



Chichester City Council

## MEETING OF COUNCIL

### Minutes

**Date** 07 January 2026

**Time** 6:00 PM – 7:27 PM

**Location** Chichester City Council Chamber

**PRESENT:** Councillors Craig Gershater (CG), Sarah Quail (SQ), James Vivian (JV), Robert Miall (RMi), Judy Gershater (JG), Rhys Chant (RC), Sean McHale (SMH), Joanne Kondabeka (JK), Rhodri Moore (RMo), Louise Pramas (LP), Nicholas Russell (NR)

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** Town Clerk, Deputy Town Clerk, Council Services and Support Manager

#### COUNCIL2026/12 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Councillors Scicluna and Corfield.

Councillors Butler, Knight, Loxton and Apel were absent.

#### COUNCIL2026/13 DISPENSATION REQUESTS

A dispensation request had been received from RC regarding matters relating to CFT as they were a non-voting trustee appointment in their role as a CDC councillor.

Council **RESOLVED** to grant the dispensation.

#### COUNCIL2026/14 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

JK advised her family were members of the Racquets Club.

#### COUNCIL2026/15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Date of next ordinary meeting: Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2026 at 6.00pm

#### COUNCIL2026/16 PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960

Council **RESOLVED** that the public and press be excluded from this meeting for agenda item COUNCIL2026/17 due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, namely confidential business matters with third parties.

#### COUNCIL2026/17 COMMUNITY ASSET TRANSFERS

Council considered the Town Clerk's confidential report and **RESOLVED** to offer outline heads of terms on a like for like basis as currently provided by CDC, except that long lease terms of 100 years would be offered to all parties.

Due to the time constraints imposed on the process by CDC, Council additionally **RESOLVED** to delegate responsibility for finalising the final principles applied to the management of future lease negotiations with the various groups to a working

group comprised of the Chairs of all the Committees and the Mayor, with the Clerk authorised to make final offers agreed by the working group to be reported back to Council at the next meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> February.

**COUNCIL2026/18 COMMON SEAL**

**RESOLVED** that the Common Seal be affixed to any documents necessary to give effect to the resolutions passed at this meeting.

Meeting closed at 19.27