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AT A MEETING of the Cabinet of HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL held at The Castle, Winchester on Tuesday 16 April 2024

Chairman: Councillor Rob Humby

- * Councillor Roz Chadd (in the Chair)
- * Councillor Liz Fairhurst
- * Councillor Jan Warwick
- * Councillor Edward Heron
- * Councillor Steve Forster
- * Councillor Nick Adams-King
- * Councillor Russell Oppenheimer
- * Councillor Kirsty North

Also present with the agreement of the Chairman: Councillors Neville Penman, Bill Withers and Jackie Porter

187. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillor Rob Humby.

188. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members were mindful that where they believed they had a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in any matter considered at the meeting they must declare that interest at the time of the relevant debate and, having regard to the circumstances described in Part 3, Paragraph 1.5 of the County Council's Members' Code of Conduct, leave the meeting while the matter was discussed, save for exercising any right to speak in accordance with Paragraph 1.6 of the Code. Furthermore Members were mindful that where they believed they had a Personal interest in a matter being considered at the meeting they considered whether such interest should be declared, and having regard to Part 5, Paragraph 5 of the Code, considered whether it was appropriate to leave the meeting whilst the matter was discussed, save for exercising any right to speak in accordance with the Code.

189. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 February 2024 were agreed as a correct record.

190. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman made the following announcements:

On 1 April, the functions of Local Enterprise Partnerships covering the county council geography were officially transferred to Hampshire County Council, and staff who joined the County Council from the Enterprise M3 LEP were welcomed. A single Joint Leaders Board would be developed to ensure the involvement of every District Council in Hampshire, alongside a new Prosperity Partnership Board, which would enable direct engagement with the County Council.

In February, Leaders in Hampshire met with representatives of Southern Water to hear what the company was doing to improve its services and infrastructure and ensure reliable water supplies for Hampshire residents.

A new SEND Youth Forum had launched, creating opportunities for young people with special educational needs or disabilities across Hampshire to share their views and experiences directly with council decision-makers on issues that affect them – such as education, training and employment.

At the Hampshire Association of Local Councils' annual conference the previous month, Councillor Humby spoke about the Hampshire 2050 Vision emphasising the crucial role parish and town councils would play in ensuring successful delivery.

191. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations.

192. DRIVING TOWARDS ECONOMIC STRENGTH

Cabinet considered an update report of the Director of Hampshire 2050 on the state of Hampshire's economy and highlighted latest developments on sub-national economic policy making, recognising the importance of a strong and prosperous economy on wider long-term outcomes across the county. During the discussion it was noted that Hampshire benefitted from positive statistics in terms of a healthy workforce, tracking above the national average. The Growth and Prosperity Board would enable a more joined up approach and provide autonomy and control of investment across the Hampshire area. Opportunities for alignment of skills in the area for businesses now and in future and matching to jobs in the area was important as part of the County Council's new governance and accountabilities. It was confirmed that the Growth and Prosperity Board would be aligned with the County Council's democratic decision-making timelines to ensure timely consideration of Board recommendations.

The recommendations in the report were considered and agreed. A decision record is attached to these minutes.

193. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH 2023/24: LET'S NOT WAIT – ENABLING HAMPSHIRE'S CHILDREN TO BE A HEALTHY WEIGHT

Cabinet considered the annual report of the Director of Public Health regarding childhood weight and obesity.

At the invitation of the Chairman, Councillor Jackie Porter addressed Cabinet. She welcomed the report and suggested including children and their parents in discussion on how to make changes to promote more active lifestyles and encourage more walking to school.

During the discussion it was noted that collaborative work with stakeholders including schools, planning and healthcare was good. It was suggested that there was not sufficient understanding of the long terms effects of obesity and Cabinet heard that work was underway on improving communication to encourage behaviour change.

The recommendations in the report were considered and agreed. A decision record is attached to these minutes.

194. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT DECLARATION ON TOBACCO CONTROL**

Cabinet considered a report of the Director of Public Health proposing County Council support to the Local Government Declaration on Tobacco Control. Responding to questions, the Director explained that support to the County Council's workforce would include smoking and vaping cessation advice and would also offer pharma support such as nicotine patches.

In discussing the report, Cabinet expressed concern at the rise of young people using e-cigarettes. It was noted that e-cigarettes were a useful tool in helping to reduce or stop smoking cigarettes, but that it was otherwise inadvisable to use them. It was also noted that advice had been provided to schools.

The recommendations in the report were considered and agreed. A decision record is attached to these minutes.

Chairman,

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HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Cabinet
Date:	16 April 2024
Title:	Driving Towards Economic Strength
Report From:	Director of Hampshire 2050

Contact name: Gary Westbrook

Email: Gary.westbrook@hants.gov.uk

1. The decision:

That Cabinet:

1.1 Notes that the economy fell into a mild recession at the end of last year, which places an emphasis on the County Council to continue to use its scale and influence to drive towards long term economic competitiveness of Hampshire, through shaping and influencing the key priorities set out in the Economic Strategy approved by Cabinet in December 2022. This also includes the County Council's role in promoting place-based Regeneration and Growth Partnerships.

1.2 Notes the Government announcement that councils across England will receive a £600 million support package, in addition to funding outlined at the local government finance settlement, to help them deliver key services. The support package will primarily be added to the Social Care Grant to bolster social care budgets. The Spring Budget did not address ways to ease the severe financial pressures faced by local government.

1.3 Notes the new requirement to produce and publish local authority productivity plans by July 2024 which need to set out how councils will improve service performance and reduce wasteful expenditure.

1.4 Notes the update on the integration of Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) functions into the Upper-tier Local Authorities in Hampshire, including the proposals for decision making.

2. Reason(s) for the decision:

2.1 To provide Cabinet with an analysis of the current economic climate in Hampshire and to update Cabinet on the progress with the integration of former LEP services and the new supporting governance structure.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1. Not to note the issues raised. This option was rejected as it would be against the best interests of the Hampshire economy.

4. Conflicts of interest:

4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker:

4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted:

5. Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel: none.

6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: not applicable.

7. Statement from the Decision Maker:

Approved by:

Date:

16 April 2024

**Vice Chairman of Cabinet
Councillor Roz Chadd**

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Cabinet
Date:	16 April 2024
Title:	Annual Report of the Director of Public Health 2023/24: Let's not wait – Enabling Hampshire's Children to be a Healthy Weight
Report From:	Director of Public Health

Contact name: Simon Bryant

Email: Simon.Bryant@hants.gov.uk

1. The decision:

1.1. That Cabinet:

- Notes the Annual Report of the Director of Public Health, 2023/24.
- Endorses the ambition within the Annual Report which acknowledges the significant challenge we face in respect to rising levels of childhood overweight and obesity, the multi-faceted causes, the impacts and system wide collaboration required to halt the worsening trend.
- Agrees the report recommendation: That we develop an approach for Healthy Weight in Hampshire which all partners can agree and sign up to, including plans to reduce child obesity.

2. Reasons for the decision:

2.1. The 2012 Health and Care Act placed a statutory duty on upper tier Local Authorities to improve and protect the health of their residents. Directors of Public Health have a statutory duty to write an Annual Public Health Report to demonstrate the state of health within their communities. The focus of this year's report is childhood overweight and obesity.

2.2. This report is a call to action to focus the one key priority which is the significant challenge we face in respect of rising levels of childhood overweight and obesity. The includes the multi-faceted causes and system-wide collaboration required to halt the worsening trend.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1. No other options were considered and rejected.

4. Conflicts of interest:

4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker: None.

4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted: None.

5. Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel: N/A

6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: N/A

7. Statement from the decision maker:

Approved by:

Date:

**Vice Chairman of Cabinet
Councillor Roz Chadd**

16 April 2024

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Cabinet
Date:	16 April 2024
Title:	Local Government Declaration on Tobacco Control
Report From:	Director of Public Health

Contact name: Simon Bryant

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1. The decision:

1.1. That Cabinet approves for the Leader of the Council, the Chief Executive, and the Director of Public Health, to sign the Local Government Declaration on Tobacco Control, in line with the Government's smokefree generation ambition.

2. Reasons for the decision:

2.1. The County Council, through its role as the Public Health Authority, leads local action to tackle smoking and youth electronic cigarette use through convening the Hampshire Tobacco Control Alliance, commissioning a community stop smoking service, and working in partnership across the system to embed smoking and electronic cigarette cessation and prevention. The County Council leads a multi-agency Tobacco Control Strategy which agencies have signed up to delivering together. This was presented at the Health and Wellbeing Board in March 2023.

2.2. The Local Government Declaration on Tobacco Control is a public statement of the County Council's commitment to action on smoking and electronic cigarette use and to protect residents from the harm caused by these products.

2.3. The most effective way to tackle smoking is through a comprehensive, collaborative approach working with partners across the system, which will be led by the Hampshire Tobacco Control Alliance.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1. No other options were considered.

4. Conflicts of interest: N/A

- 4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker: N/A
- 4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted: N/A
5. **Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel:** None.
6. **Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent:** N/A
7. **Statement from the decision maker:**

Approved by:

Date:

**Vice Chairman of Cabinet
Councillor Roz Chadd**

16 April 2024