

Hampshire

At a Meeting of Hampshire County Council held at The Castle,
Winchester on 20 May 2010.

Chairman:

p Councillor Tim Knight

Vice-Chairman:

p Councillor Carol Leversha

Councillor:	Councillor:
<i>p</i> Frederick Allgood J.P.	<i>a</i> David Keast
<i>a</i> Charlotte Bailey	<i>p</i> Mark Kemp-Gee
<i>p</i> Ian Beagley	<i>p</i> Mel Kendal
<i>p</i> Ray Bolton	<i>p</i> Roger Kimber
<i>p</i> Alan Broadhurst	<i>p</i> David Kirk
<i>a</i> John Bryant	<i>p</i> Rupert Kyrle
<i>p</i> Ann Buckley	<i>p</i> Keith Mans
<i>p</i> Rita Burgess	<i>p</i> Peter Kent Mason
<i>p</i> Adam Carew	<i>p</i> Alexis McEvoy
<i>p</i> Christopher Carter	<i>p</i> Robin McIntosh
<i>p</i> Keith Chapman	<i>p</i> Anna McNair Scott
<i>p</i> Peter Chegwyn	<i>p</i> Roz Muschamp
<i>p</i> Vaughan Clarke	<i>p</i> Pam Mutton
<i>p</i> Adrian Collett	<i>a</i> Eric Neal
<i>a</i> Brian Collin	<i>p</i> Sam Payne
<i>p</i> Mark Cooper	<i>p</i> Frank Pearce
<i>p</i> Brian Dash	<i>p</i> Roy Perry
<i>p</i> Colin Davidovitz	<i>a</i> Jackie Porter
<i>p</i> Phryn Dickens	<i>p</i> Roger Price, JP
<i>p</i> Alan Dowden	<i>p</i> Jenny Radley
<i>a</i> Peter Edgar	<i>p</i> Stephen Reid
<i>p</i> Dr. Ray Ellis	<i>p</i> Alan Rice, TD
<i>p</i> Adrian Evans	<i>p</i> Steve Rippon-Swaine
<i>p</i> Keith Evans	<i>p</i> Angela Roling
<i>p</i> Liz Fairhurst	<i>p</i> David Simpson
<i>p</i> Jane Frankum	<i>p</i> Margaret Snaith-Tempia
<i>p</i> Mike Geddes	<i>a</i> Elaine Still
<i>p</i> Andrew Gibson	<i>p</i> Bruce Tennent
<i>p</i> Jonathan Glen	<i>p</i> Tom Thacker
<i>p</i> Brian Gorden	<i>p</i> Christopher Thomas
<i>p</i> David Harrison	<i>p</i> Ken Thornber, C.B.E.
<i>p</i> Edward Heron	<i>p</i> Marilyn Tucker
<i>p</i> Felicity Hindson	<i>p</i> John Wall
<i>p</i> Geoff Hockley	<i>p</i> Alan Weeks
<i>p</i> Keith House	<i>p</i> John K. West
<i>a</i> Ronald Hussey	<i>a</i> Patricia West
<i>p</i> Sam James	<i>p</i> Sharyn Wheale
<i>p</i> Andrew Joy	<i>p</i> Seán D. T. Woodward

101. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bailey, Bryant, Collin, Edgar, Hussey, Keast, Neal, Porter, Still, Patricia West and from Honorary Alderman Capt. Boyle.

102. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

At the request of the Chairman the Chief Executive, as proper officer, called for nominations. Councillor Thornber, seconded by Councillor Perry, proposed that Councillor Carol Leversha be elected Chairman of the County Council until the Annual General Meeting in 2011. No other nominations were received.

ORDERED:

That Councillor Leversha be elected Chairman of the County Council to hold office until the Annual General Meeting in 2011. Councillor Leversha made the declaration of Acceptance of Office.

COUNCILLOR LEVERSHA IN THE CHAIR

103. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

The Chairman called for nominations and Councillor Thornber, seconded by Councillor Perry, proposed that Councillor Anna McNair Scott be appointed as Vice-Chairman. Councillor House, seconded by Councillor Dash, proposed that Councillor Price be appointed Vice-Chairman.

On the propositions being put to the vote, Councillor McNair Scott was appointed Vice-Chairman of the County Council until the Annual General Meeting in 2011.

ORDERED:

That Councillor McNair Scott be appointed Vice-Chairman of the County Council to hold office until the Annual General Meeting in 2011. Councillor McNair Scott made the declaration of Acceptance of Office.

104. 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 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.

105. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the County Council held on 18 February 2010 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

106. DEPUTATIONS

The Council received a deputation from Mrs Mel Johnstone and Mrs Caroline Kirkman (Chair of Governors at Kings Worthy Primary school) seeking a reduction in the speed limit along Springvale Road, Kings Worthy. The Council noted that the Leader of the Council had received a petition in support of such a reduction from Miss Sophie Johnstone (aged 8) prior to the commencement of the meeting.

107. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman reported that she would be holding a Medieval Banquet in the Great Hall on Friday 25 June, the proceeds of which would be passed on to the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance. Details of the event would be forwarded to all members of the County Council. The Chairman also asked that members of the Council provide her with feedback on the suggestion to suspend the provision of the refreshment trolley that is normally situated outside the Chamber during County Council meetings, given the limited numbers of members currently using the service.

The Chairman extended her best wishes to Councillor Edger for a speedy recovery from his recent illness. She also welcomed Councillor John West to the Chamber following his recent operation.

The Chairman advised that, in future, she hoped to provide a short briefing to members on the progress being made by children in the County Council's care at each Council meeting. She also paid tribute to the two firemen who had died at Shirley Towers in Southampton in April 2010. The Council stood for a minute's silence as a mark of respect to Alan Bannon and James Shears, the fire-fighters concerned.

108. LEADER'S REPORT

The Leader paid tribute to a number of long serving members of staff who had retired from the County Council's service since the last Council meeting (Kevin Fuller, Area Director, Hampshire Highways West – 44 years; Stuart Reynolds, Assistant Director, Highways and Transport – 35 years; Peter Bayless, Head of Traffic and Safety – 29 years; David Pryke, Democratic Services Officer – almost 44 years). He also offered his congratulations to Kevin Fuller and Ian Ackerman,

who had been professionally recognised by the Joint Authorities Group (JAG) for their work in respect of the development of highways legislation and codes of practice.

The Leader also congratulated Paul Child, one of the County Council's social workers, who had been shortlisted for the Bravery section of the Council Worker of the Year Awards 2010. Paul had 'talked down' a young boy who was threatening to jump off a motorway bridge. The Leader also offered his congratulations to Jos Creese, Head of IT, who had recently been appointed as the new president of Socitm, the national body representing IT professionals in the public and community and voluntary sector.

The Leader was delighted to report the recognition of a number of the County Council's service initiatives. The Shared Lives Scheme, which recruits and supports Carers to provide caring homes for adults who need extra support, had secured its third excellent rating in a row, by the Care Quality Commission. The Culture-all Passport, which gives up to two adults and two children 12 months unlimited access to all of Hampshire County Council's paid entry visitor attractions, has scooped first prize in the best new product category of the Association for Cultural Enterprises annual awards. The County Council's Archives and Local Studies had also been recognised, by the Council for Learning Outside the Classroom, and had been awarded a 'Learning Outside the Classroom' quality badge. This accolade recognises the excellent work being done to ensure that young people are given more opportunities to have experiences outside of the classroom as part of their curriculum.

A new tree house, flying carpet and bamboo tunnels with a wobbly bridge had been installed at the Sir Harold Hillier Gardens, Romsey. The Leader was delighted to report that he had been present at the formal opening and that several children from Hampshire schools had experienced a fun packed morning exploring the Gardens, trying out the new play features and taking part in a number of activities. The Leader was also pleased to report that he had hosted the second St George's Day citizenship ceremony held in the Great Hall in Winchester. 26 new British citizens, from 15 different countries, had been presented with their Home Office Certificate to complete the final stage and formalities in being granted British citizenship and the Leader was delighted to have been able to welcome Hampshire's newest citizens to the county.

In concluding his report, the Leader paid particular tribute to the Hampshire organisations and schools that had recently received the CAT mark, a quality mark devised by young people as a way of grading services for children and young people from a young person's viewpoint. The CAT Mark was introduced 8 years ago by the County Council's Care Action Team to recognise excellent practice by people, venues and organisations which offer services and support to young

people. The 10 recipients honoured for excellent services for young people were:

- Belle Vue School, Aldershot
- Bishop Challoner School, Basingstoke
- Wavell School, Farnborough
- Newport School, Aldershot
- Fairbridge Solent, based in Southampton
- Fareport Training, Gosport
- Holybourne Youth Theatre, Holybourne, near Alton
- No Limits, Shirley Road, Southampton
- Phoenix Theatre, in Bordon
- Smile, Support and Care, based at Barton Park, Eastleigh

109. **QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER 20(b) (i)**

Councillor Thornber, Executive Member for Policy and Resources, answered a question from Councillor Reid concerning research carried out by Hampshire Borough and District Councils for their Local Development Frameworks and how the total of these figures compares with the level of housing being demanded in the South East Plan.

110. **APPOINTMENTS**

A list detailing the current Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the County Council's Committees and Panels was circulated together with the proportionality table for the purpose of allocating seats on standing Committees and Panels. The Leader proposed a number of changes to Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Committees and Panels and accordingly it was

Ordered :

- (a) that Councillor Patricia West replace Councillor McNair Scott as Chairman of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee;
- (b) that Councillor Fairhurst replace Councillor Patricia West as the Vice-Chairman of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee;
- (c) that Councillor Mutton replace Councillor McNair Scott as Chairman of the Standing Advisory Committee on Religious Education (SACRE);
- (d) that Councillor Edgar replace Councillor Kirk on the Buildings Land and Procurement Panel (BLAPP);
- (e) that all other County Council Committee memberships and appointments (including the Joint Committee for the appointment of members to Hampshire Police Authority and the Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority) remain unchanged;

- (f) that the revised list of Chairman and Vice-Chairman of Committees and the proportionality table, attached as Appendices 1 and 2 to these Minutes, be approved.

111. **NOTICES OF MOTION**

Two Notices of Motion had been received and listed in the agenda in accordance with Standing Order 17.1.

- a) Councillor Buckley, seconded by Councillor Payne, presented the following Notice of Motion:

“In February 2005 I put a Fairtrade motion at the Council meeting.

This was referred to the Policy and Resources Scrutiny & Select Committee on 6 June 2005. The conclusion of the report considered by the Committee (and as detailed at <http://www.hants.gov.uk/decisions/decisions-docs/050606-prprec-R0526152225.html>) was that:

- 6.1 The principles of Fairtrade products and the wider philosophical arguments have been reviewed in the report. On balance the County Council for a modest cost could commit to support the wider principals but leave its development and application for local groups to develop the wider community.
- 6.2 The committee would therefore have to recommend to the County Council that it passes the necessary resolution in favour of Fairtrade producers, encourage their promotion and review the development of a Fairtrade network across the County.

The Committee's subsequent recommendation to the County Council was that

The County Council supports the development of Fairtrade where applicable and agrees that the implementation of their principles be reviewed and monitored over time so that progress can be made consistent with the representations that the County Council can influence.

This recommendation was agreed by the County Council on 21 July 2005.

Motion to HCC 2010

During the last five years since the motion was put to HCC and the recommendation agreed, a great deal of Fairtrade development has taken place. The proportion of the population in Hampshire living in Fairtrade zones has grown from nothing in 2005 to 46 per cent now and I call on Hampshire County Council to take the necessary remaining steps to become the first Fairtrade County in South East England.

This would involve achieving all of the five goals required by the Fairtrade Foundation to become Fairtrade accredited:

The five goals are:

1. Local council passes a resolution supporting Fairtrade and agrees to serve Fairtrade tea and coffee at its meetings and in its offices and canteens.
2. A range of (at least two) Fairtrade products is readily available in the area's shops and local cafés/catering establishments.
3. Fairtrade products are used by a number of local work places and community organisations
4. To attract media coverage and popular support for the campaign.
5. A local Fairtrade steering group is convened to ensure continued commitment to its Fairtrade town/area status.

The Council's progress to date and the action needing to be taken in respect of each of the five goals is as follows:-

1. Serving Fairtrade refreshments. **This goal has been met since 2005.**
2. and 3. will be met shortly when 50 per cent of the population reside in Fairtrade Districts in Hampshire.
4. Relates to press and could be met by an article in Hampshire Now.
5. Requires setting up a small steering group with district and community representation."

Pursuant to Standing Order 17.4, the Leader proposed that the Notice of Motion be referred to the Policy and Resources Select Committee with a request that the Committee seek to confirm:-

- (i) that, as far as is practicable, the beneficiaries of the Fairtrade initiatives currently supported by the County

Council are those for whom the benefits are intended;

- (ii) that the measures required for the County Council to achieve Fairtrade accredited status would not be to the detriment of Hampshire producers of goods and services;
- (iii) that Fairtrade measures already adopted by the County Council, or those additional measures that would be required to be adopted to achieve Fairtrade accredited status, provide appropriate value for money.

- b) Councillor Dowden, seconded by Councillor Collett, presented the following Notice of Motion:

“Hampshire County Council recognises the great dangers faced by our fire-fighters across the County.

In recognition of the ultimate sacrifice made by fire-fighters Alan Bannon and James Shears, who died whilst carrying out their duties in Southampton recently, this Council places on record its appreciation of the selfless dedication of our fire-fighters when putting themselves in mortal danger to save lives and it urges everyone to contribute towards the appeal set up to help their families”.

Members of the Council were advised that a memorial service for the fire-fighters was to be held at Winchester Cathedral on 14 July 2010 and also that a ‘James Shears and Alan Bannon Memorial Fund’ had been established. The Chief Executive was asked to circulate to all members of the Council full details of the memorial service and also how contributions could be made to the Memorial Fund.

RESOLVED (unanimously):

That Hampshire County Council recognises the great dangers faced by all fire-fighters across the County.

In recognition of the ultimate sacrifice made by fire-fighters Alan Bannon and James Shears, who died whilst carrying out their duties in Southampton recently, this Council places on record its appreciation of the selfless dedication of our fire-fighters when putting themselves in mortal danger to save lives and it urges everyone to contribute towards the appeal set up to help their families.

112. **ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORTATION SELECT COMMITTEE –
CONSIDERATION OF MOTION RELATING TO 10:10 CAMPAIGN**

The Council received the report of the Environment and Transportation Select Committee (Item 12 in the Minute Book) and confirmed their agreement to the Committee's recommendations.

RESOLVED:

That the County Council signs up to the 10:10 campaign based on the following points:

- a) that the 10:10 campaign will collect data only from the County Council's corporate estate, residential units and employee business travel;
- b) that the organisers of the 10:10 campaign will accept the County Council's national indicator data set as its formal evidence submission for carbon emission reduction; and
- c) that the County Council will be in receipt of an interest free loan from central government for the fitting of carbon emission boiler controls, which will produce a carbon emission reduction of at least 3% in one year.

113. **HAMPSHIRE POLICE AUTHORITY**

No questions had been received pursuant to Standing Order 20(d).
The report of the Hampshire Police Authority was received.

114. **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.

115. **REPORTS FOR INFORMATION**

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

- a) **Cabinet/Leader:**
 - * Hampshire Action Team Scheme of Authorisation
 - * Recession Measures Update
- b) **Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC):**
 - * Hampshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust – Proposals to Modernise Adult Mental Health Rehabilitation
 - * NHS Hampshire – Proposals to cease the development of Oak Park Hospital, Havant
 - * Future Organisation of Community Services

- * Children's Cardiac Services
- * Children's Neurosurgery Services

(NB: In the absence of the newly appointed Chairman of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Councillor Patricia West, the Council invited the previous Chairman, Councillor Anna McNair Scott, to answer questions on the report of the HOSC).

c) Executive Lead Member for Children's Services:

- * Building Schools for the Future – Strategy for Change
- * The Establishment of the Havant Academy
(NB: Councillor Frederick Allgood declared a personal, non-prejudicial interest in the establishment of the Havant Academy as governor of South Downs College).
- * Proposed Changes to the number and type of Children's Centres in Hampshire
- * Statement of Purpose of the Hampshire Adoption Service
- * Statement of Purpose of the Hampshire Fostering Service
- * Determination of Co-ordinated Admission Arrangements: 2011/12

d) Executive Member for Environment:

- * Whitehill Bordon Emerging Transport Strategy and Eco-Towns Growth Funding Transport Allocation
- * Adoption of the Hampshire County Council Companion Document to the Manual for Streets

e) Executive Member for Adult Social Care:

- * Byways Reprovision Project