

WINCHESTER CITY COUNCIL

At an Ordinary Meeting of the Council held in the Guildhall, Winchester on 18 July 2012.

Attendance:

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

Councillors:

Achwal (P)	Mason (P)
Banister (P)	Mather (P)
Berry E (P)	Maynard (P)
Berry J (P)	McLean (P)
Bodtger	Miller (P)
Byrnes (P)	Nelmes (P)
Chamberlain (P)	Newman-McKie (P)
Clear (P)	Pearce (P)
Coates (P)	Phillips (P)
Collin (P)	Pines (P)
Cook (P)	Power (P)
Cutler	Prowse (P)
Evans (P)	Read (P)
Gemmell (P)	Ruffell (P)
Godfrey (P)	Rutter (P)
Gottlieb (P)	Sanders (P)
Green (P)	Scott (P)
Henry (P)	Southgate (P)
Hiscock (P)	Stallard (P)
Humby (P)	Tait (P)
Hutchison (P)	Tod (P)
Huxstep (P)	Verney
Izard (P)	Warwick (P)
Jeffs (P)	Weir (P)
Johnston (P)	Weston (P)
Laming (P)	Witt (P)
Learney (P)	Wood (P)
Lipscomb (P)	Wright (P)

1. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 18 April 2012, and the Annual and Special Meetings of the Council held on 16 May 2012 be approved and adopted.

2. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR**

The Mayor announced that he had sent letters of congratulation to the following people who lived in the District and who had been recognised for their work in the Queens Birthday Honours List, as follows:-

Ms Emma Solomon (Wickham) – awarded an OBE for services to digital inclusion (founder of Silver Surfers Day).

Ms Myra Clare (Winchester) – awarded a BEM for services to charity (Chair, Volunteer and Committee Member for Parkinson's UK, Winchester).

Mr Peter Mills (Alresford) – awarded a BEM for services to the Alresford and District Agricultural Society's Annual Show and the local community.

Mr David Howells (Winchester) – awarded the Queens Fire Service Medal (former Director of Corporate Services at Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service).

The Mayor then announced that he would be attending lunch at the New Forest Show with HM The Queen and Prince Phillip on 25 July 2012.

Finally, the Mayor reminded Members that the Mayor's XI v The Staff cricket match would be held on Friday 16 August 2012 at 2pm at Colden Common.

3. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE LEADER**

The Leader drew attention to the Olympic Torch Relay through Winchester on 11 July 2012 and congratulated all the staff and partner organisations who had worked so hard to ensure a very successful event, particularly the Sports and Physical Activity Team. The overall planning had received praise from both the Metropolitan Police and Hampshire Police, and from a number of schools and other bodies. Whilst there was a related question later in the meeting, the excellent outcome deserved a specific announcement and Members fully endorsed the Leader's congratulations.

The Leader then informed the meeting that the 'Winchester Live' event would have large screens on the Cathedral Green showing the Olympics. A Sporting Heroes Trail was also being created and supported by local shops, together with an exhibition at the Discovery Centre.

4. **DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

The Corporate Director (Governance) outlined the new Regulations regarding disclosable pecuniary interests and explained that, under the Council's interim Code of Conduct, declarations of personal and prejudicial interests which did not constitute disclosable pecuniary interests, would still need to be made.

No declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests were made in respect of items on the agenda.

Declarations of personal (but not prejudicial) interests were made by Councillor Godfrey as a Hampshire County Council employee, and Councillors Collin, Mason and Stallard as Hampshire County Councillors, in all matters coming before the meeting which had County Council involvement.

Councillor Hiscock declared a personal (but not prejudicial) interest in respect of those Questions which related to schools, as he was a Chairman of Governors of a local primary school.

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

1. Winchester Town Access Plan - Progress

The Portfolio Holder for Planning and Transport, Councillor Weston, answered a question from Councillor Hutchison.

2. Living Wage Employer

The Portfolio Holder for Finance and Administration, Councillor Godfrey, answered a question from Councillor J Berry.

3. Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

The Portfolio Holder for Communities, Culture and Sport, Councillor Stallard, answered a question from Councillor Byrnes.

4. Street Sweeping Schedule

The Portfolio Holder for Environment, Councillor Huxstep, answered a question from Councillor Nelmes.

5. Olympic Torch Relay

The Portfolio Holder for Communities, Culture and Sport, Councillor Stallard, answered a question from Councillor Green.

6. Grass Cutting Contract – Bishops Waltham

The Portfolio Holder for Environment, Councillor Huxstep, answered a question from Councillor McLean.

7. School Places and Developer Funding

The Portfolio Holder for Strategic Planning and Economic Development, Councillor Humby, answered a question from Councillor Tod.

8. Refurbishment of Hockley Viaduct

The Portfolio Holder for Planning and Transport, Councillor Weston, answered a question from Councillor Southgate.

9. Possible School Site – Abbotts Barton

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

10. Youth Unemployment

The Portfolio Holder for Strategic Planning and Economic Development, Councillor Humby, answered a question from Councillor Gemmell.

11. Highway and Pavement Improvements in the Rural Areas

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

12. Shared IT Service with Test Valley Borough Council

The Portfolio Holder for Finance and Administration, Councillor Godfrey, answered a question from Councillor Ruffell.

13. Local Plan Part 1 – Village Allocations

The Portfolio Holder for Strategic Planning and Economic Development, Councillor Humby, answered a question from Councillor Clear.

14. Wind Farms

The Portfolio Holder for Strategic Planning and Economic Development, Councillor Humby, answered a question from Councillor Wright.

15. North Fareham SDA – Knowle Triangle

The Portfolio Holder for Strategic Planning and Economic Development, Councillor Humby, answered a question from Councillor Evans.

16. Notice of Motion re. Cycling

The Portfolio Holder for Planning and Transport, Councillor Weston, answered a question from Councillor Learney.

17. Future of Avalon House

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Wood, answered a question from Councillor Nelmes.

18. Tenancy Strategy – Consultation

The Portfolio Holder for Housing, Councillor Coates, answered a question from Councillor J Berry.

19. Visits by the Leader to Rural Areas

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Wood, answered a question from Councillor McLean.

20. Flood Management Measures

The Portfolio Holder for Environment, Councillor Huxstep, answered a question from Councillor Gemmell.

6. **CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDED MINUTES**

Report CL80 was not made available for publication within the statutory period. Therefore, the Mayor decided to accept the Report onto the agenda, as a matter requiring urgent consideration, because the minute extracts contained in that report needed to be determined together with Cabinet minutes already on the agenda.

Cabinet – 13 June 2012

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 18 June 2012

Capital Expenditure Outturn 2011/12

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Wood, moved that Cabinet Recommended Minute 92 be approved and adopted. The item was introduced by the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Administration, Councillor Godfrey.

RESOLVED:

1. That Cabinet Recommended Minute 92 be approved and adopted.
2. That Recommended Minute 131 of The Overview and Scrutiny Committee be noted.

Cabinet – 13 June 2012

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 18 June 2012

Revenue Outturn 2011/12

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Wood, moved that Cabinet Recommended Minute 93 be approved and adopted. The item was introduced by the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Administration, Councillor Godfrey.

RESOLVED:

1. That Cabinet Recommended Minute 93 be approved and adopted.

2. That Recommended Minute 132 of The Overview and Scrutiny Committee be noted.

Cabinet – 4 July 2012

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 9 July 2012

Minutes of Cabinet (Housing) Committee 20/6/12 – HRA 2011/12 Budget Outturn

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Wood, moved that Cabinet Recommended Minute 157(a) be approved and adopted. The item was introduced by the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Councillor Coates.

RESOLVED:

1. That Cabinet Recommended Minute 157(a) be approved and adopted.
2. That the Recommended Minute of The Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the same matter, as circulated with Report CL80, be noted.

Cabinet – 4 July 2012

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 9 July 2012

Minutes of Cabinet (Housing) Committee 20/6/12 – Stock Condition Survey of Council Owned Homes

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Wood, moved that Cabinet Recommended Minute 157(b) be approved and adopted. The item was introduced by the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Councillor Coates.

RESOLVED:

1. That Cabinet Recommended Minute 157(b) be approved and adopted.
2. That the Recommended Minute of The Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the same matter, as circulated with Report CL80, be noted.

Cabinet – 13 June 2012

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 9 July 2012

Council House New Build Programme and Additional Staffing Requirements

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Wood, moved that Cabinet Recommended Minute 91 be approved and adopted. The item was introduced by the Portfolio Holder for New Homes Delivery, Councillor Tait.

Amendment (1) Councillor Collin (2) Councillor Tod

'Existing recommendation to become Recommendation 1 and add a Recommendation 2 as follows:-

That officers report as a matter of urgency on the further costs and likely supplementary estimate required to cover an independent tenant advice service and that the relevant Portfolio Holder publish a set of principles which will govern the Council's behaviour where tenants are being asked to move out of their homes to make way for development'.

Following a brief adjournment for the political groups to each consider the amendment, Council decided that (with the agreement of the proposer and seconder) the amendment be withdrawn, on the understanding that a report would be prepared, as part of a wider review of procedures to be adopted when tenants were required to vacate their homes to enable new development, and submitted to the Cabinet (Housing Delivery) Committee.

RESOLVED:

1. That Cabinet Recommended Minute 91 be approved and adopted.
2. That the Recommended Minute of The Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the same matter, as circulated with Report CL80, be noted.
3. That a report be submitted to the Cabinet (Housing Delivery) Committee reviewing the procedures to be adopted when tenants have to vacate their homes to enable new development.

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 28 May 2012

Draft Annual Scrutiny Report 2011/12

The Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Councillor Pines, moved that Recommended Minute 60 be approved and adopted. The item was introduced by the Chairman of the Committee for 2011/12, Councillor Chamberlain.

RESOLVED:

That Recommended Minute 60 be approved and adopted.

Cabinet – 4 July 2012

Localism Act 2011 – Code of Conduct - Update

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Wood, moved that Recommended Minute 166 be approved and adopted.

RESOLVED:

That Recommended Minute 166 be approved and adopted.

Cabinet – 4 July 2012

Hampshire Police and Crime Panel – Joint Arrangements

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Wood, moved that Recommended Minute 98 be approved and adopted.

RESOLVED:

That Recommended Minute 98 be approved and adopted.

7. **APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES**

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Power replace Councillor Collin as a Member of the Licensing and Regulation Committee.

8. **EXEMPT BUSINESS**

RESOLVED:

1. That in all the circumstances, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

2. That the public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following item of business because it is likely that, if members of the public were present, there would be disclosure to them of exempt information as defined by Section 100I and Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

<u>Minute Number</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Description of Exempt Information</u>
###	Council House New Build Programme and Additional Staffing Requirements) Information relating to a particular individual. (Para 1 to Schedule 12A refers).)) Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual. (Para 2 to Schedule 12A refers))) Information relating to any consultations or negotiations, or contemplated consultations or negotiations, in connection with any labour relations matter arising between the authority or a Minister of the Crown and employees of, or office holders under, the authority. (Para 4 to Schedule 12A refers)

9. **CONSIDERATION OF EXEMPT APPENDIX**

Cabinet – 13 June 2012

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 9 July 2012

Council House New Build Programme and Additional Staffing Requirements (Exempt Appendix)

RESOLVED:

That the Exempt Appendix be noted.

The meeting commenced at 7pm and concluded at 9.35pm.

The Mayor