

**Winchester City Council - Decisions taken by the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance & Performance Decision Day on Monday, 4 December 2023**

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**Part A – Items considered in public**

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| A4 | Extension of Insurance Contract (DD73) | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That an Exception to Contract Procedure Rules to enter into a further 12-month extension of the Long-Term Agreement (LTA) for Insurance Services and associated policies (contracts) from 1 April 2024, be approved.</li> <li>2. That Authority be delegated to the Corporate Head of Finance (s151 Officer) in consultation with the Service Lead – Legal Services (Interim) to seek</li> </ol> | <p>The purpose of this report is to seek approval from the Cabinet Member for Finance and Performance for an extension to the council's current insurance policies (contracts) for a further period of 12 months from 1 April 2024. By extending the term it is in the best interests of the council as detailed within this report.</p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The council could choose not to agree to an extension of the LTA and conduct a tender process in isolation. This would not secure the council best value as we would not benefit from the economies of scale released through the collaborative arrangement. The state of the market will soften in future, although there is no set timing when the hard market ends, this will potentially result in better premiums and</li> </ol> |
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|  |  | <p>insurance premiums for the period 1 April 2024 – 31 March 2025 and enter into the policies (contracts).</p> <p>3. That Authority be delegated to the Corporate Head of Finance to review and progress options recommended by the Hampshire Insurance Forum (HIF) for insurance policies from April 2025 onwards.</p> |  | <p>renewal terms if an approach to the market is made next year rather than now.</p> <p>2. In addition, insurance broker Arthur J Gallagher have advised that there is currently a large increase in the number of public insurance tenders due to Covid delays and the market is flooded. Demand is expected to fall over the next few months and an extension and later tender to the market from HIF could attract better terms and/or a higher number of tenders returned.</p> |
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| A5 | Jane Austen 250 Year Memorial Statue (DD74) | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That a capital grant of £10,000 be awarded to the Chapter of Winchester Cathedral in support of creation of the Jane Austen 250 year memorial statue. The financial award be made once work on the original is commissioned.</li> <li>2. That if funding for the bronze casting not be secured, it be noted that the clay original can be displayed for the anniversary year.</li> <li>3. That the Chapter work with the City Council in order to incorporate the Jane Austen 250 year memorial statue in trail leaflets and</li> </ol> | <p>2025 marks the 250<sup>th</sup> year of Jane Austen’s birth and presents an opportunity to amplify her legacy in Winchester, highlighting her connections to the house in College Street in which she died and the place she is buried in Winchester Cathedral</p> <p>The Chapter of Winchester Cathedral wish to install a memorial statue to Jane Austen in the Inner Close. Martin Jennings has been commissioned to create the work and is recognised as one of the country’s leading figurative sculptors, most recently creating the portrait of King Charles III for the Royal Mint.</p> <p>This report proposes a</p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Council could choose not to contribute to the work, but this is not recommended due to the close connection of Jane Austen to the city of Winchester.</li> </ol> |
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|                  |   | <p>campaigns to provide the opportunity for as many people as possible to see the work, both during the anniversary year and after.</p>   | <p>£10,000 contribution from the City Council for the work.</p>  |             |
| <p><b>A6</b></p> | <p>Extract of draft minutes from The Scrutiny Committee held on 22 November 2023 (DD75)</p> | <p>1. That the extract of the draft minutes from The Scrutiny Committee held on 22 November 2023 in respect of the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Business Plan and Budget Options (CAB3432) and General Fund Budget Options and Medium-Term Financial Strategy (CAB3430), be noted.</p> | <p>To receive an extract of the draft minutes of The Scrutiny Committee held on 22 November 2023 in relation to the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Business Plan and Budget Options and General Fund Budget Options &amp; Medium-Term Financial Strategy.</p> | <p>None</p> |