

AT A MEETING of the Cabinet of HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL held at the Castle on 30 September 2013.

Chairman:
p Councillor Roy Perry

Councillors:

p	Keith Chapman	p	Anna McNair Scott
p	Peter Edgar	p	Keith Mans
p	Liz Fairhurst	p	Stephen Reid
p	Andrew Joy	a	Seán Woodward
p	Mel Kendal		

Also present with the agreement of the Chairman: Councillors Ray Bolton, Vaughan Clarke, Andrew Gibson, Pat West and Sharyn Wheale.

18. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Woodward.

19. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

All Members who believe they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in any matter to be considered at the meeting must declare that interest and, having regard to the circumstances described in Part 3, Paragraph 1.5 of the County Council's Code of Conduct, leave the meeting while the matter is discussed, save for exercising any right to speak in accordance with paragraph 1.6 of the Code. Furthermore, all Members with a Non-Pecuniary Interest in a matter being considered at the meeting should consider whether such interest should be declared, and having regard to Part 5 Paragraph 2 of the Code, consider whether it is appropriate to leave the meeting while the matter is discussed, save for exercising any right to speak in accordance with the Code.

20. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 22 July 2013 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

21. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Cabinet meeting, in particular Margaret Paren, OBE, Chairman of the South Downs National Park Authority, who was in attendance at the invitation of the Chairman.

At the Chairman's request, the Executive Member for Culture, Recreation and Countryside updated Cabinet with regards to the recent successful bid for £1.8 million of Heritage Lottery funding for the restoration of the M33 warship. It was anticipated that this would be complete in time for the 100th anniversary of the Gallipoli campaign, in which the M33 had originally seen service, in 2015. It was noted that the M33 was one of only two surviving First World War warships and therefore of great historic and cultural significance. The Executive Member thanked all the people who had been involved in the bid.

22. QUARTER ONE BUDGET MONITORING – 2013/14

The Cabinet considered the report of the Director of Corporate Resources (Item 5 in the Minute Book) reviewing the budget monitoring position at the end of the first quarter.

The underspend highlighted in the report was noted and it was acknowledged that overall trends would become more apparent after quarters two and three. The continuing pressures of the financial situation were discussed, in particular with relation to Adult Social Care and it was noted that these were being managed so far as possible.

The Cabinet approved the recommendations set out in the report. The decision record is attached to these Minutes as Appendix 1.

23. SOUTH DOWNS NATIONAL PARK MANAGEMENT PLAN – CONSULTATION RESPONSE

The Cabinet considered the report of the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment (Item 6 in the Minute Book) regarding the response of the County Council to the consultation on the South Downs National Park Partnership Management Plan.

At the invitation of the Chairman, Margaret Paren, Chairman of the South Downs National Park Authority addressed Cabinet. She explained that the Plan set the strategic direction for the next five years and had been compiled through extensive consultation with partner organisations, including Hampshire County Council. Mrs Paren described the importance of balancing the responsibility to the environment, with the duty to support the local economy and highlighted the power of national parks to drive economic growth. The importance of sustainable transport links as well as of high speed broadband was highlighted. Mrs Paren thanked Hampshire County Council for the support that had been given to the development of the Plan.

Cabinet members appreciated the close working relationship that was in place between the County Council and the National Park and noted some of the varied and dynamic activities on offer to visitors, in particular electric car racing by school teams. Members were confident that the Plan represented a positive balance between the environmental and economic needs of the area

and would be a success.

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

24. **RESPONSIBILITY FOR EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS AND APPROVAL OF PROJECT APPRAISALS**

The Cabinet considered the report of the Chief Executive (Item 7 in the Minute Book) on the allocation of Executive Functions and a proposed amendment to the process of approving project appraisals.

The Cabinet approved the recommendations set out in the report and added two further recommendations to the County Council relating to the responsibilities and names of the Select (Overview and Scrutiny) Committees. The decision record is attached to these Minutes as Appendix 3.