

AT A MEETING of the Cabinet of HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL held at the Castle on 14 APRIL 2014.

**Chairman:**  
**p Councillor Roy Perry**

Councillors:

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| p | Keith Chapman | p | Mel Kendal    |
| p | Peter Edgar   | p | Keith Mans    |
| p | Liz Fairhurst | p | Stephen Reid  |
| p | Andrew Joy    | p | Seán Woodward |

Also present with the agreement of the Chairman: Councillors R Bolton, C Carter, J. England, K Evans, A Gibson, J. Glen, P. Stallard, E. Still, P. West and S. Wheale

**66. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

All Cabinet Members were in attendance.

**67. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

All Members who believe they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in any matter to be considered at the meeting must declare that interest and, having regard to the circumstances described in Part 3, Paragraph 1.5 of the County Council's Code of Conduct, leave the meeting while the matter is discussed, save for exercising any right to speak in accordance with paragraph 1.6 of the Code. Furthermore, all Members with a Non-Pecuniary Interest in a matter being considered at the meeting should consider whether such interest should be declared, and having regard to Part 5 Paragraph 2 of the Code, consider whether it is appropriate to leave the meeting while the matter is discussed, save for exercising any right to speak in accordance with the Code.

**68. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 24 March 2014 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**69. DEPUTATIONS**

No deputation requests had been received.

With the agreement of the Chairman Councillor England addressed the Cabinet in relation to Item 7 on the Agenda "Response to Flooding in Hampshire" (Minute 72 refers).

Councillor England explained that Lymington had been well served by County Council staff, the Army and the Fire Brigade, including support from the Welsh Fire and Rescue service, during the flooding. This had all contributed to the town surviving unscathed. However had a second storm surge materialised, the result may well have been different and Councillor England asked Cabinet to consider the specific needs on Lymington and the surrounding area when developing a strategy for future flood prevention. Councillor England also highlighted the

contribution of the RNLI and asked that they be included on any consultation relating to future flood prevention strategies.

Councillor England was thanked by the Chairman.

**70. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman drew the result of the recent Petersfield by-election to the attention of Cabinet. He confirmed that Councillor Moon would be appointed to Committees and Panels at the Council's annual meeting in May.

A forthcoming reception for staff was highlighted and it was explained that this would include recognition of those who had supported the response to flooding in the County, including the military. The Chairman announced that a presentation would be made to benevolence funds connected with all three branches of the armed services. It was also anticipated that Greg Barker MP, who had been appointed to investigate the impact of flooding would attend the reception.

It was confirmed by the Chairman that a new Head of Human Resources had been appointed. This position was part of the joint working arrangements and complemented the establishment of the IBC.

**71. TRANSFORMING THE COUNCIL TO 2015 – REPORT NO. 3 AND A REVIEW OF KEY WORKSTREAMS AND A TRANSFORMATION STRATEGY TO 2018**

The Cabinet considered the report of the Chief Executive regarding the programmes of transformation in the Council (Item 7 in the Minute Book). The pressure of saving a significant amount of money without negatively impacting the delivery of frontline services was reiterated to Cabinet, who recognised that Hampshire remained a provider of services and not a commissioner. The contribution and achievements of Deloitte in achieving transformation was also recognised. In particular Cabinet noted that work with the NHS would be critically important in the future.

Members welcomed the report and supported the benefit that initiatives such as the Better Care Fund and the Council's programme of school building were bringing to the people of Hampshire despite the difficult financial situation. Cabinet furthermore recognised the benefits of collaboration with partners as well as the ability to generate income and maximise the use of capital expenditure.

The recommendations set out in the report were proposed and agreed. The decision record is attached to these Minutes as Appendix 1.

**72. RESPONSE TO FLOODING IN HAMPSHIRE**

The Cabinet considered the report of the Director of Corporate Resources – Corporate Services and the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment (Item 7 in the Minute Book), regarding the impact of recent flooding across Hampshire.

The Chairman expressed his gratitude, on behalf of Cabinet, to all those who had played a role in responding to the crisis. In particular: HCC staff who were involved from across the organisation, including contractors, Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service, Hampshire Constabulary, the military, the Environment Agency, Colleagues from the District and Borough Councils, Parish Councils, the voluntary sector, the RNLI, the utility companies and the people of Hampshire who displayed community spirit and resilience.

Members welcomed the report and praised the creativeness and resourcefulness of all those involved in preventing flooding in a number of areas, as well as in tackling it where it occurred. The strength of partnership working was recognised, in particular with the District and Borough authorities.

Amendments to the recommendations were proposed and agreed: at 8.1, to record thanks to all staff, partners and agencies and private companies and individuals, and particularly members of the armed services who helped in responding to the flood problems; and at 8.2, to congratulate the Director of Corporate Resources and her staff for the effective way they have recorded cost, made funds available and submitted claims to Central Government. An additional recommendation to note the proposed meeting with representatives of the utility companies, water and electricity in particular, seeing their co-operation in enhancing the resilience of Hampshire in dealing with future floods was proposed and agreed. The decision record is attached to these Minutes as Appendix 2.

**73. HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE ACT 2012 – REVISED ROLE OF THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD, REVISED SCRUTINY ARRANGEMENTS AND OTHER CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES**

The Cabinet considered the report of the Director of Policy and Governance – Corporate Services regarding the role of the Health and Wellbeing Board, Scrutiny Arrangements and Constitutional Changes (Item 9 in the Minute Book). Cabinet noted that the establishment of the Health and Wellbeing Board had been a crucial addition to the working of the Council, with regards the increasing integration between the health sector and Adult’s and Children’s Services. With this in mind, the proposed governance changes were outlined and welcomed by Members. The achievements of the existing HOSC was praised and the hard work of both the current and previous Chairmen recognised.

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