

AT A MEETING of the Cabinet of HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL held at the Castle on 21 JULY 2014.

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

Councillors:

a	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 Connor, A Gibson, P. Stallard and E. Still

**82. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillor Keith Chapman.

**83. 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.

**84. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 23 June 2014 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**85. DEPUTATIONS**

No deputation requests had been received.

**86. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman announced that he and the Deputy Leader had recently attended the LGA conference, where he had been particularly pleased to have the opportunity to meet the Leader of Oxfordshire, who was very enthusiastic about the use of Hampshire's IBC facilities in the future.

He also confirmed that a meeting had recently taken place with the new Leader of Portsmouth City Council and that various matters of common interest to the two Authorities had been discussed.

**87. MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY**

The Cabinet considered a report of the Director of Corporate Resources (item 6 in the Minute Book) providing an update on the budget development process for 2015/16 and consideration of the medium term prospects for the County Council's finances to 2017/18.

The key details of the report were explained to Members, in particular in relation to the growth in the cost of children's social care, the strategy of cost containment and the propositions for the 2015/16 budget. Furthermore, the programme of transformation to 2017/18 was highlighted and the assumptions that had been made and the planned actions to be taken were outlined. The risks associated with the introduction of changes in the Social Care Act were brought to the attention of Members and it was confirmed that this round of transformation would be required to deliver a further £98 million in savings.

Cabinet acknowledged the report and in particular the financial pressures relating to Children in Care, which it was felt had become permanent pressures. It was noted that some of the strain on school places was as a result of migration to Hampshire, as a consequence of the high standard of living in the County. The Chairman informed Cabinet that he would write to Hampshire MPs, seeking their support for the continuation of support for Council Tax freeze compensation.

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

**88. CAPITAL PROGRAMME REVIEW**

The Cabinet considered the report of the Chief Executive and the Director of Corporate Resources (item 7 in the Minute Book) providing a targeted review of the Capital Programme (2014-2017) to maximise the effectiveness, accelerated implementation, deliverability and additional funding contributions to the capital programme.

Members welcomed the report, noting that the capital programme supported both County Council services and local businesses and the wider economy of the area, through the £750 million being spent on building schools, roads and extra care facilities. The success in drawing other funding into the programme, such as £15 million of Government support for broadband expansion, was highlighted. It was also noted that the programme included spending in a range of areas, such as the investment in Country Parks, which would benefit a large number of users and contribute to the high quality of life in Hampshire.

The nature of the capital programme projects being taken forward was discussed and Cabinet welcomed the high quality of design and construction in new school buildings, designed to ensure that they became an inspiration and not a liability for the future. It was also noted that the extra care programme supported a high quality of life for those using the facilities.

It was proposed that recommendation 11 in the report be amended to include consultation with the relevant Executive Member and on this basis, the recommendations within the report were proposed and agreed. The decision record is attached to these Minutes as Appendix 2.