

COUNCIL

Wednesday, 20 May 2026

Attendance:

Councillors Present

Achwal S (Mayor)

Ablitt
Achwal V
Adams
Aron
Batho
Becker
Bennett
Brophy
Chamberlain
Clear
Cook
Cramoysan
Cutler
Godfrey
Gordon-Smith
Horrill
Laming

Latham
Learny
Murphy
Pett
Pinniger
Porter
Reach
Rutter
Scott
Small
Thompson
Tippett-Cooper
Tod
Wallace
Warwick
Westwood
White
Williams

Apologies for Absence:

Councillors Bailey-Morgan, Eve, Langford-Smith, Lee, Morris, Power, Wise, Clay and Fleuren

[Recording of Meeting](#)

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for the meeting were noted as above.

2. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

No declarations of interest were made.

3. **TO ELECT FROM AMONGST THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL A PERSON TO BE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WINCHESTER FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.**

Proposed by Councillor Clear and seconded by Councillor Learney and unanimously resolved that Councillor Jamie Scott be elected the 827th Mayor of the City of Winchester for the period commencing 20 May 2026.

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Jamie Scott be elected the 827th Mayor of the City of Winchester for the period commencing 20 May 2026.

4. **TO MOVE A VOTE OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING MAYOR.**

Councillor Scott (now Mayor) assumed the role of chairperson.

Proposed by Councillor Tippet-Cooper and seconded by Councillor Reach and unanimously resolved that the best thanks of the Council be accorded to Councillor Sudhakar Achwal for his service to the council as Mayor.

RESOLVED:

That the best thanks of the Council be accorded to Councillor Sudhakar Achwal for his service to the Council as Mayor.

5. **TO ELECT FROM AMONGST THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL A PERSON TO BE DEPUTY MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WINCHESTER FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.**

Proposed by Councillor Horrill and seconded by Councillor Warwick and unanimously resolved that Councillor Godfrey be elected Deputy Mayor of the City of Winchester for the period commencing 20 May 2026.

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Godfrey be elected Deputy Mayor of the City of Winchester for the period commencing 20 May 2026.

6. **TO CONFIRM THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.**

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Tod be confirmed as Leader of the Council (Chairperson of Cabinet).

7. **THE LEADER TO CONFIRM THE DEPUTY LEADER (VICE CHAIRPERSON OF CABINET) AND THE OTHER MEMBERS OF CABINET.**

The Leader, Councillor Tod, confirmed the Deputy Leader (Vice Chairperson of Cabinet) and other members of Cabinet.

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Cutler be appointed as Deputy Leader (Vice Chairperson of Cabinet) and Councillors Becker, Cramoysan, Learney, Porter, Reach and Thompson as remaining members of Cabinet.

8. **TO DETERMINE THE NUMBER OF SEATS TO BE ALLOCATED TO EACH GROUP AND TO CONFIRM THE MEMBERS AND DEPUTY MEMBERS OF THE FOLLOWING BODIES (OR OTHER BODIES AS COUNCIL MAY DETERMINE) FOR THE ENSUING YEAR:**

RESOLVED:

1. That the Monitoring Officer be authorised to make any minor consequential amendments to the Constitution to give effect to the decisions made.

2. That allocation of seats to political groups and memberships of the following bodies be confirmed be as follows:

Scrutiny Committee (9) – Councillors Pett, Power, Laming, Murphy, Batho, Clear, Gordon-Smith (Liberal Democrats 7) and Councillor Horrill (Conservatives 1) and Councillor Wallace (Independent & Green) plus deputies – Councillors Achwal V, Small (Liberal Democrats 2) and Councillors Warwick, Langford-Smith (Conservatives 2) and Councillors Cook and Lee (Independent & Green 2)

Audit and Governance Committee (9) – Councillors Morris, Chamberlain, Bennett, Brophy, Achwal S, Aron, Adams (Liberal Democrats 7) and Councillor Godfrey (Conservatives 1) and Councillor Bailey-Morgan (Independent & Green 1) plus deputies – Councillors Pinniger, Latham (Liberal Democrats 2) and Councillors Horrill, Warwick (Conservatives 2) and Councillors Lee, Wallace (Independent & Green 2)

Licensing and Regulation Committee (10) – Councillors Laming, Morris, Gordon-Smith, Pett, Achwal S, Brophy, Wise, Latham (Liberal Democrats 8) and Councillor Langford-Smith (Conservatives 1) and Wallace (Independent & Green 1) plus deputies – Councillors Tippet-Cooper, Clay, (Liberal Democrats 2) and Councillors Godfrey, Warwick (Conservatives 2) and Cook, Lee (Independent & Green 2)

Planning Committee (9) – Councillors Aron, Gordon-Smith, Laming, Rutter, Small, Williams, Ablitt (Liberal Democrats 7) and Councillor Langford Smith (Conservatives 1) and White (Independent & Green 1) plus deputies – Councillors Clear, Pett (Liberal Democrats 2) and Councillors Horrill, Godfrey (Conservatives 2) and Cook, Lee (Independent & Green 2)

Economy and Housing Policy Committee (9) – Councillors Batho, Morris, Murphy, Achwal S, Brophy, Ablitt, Fleuren (Liberal Democrats 7) and Councillor Horrill (Conservatives 1) and Cook (Independent & Green 1) plus deputies – Councillor Bennett, Wise (Liberal Democrats 2) and Councillors Langford-Smith, Warwick (Conservatives 2) and Councillors Bailey-Morgan and White (Independent & Green 2)

Health and Environment Policy Committee (9) – Councillors Brophy, Pett, Power, Westwood, Achwal V, Pinniger, Tippet-Cooper (Liberal Democrats 7) and Councillor Warwick (Conservatives 1) and Lee (Independent & Green 1) plus deputies – Councillors Eve, Fleuren (Liberal Democrats 2) and Councillors Horrill, Langford-Smith (Conservatives 2) and Councillors Cook and Bailey-Morgan (Independent & Green 2)

Housing Appeals Committee (3) - Councillors Batho, Power, Clear (Liberal Democrats 3)

Joint West of Waterlooville Planning Committee (5) – Councillors Laming, Williams, Rutter, Small (Liberal Democrats 4) and Councillor Wallace (Independent & Green 1) plus deputies – Councillors Clear and Pett (Liberal Democrats 2) and Councillors White and Lee (Independent & Green 2)

Further to the above, and pursuant to Section 16 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, the Chief Executive served notice of each of the leaders of the political groups on the Council as to the allocation of seats indicated above.

9. **TO ELECT THE CHAIRPERSONS OF EACH OF THE FOLLOWING BODIES (OR OTHER BODIES AS COUNCIL MAY DETERMINE) FOR THE ENSUING YEAR:-**

RESOLVED:

That chairpersons of the following bodies be confirmed as follows:

Scrutiny Committee – Councillor Wallace
Audit and Governance Committee – Councillor Morris
Licensing and Regulation Committee – Councillor Laming
Planning Committee – Councillor Rutter
Economy and Housing Policy Committee – Councillor Batho
Health and Environment Policy Committee – Councillor Pett
Housing Appeals Committee - Councillor Power
Joint West of Waterlooville Planning Committee – Councillor Rutter

10. **TO PASS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION IN RESPECT OF THE WINCHESTER TOWN FORUM.**

Proposed by The Leader, Councillor Tod and seconded by Councillor Cutler.

RESOLVED:

That the Winchester Town Forum be established for 2026/27 with membership consisting of all Members who represent the five Winchester Town Wards.

11. **TO PASS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION IN RESPECT OF THE HOUSING (APPEALS) COMMITTEE.**

Proposed by The Leader, Councillor Tod and seconded by Councillor Cutler.

RESOLVED:

That alternative arrangements other than proportional representation be agreed in respect of the Housing (Appeals) Committee.

The meeting commenced at 6.30 pm and concluded at 7.45 pm

The Mayor