

AT A MEETING of the County Council of HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL held
at the castle, Winchester on Thursday, 20th July, 2017

Chairman:

* Councillor Graham Burgess

Vice-Chairman:

* Councillor Elaine Still

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

* Present

Honorary Alderman Phrynnette Dickens was also in attendance.

15. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Fran Carpenter, Adrian Collett, Steve Forster, Dominic Hiscock, Keith House, Anna McNair Scott, Lance Quantrill, Martin Tod and Sean Woodward.

Apologies were also received from Honorary Alderman Patricia Banks, Roger Kimber and Marilyn Tucker.

16. 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.

17. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 25 May 2017 were agreed subject to an amendment to minute 7. to note that Councillor Seán Woodward paid tribute to former County Councillor and Honorary Alderman John Bryant. The Minutes were signed by the Chairman.

18. DEPUTATIONS

The Council received deputations from Suzy Woolford requesting a crossing point on Bodycoats Road outside the main entrance of Toynbee School, Chandlers Ford, and from Helen Warren regarding the Motor Neurone Disease Charter.

19. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman reported on the wide range of duties undertaken to represent and promote the County Council and its strong community leadership role. The list of engagements undertaken since the last Council meeting by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman had been circulated to all Members.

It was with much sadness that the Chairman reported the passing of former County Councillor Frank Pearce on 5 July 2017 who had represented the

Hayling Island County Electoral Division from 2009 to 2017. The Chairman invited Councillor Roy Perry to say a few words and to invite personal tributes from the Chamber. The following Councillors spoke: Ray Bolton, Jackie Branson, Chris Carter, Jane Frankum, Marge Harvey, Andrew Joy, David Keast, Jackie Porter and David Simpson. The Council observed a minute's silence as a mark of respect.

20. **LEADER'S REPORT**

Firstly the Leader reported that the Council had recently responded to urgent enquiries from Government Departments in relation to both residential towers and school buildings in the wake of the Grenfell Tower tragedy in London. The County Council is not a housing authority and, therefore, has no residential properties of the type impacted by the fire in London. The school estate in Hampshire has a small number of three and four storey buildings but there are no parallels to the construction and fire safety arrangements at Grenfell Tower. Schools are subject to regular fire inspections and drills, the County Council takes a comprehensive approach to fire evacuation. Progress of the Grenfell Tower Enquiry will be monitored closely in regard to any recommendations arising from it that have implications for the Council.

The Leader reported on the Annual Conference of the Local Government Association and the debates held on fire and terrorist attacks following recent incidents. The Leader had met with leaders of the Muslim community in Hampshire at which positive statements were made about the good relationship that exists with the County Council.

The Leader referred to the County Council's budget consultation that was opened on 3 July, which will close on 21 August 2017. The County Council is faced with making a further £140m of savings as a result of loss of government grant together with inflationary and demographic pressures. Local Government finance was also discussed at a recent meeting of the SE7 which highlighted that the pressures of many other services rank above local government in regard to central government funding.

The Leader confirmed that there will be a service of commemoration on 11 October 2017 for the late Harvey Cole, a former Councillor and Honorary of the County Council, which will take place in the Great Hall. Members will receive details in due course.

The Leader gave notice of his proposal to put forward former County Councillors for the title of Honorary Alderman – Ken Thornber, Alan Rice, Keith Chapman and Sharyn Wheale at a Special Meeting of the Council on 2 November 2017. The Leader will be contacting other Group Leaders for their nominations. The Council signified its support.

21. **QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER 16.1.1**

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

22. **APPOINTMENTS**

The Council considered the report of the Chief Executive (Item 8 in the Minute Book), as presented by the Leader, proposing a number of appointments to the County Councils committees and advisory panels, and to outside bodies that the County Council is represented on.

RESOLVED:

That the appointments set out in the report be approved.

23. **EDUCATION ADVISORY PANEL - REVISED TERMS OF REFERENCE**

The Council considered the report of the Education Advisory Panel (Item 9 in the Minute Book) as presented by the Chairman of the Panel, Councillor Peter Edgar who confirmed that the proposals had attracted cross-party support when considered by the Panel.

Members noted that the existing terms of reference for the Education Advisory Panel were out of date and in need of revision to underpin the work of the Panel going forward. Members welcomed the extended membership to include headteacher representation from the special school sector.

RESOLVED:

That the revised terms of reference for the Education Advisory Panel, as set out in Appendix 1 of the supporting report, be approved.

24. **SERVING HAMPSHIRE - STRATEGIC PLAN FOR 2017-2021**

The County Council considered the report of the Cabinet (Item 10 in the Minute Book) seeking approval to adopt the Serving Hampshire Strategic Plan for 2017-2021 as part of the County Council's Policy Framework, replacing the County Council's Corporate Strategy and the Sustainable Community Strategy. An amendment to Annex 1 to the Cabinet report was noted at Outcome 2: first bullet point in the section "The way we work" at the bottom of the page to replace the word 'enhance' with 'engage'.

In presenting the report, the Leader drew attention to the four outcomes of the Strategy as illustrated in Annex 1 to the Cabinet report which would be achieved by building on established partnerships, particularly with district and parish councils, the NHS, police and fire services, the Police & Crime Commissioner, and the private and voluntary sectors.

The Leader highlighted a good example of partnership working and the recent meeting of The Hampshire Partnership at which presentations were received regarding economic development comparing the Hampshire economy with the economies of other parts of the South East, and from Southern Water regarding their plans and proposals for the future and the effective work being done in conjunction with the County Council as the lead Flood Authority to tackle flooding.

RESOLVED:

That the County Council:

- a) Approves the adoption of the Serving Hampshire Strategic Plan for 2017-2021 as part of the County Council's Policy Framework, as set out in the Constitution, replacing the County Council's Corporate Strategy.
- b) Notes the decision of Cabinet that the Serving Hampshire Strategic Plan replace the County Council's Sustainable Community Strategy and approves the removal of the latter from the County Council's Policy Framework, as set out in the Constitution.

25. 2016/17 END OF YEAR FINANCIAL REPORT

The County Council considered the report of the Cabinet (Item 11 in the Minutes Book) setting out the financial position of the Council at the end of the 2016/17 financial year. In presenting the report the Leader drew attention to the further £140m of savings required and highlighted the importance of staying within budget and making economies as early as possible to put the County Council in a good position to deal with the challenges ahead.

During the course of debate Members noted the successful delivery of a two-year transformation programme to 2017 and proposed additional investment in the digital programme to support further transformation through to 2019 and beyond. It was also noted that nationally there is a move to reduce the costs associated with school builds, therefore it was important to build to a good standard whilst ensuring that does not lead to high maintenance costs that could have a negative effect on a school's budget and its ability to attract high quality teaching staff.

RESOLVED:

- a) That a sum of £8.6m from the Invest to Save Reserve to progress the Digital 2 Programme, a Corporate Wi-Fi Upgrade and other enabling IT infrastructure be approved.
- b) That an initial sum of £7.5m from the Invest to Save Reserve to plan, scope, design and deliver other enabling IT projects to support the Transformation to 2019 Programme subject to business cases being approved by the Director of Corporate Resources be approved.
- c) That the report of the County Council's treasury management activities and prudential indicators, as set out in Appendix 3 of the supporting report, be approved.

26. HAMPSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

- a) HFRA Questions
No questions had been submitted in accordance with Standing Order

16.3.

b) HFRA Report

The Council received the report of the Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority (Item 12b in the Minute Book) as presented by the Chairman of the Fire Authority, Councillor Chris Carter.

Following the Grenfell Tower tragedy Councillor Carter made a short statement to report to Members the work being carried out by Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service (HFRS) to provide practical reassurance to the occupiers and owners of high-rise properties through prevention and emergency planning advice. HFRS has been working closely with all local authorities and private landlords through the Local Resilience Forums (LRFs), Response Working Groups (RWGs) and Strategic Co-ordination Groups (SCGs) to inspect all high-rise properties within Hampshire in a prioritised and targeted way, in accordance with government guidance. There had been a number of engagement activities across the county including public meetings and drop-in sessions at Fire Stations together with extensive use of social media to provide advice about what to do in the event of a fire. Members would be kept informed of developments.

During the course of the debate Members' questions were answered.

27. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES SELECT COMMITTEE

The Council received the annual report of the Policy and Resources Select Committee (Item 13 in the Minute Book) summarising the work of the County Council's Select Committees covering the period April 2016 to March 2017. A correction was noted to paragraph 10.4 of the report – the call-in date referred to should be 19 July 2016.

28. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE SELECT COMMITTEE

The Council received the annual report of the Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee (Item 14 in the Minute Book) summarising the health scrutiny work carried out by the Committee covering the period April 2016 to March 2017.

Two requests for items to be added to the Committee's forward plan of business (funding for mental health services in schools and Motor Neurone Disease) were noted by the Chairman.

29. CHANGES TO EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS

The Council received the report of the Chief Executive (Item 15 in the Minute Book), as presented by the Leader, confirming recent changes in responsibility for Executive functions as set out in the Annex to the supporting report.

30. EXECUTIVE AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Council received the reports of the following Executive Members and Chairmen:

- a) The Leader/Cabinet:
 - i) Addition to the Capital Programme – Highways Fleet
 - ii) Cabinet Advisory Sub-Committee for Economic Development and Business Engagement Forum – Terms of Reference
 - iii) Shaping Hampshire – 2016/17 Year End Performance Report
 - iv) 'Working Better Together' – next steps in developing Hampshire County Council's relationships with Parish and Town Councils
- b) Executive Lead Member for Children's Services:
 - i) Milesdown, New Children's Home, Winchester
- c) Executive Member for Culture, Recreation and Countryside:
 - i) Review of Member Representation on Outside Bodies
 - ii) National Libraries Taskforce: new vision for Library Services in England
- d) Pension Fund Panel and Board
 - i) Pension Fund Pooling – Inter-Authority Agreement

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 11.56am.

Chairman,