

Meeting Council

Date and Time Wednesday, 15th January, 2025 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, 15th January, 2025 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 6 November 2024 (Pages 5 - 14)

2. **Disclosure of Interests**

To receive any disclosure of interests from Councillors or Officers in matters to be discussed.

Note: Councillors are reminded of their obligations to declare disclosable pecuniary interests (DPIs), other registerable interests (ORIs) and non-registerable interests (NRIs) 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 8 January 2025)

5. To consider and determine the following Recommended Minutes: Cabinet held 11 December 2024 - Council Plan 2025-30 (CAB3480) (Pages 15 - 42)

RECOMMENDED:

That the adoption of the Council Plan 2025 -2030 be recommended to Full Council with effect from 1 April 2025.

At the meeting of Cabinet held 11 December 2024 it was agreed that authority be delegated to the Leader, in consultation with the Chief Executive, to make any necessary minor amendments and typographical corrections to the Plan prior to consideration at Council.

Accordingly, a revised tracked changed version of the Council Plan 2025 - 2030 is now included at Appendix 1 to Report CAB3480 (attached)

6. To consider and determine the following Recommended Minutes: Audit and Governance Committee held 28 November 2024 - Final Report and Pay Policy Statement 2025/26 (AG142) (Pages 43 - 70)

RECOMMENDED:

That the Pay Policy Statement for the financial year 2025/26 be adopted.

7. To consider and determine the following Recommended Minutes: Audit and Governance Committee held 28 November 2024 - Complaints Guidance and Process (AG146) (Pages 71 - 184)

RECOMMENDED:

That the arrangements for dealing with code of conduct complaints (Appendix 2 of report AG146) be adopted as a document that is incorporated into the Councils Constitution.

8. Information for Council - English Devolution White Paper

The Government published its English Devolution White Paper on 16 December 2024 setting out a programme of devolution and Local Government reorganisation across England.

The vision outlined by Government is that all parts of England are to be part of regional Strategic Authorities that have a regional Mayor. These Strategic Authorities, working in a similar way to existing Mayoral Combined Authorities will have responsibility for driving growth and shaping public services across wider regional geographies covering strategic leadership of key place shaping responsibilities such as economic regeneration and growth, strategic planning, skills and employment and strategic transport. These Strategic Authorities will consist of Unitary Councils, which the White Paper indicates will ultimately replace the current two tier local government structure.

The Leader of the Council will provide a verbal report on the current position for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight and its possible implications for Winchester City Council.

9. Changes to Committee Memberships

To receive any resignations from committees and to make any necessary reappointments.

10. 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

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 10am on the preceding Wednesday. Please email to democracy@winchester.gov.uk.

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