

Meeting Council

Date and Time Wednesday, 4th November, 2020 at 6.00 pm.

Venue This meeting will be held virtually and a live audio stream can

be listened to via www.winchester.gov.uk.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Ordinary Meeting of the Council will be held at 6.00 pm on Wednesday, 4th November, 2020. This meeting will be held virtually and a live audio stream can be listened to via www.winchester.gov.uk. and all Members of the Council are summoned to attend.

Note: Owing to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic and government guidance, it will not be possible to hold this meeting in person. The Council has therefore made arrangements under the Coronavirus Act 2020, and subsequent Regulations permitting remote meetings, to hold the meeting virtually. If you are a member of the public and would like to listen to the audio stream of the meeting you may do so via www.winchester.gov.uk

AGENDA

1. Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 23 September 2020 (Pages 5 - 14)

2. **Disclosure of Interests**

To receive any disclosure of interests from Members or Officers in matters to be discussed.

Note: Councillors are reminded of their obligations to declare disclosable pecuniary interests, personal and/or prejudicial interests in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct.

- 3. Announcements from the Mayor, Leader and Chief Executive.
- 4. Questions from Members of the Public

To receive and answer and questions from the public. (Questions must be received in writing by Democratic Services – democracy@winchester.gov.uk – no later than noon on Wednesday 28th October)



5. Urgent Decision - HM Courts and Tribunals Service - Licence to Occupy rooms in Winchester Guildhall

On 13 October 2020, provisions within the city council's constitution were utilised to authorise the entering into a short-term licence with Her Majesty Court and Tribunal Service without the usual notice in the forward plan and for the decision not being subject to call-in

Paragraph 18 of part 4.4 of the council's constitution (Access to Information Rules) specifies that key decisions are able to proceed without the usual 28 days' notice, providing that the Monitoring Officer has received in writing the agreement of the Chairperson of the Scrutiny Committee. Paragraph 18.2 additionally provides provision regarding special urgency.

Paragraph 16 of part 4.3 of the council's constitution (Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules) requires that when a key decision to be taken is urgent (and not subject to call-in) then the Monitoring Officer must also receive in writing the agreement of the Chairperson of the Scrutiny Committee. In both instances, the permission of the Chairperson of the Scrutiny Committee was received.

In this case, any delay in implementing the decision would prevent the commencement of important court work well beyond the planned start date.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Council note the use of urgency provisions on 13 October 2020 by the Chief Executive under paragraph 18 of Part 4.4 and paragraph 16 of part 4.3 of the Winchester City Council constitution.

6. **Notice of Motion**

To consider the following Notice of Motion to be proposed by Councillor Lumby (seconded by Councillor Brook):

"This Council commits to write to Central Government urging the urgent creation of criminal offences of trespass when setting up an unauthorised encampment, entering upon land as a trespasser with the purpose of residing there in a vehicle and residing in an unauthorised encampment."

7. Changes to Committee Memberships

To receive any resignations from committees and to make any necessary reappointments.

8. Questions from Members of Council

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

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Quorum = 12 members

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Members of the public may ask questions of the Leader, Cabinet Members and Committee Chairs at Ordinary Meetings of the Council. The total time allocated for questions by the public shall normally be limited to 20 minutes.

A question may only be asked if notice has been given by delivering it in writing to Democratic Services no later than 5 working days preceding the Council meeting. For example, if the Council meeting is being held at 7pm on a Wednesday then the question would need to be received by noon on the preceding Wednesday. Please email to democracy@winchester.gov.uk.

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