

Meeting Council

Date and Time Wednesday, 18th January, 2023 at 7.00 pm.

Venue Council Chamber, Castle Hill, Winchester SO23 8UL.

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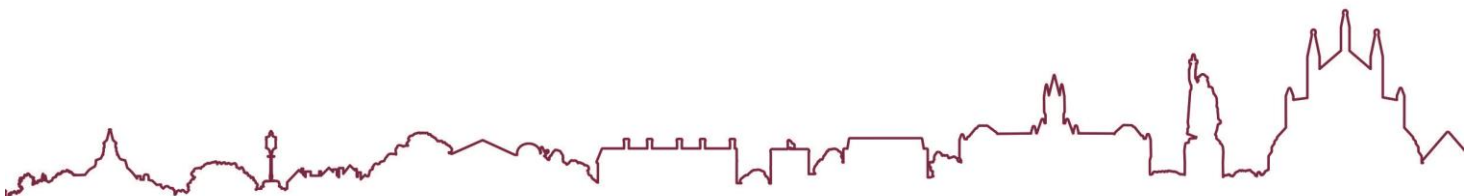
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Ordinary Meeting of the Council will be held at 7.00 pm on Wednesday, 18th January, 2023 in the Council Chamber, Castle Hill, Winchester SO23 8UL and all Members of the Council are summoned to attend.

Note: This meeting is being held in person at the location specified above. Members of the public should note that the meeting will be streamed live to the council's YouTube channel (www.youtube.com/WinchesterCC).

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. Please note that Questions must be received in writing by Democratic Services (democracy@winchester.gov.uk) prior to noon, five working days preceding the day of the council meeting.

AGENDA

- 1. Minutes of the Extraordinary and the Ordinary Meetings of the Council held on 5 October 2022 (Pages 9 - 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 11 January 2022)

5. **To consider and determine the following Recommended minutes of Cabinet held 14 December 2022 - Council Plan 2020-25 Refresh (CAB3370) (Pages 15 - 58)**

RECOMMENDED (TO COUNCIL):

That the Council Plan 2020 to 2025: December 2022 update be adopted.

6. **Report and Recommendations of the Independent Members' Remuneration Panel (CL164) (Pages 59 - 110)**

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That Council adopts the Members' Allowance Scheme 2023 as set out in the Independent Remuneration Panel's Report at Appendix A and that authority be delegated to the Strategic Director and Monitoring Officer to finalise a Members' Allowances Scheme to take effect from 1 April 2023, in accordance with the recommendations of the Panel, as summarised below.
 - i. That the Basic Allowance for Members of Winchester City Council for the year 2023/24 be £6,795 subject to any indexation (paragraph 4.1.15, page 6 of the Panel's report)
 - ii. That that no councillor shall be entitled to receive at any time more than one Special Responsibility Allowance (paragraph 4.2.5, page 8)
 - iii. That the Leader of the Council receive a Band One Special Responsibility Allowance (paragraph 4.2.10, page 9).
 - iv. That the Deputy Leader of the Council receive a Band Two Special Responsibility Allowance (paragraph 4.2.11, page 9)
 - v. That the Cabinet Members, Chairperson of Planning, Leader of the Principal Opposition Group and Chairperson Scrutiny receive a Band Three Special Responsibility Allowance (paragraph 4.2.16, page 10).
 - vi. That the Chairperson of Licensing and Regulatory Committee, Chairperson of Audit and Governance Committee, Chairperson of Business and Housing Policy Committee and Chairperson of Health and Environment

Policy receive a Band Four Special Responsibility Allowance (paragraph 4.2.18, page 10).

- vii. That the Chairperson of the Council, Other Opposition Group Leaders and Vice Chairperson of the Planning Committee receive a Band Five Special Responsibility Allowance (paragraph 4.2.22, page 11).
 - viii. That the Chairperson of the Winchester Town Forum, Chairperson of Task and Finish Working Groups and Group Managers each receive a Band Six Special Responsibility Allowance (paragraph 4.2.24, page 11).
 - ix. That travelling allowance continue to be in line with HM Revenue and Customs' rates (inclusive of for electric vehicles) and that no changes be made to the subsistence allowance scheme for approved councillor duties (paragraph 4.3.1, page 12)
 - x. That that the Dependent's Carers' Allowance for childcare and more specialist care continue be based at cost upon production of receipts (paragraph 4.4.3, page 12)
 - xi. That the approach outlined in the IRP's report (paragraph 4.5, page 13) be adopted as a basis of a policy to support parental leave for councillors.
 - xii. That an annual indexation of the basic allowance and each of the SRAs continue to be based on the current formula (NJC Local Government). This may be a flat rate percentage increase or as in 2022/23 be based on a specific Spinal Column Point (SCP 29, 5.5%) (paragraph 4.6.1, page 14)
 - xiii. That the new scheme of allowances to be agreed by the Council be implemented with effect from the beginning of the 2023-24 financial year, at which time the current scheme of allowances will be revoked (paragraph 4.7.1, page 14).
2. That should the Council **not** agree to adopt a revised Members' Allowances Scheme in accordance with the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel, its report and recommendations be noted and an alternative scheme be proposed to take effect from 1 April 2023 (and that authority be delegated to the Strategic Director and Monitoring Officer to finalise an alternative scheme)

7. **Final Report and Pay Policy Statement 2023-24 (CL166)** (Pages 111 - 148)

RECOMMENDED:

That the Pay Policy Statement for the financial year 2023/24 as set out at Appendix 3 of Report CL166, be adopted.

8. **North Whiteley Community Governance Review (CL167)** (Pages 149 - 172)

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Council is recommended to:

1. Note the results of the two consultations that have taken place on the options for the future governance arrangements for the North Whiteley Major Development Area.
2. Approve the draft recommendations, set out in the letter to residents at Appendix 3, so they can be published, and the community governance review process can be concluded.
3. Approve the draft reorganisation order, which appears in Appendix 4.

9. **Appointment of Statutory Officers (CL165)** (Pages 173 - 176)

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That Elizabeth Keys be appointed Section 151 Officer for the Council with immediate effect.
2. That Sharon Evans be appointed as the Council's Monitoring Officer with immediate effect.

10. **Notices of Motion**

i. To consider the following Motion to be proposed by Councillor Malcolm Wallace:

"This Council notes with concern

- The Government's inconsistent policies on fracking for shale gas
- The support of Hampshire County Council for further oil and gas development in its draft Minerals and Waste Plan: Partial update.

As part of our climate emergency response, this council is committed to a just energy transition and to ambitious investments in the green infrastructure and industries that will create jobs and rapidly decarbonise our economy.

The construction of new fossil fuel infrastructure and expanded reliance on fossil fuels exposes our communities to untenable risks to public health and safety at the local and global levels, whilst failing to provide relief to those struggling with fuel bills as the tiny contribution such activity would make to the world market would not affect prices. The economic opportunities presented by a clean energy transition far outweigh the opportunities presented by an economy supported by expanding fossil fuel use and extraction.

Therefore, this council resolves to:

- a. Oppose as a matter of council policy any initiatives to develop fracking for shale gas.
- b. Respond to the consultation to the County Council's refreshed Minerals and Waste Plan stating our opposition to the extraction of oil and gas, our opposition to the continuing potential for further licences for extraction and re-affirming our opposition to the process of fracking to obtain gas and oil in Hampshire."

ii. To consider the following Motion to be proposed by Councillor Caroline Horrill:

"In 2022 the Local Government Association launched a campaign Debate Not Hate.

The intimidation and abuse of councillors, in person or otherwise, undermines democracy; preventing elected members from representing the communities they serve, deterring individuals from standing for election, and undermining public life in democratic processes.

This council notes that increasing levels of toxicity in public and political discourse is having a detrimental impact of local democracy and that prevention, support and responses to abuse and intimidation of local politicians must improve to ensure councillors feel safe and able to continue representing their residents.

This council therefore commits to challenge the normalisation of abuse against councillors and officers and uphold exemplary standards of public and political debate in all it does. The council further agrees to sign up to the LGA's Debate Not Hate campaign. The campaign aims to raise public awareness of the role of councillors in local

communities, encourage healthy debate and improve the response to and support those in public life facing abuse and intimidation.

In addition, this council resolves to:

- Write to our local Members of Parliament to ask them to support the campaign
- Regularly review the support available to councillors in relation to abuse and intimidation and councillor safety
- Work with the local police to ensure there is a clear and joined-up mechanism for reporting threats and other concerns about the safety of councillors and their families and discuss the need to take a preventative approach that accounts for the specific risks that councillors face, as they do with other high-risk individuals, like MPs.
- Take a zero-tolerance approach to abuse of councillors and officers.”

iii. To consider the following Motion to be proposed by Councillor James Batho:

“This council notes:

- Winchester City Council has historically taken a lead in implementing 20 mph zones in Hampshire – implementing the City Centre zone and the Highcliffe and Winnall 20 mph zones – alongside the Hampshire County Council-initiated zone in Stanmore – in 2014.
- Winchester City Council has worked in partnership with Hampshire County Council to develop the Movement Strategy which provides a framework for Active Travel related infrastructure within the City area. Active Travel is further promoted in the City and District by Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans. In conjunction with Hampshire County Council a bid has been recently submitted for funding of a ‘Mini Holland’ to develop additional schemes to encourage Active Travel.
- Last year Hampshire County Council initiated a review of 20 mph speed limits and conclusions from that are due to be decided upon later this year.
- A campaign organised by 20’s Plenty for Hampshire has generated a high level of support from Parish Councils in the Winchester District.

That this Council:

- 1) Expresses its support for the '20's Plenty for Hampshire' campaign;
- 2) Calls on Hampshire County Council to extend the 20 mph areas in Winchester City, and introduce new ones in the wider District

where appropriate, as part of the wider programme to support Active Travel;

- 3) Supports Parish Councils in the Winchester District who want 20 mph zones;
- 4) Requests Hampshire County Council to make the 20mph speed limit the default in the County in places where people live, work, shop, play or learn; leaving a 30mph limit as the exception on those roads where full consideration of the needs of vulnerable road users allows a higher limit; and
- 5) Asks the Leader of the Council to write to our district's County Councillors, the members of Hampshire County Council's Universal Services - Transport and Environment Select Committee and the Executive Lead Member for Universal Services to support this change."

11. Changes to Committee Memberships

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

12. 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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10 January 2023

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Quorum = 15 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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