

<b>Meeting</b>	Cabinet
<b>Date and Time</b>	Wednesday, 9th March, 2022 at 9.30 am.
<b>Venue</b>	Walton Suite, Winchester Guildhall

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## AGENDA

### PROCEDURAL ITEMS

- 1. Apologies**  
To record the names of apologies given.
- 2. Membership of Cabinet bodies etc.**  
To give consideration to the approval of alternative arrangements for appointments to bodies set up by Cabinet or external bodies, or the making or terminating of such appointments.
- 3. Disclosure of Interests**  
To receive any disclosure of interests from Members and 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 legislation and the Council's Code of Conduct.*



4. **To note any request from Councillors to make representations on an agenda item.**

*Note: Councillors wishing to speak about a particular agenda item are required to register with Democratic Services three clear working days before the meeting (contact: [democracy@winchester.gov.uk](mailto:democracy@winchester.gov.uk) or 01962 848 264). Councillors will normally be invited by the Chairperson to speak during the appropriate item (after the Cabinet Member's introduction and questions from other Cabinet Members).*

## **BUSINESS ITEMS**

5. **Minutes of the previous meeting held on 25 January 2022.** (Pages 9 - 14)

6. **Public Participation**

– to note the names of members of the public wishing to speak on general matters affecting the District or on agenda items (in the case of the latter, representations will normally be received at the time of the agenda item, after the Cabinet Member's introduction and any questions from Cabinet Members).

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7. **Leader and Cabinet Members' Announcements**

8. **To receive petitions -**

**A) Pause the River Park Leisure Centre proposal from the University of Southampton and conduct a six-month public consultation for other ideas.**

We the undersigned petition the council to pause the River Park Leisure Centre proposal from the University of Southampton and conduct a six-month public consultation for other ideas.

Winchester City Council have decided to give the University of Southampton five-years to conduct a public consultation to explore what they should do with the River Park Leisure Centre site but never gave local residents the opportunity to formally submit our ideas.

With this in mind, we urge the city council to pause the proposal from the university and first conduct a well advertised six-month public consultation to gather other ideas from the community. After that, a short list of proposals (including the University of Southampton one) could be created based on positive social and economic impact. Local residents could then vote on which proposal would be best for Winchester.

This democratic decision process would ensure strong local support for whichever proposal was chosen as well as creating long-lasting trust between the community and city council.

On reaching 10 signatures Ordinary Petition

This ePetition ran from 19/11/2021 to 11/02/2022 and has now finished.

207 people signed this ePetition.

**B) In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 16, a petition was submitted by 'Save Our Skatepark in Winchester River Park' with 2,265 signatures to Council on 23 February 2022. At that Council meeting, it was agreed that the petition be referred to the Cabinet meeting where the decision in respect of the land disposal was being decided. The decision being made is an executive decision.**

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.

9. A land transaction in respect of the River Park Leisure Centre (RPLC) site and associated parking area, bowls club and skate park (less exempt appendix) (Pages 15 - 116)
- Key Decision** (CAB3342)
10. King George V (KGV) Pavilion Funding (Pages 117 - 140)
- Key Decision** (CAB3341)
11. WCC Landscape Character Assessment Supplementary Planning Document (Pages 141 - 166)
- Key Decision** (CAB3337)
12. Parking charges review (Pages 167 - 192)
- Key Decision** (CAB3330)
13. Parking and access plan improvement programme (Pages 193 - 208)
- Key Decision** (CAB3329)
14. Risk Management Policy 2022/23 (Pages 209 - 248)
- Key Decision** (CAB3338)
15. To note the future items for consideration by Cabinet as shown on the April 2022 Forward Plan. (Pages 249 - 252)
16. 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.
17. A land transaction in respect of the River Park Leisure Centre (RPLC) site and associated parking area, bowls club and skate park (exempt appendix) (Pages 253 - 254)
- Key Decision** (CAB3342 Appendix C)

**Lisa Kirkman**  
**Strategic Director and Monitoring Officer**

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## **CABINET – Membership 2021/22**

Chairperson: Councillor Thompson (Leader and Cabinet Member for Partnership Working)

Councillor Cutler (Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance and Service Quality)

<b>Councillor</b>	-	<b>Cabinet Member</b>
Clear	-	Cabinet Member for Communities and Wellbeing
Gordon-Smith	-	Cabinet Member for Built Environment
Learney	-	Cabinet Member for Housing and Asset Management
Tod	-	Cabinet Member for Economic Recovery
Williams	-	Cabinet Member for Climate Emergency

**Quorum** = 3 Members

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As Cabinet is responsible for most operational decisions of the Council, its work embraces virtually all elements of the Council Strategy.

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