

Hampshire

At a Meeting of Hampshire County Council held at The Castle, Winchester
on Thursday 18 February 2010.

Chairman:

p Councillor Tim Knight

Vice-Chairman:

p Councillor Carol Leversha

Councillor:

p Frederick Allgood J.P.
p Charlotte Bailey
p Ian Beagley
p Ray Bolton
p Alan Broadhurst
p John Bryant
p Ann Buckley
p Rita Burgess
p Adam Carew
p Christopher Carter
p Keith Chapman
p Peter Chegwyn
p Vaughan Clarke
p Adrian Collett
p Brian Collin
p Mark Cooper
p Brian Dash
p Colin Davidovitz
p Phryn Dickens
p Alan Dowden
p Peter Edgar
p Ray Ellis
p Adrian Evans
p Keith Evans
p Liz Fairhurst
p Jane Frankum
p Mike Geddes
p Andrew Gibson
p Jonathan Glen
p Brian Gurden
p David Harrison
p Edward Heron
p Felicity Hindson
p Geoff Hockley
p Keith House
p Ronald Hussey
p Sam James
p Andrew Joy

Councillor:

p David Keast
p Mark Kemp-Gee
p Mel Kendal
p Roger Kimber
p David Kirk
p Rupert Kyrle
p Keith Mans
p Peter Kent Mason
p Alexis McEvoy
p Robin McIntosh
p Anna McNair Scott
p Roz Muschamp
p Pam Mutton
a Eric Neal
p Sam Payne
p Frank Pearce
p Roy Perry
p Jackie Porter
p Roger Price, JP
p Jenny Radley
p Stephen Reid
p Alan Rice, TD
p Steve Rippon-Swaine
p Angela Roling
p David Simpson
p Margaret Snaith-Tempia
p Elaine Still
p Bruce Tennent
p Tom Thacker
p Christopher Thomas
p Ken Thornber, C.B.E.
p Marilyn Tucker
p John Wall
p Alan Weeks
a John K. West
p Patricia West
p Sharyn Wheale
p Seán D. T. Woodward

The Chairman opened the meeting and extended a welcome to Honorary Aldermen Pamela Peskett and Michael Woodhall.

A short service of prayer was conducted by Reverend Maria Hooper, Head of Chaplaincy at the Royal Hampshire County Hospital in Winchester.

84. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Neal and John West and from Honorary Aldermen Patricia Banks, Capt. M. P. R. Boyle, DL and Ted Gale, MBE.

85. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

All Members who believed they had a personal or prejudicial interest in any matter to be considered at the meeting were asked to declare that interest and, having regard to the circumstances described in paragraphs 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 of the County Council's Code of Conduct, to consider whether to leave the meeting whilst the matter is discussed, save for exercising any right to speak in accordance with paragraph 12 of the Code. The declaration should be made at the time of the relevant debate.

86. MINUTES.

The minutes of the Special Meeting of the County Council held on 19 November 2009 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman. The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting also held on 19 November 2009 were confirmed subject to noting a point of clarification in respect of Minute 69 that Councillor Allgood has responsibility for Avalon House in his Cabinet role with Winchester City Council.

87. DEPUTATIONS.

There were no deputations on this occasion.

88. CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS.

The Chairman presented his report (Item 5 in the Minute Book) and expanded on the wide range of duties undertaken to represent and promote the County Council and its strong community leadership role. This included the Holocaust Memorial Service at Winchester Cathedral; a presentation by 19 Light Brigade recounting their time in Afghanistan; helping welcome the Duchess of Gloucester to the official opening of Trinity Winchester's Bradbury House; the Beaulieu Estate Dinner; the 40th birthday party for the Southampton International Airport Consultative Committee and a number of events relating to the Hampshire Music Service.

The Chairman also reported that he had attended the funeral of Councillor Jackie Carr, Deputy Mayor of Gosport, who sadly died in office.

89. LEADER'S REPORT.

It was with much pleasure that the Leader reported that the County Council or its staff had been asked to take on various government appointments or had received a number of prestigious awards as follows:

- Andrew Smith, OBE, the County Council's Chief Executive had been asked to chair the Chief Executive's Group in relation to the Improvement and Efficiency South East initiative. This is in addition to the work that is now underway by the National Improvement and Efficiency Partnership for Construction and Asset Management, which Andrew had also been invited to chair.
- John Coughlan, the County Council's Director of Children's Services has been appointed as one of four new members to the Board of the National College for Leadership of Schools and Children's Services.
- Yinnon Ezra, MBE, the County Council's Director of Culture, Communities and Rural Affairs had been awarded a role as a Public Appointments Ambassador in a new government programme launched by the Government Equalities Office Minister of State, Maria Eagle MP.
- Hampshire County Council had received national recognition at the recent 'Real IT Awards' for its work to improve computer skills within the community. A number of initiatives were commended, namely Silver Surfer events, Computer Skills for Life and Learn.IT.
- Jane Sharples, Accredited Community Safety Officer had been recognised for her commitment to ensuring that local neighbourhoods stay safe from fire by receiving an award at Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority's Annual "Celebrating Success" event held in Winchester.

It was also with much pleasure that the Leader reported that three foster carers from Hampshire had been recognised in the New Year's Honours list. Felicity Brown and Eric and Mary Snook are all being awarded an MBE for their services to children and families having all been foster carers for more than 30 years.

The Leader reported that the County Council's Social Care Services had been rated as "performing well" by the Care Quality Commission (CQC) for services delivered in 2008/09. Whilst continuing to sustain this high level of performance within the Adult Services department, the Council had also commenced the ambitious transformation of care and support services in Hampshire to ensure that a high quality and range of services remain for vulnerable adults and carers across the county into the future. The CQC report also acknowledged the Council's continued work to help people live independently in their own homes.

The Leader reported that new legislation is to be introduced that will require every local authority area to have in place a Safeguarding Adults Board made up of representatives from social services, the police, the NHS and other groups and organisations working with vulnerable adults. The County Council had taken a lead role in this area of work and had a well established Safeguarding Adults Board. Adult Services staff would contribute to this policy work.

Finally the Leader reminded Members that if they wished to they could add their name to the open letter regarding the debate about the fluoridation of water supplies in Southampton and south west Hampshire.

90. **QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER 20(b).**

Councillor Thornber, Executive Member for Policy and Resources, answered a question from Councillor Carew concerning the processing of radioactive waste from Sellafield at Fawley.

Councillor Thornber, Executive Member for Policy and Resources, answered a question from Councillor Reid concerning winter maintenance and the siting of grit/salt bins in key locations.

Councillor Hindson, Executive Member for Adult Social Care, answered a question from Councillor P. West concerning the implications of the Prime Minister's 'free personal care at home' initiative and his indication that all social care authorities are to meet 37% of the costs through efficiencies.

Councillor Kirk, Executive Lead Member for Children's Services, answered a question from Councillor Allgood concerning the County Council's experience of Ofsted in respect of being an education authority and within Hampshire schools.

At this point in the proceedings the time allocation of 30 minutes, in accordance with Standing Order 12(i), had expired and the Chairman advised that written answers would be supplied to the remaining three questions that had been submitted by Councillors Still, Dowden and Hussey.

In accordance with Standing Order 19 (e) Councillor House, seconded by Councillor Collett moved to suspend Standing Orders to allow the remainder of the questions to be put to the meeting and answered. In accordance with Standing Order 24 (b), a recorded voted was called for. Voting was as follows:

Supporting the Motion:

Councillors Bailey, Broadhurst, Buckley, Carew, Chegwyn, Collett, Collin, Cooper, Dash, Dickens, Dowden, Gurden, Harrison, House, Hussey, Kyrle, Mason, Payne, Porter, Price, Roling, Simpson, Radley, Tennent, Thomas, Weeks.

Total: 26

Opposing the Motion:

Councillors Allgood, Beagley, Bolton, Bryant, Burgess, Carter, Chapman, Clarke, Davidovitz, Edgar, Ellis, A. Evans, K. Evans, Fairhurst, Geddes, Gibson, Glen, Heron, Hindson, Hockley, James, Joy, Keast, Kemp-Gee, Kendal, Kimber, Kirk, Mans, McEvoy, McIntosh, McNair Scott, Muschamp, Mutton, Pearce, Reid, Rice, Rippon-Swaine, Snaith-Tempia, Still, Thacker, Thornber, Tucker, Wall, P. West, Wheale, Woodward.

Total: 46

Abstentions:

Councillors Frankum, Knight, Leversha, Perry

Total: 4

The Motion was lost.

Therefore, written answers were supplied to Councillors Still, Dowden and Hussey before the close of business, as requested.

91. **APPOINTMENTS**

In connection with the appointment of independent members to the Independent Remuneration Panel and Standards Committee, Councillor Dickens declared a personal interest that both Mrs Barbara North and Mr Roger Farrell are known to her. Councillors Collin, Hindson, House, Kirk, Mutton, Perry, Porter, Thornber and P. West also declared a personal interest that Mrs Barbara North is known to them.

The Chairman asked Members to note that the last sentence of paragraph 1.1 of the report should read: "The tenure of the current IRP expires in February 2010...." and that the first sentence of paragraph 3.1 should read: "After full and detailed consideration....."

The County Council considered the report of the Chief Executive (Item 8 in the Minute Book) recommending the appointment of independent members to the Standards Committee and to the Independent Remuneration Panel (IRP) together with changes to the membership of the Education Advisory Panel and Regulatory Committee B.

Ordered:

- a) that Mrs Barbara North, Mr Roger Farrell and Mr David Heck be appointed to the IRP for a period of four years until February 2014, subject to satisfactory continuation of suitability and the ability to

apply the skills and competencies for the role, Mrs Barbara North being appointed as Chairman;

- b) that Mr Martin James, Mr Graham Ellis and Mrs Barbara North be appointed to the Standards Committee for a period of four years until February 2014, Mr James and Mr Ellis being appointed as Chairman and Vice-Chairman accordingly;
- c) that Councillor Allgood replace Councillor Wheale on the Education Advisory Panel;
- d) that Councillor Bailey be appointed to Regulatory Committee B; and
- e) that the Monitoring Officer be authorised to make any necessary changes to the Constitution to give effect to these decisions.

92. **REVENUE BUDGET AND PRECEPT 2010/11 AND CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2010/11-2012/13**

Councillor Buckley declared a personal interest as an elected Member of Havant Borough Council and indicated that she would speak on the Havant Public Service Village. Councillor Frankum declared a personal interest as a Member of Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority. Councillor Edgar declared a personal interest as Chairman of the Solent Sea Rescue organisation. Councillor Porter declared a personal interest as Chairman of Street Reach, a voluntary youth organisation that receives occasional funding from Hampshire County Council. Councillor Dickens also declared a personal interest as a Trustee of Street Reach.

The Leader announced that this would be the County Treasurer, Jon Pittam's last budget meeting with the County Council prior to his retirement in June. The Leader took the opportunity to pay tribute to Jon's guidance and support to him personally and, on behalf of the Council for Jon's strong stewardship of the County Council's budgets over many years. Members expressed their appreciation.

The Council considered the report of the Cabinet (Item 9 in the Minute Book) recommending a council tax increase of 1.9% (£20.00 a year or approximately £0.38 a week for a Band D property) and a proposed budget requirement for the general expenses of the County Council for the year beginning 1 April 2010 of £672,129,000. The proposed budget was within the budget guidelines approved by the Cabinet on 21 December 2009. The proposals also took account of the relevant Executive Members' consideration of those guidelines and the scrutiny arrangements through the Select Committees. The budget also included proposals for some additional priority spending to improve educational outcomes for children in care and the provision of additional salt barns to guard against future severe weather conditions. The level of the council tax and the budget which was proposed followed careful consideration of

the pay award for 2010/11 and the implications arising from the Government's proposals to introduce free personal care at home later in 2010 together with the position on equal pay back pay, the transfer of concessionary bus fares and transfer of the learning disability responsibilities from the NHS. The Council took into account the County Treasurer's report under Section 25 of the Local Government Act 2003.

Councillor House, seconded by Councillor Brian Dash, proposed the following amendment in accordance with Standing Order 27:

That there be an amendment to recommendation b) of item 9A on the Revenue Budget and Precept for 2010/11:

a) *Additions to budgets – ongoing improvements in service:*

Children's Services	£'000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth Service 500 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>to increase the positive engagement of young people in Hampshire by recruiting more youth workers</i> • School Meals 2,000 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>to help parents during these harsh economic times and help reduce obesity, reducing the cost of school meals and making provision for any loss of future government funding, and promoting healthy eating</i> 	
Environment	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fixing Hampshire's Roads and Pavements 3,000 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>to ensure that after catching up with the backlog in road and pavement repairs there is an ongoing budget increase to keep Hampshire's roads and pavements safe and fit for purpose</i> • Bus services 500 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>to remove any need for bus service cuts, to maintain rural bus services, to provide a free or flat-rate travel scheme for young people and to provide an improving alternative to the motor car, so reducing the environmental impact of transportation in Hampshire</i> 	
Policy & Resources	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grants to Voluntary Organisations 1,000 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>to provide additional ongoing support to Hampshire's voluntary organisations to promote community</i> 	

	<i>activities and self-support</i>	
•	Payment of Bills	600
	- <i>to assist businesses in Hampshire during these harsh economic times by paying all bills within 10 working days</i>	
	Total addition to amended budgets for ongoing improvements	7,600
b)	<i>To be financed by reductions to budgets:</i>	
•	Reduction in Publicity and Corporate Communications costs throughout the County Council	2,000
	- <i>including making better use of the internet recruitment portal, reducing Hampshire Now by one edition per year, printing fewer county publications in a glossy full-colour format and other savings to be found in the publicity and corporate communications budgets</i>	
•	Additional ongoing efficiency savings	5,600
	- <i>additional ongoing efficiency savings to be identified and achieved from 2010/11</i>	
	To finance on-going improvements in service	<u>7,600</u>
c)	<i>One-off additions to budgets</i>	
	Environment	
•	Fixing Hampshire's Roads and Pavements	10,000
	- <i>to really sort out the backlog of road and pavement repairs following years of underinvestment</i>	
•	Climate Change Fund	1,000
	- <i>to provide leadership on prevention of climate change including energy reduction and meeting 10:10 targets</i>	
	Policy & Resources	
•	Made in Hampshire	100
	- <i>to launch a campaign to assist manufacturing and agriculture in Hampshire and the promotion of</i>	

<i>Hampshire produce</i>	11,100
Total addition to amended budgets for one-off improvements	

d) *To be financed by use of reserves:*

• Use of the Corporate Efficiency Reserve	8,619
- <i>to use this new reserve which was created this year by raising tax on Hampshire residents too high last year, ensuring today's tax payers receive service they have paid for</i>	
• Use of the Landfill Allowances Trading Reserve	2,481
- <i>to use part of the current balance of the income generated by the sale of landfill allowances to improve services and facilities for Hampshire residents</i>	
To finance one-off improvements in service	11,100

Proposed:

Seconded:

Councillor Keith House
Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group

Councillor Brian Dash

The amendment proposed by Councillor House was put to the meeting. The majority of Members did not support the amendment and accordingly it was

Resolved:

That in relation to the Revenue Budget and Precept for 2010/11 :

- a) the Treasurer's report under Section 25 of the Local Government Act 2003 be taken into account when the Council determines the budget and precept for 2010/11, as set out in Appendix 2 of the supporting report.
- b) the revenue budget for 2010/11 (as set out in the attached draft budget book) and the provisional budgets for 2011/12 and 2012/13 be approved
- c) the **total budget requirement** for the general expenses of the County Council for the year beginning 1 April 2010 **be £672,129,000**

- d) the **County Council's Band D council tax** for the year beginning 1 April 2010 be increased by **1.9%** to be **£1,037.88**
- e) the County Council's council tax for the year beginning 1 April 2010 for properties in each tax band be:

	£
Band A	691.92
Band B	807.24
Band C	922.56
Band D	1037.88
Band E	1268.52
Band F	1499.16
Band G	1729.80
Band H	2075.76

- f) **precepts** be issued totalling **£523,232,038.57** on the billing authorities in Hampshire, requiring the payment in such instalments and on such dates set by them and previously notified to the County Council, in proportion to the taxbase of each billing authority's area as determined by them and as set out below:

Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council	63,578.00
East Hampshire	48,057.30
Eastleigh	44,087.61
Fareham	42,650.00
Gosport	27,599.90
Hart	37,915.60
Havant	42,823.00
New Forest	72,826.00
Rushmoor	31,409.87
Test Valley	45,496.00
Winchester City Council	47,692.11

- g) the treasury management and annual investment strategies, prudential and financial health indicators for 2010/11 be approved, in accordance with the recommendations set out in Appendix 1 of the supporting report.

That in relation to the Capital Programme 2010/11 to 2012/13:

- a) the capital programme for 2010/11 and the provisional programmes for 2011/12 and 2012/13 be approved as set out in the attached capital programme document and subject to the conditions set out in section B.3 of the County Council's Financial Procedures on the responsibilities for managing the capital programme and, where appropriate, to the approval of the Executive Member for Policy and Resources to proposals by Executive members to retain more than a 25% share of capital receipts

- b) expenditure on preliminary design and planning work for major transport schemes be permitted when they have achieved a place in the County Council's Local Transport Plan, subject to the cost being met within existing Government allocations
- c) authority be given to incur expenditure on land purchases as follows:
 - (i) up to the sum specified in respect of sites still required for the schemes included in the capital programme for the period 2010/11 to 2012/13 provided that the relevant scheme has been the subject of a feasibility or design project appraisal approved by the relevant Executive member
 - (ii) up to the amount included in the programmes for 2010/11 to 2012/13 in respect of advance and advantageous land purchases.

93. **AMENDMENT TO MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES SCHEME 2009/10, AND MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES SCHEME 2010/11**

Following advice from the Monitoring Officer, Councillors Bryant, Edgar, K Evans, Kemp-Gee and Tucker declared a personal interest in their roles as the Assistant to the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services (Education) and Chairman of the Education Advisory Panel (Councillor Edgar), Assistant to Executive Lead Member for Children's Services (Safeguarding) and Chairman of the Children and Families Advisory Panel (Councillor Tucker), Chairman of the Audit Committee (Councillor K. Evans), Vice-Chairman of the Audit Committee (Councillor Bryant) and Chairman of the Pension Fund Panel (Councillor Kemp-Gee). Accordingly they left the Chamber and took no part in the ensuing discussion relating to these posts.

The Chairman asked Members to note that paragraph 1.5 of the report should read:

"This report contains a summary of the meeting of the Members' Allowances Panel, and the recommendations of the Members' Allowances Panel. Members were also asked to note that the reference to Mr R. Ellis in paragraph 3.1.4 of the report should be Mr G. Ellis.

The Council considered the report of the Members' Allowances Panel (Item 10 in the Minute Book) of their consideration on 28 January 2010 of the recommendations made by the IRP in respect of amendments to the existing Members' Allowances Scheme 2009/10, and a Members' Allowances Scheme for 2010/11.

The Leader put the following recommendations to the Council:

Amendments to Members' Allowances Scheme 2009/10:

- 5.1.1 *That Special Responsibility Allowances for the Assistant to Executive Member for Children's Services (Education), Chairman of the Education Advisory Panel and Assistant to Executive Member for Children's Services (Safeguarding), Chairman of the Children and Families Panel be confirmed at £7,500 pa from the date of their appointment*
- 5.1.2 *That recommendation 5.1.2 of the report be agreed*
- 5.1.3 *That recommendation 5.1.3 of the report be agreed*
- 5.1.4 *That recommendation 5.1.4 of the report be agreed*

Members' Allowances 2010/11:

- 5.2.1 *That Basic and Special Responsibility Allowances for all Members in 2010/2011 remain at the levels set for 2009/2010. That the yearly increase in Cabinet Allowances recommended by the IRP in 2009/2010 be rejected for 2010/2011 and Allowances remain at the 2008/2009 level.*
- 5.2.2 *That Members' Mileage Allowances remain at the 2009/2010 rate for 2010/2011.*
- 5.2.3 *That the Special Responsibility Allowance for the Chairman of Regulatory Committee remain at the agreed level for 2009/10*
- 5.2.4 *That a Special Responsibility Allowance be not introduced for the Chairman of the River Hamble Harbour Board.*
- 5.2.5 *That Special Responsibility Allowances for the Chairman and Vice Chairman of HATs be not introduced.*
- 5.2.6 *That the Special Responsibility Allowance for the Chairman of the Hampshire Pension Fund Panel be further reviewed by the IRP as appropriate.*

In accordance with Standing Order 27 Councillor House, seconded by Councillor Collett proposed the following amendment:

"Amendments to Members' Allowances Scheme 2009/10:

- 5.1.1 *That no Special Responsibility Allowance be paid to the Assistants to the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services.*

Members' Allowances Scheme 2010/11:

5.2.2 The Members' Mileage Allowances be paid at Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC) rates."

The Leader withdrew recommendation 5.2.2, as originally put, and in accordance with Standing Order 27, Councillor Kendal, seconded by Councillor Glen, proposed the following amendment:

"5.2.2 That the Members' Mileage Allowance rate for 2010/11 be at the discretion of Members but shall not exceed the 2009/10 level."

The Chairman proposed that the recommendations relating to the changes to the Members' Allowances Scheme for 2009/10 were put to the vote first. The amendment proposed by Councillor House relating to recommendation 5.1.1 was put to the meeting. The majority of Members present did not support the amendment and accordingly it was lost. Therefore the substantive recommendations 5.1.1 to 5.1.4 were put to the vote. The majority of Members present supported the recommendations.

(NB: Councillors Bryant, Edgar, K Evans, Kemp-Gee and Tucker returned to the meeting after recommendations 5.1.1, 5.1.2 and 5.1.3 had been disposed of).

The amendment proposed by Councillor House relating to Recommendation 5.2.2 was put to the vote and in accordance with Standing order 24 (b), a recorded vote was called for. Voting was as follows:

Supporting the Motion:

Councillors Bailey, Broadhurst, Buckley, Carew, Collett, Collin, Cooper, Dash, Dickens, Dowden, Gurden, House, Hussey, Kyrle, Mason, Payne, Porter, Price, Roling, Simpson, Radley, Tennent, Thomas, Weeks.

Total: 24

Opposing the Motion:

Councillors Allgood, Beagley, Bolton, Bryant, Carter, Chapman, Davidovitz, Edgar, Ellis, A. Evans, K. Evans, Fairhurst, Gibson, Glen, Hindson, Hockley, James, Joy, Keast, Kendal, Kimber, Kirk, Mans, McEvoy, McIntosh, Muschamp, Mutton, Pearce, Perry, Rice, Rippon-Swaine, Snaith-Tempia, Thacker, Thornber, Wall, P. West, Wheale, Woodward.

Total: 38

Abstentions:

Councillors Knight, Leversha

Total: 2

The amendment was lost.

The amendment proposed by Councillor Kendal relating to Recommendation 5.2.2 was put to the vote and in accordance with Standing order 24 (b), a recorded vote was called for. Voting was as follows:

Supporting the Motion:

Councillors Allgood, Beagley, Bolton, Bryant, Carter, Chapman, Davidovitz, Edgar, Ellis, A. Evans, K. Evans, Fairhurst, Gibson, Glen, Hindson, Hockley, James, Joy, Keast, Kendal, Kimber, Kirk, Mans, McEvoy, McIntosh, Muschamp, Mutton, Pearce, Perry, Rice, Rippon-Swaine, Snaith-Tempia, Thacker, Thornber, Wall, P. West, Wheale, Woodward.

Total: 38

Opposing the Motion:

Councillors Bailey, Buckley, Carew, Collett, Collin, Cooper, Dash, Dickens, Gurden, House, Hussey, Kyrle, Mason, Payne, Porter, Price, Simpson, Tennent, Thomas, Weeks.

Total: 20

Abstentions:

Councillors Knight, Leversha, Radley

Total: 3

The amendment was carried.

Recommendations 5.2.1 and 5.2.3 to 5.2.6 were put to the vote. The majority of Members present supported the recommendations and accordingly it was

Resolved:

That the following amendments to the existing Members' Allowances Scheme for 2009/10 were approved:

- a) that Special Responsibility Allowances for the Assistant to the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services (Education) and Chairman of the Education Advisory Panel, and the Assistant to the

Executive Lead Member for Children's Services (Safeguarding) and Chairman of the Children and Families Advisory Panel be confirmed at £7,500 per annum backdated to June 2009;

- b) that the Chairman of the Audit Committee and Chairman of Pension Fund Panel both receive a Special Responsibility Allowance of £5,793 per annum, backdated to June 2009, but the Special Responsibility Allowance for Chairman of the Pension Fund Panel should be reviewed for further years in the event of the work of the Pension Fund Panel increasing as anticipated;
- c) that the IRP proposal for no Special Responsibility Allowances to be paid to Vice-Chairmen of Committees be rejected and that the Vice-Chairman of the Audit Committee and Vice-Chairman of the Pension Fund Panel both receive a Special Responsibility Allowance of £1,449 per annum, backdated to June 2009; and
- d) That the IRP recommendation for any Special Responsibility Allowance payable to the Vice-Chairman of the Standards Committee being 25% of the Special Responsibility Allowance paid to the Chairman of the Standards Committee be rejected, and that a Special Responsibility Allowance of £1,449, together with an Independent Members basic allowance of £675 per annum, continue to be paid in respect of this particular Vice-Chairman's position, in recognition of the unusual responsibilities of the post.

and in respect of a Members' Allowances Scheme for 2010/11:

- e) that Basic and Special Responsibility Allowances for all Members in 2010/11 remain at the levels set for 2009/10. That the yearly increase in Cabinet Allowances recommended by the IRP in 2009/10 be rejected for 2010/11 and Allowances remain at the 2008/09 level;
- f) that the Members' Mileage Allowance rate for 2010/11 be at the discretion of Members but shall not exceed the 2009/10 rate;
- g) that the Special Responsibility Allowance for the Chairman of the Regulatory Committees remain at the agreed level for 2009/10;
- h) that a Special Responsibility Allowance be not introduced for the Chairman of the River Hamble Harbour Board;
- i) that Special Responsibility Allowances for the Chairman and Vice Chairman of Hampshire Action Teams be not introduced; and
- j) that the Special Responsibility Allowance for the Chairman of the Hampshire Pension Fund be further reviewed by the IRP as appropriate.

94. **APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINY OFFICER**

The Council considered the report of the Chief Executive (Item 11 in the Minute Book) recommending the appointment of a Scrutiny Officer to carry out statutory duties pursuant to Section 21ZA of the Local Government Act 2000 (as inserted by Section 31 of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009), this designation needing to be in force by April 2010.

Resolved:

- a) that the Corporate Scrutiny Manager be designated as the County Council's Scrutiny Officer; and
- b) that the Head of Governance be authorised to make any necessary changes to the Constitution to give effect to this decision.

95. **ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORTATION SELECT COMMITTEE
CONSIDERATION OF NOTICE OF MOTION RELATING TO 10:10
CAMPAIGN**

Due to the importance of this matter (Item 12 in the Minute Book), the Council agreed to defer it for consideration and debate at its next meeting on 8 April 2010.

96. **NOTICES OF MOTION**

Three Notices of Motion had been received and listed in the agenda in accordance with Standing Order 17.2. It was noted that in respect of Notice of Motion A, the opening words should read: "This Council *offers* a vote of thanks....." and this correction was noted.

Councillor Thomas, seconded by Councillor Collin, presented the following Notice of Motion which had been submitted in accordance with Standing Order 17.1(i):

- (A) "This Council offers a vote of thanks to all staff for the extraordinary efforts in providing services throughout the recent period of extreme weather and asks that the Chairman writes to them accordingly."

In accordance with Standing Order 27 Councillor Thornber, seconded by Councillor Davidovitz proposed the following amendment:

"Add:

The County Council is indebted too, to many individuals and their acts of kindness.

We were also helped by District and Borough Councils, independent providers of domiciliary care, by farmers, Police, Fire Service, the Armed Forces, by the Highways Agency and by a number of young people.

To them all we give our thanks.”

This amendment was accepted by the proposer of the Motion and it was accordingly

Resolved:

That:

“This Council offers a vote of thanks to all staff for the extraordinary efforts in providing services throughout the recent period of extreme weather and asks that the Chairman writes to them accordingly. The County Council is indebted too, to many individuals and their acts of kindness”.

“We were also helped by District and Borough Councils, independent providers of domiciliary care, by farmers, Police, Fire Service, the Armed Forces, by the Highways Agency and by a number of young people.”

“To them all we give our thanks.”

Councillor Perry, seconded by Councillor Davidovitz, presented the following Notice of Motion which had been submitted in accordance with Standing Order 17.1(i):

- (B) “This Council welcomes the Conservative Shadow Cabinet’s policy to abolish the Government’s South East Plan; its other Regional Spatial Strategies; its unelected Regional Planning Bodies, together with the abolition of national and regional building targets. The Council particularly welcomes the Conservative proposal to give local authorities the ability to review their Local Development Frameworks to undo unwanted planning policies, which the South East Plan and Regional Spatial Strategies had imposed upon them.”

In accordance with Standing Order 27 the following amendment was proposed by Councillor House and seconded by Councillor Dash:

“Add the words “and Liberal Democrat national policies” to the first line of the Motion after the word “Conservative”.

This amendment was accepted by the proposer of the Motion and it was accordingly

Resolved:

That:

“This Council welcomes the Conservative and Liberal Democrat national policies to abolish the Government’s South East Plan; its other Regional Spatial Strategies; its unelected Regional Planning Bodies, together with the abolition of national and regional building targets. The Council particularly welcomes the Conservative proposal to give local authorities the ability to review their Local Development Frameworks to undo unwanted planning policies, which the South East Plan and Regional Spatial Strategies had imposed upon them.”

Councillor Kyrle, seconded by Councillor Carew (the original seconder Councillor Simpson was not present at the time this item was reached), presented the following Notice of Motion which had been submitted in accordance with Standing Order 17.1(i):

(C) “This Council welcomes statements from both the Liberal Democrats and Conservatives that they would abolish the South East Plan targets and return planning policy to democratically elected local councils.”

“Further, this Council resolves that it will seek to reinstate gaps between local communities as an essential policy priority to prevent urban sprawl and that, to promote and encourage local sustainable farming, the County Council resolves forthwith not to sell off additional county farm estate for housing or commercial development.”

The Chairman proposed that due to the similarity of the first part of this Motion to the previous Motion (B), which had been disposed of, that the second part of Motion (C) only be considered and this was agreed.

In accordance with Standing Order 27 the following amendment was proposed by Councillor Thornber and seconded by Councillor Davidovitz:

“That the second paragraph of Motion C be amended after the words urban sprawl, to read:

.....recognising that more than 50% of County Council landholdings are held for such purposes and also for conservation, recreational and other strategic purposes such as coastal protection.

Of the remaining land holdings much is farmed by tenant farmers, and as a matter of policy the County Council does not sell such land over the heads of its tenant farmers.

There are no plans for the sale of any farm land at this time.”

In accordance with Standing Order 27 the following amendment was proposed by Councillor House and seconded by Councillor Dash:

“that the words removed by Councillor Thornber’s amendment to the original Motion be reinstated.”

Following a full debate, Councillor Thornber’s amendment was put to the vote. The majority of Members present supported the amendment and it was therefore carried. The amendment proposed by Councillor House was put to the vote. The majority of Members present did not support the amendment and it was therefore lost. Accordingly, Councillor Thornber’s amendment became the substantive Motion and it was accordingly

Resolved:

That:

“This Council resolves that it will seek to reinstate gaps between local communities as an essential policy priority to prevent urban sprawl recognising that more than 50% of County Council landholdings are held for such purposes and also for conservation, recreational and other strategic purposes such as coastal protection.”

“Of the remaining land holdings much is farmed by tenant farmers, and as a matter of policy the County Council does not sell such land over the heads of its tenant farmers.”

“There are no plans for the sale of any farm land at this time.”

97. HAMPSHIRE POLICE AUTHORITY

No questions had been received pursuant to Standing Order 20(d). The report of the Hampshire Police Authority was received. It was noted that the budget for the Authority would be considered on 23 February 2010 and would therefore be reported on at the next meeting of the County Council.

98. HAMPSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

No questions had been received pursuant to Standing Order 20(e). The report of the Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority was received.

100. REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

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

- a) The Cabinet/Leader
 - Comprehensive Area Assessment (CAA): Organisational and

- Area Assessments
- Review of the winter maintenance arrangements 2009/10
- b) Executive Member for Adult Social Care
 - Framework Agreement for people with a learning disability (Domiciliary Care Services and Support Workers)
 - Older People and Physical Disabilities Block Contracting Strategy
 - Community Innovations grants to Councils for Voluntary Services
 - Implementation of Self Directed Support (SDS)
- c) Executive Member for Culture and Recreation
 - Strategies for the Development of the Visual Arts and Literature in Hampshire
 - Strategy for Learning Outside the Classroom
- d) Executive Member for Environment
 - Approach to Local Transport Plan (LTP) 3
- e) Executive Lead Member for Children's Services
 - Proposed changes to number and type of Children's Centres in Hampshire
 - The future of the Primary Curriculum in Hampshire
 - Educational attainment in Hampshire 2009
- f) Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee
 - Inquiries received and action taken
 - Proposals to develop or vary NHS Services