

	MINUTES FOR THE HURSLEY ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 30th April 2025 – 6.30pm – Parish Hall, Hursley	
Item	Subject	
1	Welcome and apologies	
	Cllr Killeen welcomed all to the meeting	
2	Minutes of the meeting held on May 2024	
	RESOLVED and approve	
3	Parish Council Annual Report 2024 2025 – Cllr David Killeen	
	Councillor Killeen wanted to make it brief. He highlighted the village gate project – working closely with HCC Highways and part funded by HPC. He thanked the Parish Councillors for their hard work over the year.	
4	Financial Statement – Printed and available.	
	This was provided in the report pack	
5	District Councilor’s Report 2024 2025 – attached	
	District Councillor Report Annual Parish Meeting – WCC councillor’s report A balanced budget for 2025/26 Winchester City Council has approved a balanced budget for the upcoming year, which supports vulnerable people, addresses the climate emergency, improves recycling and protects our environment. Key highlights in the budget include: • A commitment to the roll out of weekly food waste recycling collections to all households later this year with £595,000 allocated this year (£460,000 as one-off funding). This will start being introduced for residential properties from October 2025, collecting from each household by April 2026. • A strong emphasis on supporting vulnerable people, with additional funding to help prevent homelessness (an additional £300,000) and a revision of income bands for the council tax reduction scheme – ensuring that support continues to be received after the changes to the DWPs universal credit scheme. • Recognising the ongoing impact of the cost of living, the council has also extended the Council Tax Exceptional Hardship Fund into 2025/6. • Allocation of funding to increase capacity for planning enforcement cases, to help protect the district’s communities, its heritage and the natural environment from harmful unauthorised development. In full council, an average council tax increase of 2.7% was approved. For a Band D property, the City Council’s share of the council tax bill will be £163.66 per year (an increase of £4.30 per year). The council’s immediate financial position is stable. However, as with many local authorities, it faces increasing budget pressure long term, which it is addressing through its transformation	

programme, focusing on reviewing contracts, creating an effective and efficient digital service and generating more income.

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) 13 community initiatives benefit from £1.9 million investment

Communities across the district reaped the benefits of a £1.9 million investment last year as 13 projects funded through Winchester City Council's Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) reached fruition. The district CIL, raised from levies on new developments across the wider Winchester area and administered by the city council, helps fund local initiatives that contribute to communities and improve the lives of residents.

In the Badger Farm and Oliver's Battery ward, we have benefitted through a £12,850 investment in Otterbourne Village Hall's Toilet Refurbishment and funding of £10,000 to Oliver's Battery Playground.

CIL has also supported key Council-Led Projects including (Winchester Football Club 3G Pitch - £300,000, KGV Pavilion - £1,250,000, KGV Park Project - approximately £110,000).

Central Winchester Regeneration (CWR) moves ahead

WCC's Central Winchester Regeneration (CWR) is the project that will see that area around Kings Walk, Friarsgate and the bus station developed into a mixed-use, sustainable, pedestrian-friendly quarter. The aim is to reflect the distinctive character of the city centre, set within attractive open spaces.

Following a year of extensive consultation with the public and businesses by WCC's delivery partner, Jigsaw – Partnerships and Places, has taken a major step forward with the approval of the Development Delivery Plan and £4.5million capital grant of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL).

The Development Delivery Plan produced by Jigsaw was approved in March by the council's Cabinet. This sets out the project stages of this exciting regeneration programme and is supported by significant CIL investment to enable initial infrastructure works.

Additional £1.18M investment for parking improvements

As part of the council's ongoing commitment to support a vibrant local economy an additional investment in parking infrastructure has been agreed for the year ahead. This includes £305,000 to improve CCTV provision and tackle anti-social behaviour at the Park and Ride sites and upgrade payment machines. A further £40,000 will be invested to improve and upgrade the multi-storey phone signal. As part of the improvements programme budget, further resurfacing works will take place at St Catherine's Park and Ride facility, alongside improved signage and enhanced cycle storage.

WCC's Park and Ride and Park and Walk facilities have both seen an increase in user numbers over the last 12 months, which is supported by positive city centre footfall data which also shows an increase over the same time period.

WCC has forecast that this year it will have reduced its own carbon emissions by 96%

The 96% reduction in carbon emissions - a total of 1596 tonnes of carbon – is equivalent to the annual electricity usage of 2,855 average households. It includes all the emissions that the council has direct control over, such as the energy used in its own buildings and by its fleet of vehicles.

To achieve this, the council focused on prudent measures that deliver the highest impact – e.g. switching to low carbon fuel for its waste vehicles and Park and Ride buses, switching to 100% renewable energy and reducing overall energy consumption in all its buildings, generating its own

energy by installing solar panels, retrofitting its council homes with energy saving measures, creating and enhancing habitats and managing its land to store more carbon in nature.

WCC also forecasts a 40% reduction in emissions for activity outside of its direct control compared to 2023/24. This refers to things such as the fuel used by external contractors.

Making homes more energy efficient - Energy Saving Homes programme

‘Good Homes for All’ and ‘Going Greener, Faster’ are two of WCC’s main objectives. A key initiative supporting both aims is the council’s Energy Saving Homes Programme, which has been improving the energy efficiency of council homes, helping to save tenants money on their energy bills and reduce the homes’ carbon footprints. So far, the council has already delivered upgrades to 600 properties, raising their energy ratings as part of its Energy Saving Homes programme. This action supports efforts to achieve carbon neutrality for WCC operations by 2030.

Winchester City Council has been awarded £3,458,753 to improve the energy ratings of its council homes following a successful bid for funding to the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero.

With this support, the council aims to bring improvements to 672 homes over the next three years by making use of energy-saving technology such as air source heat pumps, solar panels and solar batteries, as well as building fabric improvements such as cavity wall and loft insulation.

Increasing EV charging infrastructure and a greener waste fleet

Over the past year, Winchester City Council installed three new rapid EV chargers and upgraded four fast chargers to rapid in its car parks across the district. This brings the total number across the district to 39, the vast majority of which have two charging points – i.e. over 70 dedicated EV charging parking bays available in City Council car parks.

WCC is also seeking to improve the environmental performance of its own vehicles. Earlier this year, all 17 waste and recycling vehicles within the fleet (operated by BIFFA) switched to Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil (HVO) which is already saving over 600 tonnes of carbon per year compared to diesel (up to 96%). The council also added a new 100% electric waste vehicle to its fleet. To pilot the practicalities of EVs in this context, the new truck is now being trialled across the district on a number of routes.

Strong service delivery - Local Government Association peer review

A 2024 peer review of Winchester City Council by the Local Government Association found the local authority to be a well-respected and high-performing organisation with a record of strong service delivery. The review provided external feedback on how WCC is performing and how it could improve, examining five key areas (local priorities and outcomes, its governance and culture, and its financial planning and management). Evidence included analysing data, interviewing staff and councillors and speaking to key partners.

In its feedback report, the CPC stated that the city council was a “well-respected and high-performing council, delivering for residents and partners”. The report continued: “The peer team heard positive feedback regarding the council’s performance and was satisfied that the city council is well-managed and benefits from a Leader and Chief Executive who are respected by staff, members and external stakeholders”.

The report also highlighted a number of other areas of positive action from the city council, including its prudent financial management, the work it is doing to address climate change and its efforts to consult and engage with residents on important decisions.

Nine recommendations were included in the report to help the council address future challenges, realise efficiencies and improve services, each of which have been addressed in a high-level action plan subsequently produced by the city council. The full feedback report, and Winchester City

	Council's action plan, can be read on our website: https://www.winchester.gov.uk/about/corporate-peer-challenge	
6	County Councilor's Report 2024 2025 – Including update on Devolution	
	Cllr Warwick gave a brief timeline of what was happening with the devolution and elections. The possible scenarios were explained and why it was felt that combining authorities would be a benefit including shared services. Suggested scenarios would be presented to Govt who would then make a preference. Isle of Wight would remain on its own. At the time it was unclear if elections would take place. More clarity was hoped for after the decision had been made.	
7	Updates from Councilors Highways – Cllr Edgoose Recreation Ground –Cllr Chik Flood Group – Cllr Hanna	
	Highways APRIL 2025 CFI Work All the signing and gateway work has been completed. The Passenger Transport Team have also relocated the bus stop and new flags added. New bus stop markings have also been completed. There have been some calls for a new bus shelter on the Romsey bound side by Kings Head, but there is not sufficient space on the pavement for a conventional unit. SLRs We have two units, a further older unit which has been repaired following vandalism and another new one on order. A schedule of dates for each location has been received. There is also interest in obtaining an additional unit over and above the current four units, as the current units are spread quite thinly over the Parish. This would be subject to available finance and HPC approval. Community Speedwatch This has been briefly discussed within the PC. The local PCSO has been contacted, with a view to understanding what is required in terms of kit and its cost. Also how many volunteers would be required to make it worthwhile and ease of uploading the data to the Police system in Winchester. Recreation Ground – Cllr Chik Cllr Chik gave a brief update on the recreation ground and ideas for future usage. Flood group – Cllr Hanna Councillor Hanna highlighted the works done to mitigate flooding over the winter and how the situation would be monitored going into the next winter season.	
8	Update from Parish Organizations Parish Hall Mgt – Will Cameron /Cllr Guest – Cllr Guest gave a brief update on the hall.	

	Village shop – Chris Beddoes – report is on website Church report – Kristin Tridimas – report is on website HVCA – Richard Baker – report is on website. Other groups	
4	Speakers • Ellie Banks - To give an update the CPRE Hedge Project across Hampshire • David Key – To discuss the archaeological digs at IBM Lodge	
	Ellie Banks – gave a short update on the CPRE project. They had been working with local landowners. She hoped to organize a walk in the summer and would let the Chair know when it was arranged. Details of their work would be on the cpre website. cprehampshire.org.uk David Key gave a fascinating talk about findings at the IBM lodge.	
	Close – all were invited for drinks and snacks after the meeting.	