

WINCHESTER CITY COUNCIL

At an Ordinary Meeting of the Council as held in the Guildhall, Winchester on 21 October 2015.

Attendance:

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

Councillors:

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| Achwal (P) | Mather (P) |
| Berry E (P) | Maynard (P) |
| Berry J (P) | McLean (P) |
| Bodtger (P) | Miller (P) |
| Byrnes (P) | Newman-McKie (P) |
| Burns (P) | Osborne (P) |
| Cook Simon (P) | Pearson (P) |
| Cook Susan (P) | Phillips (P) |
| Cutler (P) | Power (P) |
| Dibden (P) | Prowse |
| Evans (P) | Read |
| Fancett | Ruffell L |
| Gemmell | Ruffell T (P) |
| Godfrey (P) | Rutter (P) |
| Gosling (P) | Sanders (P) |
| Gottlieb (P) | Scott (P) |
| Green (P) | Scowen (P) |
| Hiscock (P) | Southgate (P) |
| Horrill (P) | Stallard (P) |
| Humby (P) | Tait (P) |
| Hutchison | Thacker (P) |
| Huxstep (P) | Thompson (P) |
| Izard (P) | Tod (P) |
| Jeffer (P) | Twelftree (P) |
| Johnston (P) | Warwick (P) |
| Laming (P) | Weir (P) |
| Lipscomb (P) | Weston (P) |
| Mason (P) | Wright (P) |

1. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 15 July 2015, less exempt minute, adjourned and reconvened on 23 July 2015, be approved and adopted.

2. **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 as did Councillor Thacker, whose husband was a Hampshire County Councillor. 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.

Councillor Lipscomb declared a personal (but not prejudicial) interest in respect of the Revised Local Development Plan 2016 as his caravan was currently stored on land within a Policy allocation site in Colden Common. However, it was unlikely that he would be renting this land in the future, when the land was likely to be redeveloped. He participated and voted in the debate.

Councillor Godfrey declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in any matter that may be discussed with regard to land in the ownership of Winchester College. This was because a close member of his family was employed by Winchester College; however the need for such a discussion did not arise.

3. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR**

The Mayor reminded Members of the Remembrance Sunday Service in the Cathedral on Sunday, 8 November and also the two minute silence to be observed at 11am on Tuesday 11 November from the Guildhall steps. There was also to be the Mayor's Charities Bubbly Wine Tasting event on Friday 20 November in Abbey House and a Race Night at the Wickham Community Centre on 26 February 2016.

4. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE LEADER**

The Leader announced that he had received a letter from the NHS with regard to the proposed new Critical Care Unit near Dummer, Hampshire. Consultation on the new facility was now likely to be delayed for at least a year whilst the proposals were reconsidered.

The Leader also referred to the commencement of the procurement process in relation to the Architectural competition for the proposed Station Approach Development. He commended Jayne Greene (Project Office) and other officers for their hard work in developing the proposals, which had also received much input from the public and stakeholders alike.

The Leader also announced that Councillor Read was unable to attend today's meeting as he was caring for his wife who was currently unwell. Any supplementary questions to his written answers under Council Procedure 14 would be dealt with by other portfolio holders.

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

1. Consultations on New Street Names.

The Portfolio Holder for Environment, Health and Wellbeing, Councillor Pearson, answered a question from Councillor Evans.

2. LEP Funding Allocations to Schemes in the Winchester District

The Portfolio Holder for Local Economy, Councillor Byrnes, answered a question from Councillor Power.

3. Homelessness in Winchester

The Portfolio Holder for Housing Services, Councillor Horrill, answered a question from Councillor Warwick.

4. Protection of Employment Land for Housing Development

The Portfolio Holder for Built Environment, Councillor Read, answered a question from Councillor Hiscock.

5. Organisational Development

The Leader, Councillor Godfrey, answered a question from Councillor Burns.

6. Portable Event Space

The Portfolio Holder for Local Economy, Councillor Byrnes, answered a question from Councillor Tod.

7. Stamp Duty and Silver Hill

The Leader, Councillor Godfrey, answered a question from Councillor Gottlieb.

8. Impact of 1% Rent Reduction on Housing Revenue Account

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

9. Individual Electoral Registration

The Portfolio Holder for Service Delivery, Councillor Weston, answered a question from Councillor J Berry.

10. Parking Spaces in Minden Way, Stanmore

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

11. Procurement Process for the Station Approach Area Design

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

12. Parking in Stanmore

The Portfolio Holder for Local Economy, Councillor Byrnes, answered a question from Councillor Prowse.

13. Right to Buy Proposals and Disposal of 'High Value' Council Homes

The Portfolio Holder for Housing Services, Councillor Horrill, answered a question from Councillor Thompson.

14. Road Sweeping and Drain Clearing Schedules

The Portfolio Holder for Environment, Health and Wellbeing, Councillor Pearson, answered a question from Councillor Cutler.

15. Affordable Housing Policy

The Portfolio Holder for Built Environment, Councillor Read, answered a question from Councillor Achwal.

16. Long Stop Date and Silver Hill Development Agreement

The Leader, Councillor Godfrey, answered a question from Councillor Gottlieb.

17. 'Pay to Stay' proposal

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

18. Planning Policy W6

The Portfolio Holder for Built Environment, Councillor Read, answered a question from Councillor Tod.

19. 1% Rent Reduction and Impact on New Build Programme

The Portfolio Holder for Housing Services, Councillor Horrill, answered a question from Councillor Thompson.

20. Silver Hill and New Surgery Timetable

The Leader, Councillor Godfrey, answered a question from Councillor Gottlieb.

21. Information Commissioner and Silver Hill

The Leader, Councillor Godfrey, answered a question from Councillor Gottlieb.

6. **CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDED MINUTES**

An addendum to CL115, containing late representations received since the reports were prepared, together with the proposed response, had been circulated since publication of the agenda. The Mayor agreed to accept the addendum as a late item as it was necessary to consider it before decisions were made at the meeting.

Cabinet (Local Plan) Committee – 6 October 2015

Revised Local Development Plan 2016

It was noted that Report CL115 was an update report direct to Council and it was the recommendations set out in the Report which were before the meeting for decision. Council was also required to refer to the document 'Winchester District Local Plan Part 2: Development Management and Site Allocations – Publication Plan for Council October 2015'.

It was also noted that Councillor Power had drawn attention to a correction needed in the Cabinet (Local Plan) Committee Minutes of 6 October 2015, which were included as an appendix to CL115. On Page 5, Paragraph 5 there was a reference to "unoccupied retail space" in New Alresford that "was in need of improvement". The statement should have referred to "unoccupied commercial space" and it was noted that the matter was being drawn to Council's attention and would be formally corrected at the next Cabinet (Local Plan) Committee.

Councillor Weston, Portfolio Holder for Service Delivery, (in the absence of Councillor Read) moved that the recommendations in Report CL115 be approved and adopted. The item was seconded by Councillor Godfrey.

During discussion, a correction was made to the explanatory text in Chapter 3 Winchester Town at the last sentence of paragraph 3.7.36 on page 42: 'Policy WIN10' should be replaced with 'WIN9'.

Amendment (1) Councillor Humby (2) Councillor McLean

Additional words to the explanatory text in Chapter 5 South Hampshire Urban Areas - Chapter 5, page 118, paragraph 5.21 - Final sentence. Add the following words as shown italics:

“The Council will therefore continue to safeguard the section of the potential route for the Botley Bypass within the Winchester District *and will work positively with stakeholders to investigate and identify appropriate means of delivering the future construction of the Bypass,* although at the present time it is not in any programme for delivery.”

Amendment carried.

Revised Original Proposition carried.

RESOLVED:

1. That the Cabinet Recommended Minute as set out in Report CL115 be approved and adopted, subject to the inclusion of the amended words to the explanatory text in Chapter 3 Winchester Town as described above at Recommendation 1(a), as follows:

The Council will therefore continue to safeguard the section of the potential route for the Botley Bypass within the Winchester District and will work positively with stakeholders to investigate and identify appropriate means of delivering the future construction of the Bypass, although at the present time it is not in any programme for delivery.

7. **MEMBERSHIP CHANGES TO COMMITTEES**

RESOLVED:

That on The Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Councillor Humby to be a deputy member, to be replaced by Councillor McLean, who will no longer be a deputy member of the 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> |
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| ## | Exempt) Minute of the) Ordinary) Meeting of the) Council held) on 15 July) 2015) | Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). (Para 3 Schedule 12A refers) |
| | • Silver Hill –) Sub-) missions by) Silverhill) Winchester) No1 Limited) snd) Council's) Response) (Exempt) Append-) ices)) | Information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings. (Para 5 Schedule 12A refers) |

9. **EXEMPT MINUTES**

RESOLVED:

That the exempt minute of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 15 July 2015, be approved and adopted.

The meeting commenced at 7.05pm and concluded at 9.30pm.

The Mayor