

WINCHESTER CITY COUNCIL

At an Ordinary Meeting of the Council held in the Guildhall, Winchester on 23 February 2012.

Attendance:

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

Councillors:

Achwal (P)	Love (P)
Banister (P)	Mason (P)
Beckett (P)	Mather (P)
Berry (P)	Maynard (P)
Bodtger (P)	McLean (P)
Chamberlain	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	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)
Jeffs (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 11 January 2012 be approved and adopted.

2. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR**

On behalf of the Council, the Mayor congratulated the following members of staff for receiving an 'Alfie' award for their excellent work during the past year:-

Individual Award

Emily Bowen (Environment Team)

Supporting Individual Award

Martin Pickett (Customer Services Team)

Team Award

Strategic Planning Team

Supporting Team Award

Design Team (Corporate Communications Team)

Mayor's Award for Voluntary Contribution

Nicola Lawrence (Community Wellbeing Team)

Georgie Busher Award for Partnership Work

Ellen Simpson (Tourism Team)

3. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE LEADER**

At the request of the Leader, the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport, Councillor Weston, reported that the Council was investigating the feasibility of bidding for part of the £250m Government funding available, to re-introduce and support weekly refuse collections. The work was being undertaken in conjunction with East Hampshire District Council and would also examine the possibility of kerbside collections of glass and food waste. In particular, the Council would need to consider the impact of any potential changes upon its own budget requirements. Bids had to be received by 16 March 2012.

Councillor Weston then reported on a £75,000 grant from the Energy Assistance Fund to WinAcc, which was intended to encourage projects which would help stimulate the local economy.

The Portfolio Holder for Planning and Enforcement, Councillor Humby, reported that the Council's 'Blueprint' planning exercise reached the RTPI national finals and had finished second in its category, being commended for the processes adopted. The Council congratulated all the officers concerned with the project.

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

1. Road Sweeping

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

2. Housing Allocation for Wickham

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

3. Winchester Street Market – Public Survey

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Beckett, as Portfolio Holder for Local Economy and Tourism, Communication and Special Projects, answered a question from Councillor Sanders.

4. Development of Council Land – Notification to Ward Members

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

5. Power Cuts

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

6. Cities for Cycling Campaign

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

7. Funding of Estate Improvements in St Luke Ward

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

8. Houses in Multiple Occupation - Stanmore

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

9. Tattoo Parlours – Legal Controls

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

10. Saving Staff Costs and Impact on Services

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

11. Redevelopment of area around Winchester Railway Station

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

12. Possible Closure of City Centre Car Parks

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

13. Time taken to re-let Council Property – St Luke Ward

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

14. Refurbishment of The Square and Provision of Trees

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

5. **CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDED MINUTES**

Cabinet – 8 February 2012

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 13 February 2012

Budget and Council Tax 2012/13

The Portfolio Holder for Finance and Estates, Councillor Wood, moved that Recommended Minute 560 be approved and adopted.

Councillor Johnson declared a personal and prejudicial interest in any matter which affected the Winchester CAB, as he was a Trustee. However, it was noted that the Standards Committee (30 January 2012) had granted him a dispensation to speak and vote in the debate. He therefore remained in the meeting and participated accordingly.

Amendment (1) Councillor Learney (2) Councillor Evans

‘That Recommendation 3 be amended as follows:

THAT THE CHANGES PROPOSED TO THE BUDGET BE APPROVED AS SET OUT IN APPENDICES C AND D OF THE REPORT subject to the following changes:

- a) To address issues of unequal access to services and employment opportunities, both priorities of this Council, a fund of £25,000 be created for Parish Councils to bid for match funding to improve local bus transport, and

b) To demonstrate to residents that we have listened to their requests for improved waste collection and to look at improving recycling that Council make an initial expression of interest to the DCLG Weekly Collection Support Scheme and provide £15,000 to investigate the feasibility of a full bid to enable the introduction of a weekly food waste collection.

These to be paid for by:

- c) The removal of the £15,000 growth bid for equalities consultancy; this requirement to be dealt with through a review of the Human Resources function of the Council,
- d) £7,000 reduction in members allowances equivalent to reducing the number of cabinet posts by one,
- e) a reduction of £8,000 in the park and ride budget.
- f) a reduction of £10,000 from the Commissioning budgets.

2. That in recognition of the public need for the service and the need for a period of stability following the merger of Winchester and Bishops Waltham Citizens Advice Bureaux and the creation of a pan-district service that Winchester District CAB be offered specified core funding for a period of 3 years, subject to agreement of their SLA.

3. That detail of the £200,000 (£300,000 full year) Organisational Development savings and their impact on services be brought back to Council for a full and open discussion before implementation.

4. That Recommendation 4 be amended as follows:

THAT THE CAPITAL PROGRAMME SET OUT IN APPENDICES G AND H OF THE REPORT BE APPROVED SUBJECT TO THE AMENDMENT SET OUT IN 5 and 5A BELOW:

5A That due to the Council's need to conserve reserves and reduce future borrowing a reduction of £396,000 be made to the Capital Programme comprising:

- a) £187k - ICT hardware
- b) £115k - ICT telephony
- c) £94k - Software

And that these items be brought back to Council with a joint service plan and business case showing savings to be made.'

Amendment lost.

Original Motion carried.

RESOLVED:

1. That Recommended Minute 560 be approved and adopted.
2. That Recommended Minute 611 of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee be noted.

Council Tax 2012/13

Motion (1) Councillor Beckett (2) Councillor Wood

'That the formal motion regarding the Council Tax 2012/13, as set out below, be approved and adopted.'

Motion carried.

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 £872,826 (Appendix K to report CAB2297 refers) and which is shown within the total of special items at paragraph 4(e) 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) Recreation Grounds & Open Spaces (except Abbey Gardens, Riverside Walks, the Weirs and St Giles Hill);
- (h) Community Wardens;
- (i) Arboricultural work;
- (j) Public Conveniences
- (k) Theatre Royal
- (l) Maintenance work to Council Owned Bridges
- (m) Grit Bins

- (n) Mobile Speed Signs
- (o) Night Bus Contribution
- (p) Administration of the Town Forum.

2. That it be noted that at its meeting on 11 January 2012 the Council calculated the Council Tax Base for 2012/13:

(a) 48,323.83 being the amount calculated by the Council for the whole Council area, in accordance with Section 31B (Item T) of the Local Government Act 1992, as amended (the "Act"), as its Council Tax base for the year.

(b) for dwellings in those parts of its area to which a Parish/Town precept relates as in the attached Annex 1.

3. Calculate that the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2012/13 (excluding Parish Precepts) is £6,974,676.

4. That the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2012/13 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Act:

(a) £90,634,633 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act taking into account all precepts issued to it by Parish Councils.

(b) £81,373,256 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.

(c) £9,261,377 being the amount by which the aggregate at 4(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 4(b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act, as its Council Tax requirement for the year. (Item R in the formula in Section 31B of the Act).

(d) £191.65 being the amount at 4(c) above (Item R), all divided by Item T (2(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B(1) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year (including Parish Precepts).

(e) £3,159,527 being the aggregate amount of all special items referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act (as per the attached Annex 2).

(f) £126.27 being the amount at 4(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 4(e) above by Item T (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.

5. That it be noted for the year 2012/13, 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)	£50,154,337
Hampshire Police Authority (HPA)	£7,067,360
Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority (HFRA)	£2,966,117

<u>Valuation 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

6. That the Council, in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the aggregate amounts shown in columns 2-9 of Annex 2 as the amounts of Council Tax for 2012/13 for each part of its area and for each of the categories of dwellings shown.

7. That the Council determines that the Council's basic amount of Council Tax for 2012/13 is not excessive in accordance with principles approved under Section 52ZB of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

Cabinet – 8 February 2012

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 13 February 2012

Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Budget 2012/13 and Business Plan 2042/43

The Portfolio Holder for Strategic Housing and Landlord Services, Councillor Coates, moved that Recommended Minute 558 be approved and adopted.

RESOLVED:

1. That Recommended Minute 558 be approved and adopted.
2. That Recommended Minute 609 of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee be noted.

Cabinet – 8 February 2012

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 13 February 2012

Treasury Management Strategy 2012/13 and 2011/12 Revision

The Portfolio Holder for Finance and Estates, Councillor Wood, moved that Recommended Minute 561 be approved and adopted.

RESOLVED:

1. That Recommended Minute 561 be approved and adopted.
2. That Recommended Minute 612 of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee be noted.

Cabinet – 18 January 2012

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 23 January 2012

Members' Allowances – Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel and Other Related Matters

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Beckett, moved that Recommended Minute 489 and the recommendations contained in Report CL75 be approved and adopted.

RESOLVED:

1. That Recommended Minute 489 and the recommendations contained in Report CL75 be approved and adopted.
2. That Recommended Minute 522 of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee be noted.

Personnel Committee – 8 February 2012

Pay Policy Statement

RESOLVED:

That Recommended Minute 588 be approved and adopted.

The meeting commenced at 7pm, adjourned at 9.50pm, resumed at 10.10pm and concluded at 11pm.

The Mayor

DISTRICT, TOWN & PARISH COUNCIL PRECEPTS

	2011/12			2012/13			Council Tax Increase / (reduction)
	Tax Base	Precepts £	Council Tax Band D (£)	Tax Base	Precepts £	Council Tax Band D (£)	
BILLING AUTHORITY							
WINCHESTER	47,980.46	6,058,493	126.27	48,323.83	6,101,850	126.27	0.0%
SPECIAL AREAS							
(BILLING AUTHORITY)							
WINCHESTER TOWN	14,157.94	868,165	61.32	14,233.95	872,826	61.32	0.0%
PARISHES							
BADGER FARM	983.86	27,900	28.36	989.17	28,400	28.71	1.2%
BEAUWORTH	57.13	-	0.00	53.14	-	0.00	0.0%
BIGHTON	169.29	3,000	17.72	172.24	3,500	20.32	14.7%
BISHOPS SUTTON	218.91	3,540	16.17	217.95	4,000	18.35	13.5%
BISHOPS WALTHAM	2,720.88	335,304	123.23	2,730.68	335,776	122.96	(0.2%)
BOARHUNT	246.66	15,000	60.81	243.77	14,000	57.43	(5.6%)
BRAMDEAN & HINTON AMPNER	216.25	5,000	23.12	219.48	6,000	27.34	18.3%
CHERITON	308.12	9,000	29.21	313.65	9,000	28.69	(1.8%)
CHILCOMB	56.87	-	0.00	59.90	-	0.00	0.0%
COLDEN COMMON	1,587.56	132,000	83.15	1,592.07	132,340	83.12	(0.0%)
COMPTON & SHAWFORD	831.30	27,170	32.68	838.57	27,170	32.40	(0.9%)
CORHAMPTON & MEONSTOKE	389.93	9,800	25.13	392.31	9,800	24.98	(0.6%)
CRAWLEY	220.79	13,000	58.88	220.07	13,000	59.07	0.3%
CURDRIDGE	633.74	22,000	34.71	637.36	25,000	39.22	13.0%
DENMEAD	2,783.52	335,665	120.59	2,815.52	340,700	121.01	0.3%
DROXFORD	332.24	10,000	30.10	337.09	11,500	34.12	13.4%
DURLEY	472.94	17,500	37.00	473.95	17,750	37.45	1.2%
EXTON	128.48	675	5.25	127.45	675	5.30	1.0%
HAMBLEDON	510.03	20,000	39.21	499.10	14,000	28.05	(28.5%)
HEADBOURNE WORTHY	230.84	3,850	16.68	233.79	4,350	18.61	11.6%
HURSLEY	422.19	29,000	68.69	424.56	17,000	40.04	(41.7%)
ITCHEN STOKE & OVINGTON	125.77	2,200	17.49	123.25	2,500	20.28	16.0%
ITCHEN VALLEY	726.27	14,250	19.62	729.29	14,962	20.52	4.6%
KILMESTON	133.00	3,600	27.07	137.91	3,600	26.10	(3.6%)
KINGS WORTHY	1,827.02	111,845	61.22	1,852.43	111,845	60.38	(1.4%)
LITTLETON & HARESTOCK	1,520.13	58,750	38.65	1,521.67	60,288	39.62	2.5%
MICHELDEVER	625.07	43,000	68.79	638.18	45,000	70.51	2.5%
NEW ALRESFORD	2,314.40	246,000	106.29	2,326.62	248,000	106.59	0.3%
NORTHINGTON	125.65	3,380	26.90	126.79	3,380	26.66	(0.9%)
OLD ALRESFORD	261.51	9,450	36.14	256.37	9,828	38.34	6.1%
OLIVERS BATTERY	755.24	24,600	32.57	762.61	25,300	33.18	1.9%
OTTERBOURNE	694.54	29,227	42.08	707.49	30,276	42.79	1.7%
OWSLEBURY	380.22	18,000	47.34	389.68	20,000	51.32	8.4%
SHEDFIELD	1,639.01	85,701	52.29	1,652.78	74,923	45.33	(13.3%)
SOBERTON	824.80	27,000	32.74	827.75	27,000	32.62	(0.4%)
SOUTH WONSTON	1,178.88	67,626	57.36	1,199.37	71,626	59.72	4.1%
SOUTHWICK & WIDLEY	282.36	12,700	44.98	289.38	13,700	47.34	5.2%
SPARSHOLT	304.30	12,750	41.90	309.05	13,388	43.32	3.4%
SWANMORE	1,306.63	113,000	86.48	1,321.20	161,000	121.86	40.9%
TICHBORNE	85.95	3,500	40.72	87.43	3,500	40.03	(1.7%)
TWYFORD	722.91	50,000	69.16	734.73	50,000	68.05	(1.6%)
UPHAM	321.27	14,000	43.58	321.19	15,500	48.26	10.7%
WARNFORD	110.88	950	8.57	110.66	950	8.58	0.1%
WEST MEON	380.34	21,320	56.06	383.69	21,320	55.57	(0.9%)
WHITELEY	1,287.34	75,929	58.98	1,286.07	95,164	74.00	25.5%
WICKHAM	1,770.41	108,413	61.24	1,791.69	114,690	64.01	4.5%
WONSTON	597.09	26,000	43.54	610.78	35,000	57.30	31.6%
TOTAL/AVERAGE	47,980.46	3,070,760	64.00	48,323.83	3,159,527	65.38	2.2%
PARISH TOTAL	33,822.52	2,202,595	65.12	34,089.88	2,286,701	67.08	3.0%
WINCHESTER TOWN	14,157.94	868,165	61.32	14,233.95	872,826	61.32	0.0%
TOTAL	47,980.46	3,070,760	64.00	48,323.83	3,159,527	65.38	2.2%

