

## Hampshire

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At a Meeting of Hampshire County Council held at The Castle, Winchester on  
23 May 2013.

### **Chairman:**

*p* Councillor Andrew Joy

### **Vice-Chairman:**

*p* Councillor Pamela Mutton

#### Councillor:

*p* Phil Bailey  
*p* John Bennison  
*p* Ray Bolton  
*p* Ann Briggs  
*p* Graham Burgess  
*p* Rita Burgess  
*p* Adam Carew  
*p* Christopher Carter  
*p* Roz Chadd  
*p* Keith Chapman  
*p* Peter Chegwyn  
*p* Charles Choudhary  
*p* Vaughan Clarke  
*p* Adrian Collett  
*p* Criss Connor  
*p* Mark Cooper  
*a* Ferris Cowper  
*p* Shaun Cully  
*p* Colin Davidovitz  
*a* Alan Dowden  
*p* Peter Edgar  
*p* Jacqui England  
*p* Keith Evans  
*p* Liz Fairhurst  
*p* Philip Fawkes  
*p* Ray Finch  
*p* Jane Frankum  
*p* Andrew Gibson  
*p* Jonathan Glen  
*p* Chris Greenwood  
*p* Brian Gurden  
*p* David Harrison  
*p* Marge Harvey  
*p* Edward Heron  
*p* Geoff Hockley  
*p* Tony Hooke  
*p* Keith House  
*p* Rob Humby

#### Councillor:

*p* Roger Huxstep  
*p* David Keast  
*p* Mark Kemp-Gee  
*p* Mel Kendal  
*p* Rupert Kyrle  
*p* Chris Lagdon  
*p* Peter Latham  
*p* Warwick Lovegrove  
*p* Martin Lyon  
*p* Keith Mans  
*p* Fiona Mather  
*p* Robin McIntosh  
*p* Anna McNair Scott  
*p* Andy Moore  
*p* Frank Pearce  
*p* Roy Perry  
*p* Jackie Porter  
*p* Roger Price, JP  
*p* Stephen Reid  
*p* Alan Rice, TD  
*p* George Ringrow  
*a* Steve Rippon-Swaine  
*p* Timothy Rolt  
*a* Frank Rust  
*p* David Simpson  
*p* Patricia Stallard  
*p* Mark Staplehurst  
*p* Elaine Still  
*p* Bruce Tennent  
*p* Tom Thacker  
*p* Ken Thornber, CBE  
*p* Martin Tod  
*p* Malcolm Wade  
*p* John Wall  
*p* John West  
*p* Patricia West  
*p* Sharyn Wheale  
*p* Chris Wood  
*p* Seán D. T. Woodward

Prior to the start of the formal business of the meeting, the outgoing Chairman presented his final announcements to the Council and expanded on duties undertaken since the last meeting of the Council to represent and promote the County Council and its strong leadership role. The list of engagements had been previously circulated. In particular, he expressed his thanks to former Councillor Pamela Mutton for her support as his Vice-Chairman throughout the year.

It was with great sadness that the outgoing Chairman reported the death of former County Councillor Jerry Jerrard who passed away on 10 April. Councillor Thornber paid tribute to the work of former Councillor Jerrard and the Council observed a minute's silence as a mark of respect.

The full announcements are attached to these Minutes as Appendix 1.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ferris Cowper, Alan Dowden, Steve Rippon-Swaine and Frank Rust.

2. **COUNTY COUNCIL ELECTIONS.**

The Council received the report of the County Returning Officer confirming the persons elected Members of the County Council on 2 May 2013. The County Returning Officer expressed his thanks to the Hampshire District Councils for their support, and to Barbara Beardwell Head of Governance and Debbie Vaughan, Head of Democratic and Member Services for the sterling work they, and their staff had done to oversee the smooth delivery of the elections.

3. **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.**

The Chief Executive as the proper officer called for nominations. Councillor Roy Perry, seconded by Councillor Keith Mans proposed that Councillor Ken Thornber CBE be elected Chairman of the Council until the Annual General Meeting in 2014. No other nominations were received therefore the proposition was put to the vote and carried.

ORDERED:

That Councillor Ken Thornber CBE be elected Chairman of the County Council until the Annual General Meeting in 2014. Councillor Thornber made the declaration of Acceptance of Office.

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COUNCILLOR KEN THORNBUR CBE IN THE CHAIR

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4. **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.

5. **MINUTES.**

The minutes of the meeting of the County Council held on 21 February 2013 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

6. **APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN.**

Nominations for Vice-Chairman of the Council were called for. Councillor Roy Perry, seconded by Councillor Keith Mans proposed Councillor Colin Davidovitz, and Councillor House, seconded by Councillor Adrian Collett, proposed that Councillor Roger Price be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Council until the Annual General Meeting in 2014. The propositions were put to the vote, the outcome of which was the majority of Members present voted for Councillor Colin Davidovitz.

ORDERED:

That Councillor Colin Davidovitz be appointed as Vice-Chairman of the County Council until the Annual General Meeting in 2014. Councillor Davidovitz made the declaration of Acceptance of Office.

7. **CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS.**

The Chairman presented his report (Item 7 in the Minute Book) and confirmed that the theme for his year as Chairman would be young carers. He expressed his thanks to staff and Members for their support during his 14 years as Leader of the County Council.

Recognition was given to Councillor Alan Rice for his long years of service as a County Councillor.

For the benefit of new Members, the Chairman outlined his role and confirmed the protocols for the Chamber.

The Chairman's full announcements are attached to these Minutes as Appendix 2.

## 8. ELECTION OF LEADER.

a) The Chairman called for nominations for Leader of the County Council pursuant to Part 1, Chapter 9 of the Constitution. Councillor Alan Rice, seconded by Councillor Fiona Mather proposed Councillor Roy Perry. In the absence of any other nominations the proposition was put to the vote and carried. Councillor Roy Perry was duly elected Leader until the Annual General Meeting of the Council in 2017.

b) The Leader confirmed the members of his Cabinet as follows:

Councillor Keith Mans (Deputy Leader)  
Councillor Keith Chapman  
Councillor Peter Edgar  
Councillor Liz Fairhurst  
Councillor Andrew Joy  
Councillor Mel Kendal  
Councillor Anna McNair Scott  
Councillor Stephen Reid  
Councillor Seán Woodward

The Leader also reported that Councillor Andrew Gibson would take up the role of Assistant Executive Member to the Leader.

The Leader's full report is attached to these Minutes as Appendix 3.

## 9. CONSTITUTIONAL MATTERS.

The Council considered the report of the Chief Executive (Item 10 in the Minute Book) and presented by the Leader setting out a number of constitutional matters required in consequence of Item 11 on the Agenda.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That no change is made for the time being to the County Council's existing Governance Arrangements and Calendar of Meetings, subject to paragraph 4 of the supporting report.
- (b) That provision be made in the Constitution for the appointment of a Substitute Member for each Political Group represented on Committees and Panels of the County Council to which proportionality applies to deputise for any Ordinary Member unable to attend any Meeting of any such Committee or Panel of the County Council.
- (c) That delegated authority be given to the Head of Governance to make suitable amendments to the Constitution to effect the recommendation at (b) above, and to secure appropriate governance arrangements for the attendance of Substitute

Members at Meetings of Committees and Panels of the County Council.

- (d) That otherwise the existing Constitution of the County Council is confirmed.

## 10. **PROPORTIONALITY AND APPOINTMENTS.**

The Council considered the report of the Chief Executive (Item 11 in the Minute Book), as presented by the Leader setting out the proportionality between the political groups following the Elections on 2 May and making provision for appointments to be made to County Council committees including co-opted members and to Joint Committees and Outside Bodies on which the County Council is represented, and for which appointments are to be made by the full Council.

An Addendum to the report was circulated and it was confirmed by the Chairman that the item was being considered as a matter of urgency under Section 100B of the Local Government Act 1972 in order to enable the County Council to approve the Proportionality Table and to make appointments to County Council Committees, and to Joint Committees and Outside Bodies on which the County Council is represented. The Addendum set out the draft Proportionality Table for the Council following consultation with the Group Leaders and nominations for appointments as detailed above.

Paragraph 2 of the Addendum set out a proposal for a more efficient arrangement for the discharge of functions formerly discharged by Regulatory Committee B (appeals against decisions of the Council, appeals against the exclusion of pupils, admission appeals for school placements and appeals by school governing bodies) to be carried out by one Regulatory Committee to discharge all Regulatory functions of the County Council, and that Sub-Committees of the one Regulatory Committee be formed as and when required to hear appeals. The draft Proportionality Table reflected this proposal.

In regards to the nominations for appointments to the various committees, panels, Joint Committees and Outside Bodies some changes had been notified since its publication. Some formatting difficulties with the document circulated were also noted and accordingly a revised document is attached to these Minutes.

### RESOLVED

- (a) That the draft Proportionality Table as circulated be approved, as attached as Appendix 4 to these Minutes.
- (b) That the proportionality position regarding the Hampshire Police and Crime Panel, as set out in the covering report previously circulated, be noted.

- (c) The nominations to County Council Committees including Chairmen, Vice-Chairmen and co-opted members; to other proportionate bodies on which the County Council is represented, and to Joint Committees and Outside Bodies on which the County Council is represented, as set out in the revised document attached to these Minutes as Appendix 5, be approved.
- (d) That the Local Choice Functions of the County Council currently allocated in the Constitution to Regulatory Committee B be allocated to Regulatory Committee A, to be re-named the Regulatory Committee, and that delegated authority be given to the Head of Governance to make suitable amendments to the Constitution to give effect to this recommendation, be approved.

**11. QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER 16.1.1.**

Councillor Seán Woodward, Executive Member, answered a question from Councillor Martin Tod regarding the publishing of all responses to planning applications on the County Council's website.

Councillor Seán Woodward, Executive Member, answered a question from Councillor Warwick Lovegrove regarding the latest position with the County Council's review of its re-cycling provision.

**12. NOTICE OF MOTION.**

The Council considered the Notice of Motion submitted in accordance with Standing Order 18.1, proposed by Councillor Adam Carew and seconded by Councillor Martin Tod:

"In view of the potential environmental risks, this Council resolves not to allow fracking on any County Council land and opposes its use anywhere in the County of Hampshire."

In accordance with Standing Order 19.2 the following amendment was proposed by Councillor Adam Carew and seconded by Councillor Martin Tod:

"In view of the potential environmental risks, this Council considers the controversial impact of fracking."

**RESOLVED:**

That the Motion (as amended) be referred to the Environment and Transportation Select Committee to report to the County Council at a future meeting.

**13. HAMPSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY.**

There were no questions pursuant to Standing Order 16.3 concerning the discharge of the Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority's functions, and there had been no business that required a report from the Authority on this occasion.

**Retiring Chairman's Announcements  
Annual County Council Meeting  
23 May 2013**

Members,

May I welcome on your behalf those Honorary Aldermen who have graced us with their presence today.

Thank you for your support, not just today but throughout the past year.

### **Engagements**

I have circulated my list of engagements to you all via email. I would like to highlight some of them:

#### **Royal Visits**

- HRH The Countess of Wessex – 28 February to celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Step by Step. This is a charity supported by HCC and districts nearby to Aldershot which addresses homelessness and crisis amongst 11-25 year-olds, providing a 'step by step' process to help restore or establish hope, confidence, stability and ability. This is a wonderful charity, superbly run, in which HRH took a close and very personal interest. Do check the website [www.stepbystep.org.uk](http://www.stepbystep.org.uk).
- HRH The Princess Royal – 18 April to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Save the Children at Petersfield Festival Hall. This is an enormous annual sale of surplus and nearly new items in aid of the charity.
- HRH The Duchess of Cambridge – 29 April, visit to Naomi House, Winchester. Having visited Naomi House earlier in March to present a cheque from funds raised at our Staff Carol Concert, I was privileged to see a radiant Duchess of Cambridge totally engaged with the children, young people and staff of this wonderful institution. HRH was utterly charming and took a close and sensitive interest in those facing life challenges. She also kept a 'restricted to 60' press corps fully occupied! HRH left a lasting impression on all who met her.
- **Citizenship Ceremony, Petersfield** – 7 March. These ceremonies are landmark occasions for those who have chosen to declare their allegiance to the UK, quite often after many years of service directly to this country. I encourage all Councillors to take an active part.
- **Road Safety Reception** – 19 March in The Great Hall to mark the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the lollipop men and women (??) or School Crossing Patrols. It was a privilege to host a reception to acknowledge the exceptional contribution made over the years by several thousand volunteer men and women who have had the interests and safety of our children at heart. This was a great opportunity to show our appreciation, poignantly illustrated by the tragic death of Ray Elsmore

last year.

- **Hampshire Youth Fair & Making a Difference Awards** – 22 March in The Great Hall. The inaugural Making A Difference (M.A.D.) Awards, recognising exceptional volunteer effort making a positive difference in the community, which was my theme for the year, had a significant impact – focusing primarily for this first year on young people. 51 young people were recognised with the public award of certificates. I am confident that this scheme will continue and will embrace the full age range in the next and future years.
- **HM Lord Lieutenant presentation of British Empire Medals to New Year's Honours' recipients** – 8 April in Serle's House. I was privileged on behalf of HCC to host a ceremony and reception in support of HM Lord Lieutenant's presentation of British Empire Medals.
- **Queen's Award for Voluntary Service Reception** – 17 April in Serle's House. A number of Hampshire volunteer organisations were nominated for the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service (the organisational equivalent of MBE). I was again privileged to host this reception in support of HM Lord Lieutenant and of the Hampshire organisations themselves. Without giving details, I can say this was quite a party occasion!
- **Chairman's Concert to showcase Hampshire Music Service** – 11 May in The Great Hall. I have attended numerous concerts involving HMS student musicians throughout the year and particularly my Chairman's Concert at The Anvil, Basingstoke, last year. HMS is a flagship service of this Council and effectively and collectively acts as an ambassador of HCC quality of service delivery – in this case focused on the young, and thus the future, of the County. It genuinely makes an outstanding contribution to the cultural and educational life of the County. I asked for an additional 'Showcase' concert with the idea that The Great Hall presented a special venue, particularly for music 'in the round'. This was a very special occasion and a model for future concerts.

### **Vice Chairman**

Our Vice Chairman, Cllr Pam Mutton, has again deputised for me and has been a great support and adviser throughout my year. My shins have almost healed! It is one of life's tragedies that she will not succeed me as Chairman but I do wish to place on record my personal appreciation and of the Council as a whole for her hard work and commitment. I shall show our appreciation shortly!

### **Death of Councillor Dr H G Jerrard**

I wish to report with great sadness the death of Councillor Jerrard (Jerry) who sadly passed away on 10<sup>th</sup> April. A memorial service and celebration of his life will be held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2pm, St. Mary's Church, Warsash and afterwards at the Warsash Sailing Club. I am sure Cllr Thornber will wish to say a few words in due course.

## **The Year**

The past year has been extraordinary. HM The Queen's Diamond Jubilee, especially her visit to the New Forest Show, plus the Olympic and Paralympic Torch Relay and Games had a profound effect on Hampshire life. It has been an enormous privilege for me to represent you and it has been an honour to broadcast the Hampshire message. I have gained tremendous insights into not just the breadth of HCC activity but especially the outstanding and often unsung and unrecognised volunteer effort which holds our County together. It has been a humbling experience.

I could not possibly have done this without special help. Firstly from Jo Blackwell, who retired as the Chairman's PA last November and, since the New Year, from Natalie Jones who has risen to the challenge. I thank them both and the support team behind them – you know who you are. But, more than anyone, I must express my public thanks to my wife and Consort, Katie, whose ability to relate to others has been an inspiration. She has been the backbone of my year and I thank her for it.

Together we have been incredibly lucky this year to have had a group of civic heads, colloquially known as the 'chain gang', together with HM Lord Lieutenant, Dame Mary Fagan and Capt Christopher Fagan and the High Sheriff, Hallam Mills and Lal Mills, who have bonded exceptionally well to the mutual benefit of Hampshire's cities, districts and boroughs. We have been a real team and made many friends. It has been a year of good fun.

Our Council meetings have been courteous, occasionally combative and certainly forthright but always respectful and at times humorous, upholding the standards one would expect of a civilised democratic Chamber. I am immensely grateful to members for the grace which you have shown towards me and I hope and trust that my successor will inherit the same privilege. Thank you all.

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**Incoming Chairman's Communications  
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May I thank you all for the honour you bestow upon me.

Most Chairmen of the Council bring to the task their own skills and attributes, and Councillor Andrew Joy, who was rather thrown into the post without the opportunity of a year shadowing the Chairman as Vice Chairman, took to his unfamiliar role with great diligence and enthusiasm. He brought an amiable disposition and a sense of humour to our deliberations, and on a number of occasions rescued some tense moments in our debates.

Andrew, thank you on behalf of us all.

Pam Mutton should, today, be standing here as your Chairman. The ballot base can be cruel and capricious, and by a margin of 10 votes, Pam has been denied the Chairmanship of the Council. Pam would have been an outstanding Chairman and we will miss her tremendously. Her loss is a grievous loss to my Party. Thank you Pam and bless you.

Members, this is the first meeting of a new Council which will now serve the people of Hampshire for four years until May 2017 and I look forward to working with you.

With my election as your Chairman, I step down from 14 years service as Leader of the County Council. During this time I have been supported by many, many staff and managers and it would be remiss of me not to thank them.

But first and foremost my thanks and overwhelming debt of gratitude to my wife, Lin. Lin has supported me throughout, in times of stress, in times of self doubt, in times of isolation and challenge. I have valued Lin's advice during this time. She has a finely tuned political antennae, that is far superior to mine and the equal of many in my Party however senior they may be. I have leaned on Lin for this and she has been my inspiration and my mentor.

Throughout these 14 years, I have been extremely well supported by staff in the Leader's office who have been very efficient and professional. Without exception they have all brought a sense of fun to their work and mine, without ever impacting on their efficiency. They have been a joy to work with and they made my job so much easier. My thanks to:

Karen Cooper, my first PA  
Gary Smith  
Becky Whale  
Paula Fryer  
Lucy Marr  
Joanna Richardson  
Sue Sylvester

Jackie Taylor  
Be Gardiner  
Kate Jones  
Heather Gill, my second PA

They have all been very productive too and in these 14 years they have produced seven babies! I don't claim any role in these proceedings, but when they took maternity leave, they were temporarily replaced by:

Jean Snowsill  
Janet Bound  
Felicity Taylor  
Jacqui Regan

For the record, Karen Cooper, my first PA, had three babies, Becky Whale, my first Policy Officer, had two babies, and Jackie Taylor, my first Diary Secretary, had two babies. Heather Gill was very relieved she was my second PA!

As Leader I have worked closely with Senior Executives and many staff. They all have one thing in common, and that is a commitment to Public Services and serving our collective constituents. There is no doubt in my mind that our Directors, Managers, and staff are first class, and some quite rightly have national reputations. I am indebted to each and everyone of them but particularly our Chief Executive, Andrew Smith. I have relied on his wise counsel, and the fact that we have saved £130m from our budgets while maintaining excellent services, is a testament to his abilities and those of his colleagues. Because of Andrew we have stayed ahead of the curve!

Thank you to you all.

Looking back on those 14 years of leadership, there are many highs and a few lows, and many, many happy memories, and friendships that have been forged.

I believe that Hampshire County Council is second to none. We have kept Council Tax in the lowest quartile in the Country, whilst our services are among the best. We have concentrated on our Caring Services, and on Education and the quality of our Environment, but have never forgotten our cultural offer to the people. With one of the lowest levels of Government grant we have depended upon our own resources whether revenue efficiencies or raising capital and without dipping heavily into the pockets of our people. Looking to the future our ability to give 1,000 jobs to young people, while building 8,000 school places, and 600 extra care apartments, is not in doubt.

The Government will ask for more savings next year. I know we will rise to that challenge while maintaining our services. That is why you were elected. for myself, it has been a great privilege to serve the people of Hampshire.

Looking to my Chairmanship of the Council, my theme will be young carers who give up much of their leisure time in looking after parents or siblings, and whose schooling may suffer as a result of their selfless devotion to their family. I will be working with Children's Services and I hope I can give such young people a residential weekend at Calshot Activities Centre or, perhaps, our

welsh activity centre or Runways End. It may be difficult for some to spend one/two nights away from home but we shall have to work on this. These young people deserve the thanks of our communities and our own Caring Services.

Members, never before in my 36 years of service, or at our Annual meetings following each of the four elections in which I have led my Party to victory have I seen so many new members. There are 27 of them which is more than one third of our total. A few comments on how I wish to conduct our business are therefore called for.

- 1) Please address me as Chairman. You are not addressing Ken Thornber, you are addressing the elected Chairman which is an historical title. I will not respond to chair. I am not an inanimate object.
- 2) Never criticise an Officer in Council. Officers cannot reply and the appropriate person to refer to is the appropriate Cabinet Member. He/she is accountable to the public of Hampshire, an Officer is not. They are accountable to us.
- 3) We do not accept extreme language. Members will refer to one another as Councillor during Council proceedings and will conduct themselves politely.
- 4) Remember our proceedings are televised. I am not enamoured of TV despite what the opposition pedalled around the County. Our webcast is here to provide a visual and audible record of all parts of our meetings, and will be accessible to anyone for at least five years. When a colleague is speaking, his/her immediate neighbours are in camera shot and comments and behaviour will be recorded. For the first time colleagues, no-one can deny what they said or how they said it.
- 5) We have Constitutional Procedures for conducting our debates, for questions to Cabinet, for motions to Council, for decision taking and decision noting. I will, as we reach these items on our agenda, take you through these procedures.
- 6) Finally colleagues, never forget who put you in this Chamber. You now represent, on average, almost 17,000 people. They have bestowed upon you the honour of representing their hopes and ambitions, their fears and their problems.

Do not forget the enormous privilege of participating in the business of this historic County. Serve your people without fear or favour, work for them, and act ethically, and they will reward you.

I would just like to reiterate the role of Chairman for those of you who are unsure. Firstly ceremonial duties:

- Being the civic and ceremonial head of Hampshire.
- Promoting the interests and the reputation of the County Council and Hampshire and acting as an “ambassador” for both.

- Carrying out civic, community and ceremonial activities and fostering community identity and pride.

Additional responsibilities include:

- Ensuring that County Council Meetings is carried out fairly and efficiently and to ensure meetings are conducted in accordance with Standing Orders as set out in the Rules of Procedure of the Constitution.
- Ensuring that Full Council meetings debates matters that concern the local community.
- To uphold the Constitution.
- To promote public involvement in the Council's activities.

Members to contact the Chairman's Office if there is anything going on in the County which they feel would benefit from the Chairman's presence or help.

I will also continue to circulate my engagements via email to all Members prior to future County Council Meetings

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**Leader's Report  
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I wish to first place on record my appreciation to the Council for placing confidence in me to lead Hampshire. It is a humbling experience and one I will fulfil to the best of my ability.

It is my duty now to present to the Council members of my Executive Team:

Cllr Keith Mans will be my Deputy plus Cllrs Chapman, Edgar, Fairhurst, Joy, Kendal, McNair Scott, Reid and Woodward. I am also asking Cllr Andrew Gibson to be an Assistant Executive to the Leader.

I would like to place on record my own tribute to Ken Thornber who has led this Council for the past 14 years and particularly latterly in severe and difficult financial times achieving services amongst the best in the land, with a Council tax amongst the lowest in the land and with our reserves in good order so that we can face the future with some equanimity. Ken – thank you. You have served Hampshire well and well deserve to be our Chairman for the ensuing year. I present this silver Hampshire hog subscribed to by your colleagues and inscribed “in recognition of his distinguished service as Leader of Hampshire County Council 1999 – 2013”.

At the same time I also congratulate Colin Davidovitz on his election as Vice Chairman. Colin is a wise and shrewd and dedicated councillor and it is good to have him at my side.

I add my welcome to all newly elected members of this council of whichever Party and wish you all well regardless of political differences as you serve Hampshire's residents. I also pay tribute to those who have stood down or whom the electorate has stood down. Democracy can be a hard master but is better than any of the alternatives. Our thanks are owed to them all.

I was first elected as a Councillor in 1970 representing Chandlers Ford on the former Eastleigh Borough Council. Subsequently I served on Test Valley council for 16 years, 9 years as Leader and then for 10 years I was MEP, first for Hampshire South and then a member for the South East Region covering the whole of Hampshire as well as other remote places like Kent. I am not Hampshire born and bred but it is a great county that I have called home for almost 50 years.

I can still recall from my early days on Eastleigh Council in 1971 the Borough Treasurer referring to Government cuts of the day saying:

“We are no longer scraping the barrel, we are now eating into the wood of the barrel.”

Nothing changes. But I am a war time child and was brought up with sayings such as “we must make do and mend” and our task over the next years will be

to work out how to live within our means yet maintain important services. There are no limitless pockets of cash so we must be innovative .

When I was elected to Test Valley Borough Council in 1979 an elderly gentleman said to me:

“Now look here young Perry- there is no well at the bottom of my garden from which I can draw money to pay taxes. It comes out of my pocket and every time in the Council you put your hand up to vote for something, you are really putting it down into my pocket to take something out. One day that pocket may be empty.”

That sadly is what the Coalition Government found when they were elected in 2010. And as the outgoing Financial Secretary said: “There is no money left.” All our actions, all our policies, just as they are for the Government are coloured by that stark fact.

Our County Executive will face that inescapable situation at its first meeting next month as we consider updates on our efficiency programme and work on deficit reduction.

One way to economise will be to examine making fuller use of modern Information Technology, especially for members and reduce expensive paper work and postage costs. I will ask the Chief Executive to prepare a paper to help us move further down this route but I need to know if members are ready, able and prepared for this, with less paper and more electronic communication.

As I have been “squatting” in the Leader’s office since the elections the one change I have made is to introduce a computer terminal and try to answer my own emails. I am not sure the Leader’s Secretary regards this as a wholly positive move but it is the way of the future and the one thing none of us can do is turn the clock back. The World is changing, Britain is changing and Hampshire must keep up with the times or be left behind. I have no intention of letting that happen and I hope I will have all members’ support in that.

The first reference to Hampshire or Ham- Tun- Scire is in the Anglo Saxon Chronicle of 757 and we are a great County with a great heritage once seat of the capital of England. But we cannot simply hark back to a great past we must plan a great future for our children and our grandchildren. Hampshire will become more diverse and I am proud that I helped in the creation of the Hampshire Interfaith Network. I want all people from all communities to be proud and happy to live in Hampshire. The County has a responsibility to help in sustaining and enhancing the prosperity of Hampshire people and businesses but at the same time we must play our part in protecting the environment.

We cannot do this alone. We must work closely and co-operatively with the District Councils and Parishes. With other public services and partners- the Health Service- the Police and Fire and Rescue- the Universities, colleges and schools. The military are an important and welcome presence throughout Hampshire The voluntary sector. The business sector. They are all important partners in the community of Hampshire. I will look for ways to develop and

enhance the Senate and to work co-operatively with our neighbours in the Cities. I particularly wish to help the cities become engines and centres of growth where more people choose to live and work rather than see the green fields of Hampshire gobbled up.

The Government has a City Deal proposal for Southampton and Portsmouth but I welcome the County Council Network's call for County Deals, and I call on the Government to be more alert to the contribution of the Shires and county councils in enhancing the nations prosperity and not to leave us out of the loop.

I will work with the Local Economic Partnerships but ask them to recognise we are the most significant democratic tier of Government speaking for over 1.3 million people. Indeed I believe it is high time the national Government, of whatever politics, gave more autonomy and independence to the great shires of England.

I would not want to be in a Hampshire Independence Party and I do not want an Independent Wessex but I do say to Westminster from England's ancient capital of Winchester that in days when Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales are gaining more autonomy over their affairs that our County that dates back to the 8<sup>th</sup> century as an administrative entity deserves more control over its own affairs and will they please stop micro managing us from London!

From the Wessex Downs to the Coast, from the Chalk rivers and the two national parks our urban centres such as Aldershot and Basingstoke, we are all privileged to live in and serve such a county as Hampshire.

Our aim is to maintain and enhance:

the prosperity of our fellow citizens,  
the quality of the environment,  
our services especially for the young and old  
and to keep our Council Tax amongst the lowest in the country.

I know I will have the support of the majority of members. I trust I may have the support of you all in those endeavours.

END

## APPENDIX 4

County Council Proportionality 2013/14		ANNEX 1				
		Conservative	Liberal Democrat	UKIP	Labour	Independent
<b>Members:</b>	<b>78.00</b>	<b>45.00</b>	<b>17.00</b>	<b>10.00</b>	<b>4.00</b>	<b>2.00</b>
<b>A: Council Committees and Panels</b>						
<b>Select Committees</b>	<b>seats</b>					
Policy and Resources	14.00	8.00	3.00	2.00	1.00	
Children and Young People	20.00	11.00	4.00	3.00	1.00	1.00
Environment and Transportation	14.00	8.00	3.00	2.00	1.00	
Culture and Communities	14.00	8.00	3.00	2.00	1.00	
Safe and Healthy People	14.00	8.00	3.00	2.00	1.00	
Health Overview and Scrutiny	16.00	9.00	3.00	2.00	1.00	1.00
<b>Other Committees/Panels</b>						
Regulatory Committee	16.00	9.00	4.00	2.00	1.00	
Employment in Hampshire County	8.00	5.00	2.00	1.00		
Audit Committee	9.00	5.00	2.00	1.00		1.00
Pension Fund Panel	9.00	5.00	2.00	1.00	1.00	
<b>Advisory Committees/Panels</b>						
Buildings Land & Proc Panel	6.00	4.00	1.00	1.00		
Conduct Advisory Panel	10.00	6.00	2.00	1.00	1.00	
Education Advisory Panel	9.00	5.00	2.00	1.00		1.00
Children and Families Adv Panel	9.00	5.00	2.00	1.00		1.00
SACRE	4.00	3.00	1.00			
<b>River Hamble</b>						
River Hamble Harbour Board	3.00	2.00	1.00			
River Hamble Management Comm	10.00	6.00	2.00	1.00	1.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>185.00</b>	<b>107.00</b>	<b>40.00</b>	<b>23.00</b>	<b>10.00</b>	<b>5.00</b>
		106.73	40.32	23.72	9.49	4.74
Rounded mathematical entitlement		107.00	40.00	24.00	9.00	5.00
Surplus/deficit		0.00	0.00	-1.00	1.00	0.00
<b>B: Other Proportionate Bodies</b>						
Chichester Harbour Board	4.00	2.00	1.00	1.00		
Hampshire Fire and Rescue Auth	19.00	11.00	4.00	2.00	1.00	1.00
New Forest National Park Authority	5.00	3.00	1.00	1.00		
<b>Total</b>	<b>28.00</b>	<b>16.00</b>	<b>6.00</b>	<b>4.00</b>	<b>1.00</b>	
<b>C: Overall total seats</b>						
<b>Overall total seats</b>	<b>213.00</b>	<b>123.00</b>	<b>46.00</b>	<b>27.00</b>	<b>11.00</b>	<b>6.00</b>
Mathematical entitlement		122.88	46.42	27.31	10.92	5.46
Overall rounded mathematical entitlement		123.00	46.00	27.00	11.00	5.00
Surplus/deficit		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00

**COUNTY COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

**SELECT COMMITTEES**

**POLICY AND RESOURCES (14)**

**Councillor Jonathan Glen (Chairman)**  
**Councillor Keith Evans (Vice-Chairman)**

*Councillors:*

Ray Bolton	Patricia Stallard
Adrian Collett (Spokesperson)	Mark Staplehurst
Criss Connor (Spokesperson)	Elaine Still
Keith House	Bruce Tennent
Robin McIntosh	Patricia West
Andy Moore (Spokesperson)	Sharyn Wheale

**CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE (20)**

**Councillor Ray Bolton (Chairman)**  
**Councillor John K West (Vice-Chairman)**

*Councillors:*

John Bennison	Warwick Lovegrove
Ann Briggs	Martin Lyon
Rita Burgess	Andy Moore
Chris Carter	Mrs Jackie Porter (Spokesperson)
Roz Chadd	Patricia Stallard
Criss Connor (Spokesperson)	Bruce Tennent
Marge Harvey	Malcolm Wade
Roger Huxstep	Patricia West
Jonathan Glen	Chris Wood (Spokesperson)

*Appointed/Co-opted:*

- a representative of the Church of England
  - b representative of the Roman Catholic Church
  - c parent governor representatives
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- a Tony Blackshaw, Diocesan Director of Education, Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Board of Education
  - b Mrs Rosemary Olivier, Portsmouth RC Diocesan Schools Commission
  - c 3 parent governor vacancies

## **CULTURE, COMMUNITIES AND RURAL AFFAIRS (14)**

**Councillor Elaine Still (Chairman)**  
**Councillor Frank Pearce (Vice-Chairman)**

*Councillors:*

Phil Bailey	Fiona Mather
Peter Chegwyn (Spokesperson)	Patricia Stallard
Shaun Cully (Spokesperson)	Alan Rice
Brian Gurden	Tim Rolt (Spokesperson)
Rob Humby	John Wall
Mark Kemp-Gee	Chris Wood

## **ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORTATION (14)**

**Councillor Sharyn Wheale (Chairman)**  
**Councillor Geoff Hockley (Vice-Chairman)**

*Councillors:*

Graham Burgess	Roger Huxstep
Adam Carew (Spokesperson)	Rupert Kyrle
Charles Choudhary	Peter Latham
Shaun Cully (Spokesperson)	Steve Rippon-Swaine
Philip Fawkes	David Simpson
Edward Heron	Mark Staplehurst (Spokesperson)

## **SAFE AND HEALTHY PEOPLE (14)**

**Councillor Patricia Stallard (Chairman)**  
**Councillor Chris Carter (Vice-Chairman)**

*Councillors:*

Alan Dowden (Spokesperson)	Chris Lagdon (Spokesperson)
Keith Evans	Andy Moore
David Harrison	George Ringrow
Marge Harvey	Steve Rippon-Swaine
Roger Huxstep	Frank Rust (Spokesperson)
Fiona Mather	Martin Tod

## **HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (16)**

**Councillor Pat West (Chairman)**  
**Councillor David Keast (Vice-Chairman)**

*Councillors:*

Ray Bolton  
Graham Burgess  
Rita Burgess  
Charles Choudhary  
Jacqui England  
David Harrison (Spokesperson)  
Marge Harvey

Tony Hooke  
Martin Lyon (Spokesperson)  
George Ringrow  
Frank Rust (Spokesperson)  
Bruce Tennent  
Martin Tod  
John Wall

*Co-opted:*

Councillor Tonia Craig  
Councillor Alison Finlay  
Councillor Tim Southern  
Councillor Dennis Wright

## **OTHER COUNTY COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

### **AUDIT COMMITTEE (9)**

**Councillor Keith Evans (Chairman)**  
**Councillor Andrew Gibson (Vice-Chairman)**

*Councillors:*

John Bennison  
Vaughan Clarke  
Adrian Collett  
David Harrison

Mark Kemp-Gee  
Tony Hooke  
George Ringrow

## **EMPLOYMENT IN HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL COMMITTEE (8)**

**Councillor Stephen Reid (Chairman)**  
**Councillor Keith Evans (Vice-Chairman)**

*Councillors:*

Vaughan Clarke  
Adrian Collett  
Tony Hooke

Roy Perry  
Keith House  
John Wall

## **PENSION FUND PANEL (9)**

**Councillor Mark Kemp-Gee (Chairman)**  
**Councillor Tom Thacker (Vice-Chairman)**

*Councillors:*

Christopher Carter  
Criss Connor  
Alan Dowden  
Andrew Gibson

Andrew Joy  
Tim Rolt  
Bruce Tennent

*Co-opted:*

Councillor Simon Letts (Southampton City Council)  
Councillor Donna Jones (Portsmouth City Council)  
Councillor Peter Giddings (Test Valley District Council)  
Councillor John Leek (Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council)

*Pensioners' Representative:*

Dr. Clifford Allen (to serve until 31 March 2017)

*Observers:*

Philip Reynolds (Gosport Borough Council)

*Independent Adviser:*

Ms C Dobson

## **REGULATORY COMMITTEE (16)**

**Councillor Robin McIntosh (Chairman)**  
**Councillor Geoff Hockley (Vice-Chairman)**

*Councillors:*

Chris Carter  
Mark Cooper (Spokesperson)  
Jane Frankum (Spokesperson)  
Chris Greenwood (Spokesperson)  
Keith House  
Rob Humby  
Roger Huxstep

Peter Latham  
Frank Pearce  
Roger Price  
Tim Rolt  
David Simpson  
John West  
Sharyn Wheale

## **RIVER HAMBLE HARBOUR BOARD (3)**

**Councillor Keith Evans (Chairman)**  
**Councillor Rob Humby (Vice-Chairman)**

*Councillors:*  
Keith House

*Co-opted:*  
David Jobson  
Chris Moody  
Dr. Susie Tomson  
David Evans (Marine Director – Non-voting member)

## **RIVER HAMBLE HARBOUR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (10)**

**Councillor Seán Woodward (Chairman)**  
**Councillor Peter Latham (Vice-Chairman)**

*Councillors:*  
Graham Burgess  
Mark Cooper  
Shaun Cully  
Philip Fawkes  
Rupert Kyrle  
Frank Pearce  
Alan Rice  
George Ringrow

*Co-opted:*

### **Eastleigh Borough Council:**

Councillor Mrs Suzy Hamel  
(Deputy vacancy)

### **Fareham Borough Council:**

Councillor Trevor Cartwright  
Deputy - Councillor David Swanbrow

### **Winchester City Council:**

Councillor Victoria Weston  
Deputy - Councillor Robert Sanders

### **Royal Yachting Association:**

Mrs Peggy Dorothy  
(Deputy vacancy)

### **Association of Hamble River Yacht Clubs:**

David Le Mare  
(Deputy vacancy)

**British Marine Federation:**

Mrs Nicola Walsh  
Deputy – John Eads

**Associated British Ports:**

Captain Martin Phipps, Harbour Master  
Deputy - Ray Blair, Deputy Harbour Master

**Hamble River Boatyard and Marina Operators' Association:**

Rupert Boissier  
Neil Kimish (deputy)

**Mooring and Berth Holders:**

Dermod O'Malley

**ADVISORY COMMITTEES & PANELS**

**BUILDINGS, LAND AND PROCUREMENT PANEL (6)**

**Councillor Mel Kendal (Chairman)**  
**Councillor Peter Edgar (Vice-Chairman)**

*Councillors:*  
Keith House  
Martin Lyon

Frank Pearce  
John Wall

**CHILDREN AND FAMILIES ADVISORY PANEL (9)**

**Councillor David Keast (Chairman)**  
**Councillor Roz Chadd (Vice-Chairman)**

*Councillors:*  
Ann Briggs  
Rita Burgess  
Jacqui England  
Jonathan Glen

Mrs Jackie Porter  
Malcolm Wade  
Chris Wood

**CONDUCT ADVISORY PANEL (10)**

**Councillor Mark Kemp-Gee (Chairman)**  
**Councillor Keith Evans (Vice-Chairman)**

*Councillors:*  
Peter Chegwyn  
Ray Finch  
Jane Frankum  
Andrew Gibson

Keith House  
Peter Latham  
Frank Pearce  
Tom Thacker

## **EDUCATION ADVISORY PANEL (9)**

**Councillor Peter Edgar (Chairman)**  
**Councillor Rita Burgess (Vice-Chairman)**

*Councillors:*

Roz Chadd	Philip Fawkes
Charles Choudhary	Warwick Lovegrove
Ferris Cowper	Jackie Porter
Jacqui England	

*Co-opted:*

Tony Blackshaw, Diocesan Director of Education, Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan, Board of Education  
Penny Clarke, Hampshire Teachers' Liaison Panel  
David Mewes, Hampshire Teachers' Liaison Panel member  
David White, Secretary, Hampshire Teachers' Liaison Panel

## **STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**Councillor Roz Chadd (Chairman)**  
**Councillor Charles Choudhary (Vice-Chairman)**

*Councillors:*

Fiona Mather	David Simpson
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*Appointed/Co-opted Members:*

Mohammed Ansar	Jo May
Maureen Barnes	Jackie McGregor
Elizabeth Bellchambers	Linda Miatt
Tony Blackshaw	Richard Moss
Jackie Chong	Jane Pridmore
Sheikh Fazle Abbas Dattoo	Chris Robinson
Pat Fry	Harjab Singh
Maeve Gordon James	Ceri Taylor
Gill Heron	Patricia Timms Blanch
Colin How	Major Suraparsad Upadhya
Chris Hughes	Jane Warren
Elizabeth Jenkerson	Caroline Welch
Joyce Johnson	Revd Howard Wright
Margaret Matthews	Michael Zeffertt

## **OTHER PROPORTIONATE BODIES**

### **CHICHESTER HARBOUR BOARD (4)**

*Councillors:*

Ray Finch  
Frank Pearce

Roger Price  
Alan Rice

### **HAMPSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY (HFRA) (19)**

*Councillors:*

John Bennison  
Graham Burgess  
Chris Carter  
Roz Chadd  
Keith Chapman  
Mark Cooper  
Jane Frankum  
Liz Fairhurst  
Jonathan Glen  
David Harrison

Geoff Hockley  
Chris Lagdon  
Robin McIntosh  
Frank Pearce  
Roger Price  
Mark Staplehurst  
David Simpson  
John Wall  
John West

### **NEW FOREST NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY (5)**

*Councillors:*

David Harrison  
Edward Heron  
Chris Lagdon

Keith Mans  
Ken Thornber

## **JOINT COMMITTEES**

**Hampshire Police & Crime Panel (1 + 1  
deputy)**

Cllr Mel Kendal

Cllr Tom Thacker (deputy)

**Partnership for Urban South Hampshire (1)**

Cllr Keith Mans

**Partnership for Urban South Hampshire  
Overview & Scrutiny Committee (1 + 1  
deputy)**

Cllr Graham Burgess  
Cllr Rob Humby (deputy)

## **OUTSIDE BODIES**

<b>Assembly of European Regions (AER) (4 + 1 deputy)</b>	Cllrs: Mel Kendal, Keith Mans & Roy Perry (1 vacancy) Cllr Keith Chapman (deputy)
<b>Channel Arc (3 + 2 deputies)</b>	Cllrs: Keith Chapman, Colin Davidovitz, & Mel Kendal Cllrs: Keith Evans & Keith Mans (deputies)
<b>County Councils Network Council (4 + 1 deputy)</b>	Cllrs: Keith Mans, Mel Kendal, Roy Perry & Woodward Cllr Jonathan Glen (deputy)
<b>Enterprise M3 Local Enterprise Partnership (1)</b>	Cllr Mel Kendall
<b>Hampshire Fare (Community Interest Company) (1)</b>	Cllr Andrew Gibson
<b>Hampshire Police &amp; Crime Panel (1 + deputy)</b>	Cllr Mel Kendal Cllr Andrew Thacker (deputy)
<b>Interreg IVA South Programme Management Committee 2012-14 (1)</b>	Cllr Keith Mans
<b>Local Government Association General Assembly (4+1 deputy)</b>	Cllrs: Mel Kendal, Keith Mans, Roy Perry & Stephen Reid Cllr Jonathan Glen (deputy)
<b>LGA Coastal Issues Group (1)</b>	Cllr Andrew Gibson
<b>LGA Rural Commission (1)</b>	Cllr Andrew Gibson
<b>LGA Urban Commission (1)</b>	Cllr Mel Kendal
<b>Sir Harold Hillier Gardens and Arboretum Advisory Committee (3)</b>	Cllrs: Colin Davidovitz & Andrew Gibson (1 vacancy)
<b>Sir Harold Hillier Gardens and Arboretum Trust Board (1)</b>	Exec Member for Policy & Resources
<b>Solent Local Enterprise Partnership (1)</b>	Cllr Keith Mans
<b>South Downs National Park Authority</b>	Cllr Vaughan Clarke

<b>South East Employers (3 + 3 deputies)</b>	Cllrs: Mel Kendal, Stephen Reid & John Wall
	Cllrs: Roger Huxstep, Frank Pearce (deputies + 1 vacancy)
<b>South East Employers Local Democracy and Accountability Network for Councillors (2)</b>	Cllrs: John Bennison & Jacqui England
<b>South East England Councils (1)</b>	Cllr Roy Perry
<b>Southern Regional Flood and Coastal Committee (2)</b>	Cllrs: Ray Bolton & Alan Rice
<b>Southern Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority (2)</b>	Cllr Alan Rice & Mrs Alexis McEvoy
<b>Welborne Standing Conference (1)</b>	Cllr Patricia Stallard
<b>Welborne Strategic Board (1)</b>	Cllr Peter Latham
<b>Wessex Rural &amp; Farming Network (1)</b>	Cllr Andrew Gibson