

# Hampshire

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At a Meeting of Hampshire County Council held at The Castle,  
Winchester on 22 May 2015.

## **Chairman:**

*p* Councillor Jonathan Glen

## **Vice-Chairman:**

*p* Councillor Keith Chapman, MBE

Councillor:	Councillor:
<i>p</i> Phil Bailey	<i>p</i> Andrew Joy
<i>p</i> John Bennison	<i>p</i> David Keast
<i>p</i> Ray Bolton	<i>p</i> Mark Kemp-Gee
<i>p</i> Ann Briggs	<i>a</i> Mel Kendal
<i>p</i> Zilliah Brooks	<i>a</i> Rupert Kyrle
<i>p</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	<i>p</i> Martin Lyon
<i>a</i> Roz Chadd	<i>p</i> Robin McIntosh
<i>p</i> Peter Chegwyn	<i>p</i> Anna McNair Scott
<i>p</i> Charles Choudhary	<i>p</i> Keith Mans
<i>p</i> Vaughan Clarke	<i>p</i> Fiona Mather
<i>p</i> Adrian Collett	<i>p</i> Ken Moon
<i>p</i> Criss Connor	<i>p</i> Andy Moore
<i>p</i> Mark Cooper	<i>p</i> Frank Pearce
<i>a</i> Ferris Cowper	<i>p</i> Roy Perry
<i>a</i> Shaun Cully	<i>p</i> Jackie Porter
<i>p</i> Colin Davidovitz, BEM	<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>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>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>a</i> Martin Tod
<i>p</i> Geoff Hockley	<i>a</i> Malcolm Wade
<i>p</i> Tony Hooke	<i>p</i> John Wall
<i>p</i> Keith House	<i>a</i> Sharyn Wheale
<i>p</i> Rob Humby	<i>p</i> Chris Wood
<i>p</i> Roger Huxstep	<i>p</i> Seán D. T. Woodward

Honorary Aldermen Patricia Banks, Susan Glasspool, Felicity Hindson, Roger Kimber, Margaret Snaith-Tempia and Michael Woodhall were also in attendance.

**150. 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 broadcasting purposes.

**151. OUTGOING CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

At this point in the proceedings Councillor Colin Davidovitz presented his final announcements as the Outgoing Chairman, expanding on the wide range of duties undertaken to represent and promote the County Council and its strong community leadership role. Councillor Davidovitz extended his thanks to the Members and officers that had supported him during his time as Chairman of the Council. The full speech can be viewed via this link <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/councilmeetings> and entering item reference 6703 in the key word search.

**152. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Roz Chadd, Ferris Cowper, Shaun Cully, Rupert Kyrle, Martin Tod, Malcolm Wade and Sharyn Wheale. Apologies were also received from Honorary Aldermen Phrynnette Dickens, Stuart Juniper and Marilyn Tucker.

**153. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

The Chief Executive as the proper officer called for nominations. Councillor Roy Perry, seconded by Councillor Keith Mans proposed that Councillor Jonathan Glen be elected Chairman of the Council until the Annual General Meeting in 2016. No other nominations were received therefore the proposition was put to the vote and carried.

**ORDERED:**

That Councillor Jonathan Glen be elected Chairman of the County Council until the Annual General Meeting in 2016. Councillor Glen made the declaration of Acceptance of Office.

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COUNCILLOR JONATHAN GLEN IN THE CHAIR

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**154. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

Nominations for Vice-Chairman of the Council were called for. Councillor Roy Perry, seconded by Councillor Keith Mans proposed that Councillor Keith Chapman, MBE be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Council until the Annual General Meeting in 2016. No other propositions were received therefore the proposition was put to the vote and carried.

**ORDERED:**

That Councillor Keith Chapman, MBE be appointed as Vice-Chairman of the County Council until the Annual General Meeting in 2016. Councillor Chapman made the declaration of Acceptance of Office.

**155. 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.

**156. MINUTES.**

The minutes of the meetings of the Ordinary County Council held on 19 February 2015 and the Extraordinary County Council held on 13 April 2015 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**157. DEPUTATIONS.**

There were no deputations on this occasion.

**158. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

The Incoming Chairman put on record his thanks to the Outgoing Chairman, Colin Davidovitz, for his dedicated work over the last twelve months. The Chairman confirmed his theme, in this 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of the Magna Carta would be 'freedom and democracy' and confirmed that there would be many other notable anniversaries in the year ahead and events celebrating not only the Magna Carta but also the battles of Waterloo and Gallipoli.

It was with sadness that the Chairman reported to the County Council the passing of three former County Councillors:

- Tim Macnamara on 16 April 2015: served the electoral division of Kingsclere and Clere from 1979 to 1993;
- Honorary Alderman Dr. Ray Ellis on 18 April 2015: served the electoral division of Fareham South East from 2001 and Fareham Town from 2006; and
- Keith Brant on 13 May 2015: served the electoral division of Basingstoke South from 1981 to 1985.

The Leader, followed by Councillors Keith Chapman, Keith House, Andrew Joy, Anna McNair Scott, Stephen Reid, Frank Rust, Tom Thacker, Ken Thornber and Seán Woodward paid tribute to the former Councillors. The Council observed a minute's silence as a mark of respect.

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

#### 159. **LEADER'S REPORT.**

The Leader opened his report by expressing his appreciation to Councillor Colin Davidovitz for the manner in which he had discharged his duties during his year as Chairman and extended his congratulations to the Incoming Chairman, Councillor Jonathan Glen and to the Incoming Vice-Chairman, Councillor Keith Chapman. The Leader also welcomed Councillor Zilliah Brooks following her election to the County Council to serve the Andover West Division.

The Leader reported that following the Parliamentary Election on 8 May he had written to all of the Hampshire MPs congratulating them on their election and confirming that he would be inviting them to come to Winchester in the near future to brief them on County issues. The Leader also wished to place on record the Council's thanks to the retiring and former MPs Sir George Young, James Arbuthnot, David Willetts, Mark Hoban and Mike Thornton for their service to Hampshire.

The Leader confirmed some changes to his Cabinet as follows:

- Councillor Andrew Gibson to succeed Councillor Keith Chapman

as Executive Member for Culture, Recreation and Countryside;

- Councillor Patricia Stallard to become Executive Member for Health and Public Health;
- Councillor Keith Mans to carry out a more explicit role for Families to recognise his role not only as the Lead Member for Children but also overseeing the County Council's Troubled Families Programme;
- Councillor Andrew Joy to have an extended portfolio to encompass external affairs, particularly in regard to the County Council's relations with District partners and the Armed Services;
- Councillor Reid to have an extended portfolio to encompass Performance

The Leader also reported that Councillor Rob Humby would take on the role of Rural Affairs Champion which would include attending a Cabinet Committee on Economic Development.

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

**160. QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER 16.1.1.**

No Questions under Standing Order 16.1.1 had been received.

**161. PROPORTIONALITY AND APPOINTMENTS.**

The Council considered a report from the Chief Executive and presented by the Leader (Item 10 and 10X in the Minute Book) reviewing the proportionality of the Council, appointing Chairmen and Vice-Chairman to the Council's committees and standing advisory panels, appointing the full quota of County Councillors to the Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority, and making other appointments as necessary.

RESOLVED:

That the County Council:

- (a) Approve the revised Proportionality Table (Appendix 3).
- (b) Appoint the Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of Committees and Panels of the County Council (Appendix 4).
- (c) Approve all other appointments set out in Agenda Item 10 together with the Addendum, Item 10X.
- (d) Authorise the Monitoring Officer to make any changes to the Constitution as required.

**162. 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 was received.

**163. REPORTS FOR INFORMATION.**

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

- a) The Cabinet/Leader
  - \* Further Electoral Review of Hampshire County Council – Council Size Submission to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England
  - \* Transformation to 2017
  
- b) Executive Lead Member for Children’s Services
  - \* Children’s Services Capital Programme 2015/16 to 2017/18
  
- c) Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health
  - \* Transfer of 0-5 Children’s Public Health Commissioning to Local Authorities
  - \* Single policy for paying for care, Older Persons Community Support Grant and Strategic Partnership – Care Assessment and Brokerage Services

(The meeting closed at 11.30 am).

## CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

I would like to thank everyone for their support and faith in me, and I am looking forward to being your Chairman for the next twelve months. It is a great honour and I will carry out this duty in a manner that is fair to all, regardless of political affiliation, and in return fully expect everyone to behave in a polite and civilised manner, respecting the right of all councillors to be heard. I would also be most grateful if you would all ensure that you remain within your allotted time when it is your turn to speak.

Please allow me to extend my personal welcome, not only to my old friends the Honorary Aldermen, but also my own guests in the Public Gallery. Firstly, to my wife Sharon, who plays a crucial role in my local government work, and also to friends who have been involved in my divisional duties for many years—Colin and Jocelyn Malam, George and Edith Patch, June Perry and Louise Cox. Without the help of such loyal supporters here and back in Hart I would not be standing here today.

I now turn to our out-going Chairman, Colin Davidovitz. How can I best pay tribute to his outstanding work this year and his dedication to duty? Hands-on, considerate, hard-working and inspirational, Colin has been a true servant to the people who live and work in our county.

I would also like to place on record my thanks to him for the generous support and guidance he has personally given to me in my role as Vice Chairman.

Colin, we all owe you a huge debt of gratitude, and in addition I would like also like to thank your consort, Jill Farnsworth, for her dedicated support during your year in office. Ladies and Gentlemen, I give you

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### COLIN DAVIDOVITZ

My theme this year is 'Freedom & Democracy'. In this 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of Magna Carta, it is worth remembering that there are people today, fifteen years into the new millennium, that still exist in 13<sup>th</sup> century conditions. Tyrants are not restricted to the history books and 'Bad' King John would recognise the medieval mind-set of some modern regimes featured in our headlines today. Freedom of speech, freedom of religion, regardless of gender, and equality under the law is as much a priority now as it was then. But it was here, in England, and very much in Hampshire, that the spark of change was ignited.

There are a multitude of other notable anniversaries coming up this year, so please keep a look-out for events celebrating not only Magna Carta but

commemorating the battles of Waterloo and Gallipoli. We have a rich history and it deserves to be highlighted, as often studying the struggles of the past can determine how we shape the plans for our future.

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate my old friend and colleague on becoming Vice Chairman of Hampshire County Council this year; Councillor Keith Chapman MBE. I know he will be fully supported by his wife Jennifer in the year ahead.

Finally, I regret I must inform you of the deaths of three of our past county councillors, namely:

- Tim Macnamara who passed away on 16 April 2015 – Tim served the Electoral Division of Kingsclere and Clere from 1979 to 1993;
- Honorary Alderman Dr Ray Ellis who passed away on 18 April 2015, who is well known to most of you and who stood down only two years ago – Ray served the Electoral Division of Fareham South East from 2001 and Fareham Town from 2006, serving until his retirement in 2013; and
- Keith Brant who passed away on 13 May 2015 – Keith served the Electoral Division of Basingstoke South from 1981 to 1985.

I will now ask the Leader to say a few words, and then open it up to the Chamber for personal tributes.

Thank you Members for all your tributes. Please be upstanding for former County Councillors Dr Ray Ellis, Keith Brant and Tim Macnamara.

Closing remarks:

As your Chairman, I will keep an open door for anyone to talk about any issue Members may wish to raise.

END.

**LEADER'S REPORT**

First of all I wish to express my appreciation Mr Chairman for the manner in which your predecessor, Councillor Davidovitz, discharged his duties as Chairman and I extend my thanks to him.

I extend my congratulations to you on your election as Chairman and wish you well in your year of office. I look forward to a Scottish and American influence in the chairmanship.

I would also wish to add my welcome to Councillor Zilliah Brooks who has been elected to represent the Andover West Division in succession to Councillor Pat West. Welcome. As a Test Valley representative myself, I have know Zilliah Brooks over many years. She had a most successful Mayoral year of Test Valley and I am sure will be an excellent member of the County Council. The people of Andover West were certainly clear in their choice.

The Chairman has announced the sad news of the death of our former colleagues Honorary Alderman Dr. Ray Ellis and we have also been advised of the death of former County Councillors Keith Brant and Tim Mcnamara. All served this Council and the people of Hampshire well, I have discussed with the Sir John Cass Foundation of which Ray Ellis was a distinguished trustee and it is our intention to hold a service to commemorate Ray's distinguished life of public service.

Also, tomorrow I will be meeting representatives of the Nepalese community in Hampshire at the Sir Harold Hillier Gardens. They have an annual event at the Himalayan Village in the Gardens where at the Chautara they commemorate departed relatives. This year, given the tragic events in their country, will be especially poignant. It is my intention to use the occasion to donate £20,000 on behalf of the people of Hampshire to the Ghurka Welfare Association to help the relief appeal in Nepal.

The General Election is now behind us and all of us as democrats will accept, maybe with varying degrees of enthusiasm, how the people have spoken. In Hampshire they seem to have spoken very emphatically. To paraphrase Churchill "Democracy is the worst form of Government except for all the others that have been tried from time to time." So, we will work with the MPs and the Government the people have elected.

I have written to all the Hampshire MPs, new and returning members, congratulating them on their election and saying that I will invite them, in the near future, to come to Winchester so that we can brief them on County issues.

I have also said, as the Government proceeds to consider Devolution, I trust that we can rely on them to support the people of Hampshire to gain as much

influence and control over the affairs of Hampshire as residents in the so-called core city in the north will gain over their own affairs. My message to the new Government is do not take the people of the south and the people of the shires for granted. The Government is right to want to devolve powers but it is not just people in the cities or in the north who deserve more say over their own affairs.

I wish to place on record our appreciation of the service to Hampshire of the retiring and former MPs notably Sir George Young, James Arbuthnot, David Willetts, Mark Hoban and Mike Thornton. Each, in their own way, has discharged their role well and deserve our thanks.

The new Government was clearly elected on promise to control public expenditure and, put simply, to live within its means. That will have implications for local government. The NHS, schools, pensions are all protected. There is no such protection extended to local government expenditure.

Later in our Agenda we look at transformation to 2017 as our needs must address how we too have to live within our means. We await with interest, and maybe some trepidation the outcome of the Chancellors Budget proposed for 8<sup>th</sup> July.

The other matter that we will address is the decision of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England to re-draw division boundaries. Of course our electoral system requires approximately equal sized divisions objectively determined, but I do worry that not enough attention is being given to the sense of meaningful community and identity.

This is the midway point of this Council's Administration. We have managed to freeze the Council Tax precept for six years now, so Hampshire's council tax precept is the second lowest in the country. That is no mean achievement. Our services are consistently rated as good or better. Only last week I attended the opening by The Lord Lieutenant of the extension of the Westgate School here in Winchester giving us our first all through four to 16 school. I was moved to receive an email that evening from a young mother of a four-year old who has just joined the school saying "Thank you Hampshire" for sticking by the school, which we did in the face of some criticism. I do hope members of the Children and Young People Select Committee will get the opportunity to visit the school. It is another great tribute to our architects department. It is all part of a £250 million capital programme to provide 9,000 extra primary school places. There are, for instance, six other schools in Winchester alone with extension plans of one degree or another. What I did say at that opening and I feel very sincerely is that the increase in population, especially children, does create pressures and problems but I am much happier that we are dealing with those problems than to be in the situation of those parts of the country facing declining population and fewer and fewer children. How depressing that must be.

Top face up to the challenges ahead I am making a few changes in the Administration. In particular I am inviting Councillor Andrew Gibson, who has been an acting supernumerary Assistant Executive Member to become a full member of the Cabinet to replace Councillor Keith Chapman, MBE. Also, and very importantly, I have asked Councillor Patricia Stallard to take an Executive role with responsibility for Health and Public Health. This will ease the burdens carried by Councillor Liz Fairhurst in Adult Social Care and in her continuing role as Chairman of the Hampshire Health and Wellbeing Board. Councillor Keith Mans will take on a more explicit role for Families recognising his role not only as Lead Member for Children but also overseeing our Troubled Families programme. Councillor Andrew Joy's portfolio will extend to encompass external affairs, particularly our relations with Districts and with the Armed Services. Councillor Stephen Reid's role will extend to encompass Performance to help ensure we continue with those Good and Outstanding inspection assessments.

I have asked Councillor Rob Humby to become our Rural Affairs Champion. Councillor Ray Ellis is irreplaceable but Councillor Humby, I am sure, will do that well and he will attend a Cabinet Committee on Economic Development.

I am grateful for the work of the Select Committees and specialist committees and their Chairmen and they will remain as now with the exception of Councillor Roger Huxstep whom I have asked to succeed Councillor Patricia Stallard as Chairman of the Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee.

I can say with confidence that Hampshire is as well placed as any Council and significantly better than most to face the future with optimism. This is a great County.

END.

### Appendix 3

PROPORTIONALITY (AGM 22 MAY 2015) - APPROVED							
		Con	LD	UKIP	Lab	Ind	Unaffiliated
<b>Members:</b>	<b>78.00</b>	<b>46.00</b>	<b>16.00</b>	<b>9.00</b>	<b>4.00</b>	<b>2.00</b>	<b>1.00</b>
<b>A: Council Committees and Panels</b>							
<b>Select Committees</b>	<b>seats</b>						
Children and Young People	20.00	11.00	4.00	2.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Culture and Communities	14.00	8.00	3.00	2.00	1.00		
Economy, Transport & Environment	14.00	8.00	3.00	2.00	1.00		
Health and Adult Social Care	20.00	11.00	4.00	2.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Policy and Resources	14.00	8.00	3.00	2.00	1.00		
<b>Other Committees/Panels</b>							
Audit Committee	9.00	6.00	1.00	1.00			1.00
Employment in Hampshire County	8.00	5.00	2.00	1.00			
Pension Fund Panel	9.00	6.00	1.00	1.00	1.00		
Regulatory Committee	16.00	9.00	4.00	2.00	1.00		
<b>Advisory Committees/Panels</b>							
Buildings Land & Procurement Panel	6.00	4.00	1.00	1.00			
Children and Families Advisory Panel	9.00	5.00	2.00	1.00		1.00	
Conduct Advisory Panel	10.00	6.00	2.00	1.00	1.00		
Education Advisory Panel	9.00	5.00	2.00	1.00		1.00	
SACRE	4.00	3.00	1.00				
<b>River Hamble</b>							
River Hamble Harbour Board	3.00	2.00	1.00				
River Hamble Harbour Management Comm	10.00	6.00	2.00	1.00	1.00		
<b>Total</b>	<b>175.00</b>	<b>103.00</b>	<b>36.00</b>	<b>20.00</b>	<b>9.00</b>	<b>4.00</b>	<b>3.00</b>
		103.21	35.90	20.19	8.97	4.49	2.24
Rounded mathematical entitlement		103.00	36.00	20.00	9.00	4.00	2.00
Surplus/deficit		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00
<b>B: Other Proportionate Bodies</b>							
Chichester Harbour Board	4.00	3.00	1.00				
Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority	19.00	11.00	4.00	2.00	1.00	1.00	
New Forest National Park Authority	5.00	3.00	1.00	1.00			
<b>Total</b>	<b>28.00</b>	<b>17.00</b>	<b>6.00</b>	<b>3.00</b>	<b>1.00</b>		
<b>C: Overall total seats</b>							
	<b>203.00</b>	<b>120.00</b>	<b>42.00</b>	<b>23.00</b>	<b>10.00</b>	<b>5.00</b>	<b>3.00</b>
Mathematical entitlement		119.72	41.64	23.42	10.41	5.21	2.60
Overall rounded mathematical entitlement		120.00	42.00	23.00	10.00	5.00	3.00
Surplus/deficit		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

## COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN AND VICE CHAIRMAN 2015/16

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Chairman</b>	<b>Vice-Chairman</b>
Audit Committee	Councillor Keith Evans	Councillor Andrew Gibson
Buildings, Land and Procurement Panel	Councillor Mel Kendal	Councillor Peter Edgar
Children and Families Advisory Panel	Councillor David Keast	Councillor Roz Chadd
Children and Young People Select Committee	Councillor Ray Bolton	Councillor Roz Chadd
Conduct Advisory Panel	Councillor Mark Kemp-Gee	Councillor Keith Evans
Culture and Communities Select Committee	Councillor Anna McNair Scott	Councillor Frank Pearce
Education Advisory Panel	Councillor Peter Edgar	Councillor Rita Burgess
Employment in Hampshire County Council Committee	Councillor Stephen Reid	Councillor Keith Evans
Economy, Transport and Environment Select Committee	Councillor Sharyn Wheale	Councillor Geoff Hockley
Hampshire Health & Wellbeing Board	Councillor Liz Fairhurst	NB – appointed by the Health & Wellbeing Board
Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee	Councillor Roger Huxstep	Councillor Chris Carter
Pension Fund Panel	Councillor Mark Kemp-Gee	Councillor Tom Thacker
Policy and Resources Select Committee	Councillor Elaine Still	Councillor Keith Evans
Regulatory Committee	Councillor Robin McIntosh	Councillor Geoff Hockley
River Hamble Harbour Board	Councillor Keith Evans	Councillor Peter Latham
River Hamble Harbour Management Committee	Councillor Seán D. T. Woodward	Councillor Rob Humby
Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education	Councillor Roz Chadd	Councillor Charles Choudhary