

AT A MEETING of the County Council of HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL held
at the castle, Winchester on Friday, 18th May, 2018

Chairman:

* Councillor Elaine Still

- * Councillor Charles Choudhary
- * Councillor John Bennison
- * Councillor Fred Birkett
- * Councillor Martin Boiles
- * Councillor Ray Bolton
- * Councillor Jackie Branson
- * Councillor Ann Briggs
- * Councillor Zilliah Brooks
- * Councillor Graham Burgess
- * Councillor Adam Carew
- * Councillor Fran Carpenter
- * Councillor Christopher Carter
- * Councillor Roz Chadd
- Councillor Peter Chegwyn
- * Councillor Daniel Clarke
- * Councillor Adrian Collett
- * Councillor Mark Cooper
- * Councillor Rod Cooper
- * Councillor Tonia Craig
- * Councillor Roland Dibbs
- * Councillor Alan Dowden
- Councillor Peter Edgar
- Councillor Keith Evans
- * Councillor Liz Fairhurst
- * Councillor Steve Forster
- * Councillor Jane Frankum
- * Councillor Andrew Gibson
- * Councillor Jonathan Glen
- * Councillor Judith Grajewski
- * Councillor David Harrison
- * Councillor Marge Harvey
- * Councillor Pal Hayre
- * Councillor Edward Heron
- * Councillor Dominic Hiscock
- * Councillor Geoffrey Hockley
- * Councillor Keith House
- * Councillor Rob Humby
- * Councillor Gary Hughes
- * Councillor Roger Huxstep
- * Councillor Wayne Irish
- * Councillor Gavin James
- * Councillor Andrew Joy
- * Councillor David Keast
- Councillor Mark Kemp-Gee
- * Councillor Mel Kendal
- Councillor Rupert Kyrle
- * Councillor Peter Latham
- * Councillor Kirsty Locke
- * Councillor Keith Mans
- * Councillor Alexis McEvoy
- * Councillor Anna McNair Scott
- * Councillor Derek Mellor
- * Councillor Floss Mitchell
- * Councillor Rob Mocatta
- * Councillor Russell Oppenheimer
- * Councillor Neville Penman
- * Councillor Roy Perry
- * Councillor Stephen Philpott
- * Councillor Jackie Porter
- * Councillor Roger Price
- * Councillor Lance Quantrill
- * Councillor Stephen Reid
- Councillor David Simpson
- * Councillor Patricia Stallard
- * Councillor Robert Taylor
- * Councillor Bruce Tennent
- * Councillor Tom Thacker
- * Councillor Michael Thierry
- * Councillor Mike Thornton
- * Councillor Martin Tod
- * Councillor Rhydian Vaughan
- * Councillor Malcolm Wade
- Councillor Jan Warwick
- * Councillor Michael Westbrook
- * Councillor Michael White
- * Councillor Bill Withers Lt Col (Retd)
- * Councillor Seán Woodward

*Present

Honorary Aldermen, Keith Chapman MBE, Colin Davidovitz, Roger Kimber, Sharyn Wheale and Michael Woodhall were also in attendance.

66. **OUTGOING CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS**

Prior to the commencement of formal business, the Retiring Chairman presented his final announcements to the Council and expanded on duties undertaken since the last meeting of the Council to represent and promote the County Council. The list of engagements had been previously circulated. In particular he reflected on his abseil down the Spinnaker Tower in Portsmouth and his Chairman's Concert held at the Albert Hall in London.

The retiring Chairman was delighted to announce that Gill Clements, a carer at Westholme Residential and Nursing Home, had been named as Britain's Best Care Home worker at the Great British Care Award finals and to present Gill with her award.

The full announcements are attached as an appendix to these Minutes.

67. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Peter Chegwyn, Peter Edgar, Keith Evans, Mark Kemp-Gee, Rupert Kyrle, David Simpson and Jan Warwick.

Apologies were also received from Honorary Aldermen Patricia Banks and Marilyn Tucker.

68. **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

The Chief Executive, as the Proper Officer, called for nominations. Councillor Stephen Reid, seconded by Councillor Anna McNair-Scott proposed that Elaine Still be elected Chairman of the Council until the Annual General Meeting of the Council in 2019. No other nominations were received therefore the proposition was put to the vote and carried.

ORDERED:

That Councillor Elaine Still be elected Chairman of the County Council until the Annual General Meeting in 2019. Councillor Still made the declaration of Acceptance of Office and took the chair.

69. **APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

The Chairman invited nominations for the position of Vice-Chairman of the Council. Councillor Roger Huxstep, seconded by Councillor Bill Withers proposed Councillor Charles Choudhary. No other nominations were received therefore the proposition was put to the vote and carried.

ORDERED:

That Councillor Charles Choudhary be appointed as Vice-Chairman of the County Council until the Annual General Meeting in 2019. Councillor Choudhary made the declaration of Acceptance of Office.

70. INCOMING CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

The new Chairman of the County Council took the opportunity to thank Councillors for electing her, and her friends and family for their support. She also congratulated Councillor Choudhary on his appointment.

The Chairman set out her theme for the year of "All Things Healthy and Green; All Creatures Great and Small." She elaborated on her reasons for this, emphasising the importance of the natural environment.

The full comments can be found as an appendix to these minutes.

71. 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 2 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.

72. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Special meeting held on 22 February 2018 were agreed and signed by the Chairman. The Minutes of the Precept and Budget meeting held on 22 February 2018 were agreed subject to the correction of two minor typographical errors and signed by the Chairman.

73. DEPUTATIONS

The deputation from Steve Jones, and Joanne Parish was received as detailed on the Summons.

Councillor Keith House rose on a point of order and with regard to Standing Orders 12.2.1 and 12.2.4 requested an explanation as to why the deputation at item 6b on the Agenda had been withdrawn. It was confirmed by the Chief Executive that in his considered opinion the content was likely to risk confidentiality on serious casework issues and for this reason was likely to breach the basis of the deputation process, as a result of which he had decided to withdraw the deputation. The Chief Executive indicated that the opportunity of a meeting with the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services and the Director of Children' Services had been offered.

74. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman reminded Members about the County Service in June and encouraged them all to attend if possible.

75. LEADER'S REPORT

The Leader congratulated Councillor Still on her election as Chairman and thanked Councillor Burgess for his work over the past year.

Members were reminded of the Leader's photographic competition and encouraged to support entries to it. The Leader also urged Members to visit Gilbert White House museum.

It was noted that following a Cabinet reshuffle in National Government, a new Secretary of State, for Local Government, James Brokenshire, had been appointed; the fourth Local Government Minister since Councillor Perry had become Leader of the Council. It was confirmed that Mr Brokenshire had been invited to visit Hampshire and with reference to devolution, the Leader hoped that the policy of only acting with the agreement of the County Council would be continued. Recognising that financial pressures would not reduce, and emphasising that he did not wish Hampshire to face the problems experienced in Northamptonshire the Leader confirmed that he had proposed a meeting with District and Borough Council Leaders to discuss greater collaborative working.

The Leader set out a number of changes in his Cabinet, explaining that Councillors Edgar and Gibson had both resigned due to ill health and paid tribute to both for their respective work with schools and with country parks. It was confirmed that Councillor Heron and Woodward would become Executive Members. Councillor Heron in an expansion of the Assistant Executive Member role he already held and Councillor Woodward taking on a Heritage and Countryside portfolio. It was also confirmed that Education and Skills had been added to Councillor Reid's existing Human Resources portfolio.

The Leader confirmed that Councillor Mark Cooper had joined the Commission for the Future of Hampshire.

Prior to their forthcoming wedding, the Leader took the opportunity to express best wishes to Prince Harry and Meghan Markle on behalf of the County Council.

76. QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER 16.1.1

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

77. CONSTITUTIONAL UPDATE - SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

The Council considered a report of the Cabinet as presented by the Leader, seeking approval for the provision in the Constitution for the appointment of Substitute Members on Committees and Panels of the County Council to which

proportionality applies, be extended to allow appointment of up to two Substitute Members per Political Group, represented on such Committees and Panels.

RESOLVED:

That the County Council approves:

- a. that provision in the Constitution for the appointment of Substitute Members on Committees and Panels of the County Council to which proportionality applies, be extended so as to allow appointment of up to two Substitute Members per Political Group, represented on such Committees and Panels.
- b. that delegated authority be given to the Monitoring Officer to make suitable amendment to the Constitution to give effect to the recommendation at a. above.

78. PROPORTIONALITY AND APPOINTMENTS

The Council considered an updated report of the Chief Executive as presented by the Leader, to review the Council's Proportionality Table and to make any Member appointments or alterations as required to the membership of the County Council's committees and standing panels, to statutory joint committees, to other proportional bodies the County Council is represented on, or to any other bodies which are not subject to proportionality rules.

RESOLVED:

That the County Council:

- a. Approves the Proportionality Table at Appendix 1 to the report.
- b. Approves the appointment of Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of committees and panels at Appendix 2 to the report.
- c. Approves the appointment of the County Council's representatives on the Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority as set out in paragraph 3.2 of the report.
- d. Approves the Substitute Member table at Appendix 3 to the report.
- e. Approves the appointments listed in paragraph 3.4 and 3.5 of the report.
- f. Approves the absence as detailed in paragraph 4.1 of the report.

79. GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION - APPOINTMENT OF DATA PROTECTION OFFICER

The Council considered a report of the Chief Executive, as presented by the Leader, seeking approval of the appointment of Data Protection Officer for the County Council in accordance with the requirements of the General Data Protection Regulation.

RESOLVED:

That the County Council:

- a. Approves that the Monitoring Officer be appointed as the County Council's Data Protection Officer as detailed in paragraph 1 of the report.
- b. Authorises the Monitoring Officer to make the necessary amendment to the County Council's Constitution upon this appointment.

80. NOTICE OF MOTION

No Notices of Motion had been received on this occasion.

81. HAMPSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

a) HFRA Questions

No questions had been received in accordance with Standing Order 16.3.

b) HFRA Report

The Council received and noted the report of the Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority as presented by Councillor Chris Carter in his capacity as Chairman of the Fire Authority.

82. EXECUTIVE AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Council received the reports of the following Executive Members:

83. THE LEADER/CABINET

- a. Adults' Health and Care – Vision and Strategy
- b. Developing a Strategic Partnership For Public Health Between Hampshire County Council and the Isle of Wight Council
- c. Supporting Children's Services in Buckinghamshire County Council
- d. Addition to the County Council's Capital Programme for a Strategic Land Acquisition

84. EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR CULTURE, RECREATION AND COUNTRYSIDE

- a. Country Parks Transformation – Phase 2 Approvals

Chairman,