a grant to Community Action (Hampshire) where his wife was an employee. As the specific topic did not arise in debate, he did not need to declare a prejudicial interest and remained in the meeting.

The Portfolio Holder for Finance and Efficiency, Councillor Allgood, moved that the recommendations in Recommended Minute 655 be deleted and replaced with the following:-

RESOLVED:

1. THAT THE FOLLOWING LEVEL OF GENERAL FUND SERVICES BUDGET FOR 2009/10 BE APPROVED:

	2009/10 £
<u>GROSS BUDGET FOR GENERAL FUND SERVICES</u>	20,808,529
<i>LESS</i>	
CAPITAL FINANCING	(6,620,113)
TRANSFERS (FROM) RESERVES	(473,000)
CONTRIBUTIONS (FROM) WINCHESTER TOWN ACCOUNT	(18,438)
TOTAL	13,696,978
<i>LESS</i>	
CHARGES ON WINCHESTER TOWN ACCOUNT	(807,857)
<u>TOTAL CITY NET EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>12,889,121</u>

2. THAT THE GROWTH, SAVINGS AND INCREASED INCOME, AS SET OUT IN APPENDICES D1, D2, E1 & E2 OF THE REPORT, BE APPROVED, WITH A FURTHER SAVING OF £12,821 TO BE INCLUDED IN RELATION TO ENERGY SAVINGS.

3. THAT THE CAPITAL PROGRAMME SET OUT IN APPENDICES G1-G3 OF THE REPORT BE CONFIRMED.

4. 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 £826,295 BE TREATED AS SPECIAL EXPENSES UNDER SECTION 35 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE ACT 1992 IN RESPECT OF THE WINCHESTER TOWN AREA (APPENDIX K OF THE REPORT).

5. THAT THE COUNCIL TAX FOR THE SPECIAL EXPENSES IN THE WINCHESTER TOWN AREA AT BAND D BE SET AT £57.68 FOR 2009/10.

6. THAT THE BALANCES ON THE COLLECTION FUND CALCULATED AT 15 JANUARY 2009 OF £149,241 DEFICIT FOR COUNCIL TAX FOR THIS COUNCIL, BE APPROVED.

7. THAT THE LEVEL OF COUNCIL TAX AT BAND D FOR CITY COUNCIL SERVICES FOR 2009/10 BE SET AT £124.38.

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

9. THAT THE INFLATION INDEX IN THE MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES SCHEME BE APPLIED FOR 2009/10.

10. THAT A REPORT BE BROUGHT TO CABINET, PRINCIPAL SCRUTINY COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL PRESENTING PROPOSALS FOR THE USE OF THE LABGI EARMARKED RESERVES, INCLUDING:

(i) A PACKAGE OF ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE SCHEMES OF UP TO £400,000 TO SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESSES AND EMPLOYMENT, AND

(ii) CONSIDERATION OF £100,000 TO BE TRANSFERRED TO THE PROPERTY FUND.

This was seconded by Councillor Beckett and became the Revised Original Motion to be debated.

Amendment (1) Councillor Learney (2) Councillor Evans

'That Recommendations 2 and 5 be amended to read as follows and the relevant figures in the overall Recommendation be adjusted accordingly:-

2. That the growth, savings and increased income, as set out in appendices D1, D2, E1 & E2 of the report be approved, with a further saving of £20,000 in relation to a reduction to the costs of public conveniences in the Winchester Town area.

5. That the Council Tax for the Special Expenses in the Winchester Town area at Band D be set at £56.25 for 2009/10.'

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 32(1), one quarter of the Members present and voting required that a recorded vote be taken in respect of the amendment.

Division List

The following Members voted in favour of the amendment:-

Councillors Achwal, Barratt, Bell, Clear, Collin, Cook, Evans, Fall, Henry, Hicks, Higgins, Hiscock, Iazard, Jackson, Johnston, Learney, Love, Mason, Maynard, Mitchell, Nelmes, Pearce, Spender and Thompson (24)

The following Members voted against the amendment:-

Councillors Allgood, Anthony, Baxter, Beckett, Berry, Biggs, Busher, Chamberlain, Coates, Cooper, Gemmell, Godfrey, Hammerton, Hollingbery, Howell, Humby, Huxstep, Jeffs, Lipscomb, Mather, Pearson, Read, Ruffell, Sanders, Stallard, Stephens, Tait, Verney, Weston, Wood, Worrall and Wright (32).

The following Member abstained:-

Councillor Pines

Amendment Lost.

Revised Original Motion carried.

The Chairman of Principal Scrutiny Committee, Councillor Chamberlain, stated that in view of the content of the Revised Original Motion as now agreed, he considered that it was appropriate for the recommendation of Principal Scrutiny Committee to be withdrawn. This was agreed by Council.

RESOLVED:

1. That the Revised Original Motion, as set out above, be approved and adopted.
2. That the recommendation of Principal Scrutiny Committee be withdrawn.

Council Tax 2009/10

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 £826,295 (Appendix K to report CAB1786 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) Public Conveniences
- (k) Theatre Royal
- (l) 20 mph speed limit
- (m) Administration of the Town Forum.

2. That it be noted that at its meeting on 7 January 2009 the Council calculated the following amounts for the year 2009/10 in accordance with Regulations made under Section 33(5) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:

(a) 47,282.09, 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 2009/10 in accordance with Sections 32 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:

(a) £78,185,066, 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) £62,457,174, 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) £15,677,892, 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) £6,958,941, 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) £184.42, 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) £2,838,771, being the aggregate amount of all special items referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act.

(g) £124.38, 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 2009/10, 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)	£48,141,206
Hampshire Police Authority (HPA)	£6,719,258
Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority (HFRA)	£2,851,110

<u>Valuation Bands</u>	<u>HCC</u>	<u>HPA</u>	<u>HFRA</u>
A	678.78	94.74	40.20
B	791.91	110.53	46.90
C	905.04	126.32	53.60
D	1,018.17	142.11	60.30
E	1,244.43	173.69	73.70
F	1,470.69	205.27	87.10
G	1,696.95	236.85	100.50
H	2,036.34	284.22	120.60

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 2009/10 for each of the categories of dwellings shown.

Cabinet – 4 February 2009

Principal Scrutiny Committee – 9 February 2009

Treasury Management Strategy 2009/10

The Portfolio Holder for Finance and Efficiency, Councillor Allgood, moved that Recommended Minute 657 be approved and adopted, subject to replacing the word 'considered' with 'approved' in line 2, and deleting the last three lines of the recommendation.

This was seconded by Councillor Beckett and became the Revised Original Motion to be debated.

RESOLVED:

1. That Recommended Minute 657, as amended, be approved and adopted.

2. That the Recommended Minute of Principal Scrutiny Committee be noted.

Cabinet – 4 February 2009

Social Issues Scrutiny Panel – 12 February 2009

Housing Revenue Account Budget 2009/10

The Portfolio Holder for Housing and Communities, Councillor Coates, moved that Recommended Minute 656 be approved and adopted, subject to deletion

of the words ' subject to the consideration of comments from the Social Issues Scrutiny Panel'.

This was seconded by Councillor Beckett and became the Revised Original Motion to be debated.

RESOLVED:

1. That Recommended Minute 656, as amended, be approved and adopted.
2. That the Recommended Minute of Social Issues Scrutiny Panel be noted.

Cabinet – 4 February 2009

Appointment of Independent Members and Parish Representatives to the Standards Committee

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Beckett, moved that Recommended Minute 668 be approved and adopted.

RESOLVED:

1. That Recommended Minute 668 be approved and adopted.
2. That Councillors Barratt, Hammerton, Hiscock, Hollingbery, Huxstep, Learney, Mather, Nelmes, Stephens and Verney be appointed to the Special Committee hereby established for the remainder of the 2008/09 Municipal Year.

The meeting commenced at 7pm and concluded at 10.45pm

The Mayor

PARISH COUNCIL PRECEPTS AND COUNCIL TAXES 2009/10									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	82.92	96.74	110.56	124.38	152.02	179.66	207.30	248.76	
PRECEPT AUTHORITY									
HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL	678.78	791.91	905.04	1,018.17	1,244.43	1,470.69	1,696.95	2,036.34	
POLICE AUTHORITY	94.74	110.53	126.32	142.11	173.69	205.27	236.85	284.22	
FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY	40.20	46.90	53.60	60.30	73.70	87.10	100.50	120.60	
Total (HC, HPA, & HFRA)	813.72	949.34	1,084.96	1,220.58	1,491.82	1,763.06	2,034.30	2,441.16	
SPECIAL AREAS (BILLING AUTHORITY)									
WINCHESTER TOWN	935.09	1,090.94	1,246.79	1,402.64	1,714.34	2,026.04	2,337.73	2,805.28	
PARISHES									
BADGER FARM	915.32	1,067.87	1,220.43	1,372.98	1,678.09	1,983.19	2,288.30	2,745.96	
BEAUWORTH	896.64	1,046.08	1,195.52	1,344.96	1,643.84	1,942.72	2,241.60	2,689.92	
BIGHTON	907.61	1,058.87	1,210.14	1,361.41	1,663.95	1,966.48	2,269.02	2,722.82	
BISHOPS SUTTON	908.43	1,059.83	1,211.24	1,362.64	1,665.45	1,968.26	2,271.07	2,725.28	
BISHOPS WALTHAM	976.17	1,138.86	1,301.56	1,464.25	1,789.64	2,115.03	2,440.42	2,928.50	
BOARHUNT	931.79	1,087.08	1,242.38	1,397.68	1,708.28	2,018.87	2,329.47	2,795.36	
BRAMDEAN & HINTON									
AMPNER	912.07	1,064.08	1,216.09	1,368.10	1,672.12	1,976.14	2,280.17	2,736.20	
CHERITON	915.45	1,068.03	1,220.60	1,373.18	1,678.33	1,983.48	2,288.63	2,746.36	
CHILCOMB	896.64	1,046.08	1,195.52	1,344.96	1,643.84	1,942.72	2,241.60	2,689.92	
COLDEN COMMON	944.37	1,101.76	1,259.16	1,416.55	1,731.34	2,046.13	2,360.92	2,833.10	
COMPTON & SHAWFORD	919.39	1,072.63	1,225.86	1,379.09	1,685.55	1,992.02	2,298.48	2,758.18	
CORHAMPTON & MEONSTOKE	912.86	1,065.00	1,217.15	1,369.29	1,673.58	1,977.86	2,282.15	2,738.58	
CRAWLEY	935.57	1,091.50	1,247.43	1,403.36	1,715.22	2,027.08	2,338.93	2,806.72	
CURDRIDGE	915.90	1,068.55	1,221.20	1,373.85	1,679.15	1,984.45	2,289.75	2,747.70	
DENMEAD	976.13	1,138.81	1,301.50	1,464.19	1,789.57	2,114.94	2,440.32	2,928.38	
DROXFORD	913.08	1,065.26	1,217.44	1,369.62	1,673.98	1,978.34	2,282.70	2,739.24	
DURLEY	917.71	1,070.66	1,223.61	1,376.56	1,682.46	1,988.36	2,294.27	2,753.12	
EXTON	903.21	1,053.75	1,204.28	1,354.82	1,655.89	1,956.96	2,258.03	2,709.64	
HAMBLEDON	912.69	1,064.81	1,216.92	1,369.04	1,673.27	1,977.50	2,281.73	2,738.08	
HEADBOURNE WORTHY	906.69	1,057.81	1,208.92	1,360.04	1,662.27	1,964.50	2,266.73	2,720.08	
HURSLEY	944.00	1,101.33	1,258.67	1,416.00	1,730.67	2,045.33	2,360.00	2,832.00	
ITCHEN STOKE & OVINGTON	908.43	1,059.84	1,211.24	1,362.65	1,665.46	1,968.27	2,271.08	2,725.30	
ITCHEN VALLEY	909.53	1,061.12	1,212.71	1,364.30	1,667.48	1,970.66	2,273.83	2,728.60	
KILMESTON	914.96	1,067.45	1,219.95	1,372.44	1,677.43	1,982.41	2,287.40	2,744.88	
KINGS WORTHY	936.33	1,092.38	1,248.44	1,404.49	1,716.60	2,028.71	2,340.82	2,808.98	
LITTLETON & HARESTOCK	922.89	1,076.70	1,230.52	1,384.33	1,691.96	1,999.59	2,307.22	2,768.66	
MICHELDEVER	935.27	1,091.14	1,247.02	1,402.90	1,714.66	2,026.41	2,338.17	2,805.80	
NEW ALRESFORD	968.36	1,129.75	1,291.15	1,452.54	1,775.33	2,098.11	2,420.90	2,905.08	
NORTHINGTON	914.30	1,066.68	1,219.07	1,371.45	1,676.22	1,980.98	2,285.75	2,742.90	
OLD ALRESFORD	919.09	1,072.28	1,225.46	1,378.64	1,685.00	1,991.37	2,297.73	2,757.28	
OLIVERS BATTERY	917.29	1,070.18	1,223.06	1,375.94	1,681.70	1,987.47	2,293.23	2,751.88	
OTTERBOURNE	921.52	1,075.11	1,228.69	1,382.28	1,689.45	1,996.63	2,303.80	2,764.56	
OWSLEBURY	924.89	1,079.04	1,233.19	1,387.34	1,695.64	2,003.94	2,312.23	2,774.68	
SHEDFIELD	937.68	1,093.96	1,250.24	1,406.52	1,719.08	2,031.64	2,344.20	2,813.04	
SOBERTON	910.47	1,062.21	1,213.96	1,365.70	1,669.19	1,972.68	2,276.17	2,731.40	
SOUTH WONSTON	931.35	1,086.58	1,241.80	1,397.03	1,707.48	2,017.93	2,328.38	2,794.06	
SOUTHWICK & WIDLEY	921.67	1,075.28	1,228.89	1,382.50	1,689.72	1,996.94	2,304.17	2,765.00	
SPARSHOLT	909.37	1,060.94	1,212.50	1,364.06	1,667.18	1,970.31	2,273.43	2,728.12	
SWANMORE	952.42	1,111.16	1,269.89	1,428.63	1,746.10	2,063.58	2,381.05	2,857.26	
TICHBORNE	924.81	1,078.95	1,233.08	1,387.22	1,695.49	2,003.76	2,312.03	2,774.44	
TWYFORD	938.39	1,094.79	1,251.19	1,407.59	1,720.39	2,033.19	2,345.98	2,815.18	
UPHAM	919.13	1,072.32	1,225.51	1,378.70	1,685.08	1,991.46	2,297.83	2,757.40	
WARNFORD	902.49	1,052.91	1,203.32	1,353.74	1,654.57	1,955.40	2,256.23	2,707.48	
WEST MEON	933.19	1,088.73	1,244.26	1,399.79	1,710.85	2,021.92	2,332.98	2,799.58	
WHITELEY	918.03	1,071.04	1,224.04	1,377.05	1,683.06	1,989.07	2,295.08	2,754.10	
WICKHAM	931.62	1,086.89	1,242.16	1,397.43	1,707.97	2,018.51	2,329.05	2,794.86	
WONSTON	925.55	1,079.81	1,234.07	1,388.33	1,696.85	2,005.37	2,313.88	2,776.66	