

**WINCHESTER CITY COUNCIL**

At an Ordinary Meeting of the Council held in the Guildhall, Winchester on 17 July 2013

**Attendance:**

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

**Councillors:**

Achwal (P)	Mason (P)
Banister (P)	Mather (P)
Berry E	Maynard (P)
Berry J (P)	McLean (P)
Bodtger (P)	Miller (P)
Byrnes (P)	Nelmes (P)
Chamberlain (P)	Newman-McKie (P)
Clear (P)	Pearce
Coates (P)	Phillips (P)
Collin (P)	Pines (P)
Cook (P)	Power (P)
Cutler (P)	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)
Johnston (P)	Weir (P)
Laming	Weston
Learney (P)	Witt (P)
Lipscomb (P)	Wood (P)
Mason (P)	Wright (P)

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1. **MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council held on 20 March 2013 and the Annual Meeting of the Council held on 15 May 2013 be approved and adopted.

## 2. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR**

The Mayor reported that he had sent letters of congratulation to the following people who lived or worked in our District, following the announcement of awards in the Queen's Birthday Honours List:-

Mrs Ann Craig – awarded an MBE for services to education and the community;

Mr Charles Trippe – awarded an MBE for services to sport;

Mrs Lindsay Fox DL – awarded an MBE for services to charity.

The Mayor then reported with great regret that two former Mayors of the City had passed away in recent weeks - Wing Cmdr John Nunn and Norman Hibdige. Wing Cmdr Nunn represented Droxford, Soberton and Hambledon Ward from 1982 until 1994 and was Mayor in 1992/93. Mr Hibdige represented Curdridge Ward from 1982 until 2002 and was Mayor in 1997/98.

The Council stood for a few moments in silent tribute to the memory of both former Mayors.

In conclusion, the Mayor undertook to convey the best wishes of the Council to the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Eileen Berry, for a speedy recovery following her recent knee operation.

## 3. **COMMUNICATION FROM THE LEADER**

The Leader reported that, in 2011, the Council was informed of a bequest from Mr Harold William Alfred Harris, who was born and brought up in Winchester, and had moved to Hong Kong in his later years.

In recognition of his local links, Mr Harris had left a bequest to the City Council, to be applied to a capital scheme for housing elderly citizens. The project could be undertaken by the City Council itself, or by the Council grant-aiding a housing association or similar body. Mr Harris requested that a small plaque be placed on the building acknowledging the gift, in the name of himself and his wife Yuk Sin Harris (who died before him).

The Council would receive an interim distribution from the estate of £530,000 this month, plus an anticipated further payment of about £60,000, once the executors had met any liabilities.

The Council expressed its gratitude for Mr Harris' generosity and noted that consideration was being given to a suitable scheme to be undertaken by the City Council, utilising the bequest in conjunction with

the Council's own capital programme. A report would be made to a future meeting of the Cabinet (Housing) Committee.

4. **DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

Councillors Humby, Huxstep, Mather, Stallard and Tod declared disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of Report CAB2501 (Carfax Site, Winchester) due to their roles as County Councillors. Councillor Godfrey declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in respect of the same matter, due to his role as a County Council employee. However, as there was no material conflict of interest, they all remained in the room under the dispensation granted on behalf of the Standards Committee to participate and vote in all matters which might have a County Council involvement

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

1. **Replacement of River Park Leisure Centre**

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

2. **Loss of Open Space to New Homes**

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

3. **Community Safety – Tackling Anti-Social Behaviour**

The Portfolio Holder for Neighbourhoods and Environment, Councillor Warwick, answered a question from Councillor Stallard.

4. **Staff Travel Costs**

The Portfolio Holder for Finance and Organisational Development, Councillor Godfrey, answered a question from Councillor Hutchison.

5. **The Business Charter**

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

6. **Monitoring Conditions attached to Grants**

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

7. 'Visit Winchester' Tourism Conference

The Portfolio Holder for Economic Development, Councillor Humby, answered a question from Councillor McLean.

8. Recycling Performance

The Portfolio Holder for Neighbourhoods and Environment, Councillor Warwick, answered a question from Councillor Learney.

9. World War 1 – Centenary Events

The Portfolio Holder for Economic Development, Councillor Humby, answered a question from Councillor Gottlieb.

10. Planning Enforcement – Staff Resources

The Deputy Leader, Councillor Humby, answered a question from Councillor Cutler.

11. Affordable Housing

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

12. Customer Service Centre – Satisfaction Levels

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

13. Hat Fair 2013

The Portfolio Holder for Economic Development, Councillor Humby, answered a question from Councillor Stallard.

14. Commercial Refuse Bins on the Public Highway

The Portfolio Holder for Neighbourhoods and Environment, Councillor Warwick, answered a question from Councillor Tait.

15. Performance of the Landscape Contractor

The Portfolio Holder for Neighbourhoods and Environment, Councillor Warwick, answered a question from Councillor Lipscomb.

16. City Coat of Arms – Display in the Guildhall

The Portfolio Holder for Business Services, Councillor Miller, answered a question from Councillor Lipscomb.

6. **CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDED MINUTES**

Report CL87 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 Cabinet minute extract contained in that report needed to be determined at this meeting to allow progress with an important land issue.

Cabinet – 26 June 2013

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 1 July 2013

Capital Expenditure Outturn 2012/13

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Wood, moved that Cabinet Recommended Minute 113 be approved and adopted. The item was introduced by the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Organisational Development, Councillor Godfrey.

RESOLVED:

1. That Cabinet Recommended Minute 113 be approved and adopted.
2. That Recommended Minute 139 of The Overview and Scrutiny Committee be noted.

Cabinet (Housing) Committee – 19 June 2013

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 1 July 2013

Housing Revenue Account 2012/13 Outturn

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

RESOLVED:

1. That the Cabinet (Housing Committee) Recommended Minute be approved and adopted.
2. That Recommended Minute 138 of The Overview and Scrutiny Committee be noted.

Cabinet – 26 June 2013

Cabinet (Housing Delivery) Committee – 22 May 2013

Minutes of Cabinet (Housing Delivery) Committee held 22/05/13 –  
Updated Council House New Build Programme

Councillor Hiscock declared a personal (but not prejudicial) interest in the above item as he was a Director on the board of a Registered Housing Provider. He remained in the meeting but did not participate in the debate.

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Wood, moved that Cabinet Recommended Minute 122 be approved and adopted. The item was introduced by the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Councillor Coates, who explained that he proposed to add a fourth recommendation as follows:-

‘4. That if future suitable bids for schemes are received from Registered Housing Providers for grant support from the Council, each case be considered by Cabinet on its merits and Council grant delegated authority to Cabinet to adjust capital budgets accordingly within the overall resources available that can be applied for this purpose within the New Housebuilding Programme.’

The above addition was seconded by Councillor Wood and became the substantive motion before the meeting.

RESOLVED:

1. That Cabinet Recommended Minute 122, including the additional recommendation as set out above, be approved and adopted.
2. That the Recommended Minute 126 of Cabinet (Housing Delivery) Committee be noted.

Cabinet – 10 April 2013

Gold Standard for Homelessness Prevention

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Wood, moved that Cabinet Recommended Minute 685 be approved and adopted.

RESOLVED:

That Cabinet Recommended Minute 685 be approved and adopted.

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 20 May 2013

Annual Scrutiny Report 2012/13

The Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Councillor Pines, moved that Recommended Minute 26 be approved and adopted.

RESOLVED:

That Recommended Minute 26 be approved and adopted.

Cabinet – 26 June 2013

Community Infrastructure Levy - Submission of Draft Charging Schedule

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Wood, moved that Recommended Minute 116 be approved and adopted. The item was introduced by the Portfolio Holder for Economic Development, Councillor Humby,

RESOLVED:

That Recommended Minute 116 be approved and adopted.

Cabinet – 26 June 2013

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 1 July 2013

General Fund Revenue Outturn 2012/13

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Wood, moved that Recommended Minute 114 be approved and adopted. The item was introduced by the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Organisational Development, Councillor Godfrey.

RESOLVED:

1. That Recommended Minute 114 be approved and adopted.
2. That Recommended Minute 140 of The Overview and Scrutiny Committee be noted.

7. **MEMBERSHIP CHANGES TO COMMITTEES**

RESOLVED:

That, on The Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Councillor Learney to become a Deputy Member and Councillor Hiscock to become a full Member.

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>
###	Appointment of Independent Person to serve on the Standards Committee	Information relating to a particular individual. (Para 1 to Schedule 12A refers).
###	Carfax Site, Winchester	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)



Standards Committee – 24 June 2013

Appointment of Independent Person to serve on the Standards Committee

The Chairman of the Committee, Councillor Read, moved that Recommended Minute 94 be approved and adopted.

RESOLVED

That Recommended Minute 94 be approved and adopted.

Cabinet: Special Meeting – 15 July 2013

Carfax Site, Winchester

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Wood, moved that the Cabinet Recommended Minute attached to Report CL87 be approved and adopted.

Amendment: (1) Councillor Hutchison (2) Councillor Collin

‘That the following words be added to the end of the Recommendation:- ‘..... and that in order to ensure that development in the Station area is greater than the sum of its parts, no contract with developers be entered into until an appropriate Planning Framework for the whole Station area has been the subject of public consultation and put to and agreed by Members.’

Amendment lost.

Original Motion carried.

RESOLVED:

That the Cabinet Recommended Minute attached to Report CL87 be approved and adopted.

The meeting commenced at 7pm and concluded at 10.40pm.

The Mayor