

**WINCHESTER CITY COUNCIL**

At an Ordinary Meeting of the Council as held in the Guildhall, Winchester on 13 April 2016.

Attendance:

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

Councillors:

Achwal	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 (P)
Evans	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
Hiscock (P)	Southgate (P)
Horrill (P)	Stallard (P)
Humby (P)	Tait (P)
Hutchison (P)	Thacker (P)
Huxstep (P)	Thompson (P)
Izard (P)	Tod (P)
Jefferies (P)	Twelftree (P)
Johnston (P)	Warwick (P)
Laming (P)	Weir (P)
Lipscomb (P)	Weston (P)
Mason (P)	Wright

1. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 25 February 2016 be approved and adopted.

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

The Mayor announced that 16 Members had decided not to seek re-election on 5 May 2016. In accordance with the Council's usual practice, she presented certificates in recognition of their public service as follows:-

Councillor Tom Ruffell – who had served since 2015  
 Councillor Jonathan Scowen – who had served since 2015  
 Councillor Caroline Dibden – who had served since 2014  
 Councillor Patrick Fancett – who had served since 2014  
 Councillor Helen Osborne – who had served since 2014  
 Councillor Mike Southgate – who had served since 2012  
 Councillor Norma Bodtger – who had served since 2011  
 Councillor Sam Newman-Mckie – who had served since 2011  
 Councillor Kirk Phillips – who had served since 2010  
 Councillor Rose Prowse – who had served since 2010  
 Councillor Peter Kent Mason – who had served 1994 – 1998, 1999 – 2003 and then from 2008  
 Councillor Robert Sanders – who had served since 2008  
 Councillor Malcolm Wright – who had served since 2003  
 Councillor Simon Cook – who had served since 2002  
 Councillor Barry Lipscomb - who had served since 2002 and was the 812<sup>th</sup> Mayor of Winchester in 2011/12  
 Councillor James Maynard – who had served since 2000

The Mayor then reminded Members that it was the Annual Mayor's Quiz Night on Friday 15 April in the Guildhall. She reported that she was also to attend the Hampshire Youth Orchestra Concert in the Cathedral on Saturday 23 April. Finally, she was to host an afternoon tea in May for those recipients who had been unable to attend the Mayor's Awards Ceremony so that the final few presentations could be made.

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

The Leader drew Members' attention to a recent portfolio holder decision notice with regard to relaunch on the Council's partnership support to the Winchester BID's Charitable Alternative Giving Scheme. He reminded Members that the initiative encouraged donations to be made to local homeless charities rather than directly to street beggars. This helped ensure that the monies donated were utilised appropriately.

The Leader also announced that two Council-owned car parks had recently achieved the Park Mark award for their safer parking status. Both the Pitt Park and Ride and Wickham Station, through their design, had achieved the award.

Finally, the Leader announced that he had attended yesterday the Hampshire League Cup Final at St Mary's Stadium where Winchester City had lost to Havant and Waterlooville following a penalty shoot out. He congratulated the club for its various successes since it reformed as a community club.

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 as did Councillor Thacker, whose husband was a Hampshire County Councillor. However, as there were no material conflicts 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 disclosable pecuniary interest in respect of Item 6 b) as he was the Council's appointee on the board of the South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA). However, as there was no material conflict of interest in this item, he remained in the room and spoke and voted under the dispensation granted by the Monitoring Officer on behalf of the Standards Committee.

Councillor Gottlieb declared a personal, but not prejudicial interest in any matter on the agenda that related to the Silver Hill development proposals due to him being a member of the Winchester Deserves Better campaign group.

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

24 Questions were asked by Members, which are set out in full on the Council's website, together with responses from the relevant portfolio holder. The Mayor allowed time for supplementary Questions to be asked and responded to.

6. **CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDED MINUTES**

a) **Cabinet – 29 March 2016**

Proposed Response to Councillor Tod's Notice of Motion  
(Report CAB2793 refers)

The Leader, Councillor Godfrey, moved that Recommended Minute 671 be approved and adopted.

RESOLVED:

That Recommended Minute 671 of Cabinet be approved and adopted.

b) **Licensing and Regulation Committee – 17 March 2016**

Review of Statement of Licensing Policy 2016 – Comments Received following Consultation  
(Reports LR468 and CL127 refer)

The Chairman of the Licensing and Regulation Committee, Councillor Mather, moved that the recommendation in Report CL127 be approved and adopted. The item was seconded by Councillor Bodtger.

RESOLVED:

1. That the Recommendation in Report CL127 be approved and adopted.
2. That the Recommended Minute 654 of the Licensing and Regulation Committee be noted.

c) **Cabinet – 29 March 2016**

St Clements Doctor Surgery, Winchester (less exempt Appendices)  
(Report CAB2786 refers)

The Leader, Councillor Godfrey, moved that Recommended Minute 668 be approved and adopted.

Council noted that its decision was subject to The Overview and Scrutiny Committee considering the matter under its powers of call-in at its meeting on Monday 18 April 2016.

Following questions and debate, the meeting resolved to move into Exempt Session to allow it to ask additional questions and discuss the information set out in the Exempt Appendices before returning to open session to make its decision.

7. **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>
##	)	)
	St Clements Doctors Surgery, Winchester (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)
	)	)

d) **Cabinet – 29 March 2016**

St Clements Doctor Surgery, Winchester (Exempt Appendices)  
(Report CAB2786 refers)

The meeting discussed and asked questions on the information set out in the Exempt Appendices of Report CAB2786 and also the Exempt Minutes of the meeting of Cabinet held on 29 March 2016.

RESOLVED

1. That the Exempt Recommended Minute 678 of Cabinet, be noted.
2. That the Exempt appendices to Report CAB2786, be noted.
3. That the meeting now return to open session to consider the proposals further and to make its decision.

e) **Cabinet – 29 March 2016**

St Clements Doctor Surgery, Winchester (less exempt Appendices)  
(Report CAB2786 refers)

RESOLVED:

That Recommended Minute 668 of Cabinet be approved and adopted.

8. **NOTICE OF MOTION**

The following Notice of Motion had been submitted by Councillor Burns.

"That in view of the number and significance of forthcoming and potential major development projects within the City, and in view of the lack of development expertise within the Council, immediately following the election a cross-party

group of councillors is established whose remit is to identify the structures, processes and manpower needed to ensure the success of such projects.”

The Motion was seconded and introduced by Councillor Gottlieb.

Amendment (1) Councillor Thompson (2) Councillor Tod

Delete all after: “within the City,” and replace with

“...and reflecting public dissatisfaction with the consultation and engagement on these projects to date, that Council sets up a cross-party committee to look at the structures, processes and manpower needed to ensure the success of these projects - both technically and in terms of public support – and make recommendations on these issues as a matter of urgency to both Cabinet and the Council.”

so Motion reads:

“That in view of the number and significance of forthcoming and potential major development projects within the City, and reflecting public dissatisfaction with the consultation and engagement on these projects to date, that Council sets up a cross-party committee to look at the structures, processes and manpower needed to ensure the success of these projects - both technically and in terms of public support – and make recommendations on these issues as a matter of urgency to both Cabinet and the Council.”

During debate which followed on the amendment, the following points were raised:

- There was a need to better utilise the expertise of all Councillors in major project work and for there to be further improvements made to the Council’s existing public consultation processes.
- Examples of the Council’s various existing public consultation exercises were referred to, including those additionally undertaken with regard to its current major projects.
- It was pointed out that the Independent Review undertaken by Clear Lloyd-Jones had highlighted a potential skills shortage at the Council. There had been no suggestion of lack of skills amongst existing officers.
- The amendment to the Motion would not achieve any changed outcome to that originally proposed.
- Members are generally ‘lay’ people who come to a view on the professional officers’ recommendations.
- There was currently a public perception that the Council was not listening, despite it undertaking much consultative work.

- The Leader and Cabinet were specifically chosen having regard to their areas of expertise.

Council then voted upon the amendment.

Amendment lost.

In light of the discussion, Councillor Burns proposed an amendment to her Motion.

Amendment (1) Councillor Burns (2) Councillor Dibden

To replace 'and in view of the lack of' in the second line with 'and in order to enhance the...'

so Motion reads:

"That in view of the number and significance of forthcoming and potential major development projects within the City, and in order to enhance the development expertise within the Council, immediately following the election a cross-party group of councillors is established whose remit is to identify the structures, processes and manpower needed to ensure the success of such projects."

Council then considered Cllr Burns' amendment.

During debate which followed on the amendment, the following points were raised:

- It was likely that the Cabinet (Major Projects) Committee dealt already with the matters referred to in the Motion.
- There was concern that residents did not consider that the Council was listening to them.
- Consultation and partnership working must become embedded in the Council's projects. The Council must be a learning, listening organisation and follow best practice.
- The Audit (Governance) Sub Committee, the Independent Review Informal Policy Group and The Overview and Scrutiny Committee were already looking at various potential improvements and were monitoring various milestones related to the recommendations of the Independent Review. A separate Cabinet Committee would also specifically consider the Central Winchester Supplementary Planning Document. A schedule of meetings would also re-focus the work of the existing Cabinet (Major Projects) Committee.

Substantive Motion (original Motion, as amended) carried as set out below.

RESOLVED:

That the Revised Notice of Motion, as set out below, be referred to a future of Cabinet for further investigation and report back to Council.

"That in view of the number and significance of forthcoming and potential major development projects within the City, and in order to enhance the development expertise within the Council, immediately following the election a cross-party group of councillors is established whose remit is to identify the structures, processes and manpower needed to ensure the success of such projects."

9. **MEMBERSHIP CHANGES TO COMMITTEES**

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Power replace Councillor Evans as the Liberal Democrat representative on the on the Appointments Committee.

The meeting commenced at 7.00pm and concluded at 9.30pm.

The Mayor