

AT A MEETING of the Cabinet of HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL held at the Castle on 20 JULY 2015.

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

Councillors:

p	Peter Edgar	p	Keith Mans
p	Liz Fairhurst	p	Stephen Reid
p	Andrew Gibson	p	Patricia Stallard
p	Andrew Joy	p	Seán Woodward
p	Mel Kendal		

Also present with the agreement of the Chairman: Councillors J. Bennison, R Bolton, J. England, K. Evans, R. Humby, A. McNair-Scott, J. Porter and C. Wood

#### 152. **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.

#### 153. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

All Cabinet Members were in attendance.

#### 154. **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.

#### 155. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 20 June 2015 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

#### 156. **DEPUTATIONS**

There were no deputations.

It was confirmed that Councillor Chris Wood had the agreement of the Chairman to speak on the Children and Young People's Plan (Item 6 on the agenda).

**157. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman welcomed Members to the meeting and provided an update on the progress of the devolution proposals. He confirmed that he had written to the Secretary of State to indicate that a bid from a wider group of Hampshire Councils was being prepared. This group included the County Council, the three Unitary Authorities and the 11 District Councils. The NHS bodies in the area, as well as the LEPs and the National Parks have also been involved in the discussions.

It was confirmed that the position of Chief Executive of the County Council would be formally advertised at the end of July 2015 and that Andrew Smith would be leaving at the end of October 2015.

The Chairman reported that he had held a very positive meeting with eight of the County's MPs, which demonstrated the shared commitment to work together for the benefit of Hampshire. Agreement had been reached that the meeting would become a regular bi-annual occurrence and it was also noted that proposals were in place for an All Party Parliamentary Group for Hampshire.

It was noted that the previous weekend had witnessed a number of festivals and carnivals in communities across Hampshire and the Chairman recognised the role of the Fire and Rescue Service in supporting these events.

**158. HAMPSHIRE'S CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S PLAN 2015-2018**

[In relation to this item, Councillor Perry declared a non prejudicial, personal interest as a Governor of King Edward VI school in Southampton]

The Cabinet considered a report of the Director of Children's Services (item 6 in the Minute Book) presenting the refreshed Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP) 2015-2018.

The refreshed CYPP was introduced and it was noted that the new version followed extensive consultation. It was confirmed that the document was no longer a statutory requirement, however remained a key tool through which the aims and objectives of the Children's Trust could be identified and measured.

With the agreement of the Chairman, Councillor Chris Wood addressed Cabinet. He drew their attention to a number of health issues identified in the report and called for a greater emphasis to be placed on sport and physical activity. With reference to the recent agreement to revise the governance arrangements for Sport Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, Councillor Wood noted that this was combined with a budget reduction. Recognising the need for austerity, he suggested that greater investment in sport and physical activity may provide a cost effective means of achieving positive outcomes in areas such as health, social cohesion and education.

Cabinet Members agreed with Councillor Wood on the importance of sport and physical activity and were confident that the new structure of Sport Hampshire and the Isle of Wight would be the most successful and sustainable means of delivering this. It was also noted that the new financial structure would provide the flexibility to bring in additional funding.

With regard to the covering report as well as the CYPP, Cabinet raised a number of points with the Director. It was asked that the promotion of emotional wellbeing and good mental health be given additional prominence, in recognition of the importance of these matters. It was felt that engagement with independent schools was a two way street and noted that both King Edward VI school in Southampton and Winchester College already ran activities to engage the local community. Members supported the work with the LEPs and recognised their engagement with a number of further education (FE) colleges. There was concern that the Council could face external economic challenges on targets relating to youth employment and training and it was acknowledged that this was about maximising opportunities for young people. In relation to school performance, it was explained that the County Council had a strong remit through which it was able to drive high performance and also tackle poor performance.

With an additional request that the Director note the issues raised by Cabinet, the recommendations set out in the report were considered and agreed. The decision record is attached to these Minutes as Appendix 1.

159. **THE SECOND ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE CHILDREN'S SERVICES PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL**

The Cabinet considered a report of the Director of Children's Services (item 7 in the Minute Book) reviewing the progress of the Children's Services Partnership between Hampshire County Council and the Isle of Wight Council.

The report was welcomed by Cabinet Members as a positive example of how Councils could work together as well of how Hampshire County Council was able to share expertise with a neighbouring authority. It was acknowledged that standards within Hampshire had not fallen as a result of the additional responsibilities and in fact many officers had been given an opportunity to develop their experience. Particular recognition was given to the fact that in achieving a successful partnership, officers had adapted and responded to the unique issues and requirements of the Isle of Wight.

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

160. **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

The Cabinet considered a report of the Director of Public Health (item 8 in the Minute Book).

It was explained that under the theme “Living Well in Hampshire”, the annual report focussed on a number of key issues, such as alcohol consumption, obesity and the link to diabetes, under 18 pregnancy rates and levels of self harm. These issues were not only of concern on an individual basis, but had social and cost implications for the wider community.

Cabinet welcomed the report, noting in particular that the cost of smoking was one and a half times that of the tax revenue generated from the sale of tobacco. Members were also keen to recognise the important role of parents in setting healthy examples to their children.

The recommendations within the report were proposed and agreed. The decision record is attached to these Minutes as Appendix 3.

161. **STREAMLINING CORPORATE PROCEDURES**

The Cabinet considered the report of the Director of Policy and Governance and Director of Corporate Resources (item 9 in the Minute Book) recommending changes to a number of corporate procedures.

Cabinet received and welcomed the report, in particular the recommendation to cease the publication of Member attendance data at formal Council meetings, noting that this was misleading as it only reflected part of the role of a Councillor.

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