

AT A MEETING of the Cabinet of HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL held at the Castle on 23 JUNE 2014.

**Chairman:**  
**p Councillor Roy Perry**

Councillors:

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

Also present with the agreement of the Chairman: Councillors R Bolton, K Evans, A Gibson, P. Stallard, E. Still and S. Wheale

**74. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillor Mel Kendal, who had a prior commitment.

**75. 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.

**76. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 April 2014 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**77. DEPUTATIONS**

No deputation requests had been received.

**78. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman welcomed to the meeting Jennifer Trotman from Gosport, Indiana.

The Chairman thanked Members for attending the recent Cathedral service marking the anniversary of the outbreak of World War I. He had attended the D Day celebration in Normandy, including a visit to a military cemetery, recognising the sacrifice of 70 years ago. He had also attended a service in Hambledon giving thanks for the relief effort following severe flooding. Tribute was paid to

County Council staff for responding positively and to the community for coming together to help each other. He reported that the main road through Hambledon would be closed shortly for four weeks during remedial works.

Finally, the Chairman confirmed that Councillor Fawkes was the new UKIP Group leader.

**79. 2013/14 END OF YEAR FINANCIAL REPORT**

The Cabinet considered a report of the Director of Corporate Resources (item 6 in the Minute Book) summarising the 2013/14 final accounts. The Director of Corporate Resources confirmed that the outturn figures were subject to change until the final accounts were signed off on 30 June, and would be subject to internal audit until September.

The Cabinet welcomed the outturn report, which was the best indication that strong financial management continued. The Cabinet congratulated the finance officer on reaching an outturn budget within 0.1% of the planned budget.

The recommendations set out in the report were proposed and agreed. The decision record is attached to these Minutes as Appendix 1.

**80. SHAPING HAMPSHIRE – 2013/14 ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT**

The Cabinet considered the report of the Chief Executive (item 7 in the Minute Book) assessing the County Council's performance against the Shaping Hampshire plan. The Chairman emphasised some of the achievements, including an increased number of young care leavers in education, employment or training, a reduction of staff sickness levels and an increased volume of volunteering. The joint working partnership (H3) between the County Council, Hampshire Constabulary and Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service was successful. The sharing of management and efficiency meant the partnership was able to deliver better, more efficient services at less cost to Hampshire taxpayers, whilst maintaining a zero council tax increase.

In welcoming the report, Members recognised the value of dedicated volunteers donating their time for the benefit of the community and expressed thanks for their contribution. The Cabinet also noted that the majority of schools in Hampshire were rated as good or outstanding, above the national average, and the Council was working towards ensuring that all Hampshire children had the opportunity to attend a good or outstanding school.

The recommendations within the report were proposed and agreed. The decision record is attached to these Minutes as Appendix 2.

**81. TRANSFORMING THE COUNCIL TO 2015 – REPORT NO. 4**

The Cabinet considered the report of the Chief Executive (item 8 in the Minute Book) providing a progress update on the programmes of transformation of the Council. The Chief Executive confirmed that the transformation programmes were going well and good progress was being made on the savings target. The

Chairman explained that further reductions in government funding were expected and that the economic pressures would continue for the foreseeable future. The Cabinet would therefore consider the next steps for transformation to 2017/18 at its meeting in October.

The recommendations in the report were proposed and agreed. The decision record is attached to these Minutes as Appendix 3.