

**WINCHESTER CITY COUNCIL**

At an Ordinary Meeting of the Council as held in the Guildhall, Winchester on 4 November 2015.

**Attendance:**

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

**Councillors:**

Achwal (P)	Mather (P)
Berry E (P)	Maynard (P)
Berry J (P)	McLean
Bodtger (P)	Miller
Byrnes (P)	Newman-McKie (P)
Burns (P)	Osborne (P)
Cook Simon (P)	Pearson
Cook Susan (P)	Phillips (P)
Cutler (P)	Power (P)
Dibden (P)	Prowse (P)
Evans (P)	Read (P)
Fancett (P)	Ruffell L (P)
Gemmell (P)	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 (P)	Thacker (P)
Huxstep (P)	Thompson (P)
Izard (P)	Tod (P)
Jeffer (P)	Twelftree (P)
Johnston (P)	Warwick (P)
Laming (P)	Weir (P)
Lipscomb	Weston (P)
Mason (P)	Wright (P)

1. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held on 21 October 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 Godfrey declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in any matter that may be discussed with regard to land in the ownership of Winchester College and in particular to a related Council Question (2). This was because a close member of his family was employed by Winchester College; however the need for such a discussion did not arise.

Councillor Tait declared a personal interest in any matter that may be discussed with regard to land in the ownership of St John's Winchester Charity and in particular to a related Council Question (2). This was because he was a Trustee of St John's Winchester Charity, which owned land as part of the Barton Farm development; however the need for such a discussion did not arise.

Councillor Sanders declared a personal (but not prejudicial) interest in respect of the Winchester Extra Care Scheme – Authorisation to Proceed (Exempt Appendices) as was a shareholder for one of the companies which had submitted a tender for the scheme. However, the holding was below the statutory limit affecting participation. Councillor Sanders also wished that it be recorded that he had concerns about the suitability of the site chosen for the project and whether it was financially viable to proceed.

### 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 Wednesday 11 November from the Guildhall steps. The Mayor also drew Members' attention to a Mayor's Charities Race Night at the Wickham Community Centre on 26 February 2016.

### 4. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE LEADER**

The Leader announced that he had received the Annual Report of the Surveillance Commissioner, which, in summary was complimentary of the Council's responsible approach in general.

The Leader also announced that he had joined the Mayor at the launch of the new fleet Stagecoach Euro 6 buses with the 'King's Buses' livery. He reminded Members that Cabinet had also previously approved the introduction of the less polluting Euro 6 buses for the Park and Ride Service in April 2016.

The Leader also reported that he had recently joined Ward Members for St Lukes on a visit to the New Queen's Gate Development in Stanmore. It was expected that the first homes here would be ready for occupation in January.

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

1. Projected Annual Income to the Council from Silver Hill Development.

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

2. Affordable Housing at Barton Farm Development

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

3. Ms Lloyd-Jones's Report.

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

4. Dial-a-Ride Service

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

5. New Stagecoach Bus Fleet and Air Quality

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

6. Estimated Cost to the Council of Campaign against the Silver Hill Development

The Leader, Councillor Godfrey, answered a question from Councillor Simon Cook.

7. Support for Rural Businesses and Tourism

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

8. Silver Hill Development Agreement

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

9. Station Approach Development and External Advice

The Portfolio Holder for Service Delivery, Councillor Weston, answered a question from Councillor L Ruffell.

10. Denmead Neighbourhood Plan

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

11. Council's New Build Programme

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

12. Proposed Right to Buy Scheme for Registered Providers and impact on the Council's Housing Stock

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

13. Support to Businesses

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

14. Living Wage and the Council's Contractors and other Employers in Winchester

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

15. Commercial Waste Bins in Winchester Town Centre

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

16. Station Approach Design Competition

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

17. Parking and other Preparations for the Christmas Period

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

18. Acquisition of Friarsgate Surgery and Best Consideration

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

19. Record of Council Meetings

The Portfolio Holder for Service Delivery, Councillor Weston, answered a question from Councillor Susan Cook.

20. The Council's Role in Administering Traffic Regulation Orders and Stopping Up Orders on Behalf of Hampshire County Council

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

21. Affordable Shops in Winchester

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

22. Use of Financial Payment in Lieu of Affordable Housing at North Whiteley

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

23. Construction Costs of Silver Hill Development – 2014 Scheme

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

24. New Queen Gate Development and Rent Setting

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

25. Construction Costs of Silver Hill Development – 2009 Scheme

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

26. Household Glass Recycling

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

In view of the amount of business on the agenda, Council agreed that oral supplementary questions would not be taken at this meeting. Members could submit supplementary questions to the Democratic Services Manager by 10am,

10 November 2015. The portfolio holders' written replies would then be made available to all Members and published on the website.

## 6. **PETITION**

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 15, a petition was submitted by Ms Gill Davies, containing 422 signatures. The prayer of the petition was as follows:

“We petitioners request that Winchester City Council commits to building a new surgery for the St Clements Practice in the centre of the city, irrespective of what happens with the Silver Hill development, so that the future of the practice and the interests of its 17,000 patients are properly protected.”

At the invitation of the Mayor, Ms Davies introduced the petition and highlighted the concerns of the practice patients and its doctors that the surgery may have to move out of the centre of Winchester, or close down. Ms Davies stated that the future of the practice should not be dependent on the progression of the Silver Hill development as the Council was unable to guarantee if or when the development would take place. Should there be any further delay to the scheme, what would be the alternative provision during any interim period, should the existing facility be forced to close? She also highlighted that the doctors had been unable to plan for the future of the practice during the recent period of uncertainty. Ms Davies welcomed the recent plans on display for a new surgery, but urged the Council to ensure that the basic requirement of the health and wellbeing of its citizens was ensured.

During the debate which followed, there was some concern expressed that there had been the prospect of redevelopment affecting the surgery building now for several years, with seemingly little progress. It was pointed out that many patients would be unable to travel easily outside the town centre to any alternative facilities should the new surgery not be completed ahead of the Silver Hill development.

A Member was concerned that by linking the replacement surgery to the Silver Hill development meant that there was a risk that it may not be forthcoming. The two schemes should therefore be decoupled. It was suggested that construction of a new surgery should have been started at least two years before the existing one was due to be vacated. The Council should have been investigating alternative solutions for the practice during this time.

In response to discussion, Councillor Godfrey clarified some of the detail of the latest proposals for the surgery and drew Council's attention to the related matters elsewhere on the agenda. Councillor Godfrey was concerned that members of the public had been misinformed and concerns unnecessarily raised. He drew attention to his response to a related Question (20) asked at the previous Council meeting on 21 October 2015 in which he given assurances about the timetable for the provision of the new surgery. He reminded Members that this was expected to be provided by August 2017, with

no interruption to medical provision for patients. He also stated that the uncertainty about the future of the existing facility was largely due to the delays to the Silver Hill development.

At the conclusion of debate, the Mayor thanked Ms Davies for her presentation and explained that a minute of the points made would be submitted to Cabinet on 2 December 2015 for its consideration.

RESOLVED:

That the petition be referred to the next meeting of Cabinet.

## 7. **CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDED MINUTES**

Report CL117 was circulated with a Supplementary Agenda after the statutory deadline. The Mayor agreed to accept the report onto the agenda, because of the urgent need for Council to consider the Recommended Minutes from The Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

### **Cabinet – 9 September 2015**

#### **The Overview and Scrutiny Committee - 14 September 2015**

##### **Capital Strategy 2015**

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Godfrey, moved that Cabinet Recommended Minute 200 be approved and adopted.

RESOLVED:

1. That Cabinet Recommended Minute 200 be approved and adopted.
2. That Recommended Minute 218 of The Overview and Scrutiny Committee, be noted.

### **Cabinet – 21 October 2015**

#### **The Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 26 October 2015**

##### **Medium Term Financial Strategy 2016/17 – 2020/21**

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Godfrey, moved that Cabinet Recommended Minute 330 be approved and adopted.

RESOLVED:

1. That Cabinet Recommended Minute 330 be approved and adopted.
2. That the Recommended Minute of The Overview and Scrutiny Committee on page 3 of Report CL117, be noted.

**Cabinet – 9 September 2015**

**Silver Hill – Notice of Motion Regarding Archaeology and other Implementation Staffing Issues**

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Godfrey, moved that Cabinet Recommended Minute 202 be approved and adopted.

It was noted that the original Notice of Motion to Council on 23 July 2015 (as set out in Appendix A to Report CAB2707) was effectively proposed to be replaced by the Cabinet Recommended Minute 202. If approved, this would become the substantive proposition.

A typographical error was corrected in the Minute Extract of the Council meeting 15 July 2015 (adjourned to 23 July 2015) which were set out as Appendix A to Report CAB2707. In the penultimate paragraph, first sentence - delete the word 'drew'.

RESOLVED:

That Cabinet Recommended Minute 202 be approved and adopted.

**Licensing and Regulation Committee – 8 October 2015**

**Gambling Act – Statement of Principles (Policy) – Consultation Draft**

The Chairman of the Licensing and Regulation Committee, Councillor Mather, moved that Recommended Minute 311 be approved and adopted.

RESOLVED:

That Recommended Minute 311 of the Licensing and Regulation Committee be approved and adopted

**Cabinet (Housing) Committee – 30 September 2015**

**The Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 26 October 2015**

**Response to Notices of Motion to Council on Recent Government Housing Announcements**

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Godfrey, moved that Cabinet (Housing) Committee Recommended Minute 288 be approved and adopted. Councillor Horrill, Portfolio Holder for Housing Services, introduced the item.

It was noted that the original Notices of Motion to Council on 23 July 2015 (as set out in Appendix 1 to Report CAB2723 HSG) were effectively proposed to be replaced by the Cabinet Recommended Minute 278. If approved, this would become the substantive proposition.



Amendment (1) Councillor Thompson (2) Councillor Scott

Additional paragraph and words to be added to the recommendation of the Cabinet (Housing) Committee, to comprise the Recommended Minute 2 of The Overview and Scrutiny Committee in Report CL117, amended to delete 'be advised' and replace with 'agree' as follows;

2. "That Council agree that the response received from the Minister of State for Housing and Planning – and the latest information about the Bill – does not provide the reassurance needed about the impact of the Housing Bill for Winchester tenants and delivery of the Council's Housing Business Plan".

Amendment carried.

Revised Substantive Proposition carried.

RESOLVED:

1. That the Revised Cabinet (Housing) Committee Recommended Minute 288 be approved and adopted as follows:
  - i. That the potential impact of Government Welfare and Housing Bill proposals on the City Council's Housing Service be noted and the action taken by the Portfolio Holder for Housing and officers in response to the Notices of Motion tabled at Council in July be supported.
  - ii. That Council agree that the response received from the Minister of State for Housing and Planning – and the latest information about the Bill – does not provide the reassurance needed about the impact of the Housing Bill for Winchester tenants and delivery of the Council's Housing Business Plan
2. That the Recommended Minute of The Overview and Scrutiny Committee on page 4 of Report CL117, be noted.

### **Audit Committee – 24 September 2015**

#### **Review of Terms of Reference**

The Chairman of the Audit Committee, Councillor Cutler, moved that Recommended Minute 263 be approved and adopted.

RESOLVED:

That Recommended Minute 263 of the Audit Committee be approved and adopted.

**Cabinet – 21 October 2015**

**The Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 26 October 2015**

**Winchester Extra Care Scheme – Authorisation to proceed (less exempt appendices)**

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Godfrey, moved that Cabinet (Recommended Minute 332) be approved and adopted. Councillor Horrill, Portfolio Holder for Housing Services introduced the item.

RESOLVED:

1. That Cabinet Recommended Minute 332 be approved and adopted.
2. That the Recommended Minute of The Overview and Scrutiny Committee on page 5 of Report CL117, be noted.

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>
##	Winchester Extra Care Scheme – Authorisation to Proceed (Exempt Appendices)	) Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). (Para 3 Schedule 12A refers)
	St Clement's Surgery,	)

Winchester	)	
Organisational Development	)	Information relating to a particular individual. (Para 1 to Schedule 12A refers).
Notice of Motion	)	Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual. (Para 2 to Schedule 12A refers)

**Cabinet – 21 October 2015**

**The Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 26 October 2015**

**Winchester Extra Care Scheme – Authorisation to proceed (exempt appendices)**

RESOLVED:

1. That Exempt Cabinet Minute 332 be noted.
2. That the Exempt Minute of The Overview and Scrutiny Committee on page 6 of Report CL117, be noted.

**Cabinet – 17 September 2015**

**The Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 14 September 2015**

**St Clement's Surgery**

The Chief Operating Officer confirmed that Members/Deputy Members of the Planning Committee could take part in the considerations of this item, as it did not deal with the merits of any planning application which would need to come to the Planning Committee in due course.

The following Members/ deputy Members of the Planning Committee; Councillors Dibden, E.Berry, Evans, Iazard, Jeffs, Johnston, Newman-Mckie, L.Ruffell, Scott, Warwick and Weir requested that it be recorded in the minutes that they would each consider the relevant planning matters with regard to the new facility with an open mind, having regard to all additional information and representations received, when the application came to be considered at the Committee in due course.

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Godfrey, moved that Exempt Cabinet Recommended Minute 237 be approved and adopted.

RESOLVED:

1. That the Exempt Cabinet Recommended Minute 237 be approved and adopted.
2. That the Exempt Recommended Minute 224 of The Overview and Scrutiny Committee, be noted.

**Cabinet – 21 October 2015**

**Personnel Committee – 29 September 2015**

Organisational Development

Exempt Report CL116 was an update report direct to Council which included the Recommended Minute from Cabinet held 21 October 2015 and Personnel Committee held on 29 September 2015. Updated Recommendations in CL116 were before Council for decision.

Council discussed proposed changes to the Council's senior management roles (details in Exempt Minute).

The meeting commenced at 7.00pm, adjourned between 10.05pm and 10.25pm and concluded at 11.45pm.