

AT A MEETING of the County Council of HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL held
remotely on Thursday, 3rd December, 2020

Chairman:

* Councillor Melville Kendal

- * Councillor Marge Harvey
- * Councillor John Bennisson
- * 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 Charles Choudhary
- * Councillor Daniel Clarke
- * Councillor Adrian Collett
- * Councillor Mark Cooper
- * Councillor Rod Cooper
- * Councillor Tonia Craig
- * Councillor Roland Dibbs
- * Councillor Alan Dowden
- * Councillor Peter Edgar MBE
- * 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 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 Rupert Kyrle
- * Councillor Peter Latham
- * Councillor Keith Mans
- * Councillor Alexis McEvoy
- * Councillor Anna McNair Scott
- * Councillor Derek Mellor
- * Councillor Floss Mitchell
- * Councillor Rob Mocatta
- * Councillor Kirsty North
- * 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 Elaine Still
- * Councillor Robert Taylor
- * Councillor Bruce Tennent
- * Councillor Tom Thacker
- * Councillor Michael Thierry
- * Councillor Mike Thornton
- * Councillor Martin Tod
- * Councillor Rhydian Vaughan MBE
- * Councillor Malcolm Wade
- * Councillor Jan Warwick
- * Councillor Michael Westbrook
- * Councillor Michael White
- * Councillor Bill Withers Lt Col (Retd)
- * Councillor Seán Woodward

*Present

234. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Taylor.

235. 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 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.

Councillor Reid declared a personal interest with regards item 8 on the agenda by virtue of being the County Council's representative on the Hampshire Hospitals Trust.

Councillor Forster declared a pecuniary interest with regards to item 7, question 12 by virtue of his involvement in the electric car charging industry and confirmed that he would leave the meeting during that question should it be received in the 30 minutes allocated for the item.

236. MINUTES

The Council considered the Minutes of the Meeting held on 24 September 2020, which were agreed as a correct record.

237. DEPUTATIONS

The Council received a deputation from Mike Slinn regarding road safety on Andover Road.

238. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman announced that since the previous meeting he had officiated at a Remembrance Day event and laid a Hampshire County Council wreath at the memorial site near the Great Hall. The event was videoed and included a poem read by the Lord Lieutenant of Hampshire. It was issued as a webinar to all staff on the 11th November. He had also recently engaged with the Chief Executive to honour staff who have had 25 years and 40 years of service, again creating a webinar for the occasion.

The Chairman highlighted with pleasure some recent awards achieved by County Council departments and staff:

- Property Services had received national recognition in the Electric Vehicle Innovation and Excellence awards 2020 for the successful establishment and implementation of the Central Southern Regional Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Framework. This innovative framework was the winner in the Public Infrastructure Strategy of the Year category which celebrates the work of public sector bodies that have supported the growth of electric vehicle usage in the UK.
- The Lookout at Lepe beach, which provides a range of visitor services at the heart of the Lepe Country Park, has become a Regional Finalist in the 2021 Civic Trust Awards and will now be considered by a National Judging Panel. It will also be considered by the Selwyn Goldsmith Awards Panel which recognise Universal Design excellence in the built environment. These prestigious awards are granted for building projects which make a valuable contribution to place making and enhance the public visitor experience. We will be notified of the outcomes in January.
- Oakmoor Secondary School in Bordon has also been recognised as a 2021 Civic Trust Awards regional finalist. The County Council's property services designed and managed the delivery of this 750-place secondary school to provide an inspirational learning environment for the Bordon and Whitehill communities. The school is run by the University of Chichester Academy Trust. A strong partnership was developed to enable the new facility to be a state-of-the-art education campus with a full range of curriculum and community spaces. The Council contributed significant funding along with the DfE and local developers to relocate the school into the heart of the expanding town of Bordon.
- David Rose, has been awarded his social work degree with first class honours.
- Lucy Platt (activity co-ordinator) and Fiona Hare (care assistant) both from Westholme achieved their Level 3 diploma in Health and Social Care.
- Anne Dudley, HCC Care's Catering support officer who won the award of Catering Manager of the Year, and Peter Hall, Head of Kitchen at Cranleigh Paddock who won the 'Our catering Hero' award! At the National Association of Care Catering Virtual Awards 2020.
- Claire Jupp from Strategic Procurement was presented with an award at the Chief Constable's Award Ceremony for services to the Constabulary.
- Helen Harris has recently been awarded an Honorary Member of Modeshift.

The Chairman congratulated all staff members who had received or contributed to these awards and repeated his message to those who received recognition for 25 and 40 years loyal service, that the County Council is proud of its staff and proud that they provide the best possible service to residents in Hampshire particularly in the face of the difficulties faced by them in 2020.

239. **LEADER'S REPORT**

The Leader added his thanks to all who had received awards or recognition.

With regards to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, the Leader identified the three key priorities of: keeping the objective in sight, working together and looking after each other. Noting that Hampshire had recently been placed in Tier 2, he confirmed that infection rates were falling and that the County Council was working with partners to try to achieve a move to Tier 1. Progress on the vaccine was positive, and the Leader encouraged support for a high uptake, but cautioned that seeing its impact would still take some time.

The Leader highlighted the support that had been given to Hampshire schools and noted that attendance at both primary and secondary level was 6% above the national average.

240. **QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER 16.1.1**

Executive Members responded to questions 1 to 9 submitted in accordance with Standing Order 16.1.1 as published within the 30 minutes permitted.

The Chairman confirmed that in accordance with Standing Order 16.1.5 written responses for Questions 10-13 would be circulated to all Members.

241. **HEALTH SCRUTINY: DELEGATION OF POWERS TO JOINT HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE ON THE 'HAMPSHIRE TOGETHER' PROPOSALS**

The Council considered a report of the Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee seeking approval of recommendations in regard to the 'Hampshire Together' proposals including delegation of health scrutiny powers to a Joint Health Scrutiny Committee (JHOSC).

The report was introduced by the Chairman of the Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee and welcomed by Members. There were a number of questions relating to local Member engagement with the proposed JHOSC and it was confirmed that meetings would be run in accordance with the County Council's Constitution.

RESOLVED:

That the County Council:

1. Delegates the County Council's health scrutiny function in relation to the 'Hampshire Together – Modernising our Hospitals and Health Services' programme to a Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the purpose of scrutinising this topic.
2. Agrees that five Conservative and two Liberal Democrat Health and Adult Social Care Select (Overview and Scrutiny) Committee members are appointed to the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the

'Hampshire Together – Modernising our Hospitals and Health Services' programme, in line with political proportionality rules.

3. Approves the Terms of Reference of the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee.

242. **APPOINTMENTS**

The Council considered the report of the Chief Executive, presented by the Leader, proposing a number of appointments to the County Council's committees.

RESOLVED:

1. That Councillor Charles Choudhary replace Councillor Roland Dibbs on the Economy, Transport and Environment Select Committee and the Regulatory Committee.
2. That Councillor Pal Hayre replace Councillor Jan Warwick on the Regulatory Committee and that Councillor Ray Bolton be appointed as a Conservative deputy on the Regulatory Committee to fill the vacancy created by Councillor Hayre becoming a full member.
3. That Councillors Ann Briggs, Fran Carpenter, Rod Cooper, David Harrison, Roger Huxstep, David Keast, and Mike Thornton be appointed to the Hampshire County Council/Southampton City Council Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JHOSC) on Hampshire Together – Modernising our Hospitals and Health Services.
4. That the appointments of Mr Peter Moore and Mr Michael Cronin as Independent Persons (Localism Act) are continued to the end of July 2021.
5. That Councillor Cynthia Garton (Eastleigh Borough Council) be appointed to the Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee to replace Councillor Rosemary Reynolds. That Councillor Julie Butler (East Hampshire District Council) be appointed to the Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee to replace Councillor Trevor Cartwright. That Councillor Jonathan Canty (Rushmoor Borough Council) be appointed to the Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee to replace Councillor Alison Finlay.

NB: These appointments are as recommended by the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Local Government Association at their meeting held on 19 September 2020.

243. **FINANCIAL UPDATE AND BUDGET SETTING AND PROVISIONAL CASH LIMITS 2021/22**

The Council considered a report of Cabinet seeking approval of recommendations in regard to budget setting and provisional cash limits 2021/22.

The Leader and the Executive Member for Commercial Strategy, Human Resources and Performance jointly introduced the report, highlighting the direct and indirect financial impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic and the resulting impact on the County Council's budget. Covid pressures were on top of the savings that the Council already needed to make and meant that the late delivery of savings programmes could not be funded. Urgent expenditure for health and safety reasons was noted and it was confirmed that decisions and recommendations were being made on the basis of thorough analysis and projections. The County Council was in a very difficult position as a result of the pandemic, but strong financial management of reserves in the past meant that others were in greater difficulty. The final financial settlement from government for 2021/22 had not yet been received and therefore the position would be further updated at the February 2021 Council meeting. The recommendations were commended to the Council.

Opposition Group Leaders and other County Councillors responded to the report and to the recommendations and a number of views as to the cause of the Council's current projection for a budget deficit were expressed.

Highlighting promises made by government that had not been met, an Amendment was proposed by Councillor Tod and seconded by Councillor Collett to add a further recommendation, that Council:

"condemns the Government for its failure to do 'whatever it takes' to support local government in meeting COVID costs - and agrees to call on Ministers and MPs to ensure an adequate funding settlement to local government"

The Amendment was debated and a number of points both supporting and opposing the amendment were made around the promises that had been made by government, the evolving severity of the pandemic and the volume of support that government had been able to deliver.

Councillor House requested a recorded vote on the Amendment and this received support in accordance with Standing Order 22.3.

A recorded vote on the proposed Amendment was conducted with the result:

For – 19

Councillors: John Bennison, Peter Chegwyn, Daniel Clarke, Adrian Collett, Mark Cooper, Alan Dowden, David Harrison, Dominic Hiscock, Keith House, Wayne Irish, Gavin James, Jackie Porter, Roger Price, David Simpson, Bruce Tennent, Mike Thornton, Martin Tod, Malcolm Wade and Michael Westbrook,

Against – 53

Councillors: Fred Birkett, Martin Boiles, Ray Bolton, Jackie Branson, Ann Briggs, Zillah Brooks, Graham Burgess, Adam Carew, Fran Carpenter, Christopher Carter, Roz Chadd, Charles Choudhary, Rod Cooper, Peter Edgar, Keith Evans, Liz Fairhurst, Steve Forster, Andrew Gibson, Jonathan Glen, Judith Grajewski, Marge Harvey, Pal Hayre, Edward Heron, Geoff Hockley, Gary Hughes, Rob Humby, Roger Huxstep, Andrew Joy, David Keast, Mark Kemp-Gee, Peter Latham, Keith Mans, Alexis McEvoy, Anna McNair Scott, Derek Mellor, Floss

Mitchell, Rob Mocatta, Kirsty North, Russell Oppenheimer, Neville Penman, Roy Perry, Stephen Philpott, Lance Quantrill, Stephen Reid, Patricia Stallard, Ellaine Still, Tom Thacker, Michael Thierry, Rhydian Vaughan, Jan Warwick, Michael White, Bill Withers, Seán Woodward

Abstain – 2

Councillors: Jane Frankum, Mel Kendal

The recommendations in the report were considered and it was

RESOLVED:

That County Council

1. Note the updated position for the impact of Covid-19 in this year and for the medium term.
2. Approve the addition of the schemes detailed in Appendix 4 to the Economy, Transport and Environment Capital Programme.
3. Approve the updated departmental savings targets for a successor savings programme, as set out in paragraph 149.
4. Approve the updated timetable for a successor savings programme, as set out in paragraph 150.

244. HAMPSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY / SHADOW HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

a) Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority Questions

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

b) Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority 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.

c) Shadow Hampshire and Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Authority Report

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

245. CONSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS: APPOINTMENTS TO THE HEALTH & WELLBEING BOARD FOR HAMPSHIRE

The Council received the report of the Health and Wellbeing Board for Hampshire reporting a number several changes to the membership of the Board taken under delegated authority by the Head of Law and Governance and Monitoring Officer, in consultation with the Chairman of the Health and Wellbeing Board.

246. **EXECUTIVE AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The Council received the reports of the following Executive Members:

- a) Executive Lead Member for Children's Services and Young People
 - Children's Services Capital Programme Update
 - School Meal Price from November 2020
 - Proposed Changes to the Short Break Activities Programme and Consultation Outcomes
- b) Executive Member for Education and Skills
 - Expansion of Osborne School on the Site of Kings' School
- c) Executive Member for Public Health
 - Tier 2 Adult Weight Management Service
- d) Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Health
 - Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council Social Inclusion Grant Covid-19 Support Payment
 - Demand Management and Prevention Grants

The Meeting closed at 13:10

Chairman,