

WINCHESTER CITY COUNCIL

At an Ordinary Meeting of the Council held in the Guildhall, Winchester on 6 November 2013

Attendance:

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

Councillors:

Achwal (P)	Mason (P)
Banister (P)	Mather (P)
Berry E (P)	Maynard (P)
Berry J (P)	McLean (P)
Bodtger	Miller
Byrnes (P)	Nelmes (P)
Chamberlain (P)	Newman-McKie (P)
Clear (P)	Pearce (P)
Coates (P)	Phillips (P)
Collin (P)	Pines (P)
Cook (P)	Power (P)
Cutler (P)	Prowse (P)
Evans (P)	Read (P)
Gemmell (P)	Ruffell (P)
Godfrey (P)	Rutter (P)
Gottlieb (P)	Sanders (P)
Green (P)	Scott (P)
Henry (P)	Southgate (P)
Hiscock (P)	Stallard (P)
Humby (P)	Tait (P)
Hutchison (P)	Tod (P)
Huxstep (P)	Verney (P)
Izard (P)	Warwick (P)
Johnston (P)	Weir (P)
Laming (P)	Weston (P)
Learney (P)	Witt (P)
Lipscomb (P)	Wood (P)
Mason (P)	Wright (P)

1. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 17 July 2013 be approved and adopted.

2. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR**

The Mayor reminded the meeting that, at 11am on Monday 11 November, he would be leading the civic expression of remembrance through the two minutes silence on the steps of the Guildhall. Representatives of the Royal British Legion would be present and he hoped that Members would be able to join him.

The Mayor then reported that he had attended the funeral of Past Mayoress Alison Hall in Wickham. Mrs Hall was the wife of Commander Brian Hall who was Mayor in 1988. The Mayor had also attended a memorial service for former Councillor Rodney Sabine, who died recently in France. Mr Sabine represented New Alresford Ward and was Leader of the Council in 2001/02. Letters of condolence had been sent in both cases.

The Mayor's final announcement was to congratulate Councillor Chris Pines on his Honorary Fellowship received from the University of Winchester.

3. **COMMUNICATION FROM THE LEADER**

With regard to the possible redevelopment of the River Park Leisure Centre (RPLC), the Leader reported that public consultation arrangements had been agreed. From 18 November until 2 December 2013, there would be static exhibitions at both the Guildhall and RPLC. The Guildhall exhibition would be staffed on 26 and 27 November 2013 (2pm – 8pm) to provide the public with an opportunity to ask questions about the various proposals.

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. However, as there was no material conflict 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**

1. **Portable Performance Space**

The Portfolio Holder for Economic Development, Councillor Humby, answered a question from Councillor Power.

2. **Discretionary Housing Payment and Bedroom Tax**

The Portfolio Holder for Finance and Organisational Development, Councillor Godfrey, answered a question from Councillor Janet Berry.

3. Thirty Minutes Free Public Car Parking

The Portfolio Holder for Neighbourhoods and Environment, Councillor Warwick, answered a question from Councillor Byrnes.

4. Planning Department - Vacant Posts

The Portfolio Holder for Built Environment, Councillor Weston, answered a question from Councillor Banister.

5. Social Housing in Bishops Waltham

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Wood, answered a question from Councillor McLean.

6. Bedroom Tax

The Portfolio Holder for Housing, Councillor Coates, answered a question from Councillor Pines.

7. Property Mix in New Developments

The Portfolio Holder for Built Environment, Councillor Weston, answered a question from Councillor Read.

8. Public Consultation Processes

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Wood, answered a question from Councillor Maynard.

9. Pavement Parking

The Portfolio Holder for Neighbourhoods and Environment, Councillor Warwick, answered a question from Councillor Mather.

10. Winchester District Local Plan Part 1 and Affordable Housing

The Portfolio Holder for Housing, Councillor Coates, answered questions from Councillors Learney and Tait.

11. 20mph Speed Limits

The Portfolio Holder for Neighbourhoods and Environment, Councillor Warwick, answered a question from Councillor Lipscomb.

12. IT Services – Reliability for Councillors

The Portfolio Holder for Finance and Organisational Development, Councillor Godfrey, answered a question from Councillor Cutler.

13. Grants to Smaller Organisations

The Portfolio Holder for Economic Development, Councillor Humby, answered a question from Councillor Gemmell.

14. Proposed Replacement for River Park Leisure Centre

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Wood, answered a question from Councillor Hutchison.

15. Revised Community Strategy

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Wood, answered a question from Councillor Scott.

16. Black Swan Building – Information Plaque

The Portfolio Holder for Built Environment, Councillor Weston, answered a question from Councillor Eileen Berry.

17. Freezing of Gas and Electricity Prices

The Portfolio Holder for Finance and Organisational Development, Councillor Godfrey, answered a question from Councillor Janet Berry.

18. LED Lighting for Council Premises

The Portfolio Holder for Built Environment, Councillor Weston, answered a question from Councillor Lipscomb.

19. Apprenticeships

The Portfolio Holder for Economic Development, Councillor Humby, answered a question from Councillor Pines.

20. Maintenance of High Street Furniture

The Portfolio Holder for Neighbourhoods and Environment, Councillor Warwick, answered a question from Councillor Lipscomb.

21. Living Wage – Encouraging other Employers

The Portfolio Holder for Finance and Organisational Development, Councillor Godfrey, answered a question from Councillor Janet Berry.

6. **CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDED MINUTES**

Report CL88 was not made available for publication within the statutory period. Therefore, the Mayor decided to accept the Report onto the agenda, as a matter requiring urgent consideration, because the minute extracts from Cabinet and The Overview and Scrutiny Committee contained in that report needed to be determined at this meeting, to allow progress with important land transactions.

Also circulated at the meeting (and accepted onto the agenda by the Mayor for the same reason) was further exempt information as follows:-

Addendum to Report CAB2527 – Avalon House Land Transaction
 Addendum to Report CAB2526 – Silver Hill Development (including Appendices 2,3,4 and 5 (Appendix 5 was the final report from Deloittes dated 6 November 2013 and circulated at the meeting)).

Cabinet – 23 October 2013

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 28 October 2013

The Future of the Museums Service: Establishing a Hampshire Solent Cultural Trust

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Wood, moved that Cabinet Recommended Minute 280 be approved and adopted. The item was introduced by the Portfolio Holder for Economic Development, Councillor Humby.

With regard to the request from Cabinet in Recommendation 3 to appoint a City Council representative to the Interim Trustee Board, it was agreed that the matter be referred to the Chief Executive and that he, in consultation with the Group Leaders, be authorised to make an appropriate appointment at a later date.

RESOLVED:

1. That, subject to the above, Cabinet Recommended Minute 280 be approved and adopted.
2. That the Recommended Minute of The Overview and Scrutiny Committee be noted.

Licensing and Regulation Committee – 10 October 2013

Review of Licensing Policy 2014

Councillor Lipscomb declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in the above item, as he was a member of the South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA). However, as there was no material conflict of interest, he remained in the room under the dispensation granted on behalf of the Standards

Committee, to participate and vote in all matters which might have a SDNPA involvement.

The Chairman of the Licensing and Regulation Committee, Councillor Mather, moved that Recommended Minute 257 be approved and adopted

RESOLVED:

That Recommended Minute 257 be approved and adopted.

Standards Committee – 24 October 2013

Planning Protocol - Revision

The Chairman of the Standards Committee, Councillor Read, moved that Recommended Minute 292 be approved and adopted.

RESOLVED:

That Recommended Minute 292 be approved and adopted.

7. **MEMBERSHIP CHANGES TO COMMITTEES**

RESOLVED:

1. That, on The Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Councillor Learney to become a full Member and Councillor Hiscock to become a Deputy Member.

2. That, as from 1 December 2013, on the Planning Development Control Committee, Councillor Tait to become a full Member and Councillor Gottlieb to replace Councillor Bodtger as a Deputy Member.

8. **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>
##	Silver Hill Development -) Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). (Para 3 Schedule 12A refers)
##	Update and Land Acquisition	
##	Avalon House - Land Transaction) Information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings. (Para 5 Schedule 12A refers)

Cabinet – 4 November 2013

Silver Hill Development – Update and Land Acquisition

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Wood, moved that the Cabinet Recommended Minute related to the above item and attached to Report CL88 be approved and adopted.

RESOLVED

That the Recommended Minute be approved and adopted.

Cabinet – 4 November 2013

Avalon House - Land Transaction

Councillor Cook declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in the above matter, as he was employed in a part-time capacity by one of the parties potentially involved in the transaction. He left the meeting room and therefore took no part in the debate or voting thereon.

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Wood, moved that the Cabinet Recommended Minute related to the above item and attached to Report CL88 be approved and adopted.

RESOLVED:

That the Recommended Minute be approved and adopted.

The meeting commenced at 7pm and concluded at 9.20pm.

The Mayor