

WINCHESTER CITY COUNCIL

At an Ordinary Meeting of the Council as held in the Guildhall, Winchester on 2 November 2016.

Attendance:

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

Councillors:

Achwal	Huxstep (P)
Ashton (P)	Izard (P)
Bell (P)	Jeffer
Bentote (P)	Laming (P)
Berry (P)	Learney (P)
Brook (P)	Mather (P)
Burns (P)	McLean (P)
Byrnes (P)	Miller (P)
Clear (P)	Pearson (P)
Cook (P)	Porter (P)
Cutler (P)	Prince (P)
Elks (P)	Read (P)
Evans (P)	Ruffell (P)
Gemmell (P)	Scott (P)
Godfrey (P)	Stallard (P)
Gottlieb (P)	Tait (P)
Green (P)	Thacker (P)
Griffiths (P)	Thompson (P)
Hiscock (P)	Tod (P)
Horrill (P)	Warwick (P)
Humby (P)	Weir (P)
Hutchison (P)	Weston (P)

1. **MINUTES**

Council noted that due to a typographical error, the attendance for the previous Extraordinary meeting of Council held on 11 October 2016 had incorrectly listed Councillors Clear and Porter as being present, who had both been absent on this occasion.

RESOLVED:

That, subject to the above correction, the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 20 July 2016 and the Extraordinary meeting of Council held on 11 October 2014 be approved and adopted.

2. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR**

The Mayor's first announcement was to invite Members to join her for the 2 minute silence to be observed at 11am on Friday 11 November from the Guildhall steps, and also at the Remembrance Sunday Service in the Cathedral on Sunday, 13 November.

The Mayor then referred to the art work on display in the Council Chamber. The Mayor explained that this was a print of a specially commissioned commemorative painting which had been presented to the City of Winchester by the Adjutant General's Corps to mark their 'Freedom of Entry' to the city. The artwork depicted the regiment exercising their rights of the Freedom of Entry by parading through the streets of Winchester in October 2015. The print was to be placed on permanent display in due course.

The Mayor also announced that on Tuesday 29 November, she was to host an informal reception in Abbey House to welcome the new commander at Sir John Moore Barracks, Lieutenant Colonel Nicholas Mackenzie.

The Mayor then reported that Members would be pleased to hear that following his recent illness, former Councillor Robert Johnston was at home and making good progress. Members joined the Mayor in wishing him a speedy recovery.

Finally, the Mayor thanked Members for supporting her charities events held to date and reminded that all forthcoming events were listed on the Mayor of Winchester Charities website. In particular, the Mayor encouraged Councillors and their guests to attend the Regimental Ball at the Officers' Mess at Worthy Down which was to be held on Saturday 26 November.

3. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE LEADER**

The Leader reported on the recent PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) report that had been commissioned by the Council along with the five other 'Heart of Hampshire' local authorities to look at any potential for improvements to be made to local government services. This was running in parallel to similar work being undertaken by the Solent Group of local authorities. The Leader advised that he had seen an interim report from PwC and it was expected that the final version of both reports would be published by the end of November 2016 and would be brought forward for Members' discussion at Cabinet on 7 December. In addition to this, an All-Member Briefing had been arranged on Devolution matters, to be held at 6pm on 5 December.

4. **DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS ETC**

Having regard to their roles as Hampshire County Councillors, Councillors Humby, Huxstep, Mather, Porter, 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.

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

25 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) **(i) Cabinet (Mayor Projects) Committee - 10 October 2016**
(ii) The Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 17 October 2016

RESPONSE TO COUNCILLOR BURNS' NOTICE OF MOTION FROM COUNCIL 13 APRIL 2016

(Report CAB2849(MP) refers)

The Leader, Councillor Godfrey, moved that the Recommended Minute of the Cabinet (Major Projects) Committee be approved and adopted.

RESOLVED:

1. That the Recommended Minute of the Cabinet (Major Projects) Committee be approved and adopted.

2. That the Recommended Minute of The Overview and Scrutiny Committee be noted.

- b) **(i) The Overview and Scrutiny Committee - 17 October 2016**
(ii) Cabinet – 19 October 2016

STATION APPROACH – PROCUREMENT PROCESS UPDATE (LESS EXEMPT APPENDIX)

(Report CAB2852 refers)

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

Amendment (1) Councillor Thompson (2) Councillor Tod

After the recommendation, add:

“That the Council strictly adhere to the RIBA plan of work outlined in Appendix 1 of CAB2852 - including:

- Stage 0 - with a clear up-front business case and strategic brief
- Stage 1 - project objectives, quality objectives and project outcomes, sustainability aspirations and

project budget leading to a revised initial project brief to full RIBA standards

with approval of each checkpoint of the RIBA process in public.”

After some discussion, the Mayor agreed to a short recess, to allow the Leader an opportunity to consider the amendment further and to discuss with the leader of the Liberal Democrat group.

The meeting recommenced and resultant from the Leader’s discussions, Councillor Thompson proposed an alteration to the amendment, replacing the word “strictly” with the word “correctly”.

Revised Amendment:

After the recommendation, add:

“That the Council ~~strictly~~ **correctly** adhere to the RIBA plan of work outlined in Appendix 1 of CAB2852 - including:

- Stage 0 - with a clear up-front business case and strategic brief
- Stage 1 - project objectives, quality objectives and project outcomes, sustainability aspirations and project budget leading to a revised initial project brief to full RIBA standards

with approval of each checkpoint of the RIBA process in public.”

Amendment carried.

Substantive Motion carried.

RESOLVED:

1. That the Recommended Minute of Cabinet, as amended as set out below, be approved and adopted:

1. That budget provision of £1.5 million be made for the commissioning of the necessary design work and other professional services to progress work on station approach, incorporating the development of the Carfax site and preparation of a public realm strategy.

2. That the Council correctly adhere to the RIBA plan of work outlined in Appendix 1 of CAB2852 - including:

- Stage 0 - with a clear up-front business case and strategic brief

- c) **(i) The Overview and Scrutiny Committee - 17 October 2016**
(ii) Cabinet – 19 October 2016

STATION APPROACH – PROCUREMENT PROCESS UPDATE (EXEMPT APPENDIX)

(Report CAB2852 refers)

RESOLVED:

That the Exempt Appendix be noted.

- d) **(i) The Overview and Scrutiny Committee - 17 October 2016**
(ii) Cabinet – 19 October 2016

CONFIDENTIAL ITEM – REPORT BY THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (ESTATES AND REGENERATION)

(Report CAB2853 refers)

Council considered an exempt report by the Assistant Director (Estates and Regeneration) – details in exempt minutes.

The meeting commenced at 7.00pm, adjourned between 8.30 and 8.35pm, and concluded at 8.55pm.