

AT A MEETING of the County Council of HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL held  
at the castle, Winchester on Thursday 23 May 2024

Chairman:

\* Councillor Keith Mans

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| * Councillor Ann Briggs           | Councillor Adam Jackman                 |
| * Councillor Nick Adams-King      | * Councillor Gavin James                |
| * Councillor Prad Bains           | * Councillor Andrew Joy                 |
| * Councillor Lulu Bowerman        | Councillor Mark Kemp-Gee                |
| * Councillor Jackie Branson       | * Councillor Melville Kendal            |
| * Councillor Ryan Brent           | * Councillor Rupert Kyrle               |
| * Councillor Steven Broomfield    | * Councillor Peter Latham               |
| * Councillor Pamela Bryant        | Councillor Alexis McEvoy                |
| * Councillor Graham Burgess       | * Councillor Lesley Meenaghan           |
| * Councillor Joanne Burton        | * Councillor Derek Mellor               |
| * Councillor Fran Carpenter       | * Councillor Rob Mocatta                |
| * Councillor Roz Chadd            | * Councillor Arun Mummalaneni           |
| * Councillor Peter Chegwyn        | * Councillor Kirsty North               |
| * Councillor Adrian Collett       | Councillor Phil North                   |
| * Councillor Mark Cooper          | * Councillor Russell Oppenheimer        |
| * Councillor Rod Cooper           | * Councillor Sarah Pankhurst            |
| * Councillor Tonia Craig          | Councillor Tanya Park                   |
| * Councillor Alex Crawford        | * Councillor Stephen Parker             |
| * Councillor Debbie Curnow-Ford   | * Councillor Louise Parker-Jones        |
| Councillor Tim Davies             | * Councillor Neville Penman             |
| * Councillor Christopher Donnelly | * Councillor Stephen Philpott           |
| * Councillor Alan Dowden          | * Councillor Jackie Porter              |
| * Councillor David Drew           | * Councillor Roger Price                |
| * Councillor Barry Dunning        | * Councillor Lance Quantrill            |
| * Councillor Liz Fairhurst        | * Councillor Patricia Stallard          |
| * Councillor Michael Ford         | * Councillor Stephen Reid               |
| * Councillor Steve Forster        | * Councillor Elaine Still               |
| * Councillor Jonathan Glen        | * Councillor Kim Taylor                 |
| * Councillor Tim Groves           | * Councillor Tom Thacker                |
| * Councillor David Harrison       | * Councillor Michael Thierry            |
| * Councillor Marge Harvey         | * Councillor Martin Tod                 |
| * Councillor Pal Hayre            | * Councillor Andy Tree                  |
| * Councillor Juliet Henderson     | * Councillor Jacky Tustain              |
| * Councillor Edward Heron         | * Councillor Rhydian Vaughan MBE        |
| * Councillor Dominic Hiscock      | * Councillor Malcolm Wade               |
| * Councillor Keith House          | * Councillor Malcolm Wallace            |
| * Councillor Zoe Huggins          | * Councillor Jan Warwick                |
| Councillor Rob Humby              | * Councillor Bill Withers Lt Col (Retd) |
| * Councillor Wayne Irish          |   |

\*Present

Also present with the agreement of the Chairman: Honorary Aldermen Chris Carter, Keith Chapman, Andrew Gibson and Roy Perry.

## **Retiring Chairman's Statement**

Prior to the commencement of formal business the Retiring Chairman, Councillor Patricia Stallard, took the opportunity to reflect on her year in the role and the focus on her theme: Hampshire Heritage and the measures the County Council were putting in place to ensure a rich and enduring heritage of future generations.

Councillor Stallard reported on a very busy year during which the Hampshire 2050 Vision was revalidated and the Hampshire 2050 Summit took place last November. Proactive in this was the Hampshire Youth Parliament who have helped to shape priorities and future heritage.

The Hampshire Cultural Trust continued to go from strength to strength and now operates and manages a number of museums and heritage venues on behalf of the County Council, including the recently transferred Great Hall, to help to deliver a sustainable future for culture, and heritage in Hampshire.

Heritage extends beyond the built environment and this year the County Council commenced a significant new piece of partnership work to develop a Local Nature Recovery strategy which will guide future local environmental priorities and deliver benefits for nature and the environment.

The County Council's libraries and museums have become places of community and social hubs. An example is the work done by St Barbe Museum in the New Forest, which has developed an integrated community partnership with the Royal Lympington Yacht Club so that children and young people from financially vulnerable families can experience new opportunities. More than 1,300 children took part in heritage education workshops at the Royal Victoria Chapel.

The County Council's Archives & Records Service has run workshops for University of Winchester Degree Students and delivered a highly successful Open Day last September. The County Council also has its own Archaeology Team which compiles the Historical Environment Record [HER] database, and in 2023/24 the number of records in HER reached more than 80,000.

The County Council supports 12 planning authorities and more than 1,000 planning applications each year, ensuring that Hampshire's heritage is conserved and enhanced.

During her time as Chairman, Councillor Stallard commissioned the composition of an Anthem for Hampshire which featured at the Chairman's April concert in the Great Hall. Councillor Stallard was delighted to report that the Hampshire Music Service has now also established a folk ensemble so that Hampshire's folklore and culture heritage will also be retained. Councillor Stallard extended special thanks to Shaun Riches and John Cranston for the dedicated work they do with young people of the Hampshire Music Service.

In conclusion Councillor Stallard thanked Councillor Keith Mans for his support as Vice-Chairman, Neil Rusbridger who took on the role of Chairman's Consort at fairly short notice and did an excellent job, and to Natalie Jones, Personal Assistant for her

patience and support.

**212. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors Tim Davies, Rob Humby, Adam Jackman, Mark Kemp-Gee, Alexis McEvoy, Phil North and Tanya Park, and from Honorary Aldermen Patricia Banks and Robin McIntosh.

**213. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

The Chief Executive, as the Proper Officer, called for nominations for the position of Chairman of the Council to be appointed until the Annual General Meeting of the Council in 2025.

Councillor Nick Adams King, seconded by Councillor Jan Warwick, proposed Councillor Keith Mans. No other nominations were received therefore the proposition was put to the vote and carried.

ORDERED:

That Councillor Keith Mans be elected Chairman of the County Council until the Annual General Meeting in 2025. Councillor Mans made the declaration of Acceptance of Office and took the chair.

**214. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

The Chairman invited nominations for the position of Vice-Chairman of the Council to be appointed until the Annual General Meeting of the Council in 2025.

Councillor Nick Adams-King, seconded by Councillor Jan Warwick proposed Councillor Ann Briggs.

Councillor Jackie Porter, seconded by Councillor Malcolm Wade proposed Councillor David Harrison.

The propositions were put to the vote and the majority of the Members present voted for Councillor Ann Briggs.

ORDERED:

That Councillor Ann Briggs be appointed as Vice-Chairman of the County Council until the Annual General Meeting in 2025. Councillor Briggs made the declaration of Acceptance of Office.

**215. ELECTION OF LEADER**

The Chairman called for nominations for the position of Leader of the County Council pursuant to Part 1, Chapter 9 of the Constitution.

Councillor Patricia Stallard, seconded by Councillor Chris Donnelly proposed Councillor Nick Adams-King. In the absence of any other nominations the proposition was put to the vote and carried.

Councillor Nick Adams-King was duly elected Leader until the Annual General Meeting of the Council in 2025.

## 217. **CABINET MEMBERS**

The Leader confirmed the members of his Cabinet as follows:

Councillor Nick Adams-King – Leader and Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services

Councillor Roz Chadd – Executive Lead Member for Children’s Services

Councillor Steve Forster – Executive Member for Education

Councillor Liz Fairhurst – Executive Lead Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health

Councillor Jan Warwick – Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Younger Adults and Health and Wellbeing

Councillor Kirsty North – Executive Lead Member for Universal Services

Councillor Lulu Bowerman – Executive Member for Highways and Waste

Councillor Zoe Huggins – Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 (Climate Change, Culture and Partnerships) and Human Resources, Communications and Performance

## 218. **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 Non-Pecuniary 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.

## 219. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 22 February 2024 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**220. DEPUTATIONS**

There were no deputations on this occasion.

**221. INCOMING CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

In opening his announcements, the Chairman thanked Members for electing him Chairman of Hampshire County Council, which was a great honour.

The Chairman took the opportunity to thank Councillor Patricia Stallard for her chairmanship – she had done a great job and would be a hard act to follow; extended thanks to Councillors Nick Adams-King and Jan Warwick for proposing and seconding his nomination, and congratulated them both for being elected Leader and Deputy Leader respectively; congratulated Councillor Ann Briggs on becoming Vice-Chairman of the Council and welcomed two new Members to the County Council – Councillors Joanne Burton and Malcom Wallace

The Chairman also paid tribute to two retiring Councillors: Hugh Lumby and Seán Woodward who had stepped down from the County Council recently. He thanked them for all they had done during their time as local Councillors in Winchester and Fareham and as County Councillors. The Chairman also thanked Councillor Rob Humby for all he had done during his time as Leader of the Council during what had been very a difficult time during the Covid pandemic and the challenges of funding cuts and making savings, and thanked Councillor Roz Chadd and Councillor Edward Heron for the work they had done during their time as Deputy Leader of the Council and the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services. Councillors House, Harvey, Philpott, and Dowden also spoke and added their thanks. Councillor Taylor thanked Graham Allen, Director of Adult Services who would be retiring soon.

The Chairman reflected on his 40 years as a pilot in the Royal Air Force both as a regular and a reserve, his employment with John Lewis, his 10 years in Parliament and his role as Chief Executive of the Royal Aeronautical Society for 12 years. He then re-entered local politics and had been a Councillor for 15 years.

The Chairman confirmed he had identified three priorities for his year as Chairman of the Council:

- Environment and projection from climate change
- The Military
- Hampshire County Council outside Winchester and raising the profile of the County Council.

The Chairman had pleasure in concluding his report by mentioning awards and accolades for the County Council and its officers:

Corporate Services and the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Integrated Business Centre providing HR, finance and procurement services to the County Council, six other partners and 750 schools.

Children's Services – St Barbe Museum and Art Gallery in Lymington had been selected as the South East's winner in the Department for Education's Holiday Activities and Food Awards 2024.

## 222. **LEADER'S REPORT**

The Leader opened his report by thanking Councillor Stallard for her Chairmanship of the County Council over the last 12 months. Patricia had represented the County Council at numerous high-profile events and civic occasions, and devoted considerable time, energy and enthusiasm to the promotion of Hampshire heritage.

He welcomed Councillor Mans to the position of Incoming Chairman and Councillor Briggs to the position of Incoming Vice-Chairman, and he looked forward to working with them in the coming months.

The Leader also expressed a warm welcome to Councillors Burton and Wallace, following their election to the County Council earlier that month.

He paid tribute to former Councillors Seán Woodward, who retired from frontline politics in March after 38 years of outstanding service to local government in Hampshire, and to Hugh Lumby, who served only three years on the County Council, but was widely recognised as an effective and hardworking Councillor who was devoted to the Meon Valley division and his constituents.

He welcomed and congratulated a new Leader of the Labour Group; Councillor Taylor, and Deputy Leader Cllr Tustain, and thanked Councillor Crawford for his three years leading the Group.

The Leader paid tribute to former leader, Councillor Rob Humby and Deputy Leader, Councillor Roz Chadd, for steering the Council through two difficult years. Rob Humby stood down knowing he had changed Hampshire County Council for the better, and the County Council owed him a vote of thanks, not just for his sacrifice and hard work of the last two years but for his many years of service to the people of Hampshire.

Following the Council's resolution on the Boys need Bins campaign in September the previous year, the Leader updated members on action taken by the County Council, confirming that Hampshire County Council would shortly add sanitary bins to the male toilets in its five Country Parks, libraries, outdoor centres, and office buildings used by staff.

He updated members on a recent review of the County Council's office accommodation, explaining that three sites in Winchester had been identified for release; property on the Monarch Way site, Three Minsters House and Four Chimneys Family Centre buildings. This work formed part of the County Council's commitment to consider more flexible use of buildings to meet the

future needs of the organisation, whilst identifying significant opportunities to deliver savings and generate capital receipts.

The Leader updated members on the Post-LEP arrangements confirming that on 1 April 2024, the functions of Local Enterprise Partnerships covering the County Council geography were officially transferred to Hampshire County Council. He thanked everyone who supported the Enterprise M3 LEP and Solent LEP to help drive investment in Hampshire and bring local partners together over the last decade. The County Council was currently in the process of jointly establishing the new governance. This would include developing a single Joint Leaders' Board to ensure the involvement of every District Council in Hampshire, and a Prosperity Partnership Board, which would bring together representatives from local government, education, and business to help inform County Council decisions in relation to economic development and skills and ensure the best outcomes for residents and businesses across Hampshire.

The Leader welcomed the announcement from central government that £8.45 million of reallocated HS2 funding had been awarded to Hampshire County Council to help accelerate the delivery of highways improvement schemes across Hampshire. The 19 projects that will benefit from the funding had been shared with the Department for Transport, and are listed on the County Council's website.

The Leader reported that the County Council would be hosting events in Lepe Country Park and Royal Victoria Country Park on 6 June to commemorate D-Day on its 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary and give residents the chance to mark this extraordinary chapter in the UK's history. He would be lighting a beacon at Lepe Cliff Top to mark the place where thousands of men bravely departed for Normandy. The beacon will be part of a network of illuminations to symbolise the period of peace that followed the darkness of war.

The Leader concluded his report by updating members on the financial pressures faced by the County Council. To address the expected budget shortfall of £132million by the next financial year, the County Council conducted the 'Future Services' public consultation between January and March, seeking views on proposed changes and reductions to some local services. He thanked the 14,400 residents who responded, and assured that the feedback received had been invaluable, offering fantastic insights, ideas and challenges, and he confirmed that residents' views would be considered in the decision making.

## **223. QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER 16.1.1**

Executive Members responded to questions submitted, as published, in accordance with Standing Order 16.1.1.

Councillor Porter declared a personal interest in Question 7 as a Winchester City Councillor for Local Plan and Place and the relevance to the topic of the question.

## **224. FORMATION OF JOINT HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

## **REGARDING FRIMLEY PARK HOSPITAL**

The Council considered the report of the Chief Executive seeking approval of an officer decision to form a Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee regarding Frimley Park Hospital.

In presenting the report, the Leader confirmed the Council was being asked to approve the actions of the Chief Executive in taking an urgent officer decision to enable the formation, Terms of Reference and membership of a Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider NHS proposals for a new hospital to replace Frimley Park Hospital. Work on a proposed new site has moved at pace and it was therefore considered urgent to ensure the new Committee could begin to meet in advance of this Council meeting.

The Leader also confirmed that following the appointment of Councillor Briggs as Vice Chairman of the Council, a revised membership of the Joint HOSC was proposed, and included at item 13 on this agenda.

During the course of debate the importance of local members being kept proactively informed at every stage of the development of Frimley Park Hospital, which was a key issue for constituents in the area.

In responding to the debate, the Leader confirmed that the Chairman of the Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee would look at the best way of keeping local members informed of this important development.

The recommendations were put to the vote and agreed.

**RESOLVED:**

That the County Council approve the actions taken under delegated authority to form the new Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the replacement of Frimley Park Hospital: the approval of the terms of reference and the Council's four nominations to the joint committee.

### **225. CORPORATE PARENTING BOARD: TERMS OF REFERENCE UPDATE AND THE PROPOSED DISSOLUTION OF THE CHILDREN & FAMILIES ADVISORY PANEL**

The Council considered the report of the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services recommending changes to the Terms of Reference of the Corporate Parenting Board and proposing the dissolution of the Children and Families Advisory Panel.

In presenting the report, the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services moved the recommendations.

During the course of debate Councillor Briggs was thanked for the meaningful contribution she had made to the Corporate Parenting Board during her time as Chairman of the Board. The importance of the role of Corporate Parent to those children that are looked after was emphasised, therefore the strengthening of the



Board, as proposed in the report, was supported. The time in meetings of the Board must be carefully spent and the meetings are made as efficient as possible.

Members also highlighted that the Children and Families Advisory Panel had been a useful vehicle for keeping Members informed of the challenges the Council faced and its successes, and it was hoped that the information that would have gone to that Panel could instead be included in the Members Briefing Programme.

In responding to the debate, the Executive Lead Member thanked Members for their views, which would be given careful consideration.

The recommendations were put to the vote.

RESOLVED:

- a) That the County Council approve the updated Terms of Reference for the Corporate Parenting Board attached to the supporting report as Appendix 1.
- b) That the County Council agree to dissolve the Children and Families Advisory Panel.

## 226. **PROPORTIONALITY AND APPOINTMENTS**

Prior to this item being considered the Chairman confirmed that the report was published after the main agenda and was therefore considered as an urgent item due to the need for the Council to approve its proportionality table and make the appointments required at the Annual General Meeting.

The Council considered a report of the Chief Executive reviewing the County Council's proportionality and making appointments, as set out in the report.

In presenting the report, the Leader confirmed that the Council was required to review the Proportionality Table. The draft table presented was the result of full and detailed consultation with all Group Leaders. The appointments proposed take into account changes in the draft table together with changes arising from previous reports on the agenda.

The recommendations were put to the vote.

RESOLVED:

That the County Council:

- a) Approves the Proportionality Table at Appendix 1 to the report.
- b) Approves the appointment of Chairmen and Vice-Chairman of County Council Committees and Panel set out in Appendix 2 to the report.
- c) Approves the appointments set out in Section 3 of the report.

227. **JOINT HEALTH OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE "HAMPSHIRE TOGETHER" - REVISED TERMS OF REFERENCE**

The Council considered the report of the Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee.

In presenting the report, Councillor Withers confirmed that the Hampshire Together Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JHOSC) had been formed in December 2020. West Berkshire Council had now requested to join the JHOSC as some of their population may use services provided by Hampshire Hospitals. The Health and Adult Social Care Committee considered the request at its meeting on 21 May the outcome of which was to recommend increasing the membership of the Joint Committee to provide one seat to West Berkshire Council, and to agree the revised terms of reference. .

The recommendations were put to the vote.

RESOLVED:

- a) That County Council increase the membership of the Hampshire Together Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee to provide one seat to West Berkshire Council.
- b) That County Council approve the revised terms of reference for the Hampshire Together Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee appended to the support report.

228. **NOTICE OF MOTION**

The Council considered the Notice of Motion proposed by Councillor Zoe Huggins and seconded by Councillor Roz Chadd, submitted in accordance with Standing Order 18.1. In proposing the Motion, Councillor Huggins made an amendment to the wording at part B to include (if applicable) as below:

*B. That Group Leaders write to the leaders of their respective national parties (if applicable) to request their support for the LGA's Debate Not Hate campaign.*

The Motion was welcomed, and during the course of debate a number of members shared their personal experiences of abuse and harassment during their time in office. Members were very supportive of the Motion.

The Motion was put to the vote and carried.

RESOLVED:

- A. To sign up to the LGA's Debate Not Hate campaign, which aims to raise public awareness of the role of councillors in local communities, encourage healthy debate, and improve the response to and support those in public life facing abuse and intimidation.

- B. That Group Leaders write to the leaders of their respective national parties (if applicable) to request their support for the LGA's Debate Not Hate campaign.
- C. That the Leader of the Council writes to the Minister for Local Government to ask for changes to legislation so that the home addresses of councillors are not published by default.
- D. To work with the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Police and Crime Commissioner to ensure there is a clear and joined-up mechanism for reporting threats and other concerns about the safety of councillors and their families.
- E. That all councillors and officers are reminded of the process of how to report incidents of harassment and abuse.
- F. That security and wellbeing resources are made available to all councillors through the Member Portal and included as part of the 2025 Member Induction Programme.

**229. HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY**

- a) HIWFRA Questions  
No questions had been received in accordance with Standing Order 16.3.
- b) HIWFRA Report  
The Council received the report as presented by Councillor Rhydian Vaughan, in his capacity as Chairman of the Authority.

**230. EXECUTIVE AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The following information reports were received:

- a) Executive Lead Member for Children's Services
  - Children's Services Procurement – Approval to Spend
  - Approval to Spend for 2024 – 2026 Wraparound Childcare Programme
  - Childcare Sufficiency Assessment 2022/23
  - Proposal to Enter into an Agreement with Hampshire and Isle of Wight Integrated Care Board under Section 75 of the NHS Act 2006
- b) Executive Member for Education
  - Resourced Provision at Guillemont Junior School, Farnborough

- Additional Resourced Provision
- Aldershot Urban Extension 2nd Primary School, Aldershot
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- West of Waterlooville Second Primary School, Waterlooville

**The Meeting closed at 12.50pm.**

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Chairman,