

WINCHESTER CITY COUNCIL

At an Ordinary Meeting of the Council held in the Guildhall, Winchester on 13 January 2010

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

1. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held on 4 November 2009 and the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on the same date be approved and adopted.

2. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR**

The Mayor received on behalf of the Council a book entitled ‘Winchester – Heart of a City’, which had been produced by the Council’s former Conservation Officer, Andrew Rutter. The book was presented to the Council by Mr Iain Patton (City of Winchester Trust) who thanked all those who had supported Mr Rutter and contributed, either professionally and/or financially, to this important publication.

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 New Years Honours List :-

His Honour Judge Keith Cutler (Honorary Recorder for Winchester) – awarded a CBE for services to justice.

Mr David Harrison who lives in Ropley, but had a long standing connection with Alresford Golf Club – awarded an OBE for services to golf.

Mr Stephen Wright from Winchester – awarded an OBE for services to valuation.

Mr Rex Chester from Winchester - awarded an MBE for services to young people.

Mrs Annie McKean – awarded a MBE for services to higher education.

The Mayor then asked for Members’ nominations for the 2009/10 Mayor’s Awards.

Finally, the Mayor congratulated the following members of staff who had received an ‘Alfie’ awards, as recognition of their work during the past year:-

Alfies Individual Award
Glynis Cole (Tenant Participation Manager)

Alfies Supporting Individual Award
Kat McCulloch (Cultural Services)

Alfies Team Award
Neighbourhood Wardens (Environment)

Alfies Supporting Team Award
Flexible Working Project Team (Wendy Steele, Emma Macdonald, Alison Gavin, and Deborah Chick)

Mayor's Award for Voluntary Contribution
Darren Nicholson (Office Support)

Special Recognition Award for Long Service
Carol Bull (Temporary Accommodation Manager)

3. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE LEADER**

The Leader made a statement with regard to the future of the Silver Hill redevelopment, following the placing into administration last week of Thornfield Ventures Ltd (the parent company of Thornfield Properties plc and Thornfield Properties (Winchester)). The Leader emphasised that it was only the parent company which had been placed into administration and this was as a direct result of the current economic recession. The risks had always been clearly identified and there was no action which the Council could have taken to prevent the present situation. It did not mean that the regeneration of the Silver Hill area would not happen at some stage and all options would now be reviewed to identify the best way forward.

The Leader then reported that the Council had, earlier that day, approved an agreement with East Hampshire District Council to procure a joint waste contract. This was a ground-breaking decision and would secure operational and financial benefits for both authorities.

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

1. Applicants for Affordable Housing in Littleton and Swanmore

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

2. PUSH – Appointment of Programme Officer

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

3. Condition of Pavements during recent icy weather

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

4. Barton Farm Planning Application – Closing Date for Comments

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

5. Refuse collections during inclement weather

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

6. Outcome of Comprehensive Area Assessment

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

7. Tower Arts Centre – Future Programme

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

8. Bushfield Camp – Knowledge Park Proposal

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

5. **CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDED MINUTES**

Cabinet – 9 December 2009

Principal Scrutiny Committee – 14 December 2009

Revised Investment Strategy

The Portfolio Holder for Finance and Efficiency, Councillor Allgood, moved that Cabinet Recommended Minute 550 be approved and adopted, subject to the addition of a new Recommendation 2, as set out in Principal Scrutiny Committee Recommended Minute 592.

The amended motion was seconded by Councillor Chamberlain.

Amended Motion carried

Substantive Motion carried

RESOLVED:

1. That Recommended Minute 550 of Cabinet, as amended, be approved and adopted.

2. That Recommended Minute 592 of Principal Scrutiny Committee be noted.

Cabinet – 9 December 2009

Corporate Business Plan 2010 - 2015

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Beckett, moved that the recommendation in Report CL61 be approved and adopted.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Cooper

RESOLVED:

That the recommendation as set out in Report CL61 be approved and adopted.

Cabinet – 9 December 2009

Council Tax Base 2010/2011

The Portfolio Holder for Finance and Efficiency, Councillor Allgood, moved that Cabinet Recommended Minute 556 be approved and adopted.

RESOLVED:

That Recommended Minute 556 be approved and adopted.

6. **GAMBLING STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES 2010 – 2013**

The Chairman of Licensing and Regulation Committee, Councillor Mather, moved that the recommendation set out in Report CL61 be approved and adopted.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Read.

RESOLVED:

1. That the recommendation as set out in Report CL61 be approved and adopted.

2. That authority be given to the Head of Legal Services to undertake any minor editing to the document which would improve clarity and consistency.

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

RESOLVED:

1. That Councillor Gemmell replace Councillor Sanders as a full Member of the Resources Scrutiny Panel.

2. That Councillor Spender replace Councillor Clear as a Deputy Member of the Personnel Committee.

3. That, on the Principal Scrutiny Committee, Councillor Evans replace Councillor Thompson as a full Member and Councillor Thompson become a Deputy Member, and Councillor Bell replace Councillor Barratt as a Deputy Member.

The meeting commenced at 7.00pm and concluded at 8.05pm

The Mayor