

AT A MEETING of the CABINET of HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL held at the Castle on 24 October, 2011

Chairman:
p Councillor T. K. Thornber, CBE

Councillors:

p K. Chapman	a M.J. Kendal
p C. Davidovitz	p K. Mans
p Dr. R. J. Ellis	p R. Perry
p Felicity Hindson, MBE	

Also present: Councillors A. Buckley, B.D. Dash, P. Edgar, K. Evans, and C. Leversha, J. Porter and M. Tucker.

263 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Mel Kendal.

264 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were mindful that where they believed they had a personal or prejudicial interest in any matter considered at the meeting declared that interest at the time of the relevant debate and, having regard to the circumstances described in paragraphs 9, 10, 11 and 12 of the County Council's Code of Conduct, considered whether to leave the meeting whilst the matter was discussed, save for exercising any right to speak in accordance with paragraph 12 of the code.

265 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 26 September, 2011 were confirmed as a correct record subject to the inclusion of Councillors P. Edgar and M. Tucker in the attendance list and M. Tucker's declaration of interest in the Minerals and Waste item as a Member of Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council.

266 CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS

The Chairman advised that the business of Cabinet was in two parts and given the importance and number of exempt items it was intended that on this occasion the exempt items would be considered first. It was anticipated that should time be of a premium any items held over would not be key in terms of decisions. Equally he explained that there was an Order that items had to be dealt with in order for the agenda to make sense in the open session. It was explained that the exemption excluding members of the press and public would need to be moved at the beginning of the meeting and the exemption would be lifted and the open

session of business would commence at 1.45 p.m. when the press and public would be admitted as usual.

267 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

The press and public were excluded from the meeting during the following items as it was likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the public were present during the items that there would be disclosure to them of exempt information within Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, and further that, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemptions outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information for the reasons set out in the reports.

268 CORPORATE SERVICES REVIEW OUTCOME AND IMPLEMENTATION

The Cabinet considered an exempt report of the Chief Executive (Item 6 in the Minute Book) setting out the proposals and options identified as part of the Corporate Services Review (CSR) of central management and professional functions as part of Phase 4 of the Council's efficiency programme. [SUMMARY OF AN EXEMPT MINUTE].

Following a discussion, the decision record was amended to read as set out below and as set out in Appendix 1.

1. Note and approve the direction of travel of the proposals contained within the attached Management Summary by Deloitte (Appendix 1 of the report).
2. Confirm that the financial benefit projections identified within this report are agreed in principle and are incorporated in due course into the budget setting process and the efficiency programme for 2012/13.
3. Note and approve the voluntary redundancy approach contained within the report.
4. That implementation be deferred for the Chief Executive and Cabinet to have further discussions scheduled for the next seven days.

269 SHARED SERVICES

The Cabinet considered an exempt report of the Chief Executive (Item 7 in the Minute Book) setting out proposals for a structured and strategic approach to developing shared and sold service arrangements.

The decision record is attached to these minutes at Appendix 2. [SUMMARY OF AN EXEMPT MINUTE].

**270 EFFICIENCY EXPENDITURE REDUCTION AND TRANSFORMATION
2011/12 – REPORT NUMBER 5**

The Cabinet considered an exempt report of the Chief Executive (Item 8 in the Minute Book) setting out the progress made with delivering the 2011/12 Corporate Efficiency Programme.

The decision record is attached to these minutes at Appendix 3.
[SUMMARY OF AN EXEMPT MINUTE].

**271 EFFICIENCY EXPENDITURE REDUCTION AND TRANSFORMATION
2012/13 – INITIAL PHASE 4 WORKSTREAM PROPOSALS – REPORT
NUMBER 1**

The Cabinet considered an exempt report of the Chief Executive (Item 9 in the Minute Book) setting out proposals for efficiency work stream savings for 2012/13.

The decision record is attached to these minutes at Appendix 4.
[SUMMARY OF AN EXEMPT MINUTE].

272 EQUAL PAY AND SETTLEMENT STRATEGY

The Cabinet considered an exempt report of the Chief Executive and Director of Human Resources (Item 10 in the Minute Book) providing an update on the equal pay and settlement strategy.

The decision record is attached to these minutes at Appendix 5.
[SUMMARY OF AN EXEMPT MINUTE].

**273 MODERNISATION OF ADULT SOCIAL CARE – PROJECT EXTRA
CARE**

The Cabinet considered an exempt report of the Director of Adult Services (Item 11 in the Minute Book) seeking approval of the business case for the development of modern forms of care and supported living through extra care housing.

The decision record is attached to these Minutes as Appendix 6.
[SUMMARY OF AN EXEMPT MINUTE].

274 EXEMPT APPENDIX – SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV)

The Cabinet considered the exempt Appendix relating to Minute No. 278.

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275 OPEN FOR BUSINESS QUARTER 1 UPDATE

The Cabinet considered a report of the Chief Executive (Item 13 in the Minute Book) providing an update on the development of the Open for Business Plan and a summary of performance against the plan as at Quarter one (end of June 2011).

A refreshed version of the Open for Business Plan was circulated at the meeting. Followed detailed discussion, the Cabinet endorsed the Plan and asked that it be made widely available to staff and our partners. It was suggested that prior to its publication a plain English check be undertaken for readability.

The decision record is attached to these minutes at Appendix 7.

276 TREASURY MANAGEMENT MONITORING 2011/12

The Cabinet considered a report of the County Treasurer (Item 14 in the Minute Book) setting out the mid year review of treasury management activities during 2011/12 for approval.

The decision record is attached to these minutes at Appendix 8.

277 MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY (MTFS)

The Cabinet considered a report of the County Treasurer (Item 15 in the Minute Book) providing an update to the MTFS that was submitted in July, 2011 and provided more detail about the 2012/13 budget setting process.

The Cabinet carefully considered the investments and borrowing levels set out in the report. Noting in particular the growing problems facing peripheral Europe and the Council's decision to restrict new investments with UK banks and building societies. On the latter point, the Cabinet felt that it would be worthwhile pursuing investments in other UK local authorities which are considered to be safe investment opportunities.

The decision record is attached to these Minutes at Appendix 9.

278 THE FUTURE OF LOCAL PUBLIC AUDIT

The Cabinet considered a report of the County Treasurer (Item 16 in the Minute Book) providing an update on the Department for Communities and Local Government proposals for transferring the work of the Audit Commission's in-house audit practice to the private sector.

The decision record is attached to these Minute at Appendix 10.

279 SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) PROGRAMME

The Cabinet considered a report of the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services (Item 17 in the Minute Book) seeking approval to the placing of contracts with suppliers for the installation of solar PV panels across the built estate.

The decision record is attached to these Minutes as Appendix 11.

280 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2010/11 REVIEW OF EDUCATIONAL CAPITAL (THE JAMES REVIEW)

The Cabinet considered a report of the Chief Executive (Item 18 in the Minute Book) on the response that the County Council had given to the consultation on the implementation of the 2010/11 Review of Education Capital (James Review).

The decision record is attached to these Minutes as Appendix 12.