

## Hampshire

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At a Meeting of Hampshire County Council held at The Castle,  
Winchester on 27 November 2014.

### Chairman:

*p* Councillor Colin Davidovitz, BEM

### Vice-Chairman:

*p* Councillor Jonathan Glen

| Councillor:                 | Councillor:                  |
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| <i>p</i> Phil Bailey        | <i>a</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>p</i> Ann Briggs         | <i>p</i> Rupert Kyrle        |
| <i>p</i> Graham Burgess     | <i>p</i> Chris Lagdon        |
| <i>p</i> Rita Burgess       | <i>p</i> Peter Latham        |
| <i>a</i> Adam Carew         | <i>p</i> Warwick Lovegrove   |
| <i>p</i> Christopher Carter | <i>p</i> Martin Lyon         |
| <i>p</i> Roz Chadd          | <i>p</i> Robin McIntosh      |
| <i>p</i> Keith Chapman      | <i>a</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>p</i> Vaughan Clarke     | <i>a</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>p</i> Steve Rippon-Swaine |
| <i>p</i> Liz Fairhurst      | <i>p</i> Timothy Rolt        |
| <i>p</i> Philip Fawkes      | <i>a</i> Frank Rust          |
| <i>a</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>p</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>a</i> Geoff Hockley      | <i>p</i> Malcolm Wade        |
| <i>p</i> Tony Hooke         | <i>p</i> John Wall           |
| <i>p</i> Keith House        | <i>p</i> Patricia West       |
| <i>a</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 |

Honorary Aldermen Patricia Banks, John Bryant, Phrynne Dickens, Roger Kimber, Tim Knight, Pamela Peskett and Michael Woodhall were also in attendance.

Prior to the start of the formal business of the meeting, the Chairman presented a certificate to Captain Lionel Hall to mark his 30 years of outstanding service as Chairman of the operational committee at the Solent Sea Rescue Organisation.

**116. 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.

**117. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Adam Carew, Ferris Cowper, Ray Finch, Geoff Hockley, Rob Humby, David Keast, Anna McNair Scott, Ken Moon and Frank Rust. Apologies were also received from Honorary Aldermen Susan Glasspool and Marilyn Tucker.

**118. 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.

**119. MINUTES.**

The minutes of the meeting of the County Council held on 18 September 2014 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman. There were no matters arising on this occasion.

120. **DEPUTATIONS.**

The Council received the following deputations:

- a) Mrs Maria Hutchinson calling for a pelican crossing on Hound Way/Hound Road, Netley Abbey.
- b) Mrs Angharad Snow regarding road safety concerns at Langrish Primary School, Stroud Village, Hampshire.

121. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

It was with sadness that the Chairman reported that a former County Councillor for the Hedge End and Botley Division, Derek Blampied, had passed away on 10 November 2014 following a short illness. Councillor Rupert Kyrle paid tribute to the former Councillor. A minute's silence was observed as a mark of respect.

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 County Council's remembrance service held on 11 November, visits to several of the County Council's care homes and the opportunity to witness the work of the staff and the facilities provided, and a visit to Winchester Churches Night Shelter to talk with staff and users of the many services provided.

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

122. **LEADER'S REPORT.**

The Leader reported on a number of matters, in particular the current debate regarding devolution within the United Kingdom, and more specifically within England; the County Council Network Conference held recently in Buckinghamshire; correspondence from Edward Timpson, the Under Secretary of State for Children and Families regarding the support of the County Council's Members and officers to help bring about improvements for services for children on the Isle of Wight, and a letter from Public Health England confirming that the proposal to fluoridate the water supply in Southampton and surrounding areas would not be proceeded with in the light of sustained opposition.

The Leader also reported on a recent meeting together with the Chief Executive, with the Chairman of the Local Government Boundary Commission at his request, to discuss a review of County Electoral Divisions that have an electoral variance of more than 10% from the average ratio for the authority with a view to implementation of any new boundaries in time for the County Council's next elections in 2017. The

Leader confirmed that he had written to the Group Leaders and would be meeting with them in the coming weeks.

Lastly, the Leader placed on record the appreciation of the County Council for the service rendered to the people of Hampshire by the retiring Chief Officer, John Bonney and wished him well for the future.

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

**123. QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER 16.1.1.**

The list of Questions submitted under Standing Order 16.1.1 is attached to these Minutes as Appendix 3 and Executive Members responded accordingly. As the number of questions listed exceeded the time allocated for questions, Members voted to vary Standing Orders on this occasion only to allow all questions to be responded to at the Meeting.

Councillor Jackie Porter declared a personal interest in regard to Question 12 on the list, as a Chairman of a charity providing youth services.

**124. APPOINTMENTS.**

The Council considered a report together with an Addendum from the Chief Executive (Item 8 in the Minute Book) presented by the Leader proposing changes of membership to County Council Committees and Panels.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That John Selby be appointed as the Royal Yachting Association's representative on the River Hamble Harbour Management Committee, replacing Roger Pritchard;
- (b) That Kate Smart be appointed as a Co-opted Member of the Standing Advisory Committee for Religious Education representing primary schools to fill a vacancy that was currently being held;
- (c) That Mrs Urzula Topp be appointed as a Co-opted Member of the Children and Young People Select Committee representing the Roman Catholic Diocesan Schools, replacing Mrs Rosemary Olivier; and
- (d) That Mr Harmeet Singh Brar be appointed as a Co-opted Member of the Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education as the Sikh representative, replacing Mr Harjap Singh.

125. **NOTICES OF MOTION.**

The Council considered two Notices of Motion (Item 9 in the Minute Book) submitted in accordance with Standing Order 18.1 as follows:

- (a) Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Roy Perry, seconded by Councillor Keith Mans:

“Whilst applauding the outcome of the Scottish Referendum, Hampshire County Council calls upon her Majesty’s Government to devolve more powers with appropriate funding, not just to Scotland but existing levels of local government at County, District and Parish level in England. In particular this Council calls for a transfer of powers, with adequate capacity and resources, from unelected and unaccountable quangos to existing democratically elected Councils that are answerable to their local communities.”

Councillor Keith House, seconded by Councillor Adrian Collett proposed the following Amendment in line with Standing Order 19.1:

Add at end:

“In addition, this Council believe that the principle of subsidiarity in multi-tiered government means that devolution does not stop with moving powers, functions and budgets from central Government to local government, but also within local government from Counties to Districts and Parishes and from Districts to Parishes. Council commits to develop a programme to consider its own powers, functions and budgets and how these could be devolved closer to the people of Hampshire.”

Councillor Chris Wood, seconded by Councillor Peter Lagdon proposed the following Amendment in line with Standing Order 19.1 (in bold and italics):

“Whilst applauding the outcome of the Scottish Referendum, Hampshire County Council calls upon her Majesty’s Government ***and the European Union*** to devolve more powers with appropriate funding, not just to Scotland but existing levels of local government at County, District and Parish level in England. In particular this Council calls ***upon Her Majesty’s Government and the European Union*** for a transfer of powers, with adequate capacity and resources, from unelected and unaccountable quangos, ***both in the UK and the EU***, to existing democratically elected Councils that are answerable to their local communities.”

Councillor Seán Woodward suggested, for the purposes of clarity, that the words “where they exist” be inserted to the Amendment proposed by Councillor House after the words “from Counties to

Districts and Parishes.....”. Councillor Collett, as the seconder of this particular Amendment confirmed he was content to incorporate the suggested words to the Amendment. Councillor Perry, as the Proposer of the original Motion confirmed that he was content to accept all the Amendments proposed.

During the course of the ensuing discussion there was a consensus of view that the current devolution debate presented a real opportunity to have decisions such as tax raising powers and the control of business rates made at the local level by democratically elected Councillors who are accountable to the communities they serve. However, Members highlighted the need for appropriate funding to come with any transfer of powers to ensure that the related business could be transacted effectively.

The Motion together with the Amendments detailed above were supported by a majority of the Members present and it was therefore

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“In addition, this Council believe that the principle of subsidiarity in multi-tiered government means that devolution does not stop with moving powers, functions and budgets from central Government to local government, but also within local government from Counties to Districts and Parishes, where they exist, and from Districts to Parishes. Council commits to develop a programme to consider its own powers, functions and budget and how these could be devolved closer to the people of Hampshire.”

- (b) Motion proposed by Councillor Mel Kendal, seconded by Councillor Stephen Reid:

“This Council recognises the importance that residents of Hampshire place on having high-speed broadband availability and supports the continued significant investment designed to 'retro-fit' its availability to homes and businesses throughout the County as quickly as possible.

However, the Council notes with concern that brand new properties, even on large scale developments, are being built and sold without a ready superfast broadband capability.

This Council therefore resolves to work with its District and Borough Councils, developers, BT and other potential suppliers of broadband capability to make it a requirement for new homes, especially on large scale developments, to be able to access superfast broadband from the day they are first sold.

If necessary the Council will call on the Government to empower Councils through legislation to make this a stipulation through the planning process.”

In moving the Motion, Councillor Kendal confirmed a change to the wording included in the Summons by the deletion of the words “even on large scale developments” from the second paragraph. Councillor Criss Connor requested that the words “especially on large scale developments” also be deleted from the third paragraph and Councillor Martin Tod requested that the words “and businesses,” be inserted after the words in the third paragraph “to make it a requirement for new homes”.

During the course of the ensuing discussion Members expressed their support for this Motion and highlighted that it would be far more cost and resource efficient for houses to be built with superfast broadband at the outset rather than going through an expensive, time-consuming and unsustainable retro-fitting exercise. The introduction of appropriate legislation to enforce superfast broadband was installed at the very earliest point was therefore paramount given the increasing reliance on the internet to support local people and local businesses.

Councillor Kendal as the Proposer of the Motion confirmed that he would accept the change proposed by Councillor Tod but following careful consideration did not accept the deletion proposed by Councillor Connor in order for the Motion to have the maximum impact on current large scale developments. The original Motion together with the additional wording proposed by Councillor Tod was supported by a majority of the Members present and it was therefore

**RESOLVED:**

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**126. 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 (Item 10 in the Minute Book) was received.

**127. CONSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS: APPOINTMENTS TO THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD FOR HAMPSHIRE.**

The Council received the report of the Health and Wellbeing Board for Hampshire (Item 11 in the Minute Book) reporting changes to its membership as set out in the report.

**128. REPORTS FOR INFORMATION.**

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

- a) The Cabinet/Leader
  - \* Hampshire Children's Services Ofsted Inspection February-March 2014 and Adult Safeguarding
  - \* Transforming the Council to 2015: Report No. 5 and Transforming the Council to 2017: Report No. 1
- b) Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment
  - \* Local Enterprise Partnership funding scheme update
- c) Executive Lead Member for Children's Services
  - \* Provision of Children's Homes

In concluding the meeting the Chairman confirmed that Councillor Andrew Gibson had an interest in Item 9(b) and had left the Chamber prior to that item being reached.

(The meeting closed at 1.35pm).

## Appendix 1

### Chairman's Announcements

First, I am delighted to welcome our Aldermen who have come to join us and grace us with their presence so I welcome Patricia Banks, John Bryant, Phryn Dickens, Roger Kimber, Tim Knight, Pamela Peskett and Michael Woodhall.

Members, I am afraid I have a sad announcement to make. I have just learned that one of our more recent members, the former County Councillor for Hedge End and Botley Divisions, in the Borough of Eastleigh, Councillor Derek Blampied passed away peacefully after a short illness on 10 November. Derek served as a Councillor between 2005 and 2009, and also served as Councillor on Eastleigh Borough council as well as being a Parish Councillor in Botley for many years. He leaves behind his wife Aline, his son, Tristan and daughter Elise, who were with him when he passed away. He will be greatly missed by many who knew him and on behalf of the County Council I would like to send our sincere condolences to his family at this difficult time. I now call on other Members to pay their tributes.

Members, you have received a list of the engagements to which your vice Chairman and I have had the privilege of representing you, since we last met here. I will not go into detail about them all, but I will single out just a few examples.

Both your vice chairman and I, have been invited to represent the County Council, at a number of remembrance services across the County to honour the fallen.

This year, our own remembrance service honouring the sacrifices made by the staff of the County Council was held before the sculpture "to Honour the Promise" that is newly erected outside Hampshire's Great Hall to commemorate the part that Hampshire played during the Great War of 1914 to 1918 in accommodating the thousands of service people from around the world before they left for their Battlefields abroad.

The County Council has a very well-earned reputation in the way it cares for our vulnerable elderly in the care homes it provides and I was invited to attend events being held at them.

I will comment on just two. The first was to a County Council owned and managed care home for elderly people with various forms of dementia in Emsworth. I was invited to open two new summer houses for its residents, to add to its excellent facilities. Whilst I was there, this gave me an opportunity to witness the high standard of care being provided, but more importantly, allowed me to see how this caring community of staff and residents, worked in harmony together, to create a real sense of belonging and homeliness in this establishment which is, of course, their home.

The other care home I will comment on was Woodlands House, a privately owned and managed care home in the New Forest, from which the County

Council commissions care for some of its residents. This home caters for two categories of care. Those who are infirm and others with dementia - each are provided with specialised care related to their different needs. It was really impressive to see both the spaciousness and décor of the guests' apartments and also, the empathetic and sympathetic way the staff and residents interacted with each other and the excellent way care is provided to them.

This is so typical of the way care is delivered in Hampshire and contrasts sharply with some of the negative reporting of failings in other parts of the country that only make the headlines because of the rarity of these occurrences.

On my civic day my fellow Mayors and Chairmen of Hampshire's Borough and District Councils, were given the opportunity to go behind the scenes at two of our valuable but least publicised services.

The first was to our Records Office, and the other was a visit to our Hants Direct Call Centre.

At the record office, they were given a glimpse behind the scenes of the huge range of records that from the earliest of times tell the unique story of Hampshire. They marvelled at the way these are preserved, restored and made accessible to researchers and the general public, and enjoyed viewing an archival film depicting events that have occurred from the earliest days of film making in the County.

During their visit to the County Council's call centre in Fareham they experienced the careful induction and training given to potential recruits, and had the opportunity to sit alongside call-centre operators to monitor the way callers' concerns are resolved by the centre's staff.

From the simple renewal of library books, the issuing of a blue badges for drivers with disabilities, requests for care assessments, how to appeal against school placement decisions, notifications of potholes or highways and a range of other complaints and queries about other of the County Council services.

They heard how the Centre saves the local taxpayer millions and provides a service that relieves front line staff from this work allowing them to concentrate on their core duties of delivering the services our residents rely on and even assists local Councillors in dealing with casework for their constituents.

I also had the pleasure of hosting a reception enabling top business people from the length and breadth of the County to meet with the Council's Cabinet Members, Senior Officers and vocational skills providers, to discuss means by which we can work more closely with each other, to ensure that the infrastructure and the other services that the County Council provides, matches the needs of industry and supports the growth and the economic development of our County that is essential to provide and improve the employment opportunities and prosperity of our residents.

But, one of the most rewarding of my tasks was to host receptions, to honour and reward, the very many members of our staff who have completed both 25 and 40 years' in the service of the people of Hampshire.

We have also been invited to experience the valuable work carried out by the many voluntary organisations across the County that work quietly and devotedly to attend to the needs of their fellow citizens.

An outstanding example of this was when I had the privilege of being invited to spend a whole morning with the guests and staff at the Winchester Churches Night Shelter located next door to our Discovery Centre in the heart of Winchester's City Centre.

I discovered how its name gives the misleading impression about the service it delivers, as it not only provides a bed for the night for homeless people who have fallen on bad times, but actually, with a tiny specialist staff and many professional and semi-professional volunteers, delivers a comprehensive service that includes sophisticated counselling, rehabilitation and self-care services for the homeless. They have, within their number, teenagers leaving care, men and women, forced out of their homes by their partners, people with drug and alcohol dependencies and a large number of ex-offenders who leave prison, with no home to go to. They also work with the probation service and social and private landlords to assist them in finding ways to move into more permanent subsidised accommodation.

In these hard pressed times, without the help of these and many other voluntary organisations, I believe that our own Council services would be severely stretched and those in need could be left to fend for themselves.

These are just a few of the large number of attendances we have made on your behalf that you can see from the lists that has been sent to all Members.

**APPENDIX 2****LEADERS REPORT**

Members will recall that the last time the County Council met was on the day of the Scottish Referendum the outcome of which was welcomed by all people who believe in a United Kingdom.

It has however brought in to active consideration of an issue of just how far devolution should go within the Kingdom and more specifically for us within England. It is a matter that I have brought to the consideration of the County Council in the form of a Motion that is later on our Agenda so I will say no more at this stage - save that it has been a matter for active discussion by the County Council Network, at the meetings of South East Council Leaders and South East Strategic Council Leaders. I have also had discussions with Ministers and with Senior Civil Servants on the whole issue of extending further powers to all Councils in England.

This week I had a meeting together with the Chief Executive with the Chairman of the Local Government Boundary Commission at his request. He was quite explicit to me in his information that if more than 30% of our divisions had electorates at a variance of more than 10% from the average electorate then there would be a review and new boundaries implemented in time for our next election in 2017. This is a matter of which there is no debate or discussion. Proposals will of course be a matter of review. I have written to Group Leaders and will meet with them in the very near future, probably before Christmas to discuss the procedures that need to be followed. He indicated, and I give notice to Members, that the Commission would also like to see a reduction in the number of Councillors but that was not mandatory, but it was a direction of travel that the Commission would like to see.

Councillor Mans and I, together with Councillor Glen the Vice Chairman, attended the County Council Network Conference the weekend before last in Buckinghamshire. The economic strength of the county areas and their significant and positive contribution to the nation's wealth was a matter very much to the fore. I can also report that our Director of Childrens Services, Mr Coughlan presented a report to one of the workshops specifically dealing with the help that Childrens Services in Hampshire have given to the Children's Services on the Isle of Wight.

On that matter I have received a letter from Mr Edward Timpson – Under Secretary of State for Children and Families stating his pleasure and gratitude at seeing the improvements already achieved on the Island and thanking elected members as well as officers for that improvement. In my reply I said, and I hope I have your support in saying that we were ready to play our part to help our neighbouring authority and particularly to help the children on the island. I did not neglect to say to the Minister that this was costly and we needed all appropriate financial support from his Department so that we could maintain this ongoing support.

## Fluoridation of the Water Supply

As members will know we have received a letter from Public Health England confirming that in the face of determined opposition by the local community that they will not proceed with their former proposal to add fluoride to the public water supply in Southampton and surrounding areas of Hampshire. There has never been a formal reply to my request for evidence of whether there was actually a scheme agreed and capable of being implemented before Hampshire County Council took over Public Health responsibilities in 2013. I have received a polite but very firm refusal to give an answer to my Fol request.

Since I believe the will of Hampshire people has now been respected I have decided there is no need to proceed with that Fol. I am more concerned that in the discharge of our Public Health responsibilities that we continue to do what we can to assist all children achieve good oral hygiene and I have received assurances in that respect from the Director of Public Health and a commitment to maintain that budget line that deals with oral hygiene despite reductions having to be made elsewhere.

On 13<sup>th</sup> November we received The MOD silver Employer Award in the Defence Employer Recognition Scheme acknowledging our commitment to Army Reservists. I am grateful to Councillor Roger Huxstep for receiving this on our behalf. He had the pleasure of going to Blenheim Palace for that ceremony. We do indeed owe a debt to our officers and staff who serve in the Reserve Forces so the honour is strictly theirs.

I wish to place on record the appreciation of the County Council for the service rendered to the people of Hampshire by our retiring Chief Fire Officer Mr John Bonney. He has been with Hampshire Fire and Rescue since 2001 and the Chief Officer since 2004. Not only has he run an excellent Fire and Rescue Service but his commitment to partnership and community working has been exemplary and he has imbued that commitment throughout the entire service. His work with the minority communities in Hampshire such as the Asian Cultural Association has been superb as well as his support for the Princes Trust.

He looks far too young to me to be retiring but I am sure we all wish him a long, happy and active retirement. Somehow I don't think he will be inactive for very long.

Roy Perry

Leader, Hampshire County Council  
27 November 2014

**APPENDIX 3**

**COUNTY COUNCIL  
27 NOVEMBER 2014**

**QUESTIONS SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDING ORDER  
16.1.1**

**1. From Councillor Keith House to the Executive Member for Education:**

“How many parents did not get their first choice school in September 2014 for Reception entry?”

**2. From Councillor Chris Carter to the Executive Member for Executive Lead Member for Children’s Services:**

“I understand Hampshire’s Supporting Troubled Families Programme is continuing to make good progress. I would be grateful please if the Lead Member for Children’s Services could provide a break down of the number of troubled families identified in each District and advise how much reward money has been claimed.”

**3. From Councillor Graham Burgess to the Executive Lead Member for Children’s Services:**

“Would the Executive Lead Member for Children’s Services outline whether the partnership arrangement that the Isle of Wight Council entered into with Hampshire County Council in order to improve Children’s Services on the island has led to any improvements?”

**4. From Councillor Andrew Gibson to the Executive Member for Education:**

“Would the Executive Member for Education please provide the latest figures for children’s outcomes at the Early Years’ Foundation Stage?”

**5. From Councillor Marge Harvey to the Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health:**

“A few meetings ago, it was reported that the take up of Health Checks were very low. Do we know if this has changed since the last meeting.”

**6. From Councillor Martin Lyon to the Deputy Leader and the Council’s appointed representative on Partnership for Urban South Hampshire (PUSH)**

“The PUSH business plan for 2014-2016 talks about ‘enabling housing’ as one of its key objectives and includes, within its contents, headings such as ‘Planning and Infrastructure, Energy, Industries, and the Built

Environment'. Within the Strategic Housing Marketing Assessment (SHMA), commissioned by PUSH and referred to by many of our local plans, it states that at least 80,000 houses are needed in the region over the next 10-13 years. Would the Executive Member please clarify the basis upon which this figure is derived and would he accept that the projection needs revising down by some considerable margin?"

**7. From Councillor Philip Fawkes to the Leader:**

"Is the Leader aware that the HASC, which meets six times a year, is unable to properly scrutinise the NHS and other providers of care in Hampshire? Will the Leader now recognise it was a mistake to disband the HOSC and would he consider re-establishing it with Councillor Pat West as its Chairman?"

**8. From Councillor Mark Staplehurst to the Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health:**

"There have been recent reports on the failure of the NHS to deal with veterans' healthcare in this country. Will the Executive Member establish a working group to investigate the commissioning of healthcare for all veterans, not just those involved in Afghanistan, as we are all aware of veterans' suffering in many ways from numerous other theatres?"

**9. From Councillor Chris Lagdon to the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services:**

"Can the Executive Lead Member tell this council what percentage of the consultation documents concerning the Short Breaks for Children Review have been sent out in hard copy?"

**10. From Councillor Martin Tod to the Executive Member for the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment**

"What actions and programmes are planned by Highways and Transport to help tackle Hampshire's obesity problems?"

**11. From Councillor Phil Bailey to the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment:**

"What consultation occurred with Parish Councils with regard to the recent bus cuts?"

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

"On what basis did the County Council come to the conclusion that it will commission Youth Service support rather than provide grants and service agreements?"