

Hampshire

At a Meeting of Hampshire County Council held at The Castle, Winchester on 20 February 2014.

Chairman:

p Councillor Ken Thornber, CBE

Vice-Chairman:

p Councillor Colin Davidovitz

Councillor:	Councillor:
<i>a</i> Phil Bailey	<i>p</i> Andrew Joy
<i>p</i> John Bennison	<i>p</i> David Keast
<i>p</i> Ray Bolton	<i>p</i> Mark Kemp-Gee
<i>p</i> Ann Briggs	<i>p</i> Mel Kendal
<i>p</i> Graham Burgess	<i>p</i> Rupert Kyrle
<i>p</i> Rita Burgess	<i>p</i> Chris Lagdon
<i>p</i> Adam Carew	<i>p</i> Peter Latham
<i>p</i> Christopher Carter	<i>p</i> Warwick Lovegrove
<i>p</i> Roz Chadd	<i>p</i> Martin Lyon
<i>p</i> Keith Chapman	<i>p</i> Keith Mans
<i>p</i> Peter Chegwyn	<i>p</i> Fiona Mather
<i>p</i> Charles Choudhary	<i>p</i> Robin McIntosh
<i>p</i> Vaughan Clarke	<i>p</i> Anna McNair Scott
<i>p</i> Adrian Collett	<i>p</i> Andy Moore
<i>p</i> Criss Connor	<i>p</i> Frank Pearce
<i>p</i> Mark Cooper	<i>p</i> Roy Perry
<i>a</i> Ferris Cowper	<i>p</i> Jackie Porter
<i>a</i> Shaun Cully	<i>p</i> Roger Price, JP
<i>p</i> Alan Dowden	<i>p</i> Stephen Reid
<i>p</i> Peter Edgar	<i>p</i> Alan Rice, TD
<i>p</i> Jacqui England	<i>p</i> George Ringrow
<i>p</i> Keith Evans	<i>p</i> Steve Rippon-Swaine
<i>p</i> Liz Fairhurst	<i>p</i> Timothy Rolt
<i>p</i> Philip Fawkes	<i>p</i> Frank Rust
<i>p</i> Ray Finch	<i>p</i> David Simpson
<i>p</i> Jane Frankum	<i>p</i> Patricia Stallard
<i>p</i> Andrew Gibson	<i>p</i> Mark Staplehurst
<i>a</i> Jonathan Glen	<i>p</i> Elaine Still
<i>p</i> Chris Greenwood	<i>p</i> Bruce Tennent
<i>a</i> Brian Gurden	<i>p</i> Tom Thacker
<i>p</i> David Harrison	<i>p</i> Martin Tod
<i>p</i> Marge Harvey	<i>p</i> Malcolm Wade
<i>p</i> Edward Heron	<i>p</i> John Wall
<i>p</i> Geoff Hockley	<i>p</i> Patricia West
<i>p</i> Tony Hooke	<i>p</i> Sharyn Wheale
<i>p</i> Keith House	<i>p</i> Chris Wood
<i>p</i> Rob Humby	<i>p</i> Seán D. T. Woodward
<i>p</i> Roger Huxstep	

58. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Phil Bailey, Ferris Cowper, Shaun Cully, Jonathan Glen and Brian Gurden and from Honorary Aldermen Brian Dash, Ted Gale, Roger Kimber, Pamela Mutton and Marilyn Tucker.

59. **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.

The Chairman reminded Members that a dispensation was in place enabling all Members of the County Council to participate and vote in any business of the County Council relating to the setting of the Council Tax or Precept (Item 9 on the Agenda) and the Members' Allowances Scheme (Item 10 on the Agenda).

60. **MINUTES.**

The minutes of the meeting of the County Council held on 28 November 2013 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

61. **DEPUTATION.**

The Council received a deputation from Mrs Jan Field and Mr Peter Young regarding HGV through traffic in Alresford and surrounding villages.

62. **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. It was with much sadness that the Chairman reported on the passing of Councillor John West and invited the Leader of the Council to lead the tributes from Councillors Patricia West, Keith House, Vaughan Clarke, David Keast, Marge Harvey, Jane Frankum, Ray Finch and Keith Chapman. Members also paid tribute to former County Councillor June Watson who had served the Hedge End and Botley Division from 1989 to

1997, having been particularly involved in planning matters, and to Sir David Price MP who had represented Eastleigh from 1955 to 1992, rising to the rank of junior trade and aerospace minister under three separate Prime Ministers. Sir David passed away recently at the age of 89. A minute's silence was observed.

The Chairman's full report is attached to these Minutes at Appendix 1.

63. **LEADER'S REPORT.**

The Leader reported on a number of matters, particularly thanking Stuart Jarvis, Director of Economy, Transport and Environment, his staff and other officers for the work they had done in response to recent problems caused by the adverse weather conditions. The Leader also had pleasure in reporting that Runways End, the County Council's new Outdoor Centre in Aldershot had been short listed for a Civic Trust Award and made a presentation to Anwen Foy, Head of the Ethnic Minority and Travellers Service for the Hampshire Young Interpreters Scheme of two awards – the 2013 Grassroots Excellence and the Winner of Winners categories – of the Guardian Public Services Awards.

The Leader's full report is attached to these Minutes at Appendix 2.

64. **QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER 16.1.1.**

The list of Questions submitted under Standing Order 16.1.1 is attached to these Minutes at Appendix 3. Executive Members responded accordingly. It was not possible for Question 7 on the list from Councillor Ray Bolton to the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services to be taken within the time allowed for Questions therefore the Council resolved that it be deferred to the next meeting.

65. **APPOINTMENTS.**

The Council considered a report from the Chief Executive together with an Addendum circulated in the Chamber (Item 8 and 8X in the Minute Book), as presented by the Leader, proposing a number of alterations to committees and panels of the County Council, to other bodies on which the County Council is represented and the recommendations of a Sub-Committee of the Conduct Advisory Panel proposing appointments to the Independent Remuneration Panel (IRP).

RESOLVED:

1. That Councillor Ann Briggs be appointed to the Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority to fill a Conservative vacancy following the passing of Councillor John West.
2. That Dave Yates, Chief Executive of New Forest District Council be appointed as the Hampshire District Councils representative on the Hampshire Health and Wellbeing Board, replacing Bernie Topham

and that Nick Tustian, Chief Executive of Eastleigh Borough Council be appointed as the Substitute Member.

3. That Richard Wharton, Diocesan Director of Education for the Portsmouth and Winchester Diocese be appointed to replace Tony Blackshaw as one of the four Church of England co-opted members on the Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (SACRE). Tony Blackshaw retired at the end of 2013 having served for several years on SACRE.
4. That James Dye be appointed to replace Linda Miatt as one of the four co-opted members representing the Teachers' Association on the Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (SACRE). Linda Miatt retired in 2013.
5. That Chris Oddie, Finance Director of the Inspiration Marine Group be appointed as the Deputy for the co-opted member on the River Hamble Harbour Management Committee representing the British Marine Federation.
6. That Councillor Roz Chadd be appointed as Vice-Chairman of the Children and Young People Select Committee following the passing of Councillor John West.
7. That Councillor Charles Choudhary be appointed to the Conservative vacancy on the Regulatory Committee following the passing of Councillor John West.
8. That Councillor Peter Latham replaces Councillor Mel Kendal as the County Council's representative on the Police and Crime Panel.
9. That Julia Abbott, Roger Farrall, David Heck and David Kinch be appointed as the County Council's Independent Remuneration Panel for a four-year term of office expiring in February 2018.

66. REVENUE BUDGET AND PRECEPT 2014/15 AND CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2014/15-2016/17.

The Council received the Leader's Budget Speech regarding the Revenue Budget and Precept for 2014/15 and the Capital Programme for the period 2014/15 to 2016/17, assisted by the Executive Member for Income and Capital Receipts. The full Speech is available to view on the County Council's website at www.hants.gov.uk/council/meetings.htm by typing in the reference number 5661.

The Council considered the recommendations of the Cabinet (Item 9 in the Minute Book), which included the main changes to the figures presented and agreed by the Cabinet at their meeting on 7 February 2014.

In responding to the proposals Councillor Keith House, Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group, seconded by Councillor Adrian Collett proposed an amendment to the budget which is attached to these Minutes as Appendix 4.

Councillor Ray Finch, Leader of the UK Independence Group responded to the proposals. No amendment was moved.

Councillor Criss Connor, Leader of the Labour Group, responded to the proposals. No amendment was moved.

Councillor Jacqui England, Leader of the Independent Group, responded to the proposals. No amendment was moved.

The Liberal Democrat amendment was put to the vote and in accordance with Standing Order 22.3 a recorded vote was requested and supported by 10 Members of the Council, the outcome of which was as follow:

For:	15
Against:	49
Abstentions:	5

Full details of the recorded vote are attached at Appendix 5 to these Minutes.

The Amendment was lost and the substantive proposals were put to the vote. As indicated by the Leader in his Announcements earlier in the proceedings there was a recorded vote in the spirit of what was intended by new legislation coming into force on 25 February 2014 and for the purposes of transparency. The outcome of the vote was as follows:

For:	42
Against:	3
Abstentions:	24

Full details of the recorded vote are attached at Appendix 6 to these Minutes.

RESOLVED:

Revenue Budget

That the County Council approved:

- (a) The Chief Financial Officer's report under Section 25 of the Local Government Act 2003 and that it be taken into account when the Council determines the budget and precept for 2014/15 (Appendix 12 of Annex A).
- (b) The Revised Budget for 2013/14 set out in Appendix 1 of Annex A and Annex 1 to this Part 1 report

- (c) The Revenue Budget for 2014/15 as set out in Appendix 8 to Annex A and Annexes 2 to 4 of this Part 1 report.
- (d) The provisional cash limits for 2015/16 set out in paragraph 11.6 of Annex A
- (e) The capital investment proposals set out in Appendix 13 of Annex A.
- (f) The total budget requirement for the general expenses of the County Council for the year beginning 1 April 2014, be £748,212,031.00.
- (g) The council tax requirement for the County Council for the year beginning 1 April 2014, be £497,037,888.21.
- (h) The County Council's band D council tax for the year beginning 1 April 2014 be £1,037.88 as in 2013/14
- (i) The County Council's council tax for the year beginning 1 April 2014 for properties in each tax band be:

	£
Band A	691.92
Band B	807.24
Band C	922.56
Band D	1,037.88
Band E	1,268.52
Band F	1,499.16
Band G	1,729.80
Band H	2,075.76

- (j) Precepts be issued totalling £497,037,888.21 on the billing authorities in Hampshire, requiring the payment in such instalments and on such date set by them previously notified to the County Council, in proportion to the tax base of each billing authorities area as determined by them and as set out below:

Basingstoke and Deane	60,797.30
East Hampshire	46,802.77
Eastleigh	41,934.45
Fareham	40,974.40
Gosport	24,794.10
Hart	37,544.47
Havant	38,002.43
New Forest	68,581.20
Rushmoor	29,540.17
Test Valley	44,164.00
Winchester	45,761.97

- (k) The treasury management and annual investment strategies, prudential and financial health indicators for 2014/15, in accordance with the recommendations in Appendix 14 to Annex A.

Capital Programme

- (a) The provision in the Children's Services capital programme for 2013/14 for new primary and nursery provision at Westgate School, Winchester be increased by £1.2 million, to be funded from within Children's Services capital programme for 2013/14
- (b) The provision in the Children's Services capital programme for 2013/14 for improvements at Stubbington Study Centre be increased by £0.475 million, to be funded from contributions from the Study Centre's own resources
- (c) Provision of £1.070 million be added to the capital programme for 2013/14 for Children's Services' IT programme, known as Transformation IT for Children in Hampshire (TITCH), to be funded by £0.570 million from the Cost of Change Reserve and £0.5 million from within Children's Services capital

- (d) Provision of £1.7 million be added to the Policy and Resources capital programme for 2013/14 for IT Services, to be funded by virement from IT Services' revenue budget
- (e) Provision of £1.032 million be added to the Policy and Resources capital programme for 2013/14 to upgrade the Hampshire Public Services Network (HPSN2), to be funded by prudential borrowing repayable from revenue savings
- (f) Provision of £1.994 million be added to the Policy and Resources capital programme for 2013/14 for a strategic purchase of farm land and further investment to bring the asset up to modern standards, to be funded from the Capital Reserve
- (g) Provision of £0.186 million be added to the Policy and Resources capital programme for 2013/14 for refurbishment of the shower facilities at Calshot Activities Centre, to be funded by virement from the revenue budget
- (h) The capital programme for 2014/15 and the provisional programmes for 2015/16 and 2016/17 as set out in Appendix 3 of Annex B be approved, subject to the conditions set out in section B.3 of the County Council's Financial Procedures on the responsibilities for managing the capital programme and, where appropriate, to the approval of the Executive Member for Policy and Resources to proposals by Executive Members to retain more than a 25% share of capital receipts
- (i) Expenditure on preliminary design and planning work for major transport schemes be permitted when they have achieved a place in the County Council's Local Transport Plan, subject to the cost being met within existing Government allocations
- (j) Authority be given to incur expenditure on land purchases as follows:
 - (1) up to the sum specified in respect of sites still required for the schemes included in the capital programme for the period 2014/15 to 2016/17 provided that the relevant scheme has been the subject of a feasibility or design project appraisal approved by the relevant Executive Member
 - (2) up to the amount included in the programmes for 2014/15 to 2016/17 in respect of advance and advantageous land purchases.

67. AMENDMENT TO MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES SCHEME 2013/14 AND MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES SCHEME 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17 AND 2017/18.

The Council considered a report from the Chief Executive (Item 10 in the Minute Book), as presented by the Chairman of the Employment in Hampshire County Council (EHCC) Committee, which sought approval of an amendment to the Members' Allowances Scheme for 2013/14 together with approval of a Members' Allowances Scheme covering the period 2014/15 to 2017/18 as recommended by the EHCC Committee. The

amendment to the Scheme for 2013/14 in respect of Minority Group Spokespersons' Allowances was proposed by the Independent Remuneration Panel (IRP), the details of which were set out in paragraph 9 of the report. The proposed Scheme covering a four-year period from 2014/15 to 2017/18 would see a continuance of both the Basic Allowance and Special Responsibility Allowances being frozen at existing rates.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the IRP proposal, as set out in paragraph 9 of the report regarding amendment of the Members' Allowances Scheme for 2013/14 in respect of Minority Group Spokespersons' Allowances (SRA's), be approved.
- (b) That a Members' Allowances Scheme for the years 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17 and 2017/18, whereby Basic Allowances and SRA's continue to be frozen at existing rates, be approved.

68. HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL PAY POLICY STATEMENT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2014/15.

The Council considered a report from the Chief Executive (Item 11 in the Minute Book), as presented by the Chairman of the Employment in Hampshire County Council (EHCC) Committee, which sought approval of the County Council's Pay Statement for the financial year 2014/15 as set out in the Annex to the report.

RESOLVED:

That the Pay Statement for 2014/15 as detailed in the report to the Employment in Hampshire County Council (EHCC) Committee and at Appendix C, be approved and that it be agreed that EHCC Committee remains the appropriate Committee to agree Chief Officer remuneration for Chief Officers above Grade K, including individual salary offers in respect of any new Chief Officer appointments, any changes to Chief Officer salaries after appointment and any severance packages for Chief Officers leaving the County Council, in accordance with the Pay Statement.

69. SOUTH DOWNS NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY – SCHEME OF PLANNING DELEGATION

The Council considered a report of the Chief Executive (Item 12 in the Minute Book), as presented by the Leader, which sought approval of a Scheme of Planning Delegation to enable Hampshire County Council to continue to provide planning services to the South Downs National Park Authority.

RESOLVED:

That the County Council:

- (a) Agreed to enter into any required Statement of Intent and Agency Agreement with the South Downs National Park Authority pursuant to Section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972, for the delivery of planning services within that part of Hampshire that is within the South Downs National Park.
- (b) Authorised the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment to negotiate the details associated with the Section 101 Agreement referred to at (a) above and to conclude such agreement and any related agreement(s) accordingly.
- (c) Delegated authority to the Regulatory Committee and the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment, following completion of the Section 101 Agreement with the South Downs National Park Authority, to exercise the functions of the South Downs National Park Authority subject of the Section 101 Agreement.

70. LOCAL PROTOCOL ON PLANNING, RIGHTS OF WAY AND COMMONS REGISTRATION FOR COUNCILLORS AND OFFICERS

The Council considered a report from the Regulatory Committee (Item 13 in the Minute Book), as presented by the Chairman of the Regulatory Committee, which sought approval of a revised Local Protocol on planning matters.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the revised Local Protocol on Planning, Rights of Way and Commons Registration for County Councillors and Officers, as contained in Annex 1 to the report, be approved.
- (b) That authority be delegated to the Head of Governance to make any changes to the Constitution consequential upon adoption of the Protocol referred to at (a) above.

71. HAMPSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY.

No questions had been received pursuant to Standing Order 16.3. The report of the Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority was received.

72. REPORTS FOR INFORMATION.

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

- a) The Cabinet/Leader
 - * Extending Superfast Broadband coverage in Hampshire
 - * Energy Performance Project Phase 1

- b) Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment
 - * Enterprise First
 - * Removal of Flyposting on the Highway
- c) Executive Member for Education
 - * School Meal Prices from 2014
- d) Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health
 - * Public Health District Grants for approval
 - * Tender of the Care and Support Contract at Surrey Court Extra-Care Assisted Living, Eastleigh
 - * Grants to Voluntary Organisations 2014/15
 - * Support to Stay at Home – Category Management Strategy
- e) Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee
 - * Public Health Revenue Budget 2014/15
 - * Proposals to vary or develop NHS Services
 - Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust / NHS England (Wessex) / NHS North Hampshire Clinical Commissioning Group / NHS West Hampshire Clinical Commissioning Group
 - Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust: Adult Mental Health Services
 - NHS England (Wessex): Specialised Services
 - South Eastern Hampshire Clinical Commissioning Group: Chase Community Hospital
 - * Inquiries received and action taken
 - North East Hampshire and Farnham Clinical Commissioning Group: Possible Acquisition of Heatherwood and Wexham Park Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust by Frimley Park Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

(The meeting closed at 4.15pm).

**CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS
ITEM 5**

May I welcome on your behalf those Honorary Aldermen who have graced us with their presence today – Patricia Banks, Phrynnette Dickens, Felicity Hindson, Michael Woodhall and Susan Glasspool - thank you for your support.

Members, it is with great sadness that I report the death of former Past Chairman and County Councillor John West. I know the Leader and no doubt other Members will wish to say a few words in his memory.

Leader:

Thank you Mr Chairman. I certainly wish to pay tribute to our former colleague John West. Along with many Members I attended the funeral and memorial service for Councillor and I certainly felt privileged to hear the tributes to a man who was clearly loved by his family but was also at the heart of the community that he had served for so long. He was a good man, very popular and really at the heart of the Petersfield community. Always at funerals you sometimes pick up on the good that people do and occasionally you hear some other attributes of their life and indeed his daughter had told me before the funeral, and it came out during the funeral service that John was not the best man to go on a drive with because he was a Highway Engineer and he was less concerned with the traffic on the road that day than the wear and tear of the highway. His daughter said to me that as a child she can certainly remember that they would come to a grinding halt while John got out to. Erasure the sight lines of a hedge that he thought might have grown too long. He was a man who committed to his profession as a Highway Engineer; he was committed to the service of the community and committed to his family. He was a friend, cheerful although we all know that he was suffering ill health in the last years of his life. I certainly pass my condolences, and I'm sure I speak on behalf of many Members, to his wife and family who may be looking in on the meeting this morning."

Chairman:

Thank you very much and I think that concludes tributes apart from myself and it is that when John was canvassing, as Councillor Clarke has mentioned and he'd meet a difficult would be voter, he would leave them with the salutation "don't forget West is best! And so ladies and gentlemen if you would rise with me and join me in a moment's silence for ex-Councillor John West, ex-Councillor June Watson and Sir David Price MP."

Thank you Members. Continuing with my report, as this is the first time many Members have attended our Budget meetings, may I draw your attention to the very helpful paper attached to your Agenda entitled Budget Debate Sequence And Time Limits.

There are two points to make:

1. Time limits will have to be adhered to in the interest of a full debate for everyone; and
2. Secondly, all amendments, whether moved on behalf of a Political Group, or moved by an individual Member within a Political Group, must be in writing and seconded.

All amendments will be copied and distributed to all members before I will call the mover of the amendment. I will allow up to three/four minutes for Members to digest the contents of the amendment, and only then shall I call the particular mover.

Theoretically, it is possible for up to nine amendments to be moved and up to 35-40 minutes used in Members reading and evaluating amendments. I don't think it will come to this however.

Item 7 – Questions Under Standing Order 16.1.1 will be limited to the 30 minutes time limit as per our Constitution.

There is no great enthusiasm for extending our time limit among the Political Group Leaders, and therefore it will behove us all to be brief.

Members, attached to your Minutes is an account of my activities since last we met on 28th November.

There were a number of engagements that were memorable, but one of them was an unhappy event.

Visit by HRH The Duke of Kent to De La Rue, Overton

Lin and I were pleased to welcome the Duke of Kent to the De La Rue factory at Overton on the 5th December on the occasion of the Queen's Award to Industry. This is the third time De La Rue have won this award.

We learned that £5 notes and upward are all made out of rags and not paper as I thought. However, in the next few years, De La Rue will produce fivers in plastic and these will be virtually indestructible.

On the 18th December I helped our Registration Service to perform the 'Citizenship' ceremonies; two in one day. Some 30 plus people, drawn from many countries, became British Citizens on that day. These ceremonies are always joyful occasions and you County Councillors have a role to play in the future in welcoming new citizens when such ceremonies are held in your patch.

Question Time at South Downs College

Together with George Hollingbury MP, Gerald Vernon Jackson, the Portsmouth Leader, the Solent LEP Chairman and the Chairman of the Students Union nationally, I participated in a Question Time before a packed audience of students at the South Downs College, Waterlooville, on the morning of John West's funeral.

But as you might expect this was a particularly lively meeting, with great participation from the floor and I saw one young lady who was desperately wanting to speak so I drew the Chairman's attention to that young lady and her first words when called were "I don't agree with Cllr Thornber". So much for gratitude!

Lin and I left early to attend John West's funeral and were severely held up by road works. So held up were we that we arrived at the Church, after the family. I would like the many Councillors who attended to know that Lin and I were not showing disrespect to the West family by arriving after they did, or staging a grand entrance. We were simply late in arriving.

Apart from this, John would have been delighted that the Church was overflowing, as Councillor Clarke said and we even had to share the funeral booklet so many people were there.

On the 27th January, with the Lord-Lieutenant, I attended the Holocaust Memorial Service in the Cathedral. This annual event grows ever more popular and the Cathedral was packed.

There were 18 choirs, including some very young children from three of our schools', there were representatives from many different faiths, and all age groups and backgrounds were represented.

A number of County Councillors attended, as did your Vice-Chairman, as did the Mayors and Chairmen of our District and Borough Councils.

All in all, a very moving and dignified service of sadness but also of hope for the future.

Finally Members, on the 10th February, the Lord-Lieutenant presented to me for the County Council the Commonwealth Flag; which the Queen and the Commonwealth desire the County Council to fly on Monday March 10th, which is of course Commonwealth Day.

Our ceremony will start with a Reception in the Great Hall at 9.30am. The Lord-Lieutenant will read a message from Her Majesty The Queen, I will read the Commonwealth Affirmation. At 10am four young athletes from our Talented Young Athletes programme will raise the flag and we will have two choirs, one from Western Primary and one from St Prince's Mead schools. They will sing a locally composed song and then the hymn Jerusalem.

As the flag is raised there will be fanfare that I have commissioned for the event, composed by Jock McKenzie, Conductor of our Youth Band.

The Mayor and Mayoress of Winchester City Council are attending as are Members of the Winchester City Council. Recent citizens, originally from the Commonwealth, have been invited and all County Councillors are invited. We do have a contingency plan for inclement weather too. Please join us ladies and gentlemen, and finally my Chairman's Concert on Saturday 26th April in The Great

Hall. Please note these in your diaries; formal invitations will be sent week commencing 10 March.

And with that I conclude my announcements to you.

END.

LEADER'S REPORT

I earlier paid tribute to John West but I just want to add my own words of tribute to Sir David Price, former Member of Parliament for Eastleigh between 1955 and 1992. I first got to know Sir David Price way back in 1970 when I lived in Chandlers Ford and became an Eastleigh Borough Councillor and in many respects I regard Sir David as my mentor in politics. I have a copy of his obituary here that was in The Times that had some very interesting quotes from him and one that I think offers a lesson perhaps for all of us and one which will I certainly do my best to take to heart when he left Parliament and that is:

“Democracy is more at risk from bad manners than it is from bad ideas”

I will pay attention to that and I commend that thought of Sir David's to other Members.

A quote from another politician of that era, Harold MacMillan, Prime Minister when asked what were the issues that might cause the Government problems, his famous response was "Events Dear Boy", and I think since our last meeting we have to concede to exceptional rainfall, hurricanes even hitting Hampshire and the consequent floods that we are experiencing and certainly many residents of the County are experiencing, are those events that can sometimes blow people off course. For those who are not aware Hampshire has had the second highest level of rainfall of any county in the country so whilst we read a lot in the national press about the West Country being cut off by rail, of the Somerset levels, of the flooding in the Thames Valley, the second highest amount of rainfall has actually been in Hampshire and I am sure I do speak for all Councillors when I pay tribute to our

officers and staff, and particularly to Stuart Jarvis and his team for the great work that they have done day after day and night after night coping with those problems. It is of course not just the Highway Engineers and our Emergency Planning Team but Childrens Services immediately spun into action when St Bede's School was flooded to arrange for alternative accommodation, and when people in the Buckskin area of Basingstoke found themselves with groundwater rising, Adult Services were there with support and to help and that will continue to be given.

I also of course pay particular tribute to our own ACSOs who have offered so much help to the community of Hambledon but also particularly to our contractors Amey who have been very responsive when we have asked them to give extra help and to the officers and staff of the District Councils, and then in the last two weeks we give our thanks to the detachments from the Armed Services, especially the Royal Navy and the Army although I am told the Airforce has been spotted with a Chinook helicopter ferrying a four-by-four vehicle over to the Isle of Wight so all three Services have been playing their part in this County to help. Yesterday I had a meeting with the Chief Executive and Deputy Leader with Lieutenant Colonel Fossey to have an update on the work that is being done. Some relatively comforting news for the situation in Winchester which he said he

believes they have under control. The situation in Romsey is still touch and go I think is the answer and the Test is a somewhat harder river to control than the River Itchen and the situation in Basingstoke is very difficult for soldiers with sandbags to prevent water coming up from out of the ground so that is a rather different situation. So we cannot say that all is over.

Members who attended the briefing last week that was given by the Chief Constable, the Chief Fire Officer, the Environment Agency as well as our own Director and staff will appreciate that it is partnership work that is crucial; that is what we are committed to and we thank all our partners, including the utility companies – all have their part to play.

Above all it is the good people of Hampshire and the community of Hampshire, and I have certainly seen that at first hand in Hambledon and in Romsey, but I know it is true of all of the County that people are helping their neighbours in their time of need. And going down this list I musn't miss the farming community who have been outstanding with the help they have given and in Hambledon you will see the farmers and their tractors moving the sandbags getting them into place and it really has brought out the very best of our community of Hampshire. I totally agree with the Editor of the Daily Echo that the people who have given this help must be honoured in due course, now is not the time, the fight still goes on but we will certainly in this County find a way of expressing our thanks for those who have helped us.

There are undoubtedly lessons to be learned; you don't have a situation like this without that and I know in Romsey we have already under the Flood and Water Management Act instituted a S19 Inquiry. I suspect we will have to have other Inquiries in different parts of the County. I have written to the Secretary of State for Local Government and Communities, Eric Pickles, inviting him and the Prime Minister to come to Hampshire to see the problems we face but also to see how we are coping as a great community. I was certainly pleased when Hampshire was congratulated in Parliament by Ministers for the effective and co-operative way in which we were addressing the problems.

A pleasurable part of my role at these Council meetings is to make awards for our staff in Departments when they have won and I have three to report this morning:

- a) Runways End – our new £5m Outdoor Centre in Aldershot has ben short listed for a Civic Trust Award. The design was by our own in-house design team so I congratulate them. The actual result will be determined in March so I am told it is a great privilege to simply be shortlisted. I wish them well, as I'm sure we all do and hope that they win that Award.
- b) Two other Awards that I report on are the Hampshire Young Interpreters Scheme and this won the 2013 Grassroots Excellence Category and then Winner of Winners. This is a Scheme whereby young children in schools mentor children in their class for whom English is not their first language. And such has been the success of this there has been interest from all over the world. We do know that it is important that children feel at home in the classroom and it is other children in Hampshire that are helping them to do

that. So with pleasure I now present these two Awards to Anwen Foy, Head of EMTAS (Ethnic Minority and Travellers Service) to receive these Awards.

To return to rather more mundane matters, there will be in the procedure for the consideration of the budget two slight changes. As Members will know that Councillor Kendal is our Executive Member for Income and Capital Receipts and I propose that specifically in that part of the budget that particularly deals with capital, that Councillor Kendal will make that presentation. Later in the agenda when we deal with Members' Allowances I propose that Councillor Reid as the Executive Member for Human Resources and Chairman of the EHCC (Employment in Hampshire County Council) Committee and indeed who chaired the Committee of Group Leaders when we considered these proposals, that Councillor Reid should make that presentation. One final point that Members will know that the Government laid Regulations that come into force next week that requires a recorded vote on budget decisions that isn't yet in force, but I think that Members of this Council will want to reflect that in the spirit of transparency and so that people know how we vote, I will propose that there will be a recorded vote on the substantive motion so that everybody in the County can see how Members of this Council have voted so we will be proposing a recorded vote at that stage.

END.

**COUNTY COUNCIL
20 FEBRUARY 2014**

QUESTION SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDING ORDER 16.1.1

First Questions:

1. From Councillor Chris Carter to the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services:

Will the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services please indicate how many families have been turned around under the Troubled Families initiative so far and further advise what extra progress is expected during the remainder of the project?

2. From Councillor Jackie Porter to the Executive Member for Policy and Resources:

Use of 0845 numbers at HCC call centres - for many residents without landlines, needing to use mobile phones instead, calls to the HCC help lines are exorbitant. There is a cheaper way which would result in improved accessibility for all, costing the equivalent of an 01 or 02 number from *all* phones.

Has the County Council's procurement team considered if this would be a better alternative with improved equality of opportunity and service to our residents in Hampshire and if it is proved to be an effective tool to improve cost and accessibility, how soon could it be implemented?

3. From Councillor Chris Wood to the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment:

Would the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment please explain to the Council how 150 of my residents were wrongly sent a letter which indicated their homes were at risk of being compulsory purchased?

4. From Councillor Patricia Stallard to the Executive Member for Income and Capital Receipts:

Would the Executive Member update the Council on progress to date with the Energy Switch campaign in Hampshire?

5. From Councillor Malcolm Wade to the Executive Member for Policy & Resources:

Community Safety is a big issue with our residents. Crime, fear of crime and antisocial behaviour rate highly as concerns with people on the door step. So with the decision to axe the Accredited Community Safety Officer Service removing a well appreciated cohesive community safety asset, how can this administration defend Hampshire County Council's commitment to building strong and safer communities?

6. From Councillor Charles Choudhary to the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment:

Over the Christmas period and throughout January heavy rain and strong winds have disrupted the transport system, including the roads, in many parts of Hampshire. Would the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment please inform the Council as to what measure are currently in place to deal with the effects of the severe weather on our highways and transport system, what action has been taken with the recent flooding in many parts of Hampshire, and what funds are available to address the effects of the severe weather on our highways and transport system this year.

7. From Councillor Ray Bolton to the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services:

The Children's Services proposed Capital Budget for the next three years shows an increase to a total of £237 million. Can the Executive Lead Member explain the reasons for this and also whether the proposed School Buildings Maintenance budget ensures that the existing school building stock is being appropriately maintained?

LIBERAL DEMOCRAT BUDGET AMENDMENT
HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – 20 FEBRUARY 2014

ITEM 9 – REVENUE BUDGET AND PRECEPT 2014/15 AND CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2014/15 TO 2016/17

Moved by Councillor House and seconded by Councillor Collett

That the County Council approve the following amendments to the recommendations contained in Item 9 :

- (c) The Revenue Budget for 2014/15 as set out in Appendix 8 to Annex A and Annexes 2 to 4 of this Part 1 report as amended by :
- The removal of the **supporting people** saving of £4.112M within Adult Services proposals (Appendix 6 of Annex A - reference AS8)
 - The one off addition of £0.5M for developing **new commercial services** across the County Council, to be funded from the Invest to Save Reserve.
 - The addition of £0.2M ongoing revenue to support the County's lead **Local Flood Authority** role to further enhance co-ordination of flood avoidance and relief to be funded in 2014/15 from general reserves and built into base budgets for subsequent years.
- (d) The provisional cash limits as set out in paragraph 11.6 of Annex A, together with the following amendments to savings proposals for 2015/16:
- The removal of the savings proposal in respect of **Children with Disabilities and their carers** (estimated at between £2.5M and £3.5M) within Children's services (Appendix 7 of Annex A – reference CS12)
 - The removal of the savings in **Public Transport** within Economy, Transport and Environment totalling up to £1.5M (Appendix 7 of Annex A – reference 1)
 - The removal of the savings in the **Library Service** within Policy and Resources totalling £0.3M (Appendix 7 of Annex A – reference 1)
 - The removal of the £1.5M savings proposal in respect of the **Community Safety** ACSO service within Policy and Resources (Appendix 7 of Annex A – reference 2)
- (e) The capital investment proposals set out in Appendix 13 of Annex A as amended by:
- The addition of £30M split evenly across 2014/15 and 2015/16 as an **Investing in Hampshire's Infrastructure Fund** to expedite the repair and renovation of Hampshire's built highway

infrastructure including roads, footways and bridges, funded from a combination of reserves, capital receipts and the initiatives as outlined in paragraph 12.2 of Annex A.

UKIP	FOR	AGS	ABS
Greenwood, Chris			
Fawkes, Philip		X	
Finch, Ray			X
Hooke, Tony		X	
Lagdon, Chris		X	
Lyon, Martin			
Moore, Andy			X
Rolt, Timothy			X
Staplehurst, Mark		X	
Wood, Christopher		X	
UKIP TOTALS		5	3

INDEPENDENT	FOR	AGS	ABS
England, Jacqui		X	
INDEPENDENT TOTAL		1	
THE COMMUNITY CAMPAIGN (HART)			
	FOR	AGS	ABS
Bennison, John		X	
COMMUNITY CAMPAIGN (HART) TOTAL		1	

TOTAL NUMBER OF COUNCILLORS		FOR	AGS	ABS
Conservative	45	0	40	2
Liberal Democrat	16	14	0	0
UKIP	10	0	5	3
Labour	4	1	2	0
Community Campaign	1	0	1	0
Independent	1	0	1	0
TOTALS	77	15	49	5

FOR:
 CONSERVATIVE: 0
 LIBERAL DEMOCRAT: 14
 UKIP: 0
 LABOUR: 1
 COMMUNITY CAMPAIGN: 0
 INDEPENDENT: 0
TOTAL FOR = 15

ABSTAIN:
 CONSERVATIVE: 2
 LIBERAL DEMOCRAT: 0
 UKIP: 3
 LABOUR: 0
 COMMUNITY CAMPAIGN: 0
 INDEPENDENT: 0
TOTAL ABSTENTIONS = 5

AGAINST:
 CONSERVATIVE: 40
 LIBERAL DEMOCRAT: 0
 UKIP: 5
 LABOUR: 2
 COMMUNITY CAMPAIGN: 1
 INDEPENDENT: 1
TOTAL AGAINST = 49

OUTCOME OF VOTE:	
FOR:	15
AGAINST:	49
ABSTAIN:	5

