

WINCHESTER CITY COUNCIL

At an Ordinary Meeting of the Council held in the Guildhall, Winchester on 15 July 2009.

Attendance:

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

Councillors:

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

1. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 22 April and the Annual Meeting of the Council held on 20 May 2009 be approved and adopted, subject to Councillor Henry being shown as in attendance for the meeting held on 20 May 2009.

2. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR**

The Mayor announced that the following local people who live and/or work in the District had received awards in the Queen's Birthday Honours List:-

Dame Mary Fagan – Lord Lieutenant of Hampshire - made a Dame Commander.

Mr Alex Marshall - Chief Constable of Hampshire - awarded the Queen's Medal for Distinguished Service.

Sir William Wakeham, Vice Chancellor of the University of Southampton - awarded a Knighthood for services to chemical engineering and higher education.

Sir Bernard Ribeiro (Itchen Stoke) – made a Knight Bachelor for services to medicine.

Ms Carolyn Martin (Winchester) - awarded an MBE for services to witness support and victim care work in Winchester.

Professor Ann Williams, University of Winchester – awarded an MBE for services to teacher training.

The Honourable Peter Dickinson (Bramdean) – awarded an OBE for services to literature.

Mr Tim Foy (Winchester) - awarded an OBE for his work in the public service.

The Mayor then reported with regret the recent death of five servicemen from The Rifles Regiment, in the Afghanistan conflict. A letter of condolence had been sent to Regimental Headquarters.

3. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE LEADER**

The Leader congratulated the Council's Parking Manager (Richard Hein) who had recently been appointed Chairman of the British Parking Association. He also congratulated the Council's Neighbourhood Wardens Service which was now an authorised Community Safety Accredited Scheme, under the Police Reform Act 2002.

4. **COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

The Chief Executive reported to Council that, following the national outbreak of the Swine Flu virus, Emergency Planning measures had been instigated and a group of officers had been established to implement the Business Continuity Plan, if required. The Council was also part of the Hampshire Local Resilience Forum, which helped the Authority to remain fully briefed as the situation developed.

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

1. Period taken to re-let Council Housing

The Portfolio Holder for Housing, Councillor Coates, answered a question from Councillor Thompson.

2. Closed Toilet Facilities at the Hat Fair

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

3. Parking for Disabled Drivers in Winchester Town Centre

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

4. Charging Parish Councils for Maintenance of Public Conveniences

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

Councillor Clear declared a personal (but not prejudicial) interest in respect of this question as she was Chairman of Wickham Parish Council. She remained in the Chamber and spoke thereon.

5. Climate Change

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

6. Provision of Affordable Housing by Developers

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

7. Cycleway along Hockley Viaduct

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

8. Proxy Voting in the Southern Parishes County Electoral Division

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

9. Responsibility for Clearance of Vegetation etc in Alleyways

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

10. Progress with LEADER Funding

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

11. Level of Staff Pay Settlement 2009/10

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

12. Number and Success of CCTV Cameras

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

13. Vacation of Avalon House

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

14. Staff Sickness and Absence Levels

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

15. Party Political Information issued at the County Council Elections

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

16. Highway Improvements at Grange Road, St Cross

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

6. **CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDED MINUTES**

It was noted that Reports CL56 and CL57 had been 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.

Cabinet – 17 June 2009

Principal Scrutiny Committee – 22 June 2009

Capital Expenditure Outturn 2008/09

The Portfolio Holder for Finance and Resources, Councillor Allgood, moved that Cabinet Recommended Minute 66 be approved and adopted.

RESOLVED:

1. That Recommended Minute 66 be approved and adopted.
2. That Recommended Minute 100 of Principal Scrutiny Committee be noted.

Principal Scrutiny Committee – 22 June 2009

Chairman's Annual Scrutiny Report 2008/09

The Vice Chairman of Principal Scrutiny Committee, Councillor Read, moved that Recommended Minute 102 be approved and adopted.

RESOLVED:

That Recommended Minute 102 be approved and adopted.

Principal Scrutiny Committee – 22 June 2009

Cabinet – 8 July 2009

Guidance for the Scrutiny of Crime and Disorder Partnerships

The Portfolio Holder for Communities and Safety, Councillor Cooper, moved that Cabinet Recommended Minute 1(i) as attached to Report CL56 be approved and adopted.

RESOLVED:

1. That Recommended Minute 1(i) as attached to Report CL56 be approved and adopted.
2. That Recommended Minute 103 of Principal Scrutiny Committee be noted.

Cabinet – 8 July 2009

Principal Scrutiny Committee – 13 July 2009

Disposal of Housing Revenue Account Land at Willis Way, Kings Worthy

Councillor Izard declared a personal and prejudicial interest in this matter, as he was employed by the Housing Association which had a possible involvement with the future of the site. He left the Chamber for the item and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

The Portfolio Holder for Housing, Councillor Coates, moved that Cabinet Recommended Minute 1 as attached to Report CL56 be approved and adopted (less the exempt business which would be dealt with in exempt session).

The Corporate Director (Governance) pointed out that, having regard to the decision of Principal Scrutiny Committee, the Cabinet Recommendation should be amended by deletion of the words in line 1 '... subject to the matter not being called in by Principal Scrutiny Committee..'. This was agreed.

RESOLVED:

1. That Recommended Minute 1 (as amended) as attached to Report CL56 be approved and adopted.

2. That Recommended Minute 1(i) of Principal Scrutiny Committee as attached to Report CL57 be noted.

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

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Thompson replace Councillor Evans as a full Member of the Principal Scrutiny Committee and Councillor Evans becomes a Deputy on that Committee.

8. **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>
###	Disposal of Housing Revenue Account Land at Willis Waye, Kings Worthy	Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)
###	Abbey Mill - Refurbishment	(Para 3 to Schedule 12A refers).

Cabinet – 8 July 2009

Principal Scrutiny Committee – 13 July 2009

Disposal of Housing Revenue Account Land at Willis Way, Kings Worthy
(exempt business)

Councillor Izard remained out of the Chamber during the consideration of this item.

The Portfolio Holder for Housing, Councillor Coates, moved that Cabinet Recommended Minute 2 as attached to Report CL56 be approved and adopted.

RESOLVED:

1. That Recommended Minute 2 as attached to Report CL56 be approved and adopted.
2. That Recommended Minute 2 (i) of Principal Scrutiny Committee as attached to Report CL57 be noted.

Cabinet – 8 July 2009

Principal Scrutiny Committee – 13 July 2009

Abbey Mill – Refurbishment Contract

Councillors Henry and Maynard declared personal (but not prejudicial) interests in this matter, as they were both acquainted with a managing director of the company which may have an involvement with the future of the building. They remained in the Chamber for consideration of the item.

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Beckett, moved that Cabinet Recommended Minute 3 as attached to Report CL56 be approved and adopted.

RESOLVED:

1. That Recommended Minute 3 as attached to Report CL56 be approved and adopted.
2. That Recommended Minute 2 (ii) of Principal Scrutiny Committee as attached to Report CL57 be noted.

The meeting commenced at 7pm and concluded at 9.25pm

The Mayor