

Meeting	Council
Date and Time	Tuesday, 16th July, 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 Tuesday, 16th July, 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 noon, five working days preceding the day of the council meeting.

AGENDA

- 1. Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 22 February 2024 and the Annual Meeting of the Council held on 15 May 2024.**
(Pages 7 - 28)
- 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, Tuesday 9 July 2024.
5. **To consider and determine the following Recommended Minute of the Scrutiny Committee held 6 June 2024 - Annual Scrutiny Report 2023/24 (SC093).** (Pages 29 - 46)

RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL:

That Council note the annual scrutiny report for 2023/24.

6. **Recruitment of Independent Persons (CL171).** (Pages 47 - 52)

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That Full Council is recommended:

1. To appoint the following three individuals as Independent Persons:
 - a. Alan Harrison
 - b. Linda Phillips
 - c. Peter Baulf
2. To extend its sincere gratitude to the Council's current Independent Person, Mr Michael Cronin for his dedicated service and invaluable contributions over the past seven years.

7. **Notices of Motion.**

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

Title: Accelerating Climate and Nature Emergency Actions

Preamble:

Winchester City Council's Carbon Neutrality Action Plan aims to meet our net zero targets by 2024 for the Council and 2030 for the District.

Achieving net zero locally is projected to cost half as much as a national approach while tripling financial returns⁽ⁱ⁾ and delivering three times faster⁽ⁱⁱ⁾.

Despite this, national preparation for climate change impacts remain inadequate.

Office for Environmental Protection (OEP) has raised significant concerns about failures to properly implement regulations which means key

Environmental Plan and local targets for improvement are likely to be missed⁽ⁱⁱⁱ⁾.

Central government must enhance collaboration with local governments to deliver faster for the Climate and Nature crises^(iv).

The most significant climate impacts affect our most vulnerable populations, who are least able to adapt^(v).

Degradation of natural habitats affects community well-being, contributes to climate change by releasing stored carbon. Restoration and protection of these habitats are crucial for mitigating climate change and maintaining biodiversity^(vi).

It is crucial for the new UK government to prioritise climate change with additional resources to expand local actions and meet UK's net zero targets and Nature targets.

This Council Notes:

- Our State of Nature is struggling to recover, and global warming temperatures have exceeded 1.5°C across an entire year and are now breaching 2.0°C^(vii).
- The importance of local initiatives to contribute to the UK's commitment to net zero by 2050 and a 78% reduction in emissions by 2030 from 1990 levels^(viii).
- The Government Net Zero Strategy estimates c82% of the UK's emissions are “within the scope of influence of local authorities”
- Studies indicate that local authorities could save the UK approximately £140 billion and deliver substantial energy and social benefits through localised climate and nature initiatives- an additional £400 billion in wider co-benefits^(ix).
- Local authorities need additional funding to enhance their contributions to the UK's net zero and nature protection goals^(x).
- A local climate 'test' applied to all government policy/funding decisions would support rather than conflict with local action. Ensures national policies align with and reinforce local climate initiatives. Thus, creating a cohesive approach to enable local authorities' climate goals for faster more efficient and effective delivery (as proposed by the LGA)^(xi).
- Local Nature Recovery Strategies (LNRS) can play a pivotal role in safeguarding our natural environment, ensuring sustainable development, and enhancing habitat value for carbon sequestration/associated ecosystem services and the well-being of our communities with long-term environmental, economic, and social benefits^(xii).
- An enhanced local focus on climate and nature through a government policy reset with new support could:
 - Address climate change and nature crises more equitably and promptly, with improved consideration of impacts on different

- community segments.
- Improve adaptation plans for a 'Just Transition' in housing and business sectors, increasing resilience against extreme climate events and bolstering both natural and built environments. This includes:
 - Promoting energy-efficient housing, protection from heatwaves, walkable neighbourhoods, nature-based solutions for flooding, reduced traffic pollution, and addressing health inequalities.
 - Facilitating closer coordination with partners for more effective local actions.

The Council Resolves To:

- Urge the new Government to form a partnership with councils to fast-track local decarbonisation with nature protection, restoration, and adaptation.
 - Request the Council Leader to write to our local MP and encourage Group Leaders to lobby their national parties to support these initiatives in a revitalised national-local government relationship.
 - Ask HCC to work closer with Districts to accelerate delivery of Net Zero and Nature restoration.
- (i) <https://post.parliament.uk/research-briefings/post-pn-0703/> & ([Local Government Association](#))
 - (ii) www.circularonline.co.uk/news
 - (iii) www.theoep.org.uk
 - (iv) <https://iuk.ktn-uk.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Financing-Local-Net-Zero-Projects-A-Guide-for-Local-Authorities.pdf>
 - (v) <https://post.parliament.uk/research-briefings/post-pn-0703/>
 - (vi) [BMJ Gut](#)
 - (vii) <https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/news/landmark-report-shows-uk-wildlifes-devastating-decline> & <https://climate.copernicus.eu/copernicus-global-temperature-record-streak-continues-april-2024-was-hottest-record>.
[Extreme heatwaves, droughts, wildfires and floods](#)
 - (viii) <https://www.theccc.org.uk/publication/independent-assessment-the-uks-net-zero-strategy/>
 - (ix) ([Local Government Association](#)) ([Local Government Association](#)).
 - (x) ([UK 100](#)) ([UK 100](#)).
 - (xi) <https://www.local.gov.uk/about/campaigns/make-it-local/back-local-climate-action/back-local-climate-action-further> & <https://www.local.gov.uk/publications/local-government-white-paper>
 - (xii) ([Public Pack](#)) Agenda Document for Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services Decision Day, 27/06/2024 14:00 (hants.gov.uk)

8. Changes to Committee Memberships.

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

9. **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

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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 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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