

WINCHESTER CITY COUNCIL

At an Ordinary Meeting of the Council held in the Guildhall, Winchester on 11 January 2012

Attendance:

Councillor Lipscomb (The Mayor)
Councillor Pearson (Deputy 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)	Phillips (P)
Cooper (P)	Pines (P)
Evans (P)	Power (P)
Gemmell (P)	Prowse (P)
Godfrey (P)	Read (P)
Gottlieb (P)	Ruffell (P)
Hammerton (P)	Rutter (P)
Henry (P)	Sanders (P)
Higgins (P)	Scott (P)
Hiscock (P)	Stallard (P)
Humby (P)	Tait (P)
Hutchison (P)	Thompson (P)
Huxstep (P)	Verney (P)
Izard (P)	Warwick (P)
Jackson (P)	Weston (P)
Jeffs (P)	Witt (P)
Johnston (P)	Wood (P)
Laming (P)	Wright (P)
Learney (P)	

1. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED:

1. That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 2 November 2011 be approved and adopted.

2. That subject to, in Minute 457.1.17, under 'Division List', the word 'amendment' being replaced by the words 'Substantive Motion' in both places where it appears, the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held on 8 December 2011 be approved and adopted.

2. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR**

The Deputy Mayor reported that ill health had prevented the Mayor from attending the meeting and he had sent his apologies.

The Deputy Mayor announced that the Mayor had written to the following people to congratulate them on receiving awards in the New Year's Honours List:-

Mr Jeff Levick, from Winchester, awarded an MBE for services to disability cricket in Hampshire.

Mr James Lupton, from Alresford, awarded a CBE for work at the Dulwich Picture Gallery in London.

Dr Martin Fowler, from South Wonston, awarded an OBE for work at the Ministry of Defence.

Lady Anne Stoneham, from Droxford, awarded an MBE for services to young people and her involvement as a trustee of UK Youth and the New Forest-based Avon Tyrrell Trust.

Mrs Eileen Jayne-Wood, from Southwick, awarded an MBE for services to fundraising.

The Deputy Mayor then reminded the meeting about the Mayor's Community Awards for 2011/12. Members were invited to submit nominations for people who deserved to be recognised for the work they did for their local communities. A press release had been made to promote awareness of the awards.

Finally, the Deputy Mayor reported with regret the recent passing of Mr Stewart Green, who was Councillor for St Bartholomew Ward from 1961 – 1974. He was Mayor in 1968/69 and appointed an Alderman in 1970. He practiced as a solicitor in Winchester for 34 years. The Council stood for a few moments in silent tribute to his memory.

3. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE LEADER**

The Leader requested the Portfolio Holder for Administration, Innovation and Support, Councillor Godfrey, to report on the Customer Service Excellence award. Councillor Godfrey explained that, following each team in the Council being individually awarded CSE status, the Council had been further assessed as a corporate body and gained the award in that category also. It was

understood that the City Council was one of the first local authorities in the country to receive the corporate award and Members congratulated the Chief Executive, the Customer Services Manager and all staff on achieving this important recognition.

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

1. **Street Cleansing outside Winchester Town Centre**

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

2. **Mortgage Support to First Time Buyers**

The Portfolio Holder for Finance and Estates, Councillor Wood, answered a question from Councillor Jackson.

3. **Future of Swimming Pool at River Park Leisure Centre**

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

4. **Bus Link – Yew Tree Drive, Whiteley**

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

5. **Refuse and Recycling Services**

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

6. **Financial Support for Bus Services**

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

7. **Supply of Grit Bins**

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

8. **Future of Pitt Manor site**

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

9. Self-Financing Proposals for Housing Revenue Account

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

10. Innovations during the current Municipal Year

The Portfolio Holder for Administration, Innovation and Support, Councillor Godfrey, answered a question from Councillor Learney.

11. Level of Car Parking Receipts

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

12. Weekly Food Collections

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

13. Changes to the Planning Department

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

14. Information supplied to the Planning Development Control Committee

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

15. The Queen's Diamond Jubilee – Proposed City Council Events

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

16. Hampshire County Council – Operation Resilience

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

17. Information supplied to the Planning Development Control Committee

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

5. **CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDED MINUTES**

Adoption of Change Plans

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Beckett, moved that the recommendations set out in Report CL74 be approved and adopted.

The Motion was seconded by Councillor Cooper.

During the debate, the Leader agreed to consider the following three amendments being made to the Change Plan document under the minor editing authority set out in Recommendation 2 of the report:-

- (a) that on page 3 and in other related sections of the Plan, the reference to 'Winnall' as a Priority Neighbourhood be amended to read 'Winnall/Highcliffe.
- (b) that on page 44, point 6, column 3 (Expected Outcome), the words 'through the business community' be deleted.
- (c) that on page 51, an additional sentence be included to emphasise that businesses have a responsibility to behave as good neighbours to local residents.

RESOLVED:

That, subject to noting the above minor editing amendments, the recommendations set out in Report CL74 be approved and adopted.

Cabinet – 7 December 2011

Housing Revenue Account – 2012/13 Rent Setting and Budget Principles

The Portfolio Holder for Strategic Housing and Landlord Services, Councillor Coates, moved that Recommended Minute 431 be approved and adopted.

RESOLVED:

That Recommended Minute 431 be approved and adopted.

Cabinet (Local Development Framework) Committee – 10 November 2011

Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) - Update

Councillor Power declared a personal (but not prejudicial) interest in this matter as a member of New Alresford Town Council.

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Beckett, moved that Recommended Minute 452 be approved and adopted.

RESOLVED:

That Recommended Minute 452 be approved and adopted.

Cabinet – 7 December 2011

Council Tax Base 2012/13

The Portfolio Holder for Finance and Estates, Councillor Wood, moved that Recommended Minute 439 be approved and adopted.

RESOLVED:

That Recommended Minute 439 be approved and adopted.

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

RESOLVED:

That, on the Planning Development Control Committee, Councillor Huxstep replace Councillor Phillips as a Deputy Member.

The meeting commenced at 7pm and concluded at 10.25pm.

The Mayor