

## Hampshire

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At a Meeting of Hampshire County Council held at The Castle, Winchester on 7 January 2016.

**Chairman:**

*p* Councillor Jonathan Glen

**Vice-Chairman:**

*p* Councillor Keith Chapman MBE

Councillor:

*p* Phil Bailey  
*p* John Bennison  
*p* Ray Bolton  
*p* Ann Briggs  
*p* Zilliah Brooks  
*p* Graham Burgess  
*p* Rita Burgess  
*a* Adam Carew  
*p* Christopher Carter RD\*  
*p* Roz Chadd  
*p* Peter Chegwyn  
*p* Charles Choudhary  
*p* Vaughan Clarke  
*p* Adrian Collett  
*p* Criss Connor  
*p* Mark Cooper  
*p* Ferris Cowper  
*p* Shaun Cully  
*p* 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* Judith Grajewski  
*p* Chris Greenwood  
*p* Brian Gurden  
*p* David Harrison  
*p* Marge Harvey  
*p* Edward Heron  
*p* Geoff Hockley  
*p* Tony Hooke  
*p* Keith House  
*p* Rob Humby  
*p* Roger Huxstep

Councillor:

*p* Andrew Joy  
*a* David Keast  
*p* Mark Kemp-Gee  
*p* Mel Kendal  
*p* Rupert Kyrle  
*a* Chris Lagdon  
*p* Peter Latham  
*p* Warwick Lovegrove  
*p* Martin Lyon  
*p* 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* Sharyn Wheale  
*p* Chris Wood  
*p* Seán D. T. Woodward

Honorary Aldermen Patricia Banks, Colin Davidovitz and Michael Woodhall were also in attendance.

**203. 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.

**204. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Adam Carew, David Keast, Chris Lagdon and Sharyn Wheale and from Honorary Aldermen Phrynette Dickens, Roger Kimber and Marilyn Tucker.

**205. 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.

At this point in the proceedings Councillors Rob Humby, Mark Kemp-Gee and Tom Thacker declared a personal interest in Item 12 on the Agenda, Amendments to the Members' Allowances Scheme as the post holders of the Special Responsibility Allowances referred to in the report and indicated they would absent themselves from the Council Chamber when that Item was reached.

**206. MINUTES.**

The minutes of the meeting of the County Council held on 22 October 2015 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**207. DEPUTATIONS.**

Deputations were received from Rt. Hon. Maria Miller MP and Mrs Lindsay Lawman regarding support for local breastfeeding drop-in centres.

**208. 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. In particular the Chairman highlighted the visit of HRH The Princess Royal to the Farnham Riding for the Disabled stables in Alton; the Remembrance Service and the performance of the Hampshire Music Service at the National Music for Youth Schools Prom last November, and the Staff Carol Concert last December which is always a popular event.

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

**209. LEADER'S REPORT.**

The Leader reported on a number of matters, in particular on the County Council's former Chief Executive Andrew Smith's promotion in the New Years Honours List to become a Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, the highest honour awarded to anybody in local government; recognition and thanks for the efforts of staff who have been helping residents to deal with recent incidents of flooding, and highlighted a number of prestigious national Awards to the County Council in the areas of landscaping, telecare and heritage restoration projects.

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

**210. 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. Executive Members responded accordingly. In regard to Questions 7 to 10 on the list, the 30 minutes allowed for Questions had expired. Questions 7 and 9 would be deferred to the next meeting and Questions 8 and 10 would be dealt with by way of a written answer to all Members.

**211. APPOINTMENTS.**

The Council considered a report from the Chief Executive (Item 8 in the Minute Book) proposing a number of appointments. Some changes to committee memberships were also proposed.

**RESOLVED:**

- (a) That Valerie Arrowsmith be appointed as the Deferred Member (Scheme Member Representatives) and Neil Wood as the Substitute Member (Scheme Member Representatives) on the Hampshire Pension Fund Panel and Board.
- (b) That David Robbins (Churchers College) be appointed as the Other Employer Representative and Councillor Hugh Mason as the Substitute Member (Employer Representatives) on the Hampshire

Pension Fund Panel and Board.

- (c) That Su Banwell be appointed as a Co-opted Member representing Local Authority Secondary Schools and Antigone Storey be appointed as a Co-opted Member representing a private school on the Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (SACRE).
- (d) That Richard Wharton be appointed as an additional deputy for the Co-opted Church of England representative on SACRE.
- (e) That Councillor Judith Grajewski be appointed to the vacancy as a result of the retirement of Colin Davidovitz, on the Sir Harold Hillier Gardens & Arboretum Advisory Committee.
- (f) That Councillor Frank Rust be appointed to the Economy, Transport and Environment Select Committee replacing Councillor Jane Frankum. Councillor Rust to be the Labour Group Spokesperson and Councillor Shaun Cully to be the Labour Group Substitute Member on this Committee.
- (g) That Councillor Frank Rust be appointed to the Hampshire Pension Fund Panel & Board as the Labour Group Substitute Member replacing Councillor Shaun Cully.
- (h) That Councillor Criss Connor becomes the Labour Group Spokesperson and Councillor Jane Frankum the Labour Group Substitute Member on the Regulatory Committee.

**211. CHAIRMAN'S PROPOSAL.**

The Chairman proposed the following in regard to Item 10 on the Agenda to assist the smooth running of business to be transacted:

- a) to vary the usual order of proceedings to allow the Head of Governance and Monitoring Officer to speak and to answer questions Members may have; and
- b) to vary Standing Order 21 to allow Political Group Leaders to speak for a maximum of 15 minutes to respond to the proposed recommendations in the report.

The Council agreed the Chairman's proposals.

**212. FURTHER ELECTORAL REVIEW OF HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – RESPONSE TO THE DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE LOCAL BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND ON A NEW PATTERN OF DIVISIONS.**

The Council considered a report from the Chief Executive (Item 10 in the Minute Book) which contained the draft response to the draft recommendations of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) on a Pattern of Electoral Divisions at Annex 3 to the

report. The proposals contained the comments of the Members' Working Group and had also been considered by the Group Leaders' Working Group. The report sought approval of the draft response for submission to the Commission to meet their deadline of 11 January 2016.

In presenting the Report, the Head of Governance and Monitoring Officer reminded Members that in October 2014 the Commission commenced the process of a Further Electoral Review (FER) of the County Council's electoral arrangements. An FER comprises a two- part process, firstly consideration of Council Size, and secondly a pattern of new electoral division boundaries allocating Councillors to electoral divisions in accordance with the statutory criteria set down in legislation. In doing so by law County Council divisions cannot cross the external boundaries of any district, and thus notwithstanding the statutory criteria all new electoral divisions must lie wholly within a district council area.

The Commission published their Draft Recommendations on 17 November 2015 signalling a further period of public consultation which closes on 11 January 2016. The recommendations propose that 78 Councillors be elected to the County Council, and also propose new electoral division boundaries (including in certain cases new electoral division names) to accommodate those Councillors.

The Head of Governance and Monitoring Officer drew Members attention to Annex 3 to the report which set out the proposed draft response of the County Council to the Commission's draft recommendations. In April last year, a Members' Working Group was convened with representation from all political groups on the Council to make recommendations to the Group Leaders on a submission to the Commission on proposed electoral division patterns, to thereafter consider the draft recommendations of the Commission once published, and having done so to formulate a draft response on the recommendations for consideration by the Group Leaders. Each member of the Members' Working Group was given a local co-ordinating role in respect of each District/Borough Council area, in accordance with the terms of reference approved by the County Council attached at Annex 2 to the report.

The draft response at Annex 3 represents the work of the Members' Working Group with input from the Research & Intelligence Team, with each individual District/Borough section having been approved by the relevant lead member on the Members' Working Group. In formulating the draft each lead member consulted with other County Councillors in the District/Borough area allocated to them. Members have also used their local knowledge in commenting on the draft recommendations. It was noted that the draft response contained detailed commentary for each District/Borough area together with a response to the Commission's draft recommendations and alternatives where it was considered they better address the three statutory criteria to which the Commission is required to have regard. The draft response before the Council had been approved by the Group Leaders.

It was recognised that any response of the County Council to the draft recommendations of the Commission on a pattern of new electoral divisions may not have universal support from all Members. The County Council is not required to respond to the Commission's draft recommendations, but not to do so would result in the views of the County Council not being heard. Therefore the importance of the County Council indicating its support for the Commission's draft recommendations as well as where it was considered the recommendations could be improved was highlighted. It was noted that in many places the draft recommendations of the Commission were in accordance with the County Council's own proposals. It was further noted that if the County Council was supportive of the overall draft response, any Member of the County Council could however make their own representations to the Commission on the draft recommendations should they wish to do so.

The Head of Governance and Monitoring Officer drew attention to the strong concern expressed in the draft response to the Commission's recommendation that the New Forest District reduces from eleven to ten Councillors. The view of the Group Leaders is that the Commission should be asked to retain an eleven Member model in the New Forest as per the County Council's original submission on a pattern of divisions, notwithstanding this would mean an increase in the number of Members of the County Council to 79, which would be contrary to the County Council's previous submission on Council size.

Notwithstanding a preference for an eleven Member model in the New Forest, the Head of Governance and Monitoring Officer highlighted the importance of the County Council responding to the Commission's draft recommendation on a ten division model to avoid the County Council losing the opportunity to put its own view across on how better sense might be made in application of the three statutory criteria in this regard. Therefore it is considered that the revised proposals set out in the draft response for a ten division model achieve greater electoral equality, community identity and interest and more effective and convenient local government.

Members' attention was drawn to the remaining timetable set out in the timetable contained at Annex 1 to the report. All submissions received by the Commission will be considered who will publish its final recommendations on 5 April 2016 prior to laying an Order in Parliament. If the Order is made, new electoral arrangements will then come into effect at the next County Council elections in May 2017.

Finally the Head of Governance and Monitoring Officer drew Members' attention to some factual corrections to the draft response at Annex 3 as follows:

Page 46 – para 6.1, line 2 should refer to “five” County Councillors not “seven”

Page 48 – para 6.9, last line should refer to “seven” borough wards not “five”

Page 75 – para 11.1, line 2 should refer to “seven” County Councillors not “five”

It was further noted that some narrative was missing from the detail of the Commission’s draft recommendation for the Winchester Westgate division on page 84, paragraph 12.14 which would be added.

During the course of the debate Members expressed strong concerns that in some areas the importance of two of the statutory criteria, community identity and convenient and effective local government, had been sacrificed in order to achieve electoral equality. Therefore, the draft response set out at Annex 3 to the report put forward alternative proposals to ensure a balanced approach in regard to all three statutory criteria.

It was recognised that a collective response of the Council would present a stronger case, however some individual representations were likely to be made. Preparing proposals for some district areas had proved very challenging, such as in East Hampshire district area in order to avoid a ‘doughnut’ division, which the Commission’s guidance states is not usually supported. The difficulties faced by a large and predominantly rural area such as the New Forest had been well documented and strong views were expressed by a number of local Members as to the importance of retaining 11 divisions.

Some strengthening of the County Council’s response in regard to the Basingstoke South East division (page 21, paragraph 2.8); some additional narrative to the Eastleigh proposals (page 38, paragraph 4.15) to reflect further Parish Council support, and some amendments to the Lyndhurst & Fordingbridge and Ringwood divisions was requested for clarity.

In summing up, the Leader thanked the Members’ Working Group chaired by Councillor Thornber for the work they had done to formulate a response to the Commission’s draft recommendations, and to members of the Leaders’ Working Group. Members of the County Council have detailed knowledge of their division and the district area it lay within and he highlighted the importance of Members putting forward their individual views to the Commission.

The recommendation was put to the vote which the majority of Members present supported and it was therefore

**RESOLVED:**

That the County Council approved the draft response to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England’s draft recommendations on a pattern of divisions for the County Council (attached at Annex 3) setting out the argument and evidence supporting the County Council’s response, subject to some minor corrections as detailed above, and agreed that the response be submitted to the Commission.

**213. NEGOTIATION AND GOVERNMENT'S PROPOSAL OF A DEVOLUTION DEAL FOR HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT.**

The Council considered a report from the Cabinet (Item 11 in the Minute Book) setting out the latest position with the Government's proposal of a devolution deal for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.

In presenting the report the Leader confirmed that the devolution Bid submitted contained the signatures of all 11 Hampshire District Councils, Hampshire's three Unitary Councils, Hampshire County Council, the Enterprise M3 and the Solent Local Enterprise Partnerships and the New Forest and the South Downs National Park Authorities. The Bid presented an opportunity to put collective strength into the economy of Hampshire going forward. A great deal had already been achieved by working in partnership and the Leader paid tribute to the Leaders of the district and unitary councils. A decision was awaited from the Secretary of State for Local Government and Communities following the 'challenge' meeting that all Bids are subject to, and any devolution offer would be put to all partners involved for decision.

During the course of the debate some concern was expressed regarding increased levels of housebuilding together with some reservation regarding the Government's position of local authorities being driven by its business rates and the implications not only for local authorities but also for longer term economic prosperity. Clarity was also sought regarding 'double devolution' and the position of parish and town councils. A suggestion was also put forward to form a Task & Finish Group to enable recommendations to be made to the Leader to inform the various devolution meetings being attended.

An Amendment in accordance with Standing Order 17.1 was proposed by Councillor Keith House, seconded by Councillor Adrian Collett as follows:

At the end of the recommendation, add:

"and that Cabinet, with urgency, bring forward proposals for "double devolution" to move decision-making on local services provided by Hampshire County Council closer to people by working with Hampshire's District and Town and Parish Councils, as previously agreed by Council."

In summing up the debate, the Leader confirmed his continued support for subsidiarity and for more local control, in time, for other areas such as health and education. The approach in the Bid in respect of business rates provides an early opportunity to negotiate and drive a deal rather than something being imposed in the future that might not be so favourable. It also provides for discussion on future housebuilding, not necessarily to increase current levels but to accelerate the process whilst looking at key areas of infrastructure such as roads and schools, and 'green' infrastructure.

The Amendment was put to the vote and was supported by the majority of Members present and it was

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the County Council notes the progress and agrees the approach as set out in the report.
- (b) That Cabinet, with urgency, bring forward proposals for “double devolution” to move decision-making on local services provided by Hampshire County Council closer to people by working with Hampshire’s District and Town and Parish Councils, as previously agreed by Council.

**214. AMENDMENTS TO THE MEMBERS’ ALLOWANCES SCHEME 2015/16**

Having declared a personal interest earlier in the proceedings, Councillors Rob Humby, Mark Kemp-Gee and Tom Thacker absented themselves from the Council Chamber for the duration of the debate on this item. Councillors Adrian Collett, Alan Dowden, Mel Kendal and John Wall declared a personal interest as members of the Local Government Pension Scheme.

The Council considered a report from the Employment in Hampshire County Council (EHCC) Committee recommending amendments to the Members’ Allowances Scheme for 2015/16 arising from changes to the County Council’s governance arrangements.

In presenting the report, the Chairman of the EHCC Committee reported on the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel (IRP) arising from the work they had carried out in the formulation of their recommendations. The Chairman confirmed that the EHCC Committee had taken very careful account of the IRPs recommendations in arriving at their decision to present those recommendations to the County Council without change.

During the course of the debate the complexity and responsibility of the role of Chairman of the joint Hampshire Pension Fund Panel and Board was highlighted together with the importance of having a Vice-Chairman building up knowledge and experience in terms of succession planning. It was noted that Hampshire’s arrangement for a joint Pension Fund Panel and Board was one of only two operating in the country.

A proposal was put forward as to how the allowances referred to in the report could be funded, for which the advice of the Monitoring Officer was sought. The Monitoring Officer confirmed that any new proposals would require consideration by the IRP and therefore could not be decided upon at this meeting.

A recorded vote in accordance with Standing Order 22.3 was requested, the outcome of which was:

For: 36  
Against: 14  
Abstain: 1

Total of 51 votes cast.

The full recorded vote is attached to these Minutes as Appendix 4. The recommendation was put to the vote and it was

RESOLVED:

That the County Council approve the IRPs proposals set out at Paragraph 5.1 and Paragraph 5.2 of the supporting report regarding amendment to the Members' Allowances Scheme for 2015/16 in respect of the Special Responsibility Allowances referred to in the recommendations of the IRP.

**215. 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.

**216. REPORTS FOR INFORMATION.**

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

- a) The Cabinet/Leader
  - \* Transformation to 2017 – Report No. 5
  - \* Shaping Hampshire: Quarter Two Performance Update
- b) Executive Lead Member for Children's Services
  - \* Local Welfare Assistance
- c) Executive Member for Education
  - \* Investment in Schools, Education and Skills
- d) Executive Member for Culture, Recreation and Countryside
  - \* Library Service Transformation – Draft Strategy to 2020
- e) Executive Member for Adult Social Care
  - \* Employment for people with a disability

The meeting closed at 3.25 pm.

## APPENDIX 1

Ladies and Gentlemen

I would now like to welcome our esteemed Honorary Aldermen to our January meeting. They are, in addition to Colin Davidovitz, Patricia Banks and Michael Woodhall.

As you can see from your copy of the Chairman's Engagements, it has been a busy time at Serles House, from October to Christmas. I would like to mention the following events in particular:

1. The visit of HRH The Princess Royal to the Farnham Riding for the Disabled at Innadown Farm Stables, Alton. The Princess's interaction with the young riders was a joy to behold. The pride of the parents was very moving, and it was altogether a great afternoon.
2. I'd like to thank everyone involved in the Staff Remembrance Service, which now attracts larger crowds than ever before.
3. Be careful when you drive away from the Hampshire County Council premises! You are very likely to be sharing the road with the Hampshire Police—who have just moved into Mottisfont Court. You might be interested to know that the former Police Headquarters land is earmarked for housing development.
4. The Hampshire Music Service massed ensemble of young musicians from all over the county performed magnificently in the Royal Albert Hall at the National Music for Youth Schools Prom in November. Hampshire has no shortage of talent and it is an occasion not to be missed.
5. The Staff Carol Concert in the Great Hall is now an annual sell-out event. This is no wonder, as it is a beautifully organised and moving seasonal celebration. Special thanks to our conductor Jock MacKenzie. Thanks also go to Jill Larner and her team at the Hampshire Music Service Department.

I'd like to remind you that on the 30<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm in Winchester Cathedral, 100 young choristers from Giessen, Winchester's twin town in Germany will be performing alongside our 100-strong Hampshire Youth Orchestra. This is an event that must not be missed and you can still get tickets from Jill Larner.

I must mention now our immediate past Chief Executive, Andrew Smith, who has deservedly received a CBE in the New Year's Honours List. I am sure you all join with me in congratulating him and wish him all the best for the future. Councillor Perry will be adding further comments shortly.

And on that note, it now gives me great pleasure to pass you over to Councillor Roy Perry, hot-foot from the USA, to present his report.

END

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**APPENDIX 2**

**LEADER'S REPORT**

I wish all Members, Council Staff and Hampshire residents a Happy and Healthy New Year.

In particular I would like to express my congratulations, and I'm sure I speak for all members, on Andrew Smith's promotion in the New Years Honours List to become a Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire. CBE was the highest honour awarded to anybody in local government and well deserved on Andrew's part. It was typical of him when I sent a note of congratulations that he said he regarded it as an honour not just for him but for the Hampshire team of officers and members.

In my New Year wish I omitted prosperous New Year because whilst the national economy is showing good signs of recovery with incomes rising faster than prices, for Local Government and for counties such as Hampshire in particular the financial settlement was not good. In fact it was awful.

Just before Christmas when the local government settlement was announced whereas for Hampshire County Council we were expecting and preparing for a reduction in RSG of £20m the reality was a reduction of £49m; a truly difficult settlement.

You will know the Government has factored in a projected 2% council tax increase to help meet pressures on social care. They also appear to have introduced an assumption that councils will raise council tax additionally in line with inflation and at the same time they have dropped the council tax freeze grant.

In Hampshire we have in the past benefitted from that and have not raised Council Tax for the last six years. In real terms that means we have actually reduced council tax. Personally I doubt that will be possible for 2016/17.

We shall, in the next few weeks, be looking at how best we can help Council taxpayers and service users.

Over the Christmas and the New Year period my thoughts have been concentrated on two young girls in particular.

The poor young girl injured in the accident with a bollard in Lymington and the young daughter of the first Syrian refugee family accepted into Hampshire and now living in Winchester.

I learned of the Lymington accident whilst visiting my own grandchildren in the USA and asked to be kept briefed on her progress. I am sure all our thoughts are with her and her family and we pray for a full recovery. This is a matter for a full investigation and it is not appropriate for me to say anything else at this stage. We very much regret the accident and extend our heartfelt sympathy. The circumstances and any lessons to be learned will be carefully considered.

Little five-year old Fatimah is the daughter of Syrian refugees. I met with her family just before Christmas. She will shortly be starting at an infant school in Winchester. I am sure we all wish her and her family well as they begin the adjustment from being refugees in Lebanon to trying to establish themselves here and give their family a future. I came back from the USA laden with clothes donated by my granddaughter. It was very touching to watch her go through her wardrobe thinking what might be suitable for a little Syrian girl.

As I enjoyed sunshine I know weather in the UK has not been good and whilst the south has not been as hard hit this year as the north, there has been heavy rain and storms. I don't think we should any longer say exceptional rainfall and Hampshire has not been without some flooding incidents. I recognise and thank the efforts of staff who had been helping residents to deal with this.

Despite the economic times we live in and pressure on budgets and staff I am pleased to announce a number of awards.

### **Hampshire County Council was highly commended at national landscape awards**

Work to create a high quality outdoor space for schoolchildren in Basingstoke has earned Hampshire County Council national recognition in the prestigious Landscape Institute Awards.

The County Council's in-house Property Services Landscape Team has been highly commended in the awards, which were announced on 26 November 2015 and recognised outstanding examples of work by the landscape profession.

### **Telecare service scoops national award**

Hampshire County Council's Telecare initiative has scooped another prestigious national award.

The 2015 TSA (Telecare Services Association) Crystal Award for Inspiring Change and Progress within Technology Enabled Care Services was won by PA Consulting Group, for their inspiring Telecare partnership work with the County Council.

Telecare is a 24 hour personal emergency monitoring service which helps people to continue to live independently in their own home. Using wireless technology and environmental sensors to continuously monitor those with care and support needs, 24 hour monitoring ensures that the right help can be provided immediately and also gives reassurance to relatives and carers who are not able to provide round the clock support.

### **Civic Trust national award for the M33 Project**

The ship, previously inaccessible to the public, was visited by over 35,000 people in its first six weeks of operation under the management of its new owners, the NMRN.

The award has been given to Hampshire County Council's Property Services with the design led by Giles Pritchard, our historic buildings architect.

In addition Hampshire Young Musicians performed at the Youth Proms at the Royal Albert Hall at the end of November.

This is all evidence that despite difficult finances good work is still being done by Hampshire County Council for its communities.

As we enter 2016 I am confident there will continue to be excellent work being done by Hampshire County Council and its staff.

END

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**APPENDIX 3**

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

**First Questions:**

**1. From Councillor Roz Chadd to the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services**

*"Can the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services provide an update and report on the Troubled Families programme including the results of the Independent Survey carried out by Portsmouth University?"*

**2. From Councillor Roger Huxstep to the Executive Member for Economy, Transport & Environment**

*"Will the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment update the Council on the progress of the Hambledon flood alleviation scheme by apprising Members of the work completed to date, what is still to be done, the finances of the project and particularly the investment by this Council in terms of money and manpower?"*

**3. From Councillor Ray Bolton to the Executive Member for Education**

*"Would the Executive Member for Education briefly inform the Council as to how well the Children Services Department is meeting its performance objectives against the Shaping Hampshire Plan in the areas of:*

- 1. The school buildings programme and the provision of additional school places*
- 2. The school maintenance programme including Basic Needs*
- 3. The allocation of primary school places -v- parents' applications"*

**4. From Councillor David Simpson to the Executive Member for Economy, Transport & Environment:**

*"I have become aware of drainage problems that leave potentially thin ice, in turn leading to low speed accidents, plus roads and footpaths that need repairing and have been put off until the new financial year. It appears this is happening in various places within Hampshire therefore I would like to know how many acknowledged defects on our roads and in our drainage system that HCC Highways are responsible for, have been put off until April due to lack of money since 1 November 2015?"*

**5. From Councillor Martin Tod to the Executive Member for Economy, Transport & Environment:**

*“The Draft Walking Strategy makes only one mention of wheelchair users. What concrete plans and funding does the council have to remove obstacles that are specific to wheelchair users – for example, through use of dropped kerbs and tabling – in order to ensure continuous journeys are possible for this group of local residents, especially on the proposed major walking routes?”*

**6. From Councillor Jackie Porter to the Executive Member for Education:**

*“Some months ago, I asked for a review of home schooling at the Select committee, but we have a lot on the programme, and another academic year will pass before any change could be effected. Provision for the education is as we proudly say, a county responsibility. So I ask now: In view of the growing number of children who are home schooled in Hampshire, particularly in KS1 and KS4, how many would have attended mainstream school if there hadn't been an incident which triggered home schooling?”*

**7. From Councillor Chris Wood to the Executive Member for Economy, Transport & Environment:**

*“Would the Executive Member please provide an update on the progress of the funding bid for the Stubbington Bypass?”*

**Second Questions:**

**8. From Councillor Jackie Porter to the Executive Member for Income and Capital Receipts**

*“With an unspent budget of £300K in 2014/15, why did the County Council wait until the last minute to spend that money on solar panels in schools? The delay of years has resulted in reduced income, and frankly returns very little real value to the schools involved. What triggered the decision to install even at this late date and why was that decision not taken six months before when I asked a question on this subject last time?”*

**9. From Councillor Chris Wood to the Executive Member for Human Resources & Performance:**

*“Does the Leader of the Council believe spending £44m on redundancy payments, be they compulsory or voluntary, to reduce the number of staff Hampshire County Council employs by over 3,000 since 2010 represents value for money?”*

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

*“Why doesn't the County Council support food waste recycling?”*

## RECORDED VOTE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SO 22.2

## APPENDIX 4

ITEM 12: AMENDMENTS TO MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES SCHEME 2015/16 –  
SUBSTANTIVE RECOMMENDATIONS

FOR AGST ABST				FOR AGST ABST			
Bailey, Phil				Huxstep, Roger	X		
Bennison, John				Joy, Andrew	X		
Bolton, Ray	X			Keast, David			
Briggs, Ann	X			Kemp-Gee, Mark			
Brooks, Zilliah	X			Kendal, Mel	X		
Burgess, Graham	X			Kyrle, Rupert			
Burgess, Rita	X			Lagdon, Chris			
Carew, Adam				Latham, Peter	X		
Carter, Christopher	X			Lovegrove, Warwick		X	
Chadd, Roz	X			Lyon, Martin			
Chapman, Keith	X			Mans, Keith	X		
Chegwyn, Peter		X		Mather, Fiona	X		
Choudhary, Charles	X			McIntosh, Robin	X		
Clarke, Vaughan	X			McNair Scott, Anna	X		
Collett, Adrian		X		Moon, Ken	X		
Connor, Criss	X			Moore, Andy			
Cooper, Mark		X		Pearce, Frank			
Cowper, Ferris				Perry, Roy	X		
Cully, Shaun				Porter, Jackie		X	
Dowden, Alan		X		Price, Roger		X	
Edgar, Peter	X			Reid, Stephen	X		
England, Jacqui	X			Rice, Alan	X		
Evans, Keith	X			Ringrow, George			
Fairhurst, Liz	X			Rippon-Swaine, Steve			
Fawkes, Philip		X		Rolt, Timothy		X	
Finch, Ray				Rust, Frank			
Frankum, Jane	X			Simpson, David		X	
Gibson, Andrew	X			Stallard, Patricia	X		
Glen, Jonathan	X			Staplehurst, Mark			
Grajewski, Judith	X			Still, Elaine			
Greenwood, Chris			X	Tennent, Bruce		X	
Gurden, Brian				Thacker, Tom			
Harrison, David				Thornber, Ken	X		
Harvey, Marge				Tod, Martin		X	
Heron, Edward				Wade, Malcolm			
Hockley, Geoff	X			Wall, John	X		
Hooke, Tony				Wheale, Sharyn			
House, Keith		X		Wood, Christopher		X	
Humby, Rob				Woodward, Seán	X		
				<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>1</b>