

COUNCIL

Tuesday, 16 July 2024

Attendance:

Councillors Present

Gordon-Smith (Mayor)

Aron	Learney
Latham	Lee
White	Miller
Bennett	Morris
Achwal S	Murphy
Achwal V	Pett
Batho	Porter
Brook	Power
Brophy	Rutter
Chamberlain	Scott
Clear	Small
Cook	Thompson
Cramoysan	Tippett-Cooper
Cunningham	Tod
Cutler	Wallace
Eve	Warwick
Horrill	Westwood
Laming	Williams
Langford-Smith	Wise

Apologies for Absence:

Councillors Pinniger, Becker, Bolton, Godfrey, Greenberg and Reach.

[Recording of Meeting](#)

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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.**

RESOLVED:

That the 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 be approved and adopted.

2. **DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS.**

Councillors Porter, Tod, Wallace and Warwick each declared personal (but non prejudicial) interests in respect of the agenda items due to their role as County Councillors.

Councillors Eve and Murphy both declared non-pecuniary interests in respect of agenda item 9, Questions from Members of the Council, regarding Question 5 which referred to the University of Southampton, which was both their employer. However, both councillors confirmed that neither held a role that was strategic or managerial.

3. **ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR, LEADER AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE.**

The Mayor advised that he was to attend the unveiling of a war memorial dedicated to local parishioners of St Maurices' Church, Winchester and also the opening of the new King George V playing fields pavilion facility at Bar End. He also announced forthcoming charities events and then reported that he was to congratulate the following recipients of the recent King's Birthday Honours:

Janet Lewis of Winchester - Deputy Director, Cabinet Office Legal Advisers. An OBE for Public Service.

David Andre Happy of Alresford - Managing Director, Telint. An MBE for services to Telecommunications and to Technology.

Nicola Jane Iles of Winchester - Head, Special Projects and Deputy Clerk, Privy Council. An MBE for services to the Accession Council.

Valarie Mary Etteridge of Winchester. A BEM for services to the community in Otterbourne.

The Leader firstly welcomed councillors recently elected and then advised that he had written to the three new MPs whose constituencies were part of the Winchester district. He had advised them that the council was open to working together on issues of common interest to our residents, highlighting the important role of local councils in delivering services to residents and inviting them each to provide views on the forthcoming refreshed Council Plan.

He was also to meet with new Leaders of neighbouring authorities and Hampshire County Council and referred to the Hampshire Prosperity Board, areas of common interest and the government's approach to devolution. The Leader then reported that the new deputy prime minister had thanked councils for their work to deliver the services that residents rely on, also highlighting the importance of economic growth to assist with their continued improvement. The way forward for devolution deals had also been set out.

Finally, the Winchester City Council had recently been subject to a Corporate Peer Challenge Review, and the Leader then thanked everyone for the work in achieving the positive feedback that had been received.

The Chief Executive announced apologies for the meeting.

4. **QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.**

Two written questions had been received from members of the public of whom one attended the meeting to present their question. Supplementary questions were also asked from those present. The questions received and their response were subsequently set out on the [council's website](#).

5. **TO CONSIDER AND DETERMINE THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDED MINUTE OF THE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE HELD 6 JUNE 2024 - ANNUAL SCRUTINY REPORT 2023/24 (SC093).**

Councillor Brook (Chairperson of the Scrutiny Committee) moved that the recommended minute of the Scrutiny Committee be approved and adopted (seconded by Councillor Horrill).

There were no questions or debate of the matters in the recommended minute and report.

RESOLVED:

That the recommended minute of the Scrutiny Committee held 6 June 2024 be approved and adopted:

That the Annual Scrutiny Report for 2023/24 be noted.

6. **RECRUITMENT OF INDEPENDENT PERSONS (CL171).**

Councillor Power moved that the recommendations in Report CL171 be approved and adopted (seconded by Councillor Chamberlain).

There were no questions or debate of the matters in the report and the recommendations for Council.

RESOLVED:

1. To the following three individuals be appointed as Independent Persons:

- a. Alan Harrison
- b. Linda Phillips
- c. Peter Baulf

2. That Council extend its sincere gratitude to the Council's outgoing Independent Person, Mr Michael Cronin for his dedicated service and invaluable contributions over the past seven years.

7. **NOTICES OF MOTION.**

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 15, one motion had been submitted for Council.

The motion had been submitted by Councillor Lee and was as set out on the agenda. The motion was seconded by Councillor Wallace. Following its introduction by Councillor Lee, Council then debated the matters in the motion. In summary the following points were raised:

- Much of the detail of the motion had already been pledged or was already being delivered by the Council. The third resolution of the motion had already investigated by the Liberal Democrats at Hampshire County Council.
- Winchester City Council had been commended for its work in delivering a climate action plan.
- The new MP for Winchester had undertaken to take proposals for meaningful action regarding climate change to parliament.
- Hampshire County Council had already considered a proposal to accelerate its decarbonisation plans, however this had been defeated at a previous meeting of the county council.
- The council worked in partnership with the South Downs National Park, which had reported considerable progress in achieving its various targets regarding re-naturing etc.

Having reserved his right to speak, the seconder of the motion (Councillor Wallace) then addressed Council, followed by the proposer of the motion (Councillor Lee) who exercised his right to respond to debate. The Council then voted on the motion as set out on the agenda.

RESOLVED:

That the motion proposed by Councillor Lee (seconded by Councillor Wallace) be not supported.

8. **CHANGES TO COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS.**

There were no changes to committee memberships for council to note.

9. **QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL.**

12 written questions had been received, 11 of which were heard at the meeting along with associated supplementary questions, with the responses to all the questions received and their response subsequently set out on the [council's website](#).

The meeting commenced at 6.30 pm and concluded at 8.10 pm

The Mayor