

# Hampshire

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At a Meeting of Hampshire County Council held at The Castle,  
Winchester on 24 November 2011.

## **Chairman:**

*p* Councillor Anna McNair Scott

## **Assisting the Chairman:**

*p* Councillor Carol Leversha

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

244. Prior to the commencement of the business on the Agenda, the Chairman invited Councillor Ken Moon, Chairman of the Federation of Small Businesses Wessex Region, to present to the County Council the Local Authority Best Small Business Friendly Award for its Procurement Policy. The Leader had pleasure in accepting the Award on behalf of the County Council.

245. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Chris Carter, Ferris Cowper, Dr. Ray Ellis, Adrian Evans, Andrew Gibson, Edward Heron, Geoff Hockley, Keith House, Mark Kemp-Gee, Roy Perry, Steve Rippon-Swayne, Angela Roling, John Wall and Sharyn Wheale.

246. **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.

247. **MINUTES.**

The minutes of the Special and Ordinary meetings of the County Council held on 15 September 2011 were confirmed as a correct record subject to the following amendments:

Minute 219 (Special Meeting) and Minute 222 (Ordinary Meeting) – Councillor Rita Burgess was present and Councillor Graham Burgess was absent.

Minute 232 (Ordinary Meeting) – Councillor Mark Cooper declared a personal interest as a Member of Test Valley Borough Council

The Minutes of the Extraordinary Council meeting held on 13 October 2011 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Matters arising:

Minute 242: Draft Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan, it was noted that the Executive Member for Environment and Transport had undertaken to look further at the issues raised in relation to the proposed Basingstoke Sidings site.

248. **DEPUTATIONS.**

The Council received a deputation from Mr Paul Hewson highlighting the work of the Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund. Supporting information was circulated in the Chamber.

249. **CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS.**

The Chairman extended a warm welcome to Honorary Aldermen together with family members of former County Councillors Ron Culver and Frederick Allgood.

The Chairman presented her 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. A list of engagements was circulated in the Chamber, as attached to these Minutes at Appendix 1.

It was with sadness that the Chairman reported on the passing of former County Councillor Ron Culver on 15 October 2011 who represented the Bishop's Waltham Division, and the passing of County Councillor and Vice-Chairman of the Council, Frederick Allgood on 12 November 2011 who represented the Winchester Southern Parishes Division.

250. **LEADER'S REPORT.**

The Leader opened his report by opening the tributes to former County Councillors Ron Culver and Frederick Allgood who had made a significant contribution to the County Council and to the communities they served. Councillors Adrian Collett, Brian Dash and Patricia West also paid tribute to former Councillor Culver and Councillors Adrian Collett, Brian Collin, Phrynnette Dickens, David Drew, Felicity Hindson, Stephen Reid and Seán Woodward also paid tribute to former Councillor Allgood.

It was also with much sadness that the Leader reported the recent death of Richard Ward, former Head of Libraries at the County Council from 2002 to 2008. Richard had made a significant contribution to the Council's library service including the masterminding of the Discovery Centre concept in Winchester and Gosport.

The Council observed a minute's silence as a mark of respect.

The Leader reported on a number of awards and accolades received by the Council as follows:

- as referred to earlier, the County Council had received the Local Authority Best Small Business Friendly Award for its

- Procurement Policy, which reflected well on the work of the corporate procurement team
- the County Council has retained its top position for public satisfaction with highways and transport among county councils in the south of England in the National Highways and Transport Public Satisfaction Survey 2011
- Children's Services in Hampshire have been assessed as excellent by Ofsted in their annual performance assessment
- the County Council's Older People's Well-being team has been awarded the Hampshire Fire and Rescue Partnership Award
- the County Council has received the Outstanding Achievement Award at the County Playing Field Association Conference in recognition for supporting disabled and disadvantaged youngsters

It was with pleasure that the Leader reported that the London 2012 olympic torch will be passing through Hampshire between Wednesday 11 and Monday 16 July 2012 as part of the olympic torch relay route, calling at Basingstoke, Andover, Winchester, New Forest, Southampton, Fareham, Gosport, Portsmouth and Petersfield.

Turning to operational matters, the Leader was pleased to report:

- That the County Council had exceeded its first year target estimate to reduce carbon emissions having achieved a reduction of 3,900 tonnes in 2010/11. The County Council is therefore on track to achieve its target of a 20% reduction by 2015.
- That 11 young people leaving care had begun a variety of work placements at the County Council as part of the new Internships Plus scheme. The Leader extended the Council's thanks to the staff involved in the Scheme.

Finally the Leader reported on the Localism Act 2011, the main intention of which is to devolve responsibility from national to local government and to make local government more transparent and open. In particular, the Leader focused on four areas which impact upon the County Council, namely: clarification of the pre-determination rules in order to enable Councillors to advocate for their constituents on planning and regulatory matters; the abolition of the Standards Board for England; the transparency agenda and the approval by full Council of an annual Pay Policy statement. Significant financial and non financial benefits accrue to the County Council and thus the residents of Hampshire from the work of the Chief Executive and Chief Officers in a wider national context and consideration would also be given to this in preparing the statement. In support of the transparency agenda, it is proposed to procure a new Audio Visual system to replace the current analogue system in the Council Chamber, which was coming to the end of its useful life, together

with equipment for use in the Wellington or Chute Rooms. This would provide live web streaming of full Council and some other committee meetings together with recording facilities.

**251. QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER 16.1.1.**

Councillor Mel Kendal, Executive Member for Environment and Transport, answered the following questions:

- from Councillor Chris Thomas concerning proposed installation of a Variable Message Signs (VMS) System in Eastleigh; and
- from Councillor Alan Broadhurst concerning the County Council's Play Strategy and 20mph speed limits in residential areas.

A written answer to the second question would be supplied after the meeting as requested.

**252. APPOINTMENTS**

The Leader reported that as a result of an increase to the size of the Wessex Regional Flood and Coastal Committee, the County Council had been allocated a seat on this important body. Accordingly, the Leader proposed the nomination of Councillor Keith Chapman.

The Leader also asked the Council to approve a continued leave of absence for Councillor Adrian Evans who was currently unable to attend meetings and was undertaking County Council duties, as far as practicable, from home.

RESOLVED:

- a) That Councillor Keith Chapman be appointed to represent the County Council on the Wessex Regional Flood and Coastal Committee with immediate effect.
- b) That a continued leave of absence for Councillor Adrian Evans be approved.

**253. MODERNISATION OF ADULT SOCIAL CARE: PROJECT EXTRA-CARE – APPROVAL OF CAPITAL PROGRAMME FUNDING.**

The following Councillors declared a personal interest:

- Councillor Ann Buckley: Member of the Chartered Institute of Housing - specialised in housing for the disabled
- Councillor Adrian Collett: Trustee of Hart Neighbourhood Centre which handles the catering provision at the Campbell Place Extra-Care Scheme in Fleet

- Councillor Roger Kimber: regular visitor to Place Court Extra-Care Scheme in Aldershot
- Councillor Stephen Reid: has had influence on the Local Development Framework in his capacity as Chairman of Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council's Planning and Infrastructure Overview and Scrutiny Committee

The Council considered a report from the Cabinet (Item 9 in the Minute Book) seeking approval to the addition of £3m to the 2011/12 Adult Services capital programme for extra-care Phase 1 consolidation works, to be funded from the Invest to Save reserve. The Council were very supportive of Project Extra-Care as part of the work being done to modernise and improve services to better meet the needs of older people by providing the choice of remaining independent rather than entering residential care.

RESOLVED:

That the addition of £3m to the 2011/12 Adult Services capital programme for extra-care Phase 1 consolidation works, to be funded from the Invest to Save reserve be approved.

**254. HAMPSHIRE POLICE AUTHORITY.**

No questions had been received pursuant to Standing Order 16.3. The report of the Hampshire Police Authority was received by the Council.

**255. HAMPSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY.**

No questions had been received pursuant to Standing Order 16.4. The report of the Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority was received by the Council.

**256. CHANGES IN RESPONSIBILITY FOR EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS AND DELEGATED FUNCTIONS OF DIRECTOR OF ECONOMY, TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT.**

The Council received the report of the Chief Executive setting out changes in responsibilities arising from the Flood and Water Management Act 2010, as set out below:

- executive functions – to include flood and coastal erosion risk management within the portfolio of the Executive Member for Environment and Transport
- delegated functions of the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment – to include the provision of advice and strategic guidance for flood and coastal erosion risk management

- Environment and Transportation Select Committee – responsibility for scrutiny of risk management authorities

Consequential revisions would be made to the Constitution to incorporate the changes set out above.

**257. REPORTS FOR INFORMATION.**

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

- a) The Cabinet/Leader
  - Ofsted inspection of safeguarding and looked after Children's Services
  - Joint working with Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service and Hampshire Constabulary
  - Open for Business
  - Corporate Services Review
  - Internal improvement works to Swanwick Lodge Children's Home, Swanwick – Department of Education (DfE) Grant Award
  
- b) Executive Member for Adult Social Care
  - Cherry Orchard Residential Home, Andover
  - Learning Disability Grants 2011/12
  
- c) Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC)
  - Basingstoke and North Hampshire Hospitals Trust: Acquisition of Winchester and Eastleigh NHS Trust
  - Calleva Clinical Commissioning Group: Odiham Cottage Hospital – progress with model of care
  - SHIP Primary Care Trust: Hythe Community Hospital: progress with model of care
  - Hampshire HOSC: continuing care follow up
  - National Specialist Commissioning Board: reconfiguration of Children's Heart Surgery Services – to agree the HOSC response to the national team
  - South Central Strategic Health Authority: review of stroke, major trauma and vascular services