

AT A MEETING of the CABINET of HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL held at the Castle on 28 February 2011.

Chairman:
p Councillor T. K. Thornber, CBE

Councillors:

p K. Chapman	p M.J. Kendal
p C. Davidovitz	p K. Mans
p Dr. R. J. Ellis	p R. Perry
p Felicity Hindson, MBE	

198 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M. Tucker and S. Wheale.

199 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were mindful that where they believed they had a personal or prejudicial interest in any matter considered at the meeting declared that interest at the time of the relevant debate and, having regard to the circumstances described in paragraphs 9, 10, 11 and 12 of the County Council's Code of Conduct, considered whether to leave the meeting whilst the matter was discussed, save for exercising any right to speak in accordance with paragraph 12 of the code.

200 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 February 2011 were confirmed as a correct record.

201 CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS

The Chairman welcomed to the meeting a group of journalism students from the University of Winchester who were in attendance to observe the meeting.

202 RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION AND PROPOSALS FOR A NEW CONTRIBUTIONS POLICY FOR ADULT SOCIAL CARE SERVICES

The Cabinet considered a report of the Director of Adult Services (Item 5 in the Minute Book) proposing a new contributions based policy for charging for adult social care services to support self directed support and personalisation.

Appendix 1 to the report provided a summary of the recommendations for

each of the proposals as set out in the report. Each proposal was considered and discussed in detail.

In considering the proposals, Cabinet were advised that there had been an extensive public consultation with service users, carers and partner organisations on a range of matters. The consultation ran from 4 October 2010 to 14 January 2011. The consultation responses had been externally validated by the Hampshire Local Involvement Network (LINK) and their summary report was set out in appendix 2. It was further noted that a full Equalities Impact Assessment had been undertaken and was duly considered by Cabinet.

Appendix 3 to the report set out the proposed policy framework for approval by Cabinet. The documents set out the policy aims, how these would be achieved and included the proposed changes recommended in the report. In considering this document, Cabinet requested that paragraph 5.6 concerning refusal to be assessed be amended to make it clearer that it applied to services requested by clients.

Cabinet agreed that the new contributions policy be implemented from July 2011 to allow time for service users to be notified of any changes to their contributions and put new IT and business processes in place to implement the new policy.

The Cabinet considered the recommendations set out in the report, which it adopted, with the following change:

The outline single policy framework Contributions Policy for Adult Social Care – paying for care at home be approved subject to the following word changes in paragraph 5.6 “A Service User is required to pay the full cost of the service if they refuse to disclose their financial means. Services requested by clients cannot be withdrawn because a person refuses to pay their contribution to their care costs or the full cost of care where appropriate. The County Council will pursue any debt incurred.”

The decision record is attached to these minutes as Appendix 1.

203 **BROADBAND PROJECT - FUTURE MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS**

The Cabinet considered a report of the Director of Economic Development (Item 6 in the Minute Book) on the future management arrangements for the Hampshire Broadband Project.

In considering the report, it was suggested that oversight of the infrastructure project remained with Hampshire Economic Board to ensure that this critical economic objective remained at the forefront of the project direction as it evolved. The Hampshire Digital Strategy with its wider reaching implications for the transformation of public services and supporting diverse communities, would be overseen by Cabinet.

The Cabinet adopted the recommendations set out in the report. The decision record is attached to these Minutes as Appendix 2.

204 BUDGET MONITORING UPDATE

The Cabinet considered a report of the County Treasurer (Item 7 in the Minute Book) on the budget monitoring position at the end of the third quarter.

In considering the report, the Cabinet were advised that costs of approximately £60,000 had been incurred in dealing with applications for Village Green Status associated with the implementation of the Bus Rapid Transport Scheme in Gosport. As this represented a significant burden on the Countryside budget associated with a major corporate project, it was proposed that the additional costs associated with these applications be funded from the corporate policy reserve with the amount to be determined when the 2010/11 accounts were closed.

The Cabinet adopted the recommendations set out in the report. The decision record is attached to these minutes as Appendix 3.

205 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

That in relation to the following item the press and public be excluded from the meeting as it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the public were present during that item there would be disclosure to them of exempt information within Paragraphs 3 and 4 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, and further that, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information for the reasons set out in the report.

206 EFFICIENCIES AND EXPENDITURE REDUCTIONS TRANSFORMING THE COUNTY COUNCIL - THE NEXT PHASE 2012/13
[SUMMARY OF AN EXEMPT ITEM]

The Cabinet considered an exempt report of the Chief Executive (Item 9 in the Minute Book) on the next planning phase for 2012/13 for the impact of the next wave of Government grant reductions.

The Cabinet adopted the recommendations set out in the report. The decision record is attached to these minutes as Appendix 4.