

# Hampshire

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At a Meeting of Hampshire County Council held at The Castle,  
Winchester on 18 September 2014.

## **Chairman:**

*p* Councillor Colin Davidovitz, BEM

## **Vice-Chairman:**

*p* Councillor Jonathan Glen

### Councillor:

*p* Phil Bailey  
*p* John Bennison  
*p* Ray Bolton  
*p* Ann Briggs  
*p* Graham Burgess  
*p* Rita Burgess  
*p* Adam Carew  
*p* Christopher Carter  
*p* Roz Chadd  
*p* Keith Chapman  
*p* Peter Chegwyn  
*p* Charles Choudhary  
*p* Vaughan Clarke  
*a* Adrian Collett  
*p* Criss Connor  
*p* Mark Cooper  
*p* Ferris Cowper  
*p* Shaun Cully  
*a* Alan Dowden  
*p* Peter Edgar  
*p* Jacqui England  
*p* Keith Evans  
*p* Liz Fairhurst  
*p* Philip Fawkes  
*p* Ray Finch  
*p* Jane Frankum  
*p* Andrew Gibson  
*p* Chris Greenwood  
*p* Brian Gurden  
*a* David Harrison  
*a* Marge Harvey  
*p* Edward Heron  
*p* Geoff Hockley  
*p* Tony Hooke  
*p* Keith House  
*p* Rob Humby  
*p* Roger Huxstep  
*p* Andrew Joy

### Councillor:

*p* David Keast  
*p* Mark Kemp-Gee  
*p* Mel Kendal  
*a* Rupert Kyrle  
*a* Chris Lagdon  
*p* Peter Latham  
*p* Warwick Lovegrove  
*p* Martin Lyon  
*a* Robin McIntosh  
*p* Anna McNair Scott  
*p* Keith Mans  
*p* Fiona Mather  
*p* Ken Moon  
*p* Andy Moore  
*p* Frank Pearce  
*p* Roy Perry  
*p* Jackie Porter  
*p* Roger Price, JP  
*p* Stephen Reid  
*p* Alan Rice, TD  
*p* George Ringrow  
*p* Steve Rippon-Swaine  
*p* Timothy Rolt  
*p* Frank Rust  
*p* David Simpson  
*p* Patricia Stallard  
*p* Mark Staplehurst  
*p* Elaine Still  
*p* Bruce Tennent  
*p* Tom Thacker  
*p* Ken Thornber, CBE  
*p* Martin Tod  
*p* Malcolm Wade  
*p* John Wall  
*a* Patricia West  
*p* Sharyn Wheale  
*p* Chris Wood  
*p* Seán D. T. Woodward

Honorary Aldermen Patricia Banks, Roger Kimber and Michael Woodhall were also in attendance.

At this point in the proceedings the Chairman announced that the meeting was being recorded for broadcast on the County Council's website and would be available for repeated viewing. The Chairman waived Standing Order 10 prior to the Council's consideration of Item 10 on the Agenda to allow the press and members of the public to film and broadcast the meeting in accordance with the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014. Those remaining at the meeting were consenting to being filmed and recorded, and to the possible use of those images and recording for broadcasting purposes.

**102. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Adrian Collett, Alan Dowden, Marge Harvey, Rupert Kyrle, Chris Lagdon, Robin McIntosh and Patricia West.

**103. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**

Members were mindful that where they believed they had a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in any matter considered at the meeting they must declare that interest and, having regard to Part 3, Paragraph 1.5 of the County Council's Members' Code of Conduct, leave the meeting while the matter was discussed, save for exercising any right to speak in accordance with Paragraph 1.6 of the Code. Furthermore Members were mindful that where they believed they had a Personal Interest in a matter being considered at the meeting they considered, having regard to Part 5, Paragraph 4 of the Code, whether such interest should be declared, and having regard to Part 5, Paragraph 5 of the Code, considered whether it was appropriate to leave the meeting while the matter was discussed, save for exercising any right to speak in accordance with the Code.

**104. MINUTES.**

The minutes of the meeting of the County Council held on 17 July 2014 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**105. DEPUTATIONS.**

There were no deputations on this occasion.

**106. 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. A full list of the Chairman's engagements that had

been carried out since the last meeting of the County Council had been circulated to all Members. In particular the Chairman highlighted the various events held on 4 August to commemorate the outbreak of World War One and the farewell event held on 11 September to recognise the 20 years of unstinting service carried out by Dame Mary Fagan as Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Hampshire. Finally the Chairman paid tribute to Robert Lawson, former County Librarian, to Sir David Mitchell, former local government Councillor and Member of Parliament, to former County Councillor Ruth Hyson who had represented Barncroft and Warren Park and to former County Councillor and Honorary Alderman Bob Millard. The Leader of the Council joined the Chairman in paying tribute to Sir David Mitchell and the Council observed a minute's silence as a mark of respect.

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

**107. LEADER'S REPORT.**

The Leader reported on a number of matters and added his tribute to that of the Chairman's to Dame Mary Fagan on her retirement as Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Hampshire. A copy of a book of photographs presented to Dame Mary recording her 20 years in the role was available in the Chamber for Members to view. The Leader reported that despite significant funding pressures, the County Council continues to win awards and accolades such as an Ofsted rating of 'good' for Hampshire Children's Services for children in need of care, with all areas rated as either 'good' or 'outstanding' and particularly 'outstanding' for adoption performance and leadership, management and governance. The Leader also reported on a recent article in the Financial Times praising Hillier Gardens in Ampfield and particularly the Centenary Border.

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

**108. 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.

**109. HER MAJESTY'S LORD-LIEUTENANT OF HAMPSHIRE**

The Council received the report of the Chief Executive (Item 8 in the Minute Book) which detailed the retirement of Dame Mary Fagan DCVO as Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Hampshire from 1994 to September 2014 and reported on the appointment of Mr Nigel Atkinson as the in-coming Lord-Lieutenant. In commending Dame Mary's 20 years service to the communities of Hampshire, the Leader also welcomed Nigel Atkinson and extended thanks to Lorraine Riley, Clerk

to the Lieutenancy for the exemplary support she had given to the former Lord Lieutenant.

The Leader proposed a formal vote of thanks to Dame Mary Fagan and to welcome Nigel Atkinson. This was seconded by Councillor Keith Mans and it was accordingly

RESOLVED:

That the County Council formally welcomes the appointment of Mr Nigel Atkinson as Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of the County of Hampshire and places on record its sincere appreciation for the excellent manner in which Dame Mary Fagan DCVO has discharged the responsibilities of Lord-Lieutenant from 1994 up to her retirement in September 2014.

110. **APPOINTMENTS.**

The Council considered a report from the Chief Executive (Item 9 in the Minute Book) and presented by the Leader proposing changes of membership to County Council Committees and Panels.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That Councillor Marge Harvey be appointed to fill the Conservative vacancy on the Children and Families Advisory Panel.
- (b) That Councillor Peter Latham be appointed as the Conservative Substitute Member on the Children and Families Advisory Panel, replacing Councillor Marge Harvey.
- (c) That Mr Jeff Williams be appointed as a Co-opted Member of the Children and Young People Select Committee replacing Mr Tony Blackshaw. Mr Williams is the Director of Education for Portsmouth and Winchester Dioceses.
- (d) That Mr Jeff Williams be appointed as Co-opted Member of the Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education replacing Mr Tony Blackshaw as the Church of England representative.
- (e) That Mrs Carolyn Clarke be appointed as a Co-opted Member of the Education Advisory Panel replacing David Mewes as the head teacher's representative from the Teacher Liaison Panel.
- (f) That Mr John Selby be appointed to the vacant position of Substitute Member of the Royal Yachting Association on the River Hamble Harbour Management Committee.

**111. OPENNESS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT BODIES REGULATIONS 2014.**

The Council considered a report from the Chief Executive (Item 10 in the Minute Book) seeking approval to changes to Standing Orders in the County Council's Constitution in accordance with the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 together with approval of a draft Voting Scheme in respect of voting rights of District Council Co-opted Members on the Health and Adult Social Care (Overview and Scrutiny) Select Committee.

Members sought clarification In respect of the provision in the Regulations regarding specified recording of Non-Executive decisions made by Officers under an express delegation and certain Non-Executive decisions made by Officers under delegated powers. To assist Members in obtaining a clearer understanding of this provision, the Leader proposed that the Monitoring Officer circulate a briefing note to all Members. A request was received regarding the duration that a webcast of a County Council meeting remains in the meetings archive on the web with a view to the period being extended. The request was noted and would be looked into.

**RESOLVED:**

That the County Council:

- (a) authorised the Monitoring Officer to make the necessary amendment to Standing Order 10 of the County Council's Constitution and any other amendments required in respect of the recording of Officer decisions in order to enable the County Council to comply with provisions introduced in the 2014 Regulations; and
- (b) approved the draft Voting Scheme attached at Annex 1 to the supporting Report in respect of voting rights of District Council Co-opted Members on the Health and Adult Social Care (Overview and Scrutiny) Select Committee, and authorised the Monitoring Officer to make any necessary change to the Constitution to give effect to the Scheme.

**112. CAPITAL PROGRAMME REVIEW.**

The Council considered a report from the Cabinet (Item 11 in the Minute Book) seeking approval of recommendations in regard to the County Council's Capital Programme. In presenting the report Councillor Kendal, Executive Member for Income and Capital Receipts highlighted the main points of the review and referred Members to the detail of the review as set out in the Cabinet Report of 21 July 2014 which was appended to the Part I Report. Councillor Kendal reported on the significant capital programme being delivered to boost the

economy of Hampshire together with investment in super fast broadband, an investment of just over £900m by the Enterprise M3 and the Solent Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs) and government funding of just under £5m for flood mitigation. Members welcomed the investment which would support many local projects and noted the funding that such investment levers in from the private sector.

During the ensuing debate views were expressed on a number of matters including the rollout and delivery of the super fast broadband programme, school places planning, allocation of funding for schools and for training young people, investment in residential homes and LEP funding. Councillor Kendal responded fully to the points raised.

RESOLVED:

That the County Council:

- (a) approved the addition of £6m to the Capital Programme for an Extra-Care programme for young adults;
- (b) approved the other new capital schemes and their sources of funding as set out in Appendices 1 and 2 of the supporting Cabinet Report.
- (c) approved the addition of £12.040m to the Policy and Resources Capital Programme (£10.240m from extra grant and an assumed £1.8m of external contributions).

#### 113. **NOTICE OF MOTION.**

The Council considered a Notice of Motion (Item 12 in the Minute Book) submitted in accordance with Standing Order 18.1 as proposed by Councillor David Simpson and seconded by Councillor Bruce Tennent, as follows:

“This council notes the high proportion of road works which are classified as Emergency or Urgent works by particular Utility companies (see table below) and therefore not subject to the usual advanced warning and programme notification to the County Council. These are disruptive and cost residents and the country a lot of money in lost time and fuel wasted which damages our economy.

Therefore:

Hampshire County Council calls upon those Utility companies who have the highest proportion of road works listed as Urgent or Emergency to explain to the Council what steps they are taking to improve their regular maintenance and works planning to reduce the proportion of works classified as emergency or urgent. Furthermore the Council will review the relevant provisions of the New Roads and

Streetworks Act and consider whether the Secretary of State should be asked to strengthen any of the Highway Authority powers in this regard.”

Immediate Works Data for 2013 (Main Utility Companies Only – which carry out majority of street works)

Utility	Total number of works	No of emergency works	No of emergency works with a closure	No of Urgent works	No of Urgent works with a closure	Total Number of 'Immediate' Works	Number of Closures arising from Immediate Works	%age of Immediate works	%age of works for Immediate Activities that Require a Road Closure
BT Openreach	5675	195	0	2169	11	2364	11	41.7%	0.2%
SGN	2802	1350	5	101	0	1451	5	51.8%	0.2%
Portsmouth Water	3775	3	0	852	1	855	1	22.6%	0.0%
Southern Electric	2805	1	0	1749	1	1750	1	62.4%	0.0%
Southern Water	8961	6	2	1581	16	1587	18	17.7%	0.2%
South East Water	6009	0	0	4084	26	4084	26	68.0%	0.4%
Sembcorp Water	1535	3	0	257	3	260	3	16.9%	0.2%
Thames Water	485	11	0	332	0	343	0	70.7%	0.0%
Virgin Media	4718	28	0	105	0	133	0	2.8%	0.0%

In accordance with Standing Order 18.4 the Leader proposed that the Motion be referred to the Economy, Transport and Environment Select (Overview and Scrutiny) Committee for investigation. Councillor Keith Mans seconded the proposal.

RESOLVED:

That the Motion, as set out above, be referred to the Economy, Transport and Environment Select (Overview and Scrutiny) Committee for investigation and report back to the Council as soon as practicable.

**114. HAMPSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY.**

No questions had been received 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 speak to the Council. Councillor Chapman reported that following a recruitment exercise Dave Curry had been appointed as the successor to John

Bonney as Chief Fire Officer for the Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service with effect from 1 January 2015. The Council joined Councillor Chapman in recording its appreciation for the excellent manner in which John Bonney has discharged his responsibilities as Chief Fire Officer and welcomed the appointment of Dave Curry as his successor.

115. **REPORTS FOR INFORMATION.**

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

- a) The Cabinet/Leader
  - *Shaping Hampshire*: 2013/14 Annual Performance Report
- b) Executive Member for Public Health and Adult Social Care
  - Supporting People: Changes to budget, services commissioned and commissioning responsibilities
- c) Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment
  - Whitehill and Bordon Relief Road
  - Response to the flood investigation in Romsey and sub-catchment flood risk management

(The meeting closed at 12.45 pm).

## Chairman's Announcements

Welcome to Honorary Aldermen Patricia Banks, Roger Kimber and Michael Woodhall.

Members, you have received a list of the engagements at which your Vice-Chairman and I have had the privilege of representing you since we last met here.

There have been many significant things happening during that time.

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.

I had the pleasure of leading the County Council's music department's attempt to break the world record for the number of people gathering together to play a musical instrument when over 2,300 people from the age of 8 to 85 turned out at St Mary's Stadium in Southampton to play the ukulele.

I was joined by the Mayor of Southampton the Executive member for Culture Countryside and Recreation, County Councillors from our different political groups and literally thousands of pupils from our Schools.

A count of the number of those who attended indicated that the record had been broken, but we have yet to receive confirmation of this from the Guinness book of records.

It was very rewarding to see how this event encouraged young people who not only enjoy listening to music, but were given the opportunity to actually to make music themselves.

Some of them, I am sure, will go on to make a career in the music industry.

One of the more significant events, was when over 200 people from all over the County, gathered together in the Great Hall, on the 4<sup>th</sup> August this year; the date of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the outbreak of World War One, to attend a reception that, I had the privilege, to host and to launch the County Councils' Museum Department's "Big Theme" programme on that War and to honour and commemorate, the sacrifices that were made as a result of it.

Earlier, during the day, hundreds of visitors visited an exhibition in the Great Hall that described how the County Council's Museum Services, right across the County, would be displaying its collections of memorabilia, material and documents related to the Great War.

This was followed by an evening of music and drama performances, where the popular songs enjoyed by our troops were sung between interludes of

dramatic re-enactments recalling the experiences of local people - and servicemen at the front - during that wartime.

The evening ended as a lone piper, playing a lament led a troop of young cadets into the setting sun: recalling how the young men of the time, strode boldly out to defend their country.

The people attending the event showed their appreciation for the work of our armed services by contributing many hundreds of pounds to SSAFA the Sailors, Soldiers and Airman's Families Association - a charity to which I have given my support.

Later that night, I attended a Vigil at the Winchester Cathedral, which recalled the remarks of Edward Grey, the Foreign Secretary of that time in 1914 when he had to give Parliament the news that his peace negotiations had broken down, making war inevitable. Commenting on what the coming hostilities would mean, he said, "The lights will go out all over Europe and would not come on again in our lifetime."

As the clock struck 10 - Candles were snuffed out, one by one in the Cathedral, as in a national act of commemoration, lights were dimmed or extinguished, all over the Country, for the next hour.

Another significant occasion was the very recent farewell event that was mounted on behalf of the people of Hampshire to our much loved, honoured and respected Dame Mary Fagan in recognition of her 20 glorious years in representing Her Majesty the Queen in Hampshire.

The Army paid its respects with the Band of the Royal Scots Guards giving a spectacular display of music and marching by beating the retreat.

After this, I had the privilege of hosting a reception in the Great Hall where our Leader, Cllr Roy Perry signalled the Council's respect and sadness at her leaving and thanked her for her many years of services for the benefit of us all, and offered our congratulations to her successor Nigel Atkinson who will be the next Lord Lieutenant of Hampshire.

The following Day I had the privilege of attending a similar event when the Air Force at Odiham paid their respects in a spectacular farewell in her honour.

It featured a thrilling display of aerobatics by a lone spitfire, a flyby of Chinook helicopters and the retreat beaten by the marching Band of the Royal Air Force.

Dame Mary has been tireless in her encouragement and support for the many charities and voluntary activities that have been a wonderful example of the how many people who live in and work the County give up their time quietly and freely to attend to the needs of others.

Her generous support in raising many millions of pounds, over her 20 years of service, to provide financial support for their work, and to preserve our heritage and the historic buildings of the County - has been truly outstanding.

Sadly it has also been a time when some past colleagues and eminent figures have passed away.

Here I would also mention, and pay tribute to, Robert Lawson, whose funeral I attended recently. He passed away peacefully a little before his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. He was, for many years, our County Librarian and laid much of the foundations of the County Council's Library Service that he was so passionate about.

We have recently received the sad news of the passing of Sir David Mitchell, aged 86. Your vice Chairman attended his funeral.

A successful business man, and champion of small businesses, he was also a local government Councillor, a Member of Parliament, Transport Minister, a Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Hampshire, a Master of the Vintners' Company and the proud father of Andrew Mitchell MP, the former Conservative Chief Whip.

We have also received the sad news that a former colleague, County Councillor Ruth Hyson has died. It was not my privilege to know her as she served on the Council before my time. She was 73 years old, and I understand that Ruth started her political career in Havant in the 1970's where she worked tirelessly for her Constituents when she took an interest in local community issues and progressed to lead the Borough as Mayor and served it on the County Council for 12 years between 1985-1997 taking a keen interest in social services, recreation, and policy issues on the Policy and Resources Committee.

Finally we also had the sad news of the passing of our own Honorary Alderman Bob Millard. I regret that it was not my experience to have known Bob personally. But the members here, who did know him well, have told me how much they admired him and valued his advice.

He was highly regarded by his colleagues. An excellent Councillor, dedicated to looking after the interests of his constituents, and a popular and well respected Chairman of the County Council.

He truly had a remarkable record of achievement during his 20 years of service on Hampshire County Council, either by sitting on, or chairing, some 60 panels or committees, making policy decisions on Education, Planning, Transportation and Highways, Social Services, Policy and Resources, European and other outside bodies.

I know you will join me in expressing our sympathy to all their families and friends as they mourn their sad losses.

Members I am very happy to invite your comments.

Thank you Members, may I ask you to please rise and pause with me for a minute of silence as we reflect on the lives and achievements of these notable people.

END.

## Leader's Report

Today is a very momentous day for our nation as the people currently resident in Scotland vote to decide whether they remain part of the UK, a Union that has survived since 1707 and the reign of Queen Anne. I choose those words carefully because there are a number of Scots including people in the Chamber today as well as very many across Hampshire who are Scottish born and bred who unfortunately have no vote.

After consulting all the political group leaders I authorised that we flew the Union Flag daily for the last 2 weeks and it is in the Chamber today. There was no objection from the Chairman who is Scottish born, our Vice Chairman who is also Scottish born or our Chief Executive or Director of Resources also true Scots.

The Union Flag contains the crosses of St Andrew, St George and St Patrick and I think I speak for all when I say whatever our political differences we all value the United Kingdom and the presence of Scotland in that Union and the great contribution made by Scots people to our United Kingdom over the last 300 years.

The Chairman has already made reference to the retirement last week of Dame Mary Fagan as Lord Lieutenant of Hampshire. We have an Agenda Item later to formally record our thanks to Dame Mary and Captain Christopher Fagan and to welcome Her Majesty's new Lord Lieutenant Mr Nigel Atkinson. At the Beating Retreat Ceremony last week to say "Thank You" to Dame Mary we presented her with a book of photographs and tributes recording her 20 years in the role and I have asked a copy of that be made available this morning for members to look at. That copy will also be available in the Leader's Office over the next few weeks for members to see on request. It is a great record of 20 years outstanding service by Dame Mary.

Our work continues to be dominated by the need to adjust our budget to take account of the ongoing and massive reductions in Government grant plus the pressures of demands on Children's and Adult Services caused by more children being born and more and more elderly people (and I noted last week that Hampshire was listed in the top best 10 places to retire to, whilst Valley Park in Test Valley was listed as the best new community in the country to live in and bring up a young family).

Whilst those huge funding pressures dominate our agenda, Hampshire County Council continues to win awards and accolades.

To mention just two Members will have already heard of the OFSTED Report into Hampshire's Children's Services for Children in Need of Care. That report will be considered next week by the County Cabinet where it records the overall finding of 'good' with all areas either 'good' or 'outstanding'

particularly 'outstanding' for Adoption Performance and Leadership, Management and Governance.

In that 'outstanding' judgement, particular note is made of the work of members on the Children and Young People's Select (Overview and Scrutiny) Committee and on the work of the Hampshire Health and Wellbeing Board. I would particularly wish to thank those members on the Select Committee and especially Councillor Ray Bolton as the Chairman of that Committee and of course Councillor Keith Mans, the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services and Councillor Peter Edgar. It is of course the Director and his Officers who deal day-by-day with this most crucial responsibility and I don't think I let a secret out of the bag if I report that the Lead Inspector said to me during my interview with him that OFSTED recognise in Hampshire they are dealing with one of the best Children's Services Departments in the land. I believe only three authorities have gained the 'good' rating. We are the only authority so far to sustain 'good' with 'outstanding'.

We all know how serious the problems are that Children's Services have to deal with and Hampshire people can be confident that Children's Services in Hampshire are good and one of the reasons it is judged 'good' is because we are constantly vigilant with absolutely no complacency or room for complacency.

On a less crucial service but one that shows we can still give support to services that make life good, the Financial Times on 1 September heaped praise on the Hillier Garden in Ampfield. Referring to the Centenary Border there, the Article begins:

"I have just seen a truly inspiring new design in a British Garden". It concludes after urging all garden lovers to visit with "It is a tribute to the Council's continuing commitment a distinction of public Hampshire. Also a tribute to the devoted skill of the garden's team! "

My congratulations to Wolfgang Bopp, the Director and his team and those members and officers of the Council who support Hillier's Gardens. If you cannot get to New Hampshire to see the fall and the Autumn colours I recommend Hilliers Gardens.

END.

COUNTY COUNCIL  
18 SEPTEMBER 2014

QUESTIONS SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDING ORDER  
16.1.1

**First Questions:**

- 1. From Councillor Keith House to the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment:**

“Will the Executive Member make a statement on the fire at Ringwood’s Blue Haze landfill site on 25 July?”

- 2. From Councillor Chris Wood to the Executive Member for Culture, Recreation and Countryside:**

“What role does the Executive Member believe Hampshire County Council could have in securing the future of the recently decommissioned aircraft carrier HMS Illustrious?”

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

“08 numbers are expensive from a mobile phone. HMRC has announced the end of 0845 usage, joining several government departments that have now fully migrated to new 03 numbers <http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/news/helplines-update.htm> The CAB has changed too- for mobile callers, its advice line is now 03003 300 650. Essex, Hampshire and Somerset County Councils are noted as being those who have yet to start this move. There is now only 9 months to go until the date when all users of 084, 087 and 09 numbers are required to declare these calls incur an additional Service Charge to the benefit of the called party and their provider. I note that the 0845 numbers are still quoted to residents in this county. What is the progress of this change to 03 numbers in Hampshire?”

- 4. From Councillor Martin Tod to the Executive Member for Education:**

“How many school construction projects are currently behind schedule?”

**Second Questions:**

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

“Over 5000 children have a gateway card. Many more children should

have one - it is estimated by Disability groups that the eligible figure could be closer to 7000. That is 7000 families potentially at risk. In the calculations to save money on Short Breaks, has the County Council reconciled the cost benefit analysis of this service? What will be the cost of the resultant fall out for families if they are not supported with respite care?"