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COUNCIL

Wednesday, 14 May 2025

Attendance:

Councillors Present

Gordon-Smith (Mayor)

Achwal S
Achwal V
Aron
Bailey-Morgan
Batho
Becker
Bennett
Bolton
Brook
Brophy
Chamberlain
Clear
Cook
Cunningham
Cutler
Eve
Godfrey
Horrill
Laming
Langford-Smith

Latham
Learney
Lee
Morris
Murphy
Pinniger
Porter
Power
Reach
Rutter
Scott
Small
Thompson
Tippett-Cooper
Tod
Wallace
Warwick
Westwood
White
Williams

Apologies for Absence:

Councillors Cramoysan, Miller, Pett and Wise

[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 Tippet-Cooper and seconded by Councillor Reach and unanimously resolved that Councillor Sudhakar Achwal be elected the 826th Mayor of the City of Winchester for the period commencing 14 May 2025.

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Sudhakar Achwal be elected the 826th Mayor of the City of Winchester for the period commencing 14 May 2025.

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

Proposed by Councillor Porter and seconded by Councillor Power and unanimously resolved that the best thanks of the Council be accorded to Councillor Gordon-Smith for his service to the council as Mayor.

RESOLVED:

That the best thanks of the Council be accorded to Councillor Gordon-Smith 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 Clear and seconded by Councillor Learney and unanimously resolved that Councillor Scott be elected Deputy Mayor of the City of Winchester for the period commencing 14 May 2025.

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Scott be elected Deputy Mayor of the City of Winchester for the period commencing 14 May 2025.

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 Batho, Clear, Laming, Murphy, Pett, Power (Liberal Democrats 6) and Councillors Brook, Bolton (Conservatives 2) and Councillor Wallace (Green) plus deputies – Councillors Gordon-Smith, Scott (Liberal Democrats 2) and Councillors Horrill, Godfrey (Conservatives 2) and Councillors Bailey-Morgan and Lee (Green 2)

Audit and Governance Committee (7) – Councillors Brophy, Chamberlain, Morris, Pinniger, Power (Liberal Democrats 5) and Councillor Godfrey (Conservatives 1) and Councillor Bailey-Morgan (Green 1) plus deputies – Councillors Aron, Bennett (Liberal Democrats 2) and Councillors Bolton, Miller (Conservatives 2) and Councillors Lee, Wallace (Green 2)

Licensing and Regulation Committee (10) – Councillors Brophy, Gordon-Smith, Laming, Latham, Morris, Pett, Wise (Liberal Democrats 7) and Councillors Cunningham, Langford-Smith (Conservatives 2) and Wallace (Green 1) plus deputies – Councillors Small, Tippet-Cooper (Liberal Democrats 2) and Councillors Bolton, Godfrey (Conservatives 2) and Lee (Green 1)

Planning Committee (9) – Councillors Aron, Gordon-Smith, Laming, Rutter, Small, Williams (Liberal Democrats 6) and Councillors Cunningham, Langford-Smith (Conservatives 2) and White (Green 1) plus deputies – Councillors Clear, Pett (Liberal Democrats 2) and Councillors Bolton, Godfrey (Conservatives 2) and Lee (Green 1)

Economy and Housing Policy Committee (8) – Councillors Batho, Chamberlain, Eve, Gordon-Smith, Morris, Murphy (Liberal Democrats 6) and Councillor Bolton (Conservatives 1) and White (Green 1) plus deputies – Councillors Brophy, Westwood (Liberal Democrats 2) and Councillors Horrill, Warwick (Conservatives 2) and Councillors Bailey-Morgan and Lee (Green 2)

Health and Environment Policy Committee (8) – Councillors Bennett, Brophy, Latham, Pett, Power, Westwood (Liberal Democrats 6) and Councillor Miller (Conservatives 1) and Lee (Green 1) plus deputies – Councillors Eve, Tippet-Cooper (Liberal Democrats 2) and Councillors Horrill, Warwick (Conservatives 2) and Councillors White and Bailey-Morgan (Green 2)

Housing Appeals Committee (3) - Councillors Batho, Power (Liberal Democrats 2) and Councillor Horrill (Conservatives 1) plus deputies – Councillor Clear (Liberal Democrats 1) and Miller (Conservatives 1)

Joint West of Waterlooville Planning Committee (5) – Councillors Bennett, Laming, Williams, Rutter (Liberal Democrats 4) and Councillor Langford-Smith (Conservatives 1) plus deputies – Councillors Clear and Small (Liberal Democrats 2) and Councillor Cunningham (Conservatives 1)

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 Brook
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 A 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 2025/26 with membership consisting of all Members who represent the five Winchester Town Wards.

11. **TO PASS A 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 7.50 pm

The Mayor

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