

<b>Meeting</b>	Council
<b>Date and Time</b>	Wednesday, 23rd February, 2022 at 7.00 pm.
<b>Venue</b>	Guildhall, Winchester

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Ordinary Meeting of the Council will be held at 7.00 pm on Wednesday, 23rd February, 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](http://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. Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 12 January 2022**  
(Pages 9 - 24)
- 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](mailto:democracy@winchester.gov.uk) – no later than noon on Wednesday 16 February 2022)

5. **To receive petitions**

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 16, a petition was submitted by 'Save Our Skatepark in Winchester River Park' with 2, 265 signatures.

We object to the proposed disposal of Open Space Land known as the River Park Skate Park, Gordon Road as given by the 12 Jan 2022, Section 123(2a) LGA 1972 notice.

The Skate Park provision should remain under the full control of Winchester City Council to provide for the youth residents of the City and fulfil its obligations under the published North Walls Park improvement plans.

Selling a 150yr lease for the land to the University of Southampton creates a significant risk for WCC that it will be unable to provide or improve the facilities that it has consulted and planned on with residents. It also creates the risk that the UoS would use potential improvement funds as a negotiation tool for other activities it might wish to carry out on the wider site.

**Why is this important?**

The council should not be handing over a recently improved (£270k in 2014/15) built facility to the University of Southampton for potential redevelopment.

Whilst the council and university have said they intend to keep the Skate Park and potentially improve it, these statements are not believed to be legally binding in any way.

On the other hand, the agreements will make allowance for:

"Reasonable Relocation" - Winchester Cabinet Report CAB3324 <https://bit.ly/3rtDnqp>

"Equivalent Facilities" - Disposal of Open Space Land Notice, 12 Jan 22 <https://bit.ly/3qj93sW>

'Reasonable' and 'Equivalent' are both subjective terms and leaving them to negotiation at the point they would need to be used is terrible governance.

Winchester has little provision for its young people. The correct public body to own and control a facility for Winchester's residents is Winchester City Council.

The council could divide the land and keep hold of the skate park, particularly if the University has no intention to build on it.

Why would the UoS want a piece of land they can't build on or generate income from anyway?

If, ultimately, the cultural centre plan does need to build on the skate park or move it for noise/disruption reasons it could negotiate with WCC for the land with a clear replacement facility in mind.

As it stands WCC would be held over a £100M barrel to either agree to whatever the University planned for it or lose the lot.

6. **To consider and determine the following Recommended minute of Cabinet held 17 February 2022 - Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Budget 2022/23 (CAB3334) (Pages 25 - 44)**

**Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Budget 2022/23**

(Report CAB3334 refers)

*Extract of draft minute of Cabinet to follow*

RECOMMENDED:

That Cabinet recommend that Council :-

1. Approve the 2022/23 Housing Revenue Account budget as detailed in Appendices 1 and 2 to this report.
2. Approve the 10 Year indicative HRA capital programme as set out in appendices 3 and 4.
3. Approve capital expenditure in 2022/23 of £9.289m for the Maintenance, Improvement and Renewal programme as detailed in Appendix 3 of the report in accordance with Financial Procedure Rule 7.4
4. Approve the proposed indicative funding for the HRA Capital Programme, as detailed in Appendix 5.
5. Note the HRA Financial Plan operating account extract, including annual working balances, as detailed in Appendix 6.
6. Agree to support the proposal to fund £0.300m new initiatives around the Housing White Paper – “The charter for social housing residents” and invest additional resources in the capacity of the new homes delivery team, the decent homes team and Neighbourhood/Estate Management.
7. Agree to support the proposal to increase the revenue funding for planned and reactive repairs by £0.500m to reflect both increased budget pressures and the cost of delivering an improved void standard to properties prior to letting
8. Approve a rent increase of 3.1% from April 4th 2022 for Social and Affordable housing within the HRA.
9. Approve a cap on service charges for 2022/23 for all tenants at £5.00 per week.

7. **To consider and determine the following Recommended minute of Cabinet held 17 February 2022 - General Fund Budget 2022/23 (CAB3335) (Pages 45 - 86)**

**General Fund Budget 2022/23**

(Report CAB3335 refers)

*Extract of draft minute of Cabinet to follow*

RECOMMENDED:

That Cabinet recommend that Council :-

- 4 Agree the level of General Fund Budget for 2022/23, and recommend the summary as shown in Appendix A.
- 5 That the additional year of New Homes Bonus Allocation be used to fund the following proposals:
  - a) Increased provision for Local Council Tax Support, with £100,000 additional one off provision to the Council's Hardship Fund
  - b) £450k to fund essential maintenance work to Monuments and Historic Assets
  - c) Low Carbon Transport - £250k to fund trials of low carbon bin lorries and/or buses operating existing Council services
  - d) £40k to fund the installation of bike storage and other measures to support the promotion of cycling and walking
  - e) £150k to fund feasibility work to prepare for the implementation of a food waste trial collection system in 2023.
  - f) £185k to fund the cost of additional city and market town centre cleansing, the maintenance and replacement of street furniture (litter bins, seats, bollards bin stores etc) and also to fund an increased emphasis on fly tipping (additional clearance, surveillance and promotion)
  - g) £25k to support work to embed the principles of the Council's "City of Sanctuary" commitments and to review the diverse needs of communities across the district.
  - h) £100k to fund fixed term IT staff to develop council systems to meet the requirements of flexible/agile working
- 6 Support the investment proposals set out in section 13.4 of this report, including:

- a) To reinstate the annual contribution of £250k to the Asset and Property reserve to support future investment and maintenance of council assets
  - b) To increase the annual revenue contribution to the Parking and Access reserve by £200k per annum to support the implementation works set out in the annual Parking investment programme
  - c) Increasing the annual staffing budget by £175k per annum from 2022/23 to create additional capacity in the Legal Services, Communications and Economic Development teams
  - d) Increasing the annual staffing budget by £60k per annum from 2023/24 to create additional capacity in the Strategic Planning team
  - e) An increase in the budget for annual audit fees of £30,000
- 7 Approve the 2022 Council Tax Hardship Scheme allocation of £100,000 and the distribution of this funding as set out in Appendix F; to be administered by the Revenues & Benefits teams under the Service Lead for Revenues & Benefits.
- 8 That the sum of £1,061,591 be treated as Special Expenses under Section 35 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 in respect of the Winchester Town area as set out in section 16 and Appendix D.
- 9 That the Council Tax for the Special Expenses in the Winchester Town area at Band D for 2022/23 be increased by 4.5% to £76.71, an increase of £3.30.
- 10 That the surplus balance on the Council Tax Collection Fund for distribution to this Council, calculated in January 2022 of £24,315, be approved.
- 11 Recommend the level of Council Tax at Band D for City Council services for 2022/23 be increased to £151.29, an increase of £3.95 reflecting an average Council tax increase of 2.7%

**TO PASS A FORMAL RESOLUTION SETTING THE COUNCIL TAX FOR THE CITY OF WINCHESTER FOR THE YEAR COMMENCING 1 APRIL 2021.**

8. **To consider and determine the following Recommended minute of Cabinet held 17 February 2022 - Capital Investment Strategy 2022-2032 (CAB3332) (Pages 87 - 128)**

**Capital Investment Strategy 2022-2032**

(Report CAB3332 refers)

*Extract of draft minute of Cabinet to follow*

RECOMMENDED:

That Cabinet recommends to Council :-

1. The Capital Investment Strategy be approved including:
  - the Capital Programme and Capital Programme Financing (Appendices A and B to the report);
  - the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Policy Statement (Appendix E);
  - the Flexible Use of Capital Receipts Strategy (Appendix G); and
  - the prudential indicators detailed in the report and its appendices.

9. **To consider and determine the following Recommended minute of Cabinet held 17 February 2022 - Treasury Management Strategy 2022/23 (CAB3333) (Pages 129 - 158)**

**Treasury Management Strategy 2022/23**

(Report CAB3333 refers)

*Extract of draft minute of Cabinet to follow*

RECOMMENDED:

That Cabinet recommends to Council :-

1. That the Treasury Management Strategy Statement which includes the Annual Treasury Investment Strategy for 2022/23 (and the remainder of 2021/22) is approved;
2. That authority is delegated to the Section 151 Officer to manage the council's high yielding investments portfolio and long term borrowing according to the Treasury Management Strategy Statement as

appropriate; and

3. That authority is delegated to the Section 151 Officer, who in turn discharges this function to Hampshire County Council's Director of Corporate Operations, as agreed in the Service Level Agreement, to manage all council investments (other than the high yield portfolio) and short term borrowing according to the Treasury Management Strategy Statement as appropriate.

10. **Changes to Committee Memberships**

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

11. **Questions from Members of Council**

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

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](mailto:democracy@winchester.gov.uk).

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