

WINCHESTER CITY COUNCIL

At an Ordinary Meeting of the Council held in the Guildhall, Winchester on 28 September 2011

Attendance:

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

Councillors:

Achwal (P)	Love
Banister (P)	Mason (P)
Beckett (P)	Mather (P)
Berry (P)	Maynard (P)
Bodtger (P)	McLean (P)
Chamberlain (P)	Mitchell (P)
Clear (P)	Nelmes (P)
Coates (P)	Newman-McKie (P)
Collin (P)	Pearce (P)
Cook (P)	Pearson (P)
Cooper (P)	Phillips (P)
Evans (P)	Pines (P)
Gemmell (P)	Power (P)
Godfrey (P)	Prowse (P)
Gottlieb (P)	Read (P)
Hammerton (P)	Ruffell (P)
Henry (P)	Rutter (P)
Higgins (P)	Sanders (P)
Hiscock (P)	Scott (P)
Humby (P)	Stallard (P)
Hutchison (P)	Tait (P)
Huxstep (P)	Thompson (P)
Izard (P)	Verney (P)
Jackson (P)	Warwick (P)
Jefferies (P)	Weston (P)
Johnston	Witt (P)
Laming (P)	Wood (P)
Learney (P)	Wright (P)

1. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 20 July 2011 be approved and adopted.

2. **COMMUNICATION FROM THE MAYOR**

The Mayor congratulated all the staff working in the Tourist Information Centre, for winning the Gold Award in the national 'Tourist Information Service of the Year' category, at the Enjoy England Awards for Excellence. Organised by VisitEngland, the annual Awards recognised the outstanding commitment to customer service and high quality standards offered by the tourist information team. The Mayor then presented the award trophy to the TIC Team Leader, Sarah Harfield.

3. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE LEADER**

The Leader referred to the forthcoming sale of the former St Thomas More Church site in Stoney Lane, Winchester and the efforts being made by the North Winchester Your Community Action Group to acquire the site for community purposes. The Group had requested the Council to assist in that acquisition. Formal offers were required by 30 September 2011.

Members were informed that, in view of the very tight deadline, it had been agreed to authorise officers to discuss a possible bid with the Church's advisors, although any formal offer would be conditional on full Council approval. Discussions were also taking place with the various interested community groups to ensure, as far as possible, that there was a mutually beneficial collective effort in securing the site.

(Councillor Pines declared a personal (but not prejudicial) interest in the above matter, because of his position as a voluntary advisor to the Winchester Muslim Cultural Association. He remained in the meeting and participated in the discussion).

With regard to the Secretary of State's awaited decision on the planning appeal for development of Barton Farm, the Leader informed the meeting that he had written to the Minister and been informed that the decision would be issued on 29 September 2011.

Finally, the Leader invited the Portfolio Holder for Administration, Innovation and Improvement (Councillor Godfrey) to report to Council that the Authority had received Investors in People (IIP) re-accreditation, following a recent inspection.

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

1. Maintenance of Public Conveniences

The Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport, Councillor Weston, answered a question from Councillor Nelmes.

2. Odours from Take-away Food Outlets

The Portfolio Holder for Planning and Enforcement, Councillor Humby, answered a question from Councillor Maynard.

3. Progress at the Carroll Centre, Stanmore

The Portfolio Holder for Communities, Safety and Public Health, Councillor Cooper, answered a question from Councillor Scott.

4. Traffic and Pedestrian Issues outside Co-op Store, Alresford

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

5. Hockley Viaduct and National Cycle Network 23

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

6. New Glass Recycling Sites

The Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport, Councillor Weston, answered a question from Councillor Higgins.

7. New Waste Collection Contract

The Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport, Councillor Weston, answered a question from Councillor Gemmell.

8. PV Panels and Carbon Reduction Targets

The Portfolio Holder for Strategic Housing and Landlord Services, Councillor Coates, answered a question from Councillor Banister.

9. PV Panels on Council Housing

The Portfolio Holder for Strategic Housing and Landlord Services, Councillor Coates, answered a question from Councillor Gottlieb.

10. Core Strategy – Results of Consultations with Parish Councils

The Leader, Councillor Beckett (as Portfolio Holder for Local Economy, Tourism, Communications and Major Projects), answered a question from Councillor Cook.

11. Progress with Restoration of the Black Swan, Jewry Street, Winchester

The Portfolio Holder for Administration, Innovation and Improvement, Councillor Godfrey, answered a question from Councillor Tait.

12. Anti-Social Behaviour – Zero Tolerance

The Portfolio Holder for Communities, Safety and Public Health, Councillor Cooper, answered a question from Councillor Rutter.

13. Review of Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA)

The Leader, Councillor Beckett (as Portfolio Holder for Local Economy, Tourism, Communications and Major Projects), answered a question from Councillor Learney.

14. National Planning Policy Framework - Consultation

The Leader, Councillor Beckett (as Portfolio Holder for Local Economy, Tourism, Communications and Major Projects), answered a question from Councillor Hutchison.

15. Reductions in Bus Services

The Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport, Councillor Weston, answered a question from Councillor Laming.

Councillor Collin declared a personal (but not prejudicial) interest in this question, as he was also a Hampshire County Councillor. He remained in the meeting.

16. Charging for Pest Control Services

The Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport, Councillor Weston, answered a question from Councillor Maynard.

17. Scrutiny of Project Integra

The Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport, Councillor Weston, answered a question from Councillor Higgins.

18. Urban Bike Pods

The Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport, Councillor Weston, answered a question from Councillor Tait.

5. **CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDED MINUTES**

Cabinet – 14 September 2011

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 26 September 2011

General Fund Budget – Revenue Estimate 2011/12

Report CL72 (which appended The Overview and Scrutiny Committee minute extract) was circulated with a Supplementary Agenda at the meeting, which was after the statutory deadline. The Mayor decided to accept the report onto the agenda, as a matter of urgency, because of the need for Council to consider the minute at the same time as the Cabinet minute on the above matter.

The Portfolio Holder for Finance and Estates, Councillor Wood, moved that Recommended Minute 220 be approved and adopted.

RESOLVED:

1. That Recommended Minute 220 be approved and adopted.
2. That the Recommended Minute of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, as appended to Report CL72, be noted.

Cabinet – 14 September 2011

Minor Amendments to the Constitution

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Beckett, moved that Recommended Minute 230 be approved and adopted.

RESOLVED:

That Recommended Minute 230 be approved and adopted.

The meeting commenced at 7pm and concluded at 9pm.

The Mayor