

WINCHESTER CITY COUNCIL

At an Ordinary Meeting of the Council as held in the Guildhall, Winchester on 28 February 2019.

Attendance:

Councillor Pearson (Chairman)

Councillors

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

Apologies for Absence:

Councillors Porter

1. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 16 January 2019, be approved and adopted.

2. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR AND THE LEADER**

The Mayor announced that the annual Mayor's Awards on Wednesday 27 March was to be held at the Winchester Science Centre and run in two sessions. The Mayor also announced that the Mayor's Choice exhibition

at City Space, Winchester Discovery Centre was to be during April and there was to be a Private View on Thursday 4 April.

The Mayor then referred to two recent Royal visits to the District. Firstly, he had welcomed the Princess Royal when she met representatives of the Women's Section of the Royal British Legion in Winchester Guildhall. He had also met the Countess of Wessex when she opened the new Brendon Care facility near Otterbourne.

The Mayor then drew the Member's attention to his forthcoming Charities events which included a Welsh Male Voice Choir at St Barnabas Church, Swanmore.

The Leader announced that existing civil parking enforcement arrangements that were currently managed by the City Council under an agency agreement on behalf of the County Council were to be maintained (including their costs) for the time being.

The Leader then announced that the Council now had an officer in post to support businesses at Bury Farm, close to the North Whiteley major development area. The Council was working in partnership with the County Council and with Havant Borough Council and with around 30 businesses currently located at Bury Farm to help find them alternative, suitable accommodation as the major development area progressed and required them to relocate.

The Leader was pleased to announce that the Council had shown its support for the need for a hospice in Winchester by providing Burrell House in Romsey Road a £50,000 grant towards fund raising for the renovation of the building.

The Leader reported that she had attended a recent event to commence the project to open the new Handle Bar café close to the Hockley viaduct cycle route. The facility was to be managed by 'Bespoke Biking' and was the culmination of the work of the 'SPUD' group who, as a group of young people, had been involved in the design of the café.

The Leader then referred to the Winchester Citizen's Advice Bureau (CAB) who were soon to move into their new office base in City Offices, Winchester. The CAB provided a valuable service for many residents across the District and for the Council to be co located with the CAB was a positive move.

The Leader advised that the Council recently joined in partnership with the 'Keep Britain Tidy' organisation. This will assist the Council with its work with regard to alleviating litter and fly tipping in the District.

Finally the Leader announced confirmation of a £1.7million contribution from the University of Winchester towards the new Sports and Leisure Centre project at Bar End.

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

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Huxstep be a deputy member of the Planning Committee.

4. **DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

Councillor Gottlieb declared a disclosable pecuniary interest with regard to Exempt Agenda Item 12 (Land Transaction). He advised that he would leave the meeting at that point on the agenda and take no further part in discussion or vote thereon.

Councillors Scott and Green declared disclosable pecuniary interests with regard to Agenda Item 8 (d) Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Budget and Business Plan as were both tenants of the Council. However, they both remained in the meeting and took part in discussion and vote thereon under the dispensation granted to them by Monitoring Officer.

Councillor Thompson advised that, on behalf of the Liberal Democrat group, each member of the group had a personal (but not prejudicial) interest with regard to Exempt Agenda Item 12 (Land Transaction) as were acquainted with the landowner. Councillor Thompson advised that the Liberal Democrat group would not take part in discussion and not vote thereon.

Councillors Burns declared a personal (but not prejudicial) interest with regard to Exempt Agenda Item 12 (Land Transaction) and the reasons for her declaration are set out in the Exempt Minute.

Councillor Warwick declared a personal (but not prejudicial) interest with regard to Exempt Agenda Item 12 (Land Transaction) and the reasons for her declaration are set out in the Exempt Minute.

Councillors Hiscock, Huxstep, Stallard, Tod and Warwick declared personal and prejudicial interests as they were County Councillors. However as there was no material conflict of interest, each participated in the meeting and, voted on items as below, under the dispensation granted by the Monitoring Officer.

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

25 written questions had been received, fourteen of which were heard in the meeting along with any associated supplementary questions. All questions are set out in full on the Council's website, together with responses from the relevant portfolio holder.

6. **PETITIONS**

There were no petitions to be received

7. **PRESENTATION BY COUNCILLOR GUY ASHTON (PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR FINANCE) AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY**
(Report CAB3131 refers)

Although there were no specific decisions required on Report CAB3131, the Portfolio Holder referred to this during his detailed presentation to Council on the financial papers elsewhere on the agenda (i.e. General Fund (CAB3132), Capital Investment Strategy (CAB3134), Treasury Management Strategy 2019/10 (CAB3133) and Housing Revenue Account and Business Plan (CAB3111 HSG)) and the decisions to be made thereon. Councillor Ashton's presentation to Council is available on the Council's website from the following page:

<https://democracy.winchester.gov.uk/documents/s4744/CAB3131%20Medium%20Term%20Financial%20Strategy.pdf>

RESOLVED:

That the presentation of the Portfolio Holder for Finance be noted.

8. **CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDED MINUTES:**

a. **CABINET - 13 FEBRUARY 2019**

GENERAL FUND BUDGET 2019/20

(Report CAB3132 refers)

The Council noted that Recommendation 5 of the Cabinet minute referred to the Council Tax Resolution, which was to be dealt with by way of a separate resolution.

Councillor Ashton, Portfolio Holder for Finance, moved that the Recommended Minute of Cabinet be approved and adopted (seconded by Councillor Humby).

Following questions and debate and in accordance with legislative requirements on Recorded Votes at Budget Meetings, a recorded vote was taken in respect of the Recommended Minute of Cabinet.

Division Lists

The following Members voted in favour of the General Fund Budget 2018/19:

Councillors Ashton, Berry, Brook, Burns, Cook, Cunningham, Gemmell, Godfrey, Griffiths, Horrill, Humby, Huxstep, Lumby, Mather, McLean, Miller, Pearson, Read, Ruffell, Scott, Stallard, Warwick and Weston.

The following Members voted against the Cabinet Recommended Minute:

Councillors Achwal, Becker, Bell, Bentote, Clear, Cutler, Evans, Gottlieb, Green, Hiscock, Hutchison, Izzard, Laming, Learney, Murphy, Power, Prince, Rutter, Thompson, Tod and Weir.

The following Members abstained:

Councillor Izzard

RESOLVED:

That the Recommended Minute of Cabinet held 13 February 2019 with regard to General Fund Budget 2019/20 (Report CAB3132 refers) be approved and adopted.

Council Tax for the City of Winchester for the year commencing 1 April 2019

Councillor Ashton, Portfolio Holder for Finance, moved that the motion regarding the Council Tax 2019/20, as set out below, be approved and adopted (seconded by Councillor Humby).

Following questions and debate and in accordance with legislative requirements on Recorded Votes at Budget Meetings, a recorded vote was taken in respect of the Motion:

Division Lists

The following Members voted in favour of the motion regarding Council Tax for 2019/20:

Councillors Ashton, Berry, Brook, Burns, Cook, Cunningham, Gemmell, Godfrey, Griffiths, Horrill, Humby, Huxstep, Lumby, Mather, McLean, Miller, Pearson, Read, Ruffell, Scott, Stallard, Warwick and Weston.

The following Members voted against the motion regarding the Council Tax 2019/20:

Councillors Achwal, Becker, Bell, Bentote, Clear, Cutler, Evans, Gottlieb, Green, Hiscock, Hutchison, Izard, Laming, Learney, Murphy, Power, Prince, Rutter, Thompson, Tod and Weir.

The following Members abstained:

Councillor Izard

Motion carried.

RESOLVED:

1. That any expenses incurred by the Council in performing in a part of its area a function performed elsewhere in its area by a Parish Council/Town Council/Parish Meeting shall not be treated as special expenses for the purposes of Section 35 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, except in the case of the following special items relating to the non-parished area the aggregate amount of which is £967,333 (Appendix E to report CAB3132 refers) and which is shown within the total of special items at paragraph 4(e) below:-

- (a) Magdalen Hill and West Hill Cemeteries;
- (b) Allotments;
- (c) Town centre Christmas lighting;
- (d) Footway lighting;
- (e) Bus shelter maintenance;
- (f) Grants for community facilities in the Town ("parish" element);
- (g) Recreation Grounds & Open Spaces (except Abbey Gardens, Riverside Walks, the Weirs and St Giles Hill);
- (h) Neighbourhood Services;
- (i) Public Conveniences
- (j) Theatre Royal
- (k) Maintenance work to Council Owned Bridges
- (l) Grit Bins
- (m) Community Speed Watch
- (n) Night Bus Contribution
- (o) St Maurice's Covert
- (p) Historic Environment Projects Officer

- (q) Neighbourhood Plans
- (r) Community Infrastructure
- (s) Administration of the Town Forum

2. That it be noted that the Head of Revenues, in consultation with the Strategic Director (Resources) calculated the Council Tax Base for 2019/20 at

(a) 49,307.47

being the amount calculated by the Council for the whole Council area, in accordance with Section 31B(1) (Item T) of the Local Government Act 1992, as amended (the "Act"), as its Council Tax base for the year.

(b) for dwellings in those parts of its area to which a Parish/Town precept relates as in the attached Annex 1.

3. Calculate that the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2019/20 (excluding Parish Precepts) is £7,817,129

4. That the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2019/20 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Act:

(a) £121,137,003

being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act taking into account all precepts issued to it by Parish Councils.

(b) £110,095,558

being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.

(c) £11,041,445

being the amount by which the aggregate at 4(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 4(b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act, as its Council Tax requirement for the year. (Item R in the formula in Section 31B of the Act).

(d) £223.93

being the amount at 4(c) above (Item R), all divided by Item T (2(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B(1) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year (including Parish Precepts).

(e) £4,191,651

being the aggregate amount of all special items referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act (as per the attached Annex 2)

(f) £138.92

being the amount at 4(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 4(e) above by Item T (2(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no special item relates.

5. That it be noted for the year 2019/20, Hampshire County Council and the Police and Crime Commissioner - Hampshire have stated, and the Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority has recommended the following amounts in precepts issued to the Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

<u>Precepting Authority</u>	<u>Precept Amount</u>
Hampshire County Council (HCC)	£60,986,930
Police and Crime Commissioner – Hampshire (PCCH)	£9,933,483
Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority (HFRA)	£3,338,609

<u>Valuation Bands</u>	<u>HCC</u>	<u>PCCH</u>	<u>HFRA</u>
A	824.5	134.31	45.14
B	962.01	156.69	52.66
C	1,099.44	179.08	60.19
D	1,236.87	201.46	67.71
E	1,511.73	246.23	82.76
F	1,786.59	291.00	97.80
G	2,061.45	335.77	112.85
H	2,473.74	402.92	135.42

6. That the Council, in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the aggregate amounts shown in columns 2-9 of Annex 2 as the

amounts of Council Tax for 2019/20 for each part of its area and for each of the categories of dwellings shown.

7. That the Council determines that the Council's basic amount of Council Tax for 2019/20 is not excessive in accordance with principles approved under Section 52ZB of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

b. CABINET - 13 FEBRUARY 2019

CAPITAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

(Report CAB3134 refers)

Councillor Ashton, Portfolio Holder for Finance, moved that the Recommended Minute of Cabinet be approved and adopted (seconded by Councillor Humby).

Following questions and debate the Recommended Minute of Cabinet held 13 February 2019 with regard to Capital Investment Strategy (Report CAB3134 refers) was approved and adopted.

RESOLVED:

That the Recommended Minute of Cabinet held 13 February 2019 with regard to Capital Investment Strategy (Report CAB3134 refers) be approved and adopted.

c. CABINET - 13 FEBRUARY 2019

TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2019/20

(Report CAB3133 refers)

Councillor Ashton, Portfolio Holder for Finance, moved that the Recommended Minute of Cabinet be approved and adopted (seconded by Councillor Humby).

Following questions and debate, the Recommended Minute of Cabinet held 13 February 2019 with regard to Treasury Management Strategy 2019/20 (Report CAB3133 refers) was approved and adopted.

RESOLVED:

That the Recommended Minute of Cabinet held 13 February 2019 with regard to Treasury Management Strategy 2019/20 (Report CAB3133 refers) be approved and adopted.

d. CABINET - 13 FEBRUARY 2019**HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT (HRA) BUDGET 2019/20 AND BUSINESS PLAN**

(Report CAB3111 HSG refers)

Councillor Horrill, Leader with Portfolio for Housing Services, moved that the Recommended Minute of Cabinet be approved and adopted (seconded by Councillor Ashton).

Following questions and debate, the Recommended Minute of Cabinet held 13 February 2019 with regard to Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Budget and Business Plan (Report CAB3111 HSG refers) was approved and adopted.

RESOLVED:

That the Recommended Minute of Cabinet held 13 February 2019 with regard to Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Budget and Business Plan (Report CAB3111 HSG refers) be approved and adopted.

e. CABINET - 13 FEBRUARY 2019**GYPSY AND TRAVELLER DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENT - ADOPTION**

(Report CAB3138 refers)

Councillor Brook, Portfolio for Built Environment, moved that the Recommended Minute of Cabinet be approved and adopted (seconded by Councillor Humby).

Following questions and debate, the Recommended Minute of Cabinet held 13 February 2019 with regard to Gypsy and Traveller Development Plan Document – Adoption (Report CAB3138 refers) was approved and adopted.

RESOLVED:

That the Recommended Minute of Cabinet held 13 February 2019 with regard to Gypsy and Traveller Development Plan Document – Adoption (Report CAB3138 refers) be approved and adopted.

f. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE - 14 JANUARY 2019**ANNUAL PAY POLICY STATEMENT**

(Report PER320 refers)

Councillor Godfrey, Portfolio for Professional Services, moved that the Recommended Minute of the Personnel Committee, be approved and

adopted (seconded by Councillor Read, Chairman of the Personnel Committee).

Following questions and debate, the Recommended Minute of Personnel Committee held 14 January 2019 with regard to Annual Pay Policy Statement (Report PER320 refers) was approved and adopted.

RESOLVED:

That the Recommended Minute of Personnel Committee held 14 January 2019 with regard to Annual Pay Policy Statement (Report PER320 refers) be approved and adopted.

9. **REVIEW OF LICENSING POLICIES:**

(a) **REVIEW OF LICENSING POLICY UNDER THE LICENSING ACT 2003**
(Report CL142 refers)

Report CL142, was circulated with a supplementary agenda after the statutory deadline. The Mayor agreed to accept Report CL142 onto the agenda, because of the urgent need for Council to consider the Report that required decisions at this evening's meeting.

Councillor Warwick, Portfolio for Environment, moved that the Recommendations in Report CL142 be approved and adopted (seconded by Councillor Mather, Chairman of the Licensing Committee).

Following questions and debate, the Recommendations in Report CL142 were approved and adopted.

RESOLVED:

That the Recommendations in Report CL142 be approved and adopted.

ADOPTION OF STATEMENTS OF PRINCIPLES UNDER THE GAMBLING ACT 2005

(Report CL143 refers)

Report CL143, was circulated with a supplementary agenda after the statutory deadline. The Mayor agreed to accept Report CL143 onto the agenda, because of the urgent need for Council to consider the Report that required decisions at this evening's meeting.

Councillor Warwick, Portfolio for Environment, moved that the Recommendations in Report CL143 be approved and adopted (seconded by Councillor Mather, Chairman of the Licensing Committee).

Following questions and debate, the Recommendations in Report CL143 were approved and adopted.

RESOLVED:

That the Recommendations in Report CL143 be approved and adopted.

10. 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>
11	Land Transaction) Information relating to the) financial or business affairs of) any particular person (including) the authority holding that) information). (Para 3 Schedule 12A refers)

11. LAND TRANSACTION

(Report CAB3121 refers)

Council considered the above report which dealt with a proposed land transaction (detail in exempt minute).

The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm, adjourned between 10.40pm and 11.05pm and concluded at 12.35am

The Mayor