

AT A MEETING of the CABINET of HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL held at the Castle on 8 February 2013.

**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, K Evans, P. Edgar, C Leversha, M. Tucker and P West.

**398. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence.

**399. 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.

The Chairman advised that as residents of Hampshire, all Members of the County Council had a dispensation to debate the County Council budget.

**400. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 December 2012 were confirmed as a correct record.

**401. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

#### 402. **REVENUE BUDGET AND PRECEPT 2013/14**

The Cabinet considered a report of the Director of Corporate Resources (Item 5 in the Minute Book) on the revenue budget, precept and council tax for 2013/14 for recommendation to the County Council.

In presenting the proposed revenue budget, the Director of Corporate Resources proposed an amendment to the recommendations to appropriately take account of the late notification from Government of an additional £890,442 for 2013/14 only "New Homes Bonus Adjustment Grant" which it was proposed be used for infrastructure development for Economic Development purposes. The figure in paragraph 16.13 of the report would therefore change from £25.6m to £26.5m.

The Cabinet welcomed the proposed budget, which showed the achievement from the County Council's prudent pre-planning over the last two years had enabled the County Council to avoid service cuts, and successful early savings achievements meant that transfers to contingencies had not been required. There was growth in some areas evident in the proposals for increases to budgets for social workers and early intervention in Children's Services, care transition in Adult Services, Economic Development activity within Hampshire and Members' Infrastructure grants.

The Cabinet expressed thanks to the officers of the County Council for their work in identifying and implementing savings strategies and the successful achievement which had placed the County Council in a strong financial position during difficult economic times, and had enabled it to keep council tax at the same level for the past four years to protect the residents of Hampshire.

The Cabinet adopted the recommendations, subject to an amendment to the recommendations at paragraph 16.13 of the report, detailed above. The decision record is attached to these Minutes as Appendix 1.

#### 403. **CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2013/14 TO 2014/15**

The Cabinet considered a report of the Director of Corporate Resources (Item 6 in the Minute Book) proposing the capital programme for 2013/14 to 2014/15 for recommendation to the County Council.

The Cabinet welcomed the report and emphasised the capital programme investment over next three years which would provide employment to residents of Hampshire, possibly more than any other organisation would be able to provide. That capital would also improve Hampshire infrastructure generally and this was welcome news in terms of employment and feeding money back into the economy.

The Cabinet adopted the recommendations set out in the report. The decision record is attached to these Minutes as Appendix 2.

404. **HAMPSHIRE YOUTH INVESTMENT PROGRAMME: PART 1  
(APPRENTICESHIPS, INTERNSHIPS AND FUTURE SKILLS CENTRES)**

The Cabinet considered a report of the Director of Children's Services (Item 7 in the Minute Book) on proposals to expand the number of apprentices within the County Council's workforce to 1000 over five years.

The Cabinet welcomed the report and fully supported the proposals which would have a positive impact on young people in Hampshire as well as the County Council generally. It was noted that the County Council was also leading the way and successfully using its influence to encourage its private contractors to employ apprentices. The apprenticeship proposals would provide a unique opportunity for young people to work with dedicated and skilled local authority staff.

In respect of the 60 young care leavers trained through internships at the County Council, the Deputy Director confirmed that they were all employed, and of those, 20 were employed directly by the County Council.

The Cabinet adopted the recommendations set out in the report. The decision record is attached to these Minutes as Appendix 3.