

WINCHESTER CITY COUNCIL

At an Ordinary Meeting of the Council held in the Guildhall, Winchester on 21 July 2010.

Attendance:

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

Councillors:

Achwal (P)	Learney (P)
Anthony (P)	Lipscomb (P)
Banister (P)	Love (P)
Barratt (P)	Mason (P)
Baxter (P)	Mather (P)
Beckett (P)	Maynard (P)
Bell (P)	McLean (P)
Berry (P)	Mitchell (P)
Chamberlain (P)	Nelmes (P)
Clear (P)	Pearce (P)
Coates (P)	Pearson (P)
Collin (P)	Phillips (P)
Cook (P)	Power (P)
Cooper	Prowse (P)
Evans (P)	Read (P)
Fall (P)	Ruffell (P)
Gemmell (P)	Rutter (P)
Godfrey (P)	Sanders
Hammerton (P)	Spender (P)
Henry (P)	Stallard (P)
Hicks (P)	Tait (P)
Higgins (P)	Thompson (P)
Hiscock (P)	Thynne (P)
Humby (P)	Verney (P)
Huxstep (P)	Weston
Jackson (P)	Witt (P)
Jeffs (P)	Wood (P)
Johnston (P)	Wright (P)

1. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

The Mayor informed the meeting that the annual cricket match between the Mayors XI and the staff would be held on Friday 6 August 2010 and Members were welcome to attend.

2. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE LEADER**

The Leader reported that the next stage of corporate change had commenced with the launch of the Transforming Winchester programme, which included the '1 Team' approach. These initiatives would be essential in helping to tackle the severe budget and resource challenges in the coming months and minimise staff redundancies. Members would be given a full briefing following the summer recess.

The Leader then announced that the Council had been awarded the 'Good Egg Award' for only using eggs from approved sources at all its catering outlets.

Finally, the Leader drew attention to the Concessionary Travel/Special Transport event at the Discovery Centre on Thursday 27 July 2010 at 10am.

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

1. Potential Changes to the Capital Programme

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Learney (as Portfolio Holder for Transformation and Resources), answered a question from Councillor Beckett.

2. Yew Tree Drive, Whiteley – Opening up to all Traffic

The Portfolio Holder for High Quality Environment, Councillor Bell, answered a question from Councillor Achwal.

3. Financial Strategy 2011/12 – Possible Staff Cuts and/or Reductions in Service

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Learney (as Portfolio Holder for Transformation and Resources), answered a question from Councillor Wood.

4. Section 106 Agreements – Funding from Developers

The Portfolio Holder for High Quality Environment, Councillor Bell, answered a question from Councillor Cook.

5. The Need for Affordable Homes

The Portfolio Holder for Communities, Councillor Thompson, answered a question from Councillor Tait.

6. Changes to PPS 3

The Portfolio Holder for High Quality Environment, Councillor Bell, answered a question from Councillor Godfrey.

7. Use of South Winchester Park and Ride Car Park

The Portfolio Holder for High Quality Environment, Councillor Bell, answered a question from Councillor Henry.

8. LEADER Funding and the future of SEEDA

The Portfolio Holder for Rural Areas and Market Towns, Councillor Evans, answered a question from Councillor Humby.

9. Salaries Paid to Senior Council Officers

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Learney (as Portfolio Holder for Transformation and Resources), answered a question from Councillor Cook.

10. Progress with Silver Hill Development

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Learney (as Portfolio Holder for Transformation and Resources), answered a question from Councillor Tait.

11. Choice Based Lettings – Development with Neighbouring Authorities

The Portfolio Holder for Communities, Councillor Thompson, answered a question from Councillor Wood.

12. Protocol for Officers involved with Planning Applications

The Portfolio Holder for High Quality Environment, Councillor Bell, answered a question from Councillor Cook.

13. Housing Associations – Play Areas

The Portfolio Holder for Communities, Councillor Thompson, answered a question from Councillor Tait.

14. Network Rail Bridge Works - Closure of Andover Road

The Portfolio Holder for High Quality Environment, Councillor Bell, answered a question from Councillor Wood.

As the time allowed for questions under Council Procedure Rule 14 had expired at the end of Question 8, the Mayor ruled that no supplementary questions be taken on the remaining Questions (9 – 14), but that any affected Member who wished to do so, could resubmit his/her question(s) to the next meeting of Council, subject to notifying the Corporate Director (Governance) at the appropriate time.

With regard to Question 13 (Housing Associations and Play Areas), the Mayor declared a personal interest because of his employment with a Housing Association which operated in the District.

4. **CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDED MINUTES**

Cabinet – 9 June 2010
Capital Expenditure Outturn 2009/10

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Learney, moved that Recommended Minute 50 be approved and adopted.

RESOLVED:

That Recommended Minute 50 be approved and adopted.

Cabinet – 9 June 2010
Revenue Outturn 2009/10

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Learney, moved that Recommended Minute 51 be approved and adopted.

RESOLVED:

That Recommended Minute 51 be approved and adopted.

Principal Scrutiny Committee – 22 June 2010
Annual Scrutiny Report 2009/10

The Chairman of Principal Scrutiny Committee, Councillor Chamberlain, moved that Recommended Minute 114 be approved and adopted.

RESOLVED:

That Recommended Minute 114 be approved and adopted.

Cabinet – 9 July 2010
Principal Scrutiny Committee – 12 July 2010

Leadership Arrangements and Electoral Cycle

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Learney, moved that Cabinet Recommended Minute 1 attached to Report CL65 be approved and adopted.

Amendment (1) Councillor Beckett (2) Councillor Cooper

‘That in Recommendation 5 the word ‘not’ be deleted.’

Amendment lost

Original Motion carried.

RESOLVED:

1. That Cabinet Recommended Minute 1 attached to Report CL65 be approved and adopted.
2. That the Recommended Minute of Principal Scrutiny Committee on the same matter attached to Report CL65 be noted.

Cabinet – 9 July 2010

South Downs National Park – Delegation of Planning Decisions to Local Authorities

Councillor Wood declared a personal interest as a member of the South Downs National Park Authority.

The Portfolio Holder for High Quality Environment, Councillor Bell, moved that Recommended Minute 2 attached to Report CL65 be approved and adopted.

RESOLVED:

That Recommended Minute 2 attached to Report CL65 be approved and adopted.

Cabinet – 9 July 2010

Principal Scrutiny Committee – 12 July 2010

Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 - Petitions

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Learney, moved that Cabinet Recommended Minute 3 attached to Report CL65 be approved and adopted.

RESOLVED:

1. That Cabinet Recommended Minute 3 attached to Report CL65 be approved and adopted.
2. That the Recommended Minute of Principal Scrutiny Committee on the same matter attached to Report CL65 be noted.

Licensing and Regulation Committee – 10 June 2010

Review of Licensing Policy

The Corporate Director (Governance) explained that this minute had inadvertently appeared on the Council agenda before the public consultation period on the revised Policy had concluded (3 September 2010). Therefore, the matter should not be considered by Council until its meeting on 3 November 2010.

RESOLVED:

That Recommended Minute 79 be withdrawn from the agenda and considered by Council on 3 November 2010, in the light of any comments received during the public consultation period.

Cabinet – 9 July 2010

Appointment of Special Committee re: Members Allowances Independent Remuneration Panel

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Learney, moved that Recommended Minute 4 attached to Report CL65 be approved and adopted, subject to the deletion of the name of Councillor Beckett and the inclusion of the name of Councillor Huxstep.

RESOLVED:

That Recommended Minute 4 attached to Report CL65, as amended, be approved and adopted.

Cabinet – 9 July 2010

Review of Constitution – Contracts Procedure Rules

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Learney, moved that Recommended Minute 5 attached to Report CL65 be approved and adopted.

RESOLVED:

That Recommended Minute 5 attached to Report CL65 be approved and adopted.

Cabinet – 9 July 2010

Minor Amendments to the Constitution

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Learney, moved that Recommended Minute 6 attached to Report CL65 be approved and adopted.

RESOLVED:

That Recommended Minute 6 attached to Report CL65 be approved and adopted.

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

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Humby replace Councillor Ruffell on the Local Economy Scrutiny Panel.

The meeting commenced at 7pm and concluded at 8.45pm.

The Mayor