

Meeting	Council
Date and Time	Wednesday, 12th January, 2022 at <u>6.30 pm</u> .
Venue	Guildhall, Winchester

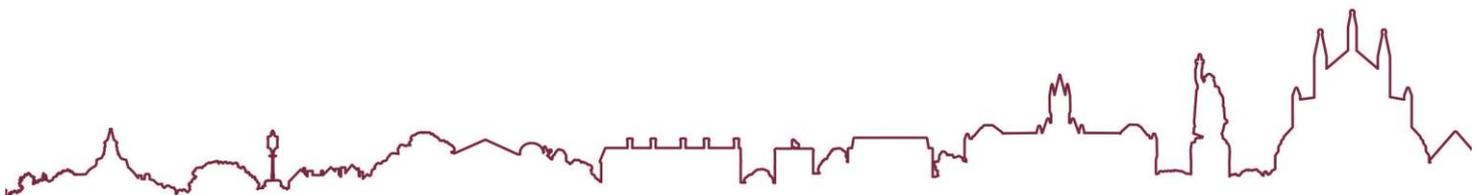
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Ordinary Meeting of the Council will be held at **6.30 pm** on Wednesday, 12th January, 2022 in the Guildhall, Winchester and all Members of the Council are summoned to attend.

***Note:** This meeting is being held in person at the location specified above. In line with relevant legislation and public health guidance the following arrangements apply. Members of the public should note that a live audio feed of the meeting will be available from the council's website (www.winchester.gov.uk) and the video recording will be publicly available on the council's You Tube channel shortly after the meeting*

For members of the public who are unable to utilise this facility a limited number of seats will be made available at the above named location however attendance must be notified to the council at least 3 working days before the meeting. Please note that priority will be given to those having registered to speak during the Public Question session over those wishing to attend and observe.

AGENDA

- 1. Tribute to former Councillor Lynda Murphy**
- 2. Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 22 September 2021 (Pages 9 - 14)**
- 3. 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.



4. **Announcements from the Mayor, Leader and Chief Executive.**

5. **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 5th January, 2022)

6. **To receive petitions**

a) In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 16, a petition was submitted by ‘A Lido for Winchester’ containing 2716 signatures.

“We the undersigned petition the council to support the creation of a lido as part of either the North Walls Park Improvement or the redevelopment of the old leisure centre

Winchester has a long history of outdoor swimming which has been lost over the years with the closure of the Lido on Worthy Road and the river swimming pool in the water meadows. We would like the council to support its revival! We would like the council to consider installing a lido as part of either the North Walls Park Improvement or the Redevelopment of the old leisure centre.

Lockdown has created a resurgence in outdoor sports and there is a great demand for outdoor swimming. The Walking Survey on North Walls Park in December 2020 suggested the possibility of a lido, and the North Walls Consultation Feedback in 2019 showed the strongest support (over 70%) for outdoor swimming.

There are many reasons why having a lido in Winchester would be great for our city.

Firstly, swimming outside is a lot of fun and a lido would be a draw for people to come to Winchester.

Secondly, outdoor swimming has been shown to have many positive benefits for physical and mental health and wellbeing - particularly important given the social impact of COVID.

Thirdly, outdoor swimming is good for increasing rates of physical activity in the community. A report carried out by the Outdoor Swimmer Magazine in 2020 found it attracts more women than men - the number of women swimming outdoors rose from 50% in 2017 to 65% in 2020. This is important as women overall are less likely to engage in sport. It would also provide a venue for young people to exercise and socialise.

Fourthly, swimming outdoors runs a lower risk of COVID transmission than swimming inside.

The River Park, due to its proximity to town and residential areas would be a perfect place for the Lido. A lido could be created inexpensively with simple outdoor shelters and changing facilities as they have done in places such as Abbey Meadows Lido in Abingdon or Petersfield. It could also house the cafe that is called for in the consultations.”

b) In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 16, a petition was submitted on behalf of Highcliffe Forum containing 350 signatures.

“We the undersigned request that the Council carries out an adequately funded and inclusive community engagement exercise to determine the potential of the Bar End depot site to provide facilities for the local community.

This should be carried out before any further action is taken on selling the site. It should include discussion around the provision of a food store, housing and other community facilities, including activities and amenities identified in the Highcliffe Community Plan. Residents in Highcliffe, Bar End, Chilcomb Lane, St Giles Hill and the Wharf Hill areas should all be involved. It should identify any gaps in local needs and aspirations, as well as any kind of development that would be unacceptable.

The Council should honour the results, as an exciting opportunity to put into practice the vision for local communities in the town wards as identified in the Winchester Vision 2020-2030, adopted by the Winchester Town Forum in January 2021.”

7. To consider and determine the following Recommended Minutes:

(Pages 15 - 418)

a) Cabinet – 15 December 2021

Central Winchester Regeneration - Outline Business Case (less exempt appendix E)

(Report Reference CAB3322)

RECOMMENDED:

That the Strategic Director with responsibility for the Central Winchester Regeneration project be authorised to initiate and conduct the procurement process for the selection of a development partner for the Central Winchester Regeneration project.

b) Audit and Governance Committee – 11 November 2021

Final Report and Pay Policy Statement 2022/23

(Report Reference AG62)

RECOMMENDED

That the Pay Policy Statement for the financial year 2022/23 is recommended to Council for adoption.

c) Licensing and Regulation Committee – 8 December 2021

Review of Statement of Principles under Gambling Act 2005

(Report Reference LR549)

RECOMMENDED:

That subject to the correction of minor typographical or formatting issues identified by the Committee, the draft Statement of Principles as set out at Appendix 1 to Report LR549 be adopted.

d) Audit and Governance Committee – 16 December 2021

Invitation to become an opted in authority – The Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 and the Local Audit (Appointing Person) Regulations 2015

(Report Reference AG66)

RECOMMENDED

That the Council accepts the Public Sector Audit Appointments (PSAA) invitation to 'opt-in' to the sector led option for the appointment of external auditors for five consecutive financial years commencing 1 April 2023.

8. Notices of Motion

(a) To consider the following Notice of Motion to be proposed by Councillor Tippett-Cooper and seconded by Councillor Tod:

“Winchester City Council is committed to welcoming asylum seekers and refugees to our District and including them in our activities. The people in our district have shown kindness and openness in recent months with huge support when donations for evacuees from Afghanistan were needed. We are also a district with a rich network of organisations providing support to the most vulnerable in our society. As a Council, we recognise the importance of reflecting this spirit of our community and core values of openness, kindness and respect for others. Winchester City Council also recognises asylum seekers' and refugees' potential contribution to our district, and also

recognises that a co-ordinated and forward-looking approach is needed if the welfare of people moving into the town, and community cohesion between new and existing communities, are to be supported effectively.

To this end, we resolve to:

- Support organisations such as the University of Winchester (which is a University of Sanctuary), the community group Winchester City of Sanctuary, the Southampton & Winchester Visitors Group, Hampshire Cultural Trust and other key charities and community groups in their work to make Winchester a place of sanctuary;
- Welcome to Winchester district those fleeing violence and persecution in their own countries;
- Value the contribution those seeking sanctuary can make to our District;
- Support taking practical steps, in dialogue with the organisations above, to welcome and integrate all people into our communities, activities and culture;
- Challenge anti-refugee and anti-migrant attitudes wherever they are found and support the Southampton and Winchester Visitors Group and Winchester City of Sanctuary in the promotion of the Together With Refugees campaign calling for a fairer, kinder and more effective approach to supporting refugees in the UK;
- Nominate a current Councillor(s) to act as a “Sanctuary Champion(s)”, who will endeavour to communicate with the organisations listed above to explore how we can develop further ideas to support asylum seekers and refugees who are resettled in our district;
- We are willing for our organisation’s name to be added to a list of supporters of City of Sanctuary.

(b) To consider the following Notice of Motion to be proposed by Councillor Godfrey and seconded by Councillor Horrill:

“This Council commits to clearly demonstrate that it is open and transparent in all its decision-making, specifically by:

- Properly consulting all councillors and the public before making any significant decisions about council projects or other major financial transactions.
- Within 12 months of a decision being made, publishing without restriction all papers used to support decisions on projects and other major financial transactions that were marked as exempt from publication at the time of the decision unless Full Council decides that these papers should remain exempt for a further 12 months.

- Recording the discussions, submissions and decisions at all meetings attended by any person outside Winchester City Council and, where those meetings relate to any decision made afterwards, for these records to be available to all councillors within 2 weeks and to the public within 12 months of the meeting unless Full Council decides that these papers should remain exempt for a further 12 months.
- Stopping the use of Non-Disclosure Agreements that councillors have been required to sign before being able to see some Council or Committee papers and to cancel any indemnity clauses in such Non-Disclosure Agreements previously signed by serving Councillors.”

9. **Changes to Committee Memberships**

To receive any resignations from committees and to make any necessary re-appointments.

10. **Questions from Members of Council**

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

11. **EXEMPT BUSINESS**

To consider whether in all the circumstances of the case the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

- (i) To pass a resolution that the public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items 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 100 (I) and Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

12. **Item 6 (a) - Central Winchester Regeneration Outline Business Case - Appendix E (Pages 419 - 436)**

LAURA TAYLOR
Chief Executive

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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.

FILMING AND BROADCAST NOTIFICATION

This meeting will be recorded and broadcast live on the Council's website. The meeting may also be recorded and broadcast by the press and members of the public – please see the Access to Information Procedure Rules within the Council's Constitution for further information, which is available to view on the [Council's website](#).

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