

Hampshire

At a Meeting of Hampshire County Council held at The Castle,
Winchester on 19 May 2011.

Chairman:

p Councillor Anna McNair Scott

Vice-Chairman:

p Councillor Frederick Allgood

Councillor:	Councillor:
<i>p</i> Mrs Charlotte Bailey	<i>a</i> Sam James
<i>p</i> Ian Beagley	<i>p</i> Andrew Joy
<i>p</i> Ray Bolton	<i>p</i> David Keast
<i>p</i> Alan Broadhurst	<i>p</i> Mark Kemp-Gee
<i>p</i> John Bryant	<i>p</i> Mel Kendal
<i>p</i> Ann Buckley	<i>p</i> Roger Kimber
<i>p</i> Graham Burgess	<i>p</i> Tim Knight
<i>p</i> Rita Burgess	<i>a</i> Rupert Kyrle
<i>p</i> Adam Carew	<i>p</i> Carol Leversha
<i>p</i> Christopher Carter	<i>p</i> Keith Mans
<i>p</i> Keith Chapman	<i>p</i> Peter Kent Mason
<i>p</i> Peter Chegwyn	<i>p</i> Alexis McEvoy
<i>p</i> Vaughan Clarke	<i>p</i> Robin McIntosh
<i>p</i> Adrian Collett	<i>a</i> Roz Muschamp
<i>p</i> Brian Collin	<i>p</i> Pam Mutton
<i>p</i> Mark Cooper	<i>p</i> Eric Neal
<i>p</i> Sam Darragh	<i>p</i> Frank Pearce
<i>p</i> Brian Dash	<i>p</i> Roy Perry
<i>p</i> Colin Davidovitz	<i>a</i> Jackie Porter
<i>p</i> Phryn Dickens	<i>p</i> Roger Price, JP
<i>p</i> Alan Dowden	<i>p</i> Jenny Radley
<i>p</i> David Drew	<i>p</i> Stephen Reid
<i>p</i> Peter Edgar	<i>a</i> Alan Rice, TD
<i>p</i> Dr. Ray Ellis	<i>a</i> Steve Rippon-Swaine
<i>a</i> Adrian Evans	<i>p</i> Angela Roling
<i>p</i> Keith Evans	<i>p</i> David Simpson
<i>p</i> Liz Fairhurst	<i>p</i> Elaine Still
<i>p</i> Jane Frankum	<i>p</i> Bruce Tennent
<i>p</i> Mike Geddes	<i>p</i> Tom Thacker
<i>p</i> Andrew Gibson	<i>a</i> Christopher Thomas
<i>p</i> Jonathan Glen	<i>p</i> Ken Thornber, C.B.E.
<i>p</i> Brian Gurden	<i>p</i> Marilyn Tucker
<i>p</i> David Harrison	<i>p</i> John Wall
<i>a</i> Edward Heron	<i>p</i> Alan Weeks
<i>p</i> Felicity Hindson	<i>p</i> John K. West
<i>p</i> Geoff Hockley	<i>p</i> Patricia West
<i>p</i> Keith House	<i>p</i> Sharyn Wheale
<i>p</i> Ronald Hussey	<i>p</i> Seán D. T. Woodward

191. **OUTGOING CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

The outgoing Chairman, Councillor Carol Leversha thanked several Members and in particular her Vice-Chairman, Councillor Anna McNair Scott, together with a number of staff for their support during her term of office. The Chairman reported on a number of events she had recently undertaken to represent and promote the County Council and its strong community leadership role.

192. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Rupert Kyrle, Sam James, Roz Muschamp, Jackie Porter, Steve Rippon-Swaine, Alan Rice and Chris Thomas, and from Honorary Aldermen Ted Gale and George Porter.

193. **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.**

At the request of the Chairman the Chief Executive, as proper officer, called for nominations. Councillor Ken Thornber, seconded by Councillor Roy Perry, proposed that Councillor Anna McNair Scott be elected Chairman of the County Council until the Annual General Meeting in 2012. No other nominations were received therefore the proposition was put to the vote and carried.

ORDERED:

That Councillor Anna McNair Scott be elected Chairman of the County Council to hold office until the Annual General Meeting in 2012. Councillor McNair Scott made the declaration of Acceptance of Office.

COUNCILLOR ANNA MCNAIR SCOTT IN THE CHAIR

194. **APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN.**

The Chairman called for nominations and Councillor Ken Thornber, seconded by Councillor Roy Perry, proposed that Councillor Frederick Allgood be appointed Vice-Chairman of the County Council until the Annual General Meeting in 2012. No other nominations were received therefore the proposition was put to the vote and carried.

ORDERED:

That Councillor Frederick Allgood be appointed Vice-Chairman of the County Council to hold office until the Annual General Meeting in 2012. Councillor Allgood made the declaration of Acceptance of Office.

195. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**

All Members who believed they had a personal or prejudicial interest in any matter to be considered at the meeting were asked to declare that interest and, having regard to the circumstances described in paragraphs 9, 10, 11 and 12 of the County Council's Code of Conduct, to consider whether to leave the meeting whilst the matter is discussed,

save for exercising any right to speak in accordance with paragraph 12 of the Code. The declaration should be made at the time of the relevant debate.

196. **MINUTES.**

The minutes of the meeting of the County Council held on 24 February 2011 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman subject to noting an amendment to Minute 176 to record that a personal interest was declared by Councillor Jenny Radley. There were no matters arising.

The minutes of the Extraordinary meeting of the County Council held on 26 April 2011 were signed by the Chairman subject to noting the following amendments:

In regard to attendance, Margaret Snaith-Tempia was no longer a Councillor and therefore was not present at the meeting.

In regard to the personal interests declared by Members in relation to Minute 190 – Notice of Motion on Children's Centres:

- a) Councillor Frederick Allgood's declaration to read that his grandson attends a Children's Centre that has assisted his health substantially
- b) Councillor Adam Carew declared a personal interest in his capacity as Mayor of Whitehill, that his local Children's Centre was the Mayor's Charity
- c) Councillor Peter Chegwyn declared a personal interest – has supported a Children's Centre with devolved Member budget and signed the petition
- d) Councillor Jonathan Glen declared a personal interest as Chairman of a Children's Centre Partnership Board and raised money for Sure Start
- e) Councillor Keith House declared a personal interest as a previous member on a Children's Centre Board and signed the petition

- f) Councillor Tom Thacker did not declare a personal interest
- g) Councillor Marilyn Tucker declared a personal interest as a Member of a Children's Centre Board

The Chairman proposed that in the interests of accuracy the list of Declarations of Interest be circulated to all Members post the meeting to ensure that all Members' declarations had been recorded as declared.

There were no matters arising.

197. DEPUTATION.

The Council received a deputation from Mr Maurice Sheehan concerning the future of Youth Services in Hampshire. For the record it was noted that Mr Sheehan confirmed he had been a former County Councillor for Farnborough West. Since stepping down from that role in 2005, he had not been involved in any political activity or been a member of a political party. Furthermore he confirmed that whilst a County Councillor, he had held the position of Chairman of the Youth Panel and that his wife is a youth worker for Hampshire County Council whose job is at risk.

198. CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS.

The Chairman opened her communications by thanking Councillor Carol Leversha for her hard work during her term of office and briefly outlined the role of the Chairman. The Chairman asked Members to contact her office if they felt that an event in the County would benefit from the Chairman's presence or help.

The Chairman confirmed that during her forthcoming term of office she would be holding a series of events at the Council Council's Discovery Centres to recognise voluntary organisations and individuals and would be continuing with updates in regard to Members role of corporate parents. The Chairman confirmed that together with her husband, who is High Sheriff of Hampshire for the forthcoming year, she would be holding a joint ticketed concert for charity in Winchester Cathedral on Saturday 4 February 2012 and hoped that as many Members as possible would support this worthwhile event.

The Chairman also announced that she was calling an Extraordinary Meeting of the County Council on Thursday 13 October 2011. At this meeting Members will have the opportunity to consider the Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan, which is a complex and comprehensive document which will be of much interest to Members of the County Council and members of the public alike. An electronic meeting notice for Members' diaries would be sent after the meeting.

Lastly and with much sadness the Chairman reported the death of former County Councillor and Honorary Alderman Capt. Michael Boyle on 6 April 2011. Capt. Boyle represented the Whitchurch Division on the County Council between 1970 and 1972 and the Candovers from 1975 before serving as Chairman of the County Council from 1997 to 1999. A Memorial Service would be held on Wednesday 6 July 2011 at Winchester Cathedral. The Leader led the tributes to Capt. Boyle and was followed by Councillors Peter Chegwyn, Adrian Collett, Alan Dowden, Tom Thacker and Patricia West. The Council observed a minute's silence as a mark of respect and in recognition of a long and distinguished career.

199. **LEADER'S REPORT.**

The Leader welcomed Councillor Graham Burgess to the County Council following his election to the Lee (Gosport) County Electoral Division, replacing former County Councillor Margaret Snaith-Tempia. The Leader also proposed that Margaret Snaith-Tempia be conferred the title of Honorary Alderman at a future Special Meeting of the County Council.

The Leader announced that as part of the County Council's reduction of costs he would be proposing later in the proceedings that the Members' Allowances Panel would be abolished and its remit incorporated into that of the Employment in Hampshire County Council Committee and a reduction to the number of Members serving on the Buildings, Land and Procurement (BLAP) Panel from 12 to 6. Similarly, consideration was also being given to a reduction to the Regulatory Committee A and B membership with deputising roles being explored for those Members standing down to enable them to continue to make a contribution and to retain expertise while reducing overall costs. Furthermore, and subject to the provision in the Localism Bill becoming an Act, (i.e. that the Standards Board for England be abolished and with it the current standards regime), that he would be proposing that the County Council's Standards Committee be abolished at the appropriate time.

The Leader reported that the Cabinet had been exploring the introduction of an in-house webcam system to make the meetings of the County Council and the Cabinet more accessible to the public and the media, in line with the Government's wishes. This initiative would be funded from the underspend on Members Devolved Budgets. The majority of voices of those members present indicated their approval of such an arrangement, which would be reflected within the County Council's Constitution that was currently under review.

The Leader also reported that he was considering a request to include regular reports from the Hampshire Senate to meetings of the County Council.

The Leader had pleasure in reporting a number of Awards as follows:

- the title of 2011UK Education Caterer of the Year to the County Council's catering service HC3S, awarded by the "Cost Sector Catering Awards" which is the only arena that offers the people who work in the food service and catering industry the opportunity to be judged by their peers.
- the title of Achievement in Learning 2010 to Jenny Damerell, awarded by Fareport Training who have worked with the County Council on the Corporate Apprenticeship Pilot Scheme to deliver the Health and Social Care Framework. Jenny was an apprentice at Malmesbury Lawn Care Home in Havant which led to recruitment as a children and family support worker.
- a commendation in the Sustainability Award category for Elizabeth II Court for the introduction of flexible working to accommodate a further 500 staff, reducing floor area by 30% and saving energy and carbon to help secure predicted savings of £200,000 per year on running costs.
- a blue flag award to Beachlands on Hayling Island for the eleventh year running indicating a good standard of beach, which is excellent news for local traders and tourism overall.

The Leader reported on a successful event held in Farnborough that the County Council helped to organise as an initiative of the Hampshire Military Economic Partnership. The Partnership was set up to assist in developing training, investment and employment opportunities for people leaving the Armed Forces, veterans and reservists. The Employment Fare forms part of the County Council's wider support for the Armed Forces Community and is in line with the County Council's role as one of the Armed Forces Welfare Pathway Pilots.

Finally the Leader reported on a new era of closer working between the County Council and the Federation of Small Business (FSB) following the signing of the FSB national Small Business Engagement Accord. The Accord aims to generate a more productive dialogue between small businesses and Local Authorities.

200. QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER 20(b)

No questions had been submitted.

201. PROPORTIONALITY AND APPOINTMENTS

The Council considered the report of the Chief Executive (Item 10 in the Minute Book) concerning proportionality and appointments.

In accordance with Part 1 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 the County Council is required to review the proportionality of its committees each year at its Annual General Meeting. The Council therefore noted that the outcome of the By-election for the County Electoral Division of Lee (Gosport) had not affected the existing proportionality. Further to the announcement by the Leader as part of his report earlier in the proceedings, he proposed that the Members' Allowances Panel be abolished and its remit incorporated to that of the Employment in Hampshire County Council Committee and that the number of Members on the Buildings, Land and Procurement (BLAP) Panel be reduced from 12 to 6 on the basis of a ratio of 4 : 2; both of these changes to take effect immediately. The former would require an amendment to the Terms of Reference for the Employment in Hampshire County Council, which would be submitted to County Council for approval in due course. A draft revised proportionality table reflecting these proposals was circulated. It was noted that in order to retain proportionality the unaffiliated Members were entitled to two further seats and the Conservative Group two less. The Leader therefore proposed that two additional seats be made available to the unaffiliated Members on the Audit Committee on the basis of the ratio of 5 : 2 : 2. The proposed revised membership of the Audit Committee would be submitted to the County Council meeting on 14 July 2011. The revised proportionality table is attached to these Minutes as Appendix 1.

Standing Order 34(b) of the Constitution requires the County Council, at its Annual General Meeting, to appoint the Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of the Committees and Panels of the Council until the next Annual General Meeting of the Council. The Council considered the proposals that had been previously circulated. Following Councillor Frederick Allgood's appointment as Vice-Chairman of the County Council, the Leader proposed that Councillor John West be appointed as a replacement for Councillor Allgood as the Vice-Chairman of the Children and Young People Select Committee. Furthermore the Leader proposed that Councillor Carol Leversha fill the vacancy of Chairman of the Policy and Review Select Committee. A full list of the proposed Chairmen and Vice-Chairman is set out in Appendix 2 to these Minutes.

Standing Order 8 of the Constitution requires the County Council, at its Annual General Meeting to appoint its allocation of Members to the Joint Committee responsible for appointing members of the Hampshire Police Authority under Schedule 2 of the Police Act 1996. The following nominations were proposed:

Councillors Adrian Collett, Mel Kendal, Keith Mans and Ken Thornber.

Standing Order 9 of the Constitution requires the County Council, at its Annual General Meeting, to appoint its full quota of members to the Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority. The following nominations were proposed:

Councillors: Ian Beagley; Adam Carew; Chris Carter; Keith Chapman; Sam Darragh; Adrian Evans; Liz Fairhurst; Jane Frankum; David Harrison; Roger Kimber; Tim Knight; Robin McIntosh; Eric Neal; Frank Pearce; Roger Price; David Simpson; Marilyn Tucker; Alan Weeks and John West.

A number of proposed alterations to membership of committees and outside bodies had been previously circulated. However, since that circulation some further changes to committee and panel memberships and alterations and additional appointments to the County Council;s representation on Outside Bodies had come to light for which a decision was required as soon as possible to ensure the County Council has continued and full representation on those bodies. Therefore a full and revised list of the nominations proposed is set out in Appendix 3 to these Minutes.

Resolved:

- a) That the County Council's proportionality be approved as set out in Appendix 1 to these Minutes, taking into account the abolishment of the Members' Allowances Panel; a reduction from 12 to 6 Members on the Buildings, Land and Procurement Panel and revised proportionality on the Audit Committee of 5 : 2: 2.
- b) That Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of Committees and Panels be approved as set out in Appendix 2 to these Minutes.
- c) That the County Council's representatives on the Joint Committee to make appointments to the Hampshire Police Authority be approved as set out in Minute 201 above.
- d) That the County Council's representatives on the Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority be approved as set out in Minute 201 above.
- e) That alterations to the County Council's Committees and Panels and alterations and appointments to the County Council's representation on Outside Bodies be approved as set out in Appendix 3 to these Minutes.
- f) That the continued leave of absence of Councillor Sam James be approved.

202. HAMPSHIRE POLICE AUTHORITY.

No questions had been received pursuant to Standing Order 20(d).
The report of the Hampshire Police Authority was received.

203. HAMPSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY.

No questions had been received pursuant to Standing Order 20(e). It was noted that the Fire Authority had not met since the County Council last received a report on 24 February, hence there was no business that required a report from the Authority on this occasion.

It was noted that Members expressed a strong desire to continue to receive reports from Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority concerning the important work carried out by the Service. The Leader updated Members to confirm that he was in discussion with the Chairman of the Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority to resolve an outstanding constitutional issue and anticipated that a report would be available for the Council's next meeting in July.

204. REPORTS FOR INFORMATION.

In regard to the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee report, Councillor Phrynnette Dickens declared a personal interest that a member of her family is employed at the QA Hospital in Portsmouth.

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

- a) The Cabinet/Leader
 - Proposals for a new Contributions Policy for Adult Social Care Services
 - Area Based Insulation (ABI) Scheme
 - Collaborative working on Health and Wellbeing

NB: It was noted that the Leader proposed that a report on the ABI Scheme be submitted to the next meeting of the Council to keep Members fully informed.

- b) Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee
 - Inquiries received and taken
 - Proposals to vary or develop NHS Services
- c) Executive Member for Adult Social Care
 - Adult Services Grants to Voluntary and Community Organisations 2011/12
 - Extra Care Housing – New Forest

APPENDIX 1

COUNTY COUNCIL PROPORTIONALITY TABLE
19 May 2011

(APPROVED)

	Conservative (51)	Liberal Democrat (25)	Unaffiliated (2)
Select Committees			
Policy and Resources (12)	8	4	0
Children and Young People (20)	13	6	1
Environment and Transportation (12)	8	4	0
Culture and Communities (13)	8	4	1
Safe and Healthy People (13)	8	4	1
Health Overview and Scrutiny (15)	10	5	0
Other Committees/Panels			
Regulatory Committee A (21)	14	7	0
Regulatory Committee B (21)	14	7	0
Employment in Hampshire County Council Committee (9)	6	3	0
Audit Committee (9)	5	2	2
Pension Fund Panel (9)	6	3	0
Advisory Committees/Panels			
Buildings, Land and Procurement Panel (6)	4	2	0
Education Advisory Panel (9)	6	3	0
Children and Families Advisory Panel (9)	6	3	0
SACRE (5)	3	2	0
River Hamble			
River Hamble Harbour Board (3)	2	1	0
River Hamble Management Committee (10)	7	3	0
Total (196)	128	63	5
Mathematical entitlement rounded up/down (196)	(128.15)	(62.82)	(5.02)
Other Proportionate Bodies			
New Forest National Park Authority (5)	3	2	0
Chichester Harbour Board (4)	3	1	0
Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority (19)	12	6	1
Jt C'ttee – Police Authority Appointments (4)	3	1	0
Total (32)	21	10	1
Mathematical entitlement (32)	(20.9)	(10.2)	(0.8)

Note: Standards Committee is excluded from proportionality rules by virtue of Section 53 (10) of the Local Government Act 2000.

ADDENDUM

In circumstances where the membership of the County Council includes Members who are not part of a political group the provision of Regulation 16 of the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990 come into effect.

Regulation 16 amends Section 15 (3) of the Local Government and Housing Act ("the Act") to provide that the County Council should

- i) establish what percentage of the total County Council membership is represented by the two political groups within the County Council
- ii) allocate the corresponding percentage of the total number of seats to Members of these groups.

The duty to allocate any unfilled seats is subject of the duty contained within Section 16 (2A) of the Act. In this case Section 16 (2A) of the Act requires that the seats that have not been allocated under Section 15 (3) should be filled by Members who are not Members of a political group.

The unallocated seats should therefore be allocated to Members of the County Council who are not Members of one of the political groups. The specific seats to be allowed to these Members is within the discretion of the County Council but the seats should be allocated between the unaffiliated Members.

The County Council's practice is that the Leader's of both political Groups allocate their seats and the unaffiliated Members are considered and allocated seats as part of that process.

APPENDIX 2**COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN AND VICE CHAIRMEN 2011/12****(APPROVED)**

Committee	Chairman	Vice Chairman
Audit Committee	Councillor Keith Evans	Councillor John Bryant
Buildings, Land and Procurement Panel	Councillor Ken Thornber	Councillor Colin Davidovitz
Children and Families Advisory Panel	Councillor Marilyn Tucker	Councillor Adrian Evans
Children and Young People Select Committee	Councillor Stephen Reid	Councillor John West
Culture, Communities and Rural Affairs Select Committee	Councillor Elaine Still	Councillor Alan Rice
Education Advisory Panel	Councillor Peter Edgar	Councillor Roger Kimber
Employment in Hampshire County Council Committee	Councillor Ken Thornber	Councillor Ray Ellis
Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Councillor Patricia West	Councillor Liz Fairhurst
Environment and Transportation Select Committee	Councillor Sharyn Wheale	Councillor Geoff Hockley
Pension Fund Panel	Councillor Mark Kemp-Gee	Councillor Ken Thornber
Policy and Resources Select Committee	Councillor Carol Leversha	Councillor Keith Evans
Regulatory Committee A	Councillor Robin McIntosh	Councillor Ian Beagley
River Hamble Harbour Board	Councillor Keith Evans	Councillor Geoff Hockley
River Hamble Harbour Management Committee	Councillor Seán Woodward	Councillor Ray Ellis

Committee	Chairman	Vice Chairman
Safe and Healthy People Select Committee	Councillor Patricia West	Councillor Roger Kimber
Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education	Pam Mutton	Roz Muschamp

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APPOINTMENTS APPROVED

- a) that Councillor Keith Chapman fill the vacancy on the Hampshire Economic Board, as a sub-committee of the Executive, following the resignation of former County Councillor Margaret Snaith-Tempia
- b) that Councillor Graham Burgess fill the vacancy on the Children and Young People Select Committee resulting from the change of Vice-Chairman for that committee
- c) that Councillor Brian Collin replace Councillor David Simpson on the Children and Young People Select Committee and that Councillor David Simpson replace Councillor Brian Collin on the Safe and Healthy People Select Committee
- d) that Councillor Graham Burgess fill the vacancy on the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee resulting from Councillor Keith Chapman joining the Cabinet
- e) that Councillor Dr. Ray Ellis be appointed as the County Council's representative on the Partnership for South Hampshire (PUSH) Joint Committee and that Councillor Ken Thornber be appointed as the deputy
- f) that Councillor Graham Burgess replace Councillor Keith Evans on the Partnership for Urban South Hampshire (PUSH) Overview and Scrutiny Committee and that Councillor Ray Bolton be appointed as the deputy
- g) that Councillor Ken Thornber be appointed as the County Council's representative on the Solent Local Enterprise Partnership (Solent LEP), and furthermore that he be nominated as a Director
- h) that Councillor Keith Chapman be appointed as a deputy representative for a shared seat on the Thames Regional Flooding and Coastal Committee
- i) that Councillor Dr. Ray Ellis fill the vacancy on the Local Government Association (LGA) Coastal Issues Committee resulting from the resignation of former County Councillor Margaret Snaith-Tempia
- j) that the following be appointed as the County Council's representatives on the Chichester Harbour Conservancy, which is a proportional body, with effect from 1 July 2011:

Councillors Mrs Ann Buckley, Tim Knight, Frank Pearce and Alan Rice with Councillors Dr. Ray Ellis and Mrs Charlotte Bailey as deputies

NB: Appointments to the Chichester Harbour Conservancy are for a three year period of office, i.e. from 2011 to 2014, however this representation will be reviewed after the County Council elections in May 2013

k) that the following be appointed as the County Council's representatives on South East Employers for the municipal year 2011/12:

Councillors Dr. Ray Ellis, Jonathan Glen and John Wall with Councillors Felicity Hindson, Frank Pearce and Brian Dash as deputies