

AT A MEETING of the CABINET of HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL held at the Castle on 23 July 2012.

**Chairman:**  
**p Councillor T. K. Thornber, CBE**

Councillors:

p K. Chapman	p M.J. Kendal
p C. Davidovitz	p K. Mans
p Dr. R. J. Ellis	p R. Perry
p Felicity Hindson, MBE	p S. Reid

Also present with the agreement of the Chairman: Councillors G Burgess, C. Carter, P. Edgar and M. Tucker.

**356. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None

**357. 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 at the time of the relevant debate and, having regard to the circumstances described in 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 Non-Pecuniary interest in a matter being considered at the meeting they considered whether such interest should be declared, and having regard to Part 5, Paragraph 2 of the Code, considered whether it was appropriate to leave the meeting whilst the matter was discussed, save for exercising any right to speak in accordance with the Code.

**358. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 25 June 2012 were confirmed as a correct record.

**359. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman announced that an extraordinary meeting of the Cabinet would be convened on 10 September to deal with recommendations of the Examination in Public of the County Council's Minerals and Waste Planning.

### **360. EFFICIENCY AND EXPENDITURE REDUCTION UPDATE 2012/13**

The Cabinet considered a report of the Chief Executive (Item 5 in the Minute Book) providing a progress update against the Corporate Services Review, Shared Services and Project Extra Care.

The Cabinet welcomed the report and congratulated the Chief Executive and his staff for the savings and expenditure reductions achieved over the current and previous year. The Cabinet heard that 97% of the projected savings would be achieved by the end of the financial year, which was within expectations of a project on that scale. It was noted that the small amount of slippage was due to delays in implementing electronic care monitoring and that the complexities of adult social care meant that part of the projected savings would be achieved in the following financial year.

During the discussion, the Cabinet asked for more information on the key sold services and partnership boards outlined within the report. The Chief Executive explained that senior staff representing all parts of the County Council were in the process of identifying potential income streams and required action to strengthen the income flow and good progress was being made. It was acknowledged that a small number of the County Council's businesses accounted for approximately 80% of income received.

The Cabinet adopted the recommendations set out in the report. The decision record is attached to these Minutes as Appendix 1.

### **361. SUB-NATIONAL AND REGIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE PARTNERSHIPS**

Cllr M. Kendal declared a non-pecuniary interest in this matter as Chairman of a community rail partnership board.

The Cabinet considered an exempt report of the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment (Item 6 in the Minute Book) on the emerging picture of sub-regional and sub-national partnership arrangements in respect of strategic spatial and economic planning, and the closely related topic of infrastructure. The Director explained that the Greater Wessex area was economically significant being worth over £110bn per year. The emerging partnerships involved several Local Economic Partnerships and a number of upper tier local authorities and the further development of partnership working, including a potential city/county deal, was recommended to develop a different relationship with Government in relation to growth and infrastructure. That relationship could provide opportunities for different financial arrangements to direct infrastructure funding to local economic areas.

The Cabinet discussed the proposals and acknowledged the existing successful partnership arrangements for Transport for South Hampshire and welcomed proposals for partnership arrangements at a higher level which would fill the gap between the national and smaller sub regional areas. The Cabinet also emphasised the need to work positively with partners to represent the views of Hampshire residents. The related topics of airport infrastructure and the economic consequences of restricted

development due to flooding issues were also discussed. The Director advised the Cabinet that city/county deals also brought opportunities to negotiate local funding arrangements with Government for areas affected by a lack of flood defences.

In conclusion, it was agreed that the County Council should further explore opportunities for working with partners and the potential of future city/county deals. The Cabinet adopted the recommendations set out in the report, subject to an amendment to better reflect working appropriately with partners at the three different spatial levels operating on a complementary basis. The decision record is attached to these Minutes as Appendix 2.