

AT A MEETING of the Cabinet of HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL held at the Castle on 24 June 2013.

**Chairman:
Councillor Roy Perry**

Councillors:

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| p | Keith Chapman | p | Anna McNair Scott |
| p | Peter Edgar | p | Keith Mans |
| p | Liz Fairhurst | p | Stephen Reid |
| p | Andrew Joy | p | Seán Woodward |
| p | Mel Kendal | | |

Also present with the agreement of the Chairman: Councillors Ray Bolton, Chris Carter, Andrew Gibson, Patricia Stallard and Pat West.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Keith House and Sharyn Wheale, who have a standing invitation from the Chairman to attend Cabinet meetings.

2. 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.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 25 March 2013 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the first Cabinet meeting of the new Administration and in so doing expressed his appreciation to the last Leader

of the Council, Councillor Ken Thornber, CBE for the work he had done during his 14 years in that post, and to the former Cabinet.

The Chairman announced that it was Armed Forces Week and Members would be attending a Flag Raising Ceremony at 12.30pm, which would require suspension of the meeting at that point if the business of the day had not been concluded.

5. END OF YEAR FINANCIAL REPORT 2012-13

The Cabinet considered the report of the Director of Corporate Resources (Item 5 in the Minute Book) which provided a summary of the 2012-13 final accounts prior to the draft statement of accounts being submitted for audit on 30 June and reported to the Audit Committee at its September meeting. The Director expanded on the key points contained in the report and confirmed the outturn was in line with the quarterly monitoring reports received by Cabinet throughout the last 12 months.

The Cabinet welcomed the final outturn position of an underspend of 0.51%, which demonstrated robust financial management in the face of many challenges and reflected the quality of work that had been done to achieve this position. They acknowledged the significant focus to achieve the balanced position for adult social care in light of considerable demographic pressures and noted that further work would be carried out to contain this position whilst recognising that there would be continuing pressures in the older people and physical disabilities service areas. It was also noted that the commercial sector was seeing the benefit of robust waste management. Landfill requirement had reduced and this was enabling significant savings in the area of landfill tax.

In regard to paragraph 4 of the report and the outcome of a detailed review of the County Council's social care IT system (SWIFT), the Cabinet emphasised the importance of recognising that it is the IT system that is no longer fit for purpose, not the system of care. The Chief Executive confirmed that the reason for moving away from the current system was its inability to interface with other systems which had led to ineffective ways of working and it was now necessary to consider replacement options based on business need.

The Cabinet approved the recommendations set out in the report, subject to a revision to recommendation 10.3 to give delegated authority to the Chief Executive and Director of Corporate Resources – Corporate Services in consultation with the Leader and the *Executive Member for Income and Capital Resources* to approve expenditure from the invest to save reserve of up to £5m to support the Transformation to 2015 Programme. The decision record is attached to these Minutes as Appendix 1.

6. HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE ACT 2012: ESTABLISHMENT OF A HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD FOR HAMPSHIRE AND AMENDMENTS TO THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE HEALTH (OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY) COMMITTEE

The Cabinet considered the report of the Director of Policy and Governance – Corporate Services (Item 6 in the Minute Book) setting out the amendments required to the County Council’s Constitution to reflect the provisions of the Health and Social Care Act 2012 and the Local Authority (Public Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013, and particularly with reference to the establishment of a health and Wellbeing Board and changes required to the terms of reference of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC). The Director expanded on key points within the report.

The Cabinet considered that the Health and Wellbeing Board would be a very important forum, which in line with the legislation would be a committee of the County Council. It would provide an opportunity to build on relations between the health service and local authority and to ensure that money would be spent where it is most needed to achieve the right outcomes. They welcomed the democratic accountability that this legislation brings and the ability for those people who have been elected to represent their communities in this important arena.

Paragraph 3.5 of the report referred to the Leader being minded to nominate Councillor Keith Mans as Chairman of the Board for recommendation to the next meeting of the County Council on 18 July 2013. Subject to this appointment being made, Councillor Mans indicated that he would be minded to recommend to the Board that one of the Clinical Commissioning Group members be appointed as Vice-Chairman of the Board.

The Cabinet agreed with the report’s recommendation that health scrutiny continues to be discharged by the County Council’s HOSC in the interim. However, given that the County Council will have a Health and Wellbeing Board as well as the HOSC and the Safe and Healthy People Select Committee, that a review be carried out during the next 12 months to ascertain how to proceed in the longer term to achieve the best outcomes and value for money in terms of public spend.

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

7. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Resolved

That the public be excluded from the meeting during the following item of business, as it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the public were present during that item there would be disclosure to them of exempt information within Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, and further that in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintain the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information, for the reasons set

out in the report.

8. TRANSFORMING THE COUNCIL TO 2015 – REPORT ONE

The Cabinet considered the exempt report of the Chief Executive (Item 8 in the Minute Book) on developments within the County Council's Transformation Programme. The Cabinet approved the recommendations set out in the report. The decision record is attached to these Minutes as Appendix 3.

(SUMMARY OF AN EXEMPT MINUTE)