



Time and date

8.15pm on Wednesday **17 September 2025**

Place

Upper Guildhall, Andover

Councillors Present:		Arrival time noted if after meeting start						
Cllr H Neate (Town Mayor)	✓		Cllr T Burley (Deputy Town Mayor)	x				
Cllr K Bird	✓		Cllr J Cockaday	✓		Cllr M Farren	✓	
Cllr J Goodwin	✓		Cllr L Gregori	✓		Cllr S Hardstaff	✓	
Cllr A Horsnell	✓		Cllr J Hughes	✓		Cllr K Hughes	✓	
Cllr R Hughes	✓		Cllr R Kidd	✓		Cllr R Meyer	✓	
Cllr E Reynolds	✓		Cllr G Walters	✓				

Officers Present:	Tor Warburton (Town Clerk/RFO) Micha West (Deputy Town Clerk/Deputy RFO) Started at 8.15pm
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Members of the Public:	0
County/Borough Councillors:	Councillor Z Brooks
Members of the Press:	0

PUBLIC SESSION

C193/09/25 There were no Members of Public present at the meeting.

APOLOGIES

C194/09/25 Apologies were received from Councillor T Burley.

INTERESTS

C195/09/25 There were no pecuniary or non-pecuniary declarations of interests received about the agenda item.

GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION

C196/09/25 Motion – Government Reorganisation

Proposed by **Councillor R Hughes** and seconded by **Councillor L Gregori**
“That Andover Town Council rejects the proposals advanced by Hampshire County Council and East Hampshire Local Authority.

Signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting

Mayor / Chairman:

Date:

That Andover Town Council supports Option 1 from the documents, *"Close enough to be local big enough to stay strong"*, produced by 12 of the 15 local authorities in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. Reinforced by the document produced by Test Valley Borough Council, *"The Power of Place: A Transformative Vision for Local Government in Hampshire and the Solent."* A proposal to establish a new Mid Hampshire unitary authority encompassing the existing footprints of New Forest District Council, Test Valley Borough Council, Winchester City Council and East Hampshire District Council. That Andover Town Council does not support Option 2 or Option 3. Andover Town Council firmly resolves that if Option 1 is rejected – and any alternative proposals involve splitting Test Valley's existing boundaries or subsuming Andover into a Greater Southampton arrangement – then residents must be fully and properly consulted. Any attempt to redraw boundaries without meaningful public input would be unacceptable.

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Members went into a discussion and shared views.

Councillor M Farren requested a recorded vote.

A recorded vote was taken as follows:

FOR: Councillors H Neate, E Reynolds, K Bird, R Meyer, L Gregori, R Hughes, K Hughes, J Hughes, J Goodwin, A Horsnell, R Kidd and J Cockaday.

AGAINST: Councillors M Farren and S Hardstaff.

ABTENTIONS: Councillor G Walters.

Motion passed.

NEXT MEETING

C198/09/25

Members noted that the date of the next Full Council meeting would be **Wednesday 22 October 2025, at The Upper Guildhall, Andover, at 6.30pm.**

MEETING CLOSURE

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The Town Mayor closed the meeting at **8.44pm.**

Signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting

Mayor / Chairman:

Date: