

WINCHESTER CITY COUNCIL

At an Ordinary Meeting of the Council held in the Guildhall, Winchester on 18 February 2010

Attendance:

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

Councillors:

Achwal (P)	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 (P)	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	Sanders (P)
Gemmell (P)	Spender (P)
Godfrey (P)	Stallard (P)
Hammerton (P)	Stephens (P)
Henry (P)	Tait (P)
Hicks (P)	Thompson (P)
Higgins (P)	Thynne (P)
Hollingbery	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 13 January 2010 be approved and adopted.

2. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE LEADER**

The Leader congratulated the staff of Revenues and Benefits, who were the latest Council Division to receive the Customer Service Excellence award, with a top score of 100%. Landlord Services and Customer Services Divisions were also congratulated on their re-accreditation under the scheme.

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

1. Vehicular Access to Whiteley during inclement weather

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

2. Yew Tree Drive, Whiteley - Survey

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

3. Current Operation of Choice Based Letting System

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

4. Network Rail Bridge Works – St Cross

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

5. Viewing of Properties by Prospective Tenants

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

6. Level of Grant Aid in Current Economic Climate

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

7. Release of Reserve Sites – Pitt Manor and Francis Gardens

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

8. Number of Gypsy/Traveller Sites in the District

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

9. Tower Arts Centre

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

10. Council House Sales Policy

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

4. **CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDED MINUTES**

Cabinet – 3 February 2010

Housing Revenue Account and Rent Setting 2010/11

The Portfolio Holder for Housing, Councillor Coates, moved that Recommended Minute 683 be approved and adopted.

RESOLVED:

That Recommended Minute 683 be approved and adopted.

Cabinet – 3 February 2010

Principal Scrutiny Committee – 8 February 2010

Treasury Management Strategy

The Portfolio Holder for Finance and Efficiency, Councillor Allgood, moved that Cabinet Recommended Minute 685 be approved and adopted.

RESOLVED:

1. That Recommended Minute 685 of Cabinet be approved and adopted.

2. That Recommended Minute 720 of Principal Scrutiny Committee be noted.

Cabinet – 3 February 2010

Principal Scrutiny Committee – 8 February 2010

Capital Programme 2009/10 to 2013/14

The Portfolio Holder for Finance and Efficiency, Councillor Allgood, moved that Cabinet Recommended Minute 686 be approved and adopted, subject to the addition of a new Recommendation 2, as set out in Principal Scrutiny Committee Recommended Minute 719.2.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Chamberlain.

RESOLVED:

1. That Recommended Minute 686 of Cabinet, as amended, be approved and adopted.
2. That Recommended Minute 719 of Principal Scrutiny Committee be noted.

Cabinet – 3 February 2010

Principal Scrutiny Committee – 8 February 2010

Budget and Council Tax 2010/11

The Portfolio Holder for Finance and Efficiency, Councillor Allgood, moved that Recommended Minute 687 be approved and adopted.

Amendment (1) Councillor Learney (2) Councillor Spender

'That in the event that the pay award to staff is less than the assumed 0.5%, the 2010/11 saving be added to the budget for delivering the Winchester District Strategic Plan climate change programme'.

Amendment Lost.

Original Motion carried.

RESOLVED:

1. That Recommended Minute 687 of Cabinet be approved and adopted.
2. That Recommended Minute 718 of Principal Scrutiny Committee be noted.

Council Tax 2010/11

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 £827,845 (Appendix K to report CAB1964 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) Maintenance work to Council Owned Bridges
- (m) Urban Neighbourhood Plans
- (n) Grit Bins
- (o) Administration of the Town Forum.

2. That it be noted that at its meeting on 13 January 2010 the Council calculated the following amounts for the year 2010/11 in accordance with Regulations made under Section 33(5) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:

(a) 47,692.11, 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 2010/11 in accordance with Sections 32 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:

(a) £83,992,818, 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) £67,957,568, 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) £16,035,250, 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) 7,051,766, 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) £188.36, 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) 2,961,401, being the aggregate amount of all special items referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act.

(g) £126.27, 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 2010/11, 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)	£49,498,687
Hampshire Police Authority (HPA)	£6,974,971
Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority (HFRA)	£2,927,342

<u>Valuation</u> <u>Bands</u>	<u>HCC</u>	<u>HPA</u>	<u>HFRA</u>
A	691.92	97.50	40.92
B	807.24	113.75	47.74
C	922.56	130.00	54.56
D	1,037.88	146.25	61.38
E	1,268.52	178.75	75.02
F	1,499.16	211.25	88.66
G	1,729.80	243.75	102.30
H	2,075.76	292.50	122.76

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 2010/11 for each of the categories of dwellings shown.

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

RESOLVED:

That, on the Personnel Committee, Councillor Anthony replace Councillor Thynne as a full Member and Councillor Sanders replace Councillor Read as a Deputy Member.

The meeting commenced at 7pm and concluded at 10.45pm

The Mayor

PARISH COUNCIL PRECEPTS AND COUNCIL TAXES 2010/11

(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 CITY COUNCIL	84.18	98.21	112.24	126.27	154.33	182.39	210.45	252.54
PRECEPT AUTHORITY								
HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL	691.92	807.24	922.56	1,037.88	1,268.52	1,499.16	1,729.80	2,075.76
POLICE AUTHORITY	97.50	113.75	130.00	146.25	178.75	211.25	243.75	292.50
FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY	40.92	47.74	54.56	61.38	75.02	88.66	102.30	122.76
Total (HCC,HPA & HFRA)	830.34	968.73	1,107.12	1,245.51	1,522.29	1,799.07	2,075.85	2,491.02
SPECIAL AREAS								
(BILLING AUTHORITY)								
WINCHESTER TOWN	955.40	1,114.63	1,273.87	1,433.10	1,751.57	2,070.03	2,388.50	2,866.20
PARISHES								
BADGER FARM	933.45	1,089.02	1,244.60	1,400.17	1,711.32	2,022.47	2,333.62	2,800.34
BEAUWORTH	914.52	1,066.94	1,219.36	1,371.78	1,676.62	1,981.46	2,286.30	2,743.56
BIGHTON	925.56	1,079.82	1,234.08	1,388.34	1,696.86	2,005.38	2,313.90	2,776.68
BISHOPS SUTTON	925.31	1,079.52	1,233.74	1,387.96	1,696.40	2,004.83	2,313.27	2,775.92
BISHOPS WALTHAM	993.58	1,159.18	1,324.77	1,490.37	1,821.56	2,152.76	2,483.95	2,980.74
BOARHUNT	949.59	1,107.86	1,266.12	1,424.39	1,740.92	2,057.45	2,373.98	2,848.78
BRAMDEAN & HINTON AMPNER	929.81	1,084.78	1,239.75	1,394.72	1,704.66	2,014.60	2,324.53	2,789.44
CHERITON	934.50	1,090.25	1,246.00	1,401.75	1,713.25	2,024.75	2,336.25	2,803.50
CHILCOMB	914.52	1,066.94	1,219.36	1,371.78	1,676.62	1,981.46	2,286.30	2,743.56
COLDEN COMMON	966.00	1,127.00	1,288.00	1,449.00	1,771.00	2,093.00	2,415.00	2,898.00
COMPTON & SHAWFORD	936.61	1,092.72	1,248.82	1,404.92	1,717.12	2,029.33	2,341.53	2,809.84
CORHAMPTON & MEONSTOKE	931.41	1,086.64	1,241.88	1,397.11	1,707.58	2,018.05	2,328.52	2,794.22
CRAWLEY	952.19	1,110.88	1,269.58	1,428.28	1,745.68	2,063.07	2,380.47	2,856.56
CURDRIDGE	933.66	1,089.27	1,244.88	1,400.49	1,711.71	2,022.93	2,334.15	2,800.98
DENMEAD	995.83	1,161.81	1,327.78	1,493.75	1,825.69	2,157.64	2,489.58	2,987.50
DROXFORD	934.67	1,090.44	1,246.22	1,402.00	1,713.56	2,025.11	2,336.67	2,804.00
DURLEY	936.47	1,092.54	1,248.62	1,404.70	1,716.86	2,029.01	2,341.17	2,809.40
EXTON	915.22	1,067.76	1,220.29	1,372.83	1,677.90	1,982.98	2,288.05	2,745.66
HAMBLEDON	933.02	1,088.52	1,244.03	1,399.53	1,710.54	2,021.54	2,332.55	2,799.06
HEADBOURNE WORTHY	924.64	1,078.75	1,232.85	1,386.96	1,695.17	2,003.39	2,311.60	2,773.92
HURSLEY	961.41	1,121.65	1,281.88	1,442.12	1,762.59	2,083.06	2,403.53	2,884.24
ITCHEN STOKE & OVINGTON	926.23	1,080.61	1,234.98	1,389.35	1,698.09	2,006.84	2,315.58	2,778.70
ITCHEN VALLEY	927.19	1,081.73	1,236.26	1,390.79	1,699.85	2,008.92	2,317.98	2,781.58
KILMESTON	932.10	1,087.45	1,242.80	1,398.15	1,708.85	2,019.55	2,330.25	2,796.30
KINGS WORTHY	954.93	1,114.09	1,273.24	1,432.40	1,750.71	2,069.02	2,387.33	2,864.80
LITTLETON & HARESTOCK	940.53	1,097.28	1,254.04	1,410.79	1,724.30	2,037.81	2,351.32	2,821.58
MICHELDEVER	957.05	1,116.55	1,276.06	1,435.57	1,754.59	2,073.60	2,392.62	2,871.14
NEW ALRESFORD	985.63	1,149.90	1,314.17	1,478.44	1,806.98	2,135.52	2,464.07	2,956.88
NORTHINGTON	932.44	1,087.85	1,243.25	1,398.66	1,709.47	2,020.29	2,331.10	2,797.32
OLD ALRESFORD	937.79	1,094.08	1,250.38	1,406.68	1,719.28	2,031.87	2,344.47	2,813.36
OLIVERS BATTERY	935.57	1,091.50	1,247.43	1,403.36	1,715.22	2,027.08	2,338.93	2,806.72
OTTERBOURNE	940.00	1,096.67	1,253.33	1,410.00	1,723.33	2,036.67	2,350.00	2,820.00
OWSLEBURY	944.11	1,101.46	1,258.81	1,416.16	1,730.86	2,045.56	2,360.27	2,832.32
SHEDFIELD	949.20	1,107.40	1,265.60	1,423.80	1,740.20	2,056.60	2,373.00	2,847.60
SOBERTON	936.31	1,092.36	1,248.41	1,404.46	1,716.56	2,028.66	2,340.77	2,808.92
SOUTH WONSTON	951.25	1,109.79	1,268.33	1,426.87	1,743.95	2,061.03	2,378.12	2,853.74
SOUTHWICK & WIDLEY	942.30	1,099.35	1,256.40	1,413.45	1,727.55	2,041.65	2,355.75	2,826.90
SPARSHOLT	928.57	1,083.34	1,238.10	1,392.86	1,702.38	2,011.91	2,321.43	2,785.72
SWANMORE	972.61	1,134.71	1,296.81	1,458.91	1,783.11	2,107.31	2,431.52	2,917.82
TICHBORNE	941.64	1,098.58	1,255.52	1,412.46	1,726.34	2,040.22	2,354.10	2,824.92
TWYFORD	956.50	1,115.92	1,275.33	1,434.75	1,753.58	2,072.42	2,391.25	2,869.50
UPHAM	939.93	1,096.58	1,253.24	1,409.89	1,723.20	2,036.51	2,349.82	2,819.78
WARNFORD	920.19	1,073.55	1,226.92	1,380.28	1,687.01	1,993.74	2,300.47	2,760.56
WEST MEON	950.89	1,109.37	1,267.85	1,426.33	1,743.29	2,060.25	2,377.22	2,852.66
WHITELEY	941.18	1,098.04	1,254.91	1,411.77	1,725.50	2,039.22	2,352.95	2,823.54
WICKHAM	952.57	1,111.34	1,270.10	1,428.86	1,746.38	2,063.91	2,381.43	2,857.72
WONSTON	943.55	1,100.81	1,258.07	1,415.33	1,729.85	2,044.37	2,358.88	2,830.66