

WINCHESTER CITY COUNCIL

At a Special Meeting of the Council held in the Guildhall, Winchester on 20 March 2013.

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 (P)	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 (P)
Izard (P)	Warwick (P)
Jeffs	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 21 February 2013 be approved and adopted.

2. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR**

The Mayor thanked all those Members who supported the Mayor's Awards evening on Wednesday 13 March 2013, which was a very successful and enjoyable event. The Mayor would be inviting those award recipients who could not attend to have afternoon tea with him in Abbey House on Tuesday 2 April 2013.

The Mayor then updated the Council on a number of forthcoming Mayoral events and requested the support of Members.

3. **COMMUNICATION FROM THE LEADER**

The Leader reported that on the previous evening, the City Council staffed one of 38 stands at the first Peter Symonds Employment Fair, which was arranged by the College's careers team to profile a range of employment and training opportunities for their students. The event was attended by hundreds of students and their parents, and feedback was excellent, with employers indicating that they would definitely attend again. The public sector was well represented, with Winchester and Southampton City Councils, the Fire Service and the Police all in attendance.

4. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

The Chief Executive confirmed that the new staffing structure and management arrangements would commence as from 1 April 2013 and Members would be receiving a revised structure chart shortly.

Regarding the next Council meeting scheduled for 17 April 2013, it was hoped that this could be cancelled and all Members would be informed next week.

5. **DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

Councillors Collin, Mason and Stallard declared disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of all matters arising in the meeting which may involve the County Council, as they were County Councillors. Councillor Godfrey made the same declaration but as a County Council employee.

Councillor Lipscomb declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in respect of all matters arising in the meeting which may involve the South Downs National Park Authority, as he was the City Council's representative on the body.

It was noted that, having also established that there would be no material conflict of interest, all Members having made the above declarations would be permitted to remain in the room, speak and vote under the dispensation granted on behalf of the Standards Committee.

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

1. Model of Winchester – Permanent Display

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

2. Action Plan for development of Winchester Station area

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

3. 'Living Wage' for Council Staff

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

4. Meetings between the Cabinet and Developers

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

5. Stanmore Planning Framework

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

6. 'Bedroom Tax'

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

7. European Banking Conference in Winchester

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

8. Violence and Abuse towards Staff

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

9. Discussions with the Government's Business Secretary

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

10. Numbers of New Homes

The Portfolio Holder for New Homes Delivery, Councillor Tait, answered a question from Councillor Scott.

11. Loft Conversion Programme

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

12. Future Cycling Events

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

13. Planning Applications for Housing and the Numbers of Dwellings

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

14. Night Bus – Usage Figures

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

15. LGA Initiative – Carbon Reduction and Climate Resilience

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

7. **CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDED MINUTES**

All of the following minutes were attached to Report CL85, which was circulated with a Supplementary Agenda after the statutory deadline. The Mayor decided to accept the report and the attached minutes onto the agenda, as matters requiring urgent consideration, in view of the need to make the decisions at this meeting.

Cabinet – 13 March 2013

Winchester District Local Plan Part 1 – Joint Strategy: Inspector’s Report and Adoption

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Wood, moved that Recommended Minute 2 in Report CL85 be approved and adopted.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 32(1), one quarter of the Members present and voting required that a recorded vote be taken in respect of the Recommended Minute.

Division List

The following Members voted in favour of the Recommended Minute:-

Councillors E Berry, J Berry, Bodtger, Byrnes, Chamberlain, Coates, Gemmell, Godfrey, Gottlieb, Green, Humby, Huxstep, Lipscomb, Mather, McLean, Miller, Pearson, Phillips, Pines, Read, Ruffell, Sanders, Scott, Southgate, Stallard, Tait, Verney, Warwick, Weston, Wood and Wright (31).

No Members voted against the Recommended Minute.

The following Members abstained from voting:-

Councillors Achwal, Banister, Clear, Collin, Cook, Evans, Henry, Hiscock, Hutchison, Izard, Johnston, Laming, Learney, Mason, Maynard, Nelmes, Newman-McKie, Pearce, Power, Prowse, Rutter, Tod, Weir and Witt (24)

Recommended Minute carried.

RESOLVED:

That Recommended Minute 2 in Report CL85 be approved and adopted.

Cabinet – 13 March 2013

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL): Draft Charging Schedule

The Portfolio Holder for Strategic Planning and Economic Development, Councillor Humby, moved that Recommended Minute 3 in Report CL85 be approved and adopted.

Amendment (1) Councillor Hutchison (2) Councillor Learney

“That in view of the importance of the Community Infrastructure Levy to the Council, as confirmed by the Leader at The Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 19 November 2012 where the minutes stated...

“Councillor Wood agreed that in recognition of the importance of the CIL in supporting its priorities, an all Member briefing be arranged in advance of its adoption”

all words in the Recommended Minute should be deleted and replaced with:-

That following an all Member briefing, the draft Community Infrastructure Levy charging schedule be brought back to the Council at a later date together with benchmarking data from comparable Councils.”

At this point in the meeting, the Mayor agreed to a short recess, to allow Members an opportunity to consider the amendment within their respective political groups.

When the meeting resumed, the Leader of the Council, Councillor Wood, explained that if the proposer and seconder were prepared to withdraw their amendment, he would propose a further amendment which would defer approval of the CIL until the responses to consultation had been assessed by the Council. This would also allow time to hold a further Member briefing session on the CIL, on a date to be agreed by the Group Leaders.

On the basis of the Leader’s statement, the proposer and seconder of the amendment (Councillors Hutchison and Learney respectively) agreed to withdraw their amendment.

Amendment (1) Councillor Wood (2) Councillor Humby

“That all words in the Recommended Minute be deleted and replaced with the following:-

1. That the publication of the Draft Charging Schedule as set out in Appendix 2 of Report CAB2466 be approved for consultation with delivery partners and the local community.

2. That the Council considers the response to consultation before submitting the charging schedule and accompanying documents to the Independent Examiner following the consultation period, in accordance with the relevant statutory and regulatory requirements.”

3. That a further all Member briefing session on all aspects of the Community Infrastructure Levy be held as soon as possible.

Amendment carried.

Substantive Motion carried

RESOLVED:

That Recommended Minute 3 in Report CL85, as amended, be approved and adopted.

Cabinet – 13 March 2013

Armed Forces Community Covenant for Winchester District

The Portfolio Holder for Communities, Culture and Sport, Councillor Stallard, moved that Recommended Minute 4 in Report CL85 be approved and adopted.

RESOLVED:

That Recommended Minute 4 in Report CL85 be approved and adopted.

Personnel Committee – 11 March 2013

Winchester City Council – Pay Policy Statement 2013/14

The Portfolio Holder for Finance and Administration, Councillor Godfrey, moved that Recommended Minute 1 in Report CL85 be approved and adopted.

RESOLVED:

That Recommended Minute 1 in Report CL85 be approved and adopted.

7 **REVISED CHANGE PLANS 2013/14**

Report CL86 (which set out the revised introductory page to the Change Plans document) was circulated with a Supplementary Agenda after the statutory deadline. The Mayor decided to accept the report onto the agenda, as a matter requiring urgent consideration, in view of the need to make the decision at this meeting.

RESOLVED:

That the revised introductory text to the Change Plans 2013/14, as set out in the Appendix to Report CL86, be approved and adopted.

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

The Mayor