

Meeting	Council
Date and Time	Wednesday, 17th January, 2024 at 6.30 pm .
Venue	Council Chamber, Castle Hill, Winchester SO23 8UL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Ordinary Meeting of the Council will be held at 6.30 pm on Wednesday, 17th January, 2024 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 You Tube 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 10am, five working days preceding the day of the council meeting.

AGENDA

- 1. Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 30 November 2023** (Pages 7 - 16)
- 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 10am on Wednesday 10th January 2024)

5. **Licensing Policy Update (CL170) (Pages 17 - 72)**

RECOMMENDED:

That Council adopt the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy as set out in Appendix 1 to the report.

6. **To consider and determine the following Recommended Minute of the Audit and Governance Committee held 9 November 2023 - Final Report and Pay Policy Statement 2024/25 (AG103) (Pages 73 - 112)**

RECOMMENDED:

That the Pay Policy Statement for the financial year 2024/25 be adopted as set out in report AG103.

7. **Notices of Motion**

To consider the following Motion to be proposed by Councillor Danny Lee (seconded by Councillor Wallace):

Full Council notes:

1. That this Council has unanimously declared a Climate and Nature emergency and recognises the interdependences between the two emergencies.
2. The supporting motions for the emergencies above commit the Council to achieve net zero carbon emissions by 2030 and do all it can to protect and enhance nature.
3. There are now 6 years left to achieve the net zero District carbon target date.
4. The council has been progressing a package of low carbon opportunities through its Carbon Neutrality Action Plan (CNAP) which has been updated based on a refreshed Roadmap to reach the District wide net zero target by 2030.
5. The Council's 2023/24 'Treasury Management Strategy Statement' and 'Annual Investment Strategy' has acknowledged Community

Municipal Investments [CMI] as a funding option. This approach already has the support of 9 Councils; with another 4 Council CMIs due by June plus 2-3 imminent for a second issue including Bristol City Council. [1]

6. Research reveals:
 - 73% of savers and investors are interested in lending money to their council if it helps deliver environmental or socially beneficial projects (Place Climate Action Network).
 - On average every 100,000 people hold £4bn of savings and investments in the UK. The vast majority of this wealth currently flows out of communities into national or international saving and investment products (ONS).
 - Not all of this money will be seeking low risk return profile of CMI, but even if only 5% of this money is looking for a low-risk option this represents £200m of potential borrowing available within a typical council's area (Abundance).
7. This source of finance is a way to channel local savings into local projects [2].
8. All 'environment' projects need routine robust business plans based on the Council Plan including the CNAP plus Nature Emergency resolutions.
9. That offering local savers a way to support the District's journey to carbon neutrality and nature protection/enhancement should be developed.
10. That offering investment through municipal bonds is an established way to develop local infrastructure for these emergencies [3]. This could complement other projects such as in the example at Bristol Energy Cooperative.
11. CMIs offer a very different set of financial benefits to investors when compared with investments offered by commercial companies.
12. That CMIs could help us develop a low carbon Winchester District in partnership with our community.
13. CMIs provide multiple Engagement and Social Value benefits as a powerful and complementary community engagement tool.
14. Winchester should seek to learn from the other pioneers of CMI in developing appropriate local opportunities for local investors [e.g. 4]

Full Council resolves:

1. To continue to develop Community Municipal Investments for Winchester.
2. To request officers to identify carbon saving and high nature projects suited to CMI investment in conjunction with appropriate stakeholders. Once a suitable project is identified to scope methods to promote CMI as a way residents and institutions can contribute to a new zero carbon and high nature Winchester district

References:

1. The report supported by Bristol:
<https://baumaninstitute.leeds.ac.uk/research/financing-for-society/>
2. Initial proposed interest rate is 1.2%. See: Your questions answered on Green Community Bonds | Abundance Blog
<https://medium.abundanceinvestment.com/community-municipal-investments-your-questions-answered-25218ed4d2cb>
3. https://medium.abundanceinvestment.com/community-municipal-investments-the-new-option-for-your-low-risk-money-a9cc5d72e03a?source=post_internal_links-----1-----
4. These are: Leeds Council, Warrington, and West Berkshire. E.g. Invest now: <https://info.westberks.gov.uk/wbcmi>;
<https://www.abundanceinvestment.com/invest-now/warrington-2025>
5. https://eprints.whiterose.ac.uk/175824/1/2021_07_01_CMB-Innovate-UK-Report-Web-2.pdf
6. <https://www.local.gov.uk/publications/financing-green-ambitions>

8. Appointment of Monitoring Officer

Following the resignation of the existing postholder, that the Council appoint Lisa Kirkman as Monitoring Officer for the Council. The Chief Executive exercised their powers under urgency procedures (Part 3.4, para 5.3 (e)) to appoint Ms Kirkman with effect from 1 January 2024 having considered that the proposed Monitoring Officer has the appropriate knowledge, skills and experience to undertake this role.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that, Ms Lisa Kirkman be appointed Monitoring Officer for the Council

9. Information for Council

Partnership for South Hampshire: Cllr Martin Tod

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 **40** minutes.

LAURA TAYLOR
Chief Executive

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Quorum = 15 members

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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 6.30pm 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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