

Hampshire

At a Meeting of Hampshire County Council held at The Castle,
Winchester on 17 July 2014.

Chairman:

p Councillor Colin Davidovitz, BEM

Vice-Chairman:

p Councillor Jonathan Glen

Councillor:	Councillor:
<i>p</i> Phil Bailey	<i>p</i> David Keast
<i>p</i> John Bennison	<i>p</i> Mark Kemp-Gee
<i>p</i> Ray Bolton	<i>p</i> Mel Kendal
<i>a</i> Ann Briggs	<i>p</i> Rupert Kyrle
<i>a</i> Graham Burgess	<i>p</i> Chris Lagdon
<i>p</i> Rita Burgess	<i>p</i> Peter Latham
<i>p</i> Adam Carew	<i>p</i> Warwick Lovegrove
<i>p</i> Christopher Carter, RD*	<i>a</i> Martin Lyon
<i>p</i> Roz Chadd	<i>p</i> Robin McIntosh
<i>p</i> Keith Chapman	<i>p</i> Anna McNair Scott
<i>p</i> Peter Chegwyn	<i>p</i> Keith Mans
<i>p</i> Charles Choudhary	<i>p</i> Fiona Mather
<i>a</i> Vaughan Clarke	<i>p</i> Ken Moon
<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>p</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>a</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>p</i> Chris Greenwood	<i>p</i> Elaine Still
<i>p</i> Brian Gurden	<i>a</i> Bruce Tennent
<i>p</i> David Harrison	<i>p</i> Tom Thacker
<i>p</i> Marge Harvey	<i>p</i> Ken Thornber, CBE
<i>p</i> Edward Heron	<i>p</i> Martin Tod
<i>p</i> Geoff Hockley	<i>p</i> Malcolm Wade
<i>a</i> Tony Hooke	<i>p</i> John Wall
<i>p</i> Keith House	<i>a</i> Patricia West
<i>p</i> Rob Humby	<i>p</i> Sharyn Wheale
<i>p</i> Roger Huxstep	<i>p</i> Chris Wood
<i>p</i> Andrew Joy	<i>p</i> Seán D. T. Woodward

Also in attendance were Honorary Aldermen Patricia Banks, Phrynette Dickens, Roger Kimber and Michael Woodhall.

88. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ann Briggs, Graham Burgess, Ferris Cowper, Chris Greenwood, Tony Hooke, Martin Lyon, Bruce Tennent and Pat West.

89. 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.

90. MINUTES.

The minutes of the meeting of the County Council held on 30 May 2014 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman. There were no matters arising.

91. DEPUTATIONS.

There were no deputations on this occasion.

92. 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. In particular the Chairman highlighted a number of events marking many significant anniversaries to mark the centenary of World War I and the 70th anniversary of D Day.

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

93. LEADER'S REPORT.

The Leader reported on a number of matters and continued the theme of events to mark the centenary of World War I and the 70th anniversary of D Day which included the annual Hampshire County

Council Service on 22 June which was combined with a Centenary Service. The Leader also reported on an award to the County Council by SABRE (Support for Britain's Reservists and Employers) in recognition of outstanding support to members of the Reserve Forces, on his election as Chairman of HLOWLGA (Hampshire and Isle of Wight Local Government Association) at its AGM on 13 June and on the outcomes of The Hampshire Partnership meeting held on 26 June.

In regard to the update given by the Leader at the last Council meeting on flooding experienced earlier in the year, the Chief Fire Officer for Hampshire had reported back to a multi-agency meeting on 2 June on the lessons learned. The Leader had also had meetings with various utility companies to explore future co-operation and setting of priorities.

The Leader was pleased to confirm that the County Council had received £6 million from the Government's Pothole Repair Fund which was in addition to the £11 million originally allocated and that a further £1.2 million had been allocated to examine new technologies for expanding Broadband in Hampshire's hard to reach areas and drew attention that the allocation was to a private sector organisation rather than the County Council.

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

94. QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER 16.1.1.

Councillor Keith Mans declared a personal interest as Chairman of the Oakhaven Hospice in Lymington.

The list of Questions submitted under Standing Order 16.1.1 is attached to these Minutes as Appendix 3. Executive Members responded accordingly which can be viewed on the webcast of the meeting <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/councilmeetings/watch.htm>

95. APPOINTMENTS.

The Council considered a report from the Chief Executive (Item 8 in the Minute Book) setting out proposed appointments by the Leader of the Council. Further changes to the Labour Group's representation on the Children and Young People Select Committee and the Hampshire Pension Fund Panel were also proposed.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That Councillor Roger Huxstep replaces Councillor Pat West on the Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee to avoid a potential conflict of interest.
- (b) That Councillor Keith Evans replaces Councillor Roger Huxstep as

the Conservative Substitute Member on the Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee.

- (c) That Councillor Marge Harvey steps down from the Hampshire Health and Wellbeing Board to avoid a potential conflict of interest.
- (d) That Christine Holloway replaces Janet Chierchia as the full member representing Hampshire Healthwatch on the Hampshire Health and Wellbeing Board.
- (e) That Councillor Hugh Mason replaces Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson as a co-opted member of the Hampshire Pension Fund Panel representing Portsmouth City Council.
- (f) That Councillor Jane Frankum replaces Councillor Shaun Cully as the Labour Group Substitute Member on the Children and Young People Select Committee.
- (g) That Councillor Shaun Cully replaces Councillor Jane Frankum as the Labour Group Substitute Member on the Hampshire Pension Fund Panel.

96. **LOCALISM ACT 2011 – REVISED CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MEMBERS AND CO-OPTED MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL.**

The Council considered a report from the Conduct Advisory Panel Executive (Item 9 in the Minute Book) recommending a revised Code of Conduct for Members and Co-opted Members of the County Council in support of a consistent Code of Conduct being adopted across the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Local Authorities (HIOWLGA) area. In commending the recommendations to the Council, Councillor Kemp-Gee drew particular attention to Part 5 of the draft revised Code as set out at Annex 2 to the supporting report. The thanks of the Conduct Advisory Panel were extended to officers for the work that had been carried out in this regard.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the revised Members' Code of Conduct, as set out in draft at Annex 2 to the supporting report, be adopted.
- (b) That the Monitoring Officer be authorised to make the necessary amendments to Standing Orders to provide for the exclusion of Members from any meeting of the County Council, its Committees or the Executive while any discussion or vote takes place on a matter on which a Members has a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, unless a dispensation has been granted.

97. **2013/14 END OF YEAR FINANCIAL REPORT.**

The Council considered a report from the Cabinet (Item 10 in the Minute Book) seeking approval of the recommendations of Cabinet, as set out in section 9 of the Cabinet report, and the annual report for 2013/14 on the exercise of treasury management functions together with the accompanying prudential indicators. Members noted that service cash-limited expenditure was £1.6 million lower than budgeted against an overall gross budget of nearly £1.8 billion, a position which reflects the continuing financial strategy of achieving savings in the early part of the Comprehensive Spending Review period which can then be used in the future to meet the cost of change and invest to save or transformational projects.

RESOLVED:

That the recommendations of the Cabinet and the annual report for 2013/14 on the exercise of treasury management functions and the accompanying prudential indicators, as set out in the Appendices to the Cabinet report, be approved.

98. **NOTICE OF MOTION.**

The Council considered a Notice of Motion (Item 11 in the Minute Book) submitted in accordance with Standing Order 18.1 by Councillor Chris Wood, seconded by Councillor Philip Fawkes:

“That this Council investigates what efficiency savings could be achieved if the County of Hampshire was to become a Unitary Authority, whilst always ensuring that current services are protected and where possible improved for the good of our local communities.”

In accordance with Standing Order 19.1 the following amendment was proposed by Councillor Keith Mans and seconded by Councillor Andrew Gibson:

“That this Council ***continues to*** investigate efficiency savings ***that can be made by working further in close partnership with Borough and District Councils in Hampshire***, whilst always seeking to ensure that current services are protected and where possible improved for the good of our local communities ***and without the significant waste of money and negative impact on public services which the investigation of unitary arrangements would bring.***”

During the course of the ensuing debate there was a general consensus that carrying out such an investigation would be time consuming and costly. The financial landscape was continuing to be challenging, therefore it was important that resources and officer time should not be diverted away from the priority work of the County Council but used to the best effect by directing it towards areas such as

the integration of Health and Adult Social Care which is one of the biggest challenges faced by the County Council. It was noted that the cost to the County Council of the last Local Government Re-organisation was £43 million. Strong views were expressed that the original Motion would move decision-making away from the local level and the Members who were best placed to make those decisions for the communities they serve. Continuing to work in close partnership and fostering good working relationships with the Hampshire District and Borough Councils was felt to be the right way forward to face the challenges that lay ahead together. Members also noted the successful cost reduction and change programmes the County Council had undertaken thus far which would deliver £230 million worth of savings by 2015 and the ambitious transformation programme through to 2018 to future proof services.

The amendment was put to the vote the outcome of which was 57 for and 7 against. The amendment became the substantive recommendation which was then put to the vote and carried.

RESOLVED:

That this Council continues to investigate efficiency savings that can be made by working further in close partnership with Borough and District Council in Hampshire, whilst always seeking to ensure that current services are protected and where possible improved for the good of our local communities and without the significant waste of money and negative impact on public services which the investigation of unitary arrangements would bring.

99. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES SELECT COMMITTEE.

The Council noted the annual report of the Policy and Resources Select Committee (Item 13 in the Minute Book) which provided an update on the work of the County Council's Select Committees from April 2013 to March 2014.

100. HAMPSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY.

There were no questions pursuant to Standing Order 16.3 concerning the discharge of the Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority's functions. The Chairman invited Councillor Keith Chapman to update the Council in regard to the retirement of John Bonney, Chief Officer of Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service (HFRS) at the end of the year. Councillor Chapman commented on the excellent job that Chief Officer Bonney had done and confirmed that a recruitment exercise was underway. Councillor Chapman also drew Members attention to the effective education programme offered by HFRS.

101. **REPORTS FOR INFORMATION.**

The Council received the report of the Executive Member for Policy and Resources:

- Planning for Armed Forces changes in Hampshire.

(The meeting closed at 12.48 pm).

APPENDIX 1

CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Engagements

Members, you have received a list of the engagements your vice Chairman and I have attended on your behalf over the last six weeks.

It has been an interesting time and helped us to learn how, in different ways, people all over the County are working, to improve the prosperity and wellbeing of those less fortunate than themselves.

As you know this year marks many significant anniversaries.

It marks the 100th anniversary of the outbreak of the Great War in 1914, D Day 70 years ago in June 1944 and the 75th anniversary of the outbreak of World War II in September 1939.

Events that cost the lives of soldiers and civilians across the world marked turning points in our history and changed the way we now live.

I will not go into detail about all of the events on the list you have received, but I will single out just a few examples that describe a little of what we have experienced.

My first engagement was an event in Test Valley when the Mayor of that Borough unveiled a plaque by a local sculptor as a final tribute marking the end of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee year.

It was also an event at which the grand-daughter of our Leader Roy Perry, charmed us all with a graceful courtesy after presenting the lady Mayor with a bouquet of flowers.

This was followed by my attendance on your behalf at other events where members of the Royal Family have been active across Hampshire.

The Countess of Wessex has opened new sports facilities for young people with disabilities at Treloar College near Alton.

The college transforms the lives of the many students in their charge and helps them from being handicapped by their disabilities and enables them to live more fulfilling lives.

As well as being able to mix and chat with the students there, we were able to witness a demonstration of the athletic skills performed on the new running track by a former student of the College who had also been a member of the 2012 British Paralympic team.

Later in the month the Countess, accompanied by her husband Prince Edward (Earl of Wessex), marked their visit to the Minstead Training Trust in

the New Forest by planting a tree in the gardens of the Centre at which, with its small staff and many dedicated volunteers, does such sterling work in providing vocational training, for young adults with profound learning difficulties.

The training is especially designed to help them acquire the practical skills and confidence in their abilities that would enable them to live more independently and become more self-sufficient.

It was really gratifying to see the impressive results of their efforts and to listen to these young students as they told us of how thankful they were at the way this training had helped them to build their confidence and succeed in their chosen activities.

The Centre has a range of workshops for woodworking, construction, pottery, Information Technology and graphic and artistic practice as well as having a comprehensive and spacious gardening centre with plots for floral and vegetable cultivation.

In sharp contrast to this, I was invited to attend the Drumhead Memorial Service on South Sea Common in Portsmouth that commemorated the launch of the invasion of Normandy on D Day the 6th June 1944.

There I had the honour, on your behalf, to share a platform with the Princess Royal, the Lord Lieutenant of Hampshire, the Mayor of Portsmouth and the three Chiefs of the Armed Services who took the salute as platoons troops of the three services marched by.

Later, under the eyes of the very veterans who had fought and survived the horrific events of those days, to the sound of gunfire, we watched as today's commandos sprang from their landing craft and helicopter troop carriers, to carry out a mock assault on the Southsea shore to re-enact the heroic actions that those veterans had performed 70 years ago in the teeth of the withering fire of the Nazi defenders.

It was also an honour to welcome the Duke of Gloucester to Serle's House with the Lord Lieutenant after he participated in our Flag Raising ceremony outside the Great Hall in Winchester to mark Armed Services Day.

It was a privilege also, to be invited by our own County Councillors - Peter Edgar and Chris Carter to a Concert they were helping to stage in Gosport that commemorated their town's involvement in hosting the thousands of D Day service men from all the allied nations that were billeted there as they waited tensely for the command to go.

The Concert was performed with a splendid display of newsreels, wartime speeches, words, music and dance performed by the young people of Bay House School and accompanied by nostalgic contributions of World War II songs and orchestrations of Glen Millar music performed by the adult section

of Hampshire's Music Service that dramatically recalled the spirit and atmosphere of that vital wartime event.

In those days the whole of the Solent Area was peopled by the thousands of servicemen from all over the US and British Empire who were awaiting embarkation for the D Day Landings.

Again, on your behalf I was also invited to attend a D Day commemorative service at Lepe Beach on the shores of the New Forest.

It was while I was there and chatting with the veterans that I met up with a gallant 93 year old veteran. He was a Geordie who had settled in Exbury after marrying a local girl who he met there while waiting embarkation for the D Day Landings. As we compared notes, he told me that he too had joined the Navy at a tender age in 1938.

He told me that during the war, while serving on convoy duty in the Mediterranean, his ship was torpedoed and after limping back to Portsmouth for repairs, he was shore based for six months. To pass the time he volunteered to train for the Commandos at nearby Exbury and succeeded in being selected to join them and was one of the men in the first platoon of commandos that stormed ashore in Normandy - leading the way on that fateful day.

Just this week Members, it was brought home to me an example of how individuals from Hampshire have made such remarkable contribution to the prosperity of the world that we live in.

It was when I was invited by our own Councillor Jacqui England (who organised the event) to accompany her Excellency the Governor of New South Wales to unveil a plaque on the home of Arthur Phillip who left his home in Lymington in the New Forest to join the Navy. After an outstanding career at sea and in 1786 led a convoy of ships across the world to Australia and with 750 convicts and a similar number of service people founded the Colony of New South Wales after landing at Sydney harbour and himself became first Governor of that Colony.

Finally Members, as I mentioned earlier this year we will be commemorating the outbreak 100th anniversary of the outbreak of the Great War in 1914. This Centenary will be marked by an all day exhibition in the Great Hall on Monday 4 August that will be followed by a commemoration event in the evening. During the day it will feature exhibitions in the Great Hall to launch the collections that our Museums will be mounting across the County featuring original wartime artefacts and memorabilia depicting how each locality responded to the way it was affected in those dark days.

I hope you will all join me and our service men and guests in the Great Hall that evening with an evening of music and dramatic performances, recalling the events of the time, staged to pay tribute to those brave souls whose gallant service and sacrifice defended the freedom and democracy that we

are now able to enjoy today.

Just after this lights will be switched off all over the City to recall the words of the then Foreign Secretary in 1914 who said the events of the war would turn off the lights all over the world.

END.

APPENDIX 2

LEADERS REPORT

The period following our last meeting has been dominated by events to mark the centenary of World War I and the 70th Anniversary of D Day.

Our annual Hampshire County Service this year on 22nd June in Winchester Cathedral was combined with a Centenary Service to mark the 1st World War attended by many representatives of the Armed Services. It was a moving occasion with a really poignant parade out of the Cathedral of young Army Cadets led by a lone piper, youngsters of the same age as their predecessors who in 1914-18 left Hampshire to go to the Battlefields – or killing fields of the Somme. This year I was especially pleased that the Head Boy and Head Girl of over half our secondary schools attended the service as well as representatives from 6th Form Colleges.

Earlier in the month on 6th June I was a guest of the Region of Basse Normandie at the D Day ceremonies at Caen attending the events at the British Cemetery at Bayeux, Where there are so many graves of soldiers from the Hampshire Regiment and then at Sword Beach in the afternoon where all the world leaders whose countries were in World War II from Obama and Putin were present.

The star guest was undoubtedly Her Majesty.

I presented the President of Basse Normandie with a collection of photographs showing Hampshire's involvement in D Day- particularly of course concentrating on Eisenhower's HQ at Southwick House and the Operation Overlord Map but also showing how all over Hampshire troops were stationed and preparations were made as our County played its role in making a success of the Longest Day. In France it was handwritten signs in windows of ordinary homes simply saying "Thanks" or "Merci" that brought home to me that the sacrifice of the generation of 1944 is not forgotten nor taken for granted by our French neighbours.

Whilst dealing with matters military I can inform members HCC received an award from SABRE (Support for Britain's Reservists and Employers-) in recognition of our outstanding support to members of the Reserve Forces.

I pay tribute to those members of staff who combine their work for the County with duty in the armed forces. This was received by Cllr Huxstep on our behalf on board HMS Victory.

In 2011 the Ministry of Defence set aside up to £30million over four years to help communities develop projects that promote greater understanding or closer ties between military and civilian populations. Hampshire County Council has been working closely with the Army, Royal Navy and Royal Air force to support applications for Armed Forces Community Covenant Grants with great success. Over £1m to Hants

- A new first responder vehicle e with defibrillator at RAF Odiham
- A joint healthy lifestyles project between Bridgemy School in Gosport and The Navy (HMS Temeraire)
- Sport festivals (in Aldershot, Eastleigh, and Portsmouth) to encourage injured servicemen and women and disabled people to try out new Paralympic and Disability sports.
- Funding to enable Armed Forces families to use the campsite and activity centre at Tile Barn in the New Forest

Other matters to report are that at the AGM of HIOWLGA on 13th June I was elected Chairman of the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Local Government Association, in succession to Cllr Woodward who held that role as Leader of Fareham as well as a member of this Council. I am particularly honoured that the District Leaders and Unitary Leaders entrusted me with that role. I hope it is recognition of my determination to help develop the partnership working between the various tiers of local government across the geographic County and the Isle of Wight.

Whilst referring to Partnership working there was a meeting of the Hampshire Partnership 26th June which not only includes local government partners but importantly other public sector partners such as Health Service and Private Sector and Voluntary Sector and the Armed services. All partners agreed to concentrate our joint efforts in the coming year on support for the elderly, a young person's agenda and information sharing.

On the 2nd June the Chief Fire Officer reported back to a multi agency meeting on lessons learned from the floods of the early months of the year. This was attended by Minister Greg Barker and it was indeed heartening to hear the Fire Service representative respond to the Minister's question of what had worked best in Hampshire, saying that what worked was our established partnership work and confidence in each other. That was totally unscripted.

Whilst on floods I have also had meetings with water and electricity utility companies to explore co-operation and setting of priorities.

I have had various meetings with ministers including a scheduled meeting with Owen Patterson of DEFRA on Monday of this week. A bad day to choose. We only met the Civil Servants!

I also attended a Thanksgiving Service in Hambleton Parish Church on 22nd June where there was much praise for the support given by HCC. Their Flood Co-ordinator wrote to me only this week thanking Hampshire that work has now started on the ground for a new drainage pipe through the village. Getting government money for that was part of the reason I went to DEFRA earlier this week. I am hopeful.

Members will probably be aware that we have received an additional £6million from the Governments Pothole Repair Fund- so do please keep reporting pot holes.

And finally a further £1.2million has been allocated to Hampshire-albeit to a private sector organisation not the County council to examine new technologies for expanding Broadband in hard to reach areas. Our own contract with £9.2m of HCC funds and a matching amount from Government is close to being approved and the target there is to have 95% coverage across the County for Superfast Broadband at 24mbps so people watching our web stream of this meeting will have a much better picture.

END.

APPENDIX 3

**COUNTY COUNCIL
17 JULY 2014**

**QUESTIONS 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:**

Could the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services and the Deputy Leader provide an update to Full Council regarding the numbers of families engaged with as part of the Troubled Families Programme including the numbers identified as having been successfully supported by the Programme so far?

- 2. From Councillor Tim Rolt to the Executive Member for Education:**

"What factors have led to the requirement for an additional 8,000 primary school places by 2017 – has the birth rate in Hampshire really increased by this magnitude?"

- 3. From Councillor Jackie Porter to the Executive Member for Policy and Resources:**

"In light of the roll out programme for Broadband, could the Executive Member tell us what percentage of households in each of the 11 districts is now expected to have broadband speeds in excess of 24Mbps by the end of 2015?"

Second Questions:

- 4. From Councillor Jackie Porter to the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services:**

"Acknowledging the valuable service provided by all hospices and the high cost of care in these institutions, could the Executive Lead Member tell us why payment for children needing palliative care at the Naomi House hospice varies by County? I understand that Wiltshire contributes approximately £300 per night but Hampshire contributes nothing."