

## WINCHESTER CITY COUNCIL

At an Ordinary Meeting of the Council held in the Guildhall, Winchester on 6 November 2014

### Attendance:

Councillor E Berry (The Mayor in the Chair) (P)

### Councillors:

Achwal (P)	Mason (P)
Berry J (P)	Mather (P)
Bodtger	Maynard (P)
Byrnes (P)	McLean (P)
Chamberlain (P)	Miller (P)
Clear (P)	Nelmes (P)
Cook (P)	Newman-McKie (P)
Cutler (P)	Osborne (P)
Dibden (P)	Pearson (P)
Evans (P)	Phillips (P)
Fancett (P)	Pines (P)
Gemmell (P)	Power (P)
Godfrey (P)	Prowse
Gosling (P)	Read (P)
Gottlieb (P)	Ruffell (P)
Green (P)	Rutter (P)
Henry (P)	Sanders (P)
Hiscock (P)	Scott (P)
Horrill (P)	Southgate (P)
Humby (P)	Stallard (P)
Hutchison (P)	Tait (P)
Huxstep (P)	Thompson (P)
Izard (P)	Tod (P)
Jeffer (P)	Verney (P)
Johnston (P)	Warwick (P)
Laming (P)	Weir (P)
Learney (P)	Weston (P)
Lipscomb (P)	Wright (P)

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## 1. MINUTES

### RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 16 July 2014 and the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council held on 2 October 2014 be approved and adopted.

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

The Mayor reminded Members of the Remembrance Sunday Service in the Cathedral on 9 November and also the 2 minute silence to be observed at 11am on Tuesday 11 November from the Guildhall steps.

The Mayor also drew Members' attention that she will be welcoming Councillors and Staff to Abbey House for mince pies and mulled wine on Tuesday 16 December from 12midday to 2pm.

The Mayor's final announcement was to congratulate Councillor Frank Pearson on his Honorary Fellowship received from the University of Winchester.

## 3. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE LEADER**

The Leader reported on the formal launch of the Hampshire Cultural Trust on 1 November 2014 and he thanked all officers and Members for the hard work involved.

## 4. **DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

Having regard to their roles as Hampshire County Councillors, Councillors Humby, Huxstep, Mather, Stallard and Tod each declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in any matter on the agenda which may have a County Council involvement. Councillor Godfrey made the same declaration 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 such matters.

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

### 1. **Funding for Sheltered Housing and Support**

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

### 2. **Liberty Gas**

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

### 3. **Flooding Measures**

The Portfolio Holder for Built Environment, Councillor Weston, answered a question from Councillor Dibden.

4. Empty Homes

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

5. Affordable Housing Planning Policies

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

6. Living Wage

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

7. Solar Technologies

The Portfolio Holder for Environment, Health and Wellbeing, Councillor Warwick, answered a question from Councillor Hutchison.

8. Bus Service Subsidies

The Portfolio Holder for Communities and Transport, Councillor Southgate, answered a question from Councillor Lipscomb.

9. Economic Impact of Changes to Bus Service

The Leader, Councillor Humby, answered a question from Councillor Weir.

10. Use of Town Precept to Support Evening Economy

The Portfolio Holder for Communities and Transport, Councillor Southgate, answered a question from Councillor Mather.

11. River Park Leisure Centre

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Humby, answered a question from Councillor Rutter.

12. Portable Event Space

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Humby, answered a question from Councillor Fancett.

13. Planning Enforcement in Alresford

The Portfolio Holder for Built Environment, Councillor Weston, answered a question from Councillor Cook.

14. Silver Hill

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Humby, answered a question from Councillor Gottlieb.

15. Services during a Power Outage

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

16. Westman Road Development

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

17. Houses in Multiple Occupancy in Stanmore

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

18. Council Tax Reduction Scheme

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

19. Anti Social Behaviour in Stanmore

The Portfolio Holder for Communities and Transport, Councillor Southgate, answered a question from Councillor Prowse.

20. Living Wage

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

21. Bus Service Cuts

The Portfolio Holder for Communities and Transport, Councillor Southgate, answered a question from Councillor Learney.

22. Fieldfare Local Action Group

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Humby, answered a question from Councillor Pearson.

23. Houses in Multiple Occupancy in Stanmore and Article 4 direction

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

24. Silver Hill - Henderson's Contract

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Humby, answered a question from Councillor Gottlieb.

25. Stanmore HMO Additional Licensing

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

6. **CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDED MINUTES**

Cabinet – 10 September 2014

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 15 September 2014

Capital Strategy 2014

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

2. That The Overview and Scrutiny Committee Recommended Minute 192, be noted.

Cabinet – 22 October 2014

Electoral Review – Submission to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England Regarding Proposed Ward Boundaries

The Portfolio Holder for Finance and Organisational Development, Councillor Godfrey moved that the Recommended Minute in Report CL101 be approved and adopted. This was seconded by the Leader of the Council, Councillor Humby.

RESOLVED:

That the Recommended Minute of Cabinet as set out in Report CL101, be approved and adopted.

7. **MEMBERSHIP CHANGES TO COMMITTEES**

On 8 October 2014, Members were informed of the resignation of Councillor Nelmes from the Liberal Democrat Group and formation of an Independent Group (comprising of Councillor Chamberlain and Councillor Nelmes).

Council therefore considered consequential political balance changes to the Standards and Personnel Committees as proposed by Group Managers.

RESOLVED:

1. That Councillor Nelmes be replaced by Councillor Rutter as a Liberal Democrat member of the Standards Committee.
2. That Councillor Nelmes remain a member of the Personnel Committee, but as a member of the Independent Group.
3. That Councillor Clear be replaced by Councillor Laming as a deputy member of the Planning Committee.

8. **CHRIS ASHCROFT**

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Humby, announced that Chris Ashcroft, previously Head of Democratic Services, would be leaving the Council at the end of November after 33 years of service. On behalf of Members, he thanked Mr Ashcroft for his service to the Council and for his support to Councillors over the years. Members reciprocated with applause.

The meeting commenced at 7.00pm and concluded at 8.35pm

The Mayor