# **CABINET**

# 20 April 2009

# Attendance:

Councillor Beckett -	Leader and Portfolio Holder for Economy and Tourism (Chairman) (P)
Councillor Allgood –	Portfolio Holder for Finance and Efficiency (P)
Councillor Coates –	Portfolio Holder for Housing (P)
Councillor Cooper –	Portfolio Holder for Communities and Safety (P)
Councillor Godfrey –	Portfolio Holder for Performance and Organisational Development (P)
Councillor Pearson –	Portfolio Holder for Environment (P)
Councillor Stallard -	Portfolio Holder for Heritage, Culture and Sport (P)
Councillor Wood –	Portfolio Holder for Planning and Access (P)

Others in attendance who addressed the meeting:

Councillors Barratt, Busher, Evans and Learney

Mr A Rickman (TACT)

Others in attendance who did not address the meeting:

Councillor Humby and Ruffell

# 1. MINUTES

**RESOLVED:** 

That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 18 March 2009, less exempt items, be approved and adopted.

# 2. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no questions asked or statements made.

# 3. LEADER AND PORTFOLIO HOLDER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councillor Allgood reported that a recent meeting had taken placed of the creditors of Heritable Bank. The Council had been advised that on current estimates local authorities would recoup at least 70% of their investment, possibly 80%. In addition, an initial sum of 15% of the Council's investment (approximately £150,000) would be returned by the end of July 2009.

Councillor Stallard congratulated the Economic and Cultural Services Division on being awarded the Customer Service Excellence standard. In addition, the assessor had commented on the "culture of quality" within the Division.

Councillor Beckett stated that the Kite Flyer sculpture at the entrance to Parchment Street was now in place and had been particularly welcomed by traders within that street.

The Chief Executive reminded Members that the IDeA peer review would take place that week.

### 4. <u>HOUSING RENTS – LATEST GOVERNMENT PROPOSALS</u> (Report <u>CAB1835</u> refers)

Under the Council's Constitution, Access to Information Procedure Rules (Rule 15.1 General Exception) this was a Key Decision, which had not been included in the Forward Plan. Under this procedure, the Chairman of Principal Scrutiny Committee had been informed.

Councillor Coates emphasised that the full details of the Government's proposals on guideline rents had not been issued to local authorities until 26 March 2009 and councils were required to respond within the next four weeks. It had been calculated that the overall financial impact for 2009/10 would be a net gain on the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) of £63,000 (detail in paragraph 3 of the Report).

On behalf of Cabinet, Councillor Beckett thanked the Head of Landlord Services for his work in responding to the Government changes in guideline rents. He also expressed disappointment that the timing of the announcement (after the statutory deadlines for notifying rent increases to tenants) resulted in additional administrative costs to the Council, which meant that the full cost benefits could not be passed onto tenants.

The Head of Landlord Services advised that the Report's first recommendation should be corrected to refer to paragraph 3 (and not paragraph 5).

At the invitation of the Chairman, Councillor Learney addressed Cabinet on behalf of the Liberal Democrat Group. She welcomed the Government's proposals to reduce negative subsidy, but requested further details about possible increases in service charges to some tenants, which she was concerned might negate rent reductions. She also queried how the HRA net gain of £63,000 would be utilised and requested that it be used for funding of the improvement programme.

In response, the Head of Landlord Services confirmed that the Government stipulated the maximum level at which councils could set rent and service charges. The recent changes resulted in the Council being able to recover more in service charges than previously. Consequently, some tenants would receive a rent reduction at the same time as a small increase in service charges. He confirmed that he could supply further details to Councillors outside of the meeting and that all tenants would receive written notification explaining the changes in both rent and service charge levels.

With regard to the gain on the HRA, Councillor Coates advised that a Report would be submitted to a future Cabinet, outlining how this amount and the funding being made available from the release from the Insurance Reserve (as set out in CAB1836 below) would be dealt with.

Mr A Rickman (TACT) welcomed the Report and the proposed reductions in rent. He confirmed that TACT would continue to campaign to further reduce the level of negative subsidy stipulated by the Government.

Councillor Beckett thanked Mr Rickman for his comments and confirmed that TACT would be involved in discussions regarding the use of the additional funding now available to the HRA budget.

Cabinet agreed to the following for the reasons set out above and outlined in the Report.

# **RECOMMENDED:**

1. THAT THE HEAD OF LANDLORD SERVICES BE AUTHORISED TO IMPLEMENT THE GOVERNMENT'S REVISED PROPOSALS FOR HOUSING RENTS FOR 2009/10 WITH EFFECT FROM APRIL 2009, AS SET OUT IN PARAGRAPH 3 OF THE REPORT, RESULTING IN AN OVERALL AVERAGE INCREASE OF 3.2%.

2. THAT SERVICE CHARGES CONTINUE TO BE BASED ON ACTUAL COSTS INCURRED AND THAT CAPPING APPLIED IN LINE WITH GOVERNMENT GUIDANCE BE ADJUSTED TO REFLECT CHANGES TO RENTS AGREED ABOVE, AND THE HEAD OF LANDLORD SERVICES BE AUTHORISED TO IMPLEMENT THE CHANGES.

### 5. PLANNING FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN AN ECONOMIC DOWNTURN (Report <u>CAB1824</u> refers)

The Head of Strategic Housing responded to questions by outlining examples of how the proposals would work in practice, including recent partnership schemes in Kings Worthy and Bishops Waltham. He advised that the Council was holding meetings with developers, in order to encourage continued investment and building of affordable housing and introducing measures to remove practical difficulties. In addition, the Council would work to promote its own affordable housing schemes, for example on rural exception sites.

Cabinet commented that the proposals required a positive approach from both Members and Officers. It was noted that cultural changes were being

introduced such as the Corporate Housing Enablement Group, together with the Head of Planning Management working more closely with the Head of Strategic Housing, assisted by the overreaching role of the Portfolio Holder for Housing.

At the invitation of the Chairman, Councillors Busher, Barratt and Learney addressed Cabinet, together with Mr Rickman (TACT), and their comments are summarised below.

Councillor Busher welcomed proposals to increase the supply of affordable housing, but requested that the Council be more proactive in seeking to reduce some residents' negative attitudes to such developments. This should include more consultation carried out at an early stage of proposals. She expressed concern that the economic downturn might result in a lower quality of developments being approved and, in particular, believed that three storey flats were inappropriate in village locations. Finally, she suggested that a Committee be established which should include a number of Members from Planning Development Control Committee.

Councillor Barratt supported the comments of TACT, as included in the Report, that the Council should be seeking possible ways of building its own new housing stock and lobbying the Government to this effect. She did not believe that solely working in partnership with housing associations offered the best solution. She highlighted that in addition to the numbers on the housing waiting list, there were other people struggling to pay rent on private accommodation.

Councillor Learney advised that she was a member of the Affordable Housing Scrutiny Group which had considered these matters in detail and concluded that the main problems were not due to lack of finance, but due to shortage of suitable sites and difficulties in gaining planning permission. She queried why the Group's recommendation regarding urban exception sites had been omitted. She believed that provision of affordable housing should be the top priority of the Council in its Corporate Strategy. Whilst understanding TACT's comments, she considered it impractical at the current time for the Council to build new homes itself.

Mr Rickman (TACT) valued the good relationship with the Council, but expressed disappointment about the lack of commitment in the Report for the Council to explore means of building new housing stock. He reiterated TACT's commitment to lobbying the Government to seek changes to enable this and to reduce the level of negative subsidy.

In response to comments made, Councillor Coates outlined the proposed consultations taking place with parish councils, which included a tour of the District to highlight examples of good practice on affordable housing developments. There was no intention to reduce the design criteria in response to the current economic situation. The Chief Executive also highlighted the extensive public consultation that had been undertaken on the LDF Issues and Options, under the 'Live for the Future' banner. He also emphasised the roles of local Members in championing schemes in their Wards.

The Head of Strategic Housing confirmed that exception sites were possible under current policies regarding settlements up to 3,000. In addition, emerging LDF policies extended its application to all settlements.

Councillor Coates advised that more detail regarding Government proposals to enable local authorities to build its own housing was expected within the next few months. Therefore, a further report on this matter would be submitted to Cabinet later in the year.

Councillor Allgood welcomed the suggestion for a Committee to be established to consider specific potential sites for affordable housing, prior to any planning application being received. The Corporate Director (Governance) advised that case law on 'predetermination' would make this type of formal Committee problematic to operate in practice. However, Recommendation 8 of the Report proposed developers and RSLs be invited to regular informal forums to be held with housing and planning officers and Members. Any topics considered would be structured in such a way as to avoid any individual proposals that might prejudice the ability of Planning Development Control Members to carry out their role being discussed in their presence.

Cabinet agreed to the following for the reasons set out above and outlined in the Report.

**RESOLVED**:

That the recommendations of the Affordable Housing Informal Scrutiny Group (AHISG) be noted and Cabinet:

1 endorse the need for officer and members to encourage the delivery of affordable housing as a corporate objective.

2 endorse the principle of adopting a flexible approach to discussions on development proposals provided individual decisions are taken having regard to the long term implications of such an approach and flexible approaches are justified.

3 advocate the need for developers to act positively, constructively and flexibly and to provide the necessary information to allow the local planning authority to reach decisions.

4 encourage development that does not rely on private sector developers, including using suitable Council owned land and rural exception sites for affordable housing, supporting Registered Social Landlords in bringing forward appropriate proposals for 100% affordable housing schemes (provided that this meets mixed communities objectives), and encouraging partnerships and working relationships between public, private and voluntary sectors in order to bring development forward.

5 continue the Council House Asset Sales Programme with receipts being divided equally between the Housing Revenue Account for use on Council properties and the General Fund to support new affordable housing development.

6 request officers, in consultation with the Portfolio Holders for Housing and Planning and Access, to prepare an internal practice note to support discussions with developers, RSLs and landowners.

7 endorse the AHISG proposals for regular informal meetings between developers, RSLs, planning and housing officers and members to discuss, in general terms, issues surrounding housing delivery (noting that individual proposals that may prejudicial to the ability of Planning Development Control Committee members to carry out their role should not be discussed in their presence).

#### 6. <u>MINUTES OF THE CABINET (LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK)</u> <u>COMMITTEE HELD 25 MARCH 2009</u> (Report CAB1832 refers)

Councillor Allgood declared a personal (but not prejudicial) interest in respect of this item due to his role as a County Councillor. Councillor Pearson declared a personal (but not prejudicial) interest as he was the City Council's representative on the Council for the Protection of Rural England. Both Councillors remained in the room, spoke and voted.

Councillor Allgood highlighted the importance of also protecting the natural environment around Wickham and Knowle. He requested that a revised version of Map SH5 North Fareham Strategic Development Area (SDA) be supplied to Members for Council on 22 April 2009, to reflect the corrections noted at the Committee meeting on 25 March 2009 (page 62 of CAB1823(LDF) Appendix D). The Head of Strategic Planning agreed to arrange this.

Councillor Allgood also requested clarification of Eastleigh Borough Council's position regarding the Hedge End SDA. In particular, if the Borough Council decided against the SDA, could Policy SH4 be deleted (page 59 of CAB1823(LDF) Appendix D).

Councillor Beckett confirmed some difficulties had been caused in formulating the Council's LDF proposals, because Eastleigh Borough Council was approximately two years behind the City Council in its preparation of the Core Strategy. He indicated that he understood that revised wording might be submitted to Council on 22 April 2009 in relation to Policy SH4, so that land within the Council's District would only be released if the Hedge End SDA was approved.

Cabinet agreed to the following for the reasons set out above and outlined in the Report.

**RECOMMENDED:** 

1. THAT THE DRAFT CORE STRATEGY PREFERRED OPTION DOCUMENT BE APPROVED FOR PUBLICATION FOR A PUBLIC CONSULTATION PERIOD OF AT LEAST SIX WEEKS, AS SET OUT IN APPENDIX D TO CAB1823(LDF) AND AMENDED AS OUTLINED IN THE MINUTES OF THE CABINET (LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK) COMMITTEE OF 25 MARCH 2009.

2. THAT THE HEAD OF STRATEGIC PLANNING, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR PLANNING AND ACCESS, BE GIVEN DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO:

A) AGREE THE WORDING OF AN EXECUTIVE SUMMARY TO THE PREFERRED OPTIONS DOCUMENT;

B) MAKE MINOR EDITORIAL AND PRESENTATIONAL CHANGES TO THE DOCUMENT PRIOR TO PUBLICATION; AND

C) MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR PUBLICISING AND CONSULTING ON THE DOCUMENT.

3. THAT, IN ORDER TO MEET THE GOVERNMENT'S HOUSING TARGETS, COUNCIL AGREE THAT THEIR OVERALL STRATEGY FOR ACCOMMODATING THE REQUIRED LEVELS OF NEW DEVELOPMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT POLICY, SHOULD BE TO PRIORITISE THE USE OF PREVIOUSLY DEVELOPED LAND.

4. THAT COUNCIL SHOULD SUPPORT THE HOUSING TRAJECTORY IN THE ANNUAL MONITORING REPORT (2008), WHICH SUGGESTS THAT LARGE GREENFIELD RELEASES OUTSIDE THE PUSH AREA WILL NOT COME FORWARD UNTIL THE LATTER PART OF THE PLAN PERIOD.

5. THAT THE COUNCIL CONTINUE TO PRESS THIS AND FUTURE GOVERNMENTS TO ALTER THEIR HOUSING TARGETS, SO THAT WINCHESTER IS NOT COMPELLED TO DEVELOP SENSITIVE GREENFIELD LOCATIONS.

### RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Cabinet (Local Development Framework) Committee held 25 March 2009 be received (as attached as Appendix A to these minutes) and the recommendations contained therein be recommended to Council as outlined above.

## 7. PROJECT INTEGRA - ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

(Report CAB1822 refers)

Councillor Allgood declared a personal (but not prejudicial) interest in respect of this item due to his role as a County Councillor. Councillor Godfrey also declared a personal (but not prejudicial) interest as he was an employee of the County Council. Councillor Pearson declared a personal (but not prejudicial) as the City Council's representative on the Project Integra Strategic Board. All three Councillors remained in the room, spoke and voted.

Councillor Pearson advised that references within the Action Plan to the Climate Change Bill should be amended to the Climate Change Act. In response to questions, he confirmed that the Council did encourage the provision of new 'bring sites' as far as possible, but commented that some parish councils were reluctant to have them in their areas.

Cabinet agreed to the following for the reasons set out above and outlined in the Report.

#### **RESOLVED**:

1. That the Project Integra Annual Action Plan (AAP) for 2009-2014 be approved.

2. That the City Council's Partner Implementation Plan be endorsed for inclusion in the 2009-2014 AAP, as detailed in Appendix 1 of the Report.

#### 8. <u>WINCHESTER DISTRICT OLDER PEOPLES' PARTNERSHIP –</u> <u>WELLBEING ACTION PLAN AND PROGRESS REPORT</u> (Report <u>CAB1826</u> refers)

Under the Council's Constitution, Access to Information Procedure Rules (Rule 15.1 General Exception), this was a Key Decision, which had not been included in the Forward Plan. Under this procedure, the Chairman of Principal Scrutiny Committee had been informed.

Councillor Allgood declared a personal (but not prejudicial) interest in respect of this item due to his role as a County Councillor. He remained in the room, spoke and voted.

Councillor Godfrey declared a personal and prejudicial interest as an employee of the County Council's Adult Services Division. He left the room and took no part in the debate or decision.

Cabinet welcomed Gill Sweeney to the meeting as the County Council's Adult Services District Service Manager for the Winchester District and Chairman of the Winchester District Older Peoples' Partnership. Cabinet watched a short film demonstrating the work of the new Community Innovations teams in meeting the various needs of older people.

A Member commented that the Action Plan should include reference to work already being undertaken by smaller voluntary organisations, for example the Women's Institute or various tea clubs. Councillor Cooper agreed to ensure that such reference was included and the Head of Partnerships, Communication and Improvement requested that Members advise of any groups they were aware of within their Ward.

A Member also requested that the Council should take steps to encourage free swimming for over 60s and under 16s to be provided at Waterlooville and Fareham swimming pools, to enable their use by residents of the southern parishes. Councillor Stallard confirmed that discussions on this matter were already underway and she would provide further details outside of the meeting. She also requested that she would be fully involved in the future work of the Partnership through her role as the Council's Health and Wellbeing champion.

The Head of Partnerships, Communication and Improvement confirmed that potential take up for free swimming could be raised at the information day, due to be held in the Southern Parishes on 2 June 2009, as well as at the Southern Parishes Older Peoples' Forum. She also advised that the Partnership reported through the Health and Wellbeing Strategic Outcome Group.

Cabinet welcomed the Report and, in particular, its demonstration of partnership working.

Cabinet agreed to the following for the reasons set out above and outlined in the Report.

**RESOLVED**:

1. That the Winchester District Older People's Wellbeing Action Plan 2008 – 2011 be endorsed, as set out in Appendix B of the Report.

2. That the active contribution by the City Council to achievement of aims highlighted in the Winchester District Older People's Wellbeing Action Plan be supported, as shown in Appendix B, within the limits of existing resources.

### 9. INSURANCE RESERVE REVIEW

(Report CAB1836 refers)

The Chairman agreed to accept the Report onto the agenda, as a matter requiring urgent consideration, in order that Cabinet could consider the contents and make a recommendation to Council on 22 April 2009.

Councillor Allgood advised that the late availability of the Report was due to the timing of the actuarial review. The proposal was to reduce the earmarked levels of reserve to the levels as set out in Recommendation 3 of the Report. If agreed, this would result at year end in £344,573 being released into the General Fund and £305,572 into the Housing Revenue Account (as discussed under CAB1835 above). The use of the General Fund amount would be considered by Cabinet as part of its consideration of 2008/09 outturn and capital programme at its meeting in June or July.

In response to questions regarding treatment of the Municipal Mutual Insurance Ltd (MMI), the Corporate Director (Governance) advised that the Council was awaiting the outcome of a notice of appeal to the House of Lords, due later in the year, which it was anticipated would address the current situation.

Cabinet agreed to the following for the reasons set out above and outlined in the Report.

**RECOMMENDED:** 

1. THAT THE GENERAL FUND PROVISION OF £185,000 RELATING TO THE MUNICIPAL MUTUAL INSURANCE SCHEME OF ARRANGEMENT BE RETAINED.

2. THAT THE COUNCIL MAKES FURTHER PROVISIONS TOTALLING £152,570, COMPRISING £74,885 FOR THE GENERAL FUND AND £77,685 FOR THE HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT.

3. THAT THE LEVELS OF EARMARKED INSURANCE RESERVES BE REDUCED TO THE FOLLOWING LEVELS AT 31 MARCH 2009:

(I) GENERAL FUND - £29,691

(II) HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT - £45,279

# 10. **REVIEW OF ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS**

(Report <u>CAB1803</u> refers)

Under the Council's Constitution, Access to Information Procedure Rules (Rule 15.1 General Exception), this was a Key Decision, which had not been included in the Forward Plan. Under this procedure, the Chairman of Principal Scrutiny Committee had been informed.

Councillor Cooper declared a personal (but not prejudicial) interest as the City Councillor for Boarhunt and Southwick Ward. He remained in the room, spoke and voted. The Corporate Director (Governance) advised that the main matter for Council at the current time was to indicate whether it wished to undertake a review of warding arrangements, with a view to establishing single member wards. If so, the Boundary Committee for England required notification of this choice as soon as possible. The Corporate Director emphasised that if such a change was agreed, the Boundary Committee were more likely to recommend a reduction in the number of Councillors than an increase.

Councillor Beckett commented that Cabinet would not make recommendations on this matter and would refer the decision to full Council.

At the invitation of the Chairman, Councillor Busher queried what the role of the civic Mayor would be, should a future decision be made to move to the directly elected Mayor with Cabinet model?

The Corporate Director (Governance) explained that the civic Mayor would continue in its current form in addition to any directly elected Mayor, who would in effect be the directly elected Leader of the Council.

Cabinet agreed to the following for the reasons set out above and outlined in the Report.

**RECOMMENDED:** 

THAT MEMBERS CONSIDER THE REPORT AND RECOMMEND HOW THEY WISH TO PROCEED IN RELATION TO WHETHER AN APPLICATION SHOULD BE MADE TO THE BOUNDARY COMMITTEE FOR ENGLAND FOR AN ELECTORAL REVIEW BASED UPON SINGLE MEMBER WARDS.

### 11. <u>MINUTES OF THE WINCHESTER TOWN FORUM</u> (Report <u>CAB1833</u> refers)

Cabinet agreed to the following for the reasons outlined in the Report.

**RESOLVED**:

That the minutes of the Winchester Town Forum held 25 March 2009 be received.

12.

### MINUTES OF THE SOCIAL ISSUES SCRUTINY PANEL

(Report <u>CAB1828</u> refers)

Cabinet agreed to the following for the reasons outlined in the Report.

**RESOLVED**:

That the minutes of the Social Issues Scrutiny Panel held 9 March 2009 be received.

## 13. <u>MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY PANEL</u> (Report <u>CAB1829</u> refers)

With regard to the Panel's recommendation that attention be drawn to concerns regarding the increased incidences of fly-tipping, Councillor Beckett advised that this matter had been referred to the Portfolio Holder for Environment.

Cabinet agreed to the following for the reasons outlined in the Report.

**RESOLVED**:

That the minutes of the Environment Scrutiny Panel held 10 March 2009 be received and the recommendations contained therein be noted.

### 14. <u>MINUTES OF THE LOCAL ECONOMY SCRUTINY PANEL</u> (Report <u>CAB1830</u> refers)

Cabinet agreed to the following for the reasons outlined in the Report.

**RESOLVED**:

That the minutes of the Local Economy Scrutiny Panel held 17 March 2009 be received.

15. <u>MINUTES OF THE RESOURCES SCRUTINY PANEL</u> (Report <u>CAB1831</u> refers)

Cabinet agreed to the following for the reasons outlined in the Report.

**RESOLVED**:

That the minutes of the Resources Scrutiny Panel held 19 March 2009 be received.

16.

### **REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

(Report <u>CAB1834</u> refers)

At the invitation of the Chairman, Councillor Evans advised that Councillor Collin also wished to be considered for nomination to the Henry Smith Charity (St Johns). She advised that he had put forward his name due to his interest in continued life support accommodation such as that provided by the charity.

Cabinet also noted that Councillor Pines was the existing representative since 1993 and had indicated he wished to continue.

Cabinet agreed to the following for the reasons set out above and outlined in the Report.

**RESOLVED**:

That the following appointment be made (term of office in brackets):

Henry Smith Charity (St Johns) – Councillor Pines (until 30 April 2013)

### 17. FUTURE ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

**RESOLVED**:

That the list of future items, as set out in the Forward Plan for April 2009, be noted.

#### 18. <u>DECISIONS TAKEN BY PORTFOLIO HOLDERS UNDER THEIR</u> <u>DELEGATED POWERS</u>

**RESOLVED**:

That the decisions taken by Portfolio Holders under their delegated powers since the last Cabinet meeting, as set out on the agenda sheet, be noted.

#### 19. 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 items 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</u> Number	<u>ltem</u>		Description of Exempt Information
## ##	Exempt minutes of the previous meeting West Wing Guildhall – Head Lease	) ) ) )	Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). (Para 3 Schedule 12A refers)
		) ) ) )	Information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings. (Para 5 Schedule 12A refers)
##	Exempt minutes of the previous meeting	) ) )	Information relating to any individual. (Para 1 Schedule 12A refers)
		)))))))	Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual. (Para 2 Schedule 12A refers)
			Information relating to any consultations or negotiations, or contemplated consultations or negotiations, in connection with any labour relations matter arising between the authority or a Minister of the Crown and employees of, or office holders under, the authority. (Para 4 Schedule 12A refers)

# 20. EXEMPT MINUTES

### **RESOLVED**:

That the exempt minutes of the previous meeting, held on 18 March 2009, be approved and adopted.

21.

### WEST WING GUILDHALL – HEAD LEASE

(Report CAB1827 refers)

Under the Council's Constitution, Access to Information Procedure Rules (Rule 15.1 General Exception), this was a Key Decision, which had not been included in the Forward Plan. Under this procedure, the Chairman of Principal Scrutiny Committee had been informed.

Cabinet considered the above Report which contained recommendations regarding the West Wing Offices, Winchester Head Lease (detail in exempt minute).

The meeting commenced at 10.00am and concluded at 12.25pm

Chairman