

COUNCIL

Wednesday, 15 January 2020

Attendance:

Councillors Present

Bell (Chairperson)

Achwal	Humby
Becker	Hutchison
Bentote	Laming
Bronk	Learney
Brook	Lumby
Clear	Mather
Clementson	McLean
Cook	Miller
Craske	Pearson
Cunningham	Porter
Cutler	Power
Evans	Prince
Ferguson	Read
Fern	Ruffell
Gemmell	Rutter
Godfrey	Scott
Gordon-Smith	Thompson
Gottlieb	Tod
Green	Weir
Hiscock	Weston
Horrill	Williams

Apologies for Absence:

Councillors Griffiths and Murphy

Audio recording of the meeting

A full audio recording of this meeting is available via [this link](#)

In addition, a link to an individual item's audio recording is also available under each of the respective minute headings below.

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1. **MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 6 NOVEMBER 2019**
([Audio recording refers](#))

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 6

November 2019 be approved and adopted.

2. **DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**
([Audio recording refers](#))

With regard to agenda item 6 (Report CL149 – Members’ Allowances – Interim Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel), by way of personal statements, Councillors Clear, Hiscock and Power each advised that as they were three of the four councillors to whom the report applied, none would take part in the debate nor participate in the vote. Councillor Brook, also by way of personal statement, as the other councillor to whom the report applied, advised that she would take part in the debate and participate in the vote, as there was no change recommended by the Panel to the Special Responsibility Allowance band for which she was already in receipt for the committee she chaired.

With regard to agenda item 5a (recommended minute of cabinet - Report CAB3207 - Council Plan 2020 – 2025) Councillor Gottlieb declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in any matters that might relate to the St Clement Street Surgery. There were no direct references to these matters during consideration of this item and he spoke and voted on this item.

Councillors Hiscock, Humby, Porter and Tod declared personal (but not prejudicial) interests in relation to agenda items which may relate to Hampshire County Council matters due to their role as County Councillors.

3. **ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR, LEADER AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE**
([Audio recording refers](#))

The Mayor reported that she had attended the funeral of former Mayor of Winchester, Neil Baxter. Neil was a member of the council from 1999 until 2011 and was the 806th Mayor of Winchester, 2005-06. The Mayor also announced that former councillors Clare McKenna and Brenda Hatch had recently passed away. Members stood in silent tribute to their memory.

The Mayor then announced her forthcoming charities events. These included a Burns Night supper on 25 January 2020, the annual Quiz Night on 15 February and also a Pie and Mash lunch on 1 March 2020 in Abbey House. The Mayor also referred to the Mayor’s Awards event on 19 March and that on 21 March, there was to be a Freedom Parade in Winchester with the Army Training Regiment.

The Leader also made several announcements. Firstly, on Monday 13 January the council’s first Decision Day had taken place on subjects related to the economy and the environment. These had been well attended by members of the public. Decisions taken had included the council seeking legal protection of the Garrison Ground at Bar End to ensure that it remained a green space for future generations. The Leader then confirmed that following a detailed competitive tendering exercise for the council’s waste collection contract, Biffa had been awarded an eight year contract. The existing high collection standards were to be maintained and in addition to this, further service improvements were to be sought. The Leader then requested that all Members support promotion of the council’s

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). Parish Councils and organisations can submit applications for between £10,000 and £200,000 to support physical improvements to community infrastructure across the district. The deadline for submissions was 31 March 2020.

Finally the Leader advised that both her and Councillor Tod would be dealing with Councillor Murphy's areas of responsibilities during her period of recovery following her recent operation. Members joined the Leader in sending Councillor Murphy their best wishes.

The Chief Executive announced apologies for the meeting.

The Chief Executive also announced that the council was continuing to take active steps to protect communities during the current period of wet weather. The next steps for flood alleviation works were now also underway. Residents were able to register with the Environment Agency for updates with regard to flood risk in their own communities.

4. **QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**
([Audio recording refers](#))

Two written questions had been received which were presented by both members of the public at the meeting along with an associated supplementary question. The questions and the response from the Cabinet Member were subsequently set out in full on the [Council's website](#).

5. **TO CONSIDER AND DETERMINE TO FOLLOWING RECOMMENDED MINUTES:**

a) CABINET – 23 DECEMBER 2019
Council Plan 2020 - 2025
([Report CAB3207 and audio recording refers](#))

Council noted that the recommended minute of Cabinet held 23 December 2019 had not been circulated within the statutory deadline. The Mayor agreed to accept this item onto the agenda as a matter requiring urgent consideration to enable discussion at the meeting of the report.

Councillor Thompson, the Leader and Cabinet Member for Communication, moved that the recommended minute be approved and adopted (seconded by Councillor Tod, Cabinet Member for Service Quality and Transformation).

Council proceeded to ask questions and debate the matters in the report and recommended minute.

RESOLVED:

That the recommended minute of Cabinet held 23 December 2019 (as follows) be approved and adopted:

'That the Council Plan 2020 to 2025 be adopted and that this Plan supersedes the previous plan with immediate effect.'

b) AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE – 9 JANUARY 2020

Pay Policy Statement 2020/2021

[\(Report AG018 and audio recording refers\)](#)

Council noted that the recommended minute of the Audit and Governance Committee held 9 January 2020 and the updated version of the Pay Policy had not been circulated within the statutory deadline. The Mayor agreed to accept these items onto the agenda as a matters requiring urgent consideration to enable discussion at the meeting of the Report and the updated Policy.

Councillor Power, Chairperson of the Audit and Governance Committee, moved that the recommended minute be approved and adopted (seconded by Councillor Bronk).

Council proceeded to ask questions and debate the matters in the report, the updated version of the Pay Policy and recommended minute.

RESOLVED:

That the recommended minute of the Audit and Governance Committee held 9 January 2020 (as follows) be approved and adopted:

'That the Pay Policy Statement for the Financial Year 2020/2021 be adopted.'

6. **MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES - INTERIM REVIEW OF THE INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL**

[\(Report CL149 refers and audio recording refers\)](#)

Councillor Hiscock left the meeting at the start of this item.

Councillor Cutler (Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance and Risk) moved that Recommendations 1 – 4 of CL149 be approved and adopted (seconded by Councillor Thompson, the Leader and Cabinet Member for Communication).

Council proceeded to ask questions and debate the matters in the report.

RESOLVED:

1. That Council notes the report and recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel (IRP) and agree changes to Special Responsibility Allowances (SRAs) for 2020/21 to be in accordance with those listed on pages 3 – 6 of the IRP's report (Appendix A of Report CL149), namely

- i. Chairperson of Scrutiny Committee – Band 3
- ii. Chairperson of Audit and Governance Committee – Band 4
- iii. Chairperson of Health and Environment Policy Committee – Band 4
- iv. Chairperson of Business and Housing Policy Committee – Band 4

2. That the level of SRAs paid to the respective Chairpersons of the Scrutiny Committee, Audit and Governance Committee, Health and Environment Committee and Business and Housing Committee be backdated to 15 May 2019.

3. That Council note the Recommendation of the IRP that the existing approach to indexation continue from April 2020 - based on the staff salary increases relating to Spinal Column Point 49 of the NJC for Local Government Staff Services.

4. That authority be delegated to the Strategic Director: Resources to finalise a revised Members' Allowances Scheme to take effect from 1 April 2020, in accordance with the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel as set out in Appendix A of the Report CL149.

7. **CHANGES TO COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS**
([Audio recording refers](#))

There were no changes to committees required to be made.

8. **QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL**
([Audio recording refers](#))

13 written questions had been received which were all heard at the meeting along with associated supplementary questions. All questions are set out in full on the [council's website](#), together with responses from the relevant Cabinet Member.

The meeting commenced at 7pm and concluded at 10.15pm

The Mayor