



Meeting	Council
Date and Time	Wednesday, 25th September, 2019 at 7.00 pm.
Venue	King Alfred Conference Chamber, Guildhall, Winchester

S U P P L E M E N T A R Y A G E N D A

Agenda Item.

10. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL (Pages 2 - 29)

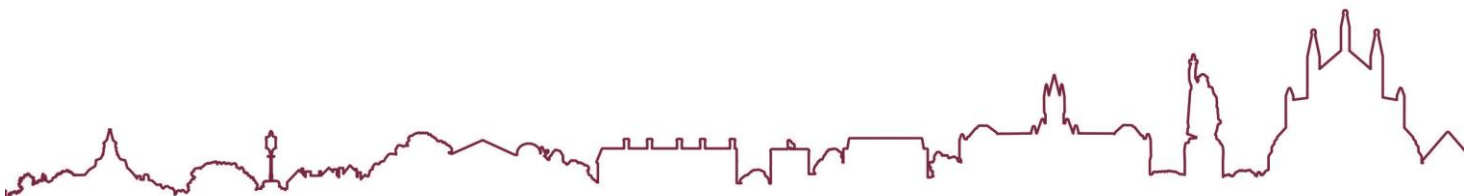
The total time for questions and the answer and supplementaries thereto shall not exceed 30 minutes.

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Agenda Item 10



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Question under Council Procedure Rule 15(3)

QUESTION 1

From: Councillor Pearson

To: The Cabinet Member for Environment (Cllr Murphy)

“Has the Cabinet Member made any moves to introduce more of the Action Points in the Air Quality Action Plan in order to reduce further carbon emissions within Winchester and its District?”

Reply

“The Air Quality Action Plan is designed to specifically address the issue of poor air quality in the centre of Winchester which results from levels of Nitrogen Dioxide in that area although the measures in the plan may produce other environmental benefits.

I will be taking a report back to Cabinet by the end of the year setting out how we plan to address the issues associated with the Climate Change Emergency declaration made in June which will look at how we might achieve our ambitious targets of making the Council carbon neutral by 2024 and the district by 2030.”



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QUESTION 2

From: Councillor Evans

To: The Cabinet Member for Built Environment and Wellbeing (Cllr Porter)

“Could the Cabinet Member for the Built Environment please confirm that before a Certificate of Lawful Development is issued that the relevant ward councillors are consulted as part of the process?”

Reply

“The weekly planning list sets out applications for Certificates of Lawful Development. As with planning applications, there is a 21 day period for comment and members should contact the case officer for more information as required.

In the Scheme of Delegation to officers, the Service Lead - Legal and the Development Manager are authorised to determine LDCs for existing and proposed development.”



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QUESTION 3

From: Councillor Godfrey

To: The Leader (Cllr Thompson)

“What meetings has the Leader and each member of her Cabinet had since 15th May 2019 relating to their role within the administration with any person from any external organisation, authority or business and what was the purpose of each meeting?”

Reply

“Please see attached diary listing.”

	Cllr Thompson	Cllr Cutler	Cllr Learney	Cllr Murphy	Cllr Prince	Cllr Porter	Cllr Weir
15-May					Mayor Making		
16-May					Cabinet		
17-May			Hampshire Home Choice Board Subject: Home choice scheme				UNI WAT / Wilmot Dixon Ground breaking at Barton Farm Academy
20-May							
21-May					ELB Cabinet Away Day		
21-May					Member Welcome Event		
22-May							
23-May					SLP Weekly Catch Up		
24-May							
28-May							
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05-Jun	Meeting re Waste Collection Services (with Biffa)			Meeting re Waste Collection Services (with Biffa)	Cabinet Special Meeting		Station Approach - CP Review
05-Jun	Station Approach - CP Review	Station Approach - CP Review	Station Approach - CP Review		SLP Board Four Court Sports Hall Options Appraisal		
05-Jun	Debbie Veel (Chaplain)						
06-Jun	Winchester Business Excellence Awards (UoW)				Leaders Board		Winchester Business Excellence Awards (UoW)
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12-Jun					Sustainability SLP		

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27-Jun							Bob Whitmarsh re WinACC
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25-Jul					Cabinet Workshop - Delivery Cabinet Priorities		
25-Jul	EHDC/WCC Joint Environmental Services Committee	EHDC/WCC Joint Environmental Services Committee	EHDC/WCC Joint Environmental Services Committee	EHDC/WCC Joint Environmental Services Committee			
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QUESTION 4

From: Councillor Cook

To: The Leader (Cllr Thompson)

“Would the Leader or the Cabinet Member liken to inform the Council on the current state of play with regard to their ongoing relationship with Eastleigh Borough Council Leader Cllr Keith House in particular and their vision and plans on how the handling of the Proposed 6200 Homes that Eastleigh have placed on the doorstep of its neighbouring Council with currently a Local Plan that is with the Inspector with a number of questions already asked and awaiting the responses in relation to what could be seen by the members of the general public as the Lib Dem’s engaging in a cosy relationship to the detriment of Winchester residents in particular the adjoining Villages ie Allbrook (the famous Allbrook Bridge that is very much a well discussed part of the plan), Colden Common, Otterbourne and Twyford this is to name a few that would be effected in a catastrophic way.”

Reply

“The Council has made its submission to the Planning Inspector who is conducting the examination of the Eastleigh draft local plan by way of the statement of common ground which was approved by Cabinet.

As Cllr Cook will be aware the City Council maintained its two substantive objections through the agreed Statement of Common Ground with Eastleigh Borough Council. The Inspector is currently considering all the representations received and will advise us shortly whether there is a requirement for us to give further evidence. The outcome of the examination is now entirely in the hands of the Inspector.

There has been no change of approach to the draft Eastleigh Local Plan across the change in administration and it is disappointing that Cllr Cook should seek to make a political point where there is clearly none to be made. The City Council’s position is based on evidence led concerns as advised by its impartial officers – as it was under the previous administration and which we supported.”



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QUESTION 5

From: Councillor Mather

To: The Cabinet Member for Local Economy (Cllr Weir)

“Given the challenges faced in the high streets in the city and market towns, could the Cabinet Member outline the steps being taken to encourage residents to visit our city and town centres and spend?”

Reply

“The district residents’ survey completed in January and February this year found that nearly 50% of respondents visited the city centre at least every week. The main reasons for visiting were retail (70%), food shopping (43%), to visit a café or restaurant (52%) and just a trip out (42%). Just over half (55%) of residents said their normal mode of transport to the city centre was by car, 21% said they walked and 19% used the bus (including Park & Ride services).

A number of activities and promotions are used to attract residents to the City and town centres.

The Market town programme works with Denmead and Wickham parish council in supporting the organisation and promotion of events that bring together local traders and residents. This builds on a number of years of support to maintain vibrant local centres by increasing footfall and trade, encouraging residents to use their local businesses and encouraging different town centre uses. The Denmead Summer Party event has been shortlisted for Community Event of the Year as part of Fuller’s Village of the Year competition.”



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QUESTION 6

From: Councillor Cunningham

To: The Cabinet Member for Environment (Cllr Murphy)

“Given Winchester’s vital position between Southampton/London and the Midlands, will the administration be wholeheartedly supporting plans to reduce queuing at the M3 J9 and hence reduce the harm to Winchester residents from dangerous Nitrogen Oxide and Carbon Emissions due to queues on adjoining roads?”

Reply

“I assume you are making reference to the works being planned by Highways England relating to Junction 9 of the M3 and A34.

This matter was the subject of a Cabinet paper on 28th August which sets out our position regarding this scheme.

Clearly we all want to see harmful emissions from vehicular traffic reduced for the benefit of the health and wellbeing of Winchester’s residents and to tackle climate change in line with our recent Climate Change Emergency declaration.

Highways England needs to provide a comprehensive evidence base for their proposed scheme which will enable the Council and others to make informed responses regarding the overall environmental impacts of the project, including in relation to vehicle emissions, as they move towards the formal submission of a development consent order.

At present I am concerned that some pertinent information is not available and the scheme has focused very much on traffic management outcomes with greater effort needed to identify tangible positive benefits for both the environment and wider population which will align with Council’s and UK government’s climate emergency declarations.

We therefore look forward to working with Highways England and other local agencies over the coming months with the aim of continuing to highlight issues requiring further attention prior to the application for a development consent order being made which will then provide further opportunity for the Council to respond to the proposed scheme.”



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QUESTION 7

From: Councillor Pearson

To: The Cabinet Member for Environment (Cllr Murphy)

“The A34/M3 junction 9 is an important hub in the Nation’s Transport Network. What steps are the Council making to ensure that improvements (Ref Highways England’s Plans) are made to this junction to not only reduce congestion, but also discourage traffic coming through the Winchester Urban area and therefore reduce air quality in our City?

It is to be noted that traffic avoiding this junction is to be funnelled through the developing King’s Barton after Andover Road is blocked. What plans are visualised to stop this happening?”

Reply

“This matter was the subject of a Cabinet paper on 28th August which sets out our position regarding this scheme.

The project needs to be supported by comprehensive evidence base which will enable the Council and others to make informed responses regarding the overall environmental impacts of the project taking into consideration both the Council’s and UK Government’s Climate Emergency declarations. The information available currently is not complete and we have identified areas which need to be addressed such as the level of detail regarding vehicle emissions, which affect air quality and climate change, including not just the area of the proposed highway works themselves but Easton Road and the wider city too.

The remodeled junction is intended to reduce the need and propensity of traffic to travel through the centre of Winchester and any reduction in the number of vehicles within the central area should help improve air quality inside the air quality management area of the city.

Reducing city centre traffic volumes is an important element of course of the City of Winchester Movement Strategy as it will allow for improvements to the one-way system to be progressed and associated enhancement of public realm and cycling/ walking improvements all of which again should contribute towards better air quality.

The highway works are designed to reduce delays at the A34/M3 junction and hence reduce the amount of vehicles seeking to reroute through the City along Andover Road. The Movement Strategy, along with measures to be implemented as part of the Kings Barton Development, will seek to reinforce this.”



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QUESTION 8

From: Councillor Clementson

To: The Cabinet Member for Environment (Cllr Murphy)

“Although I am aware that there have been issues with the refuse collector, Biffa, throughout the term of their contract with the Council, I believe the previous Administration was preparing to assist them to overcome some of their issues which included the replacement of unreliable vehicles.

In July, following the change in the Administration, I wrote to Cllr Murphy on behalf of the residents in the Denmead Ward, some of whom had not had their household waste collected for 4 weeks, and was assured that steps were being taken to rectify the issues.

Madam Mayor, these 'steps', whatever they were, have not resolved the issues and I have now received from residents videos of bins overflowing with black bags of uncollected rubbish and a list of roads in my Ward where collections have been 'missed' recently. The residents tell me they are fed up reporting missed collections to the Council as it has no effect and nothing gets done.

Would Cllr Murphy please tell us:

- What resource is in place to monitor reports of missed collections?
- Who is organising for these missed bins to be collected?, and
- When will this Council say 'enough is enough'; take the necessary action to determine the contract with Biffa and ensure that a new contractor is appointed to carry out the basic statutory requirement of any Council which is to ensure refuse is collected regularly from **all** households thus preventing an environmental risk to health?”

Reply

“Firstly I would acknowledge that the level of service provided over a period of months has been below the required standard. The Council has been working closely with Biffa to address the issues of delayed and missed bin collections and, where appropriate, has taken formal steps under the contract by issuing rectification and default notices.

Biffa have put in place a number of measures to improve their performance which has been adversely affected by vehicle breakdowns, because of the age of the fleet, and staffing issues. There have been improvements in performance but we are not back at the level which needs to be achieved.

Steps taken to bring the service back on track include the delivery of 10 new refuse collection vehicles a month before they were due to arrive to support the 12 month contract extension which starts on 30th September. These freighters have already entered service and Biffa has also introduced performance related pay and used agency workers to provide more staff resource.

In relation to the specific questions raised I can provide the following responses:

- Biffa monitor and report on their performance on a daily basis. This information is shared with the Council's own Client Team who produces a bulletin each morning summarizing the state of the service including details of delayed bin collections. This information is circulated to the Customer Service Centre, Communications, other relevant officers and myself so we are aware of the latest position and can ensure that our customers are provided with the correct advice if they enquire about missed collections.
- Delayed rounds (those not undertaken in accordance with the collection schedule) are prioritised the following day and it is usually possible for them to be completed by the end of that day. Missed bins can be reported on-line, by phone and email and are shared with Biffa who are responsible for arranging collections. Sites which have experienced particular or persistent issues are tackled by the Client Team working closely with Biffa and are subject to monitoring to avoid repeat problems in those locations.
- I share your frustrations regarding the problems experienced over many months but I am satisfied that we, now through our own Client Team dedicated solely to Winchester district, are doing everything reasonably possible to ensure Biffa deals with their performance issues and that they in turn are implementing measures to return this service back to the appropriate standard. In terms of moving forwards the Council decided to extend the contract with Biffa for 12 months in order to allow sufficient time to procure a new contract for the refuse service from October next year. Biffa will therefore be delivering the service for the next year.

Considerable resource and technical planning has been carried out by our officers and Biffa in relation to the contract extension and introduction of the new curbside glass collections. Whilst the short term disruption caused by switching to Winchester only rounds, and providing a brand new service to our customers, should not be underestimated I am confident that Biffa will be able to deliver the waste collection service we all expect and want to see for our District."



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Question under Council Procedure Rule 15(3)

QUESTION 9

From: Councillor Brook

To: The Cabinet Member for Local Economy (Cllr Weir)

“Before May, we were working cross party, on meanwhile uses for the Saxon Gate area and in particular, the area at the back of the bus station. Please confirm what proposals are being considered for meanwhile uses in the Saxon Gate area which can bring new life to the area and income to WCC in the short term?”

Reply

“Work continues in this area. The feasibility study, commissioned in Spring to explore options for the vacant area in the bus station, was completed and the final report is being considered as part of the work JLL are currently doing on Central Winchester Regeneration.

This comprises a review of the Central Winchester Regeneration roadmap with advice on how to proceed across the site to provide the comprehensive regeneration outlined in the SPD.

We are expecting the outcome of this review in October and will then look at the next steps.”



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QUESTION 10

From: Councillor Gemmell

To: The Cabinet Member for Environment (Cllr Murphy)

“Has the Cabinet Member for the Environment relinquished the clothes bins to other charities not nominated by WCC and has the final payment been made to the original charities?”

Reply

“The clothes bins scheme as set up in 2014 is still receiving income and paying the agreed portion to the originally nominated charity of the Air Ambulance. No other charities are receiving income from this scheme.

We have received £127,368 to the end of 2018/19 relating to “textile income” from the clothes bins. We receive around £25k – 30k per annum. To date £32,000 has been paid to Air Ambulance (£8k per annum until the end of 2017/18).

The approved PHD 567 (27 March 2014) proposed that the balance of the textile income (less payment to the Air Ambulance) be ring fenced as additional money available for the community grants pot. Therefore £95,368 has been transferred to the community grants earmarked reserve.

Additionally in the 2014/15 financial year a contribution was proposed for the Salvation Army (£22,208) and TRAID (£7,040) as one-off payments. The proposed contributions were based on a much higher forecast of income (initially forecast at c£90k per annum). Purchase orders were raised a number of years ago but invoices have yet to be received so work is underway to confirm these payments remain due and at the original agreed levels.”



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QUESTION 11

From: Councillor Lumby

To: The Cabinet Member for Built Environment and Wellbeing (Cllr Porter)

“What steps has the new administration taken to remove the scourge of noisy vehicles in the District?”

Reply

“I appreciate that noisy vehicles can be a source and annoyance and complaint for our residents especially those living in close proximity to busy roads.

Unfortunately the Council is generally unable to control the number and type of vehicles using the public highway including those which can be noisy.

In relation to handling noise complaints regarding this issue the Environmental Protection Act 1990 (Section 80) does include noise from vehicles, machinery or equipment on the highway. However, this has to relate to a specific problem affecting a defined property. Examples of this could include:

- A noisy generator on the highway running for long periods of time.
- A faulty car alarm near to a domestic property.

The regulations do not enable us to address disturbance from road traffic noise.”



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QUESTION 12

From: Councillor Ruffell

To: The Leader (Cllr Thompson)

“What steps have the administration taken for a no deal Brexit?”

Reply

“The Council is closely following developments relating to Brexit and assessing the potential impacts of a ‘no deal’ exit from the European Union on 31 October.

Each Corporate Head of Service has recently reviewed their assessment of the potential impacts of a no deal exit on their services, including the possible effects on key contracts and contractors.

An assessment of the risks to council services has been completed and is reviewed on a regular basis by senior management

The Council is also engaging with the Local Resilience Forum (LRF) who continue to examine the local implications from a ‘no deal’ Brexit in October. A key consideration is the management of traffic associated with the Port of Portsmouth.

The council website has signposting and sources of further support and information on all aspects of EU exit. This ensures all our communications are linked to the national message to reassure and promote readiness.

We are working closely with the EM3 LEP to support local business and a Growth Hub Brexit clinic was held in Winchester on 21 March. Further support is being planned by the LEP on a regional basis.

We are using our partner channels, Business Improvement District, Hampshire Chamber of Commerce and Federation of Small Businesses to reach businesses to identify those at risk, to understand issues and to enable support to be offered.

The next issue of e-newsletter “Entrepreneur” will link all business info together, including details of Hampshire Chamber of Commerce workshops and promoting Enterprise M3 LEP drop-in sessions.”



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QUESTION 13

From: Councillor Pearson

To: The Cabinet Member for Built Environment and Wellbeing (Cllr Porter)

“What aspects of the Local Plan does the Cabinet Member hope to enhance the environment with reference to the Executive decision about the Climate Emergency in:-

- (a) Winchester Urban Area; and
- (b) Winchester Rural area?”

Reply

“The Local Plan will be important in setting the future development standards in the District. The current Local Plan review will provide the opportunity assess exiting policies, the needed for enhanced or new policies, for both urban and rural areas of the District in relation to supporting the objectives of the Climate Emergency declaration.

At this time it is too early to give any specific policy references.”



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QUESTION 14

From: Councillor Lumby

To: The Leader (Cllr Thompson)

“Does the Leader consider that there should be a second vote in all situations where some residents of the District are unhappy with result?”

Reply

“I do not consider that there should be a second vote in all situations where some residents of the District are unhappy with a result. Democratically elected Councillors make decisions in the best interests of the residents of the whole district. Clearly not every decision will be liked by everyone on every occasion, particularly when you consider the wide range of decisions that the City Council makes.”



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Question under Council Procedure Rule 15(3)

QUESTION 15

From: Councillor Pearson

To: The Cabinet Member for Built Environment and Wellbeing (Cllr Porter)

“What steps are being made to ensure that Commercial Housing and Council Housing are built to BREEAM (Outstanding) i.e. Passive Housing, in line with the Council’s stated aspirations?”

Reply

The Council ensures that all new homes that are part of the new build programme are built to high sustainability standards, in practice this equates to a 20% uplift on existing Building Regulations. This is achieved through concentrating on improvements to the thermal efficiency of the building - referred to as a “fabric first approach”.

Passive House (Passivhaus) is a particular certified standard or methodology of building housing aimed specifically at reducing energy use and a pilot scheme is being considered using a local certified Architect practice.

All housing developments in Winchester should meet the policies set out in the adopted Local Plan regarding sustainability which is primarily dealt with by Policy CP.11 which, in turn, have to align with Government policy.

Our Local Plan was ambitious at that time it was adopted in 2013, and Policy CP.11 set a requirement for new dwellings to be built to the equivalent of the Code for Sustainable Homes level 5 for energy and level 4 for water (unless it was not feasible or viable).

However in March 2015, the government updated national policy on housing standards and zero carbon homes which affected the implementation of this policy. Current Government advice now sets a maximum standard of 110 litres/day for water efficiency and the equivalent of Code level 4 for energy.

The City Council is not therefore in a position whereby it can require all new houses in the district to achieve BREEAM “Outstanding” rating.

If we tried to insist upon meeting the BREEAM standard, and refused planning permission for homes that fell short of this, we would be likely to lose any subsequent appeals, which would be decided by a Government appointed planning inspector, as there would be no policy basis for imposing this requirement at the present time.

However, we are in the process of developing a new Local Plan and, as part of this process, we will looking at how we can take the climate emergency agenda forward including the sustainability requirements for new housing.”