

**CABINET****18 January 2017****Attendance:**

Councillor Horrill -	<i>Leader and Portfolio Holder for Housing Services (Chairman) (P)</i>
Councillor Weston -	<i>Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Built Environment (P)</i>
Councillor Ashton -	<i>Portfolio Holder for Professional Services</i>
Councillor Godfrey -	<i>Portfolio Holder for Finance (P)</i>
Councillor Griffiths -	<i>Portfolio Holder for Health &amp; Wellbeing (P)</i>
Councillor Humby -	<i>Portfolio Holder for Business Partnerships (P)</i>
Councillor Miller -	<i>Portfolio Holder for Economy &amp; Estates (P)</i>
Councillor Warwick -	<i>Portfolio Holder for Environment (P)</i>

**Others in attendance who addressed the meeting:**

Councillor Thompson

**Others in attendance who did not address the meeting:**

Councillors Berry, Evans, Learney, Prince and Scott  
Monica Gill (TACT)

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**1. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

Councillors Godfrey and Humby declared disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of agenda items due to their roles as a County Council employee and County Council member respectively. However, as there was no material conflict of interest, they remained in the room, spoke and voted under the dispensation granted on behalf of the Standards Committee to participate and vote in all matters which might have a County Council involvement.

**2. MEMBERSHIP OF CABINET COMMITTEES ETC**

As new Council Leader and Chairman of Cabinet (appointed at Council on 11 January 2017), Councillor Horrill thanked Councillor Godfrey for all his work as the previous Council Leader and welcomed his continued involvement as Portfolio Holder for Finance.

Councillor Horrill advised that on 17 January 2017 she had signed a Portfolio Holder Decision Notice agreeing new appointments to Cabinet and Portfolio Holders (PHD734 refers). She thanked former Cabinet Members, Councillors Byrnes and Pearson, for all their work in their previous roles. Three new Cabinet Members had been appointed, Councillors Ashton, Griffiths and Warwick, increasing the Cabinet membership from seven to eight Councillors.

Councillor Horrill proposed the following changes to Cabinet Committees as a result of the changes to the membership of Cabinet:

- Cabinet (Local Plan) Committee – Councillors Horrill and Warwick to replace Councillors Godfrey and Pearson
- Cabinet (Traffic and Parking) Committee – Councillor Warwick (as new Portfolio Holder) to replace Councillor Byrnes as Chairman; Councillor Griffiths to replace Councillor Pearson

Cabinet agreed to the following for the reasons set out above.

RESOLVED:

1. That the revised Cabinet membership and Portfolio Holder responsibilities for 2016/17, as set out in PHD734, be noted.

2. That the changes to the membership of Cabinet (Local Plan) Committee and Cabinet (Traffic and Parking) Committee be agreed as set out above.

3. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the previous meetings held on 7 December 2016 be approved and adopted.

4. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no questions asked/comments made.

5. **LEADER AND PORTFOLIO HOLDER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councillor Horrill welcomed to the meeting Laura Taylor, the new Chief Executive of the Council. She also thanked Steve Tilbury for his work and guidance as Interim Managing Director in the previous few months.

Councillor Horrill announced that the Council had recently completed the purchase of the Garrison Ground, Bar End. She welcomed this as offering an increased opportunity to the Council's stated aim to provide a new Leisure Centre.

Councillor Miller reported that demolition of Friarsgate multi-story car park would be completed by the end of January 2017. Provision of 70 replacement car parking spaces in the area would be complete by the end of April 2017.

Councillor Miller also announced a forthcoming scheme to improve the appearance of the Kings Walk area: further details would be provided at the meeting of the Central Winchester Regeneration Informal Policy Group later that day.

6. **CAPITAL STRATEGY AND CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2017**  
(Report CAB2889 refers)

At the invitation of the Chairman, Councillor Thompson addressed Cabinet as summarised below. She noted that the Strategy should be read alongside the new Council Strategy but she believed that neither document was clear about environmental priorities. In addition, she queried whether the list of projects was too ambitious and highlighted that some, including the Central Winchester Regeneration project, were not yet costed. Councillor Thompson asked how the projects would be funded and whether there was a business case which took account of risks. With regard to Appendix D of the Report, she queried the reason for the large differences in Capital Receipts listed and the impact if any of these receipts were not forthcoming.

Councillor Godfrey introduced the Report and emphasised the increasing importance with ongoing pressure on the Council's resources. It was intended to continue to invest in infrastructure across the District and support businesses and local residents. He confirmed that all schemes would be supported by a clearly defined business case.

With regard to the concern expressed by Councillor Thompson that the Council was aiming to undertake too much, he confirmed that this risk had been identified and the Council was addressing this through financial investment in staff and recognition of the requirement for specialist staff to be employed in some circumstances. The Head of Finance advised that the increase in capital receipts outlined in Appendix D for 2018/19 related to the Chesil Extra Care Scheme. The figures in 2021/22 and 2024/25 were both in connection with the proposed Station Approach development.

In response to questions regarding Appendix C to the Report, Councillor Godfrey clarified that the Handlebar Café project would be dependant on funding also being provided from the South Downs National Park Authority.

During debate, Cabinet noted that a large number of the projects listed had an element of carbon reduction within them, including proposals to improve car parks and most significantly, to replace the Leisure Centre. A mechanism would be utilised to enable projects to be prioritised appropriately. Members also emphasised that the Strategy included schemes for across the District, not just in Winchester.

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

**RECOMMENDED:**

**THAT THE CAPITAL STRATEGY AND PROGRAMME 2017  
BE APPROVED.**

7. **MINUTES OF CABINET (TRAFFIC AND PARKING) COMMITTEE HELD 4 JANUARY 2017**

(Report CAB2894 refers)

As the new Portfolio Holder with responsibility for parking, Councillor Warwick highlighted the concerns raised at the Committee meeting by both Catherine Turness (Winchester BID) and Councillor Godfrey regarding the impact of the changes in parking charges on Tower Street car park in particular. They were concerned regarding the impact of the changes on local businesses and had suggested that an alternative solution be found. She agreed that the matter would be kept under review and suggested that further discussions could be held with Winchester BID and Councillor Humby (as Portfolio for Business Partnerships). Councillor Humby agreed to discuss further with Winchester BID as proposed.

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

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Cabinet (Traffic and Parking) Committee held 4 January 2017 be received (as attached as Appendix A to the minutes).

8. **MINUTES OF CENTRAL WINCHESTER REGENERATION INFORMAL POLICY GROUP (IPG) HELD 8 NOVEMBER 2016**

(Report CAB2880 refers)

As Chairman of the IPG, Councillor Weston provided a brief update of its work to date. The included receiving presentations from Professor Martin Biddle regarding the archaeology of the site (at its meeting on 8 October 2016) and from Stagecoach and the Head of Passenger Transport at the County Council (on 8 November 2016).

Since the last meeting on 8 November, a Portfolio Holder Decision Notice (PHD726 refers) had been signed and agreed approving the commission of various technical studies to inform the development of the Central Winchester Regeneration Supplementary Planning Document (SPD). In addition, Councillors Weston, Izard and relevant Officers had interviewed six firms regarding the appointment of an Urban Design practice. It had been unanimously agreed to appoint John Thompson Partnership (JTP) to this role. JTP would be in attendance at the next meeting of the IPG, which would take place on 18 January 2017.

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

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Central Winchester Regeneration Informal Policy Group held 8 November 2016 be received (as attached as Appendix B to the minutes).

9. **FUTURE ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

RESOLVED:

That the list of future items, as set out in the Forward Plan for February 2017, be noted.

The meeting commenced at 10.00am and concluded at 10.40am

Chairman