

WINCHESTER CITY COUNCIL

At an Ordinary Meeting of the Council as held in the Guildhall, Winchester on 5 April 2017.

Attendance:

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

Councillors:

Achwal (P)	Huxstep (P)
Ashton (P)	Izard (P)
Bell (P)	Jeffs (P)
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**

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 23 February 2017, be approved and adopted.

2. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR AND THE LEADER**

The Mayor referred to her forthcoming Charity events. On 26 April it was to be the final of the Charities Talks in Abbey House on the subject of the search for the stones from Hyde Abbey and there was to be a concert at St Swithun's School on Saturday 29 April given by the Winchester Cathedral Girls' Choir. The Mayor also referred to her Charity Abseil at Gunwharf Quays Spinnaker Tower, Portsmouth on 30 April and a sponsored Wing Walk on 5 May. Also

on 5 May, the Mayor would also be taking part in the Trinity Winchester sponsored 'Big Sleep Out'.

The Leader announced that feedback from the Central Winchester Regeneration Community Planning Weekend had been warmly welcomed at a public meeting held in the Guildhall on 4 April. This was to assist with shaping the proposals for development in the Central Winchester development area. 10 key themes from the outputs of the Community Planning process had been identified. The Leader commended the work undertaken by John Thompson Partners and also thanked the members of the Central Winchester Regeneration Informal Policy Group and all others involved.

The Leader also announced that the new 'Welcome to Winchester Brochure' had now been published. This set out key information for businesses and visitors to the district.

Finally, the Leader drew to Members' attention the Council Strategy which had been published. This document set out the focus and direction of the Council's work for the next few years.

The Chief Executive reported that the retiring Mayor's dinner was to take place on Friday 12 May and looked forward to seeing Councillors at this annual event, to thank Madam Mayor for her hard work during her mayoral year.

3. **DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS ETC**

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

As the owner of the St Clements Surgery, Councillor Gottlieb advised that he would declare a disclosable pecuniary interest and leave the Council Chamber if there was any specific discussion during the meeting that related to the building.

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

17 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.

5. **PETITIONS**

There were no petitions received.

6. **CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDED MINUTES**

Exempt Report CAB2923 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 matters therein.

(a) **Cabinet - 20 March 2017**

WINCHESTER DISTRICT LOCAL PLAN PART 2: DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT & SITE ALLOCATIONS – PROPOSED ADOPTION

(Report CAB2903 (LP) refers)

The Portfolio Holder for Built Environment, Councillor Weston, moved that the Recommended Minute of Cabinet be approved and adopted.

Councillor Weston reiterated the thanks of Members to the Strategic Planning team for their hard work in delivering the Local Plan. Furthermore, as Mr Opacic (Head of Strategic Planning) was now taking flexible retirement from the Council, Councillor Weston thanked Mr Opacic on behalf of the Council for his dedication and service to the Council over the previous 31 years.

Members stood in tribute, and reciprocated with applause in recognition of Mr Opacic's excellent service to Winchester.

RESOLVED:

That the Recommended Minute of Cabinet be approved and adopted.

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>
###	Proposed Land Acquisition) Information relating to the) financial or business affairs of) any particular person) (including the authority holding) that information). (Para 3) Schedule 12A refers)
###	Appointment of Independent Persons and Parish Representatives (Exempt Appendix B))) Information relating to any) individual (Para 1 Schedule) 12A refers)))))

8. **CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDED EXEMPT MINUTES**

(b) **Cabinet (Special Meeting) - 5 April 2017**

PROPOSED LAND ACQUISITION

(Report CAB2923 refers)

Council referred to a matter considered at a Special Meeting of Cabinet held immediately before this meeting (detail in exempt minute).

(c) **Standards Committee (Special Meeting) – 18 March 2015**

APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT PERSONS AND PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

(Exempt Appendix B to Report CL133 refers)

Council referred to Exempt Appendix B to Report CL133 which set out the minute of the Special Meeting of the Standards Committee held 18 March 2017 which considered appointments to be made to the roles of Parish Representatives and Independent Persons on the Standards Committee (detail in exempt minute).

Council noted the remainder of the report as background information to their decision.

The meeting commenced at 7pm adjourned between 9pm and 9.05pm and 9.50pm and 10pm concluded at 10.15pm.