

AT A MEETING of the Cabinet of HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL held at the Castle on 27 OCTOBER 2014.

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

Councillors:

p	Keith Chapman	p	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, R. Humby, P. Stallard and E. Still

**97. BROADCASTING ANNOUNCEMENT**

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 press and members of the public were also permitted to film and broadcast this meeting. 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.

**98. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

All Cabinet Members were in attendance.

Apologies were received from Councillor Wheale and from Councillor Gibson. On behalf of Cabinet, the Chairman expressed his condolences to Councillor Gibson whose mother had recently passed away.

**99. 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.

**100. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 22 September 2014 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**101. DEPUTATIONS**

No deputation requests had been received.

**102. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman introduced a Member of the Youth Parliament, who was shadowing him for the day.

The Chairman explained that there were a number of significant matters on the agenda for the meeting. These were largely as a result of the austerity measures that faced the entire country, however Hampshire County Council was one of the best placed local authorities to cope with the challenges ahead.

**103. TRANSFORMATION TO 2015 REPORT 5**

The Cabinet considered a report of the Chief Executive (item 6 in the Minute Book) containing the fifth update to Cabinet on the planned reduction in spending as part of the Transformation to 2015 programme.

The report was introduced and Members' attention was drawn to the ever closer ties between the County Council and the Health Service. The scale of the Capital programme was noted and the benefits to the wider economy in the area were noted. Structural change within the County Council, in particular through the utilisation of new technology had allowed a net reduction in spend, but also provided opportunities for staff to develop new skills and experience.

The County Council's success in planning ahead and thus avoiding the need to make rapid change was discussed. On this basis, the importance of beginning the next phase of transformation as soon as possible and of allowing the maximum available time for completion was agreed.

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

**104. TRANSFORMATION TO 2017 REPORT ONE**

The Cabinet considered the report of the Chief Executive (item 7 in the Minute Book) looking in depth at the emerging programme of workstreams that will be used to develop a (fourth) savings and efficiency programme to meet a planned reduction of another £100 million in County Council expenditure by April 2017.

Cabinet was introduced to the report and the constant need to continue to make efficiencies and therefore to move forward with this next phase as quickly as possible. The extent of the restructure to date and the level of further transformation required were highlighted. Opportunities with the health sector and through a focus on the supply chain were explained and the process of setting the budget in July 2015 was set out.

Members welcomed the next phase of the transformation programme and agreed that the emphasis should be on areas of savings and of increasing income through sold services, in order to retain capacity and minimise the impact on service areas. Cabinet felt that maintaining high staff morale was key to success and welcomed the opportunities for development that came with structural change and sold services.

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

**105. UPDATE ON MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS AND STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE**

The Cabinet considered the report of the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment (item 8 in the Minute Book) updating Cabinet on the latest position with regard to the major developments within Hampshire, and strategic infrastructure.

It was explained that a number of major developments were now coming forward across the County and, as a result there was increased emphasis on the need to meet infrastructure requirements. The importance of working with District Authorities and the potential challenges of securing CIL funding were discussed. Members welcomed the intention to continue to seek high quality in development in Hampshire and felt that it was important to use the opportunity to enhance the County.

The recommendations within the report were proposed and agreed with minor amendments to enable discussion through the Hampshire Partnership. The decision record is attached to these Minutes as Appendix 3.

**106. LOCAL GROWTH DEALS (ENTERPRISE M3 AND SOLENT LEPs)**

With regard to this item, Councillor Woodward declared a Personal Interest as a member of the Solent LEP. Councillor Mans also declared a Personal Interest as a member of both the Enterprise M3 and Solent LEP.

The Cabinet considered the report of the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment (item 9 in the Minute Book) regarding Local Growth Deals and the Local Enterprise Partnership.

The report was outlined and it was explained that there was a significant role for the County Council to deliver projects. There was support for the role of the LEPs in bringing together the public sector and local business. The capital funding due to be invested in further education was noted and the consequential benefits of developing centres of skill specialism were welcomed.

The democratic accountability of the LEPs was discussed and it was explained that the involvement of the Local Authority Leaders' Group on the Enterprise M3 and Council Leaders involvement in PUSH had served to strengthen that.

Concerns were expressed about the transparency of proceedings to members of the public and the Leader agreed to raise these concerns at the next suitable opportunity.

The recommendations within the report were proposed and agreed with a minor amendment. The decision record is attached to these Minutes as Appendix 4.