

Minutes of the Proceedings of the **Test Valley Borough Council**  
held in the Council Chamber, Guildhall, High Street, Andover  
on Wednesday, 28 June 2017 at 4:00 pm

Details of Attendance	Cllr C Borg-Neal - The Worshipful the Mayor (Chairman)	(P)
	Cllr I Carr - Deputy Mayor (Vice-Chairman)	(P)
	Cllr P North (Leader of the Council)	(P)
Cllr N Adams-King	(P)	Cllr P Giddings (P)
Cllr J Anderdon	(-)	Cllr K Hamilton (P)
Cllr I Andersen	(P)	Cllr M Hatley (A)
Cllr G Bailey	(P)	Cllr S Hawke (P)
Cllr D Baverstock	(P)	Cllr I Hibberd (P)
Cllr A Beesley	(P)	Cllr A Hope (A)
Cllr P Boulton	(P)	Cllr P Hurst (P)
Cllr A Brook	(A)	Cllr I Jeffrey (P)
Cllr Z Brooks	(P)	Cllr A Johnston (P)
Cllr J Budzynski	(P)	Cllr P Lashbrook (A)
Cllr P Bundy	(P)	Cllr J Lovell (A)
Cllr D Busk	(A)	Cllr C Lynn (P)
Cllr J Cockaday	(P)	Cllr P Mutton (P)
Cllr C Collier	(A)	Cllr J Neal (P)
Cllr M Cooper	(A)	Cllr B Page (P)
Cllr S Cosier	(A)	Cllr T Preston (A)
Cllr D Denny	(P)	Cllr J Ray (-)
Cllr A Dowden	(P)	Cllr I Richards (P)
Cllr C Dowden	(P)	Cllr G Stallard (P)
Cllr D Drew	(P)	Cllr C Thom (P)
Cllr B Few Brown	(A)	Cllr A Tupper (-)
Cllr A Finlay	(P)	Cllr A Ward (A)
Cllr M Flood	(A)	

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**Prayers**

Prayers were led by the Right Reverend David Williams, the Bishop of Basingstoke.

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**Apologies**

**Resolved:**

**That the apologies of Councillors Brook, Busk, Collier, Cooper, Cosier, Few Brown, Flood, Hatley, Hope, Lashbrook, Lovell, Preston and Ward be noted.**

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## **Minutes**

### **Resolved:**

**That the minutes of the meetings of the Council held on 23 March 2017, 12 April 2017, 10 May 2017 and 17 May 2017 be confirmed and signed as correct records.**

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## **Mayor's Announcements**

The Worshipful the Mayor announced that a charity golf day will be held on Friday 15 September. Further details will follow.

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## **Committee Reports**

86.1

### **Minutes of Meetings**

#### **Resolved:**

**That the minutes of the following Committees and Cabinet meetings be received.**

Northern Area Planning Committee – 30 March 2017

Southern Area Planning Committee – 4 April 2017

Cabinet – 19 April 2017

Northern Area Planning Committee – 20 April 2017

Southern Area Planning Committee – 25 April 2017

Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 26 April 2017

Northern Area Planning Committee – 27 April 2017

Northern Area Planning Committee – 11 May 2017

Southern Area Planning Committee – 16 May 2017

Cabinet – 17 May 2017

Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 24 May 2017

Northern Area Planning Committee – 1 June 2017

Southern Area Planning Committee – 6 June 2017

Planning Control Committee – 13 June 2017

General Purposes – 21 June 2017

Cabinet – 21 June 2017

Northern Area Planning Committee – 22 June 2017

Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 26 June 2017

Southern Area Planning Committee – 27 June 2017

86.2 **Written Record of Decision by the Leader**

**Resolved:**

**That the Written Record of the Decision Day by the Leader on 10 May 2017 be received.**

86.3 **Recommendations**

86.3.1 Cabinet – 17 May 2017

86.3.1.1 **Draft Calendar of Meetings 2019**

The Corporate Portfolio Member presented the report which set out a draft Calendar of Meetings for 2019. The calendar was generally the same as for 2018 with appropriate breaks for the Cabinet and OSCOM throughout the year.

**Resolved:**

**That the draft Calendar of Meetings for 2019, as set out in the Annex to the report, be approved.**

86.3.2 Cabinet – 21 June 2017

The following items were contained within the Addendum report circulated to Council.

86.3.2.1 **Test Valley Local Development Scheme (2017)**

**Resolved:**

1. **That the Test Valley Local Development Scheme (2017), in the Annex to the report, be approved.**
2. **That the Corporate Director, in consultation with the Planning Portfolio Holder, be authorised to make changes of a minor nature to improve the presentation of the Test Valley Local Development Scheme (2017) and correct typographical errors prior to publication.**

86.3.2.2 **Fishlake Meadows Land Management Contract**

**Resolved:**

1. That the Head of Community and Leisure is authorised to enter into a contract with bidder B to manage Fishlake Meadows Nature.
2. That a total of £1,433,800 secured from development (14/00204/OUTS) for the management of Fishlake Meadows Nature Reserve, is allocated to the project for the delivery of the site management plan.
3. That the Fishlake Meadows Nature Reserve Scheme is added to the Council's Capital Investment Programme 2017 – 2020 at a cost of £354,750 financed from developer contributions.
4. That approval is given to a virement from developer contributions to cover the revenue costs of the scheme, as set out in the Annex to the report, paragraph 4.5.

86.3.2.3 **Annual Governance Statement 2016/17**

**Resolved:**

That the Annual Governance Statement for 2016/17 be approved and that the Leader and Chief Executive be authorised to sign it on behalf of the Council.

86.3.2.4 **Capital Outturn Report 2016/17**

**Resolved:**

That the updated Capital Programme as shown in Annex 1 to the report be approved.

86.3.2.5 **Asset Management Outturn 2016/17**

**Resolved:**

1. That the expenditure for the year on Asset Management projects, as shown in Annex 1 to the report, be noted.
2. That the updated budget for Asset Management projects in 2017/18, as shown in Annex 2 to the report, be approved.

3. **That the Head of Finance, after consultation with the Finance Portfolio holder and Head of Service responsible for any project, be authorised to amend the Asset Management Plan during the year, as discussed in paragraph 6.4.**

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### **Questions on resolved items – Rule 11.1**

Councillor Hamilton asked a question of the Finance Portfolio Holder in relation to the Cabinet meeting held on 17 May, item 26.1 on page 38 – Project Enterprise Update. She asked whether the Council had agreed objectives and funds to meet the costs?

The Finance Portfolio Holder advised that we did. He cited the February budget report, including balances, as well as action taken by the Council to mitigate against the changes by the Government in relation to Government grant; as evidence to substantiate his reply.

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### **Questions under Rule 11.2**

Councillor A Dowden asked the Leader to please explain to the Council:

1. Why an area of green space in Salcombe Close ,Valley Park, had been maintained by Test Valley Borough Council for over thirty years, when through a recent planning application, the Land Registry showed that the land was always in private ownership?
2. What will the cost of said maintenance, which included the removal of two trees, have been to the public purse over those thirty years?

The Leader replied as follows:

1. The area of land in question is shown on approved planning drawings classifying the land as for 'recreational use'. We are currently investigating the status of the land and the process that was followed. A full response will be sent to all members of the Council.
2. The cost of the maintenance of the land which included grass cutting was £966.60. The trees were removed from Test Valley land.

Councillor A Dowden thanked the Leader for his reply and asked a supplemental question:

Can the Leader provide an assurance that checks will be made of all land maintained by the Council under grounds maintenance, to confirm the correct ownership?

The Leader replied that the Council wished to keep land in its ownership where it was able to do so. He advised that it was contingent on all members, including County and Parish, to check up on these things. He reiterated that checks were being made to clarify the ownership of the land in question.

89                    **Overview and Scrutiny Chairman’s Annual Briefing**

Councillor Lynn, Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee presented an overview of the work undertaken by the Committee during 2016/17 which highlighted progress made by the Committee and key achievements.

He informed Council that Members of the Committee had participated in a number of round table discussions throughout the year, including Member Reviews and Scrutiny Panels as well as attending the regular scheduled committee meetings.

**Resolved:**

**That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Chairman’s Annual Briefing 2016/17 be received and noted.**

90                    **Andover Vision – Your aspirations, your future, your town  
2017-2037**

The Leader commented that the Andover Vision is a joint partnership project with the aim of delivering a 20 year strategy that reflects the ambitions of Andover’s residents, community groups, voluntary organisations, businesses and elected representatives.

Over the past 12 months an extensive programme of consultation has taken place in order to develop a new vision. The Andover Vision will provide an ongoing process that will bring people together to influence and shape the town for many years to come.

The renewed Andover Vision strategy was launched in April 2017 and it was proposed that the Council, along with other stakeholders in the town, formally sign-up to the document.

**Resolved:**

**That Council formally signs up to the new Andover Vision Strategy 2017-2037.**

91                    **Appointment to Outside Bodies**

The Leader stated that Council appoints representatives to serve on a range of outside bodies, including voluntary organisations, Local Government associations and companies. These appointments are generally made at Annual Council; however it was necessary to make additional appointments to two outside bodies.

**Resolved:**

- 1. That Councillor Denny be appointed as a Council representative to Andover Charities Trustees until Annual Council in May 2018.**

2. **That the Mayor and Deputy Mayor be re-appointed as additional representatives to the Countess Mountbatten of Burma Romsey Memorial Trust until Annual Council in May 2018.**

## 92 **Change to Councillors sitting on Member Investment Panel**

The Leader reminded Council that at its meeting on 11 November 2015, Council approved a delegation to the Head of Estates to make property investments subject to his consultation with a cross-party Member panel established for this purpose. He clarified that the report of the Finance Portfolio Holder recommended that a change be made to the Councillors that sit on that investment panel.

### **Resolved:**

**That with effect from 29 June 2017, the Member panel that supports the Head of Estates' delegation to purchase property investments consists of Cllrs Giddings, Hurst, North, Stallard and Ward**

(The meeting ended at 4.45 pm)