

AT A MEETING of the Cabinet of HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL held at the Castle on 19 SEPTEMBER 2016:

Chairman:
p Councillor Roy Perry

Councillors:

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

Also present with the agreement of the Chairman: Councillors J. Bennison, R. Bolton, K. Chapman, J. England, J. Glen, E. Heron, R. Huxstep, A. McNair-Scott and C. Wood.

232. **BROADCASTING ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Chairman announced that the meeting was being recorded for broadcast on the County Council's website and would be available for repeated viewing. The press and members of the public were also permitted to film and broadcast this meeting. Those remaining at the meeting were consenting to being filmed and recorded, and to the possible use of those images and recording for broadcasting purposes.

233. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

All Cabinet Members were in attendance, apologies were received from Councillors Chris Carter and Sharyn Wheale.

234. **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.

235. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 20 June 2016 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

236. DEPUTATIONS

No deputation requests had been received. It was noted that Councillor Wood would speak on Item 8 with the agreement of the Chairman.

237. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman announced that he was being shadowed by a PhD student from the university of Warwick for the week.

National developments and changes in the political landscape since the last Cabinet meeting were drawn to the attention of Members, including: the outcome of the EU referendum, the formation of a new Government with a new Prime Minister and a new Secretary of State for Local Government and a change of leadership in a number of political Parties.

It was confirmed that the Serving Hampshire consultation was due to close the day after the Cabinet meeting.

238. REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING

The Cabinet considered the report of the Director of Corporate Resources – Corporate Services regarding the County Council's revenue budget (Item 6 in the Minute Book).

In introduction of the report, the scale of the financial situation was highlighted, in particular the increasing challenges in achieving Transformation to 2017 and moving towards Transformation to 2019. It was confirmed that as the first formal monitoring report of the year, it was a prudent assessment and the overall and departmental positions were set out. With regards to the forecast position, difficulties in meeting the cost of change were highlighted and the proposal to use an underwriting arrangement of contingency from other departments explained. The recommendations relating to the Enterprise M3 LEP were also highlighted and explained.

Cabinet noted the importance of budget monitoring in managing difficult financial circumstances. Increasing cost pressures arising from the rising demand for care for the elderly and the rising cost of caring for children with special needs were acknowledged. It was noted that this was an ongoing issue and it was reflected that these pressures remained not fully recognised nationally. It was proposed and agreed that the Leader should write to the Government Minister to highlight the need for a national solution to deal with the funding pressures being placed upon upper tier Local Authorities as a result of continued growing demand pressures. It was furthermore proposed and agreed that an update on the reviews of Adults and Children's Services budget positions be received at the next meeting of Cabinet.

The recommendations within the report were proposed and agreed with the two additional recommendations detailed above. The decision record is attached to these minutes as Appendix 1.

239. TRANSFORMATION TO 2017: REPORT NO. 8

The Cabinet considered the report of the Chief Executive regarding the County Council's Transformation to 2017 Programme. (Item 7 in the Minute Book).

Progress against the Transformation to 2017 programme was outlined and Cabinet heard that £11 million of savings had been secured in the three month period. Planning for a further £140 million of savings through Transformation to 2019 was underway and it was clarified that this value was subject to the successful completion of Transformation to 2017 and to increases in Council Tax. It was expected that the County Council will have saved a total of £480 million by 2020.

Ongoing consultations across the organisation were highlighted and some of the challenges in Adult Social Care were detailed, in particular recruitment difficulties in some areas. Cabinet discussed these points alongside the potential retention of business rates and risks to meeting statutory responsibilities. It was confirmed that work was underway with the LGA to identify areas of risk.

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

240. CAPITAL AND REVENUE APPROVALS

The Cabinet considered the report of the Director of Corporate Resources – Corporate Services regarding capital and revenue approvals, in particular regarding funding for highway developments around Stubbington. (Item 8 in the Minute Book).

With the agreement of the Chairman, Councillor Wood addressed Cabinet: Councillor Wood acknowledged the process of obtaining Government funding for schemes such as Stubbington. He confirmed that it was an essential scheme for the area, would reduce journey times and accidents and therefore he was supportive of the recommendations.

Cabinet Members noted that the Stubbington scheme had been a priority for many years however a number of elements had needed to align to make it possible at this point. It was agreed that the scheme would benefit the whole Gosport peninsula and acknowledged the role of the County Council in being able to facilitate such large scale projects.

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

241. ELECTORAL REVIEW OF HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS

The Cabinet considered the report of the Chief Executive containing the final

recommendations of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England. (Item 9 in the Minute Book).

The Chairman confirmed that he had written to the Boundary Commission regarding the lateness of their final recommendations. It was highlighted that 78 Members would be retained and the two double Member divisions. Cabinet recognised that the County Council's input had been taken account of in this regard and on a number of specific local matters.

It was confirmed that the recommendations of the Boundary Commission were final and the timescale for implementation was drawn to Cabinet's attention.

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

242. SUSTAINABILITY AND TRANSFORMATION PLAN

The Cabinet considered the report of the Chief Executive regarding the development of the Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP) for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, which was the local segment of a national NHS transformation programme. (Item 10 in the Minute Book).

The context and complexity of the STP for Hampshire was set out and Hampshire's involvement in the drafting of it was explained. Cabinet heard that further discussion may be required around future governance arrangements. The timescales and need for the proposals set out in the report were detailed, including the caveat that support at this point would not compromise or affect the County Council's service delivery or preclude more detailed reports in the future. Cabinet welcomed the report and the scale of the STP, to cover Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. The retirement of Mary Edwards from Hampshire Hospitals was noted and it was proposed and agreed that the Chairman write to thank and acknowledge her input to the area on behalf of the County Council.

The recommendations within the report were proposed and agreed, with the addition of the letter from the Chairman detailed above. The decision record is attached to these minutes as Appendix 5.

Chairman, 14 November 2016