

COUNCIL**Wednesday, 16 January 2019**

Attendance:

Councillors
Pearson (Chairman)

Achwal	Huxstep
Ashton	Izard
Becker	Laming
Bell	Learney
Bentote	Lumby
Berry	Mather
Brook	McLean
Burns	Miller
Clear	Murphy
Cook	Porter
Cunningham	Power
Cutler	Prince
Evans	Read
Gemmell	Ruffell
Godfrey	Rutter
Gottlieb	Scott
Green	Stallard
Griffiths	Thompson
Hiscock	Tod
Horrill	Warwick
Humby	Weir
Hutchison	Weston

1. **TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 7 NOVEMBER 2018**

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Council held on 7 November 2018 be approved and adopted.

2. **TO RECEIVE ANY COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR, LEADER OR CHIEF EXECUTIVE.**

The Mayor's first announcement was with regard to the Queen's New Years Honours. He had written to congratulate Elsa Morris on having been honoured with an OBE for public and political service in the European parliament and also to Rear Admiral Paul Austin Chivers of Bishops Waltham who had been honoured with a CBE.

The Mayor then referred to his upcoming charity events. Virginia Lovell was to give a talk in Abbey House on Thursday 17 January 2019 and on Friday 25

January, there was to be a Burns Night supper at Worthy Down. Finally, on Sunday 3 February, there was to be Pie and Mash lunch at Abbey House.

The Mayor then announced that Winchester had recently had its Fair Trade City certification extended for a further two years. Winchester had been first awarded this status in 2008.

The Mayor then referred to the recent launch of the annual Mayor's awards event. This was to be held at the Winchester Science Centre on Wednesday 27 March 2019.

The Leader reported that Government had supported the Council's request to be included in the EM3 (Enterprise M3) Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP). There would be no impact on the Solent LEP funds for road infrastructure improvements for the North Whiteley Major Development Area.

The Leader then announced that the Council was working towards delivering an outline planning application for the Station Approach area of Winchester. LEP monies would also be utilised to help deliver the improvements to this important gateway to the city, including to the public realm.

The Leader then reported that the Friarsgate surgery and properties in the High Street that were previously purchased by the Council were now in its ownership. As a consequence, the Council was now able to move forward with the Central Winchester Regeneration proposals with much more certainty.

The Leader then informed the Council that Wilmot Dixon had been appointed as the construction partner for the new Winchester Sports and Leisure Centre. Further procurement was to take place with regard to the operator of what was to be an exceptional facility.

Finally, the Leader was pleased to report that following the Government's recent raising of the HRA debt cap, the Council was now better placed to be able to deliver up to 1000 new homes over the next 10 years. Further details were to be presented in due course with regard to this commitment.

3. **THE MAKING OR TERMINATION OF APPOINTMENTS TO BODIES SET UP BY THE COUNCIL.**

None.

4. **DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

Councillors Green and Scott declared disclosable pecuniary interests with regard to Item 7 (a) as they were both tenants of the City Council. However as there was no material conflict of interest, they each voted on items as below, under the dispensation granted by the Standards Committee.

Councillors Becker, Ashton and Gottlieb declared personal interest with regards to Item 7 (c) as each owned properties within the detailed flood models in the

report and therefore may potentially benefit from the flood alleviation scheme as proposed.

Councillors Tod, Huxstep, Porter, Stallard, Hiscock and Humby declared disclosable pecuniary interests in agenda items as they were County Councillors. However as there was no material conflict of interest, they each voted on items as below, under the dispensation granted by the Standards Committee

5. **TO ANSWER QUESTIONS (IF ANY) UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 14.**

24 Questions were asked by Members, which are set out in full on the Council's website, together with responses from the relevant portfolio holder. The Mayor allowed time for supplementary Questions to be asked and responded to.

6. **TO RECEIVE PETITIONS (IF ANY) UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 15.**

There were no petitions received.

7. **TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDED MINUTES:**

a) **Cabinet (Housing) Committee - 21 November 2018**

Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Budget Options 2019/20
(Report CAB3098 refers)

The Leader moved that the Recommended Minute of the Cabinet (Housing) Committee be approved and adopted. The item was seconded by Councillor Humby.

RESOLVED:

That the Recommended Minute of the Cabinet (Housing) Committee be approved and adopted.

b) **Cabinet 12 December 2018**

Council Strategy Update
(Report CAB3094 refers)

The Leader moved that the Recommended Minute of Cabinet be approved and adopted. The item was seconded by Councillor Humby.

RESOLVED:

That the Recommended Minute of Cabinet be approved and adopted.

c) **Cabinet 12 December 2018**

Winchester Flood Relief Scheme (Durngate) Phase II – Allocation of Additional Funds/Planning Permission
(Report CAB3072 refers)

Councillor Brook moved that the Recommended Minute of Cabinet be approved and adopted. The item was seconded by Councillor Warwick.

RESOLVED:

That the Recommended Minute of Cabinet be approved and adopted.

8. **TO CONSIDER NOTICE OF MOTIONS UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE**
RULE 9

- (a) The following Notice of Motion had been submitted by The Leader and seconded by Councillor Humby, under Council Procedure Rule 9:

“This Council

Supports a request of the Jewish Leadership Council to adopt the principles of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance’s (IHRA) working definition of anti-Semitism.

The definition and the examples were officially adopted by the HM Government in December 2016 and the then Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government wrote to all local authorities in England to encourage them to do the same. Since then the definition has been adopted by the devolved governments in Scotland and Wales and by the leadership of the Conservative, Labour, Liberal Democrat, SNP and Plaid Cymru party’s.

The definition and the examples have also been adopted by a large number of councils from across the country.

Therefore, this Council hereby adopts the principles of the definition of anti-Semitism as set out by the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) as follows:

‘Antisemitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities.’

Furthermore, this Council will continue to work within all its adopted policies to combat all other forms of racism and hate crime.”

The Leader introduced the Motion which, following a short discussion, was then agreed unanimously.

RESOLVED:

That the Notice of Motion as set out above be approved.

(b) Notice of Motion by Councillor Hiscock, under Council Procedure Rule 9:

The Corporate Head of Resources advised that with the consent of the proposer of the Motion, Councillor Hiscock, and with the Mayor, it had been agreed that the Motion as set out on the agenda be deferred to another meeting. This was in order for the Standards Committee and Officers to work on the practicalities of the Motion as written and to consider the boundaries within which an extension of the code could operate at the City Council.

The Motion would therefore be brought back to Council in due course. This will either be as a stand alone item or as part of the Constitution review.

RESOLVED:

That the Notice of Motion as set out on the agenda be deferred to a future meeting for the reasons as set out above.

The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm and concluded at 9.05 pm

Chairman