

Hampshire

At a Meeting of Hampshire County Council held at The Castle,
Winchester on 29 November 2012.

Chairman:

p Councillor Andrew Joy

Vice-Chairman:

p Councillor Pamela Mutton

Councillor:	Councillor:
<i>p</i> Mrs Charlotte Bailey	<i>p</i> Keith House
<i>p</i> Ian Beagley	<i>p</i> Ronald Hussey
<i>p</i> Ray Bolton	<i>p</i> David Keast
<i>p</i> Alan Broadhurst	<i>p</i> Mark Kemp-Gee
<i>p</i> John Bryant	<i>p</i> Mel Kendal
<i>a</i> Ann Buckley	<i>p</i> Roger Kimber
<i>p</i> Graham Burgess	<i>p</i> Tim Knight
<i>p</i> Rita Burgess	<i>p</i> Rupert Kyrle
<i>a</i> Adam Carew	<i>p</i> Carol Leversha
<i>p</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> Anna McNair Scott
<i>p</i> Adrian Collett	<i>p</i> Eric Neal
<i>p</i> Brian Collin	<i>p</i> Frank Pearce
<i>p</i> Mark Cooper	<i>p</i> Roy Perry
<i>a</i> Ferris Cowper	<i>p</i> Jackie Porter
<i>p</i> Sam Darragh	<i>a</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>p</i> Steve Rippon-Swaine
<i>p</i> David Drew	<i>p</i> Angela Roling
<i>p</i> Peter Edgar	<i>p</i> David Simpson
<i>a</i> Dr. Ray Ellis	<i>p</i> Patricia Stallard
<i>a</i> Adrian Evans	<i>p</i> Elaine Still
<i>p</i> Keith Evans	<i>p</i> Bruce Tennent
<i>p</i> Liz Fairhurst	<i>p</i> Tom Thacker
<i>p</i> Jane Frankum	<i>p</i> Christopher Thomas
<i>p</i> Mike Geddes	<i>p</i> Ken Thornber, CBE
<i>p</i> Andrew Gibson	<i>p</i> Marilyn Tucker
<i>p</i> Jonathan Glen	<i>p</i> John Wall
<i>p</i> Brian Gurden	<i>p</i> Alan Weeks
<i>p</i> David Harrison	<i>p</i> John K. West
<i>p</i> Edward Heron	<i>p</i> Patricia West
<i>p</i> Felicity Hindson, MBE	<i>p</i> Sharyn Wheale
<i>p</i> Geoff Hockley	<i>p</i> Seán D. T. Woodward

Prior to the commencement of the formal business of the meeting, the Chairman had pleasure in inviting Councillor Rory Love, Chairman of South East Employers to present a certificate to the Council in recognition of achieving the South East Charter for Elected Member Development. In presenting the certificate to Councillors Thornber and House, together with the Chief Executive of the Council as the original signatories to the Charter, Councillor Love congratulated the Council on their achievement of this prestigious award.

The Chairman also had pleasure in inviting Councillor Mel Kendal, Executive Member for Environment and Transport to present to the Council two national awards that had recently been confirmed:

- The National Transport Awards – Transport County of the Year 2012 to Hampshire County Council
- The Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (UK) Award for Excellence in Transport Policy, Planning and Implementation 2012 – awarded to First Hampshire and Dorset Bus Company with Hampshire County Council for the Eclipse BRT route.

Councillor Kendal congratulated Stuart Jarvis, Director of Economy, Transport and the Environment for the work that had been done by Stuart and his officers that had led to the achievement of these awards.

326. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ann Buckley, Adam Carew, Ferris Cowper, Dr. Ray Ellis, Adrian Evans and Roger Price JP.

327. 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.

At this point in the proceedings Councillor Seán Woodward declared a non-pecuniary interest in regard to Item 10 on the agenda: Partnership for Urban South Hampshire (PUSH) and Transport for South Hampshire (TfSH) Business Plans, as a member of PUSH.

328. **MINUTES.**

The minutes of the meeting of the County Council held on 20 September 2012 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

329. **DEPUTATIONS.**

The Council received deputations from:

- a) Mrs Janice Bernard and Mr Clive Surry of Perins School, Alresford regarding road safety adjacent to the school; and
- b) Mr David Helson, Mr Russell Fairchild, Mr Daleep Pandey and Mrs Lucy Dillon regarding the improvement of the broadband service for Chilcomb.

330. **CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS.**

The Chairman presented his 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. The Chairman's full report is appended to these minutes.

It was with regret that the Chairman informed the Council that former County Councillor Di Harrison had passed away recently. The Chairman invited the Leader to say a few words in tribute, and he was joined by Councillors Hockley, Patricia West and Woodward. The Council observed a minute's silence as a mark of respect.

The Chairman closed his report by recognising, on behalf of the Council, the service of Jo Blackwell, Personal Assistant in the Chairman's Office who would be leaving the Council in December. Jo joined the Council in January 2002 and has served at least 10 Chairmen and supported many Honorary Aldermen during her career.

331. **LEADER'S REPORT.**

The Leader presented his report (Item 6 in the Minute Book). In particular he Leader reported on a number of awards that the County Council had received for building design and conservation work and for being named 'Transport County of the Year' together with recognition of past and present employees for their outstanding service to school governance and to school crossing patrol services. The Leader also reported on investment in a number of business, heritage and community initiatives and the Hampshire Apprenticeship Scheme, which will lead to the Council employing 1,000 young people over the next five years.

The Leader's full report is appended to these Minutes.

332. QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER 16.1.1.

Councillor Ken Thornber, Executive Member for Policy and Resources, answered a question from Councillor Adam Carew concerning ragwort and the measures the Council is taking to eradicate this weed on road verges and County Council owned land.

Councillor Mel Kendal, Executive Member for Environment and Transport answered a question from Councillor Alan Dowden concerning bus services in the Valley Park area of Chandlers Ford.

Councillor Mel Kendal, Executive Member for Environment and Transport answered a question from Councillor David Simpson concerning the cost of puffin crossings, and in particular the sensor equipment.

333. PROPORTIONALITY AND APPOINTMENTS.

The Council considered a report from the Chief Executive and presented by the Leader (Item 8 in the Minute Book) reviewing the County Council's proportionality table, and to make a number of appointments or alterations to the membership of committees and standing panels of the County Council and to other bodies that the County Council is represented on which are not subject to proportionality rules.

The Leader reported that on 22 November 2012 the Hampshire Police Authority was replaced by the directly elected Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire, Simon Hayes. The County Council had been entitled to appoint four representatives to the Joint Committee responsible for appointments to the former Police Authority. As these appointments will no longer be required, it was necessary to review the County Council's proportionality table and remove the allocation from the number of seats available on other proportionate bodies thus reducing the allocation from 32 to 28 seats. This was noted by the Council.

The Leader also reported that one of the three Independent Persons appointed by the Council at its last meeting, Mrs Gulshanah Choudhuri, had subsequently been appointed to, and accepted the position of independent co-optee on the Hampshire Police and Crime Panel. This appointment disqualified Mrs Choudhuri from being one of the County Council's Independent Persons. The Conduct Advisory Panel were therefore recommending the appointment of Mr Peter Moore to fill this vacancy.

RESOLVED:

- a) that the revised Proportionality Table, as set out in Appendix 3

to these minutes, be approved;

- b) that Councillor Jonathan Glen be appointed to the Regulatory Committee B to fill a Conservative Group vacancy;
- c) that Miss Ceri Taylor from Maple Ridge School, Basingstoke be appointed as the Special Schools representative on the Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education;
- d) that Ms Gill Heron from Thornden School, Chandlers Ford be appointed as the Academy Schools representative on the Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education;
- e) that Mrs Jo May be appointed as the Baptist Union representative on the Standing Advisory Council for Education following the retirement of Mr Paul Tipple;
- f) that Councillor Patricia Stallard be appointed as the County Council's representative on the New Community North of Fareham Standing Conference;
- g) that Councillor Andrew Gibson be appointed as the County Council's representative to the Board of Solent NHS Trust; and
- h) that Mr Peter Moore be appointed as one of the three County Council Independent Persons to replace Mrs Gulshanah Choudhuri.

334. TREASURY MANAGEMENT MONITORING 2012/13.

The Council considered a report from the Cabinet (Item 9 in the Minute Book) setting out the mid-year treasury management position as required by the CIPFA Code Practice for Treasury Management in Public Services.

RESOLVED

That the mid-year review of treasury management activities be approved, and noted and confirmed the action of the Director of Corporate Resources under delegated powers, in increasing the maximum investment limit per counterparty for UK Banks and Building Societies from £60m to £75m.

335. PARTNERSHIP FOR URBAN SOUTH HAMPSHIRE (PUSH) AND TRANSPORT FOR SOUTH HAMPSHIRE (TfSH) BUSINESS PLANS (2011-2013).

The Council considered a report from the Cabinet (Item 10 in the Minute Book) seeking the Council's approval of a number of recommendations in regard to the PUSH and TfSH Business Plans.

RESOLVED

That the County Council:

- a) supports for 2012/13 the Partnership for Urban South Hampshire (PUSH) Business Plan, but that the County Council makes clear its continuing concerns about the level and credibility of the proposed housing and commercial floor space targets in the South Hampshire Spatial Strategy, and affirms that the regeneration of the two cities should take priority in the PUSH Business Plan,
- b) approves the mid-term review of the 2011-13 Transport for South Hampshire (TfSH) Business Plan, and
- c) endorses the Isle of Wight Council as a full member of Transport for South Hampshire.

336. **LOCAL TRANSPORT BODIES.**

The Council considered a report from the Cabinet (Item 11 in the Minute Book) seeking approval of a number of decisions regarding the formation of democratically accountable Local Transport Bodies (LTBs). The Council noted that these bodies would be responsible for prioritising and funding local major transport schemes to take effect from March 2015. Guidance had been issued which makes it clear that local transport authorities and Local Enterprise Partnerships must take influential roles decision making, although the membership is for local areas to decide.

RESOLVED

- a) that the proposed changes to the Transport for South Hampshire Joint Committee Agreement be approved to allow it to function as a Local Transport Body for the Solent LEP area;
- b) that the establishment of a Joint Committee with Surrey County Council and the Enterprise M3 LEP be approved for the purpose of carrying out the duties of a Local Transport Body for the Enterprise M3 LEP area;
- c) that authority be delegated to the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment, in consultation with the Executive Member for Environment and Transport and the Head of Legal Services, to finalise the Joint Committee Agreements, detailed governance and operational arrangements and look to develop appropriate Memorandum(s) of Understanding, within the framework set out in the report; and
- d) that the Executive Member for Environment and Transport be appointed to represent Hampshire County Council on the new

Joint Committees of the Local Transport Bodies.

**337. POLICY AND RESOURCES SELECT COMMITTEE
CONSIDERATION OF MOTION REGARDING THE CALL-IN
PROCEDURE.**

The Council considered the report of the Policy and Resources Select Committee, as presented by the Chairman of the Committee, (Item 12 in the Minute Book) detailing the outcome of the Committee's deliberations on the Motion regarding the call-in procedure at their meeting held on 20 September 2012.

The Chairman invited Councillor Tim Knight, mover of the Motion to speak.

During the course of the debate, the Council noted that the Policy and Resources Select Committee had some sympathy with the intended outcome of the Motion whilst recognising that decisions taken within budget, and the policy framework approved by the Council were subject to Statutory Guidance which the Council must take account of. It was also recognised that the call-in of decisions represented, in real terms, a small part of how the Council operates overall.

RESOLVED

- a) that the recommendation of the Policy and Resources Select Committee that the proposal contained within the Motion regarding amendment of the call-in procedure be considered by the Members Working Group – Review of Governance Models as part of their overall work
- b) that in the meantime and pending the outcome of the review of existing call-in procedures, the Executive be requested to transact their business in the spirit of openness and accountability and seek to avoid implementing non-urgent decisions during the call-in period unless there is a clear business need to do so.

338. NOTICES OF MOTION.

The Council considered Notices of Motion, submitted in accordance with Standing Order 18.1 as set out below.

- a) Motion proposed by Councillor Chris Carter and seconded by Councillor David Simpson:

“That this Council considers what steps should be taken to acknowledge the 70th anniversary of the Liberation of Europe which commenced on 6 June 1944 with the D-Day landings, and that the County Council makes suitable preparation to recognise the magnitude of the achievement and the sacrifice of those

involved.

It is further requested that this Council also acknowledges the indication from Her Majesty's Government that the centenary of the commencement of the First World War should be recognised with the setting up of a special fund to explore the history and legacy of that event."

The Motion received unanimous support and it was

RESOLVED

That a Member Working Party be formed, led by Councillor Keith Chapman in his capacity as Executive Member for Culture and Recreation, together with Councillors Carter and Simpson to consider the action required to achieve the intended outcome of the Motion, and to report back to full Council periodically.

- b) Motion proposed by Councillor Alan Dowden and seconded by Councillor Brian Dash:

"This Council notes that the report of the Commission on Funding of Care and Support chaired by Andrew Dilnot was sent to the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the then Secretary of State for Health on 4 July 2010. The report recommended inter alia:

(a) that a cap should be set on an individuals contributions, and

(b) that the upper threshold for means testing should be raised
Hampshire County Council calls on Her Majesty's Government to:

(i) bring forward legislation to implement these two proposals without any further delay; and

(ii) ensure that the necessary funding provided to all local authorities is based upon the demographics of the eligible population rather than the arbitrary formula.

The County Council calls on the Leader of the Council to write to the Secretary of State for Health, the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Prime Minister & Deputy Prime Minister outlining these concerns."

In moving the Motion Councillor Dowden agreed to the following amendment to paragraph (ii) as proposed by Councillor Felicity Hindson and seconded by Councillor Liz Fairhurst:

"ensure that the necessary funding is provided to all local

authorities to implement these proposals and to manage increasing demand for social care services with allocations based upon the demographics of the population; recognise the increasing complexity of health and social care needs of people who are supported at home who require integrated social care and health services; support local authorities to increase investment in early intervention and prevention services, particularly by releasing further capital funding for Extra Care Housing”.

The Motion as altered received unanimous support and it was

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339. HAMPSHIRE POLICE AUTHORITY.

No questions had been received pursuant to Standing Order 16.3. The Hampshire Police Authority was replaced by the directly elected Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire, Simon Hayes, on 22

November 2012 and the final report of the Authority was therefore received.

The Council thanked Councillor Adrian Collett for his sterling work latterly as the Chairman of the Authority and in his previous role as Vice-Chairman.

340. HAMPSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY.

No questions had been received pursuant to Standing Order 16.4. In presenting the report, Councillor Chapman drew Members attention to an increase in chimney fires and highlighted the importance of having chimneys swept regularly. The report of the Authority was received.

341. URGENT DECISIONS.

In accordance with Part 3, Chapter 2, paragraph 3.7 of the Constitution, the Leader reported on urgent decisions that had been taken as detailed in the supporting report.

342. REPORTS FOR INFORMATION.

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

- a) The Cabinet/Leader
 - Supporting Troubled Families Programme
 - Changes in responsibility for Executive functions: the executive functions relating to the Supporting Troubled Families Programme approved by the Cabinet on 29 October 2012 will be included within the portfolio of the Executive Member for Communities and International Relations.
- b) Executive Member for Environment and Transport
 - Electric vehicle charging points
- c) Executive Member for Adult Social Care
 - Extra-care housing tendering and procurement
- d) Executive Lead Member for Children's Services
 - Accountability in the school system~
 - School Funding Reform: schools and early years funding formulae 2013/14
- e) Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee
 - Inquiries received and action taken:
 - * University Hospital Southampton NHS Foundation Trust – relocation of elderly care beds
 - Proposals to vary or develop NHS services:

- * Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust: Older People's Mental Health Services – update on implementation
- * Southampton, Hampshire, Isle of Wight and Portsmouth Primary Care Trust Cluster and South Eastern Hampshire Clinical Commissioning Group: Chase Community Hospital – proposals for future service provision
- * Southampton, Hampshire, Isle of Wight and Portsmouth Primary Care Trust Cluster: Vascular Services Update
- * Department of Health: Health Scrutiny Regulations consultation

Chairman's Announcements County Council Meeting 29 November 2012

Members,

May I welcome on your behalf those Honorary Aldermen who have graced us with their presence today: Honorary Aldermen Patricia Banks, Michael Cartwright, Susan Glasspool, Pamela Peskett, Margaret Snaith-Tempia and Michael Woodhall. Thank you for your support.

Making a Difference

I am delighted to report that, following great help from Children's Services in the shape of expert advice from John Coughlan and John Clarke and professional inspiration from Glyn Wright, the 'Hampshire Making a Difference Award' has made a great start. Dozens of schools and colleges responded to the consultation which helped shape the scheme and led to the establishment of the first two categories. These are aimed at recognising young persons or groups of young people amongst 5-11 year olds and 12-18 year olds who have made a real and positive difference by doing something exceptional to help others. Examples could be: helping a sick relative, neighbour or friend over a period of time; supporting a local charity or long term project; helping older people in the community; or showing bravery. The scope is unlimited.

Nominations are being sought by 31 January and applications can be submitted on forms available from HCC libraries or museums or online (via <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/makingadifference>).

This Award is an opportunity to recognise examples of exceptional active citizenship and to thank these youngsters for making Hampshire an even better place to live. A panel of judges will decide on the successful nominees who will be invited to a special presentation of certificates at a ceremony in the Summer term.

These first two categories are the first steps of a wider initiative to recognise exceptional volunteer effort and contributions towards making a real difference to life in the communities of Hampshire.

Engagements

I have circulated my list of engagements to you all via email. A few that I would like to highlight are:

- **Royal Visits**
 - HRH Princess Alexandra – 4 October to open Donec Mews in Grayshott (Fitzroy Homes). This was an historic occasion marking the 50th anniversary of the charity and the opening of state of the art mews homes on the site of the first Elizabeth Fitzroy home first established in 1962. HRH charmed everyone and chatted at length with every resident.
 - HRH The Princess Royal – 18 October to plant the first of the trees in Hampshire's Diamond Jubilee Wood at Andover.
 - HRH The Duke of Kent – 29 October for the formal opening of the Ringwood Gateway.
- Long Service Awards. 25 Years' Service Reception Thursday 27th September in The Great Hall. It gave me great pleasure to welcome a full house in the Great Hall where we were able in a small way to recognise the tremendous contribution of the 150 or so staff reaching this milestone. It was only right to highlight their loyalty, dedication and commitment as well as point out that they had given a combined 3750 years of service!
- BRT UK Conference. 1 October - Meon Valley Hotel, Wickham. As you are now aware the Bus Rapid Transport scheme on the Gosport peninsula has attracted huge interest and national recognition so I was privileged to welcome delegates to the BRT UK Conference on behalf of Hampshire CC.
- Chairman's Concert – 7 October at The Anvil, Basingstoke. After attending the Hampshire Harvest Celebration Service in Winchester Cathedral, I was absolutely delighted to celebrate the launch of the Hampshire Music Hub, a partnership of Hampshire music and arts organisations providing access to instruments and music education to the disadvantaged, at my Chairman's Concert at The Anvil. The Hampshire Music Service staged a sensational and diverse concert which included the Alton College Big Band, Pan Jazz Steel Band, the County Youth Band, St Bede's School Choir, Flashfires and two outstanding soloists, 17 year old viola player Rachel Maxey and 10 year old pianist Emily Riley. The average age was marginally increased with a wonderful performance from The Castle Singers!
- Law Sunday Service – 14 October Winchester Cathedral. This annual service brings together the judiciary and civic representatives of the whole of Hampshire and the IoW is accompanied by a spectacular procession.
- Meon Valley Carers Group AGM – 23 October, Swanmore. I was immensely impressed by this thriving all volunteer group who focus on providing support for dementia sufferers and particularly their carers. Established in 2004 they provide a wide range of activities and have developed a special focus on their 'Art for the Brain' project and music

therapy. Cllr Felicity Hindson and Mark Surtees from Adult Services also attended. I specifically asked and was delighted to be allowed to use one of their artworks as the basis of my Hampshire County Council Christmas card.

- Citizenship Ceremony – 24 October, The Great Hall. I attended the ceremony of granting British citizenship and, together with HM Lord Lieutenant Dame Mary Fagan who presented certificates, was privileged to present each new citizen with a small gift on behalf of the County. There were some fascinating stories. For me the occasion was put into perspective when a very smart Sikh gentleman was asked what his occupation was; “I’m a Postman Pat!” he replied.
- New Forest & District Sailability Presentation of Queen’s Award for Voluntary Service (Group MBE) – 26 October, The Spinnaker Sailing Club, Ringwood. I was privileged to attend the award of the QAVS by HM Lord Lieutenant Dame Mary Fagan DCVO JP to NF & D Sailability for their outstanding innovation and contribution over the years to enabling the severely disabled to take to the water. Geoff Holt MBE, the inspiring quadriplegic transAtlantic sailor, Olympic torch-bearer and recently appointed DL also attended.
- University of Winchester Graduation Ceremony and Youth Clubs Hampshire & IoW Celebration and Awards – 6 November I spent the day with the High Sheriff of Hampshire, Hallam Mills, first at the wonderful first University of Winchester Graduation Ceremony of the year and later when we enjoyed a double act when presenting some of the H&IoW Youth Clubs Awards.
- Act of Remembrance for HCC Members & Staff – 12 November, Council Chamber Steps. A small group of members and staff gathered for a brief but poignant ceremony just before 11 am on Monday, 12 November, to remember those members and staff of HCC who gave their lives in the two World Wars and to remind ourselves of those who also made the ultimate sacrifice in service of our country in other conflicts or who bear the scars of battle either physically or psychologically. It made a real difference to have our reservists in uniform, to lay a wreath and to hear the clear tones of The Last Post and then, after 2 mins silence, Reveille.
- Visit to St Bede’s Church of England Primary School – 16 November, Winchester. Following the School Choir’s wonderful performance at my Chairman’s Concert, I was invited to attend a Special Assembly at the end of their Eco-Awareness Week by Head Teacher, Louise Fitzpatrick. I was given a tour by Head Boy Byron, Head Girl Ruby and the Head Teacher before meeting the 420 pupils aged from 4 upwards as they filled the school hall, continuously singing their Eco song. The children gave a variety of accounts of projects and explanations of what they had learned during the week. Between them they had brought in rather more goods and clothing for recycling than the school

had expected! Then, as a special treat for me, they performed 'Those Magnificent Men in their Flying Machines!' complete with hand gestures. It was brilliant and they clearly had great fun doing it. It made my day!

- Naomi House/Jack's Place 'Light up a Life' Service – 27 November, Winchester Cathedral. I attended a very moving service earlier this week which highlighted and celebrated the tremendously important work of Naomi House and Jack's Place. A number of those who had lost children, brothers or sisters either gave accounts of their experiences or read poetry or, in one case, performed a guitar solo composed in memory of his brother.

Vice Chairman

I particularly want to thank our Vice Chairman, Cllr Pam Mutton, who has attended several events on my behalf. (and attended a number of others to keep me in order!)

Former Councillor Di Harrison

I regret to inform Council that former County Councillor Di Harrison passed away recently. Perhaps some members may wish to share memories.

END

Leader's Report County Council Meeting 29 November 2012

There has been a small leak in Ashburton Hall and it was discovered by the former Liberal Democrat candidate for the General Election in Winchester was delighted to discover a leak of rainwater in Ashburton Hall, and photographed and tweeted his vast array of followers, on Tuesday.

The leak is probably due to a seal being broken around the membrane, so that when guttering becomes full, water will find small imperfections in the membrane or the seal. The leak may come from the old building.

Our contractors will remedy the leak at their own cost.

Honour

Her Majesty has approved that the honour of knighthood be conferred upon Gerald Howarth MP. I have written to congratulate him on behalf of the County Council.

Outstanding Governor Award

Margaret Cooper, who recently retired as a school Governor at Manor Infant School, Holbury has been presented with an Outstanding Governor award at a recent meeting of the Governors' Forum for her years of sterling service to school governance.

Award for Property Services

Hampshire County Council's in-house Property Services team has received further national recognition for their design and conservation work, at the SCALA Civic Building of the Year Awards for this 2012 year.

The design of Forest Park Special School in Totton, for children with complex learning difficulties, was named runner-up in the overall Civic Building of the Year awards.

Basing House and Grange Farm picked up the conservation award, and The Havant Public Service Plaza, which brings together public and voluntary services in one location was highly commended by judges.

Highly Commended

As well as the overall Transport County award presented by Mel Kendal, the dedication of one of our school crossing patrol officers, Sylvia Rosewarn, was

recognised by the judges who awarded her 'Highly Commended' in the Frontline Employee of the Year category.

Transport team gets top marks for procurement

Our passenger transport and procurement teams have won the prestigious 2012 Society of Procurement Officers (SOPO) in Local Government Award for a transport project that has saved over £1million.

The winning Client Transport Efficiency Project, which took three years to complete, has already achieved significant savings of £1.2m through effective partnership working across departments and support from parents and schools. They explored new and innovative ways of providing public, client and community transport schemes, including home to school and social care transport.

New systems were introduced to increase competition and the use of online purchasing, provision of drop-in centres for local suppliers and general speeding up of the tendering process all contributed to that award.

Top South East county for highways and transport satisfaction

Hampshire remains the top performing county in the South East for residents' overall satisfaction with highways and transport, according to the annual National Highways and Transport (NHT) 2012 Public Satisfaction Survey.

Residents across the county and indeed country were asked to rate their local authorities on a number of categories relating to highways maintenance, transport provision and road safety.

Of all the county councils nationally, Hampshire County Council improved two places to fifth position in overall satisfaction with highways and with transport. In highways maintenance Hampshire was rated second out of 22 county councils.

Diamond Jubilee Woodlands

Chairman, you mentioned too, Diamond Jubilee Woodlands and the visit of The Princess Royal.

In celebration of Her Majesty The Queen's Diamond Jubilee, woodlands have been created across the country, as part of a nationwide project coordinated by the [Woodland Trust](#). The County Council has made the largest contribution to this scheme of any County Council in the UK, creating three woodland sites in Andover, Basingstoke and Hedge End, totaling approximately 100 acres and 50,000 trees.

Wind Farms

Mr Chairman, I occasionally do receive press comment. A leading Member of the Opposition commenting on our ban on Wind Turbines on County land said “Hampshire Conservatives yet to be confirmed position on this is quite simply bonkers”

Well that leading Member of the Opposition is of course a self taught expert on being bonkers.

But let us examine the intellectual rigour of his thesis. We know that an average wind turbine will produce 3 MGW (when the wind is blowing of course) while the Fawley Power Station produced almost 2000 MGW.

Now to produce that 2000 MGW would require 670 wind turbines and they would require 6700 acres of land or a size of about a third of the size of the borough of Eastleigh.

So to replace a power station at Fawley which that leading Member of the Opposition instanced in his bonkers comment, would take away all of our Country Parks plus a large chunk of Eastleigh and many of our farms.

Ashburton Hall

I have good news for the Opposition. Ashburton Court’s cost has been repaid in under 5 years; so we have a state of the art renovated building

- that was built to time and budget
- that now houses twice the number of staff in the same footprint
- that halves our Carbon Footprint
- that enables us to sell office blocks and to relinquish leases
- that has won 13 National and Regional Awards

and not a penthouse suite in sight. I am sure the Opposition will applaud this achievement.

Investment in Hampshire – In Business

There is more good news for the people of Hampshire. In addition to our Capital Programme of £200m, I am able to announce further investment in our infrastructure and in jobs, funded from our Reserves and great detail will be in the budget in February.

Broadband

First

The County Council will make a very substantial contribution to superfast broadband installation in the next few years.

The absence of Broadband in some rural areas and its slowness in others is clearly hampering Business growth. We are aiming to install speeds of 24 megabits in 90% of Hampshire and at least 2 megabits in the 10% of the County that is hard to reach, and by 2015. So from Chilcomb to Gosport to Aldershot to Ringwood Broadband will be installed.

We now have out to tender the documentation for our rural broadband project. Now while this has taken much longer than we thought we are confident we will get a response from the market early in the New Year. At that time we will make a significant financial contribution. This will go a long way to improving broadband reception and its use in a rural county such as Hampshire. Members will understand that there are some significant confidential technical and financial issues to be resolved, but I can assure you the project will proceed.

District Energy Network

Second

We shall earmark a substantial sum to build a District Energy Network for parts of Winchester that will reduce energy consumption and reduce the energy costs of major organisations in Winchester such as the hospital, the university, the prison, ourselves and ultimately the City Council and the college.

These will produce both heating and electricity, and will be a model that can be employed elsewhere in the county.

Basingstoke Canal

Third

We shall commit up to £2m to renovate the Basingstoke Canal so that we can restore it to its former glory, and then seek partners to operate it for our people. We shall look to Surrey County Council to contribute a like amount to achieve the same outcome in their County.

Investment in our Heritage

Fourth

As a County Council we have always preserved our heritage as befits the former Capital of England and the County that hosts many sites and buildings that go back to the 10th Century.

I draw Members attention to the financial contribution which the Council will make to the Education Centre and the fabric of Winchester Cathedral. Some £1 million over two years. The Cathedral represents one of the great tourist and religious facilities of our great County. However, I would also like to draw Members attention to another heritage project to further develop Basing House in Old Basing, bringing together some new buildings and a viewing platform, making use of a Heritage Lottery Fund award which was made to the Council to the tune of £600,000. Hampshire's heritage has long been a

significant part of the Council's policy and I am also pleased to announce that the Council's Officers have been supporting the Trustees of the Gilbert White Museum in Selborne to develop their marketing and heritage offer. Continuing with the heritage theme Members I also need to draw your attention to work at the Sir Harold Hillier Gardens where the new Centenary Border is nearing completion, which has been largely funded by Lord Sainsbury and other donors. Quite often in the hurly burly of our day to day work we can forget just how significant the above mentioned venues are to Hampshire as a place of heritage.

Investment in Shared Space and Community Halls

Fifth

We shall also make further funding available to explore the concept of Shared Space, in which signs are reduced and pedestrians and residents in small towns and villages have equality with vehicles. There are examples of how well this can work including Kensington, London.

We shall also increase funding to assist Community Halls in the work they do. The listed Gosport Community Centre comes to mind as do others

Development in Bordon and Whitehill

The Chief Executive and I had the opportunity to talk to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government Eric Pickles, about the potential of development in the Bordon Whitehill area when the Ministry of Defence completes its transfer of functions. I am hoping that the Secretary of State will bring some momentum and weight to government in helping us develop the opportunities for this area. New jobs, new housing and commercial and trading opportunities would all exist, particularly if we can develop the much needed infrastructure.

Manydown

The next theme of investment I wish to deal with is Manydown and I wish to draw the Council's attention to the decisions that have been made about future land disposal. The Council inherited and has over many years, exploited the value of its land and the reinvestment of its capital receipts into the infrastructure of the County. I would advise the Council that decisions have recently been made whereby the County Council will pay to Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council an outstanding amount of £5 million in relation to the joint ownership of land at Manydown and that we have indicated our agreement to its future development. The opportunity therefore arises from Manydown for significant capital receipts over the next 15 years or so and for there to be development of the highest quality and in a sustainable way in that part of the County.

On the theme of capital receipts, arrangements with the Constabulary have been concluded now for them to purchase Mottisfont Court which as Members know is part of our HQ, and bring to a conclusion another significant

opportunity that came as a result of the successful redevelopment of Ashburton Court. It is anticipated that the Police will occupy the building later next year and I am grateful to Adrian Collett in particular for his support on this matter.

Hampshire Apprenticeship Scheme

Finally Chairman, we all know of the plight of our young and the scarcity of jobs for them. I can now announce what is probably the most exciting initiative that we shall take we will employ, as Apprentices, 1000 young people over the next five years; as our contribution to reducing their unemployment. A report comes to Cabinet in December, and I will ask the Chief Executive to let all Members have a sight of that report.

We shall employ young people from all backgrounds, all academic or vocational or non-vocational abilities. We shall continue with our special Children in Care apprenticeships, and all of them can make progress to scholarship to attend a University. We shall have up to 10 Scholarships a year that will be offered in addition to over 1000 Apprenticeships. I am particularly keen that young people from families of limited financial means who are deterred by debt incurred at University, should have a chance to progress to a University.

Our apprenticeship programme will be the most significant investment in employment for young people that we have ever made.

So Members

Broadband
District Energy Network
Basingstoke Canal
Heritage Investments
Shared Spaces/Community Halls
Bordon and Whitehill
Manydown Land
and
1000 jobs for our young people

Hampshire really is in business.

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COUNTY COUNCIL PROPORTIONALITY TABLE
29 NOVEMBER 2012
(APPROVED)

	Conservative (51)	Liberal Democrat (24)	Community & Green (2)	Labour (1)
Select Committees				
Policy and Resources (12)	8	4	0	0
Children and Young People (20)	13	6	1	0
Environment and Transportation (12)	8	3	1	0
Culture and Communities (13)	8	4	1	0
Safe and Healthy People (13)	8	4	0	1
Health Overview and Scrutiny (16)	10	5	1	0
Other Committees/Panels			0	0
Regulatory Committee A (15)	10	5	0	0
Regulatory Committee B (26)	17	8	1	0
Employment in Hampshire County Council Committee (9)	6	3	0	0
Audit Committee (9)	6	2	0	1
Pension Fund Panel (9)	6	3	0	0
Advisory Committees/Panels				
Buildings Land & Procurement Panel (6)	4	2	0	0
Conduct Advisory Panel (10)	6	2	1	1
Education Advisory Panel (9)	6	3	0	0
Children and Families Adv Panel (9)	6	3	0	0
SACRE (5)	3	2	0	0
River Hamble				
River Hamble Harbour Board (3)	2	1	0	0
River Hamble Management Comm (10)	7	3	0	0
Number of seats 206	134	63	6	3
Other Proportionate Bodies (28 seats)				
New Forest National Park Authority (5)	3	2	0	0
Chichester Harbour Board (4)	3	1	0	0
Hampshire Fire and Rescue Auth (19)	12	6	0	1
Total number of seats: 234 (206 + 28)	152	72	6	4
Mathematical entitlement	153.00	72.00	6.00	3.00
	(-1)	(=)	(=)	(+1)
Mathematical entitlement: NB: Below .50 round down .50 and above round up				

NB: The Proportionality Table is to be approved by Council and thereafter nominations for any vacancies on committees, panels and other proportionate bodies can be proposed for approval by the Council.

ADDENDUM

In circumstances where the membership of the County Council includes Members who are not part of a political group the provision of Regulation 16 of the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990 come into effect.

Regulation 16 amends Section 15 (3) of the Local Government and Housing Act (“the Act”) to provide that the County Council should

- i) establish what percentage of the total County Council membership is represented by the three political groups within the County Council
- ii) allocate the corresponding percentage of the total number of seats to Members of these groups.

The duty to allocate any unfilled seats is subject of the duty contained within Section 16 (2A) of the Act. In this case Section 16 (2A) of the Act requires that the seats that have not been allocated under Section 15 (3) should be filled by Members who are not Members of a political group.

The unallocated seats should therefore be allocated to Members of the County Council who are not Members of one of the political groups. The specific seats to be allowed to these Members is within the discretion of the County Council but the seats should be allocated between the unaffiliated Members.

The County Council’s practice is that the Leader’s of both political Groups allocate their seats and the unaffiliated Members are considered and allocated seats as part of that process.