

WINCHESTER CITY COUNCIL

At an Ordinary Meeting of the Council held in the Guildhall, Winchester on 2 November 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 (P)	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 28 September 2011 be approved and adopted.

2. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR**

The Mayor reminded the meeting that he would be on the Guildhall steps at 11am on Friday 11 November 2011 to mark the two minute Remembrance Day silence and he invited Members to join him. He also thanked those Members who had confirmed that they would be attending the Remembrance Sunday service on 13 November 2011.

The Mayor then reported that Cadet Sergeant James Townley had been appointed to serve as the Mayor's Cadet for the next year. CS Townley was a resident of Badger Farm and served with the King's School Detachment of Z Company (Winchester and North Hampshire) Army Cadet Force. The appointment was a new initiative for Winchester's ancient Mayoralty and the duties would principally involve assisting the Mayor at a range of civic engagements.

Finally, the Mayor announced that, on 20 March 2012, the annual Mayor's Community Awards evening would be held in the Guildhall, in conjunction with Winchester Area Community Action. Whilst there would continue to be a significant emphasis on voluntary service, the title of the event would be changed so as not to exclude those who had given exemplary "above and beyond" service in a paid role within the community. Members would be invited in January 2012 to submit nominations.

3. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE LEADER**

The Leader referred to his recent visit to Dalian in China at the invitation of the Winchester School of Art (part of Southampton University), to attend the opening of a major educational facility. The project reinforced existing links between the local community and the University and many of the images in the new building were of scenes of Winchester, which highlighted the attractions of the City to a new overseas audience. The Leader had been presented with a painting which would become part of the City's collection of artwork.

The Leader then congratulated Customer Service Centre staff for dealing with the large volume of customer enquiries following the introduction of the new refuse collection service.

The Leader drew attention to the 'Where Next for Winchester?' event which was a public forum held on 27 October 2011 in the Theatre Royal. The evening had been attended by over 400 people and he thanked the chairman (Prof. Khalid Aziz) and the lead contributors (Patrick Davies, Ian White and Cllr Collin) for helping to produce a very successful debate.

Following on from the above, the Leader reminded Council about the two meetings of the Cabinet (LDF) Committee, to be held on 10 and 28 November 2011, with recommendations being considered at Cabinet on 7 December 2011 and a special meeting of Council on 8 December 2011.

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

1. Representation on Fareham BC SDA Strategic Liaison Group

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

2. Rise in Energy Costs – Council Action

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

3. Scaffolding in High Street, Winchester

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

4. Questions at Council Meetings

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

5. Allocation of Affordable Housing to Local Families

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

6. Weekly Refuse Collection – Re-introduction Incentives

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

7. Affordable Homes Built in Winchester Town

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

8. New Refuse Collection Services

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

9. Control of Pigeons

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

5. **CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDED MINUTES**

Cabinet – 12 October 2011

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 17 October 2011

Capital Strategy and Programme - 2011/12 – 2014/15

The Portfolio Holder for Finance and Estates, Councillor Wood, moved that Recommended Minute 293 be approved and adopted.

RESOLVED:

1. That Recommended Minute 293 be approved and adopted.
2. That Recommended Minute 323 of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee be noted.

Licensing and Regulation Committee – 13 October 2011

Initial Review of Parliamentary Boundaries in England

The Chairman of the Licensing and Regulation Committee, Councillor Mather, moved that Recommended Minute 315 be approved and adopted.

Amendment (1) Councillor Beckett (2) Councillor Humby

'That the Recommendation be deleted and replaced by the following words:-

That the Council supports the proposals of the Boundary Commission affecting the Winchester City Council area in their entirety'.

Amendment carried.

Substantive Motion carried.

RESOLVED:

That Recommended Minute 315, as amended, be approved and adopted.

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

RESOLVED:

That, on the Planning Development Control Committee, Councillor Evans replace Councillor Mitchell as a full Member, and Councillor Mitchell replace Councillor Evans as a Deputy Member.

The meeting commenced at 7pm and concluded at 8.50pm.

The Mayor