



Meeting	Council
Date and Time	Wednesday, 6th November, 2019 at 7.00 pm.
Venue	King Alfred Conference Chamber, Guildhall, Winchester

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

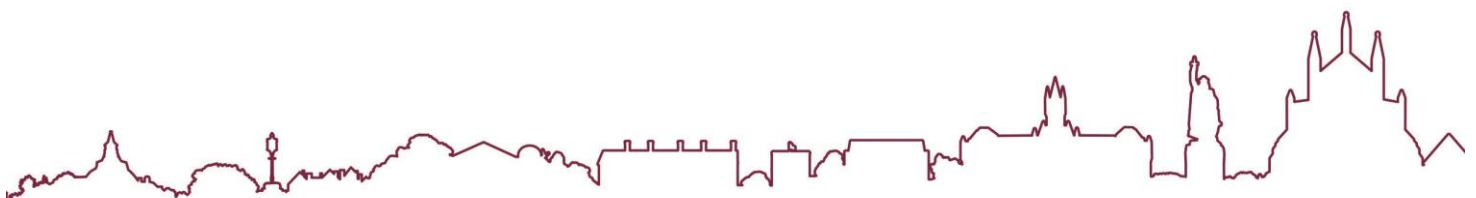
- 7. To answer questions from members of the council pursuant to Procedure Rule 15.3. (Pages 3 - 34)**

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Question under Council Procedure Rule 15(3)

QUESTION 1

From: Councillor Godfrey

To: The Cabinet Member for Environment (Cllr Murphy)

“In response to my question at the last Council meeting, Cllr Murphy reported that she had one meeting with Biffa in the first 16 weeks of her time as the responsible Cabinet Member for waste collection. She met a LibDem Councillor from Eastleigh Borough Council more often than she met Biffa. Why are you meeting Eastleigh councillors and why are you not spending more time preparing for major changes in the services that you are responsible for?”

Reply

“Biffa were also present at the Joint WCC and EHDC Environmental committee meetings set out in that calendar, so I did meet them more than the Eastleigh borough councillor.

The implementation of the contract extension had been worked out in detail and, apart from the unforeseen delay in the distribution of the collection calendars, proceeded as smoothly as could be expected. Making changes of this nature and magnitude will inevitably result in some initial disruption but overall, a month on from the new service being introduced, the operation has bedded in and, overall, the service is working effectively.

I met with a neighbouring councillor to discuss our respective climate emergency declarations, and to see if there were ways we could work together more efficiently in achieving them. For our district to achieve carbon neutrality in 2030, we have to lead by example and work in partnership with groups and businesses. There are also some aspects of our action plan, such as public transport and cycle routes, which will cover more than just our district, so it makes sense to have good communication with neighbouring authorities too.”



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QUESTION 2

From: Councillor Power

To: The Cabinet Member for Finance and Risk (Cllr Cutler)

“On October 9, the Treasury announced that it is increasing the cost of new borrowing from the Public Works Loans Board (PWLB) by 1% with immediate effect. What impact does this have on existing programmes and future plans?”

Reply

“The PWLB variable borrowing rates are set by the Treasury using gilt yields (the cost of borrowing for central government) plus a margin. On 9 October, the Treasury announced an immediate increase in the margin from 0.8% to 1.8% which has increased the current cost of borrowing to slightly more than the estimated cost of borrowing used in the February 2019 budget. Therefore the Council expects to be able to borrow generally in line with budget for projects already underway.

As the rate is variable, it will be necessary to use a higher cost of borrowing estimate in February budget setting which will have an impact on the costs associated with future plans.”



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QUESTION 3

From: Councillor Lumby

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

“With the North Whiteley development now under construction, please confirm that there are no intentions to change the parish boundaries in Whiteley or to introduce any new parishes there?”

Reply

“Winchester City Council is a Principal council that has the power to carry out community governance reviews and put in place or make changes to local community governance arrangements – this includes parish boundaries.

A community governance review can consider a number of issues, including:

- whether to create a new parish
- whether to alter the boundary of an existing parish
- whether to group a number of parishes together in a grouped parish council

Local people can petition a principal council to undertake a community governance review. A principal council then must undertake a review if the relevant conditions in relation to the petition are met.”.



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QUESTION 4

From: Councillor Williams

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

“Having been a befriended for Age UK for a number of years, I have seen first-hand how the current cuts to Adult Services have pushed responsibility onto the already stretched voluntary sector, with proposed cuts of £43.1m to the Adult Care Service Budget at a time when need is rapidly increasing, how will this impact joint activities with WCC and allow us to support those most in need?”

Reply

“Funding for 16 voluntary sector organisations was approved by Cabinet in December 2018. These organisations provide services that are unique or which meet priority outcomes in the Council Strategy, often serving our more vulnerable residents. Funding for 2019/20 totals £506,000, as part of a 3-year package of support that runs until 2022, but reductions in the Adult Care Service is likely to put greater pressure on many of these organisations during that period.

HCC continues to provide individual care packages to support vulnerable adults who meet the threshold test to remain living independently at home, and will commission local homelessness services in partnership with the City Council up until 2021, when a further spending review is likely.

However, community floating support services for vulnerable adults up to the age of 65 have been cut this year as part of the HCC spending review. In response the City Council addressed the gap in funding through its newly formed Community Tenancy Sustainment team, by utilising housing staff resources and funding through the HRA.

HCC has not commissioned the City Council's sheltered housing services since April 2015 and there is no statutory requirement for the County to do so. Most social housing landlords have filled the gap in HCC funding by providing their own in-house or commissioned wellbeing service for tenants.

Collaborative working through initiatives such as the Older People's Partnership and Community Transport will continue to add value and meet gaps in provision, while the emerging Council Strategy priority to address health inequalities will need to run through everything the Council does.

The City Council continues to explore co-commissioning and partnership working opportunities with HCC to support those in most need.”



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QUESTION 5

From: Councillor Cunningham

To: The Cabinet Member for Environment (Cllr Murphy)

“In the light of the planned works by Highways England and given Winchester’s vital position between Southampton/London and the Midlands, will the administration be wholeheartedly supporting plans to reduce congestion and queuing at the M3 J9 (A34/M3) and hence reduce the harm to Winchester residents from dangerous Nitrogen Oxide and Carbon Emissions due to queues on adjoining roads?”

Reply

“As per my response to the question raised at the Council meeting in September.

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 6

From: Councillor Ferguson

To: The Cabinet Member for Sport, Leisure and Communities (Cllr Prince)

“The County Council is proposing to achieve £1.1 million of savings from library budgets by cutting opening hours and potentially closing some libraries. What impact will this have to library services and council services provided via libraries across the district as a whole?”

Reply

“There are three libraries operating within the district, at Winchester, Alresford and Bishops Waltham. Winchester Discovery Centre hosts an unmanned tourist information point, but otherwise there is little use of libraries in the district by this Council for the direct provision of information and services.

Other libraries operate in neighbouring districts but close to the border with Winchester and are the nearest library for some of our communities.

At this time it is not known which libraries are affected by the County Council’s proposed savings.

There is little we can say at this stage about mitigating the impact of a reduced service. There have been efforts in the past to work with the County Council to implement new models of library service that are more cost effective, through co-location with other services or through use of volunteers. However, these haven’t resulted in sustainable services and this council doesn’t have the resources to replace in any meaningful way the core service of provision of books.”



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QUESTION 7

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

“As per the response to the same question last month, the Council’s 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 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 8

From: Councillor Gemmell

To: The Cabinet Member for Environment (Cllr Murphy)

“Does Winchester City Council remain part of the textiles collection framework and if so, for how long?”

Reply

“The arrangement to collect textiles across the district for recycling were put in place through a framework agreement and the Salvation Army is now providing the service.

This new agreement with them will be in place for three years and replaces the previous arrangement with SOEX.”



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QUESTION 9

From: Councillor Clementson

To: The Cabinet Member for Environment (Cllr Murphy)

“Last month, I put a question to Council relating to the on-going City and District wide issues with waste collection. Cllr Murphy kindly responded sharing my ‘frustration’ and acknowledging that, despite considerable time and money being invested to overcome the vehicle and staffing problems which had led to this dire situation, the level of service provided over a period of months had been below the required standard.

I had asked specifically:

- 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?

Cllr Murphy responded, and I summarise, that Biffa are monitoring and reporting their performance on a daily basis; information is being shared with the Council’s own Client Team who produce a daily bulletin which is communicated to the Customer Services Team who then ensure that residents are given the right information and advice. In addition, Council officers are taking calls directly from equally frustrated residents whose bins have not been collected and, working closely with Biffa, are arranging for collection the following day. Cllr Murphy also said “considerable resource and technical planning has been carried out by our officers and Biffa in relation to the contract extension”.

Would Cllr Murphy therefore be kind enough to tell me how many man hours have been spent by the Client Team and Customer Services Team as a result of Biffa’s inability to meet its contractual obligations and at what financial cost?

In addition, what financial provision is being set aside in the budget to enable Council staff to continue working closely with Biffa to ensure that tax payers do not have to put up with this abysmal service for the next 12 months?”

Reply

“This Chamber has heard on previous occasions that I and the Leader met with Biffa earlier in the year and were very clear that the waste collection service was not at the level we expected. The Client Team spent a significant proportion of their time assisting residents with queries and, whilst addressing problems which arise under the contract is part of the team’s day to day role, an additional member of staff was engaged over this period.

In preparation for the one year contract extension and on-going work on the procurement of the new contract two further staff were brought in on a temporary basis. Members will be aware this team also manages the council’s grounds maintenance and street cleansing contract.

Furthermore, we have provided 4 additional staff in our customer call centre dedicated to handling the increase in enquiries which inevitably resulted from the introduction of these significant service changes.

We have now settled into a normal operating pattern, and whilst there are still more improvements to make, and I am pleased to report that the service is operating at satisfactory levels of performance.”



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QUESTION 10

From: Councillor Horrill

To: The Cabinet Member for Housing and Asset Management (Cllr
Learney)

“Can the Cabinet Member responsible for the Central Winchester Regeneration project confirm how much money has been lost by the Council since May by the lack of meanwhile use activity and how much will be lost in the future (the next 3 years versus budget) by the indecision about this key regeneration project?”

Reply

“I’m pleased to say that the actions taken on Central Winchester meanwhile uses have saved rather than cost the Council money.

One of Cabinet’s priorities is to avoid the financial cliff edge we were facing under the previous administration’s spending plans. This has required us to reconsider all the Council’s projects and spending.

Far from being a cheap way of putting money into the City Council coffers in the short term, the meanwhile uses proposal we were left with in May required a considerable timescale and significant resources to deliver. With a 4-6 year payback period at 95% occupancy, not only would this be a considerable financial risk to this Council but would tie up a large area of the regeneration area for a considerable period of time.

Similarly proposals for Coitbury house were unviable – creating a negative financial return and fixing the use of part of the site for an indefinite period.

We, working with the Council’s strategic advisors are instead looking to build on the meanwhile uses feasibility study and the other work already done to create options for central Winchester which would give a positive financial return and fit in with the Council’s ambitions and Central Winchester SPD.

Cabinet has agreed to progress the archaeology needed on site and this will provide one of the building blocks for bringing forward permanent proposals for the whole site sooner rather than later which is what the district’s residents really want to see.”



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QUESTION 11

From: Councillor Pearson

To: The Cabinet Member for Environment (Cllr Murphy)

“Carbon dioxide, Nitrogen Oxides along with Pm10s and PM 2.5s pollute air in many of our settlements especially Winchester. Under the need for clarity and debate, would the Cabinet Member specify the Actions from the Air Quality Action Plan that are under consideration to tackle this issue?”

Reply

“The 2017 Air Quality Action Plan sets out a number of core and complimentary measures focused on reducing nitrogen oxides within the City’s Air Quality Management Area. These measures were developed with TRL Environmental Consultants and focus on reducing emissions from vehicles accessing the town centre. A progress report on the delivery of the Air Quality Action Plan will be brought to the January Cabinet meeting.

Furthermore, the City of Winchester Movement Strategy, produced in partnership with Hampshire County Council and endorsed by the City Council in March 2019, also includes a range of actions designed to reduce traffic in the town centre which will help to improve air quality.

With regard to particulates, Winchester has for a long time, demonstrated compliance with the statutory PM₁₀ daily and annual mean standards, and ‘undeclared’ with DEFRA on its statutory obligations to report on PM₁₀ back in 2013. However the Council is aware that central government has, in response to a growing body of public health evidence, stated its aspirations for new statutory standards for PM_{2.5} within its 2019 Clean Air Strategy. Options are being explored to acquire specialist particulate monitoring equipment capable of concurrently monitoring both PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} in order to fully inform the Council’s position on particulate control going forward.

There is currently no statutory obligation to monitor Carbon Dioxide but as a gas contributing to climate change, it is something which we will be addressing under the broader carbon emissions and management agenda

further to the Council's declaration of a climate change emergency in June this year."



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QUESTION 12

From: Councillor Cook

To: The Leader (Cllr Thompson)

“Can the Leader please inform the Council as to the latest submissions that have been made by the Officers who are dealing with the current Eastleigh Borough Council Local Plan? We are all aware that it is with the Inspector but still there are a number of outstanding questions that have been asked and the Eastleigh Local Plan ref the proposed Building of homes above the required amount would have an effect on the residents in particular in my Ward let alone the devastating effect upon the Ancient Woodland, the Highways and it all seems very convenient running along side the Proposed Plans for the Expansion of Southampton Airport that Cllr Keith House is strongly promoting?”

Reply

“As part of the examination process, it is normal for the Inspector leading the examination to present a series of matters for discussion and for these to be accompanied by a set of questions, whereby those that had made previous representations can make a further short written submission.

In this respect a written submission (17 October 2019), was submitted to the Inspector for consideration, this focused on our previous concerns and made suggestions as to further modifications to the Eastleigh Local Plan, to ensure that matters that are of interest to the Council are adequately covered by the policies. At this stage the Inspector will be seeking views as to what changes need to be made to the local plan to make it ‘sound’.

The Council has never commented on the development strategy proposed nor on the overall housing supply and do so at this stage would not be accepted by the Inspector. However, these matters are raised by numerous development interests and individuals so the matter will no doubt be thoroughly debated at the examination hearings. All the additional statements prepared in response to Matters 1-6 can now be viewed on Eastleigh’s website, together with further written submissions by Eastleigh Borough Council.”



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QUESTION 13

From: Councillor Godfrey

To: The Leader (Cllr Thompson)

“What meetings has the Leader and each member of her Cabinet had since 9th September 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

The table of meetings by the Leader and the Cabinet over this period is attached.

		<u>Cllr Thompson</u>	<u>Cllr Cutler</u>	<u>Cllr Learney</u>	<u>Cllr Murphy</u>	<u>Cllr Prince</u>	<u>Cllr Porter</u>	<u>Cllr Weir</u>	<u>Cllr Tod</u>
September	11						Hampshire Cultural Trust	Hampshire Cultural Trust - Partner meeting	NONE
	12	St Cross Gaudy Lunch							
	13				Phil Gagg - car free day, WSLP open forum		HCC Amber James, Young People in care-housing provision		
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	16	Neighbourhood Visits					BBC		
	17	Aquind	Aquind				Aquind Citizens Advice, as WCC observer		
	18			Winchester Housing Trust					
	19	ME3 LEP	Wickham community land trust	Wickham Community Land Trust - CLT discussion	Clean air steering group		Wickham Community Land Trust	Wickham Community Land Trust - informative	
	20	Cab workshop with JLL		JLL - CWR	Ernie Shelton - solar farm financing		Anthea Newman, Extinction Rebellion, Alresford Town Trustees in role as HCC Cllr.		
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	23				PI working group, media training		Commission 2050 feedback and council meeting		
	24	Marwell - sustainability		Kings Walk Traders - Kings Walk + Mighty adventures - facility visit	Sustainability workshop at Marwell Zoo				
	25			Winchester Housing Trust - board meeting			HCC: Minerals and Waste review	Winchester BID - board meeting	
	26			HCC - Older persons housing				Segensworth BID - board meeting	
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	29	Handlebar Café opening						Handlebar Café - opening	
	30						HCC Lynn Butler, healthy communities , the role of PH in local planning Lesley Rose, Citizens Advice	Nicholas Craig-Harvey - economic opportunities	
October	1			Winchester University CWR interview			Hants Cultural Trust	Hampshire Cultural Trust - project presentation	
	2		Solent Leaders/PfSH	Ian Tait - estates & housing issues & Winchester Street Pastors - visit prep	Open Gordon Ave play park, Riding Sunbeams talk at Discovery Centre		Business Breakfast in preparation for Local Plan HCC on flooding in district	HCC Community Transport Team - wheels to work	
	3				Sustainable Business Network meeting - Carbon neutrality			Sustainable Business Network meeting - Carbon neutrality	
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	6						Rural Crime Conference		
Page 21	7				WinAcc - supporting our climate emergency				
	8	Aquind	AQUIND	Theatre Royal - café launch			Aquind		
	9	Lady Mary Fagan		Bellacrafts - opening				Dame Mary Fagan - Excavations Committee Belacrafts - opening	
	10	Lord Lieutenant's Award Ceremony		Winchester Social Inclusion Group				Winchester Night Shelter	
	11	Cathedral Celebration		Central Winchester meeting with landowner					
	12			Winchester Street Pastors - observation	Mass cycle ride				
	13	Law Sunday lunch		Winchester Street Pastors - observation					
	14		PfSH leaders board		PI pre-meeting				
	15	Bargate/Vivid homes		Bargate/Vivid - future plans					
	16	Change of control support	LGA mentor	LGA support		Joy Carter Vice Chancellor; Meeting to establish joint working with University for Sport & Leisure Park.		Meeting to establish joint	

	17	Winchester College - Guest Night		LGA support		Local Government Association; Change of Control Support		Winchester College - Guest night	
	18				Joju - EV strategy		Provider of EV charging, Confidential: name on application		
	19					Cultural Trust Presentation			
	20								
	21			Winchester Nightshelter - briefing	Southern Parishes - wildflowers		Cala Homes		
	22				Richard Ritchie - climate emergency	Emma Bach: Chairman SSAP; Meeting to discuss internal layout			
	23	North Whiteley Town Council. HCC Shared Agendas	HCC		Brian Sowter and Mike Warwick-Sanders - EV strategy	River Park: Spot Check for Cleanliness			
	24	Tom Bristowe Fed of small businesses awards	AQUIND	Winnall Flats residents event	PI meeting and AGM, LCWIP consultation event		Aquind		
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	28				Glass interview with student		KWPC , re HAB	Southampton Airport Authority - exhibition	
	29			Footsteps - Stanmore			Rachel Aron, CA HCC Walking and cycling : Local Plan provision, with Frank Baxter, HCC		
	30						HCC , Jan Warwick, Worthy Down S106 expenditure: Cycleway, Connect4 Summer, provision for FSM children	Hampshire Community Bank - sponsorship	
	31						Alresford Society- gave answers Jon Nitrate and Phosphate issues stopping development.		



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QUESTION 14

From: Councillor Lumby

To: The Cabinet Member for Environment (Cllr Murphy)

“What lessons have been learnt from the move to the new Biffa contract and how will these be taken on board in procuring and implementing the new bin contract next year?”

Reply

As Members are aware, as part of the one year contract extension and disaggregation of our previous arrangements with East Hampshire District Council we changed the collection days for waste and recycling for some residents. Unfortunately the calendar information was delayed but as soon as we became aware of this we launched a public information campaign on social media. By the 4th day, more than 98% of residents were presenting bins on the correct day.

As part of the extension we also introduced district wide doorsteps glass recycling and there was also a delay in delivery of some collection bins but this has now been resolved.

We have commissioned a review, still ongoing, by internal auditors to assess the circumstances that led to these issues and this report will be copied to councillors in due course.

This review will be used to ensure that lessons learned are built into the development of the new contract which is due to start in October 2020.”



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QUESTION 15

From: Councillor Horrill

To: The Leader (Cllr Thompson)

“Can the administration confirm that in its effort to offer an open and transparent administration it will never curtail the agenda item - Questions from members of the Council - at any future Council meetings and that their action on the 25th September Council meeting was in fact “an own goal”?”

Reply

“Members will know that in the constitution there is provision for moving to ‘next business’ and that once moved, it is a matter for Council as a whole to agree, not just the Administration. Indeed it was used in the past to curtail debate on a motion.

The meeting on 25th September had only two items of business on the agenda plus two motions. It would have been reasonable to assume that it would have been over by 10.30. However, by 11.30 at least 4 Councillors had already left the meeting and extending it much further was unfair on both those left and officers who had already put in a full days work before the meeting. Councillors who had asked questions did have those answered in written form.

We will be undertaking a review of the constitution over the next few months and we will be looking at whether there needs to be a cut off time beyond which meetings will be adjourned.”



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QUESTION 16

From: Councillor Pearson

To: The Cabinet Member for Environment (Cllr Murphy)

“One of the Cabinet members recently commented that Electric bicycles are not the answer to all of Winchester District’s traffic and congestion problems. Could the Cabinet numerate those measures that would be used to reduce traffic congestion in greater Winchester, and how soon they might be introduced?”

Reply

“The Council endorsed the City of Winchester Movement Strategy in March 2019 which it developed in partnership with Hampshire County Council.

This Strategy was drafted following a significant amount of public consultation, evidence gathering and traffic modelling. It sets out a range of measures that are to be taken forward which are designed to reduce city centre traffic and congestion along with the intended timescales for each action which are defined in terms of short, medium and long term.

The next phase of the Strategy is underway which is focussing on feasibility studies relating to park and ride, freight deliveries, a local cycling and walking infrastructure plan, bus station relocation, and one way system. I will be able to up-date on these actions as the work progresses.”



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QUESTION 17

From: Councillor Godfrey

To: The Leader (Cllr Thompson)

“The Leader’s response to my question at the last Council about Cabinet members’ meetings with external organisations included two copies of a calendar covering the same dates, but with slightly different entries in each copy. Can the Leader re-publish the answer to last Council’s question with the correct details? In addition, will the Leader agree to publish the record of all meetings with all external organisations by Cabinet members in the course of their Cabinet and Portfolio Holder roles on a monthly basis?”

Reply

“Cabinet members were asked to provide this information and an earlier draft of the meetings attended by Cabinet was included in error on the council question answer sheet. This earlier version included meetings between cabinet members and council staff. This information was not requested so was deleted from the final version.

The final version also confirmed that all Cabinet members attended two meetings.

I will not be publishing details of external meetings held by members of Cabinet. In the current febrile atmosphere that surrounds politicians it would be nothing short of a stalkers’ charter to do so and could leave cabinet members and members of those organisations vulnerable. Indeed advice given by local Police only this week is that even tweeting about where we are and who we are meeting is not advised.”

	Cllr Thompson	Cllr Cutler	Cllr Learney	Cllr Murphy	Cllr Prince	Cllr Porter	Cllr Weir
15-May							
16-May							
17-May			Hampshire Home Choice Board Subject:Home choice scheme				UNIWAT /Wlilot Dixon Ground breaking at Barton Farm Academy
21-May							
21-May							
23-May					SLP Weekly Catch Up		
28-May						HAB housing	
29-May			Winchester Trust subject: station approach	Cathedral Streets - residents meeting			City of Winchester Truast with Cllr Thompson
03-Jun			HARAH Board subject: future of HARAH	Highcliffe Forum	SLP Weekly Catch Up	Meeting with residents re formation of a Park Run	
04-Jun	EHDC & WCC Joint Env Services Committee	PUSH joint committee	EHDC & WCC Joint Env Services Committee	EHDC & WCC Joint Env Services Committee			
05-Jun	Station Approach - CP Review	Station Approach - CP Review	Station Approach - CP Review				Station Approach - CP Review
05-Jun	Meeting re Waste Collection Services (with Biffa)			Meeting re Waste Collection Services (with Biffa)	SLP Board Four Court Sports Hall Options Appraisal		
05-Jun	Debbie Veel (Chaplain)						
06-Jun	Winchester Business Excellence Awards (UoW)						Winchester Business Excellence Awards (UoW)
07-Jun			Station Approach Developers Day. Subject presentation of business opportunity				Sustainable Business Network (Avoiding single use plastic and the circular economy)
09-Jun					Criterion Guest		
11-Jun			Trinity Winchester Subject: Work of Trinity	Air quality steering group			Meeting Construction Skills Fund learners (Wilmot Dixon)
12-Jun			Tim Fell subject: Central Winchester Regeneration		Sustainability SLP		
13-Jun				Tim Groves - EBC - discussion			Alfred Homes with Cllr Learney and Cllr Craske - ward issues
17-Jun					SLP Weekly Catch Up		Solent Leaders Board (Havant)
17-Jun							Action Hampshire (Westgate Chambers)
18-Jun	Winchester BID				WSLP Panel Review Winchester Stadium		Winchester BID
18-Jun	Local Parish Briefing						

	Cllr Thompson	Cllr Cutler	Cllr Learney	Cllr Murphy	Cllr Prince	Cllr Porter	Cllr Weir
19-Jun				Winchester Green Week discussion			
20-Jun				All Saints and Westgate schools - clean air day		Winacc- No idling campaign outside schools	
21-Jun				Southampton airport Consultative Committee			
24-Jun				Canon Roly Riem - Green Week	SLP Weekly Catch Up		Visit to Bury Farm (KM Project Services)
25-Jun	Station Approach (JLL)		Station Approach (JLL)		Station Approach (JLL)		Station Approach (JLL)
26-Jun							BID Board Mtg
26-Jun							
27-Jun	Heritage Open Day Reception City Mill						Wendy Wyatt (Re: Design Festival)
27-Jun							Bob Whitmarsh re WinACC
28-Jun					Everyone Active Contract Review Bar End Visit Site with Steve Brine		
01-Jul	Risk Management Workshop	Risk Management Workshop	Risk Management Workshop	Risk Management Workshop	Risk Management Workshop	Risk Management Workshop	Risk Management Workshop
01-Jul				Highcliffe Forum			
02-Jul	LGA Conference						
03-Jul	LGA Conference				Unit 12 Grant Request		
03-Jul			BID Forum subject:Station approach	Winchester Food Partnership Launch	Everyone Active meeting SLP Board		
04-Jul				South Downs National Park - Vision and Action Plan	Wonston Rural Housing Guest		
04-Jul				Bar End Road residents parking			
05-Jul			Forestry Commission subject:afforestation	Tim Groves - EBC - discussion	Hat Fair Grant Guest	Police and Crime Panel, held at HCC	
05-Jul			Hat Fair Launch				
08-Jul				XR, FOE re M3 Jn 9	SLP Weekly Catch Up	SDNPA at Chichester	
08-Jul				Chairing skills training			
09-Jul			Dyson Drive Consultation?	Walking Strategy Presentation (Sustrans)	WSLP Panel Review	HAB 9th July CAB	Walking Strategy Presentation (Sustrans)
09-Jul						John Lauwerys, Action Against Eastleigh Development	
10-Jul				Project Integra			

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10-Jul	North Whitely Devt Forum	North Whitely Devt Forum	North Whitely Devt Forum	North Whitely Devt Forum	North Whitely Devt Forum	North Whitely Devt Forum	North Whitely Devt Forum
11-Jul					Pavilions Update	Parishes Enforcement Meeting	Winchester Planetarium relaunch event
11-Jul					SLP Contract	Planetarium event for inclusivity	
11-Jul					Planatrium Guest	Winnall Rock school event	
11-Jul					Opening Winchester Rock School Guest		
11-Jul					Grant		
12-Jul	Lunch at Abbey House with Reps from the Army		Central Winchester Regen		Military Welcome Lunch	M3 Jn9 Consultation	Central Winchester Regen
12-Jul					M3 Junction Consultation		UNIWAT Board Mtg
13-Jul						M3 Junction 9 consultation	
15-Jul			Leisure Centre Mtg (Wilmott Dixon)		SLP Weekly Catch Up	Leisure Centre Mtg (Wilmott Dixon)	Leisure Centre Mtg (Wilmott Dixon)
15-Jul			Wilmott Dixon subject: Leisure centre site visit		SLP Review	Kings Barton Forum	
15-Jul							
16-Jul						received member briefing at HCC on Cultural Trust	
17-Jul							
18-Jul						Winchester Parkinson's Group	
19-Jul						CiSTER's Resilience as a result of ACE	
22-Jul	Winchester Housing Trust subject: Working together	Haven Health	Winchester Housing Trust subject: Working together		WSPC Catch Up Sue Coles Cyclist Chair Viaduct Way		
23-Jul				XR, FOE re M3 Jn9 and car free day	Tour of leisure Centres	Affordable Housing Consultation in East Stratton	
24-Jul	Cabinet Workshop - Station Approach - JLL	Cabinet Workshop - Station Approach - JLL	Cabinet Workshop - Station Approach - JLL	Cabinet Workshop - Station Approach - JLL	Cabinet Workshop - Station Approach - JLL	Cabinet Workshop - Station Approach - JLL	Cabinet Workshop - Station Approach - JLL
24-Jul	Margaret Paren (South Downs)					Dever History Group:	Winchester Cathedral Kings and Scribes tour with Tourism team
25-Jul			Nightshelter subject: Nightshelter work				
25-Jul							
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			
25-Jul			West Hants CCG AGM				
26-Jul						Bury Farm issues, discussed at WCC	

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30-Jul			Clive Cook & Associates Re: St John's	Winchester Green Week			
31-Jul		PUSH joint committee					BID Meeting
01-Aug				St.Maurice's Covert Steering Group			Royal London re Homebase Winchester
01-Aug							HCT - project funding discussion
05-Aug	WCC & EM3 LEP		Peter North subject:affordable housing development		SLP Weekly Catch Up Operator Contract Meeting		WCC & EM3 LEP
06-Aug							
07-Aug	Mtg with Mark Lunch, Chief Insp Hampshire Policy			Stagecoach - re climate emergency	SLP Board		
08-Aug				Enterprise caes re car club	Theatre Royal Grant		
11-Aug				Boomtown site visit			
12-Aug			Mayor Mrs Frédérique Macarez - subject:working together on education				
13-Aug						Winchester FoE and WinACC Trustees	
13-Aug						CTC and Ramblers	
14-Aug			Winchester Housing Trust subject board introduction				
16-Aug					Grant Drop In Session Outer Winchester Flood Alleviation	HCC: Flooding in Upper Winchester area	
19-Aug					SLP Weekly Catch Up	River Park Pavilion Project Board members	
19-Aug							
20-Aug			JLL Subject:Central Winchester Regeneration	Cycle group			
21-Aug			TACT Support Group Subject: Council and Tact working methods	WinAcc re climate emergency	Paralympic Personal Events Guest Wilmott Dixon		
21-Aug			Winnall Forum Subject: Winnall flats consultation				
22-Aug			Pavilion Project team		Pavilion Meeting		
27-Aug			HCC Subject: Gold Route for Winchester (HCC)				Gold Route for Winchester (HCC)

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28-Aug							
29-Aug	LGA Subject: cabinet working	LGA Subject: cabinet working	LGA Subject: cabinet working	LGA Subject: cabinet working	LGA Subject: cabinet working	LGA Subject: cabinet working	LGA Subject: cabinet working
29-Aug					Colden Common/Twyford Run Dev Support		
30-Aug				Phil Gagg re car free day		Martin Wiley with cllr Porter and Cllr Hutchison re Town Planning Institute	Martin Wiley with cllr Porter and Cllr Hutchison re Town Planning Institute
31-Aug					Colden Common Shed Opening Guest/Grant		
02-Sep						South Wonston PC re cycle path	
04-Sep	Eastleigh Borough Council & WCCLeaders/Deputy Leaders and CXs	Eastleigh Borough Council & WCCLeaders/Deputy Leaders and CXs		Winchester Green Week			
05-Sep				Climate Emergency Stakeholder workshop	Sustainabubbles Guest		
06-Sep						Plymouth Brethren	
09-Sep	Chamber of Commerce				SLP Weekly Catch Up		Chamber of Commerce



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QUESTION 18

From: Councillor Lumby

To: The Cabinet Member for Environment (Cllr Murphy)

“It would appear from the written answer given in the last council that the new administration has taken no steps to address the scourge of noisy vehicles in the District. Has it any plans to address this going forward?”

Reply

“As per my response to the question raised at the Council meeting in September.

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 19

From: Councillor Godfrey

To: The Leader (Cllr Thompson)

“In the Leader’s response to my question at the last Council meeting, she reported that Cabinet there had been 3 meetings with councillors from Eastleigh Borough Council and just one meeting with Hampshire County Council. Why does the Leader ignore our most important local authority partner or is Eastleigh to replace the County in that role?”

Reply

“I’m not sure whose diary you are referring to but I can confirm that I’ve recently met just once with Eastleigh Borough Council. It was a meet and greet with the Leader and Deputy. I have also met with Hampshire County Council to talk about the new charges the County Council are proposing to inflict on our Council for recycling as part of their budget process. In addition, I have a further meeting scheduled with the Leader of HCC later this month.”



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QUESTION 20

From: Councillor Pearson

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

“The House of Commons Library suggests that Building Regulations are minimum standards, and if supported by Planning policies e.g. our own CP11, could be used to ensure that houses built in the Winchester City Council area are high up on the BREEAM scale.

What measures are this Council’s requirement to ensure that our new houses are not only Energy Efficient, but also minimise water use and maximise air quality within those homes?”

Reply

“The Winchester District Local Plan Part 1 was adopted in March 2013. Policy CP11 requires new development to achieve the lowest levels of carbon emissions and water consumption which is practical and viable. It sets out that new residential development should achieve Level 5 for the Energy aspects of the Code for Sustainable Homes and Level 4 for Water. For non residential development that requires an Energy Performance Certificate they should meet BREEAM outstanding from 2016. The policy sets out a hierarchy but also notes that such measures should be practical and viable.

The Council adopted this approach until March 2015 when the Government announced updates to its policy on housing standards and zero carbon homes.

Government advice in a Ministerial statement of 25th March 2015 created a new approach for the setting of technical standards for new housing. It states “This rationalises the many differing existing standards into a simpler, streamlined system which will reduce burdens and help bring forward much needed new homes.”