

AT A MEETING of the Policy and Resources Select Committee of HAMPSHIRE
COUNTY COUNCIL held at The Castle, Winchester on Friday, 17th January, 2020

Chairman:

* Councillor Jonathan Glen

* Councillor Keith Evans
Councillor Adam Carew
* Councillor Fran Carpenter
* Councillor Adrian Collett
* Councillor Roger Huxstep
* Councillor Peter Latham
* Councillor Anna McNair Scott
* Councillor Kirsty North
* Councillor Russell Oppenheimer

* Councillor Jackie Porter
Councillor Bruce Tennent
Councillor Michael Westbrook
* Councillor Bill Withers Lt Col (Retd)
* Councillor Mike Thornton

*Present

Also in attendance at the invitation of the Chairman:

Councillor Keith Mans, Leader and Executive Member for Policy and Resources and
Councillor Stephen Reid, Executive Member for Commercial Strategy, Human
Resources and Performance.

113. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Tennent and Westbrook. Councillor Thornton
attended the meeting as the Liberal Democrat substitute.

114. 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.

115. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

116. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations received for this meeting.

117. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman welcomed both the Leader and Executive Member for Policy and Resources and Executive Member for Commercial Strategy, Human Resources and Performance to the meeting.

118. 2020/21 REVENUE BUDGET REPORT FOR POLICY AND RESOURCES

The Select Committee received a report from Chief Officers and a supporting joint presentation from the Director of Corporate Resources and Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services regarding the proposed Revenue Budget for 2020/21 for the services within the portfolio of the Executive Member for Policy and Resources (see Item 6 in the Minute Book).

Members were updated on the financial position for the current year. Overall the outturn forecast for Policy and Resources cash limited budgets showed a balanced position. It was reported that for the HC3S trading unit, the combination of cost rises and a reduction in demand for school meals would cause a deficit for the 2019/20 financial year. However, actions were being put in place to mitigate the level of the eventual deficit.

RESOLVED:

That the Policy and Resources Select Committee supports the recommendations being proposed to the Executive Member for Policy and Resources and requests that feedback given on the County Councils management of the school meals service and advantageous land acquisition policy be noted:

To approve for submission to the Leader and the Cabinet:

- i. The revised revenue budget for 2019/20 as set out in Appendix 1.
- ii. The revenue budget for 2020/21 as set out in Appendix 1.

119. 2020/21 – 2022/23 CAPITAL PROGRAMME REPORT FOR POLICY AND RESOURCES

The Select Committee received a report from Chief Officers and a supporting joint presentation from the Director of Corporate Resources and Director of Culture,

Communities and Business Services (Item 7 in the Minute Book) on proposals for the 2020/21 to 2022/23 capital programme for Policy and Resources services within the Corporate Services and Culture, Communities and Business Services Departments.

The Director summarised the main points of the report. Following the ensuing discussion, the Chairman proposed the recommendation which was agreed.

RESOLVED:

That the Policy and Resources Select Committee supports the recommendations being proposed to the Executive Member for Policy and Resources:

To approve for submission to the Leader and the Cabinet:

- i. The capital programme for 2020/21 to 2022/23 as set out in Appendix 1.
- ii. The revised capital programme for 2019/20 as set out in Appendix 2.
- iii. The deferral of resources from 2019/20 to 2020/21 relating to schemes of £1.937 million as set out in paragraph 32 of the report.

120. SERVING HAMPSHIRE 2019-20 QUARTER TWO PERFORMANCE REPORT

The Committee received a report of the Chief Executive and Head of Law and Governance (Item 8 in the Minute Book) detailing the County Council's performance for the first half of 2019/20.

Members were given a high-level summary of the key areas of the report and noted that the overall performance measured against Serving Hampshire remained good during the first half of 2019/20, evidencing strong performance in the delivery of core services.

Discussions were had regarding how this Select Committee could effectively scrutinise the performance and risks within each of the service departments. The Chief Executive advised that it was the remit of the other Select Committees to carry out service specific scrutiny within their given areas. It was therefore agreed to review and explore options on how this information could be reported to this Committee in the future and that any changes would come about once the County Council's Strategic Plan was created for 2021.

The Committee also noted the awards/accreditations received by the County Council. It was agreed that Officers would explore the options as to how these could be more widely publicised to Members in the future.

RESOLVED:

That the Select Committee notes:

- a) the County Council's performance for the first half of 2019/20; and

b) the progress to advance inclusion and diversity.

121. **ANNUAL IT UPDATE**

The Committee considered a report on behalf of the Director of Corporate Resources by the Head of I (Item 9 in the Minute Book) updating the Committee on the main IT activity over the year and summarising its priorities ahead.

The Director summarised the main IT activities undertaken during the year which included:

- The Modern Desktop project to replace the legacy Hantsnet Desktop
- Completion of the Enabling Productivity Programme which delivered a refreshed device estate to Hampshire Staff
- Completed the implementation of SharePoint online as a new Electronic Document and Records Management System (EDRMS) and subsequent stabilisation project.
- Increased bandwidth across the corporate sites, as well as 90%+ of schools across Hampshire that take the service
- Creation of a Predictive Analytics Digital Platform (Microsoft Azure Analytics) to enable departmental access to a data lake, data modelling, reporting and visualisation (PowerBI) dashboards going forward.

The Director also answered a number of questions on the departmental priorities for the year ahead.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

122. **WORK PROGRAMME**

The Committee received a report of the Director of Transformation and Governance – Corporate Services detailing the work programme for the coming year (Item 10 in the Minute Book).

RESOLVED:

That the work programme be agreed.

Chairman,