

At a Meeting of Hampshire County Council held at The Castle, Winchester on 21 February 2013.

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>a</i> Rupert Kyrle
<i>p</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> Councillor 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> Ferris Cowper	<i>p</i> Roy Perry
<i>p</i> Mark Cooper	<i>p</i> Jackie Porter
<i>p</i> Sam Darragh	<i>p</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>a</i> Angela Roling
<i>p</i> Peter Edgar	<i>p</i> David Simpson
<i>p</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>a</i> Bruce Tennent
<i>p</i> Liz Fairhurst	<i>p</i> Tom Thacker
<i>p</i> Jane Frankum	<i>a</i> Christopher Thomas
<i>p</i> Mike Geddes	<i>p</i> Ken Thornber, C.B.E.
<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>a</i> John K. West
<i>p</i> Edward Heron	<i>p</i> Patricia West
<i>p</i> Felicity Hindson	<i>p</i> Sharyn Wheale
<i>p</i> Geoff Hockley	<i>p</i> Seán D. T. Woodward

343. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ann Buckley, Adrian Evans, Rupert Kyrle, Angela Roling, Bruce Tennent, Chris Thomas and John West, and Honorary Aldermen Patricia Banks, Ted Gale and Margaret Snaith-Tempia.

344. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

All Members who believe they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (DPI) 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.

It was confirmed that any Member with a DPI in Items 9 and 10 on the Agenda by virtue of being a Council tax payer or in receipt of an allowance under the Members' Allowances Scheme has a dispensation, as granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel on 30 October 2013, to participate and vote in the business relating to these matters.

345. MINUTES.

The minutes of the meeting of the County Council held on 29 November 2012 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman. There were no matters arising.

346. DEPUTATIONS.

There were no deputations.

347. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The Chairman welcomed Honorary Aldermen Susan Glasspool and Michael Woodhall to the meeting.

The Chairman presented his report (Item 6 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. In particular the Chairman highlighted the review of the award of campaign medals that has recommended a medal for veterans of the Arctic Convoys which had been the subject of a Notice of Motion at Council in May last

year; royal visits by HRH Prince Michael of Kent, HRH The Duchess of Cornwall and HRH The Earl of Wessex; the Hampshire Music Service special schools' carol service and the Holocaust Memorial Service.

A list of engagements had been circulated to all Members. The full report is attached to these Minutes as Appendix 1.

348. LEADER'S REPORT.

The Leader presented his report (Item 7 in the Minute Book). The Leader reported that for a second consecutive year the Council had beaten its target to reduce carbon emissions; had great pleasure in confirming the unveiling of the Diamond Jubilee Bronze in the Great Hall by HRH The Earl of Wessex as a lasting tribute to Her Majesty the Queen and paid tribute to all of Hampshire's Olympians who won more medals than any other County. Finally the Leader proposed to the Council conferring the title of Honorary Alderman on two Councillors who were not seeking re-election on 2 May, Councillors Felicity Hindson and Phryn Dickens. The Council signified their support.

The full report is attached to these Minutes as Appendix 2.

349. QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER 16.1.1.

No questions had been submitted.

350. APPOINTMENTS.

The Council considered a report from the Chief Executive (Item 8 in the Minute Book), presented by the Leader proposing alterations to the co-opted membership of the River Hamble Harbour Management Committee.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the appointment of Mrs Nicola Walsh as the co-opted representative for the British Marine Federation on the River Hamble Harbour Management Committee replacing Mr Michael Glanville be approved; and;
- (b) That the appointment of Mr David Le Mare as the co-opted representative for the Association of Hamble River Yacht Clubs on the River Hamble Harbour Management Committee replacing Mr Peter Middleton.

351. REVENUE BUDGET AND PRECEPT 2013/14 AND CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2013/14-2015/16.

Councillor Andrew Gibson left the Chamber after the Leader's Budget Speech for Disclosable Pecuniary Interest reasons.

Councillor Phryn Dickens declared a non-pecuniary interest as a trustee of a youth work project in Hampshire and Councillor Seán Woodward declared a non-pecuniary interest as the Chairman of the Sovereign Children's Centre in Sarisbury.

The Council received the Leader's Budget Speech regarding the Revenue Budget and Precept for 2013/14 and the Capital Programme for the period 2013/14 to 2015/16. The full Speech is available to view on the County Council's website at www.hants.gov.uk/council/meetings.htm by typing in the reference number 4733.

The Council considered the recommendations of the Cabinet (Item 9 in the Minute Book), which included the Leader's budget allocations from the Corporate Policy Reserve as per paragraph 1.11 of Annex 1 to the report (Revenue Budget and Precept for 2013/14 considered by the Cabinet on 8 February 2013), and as attached to these Minutes as Appendix 3.

In responding to the proposals Councillor Keith House, Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group, seconded by Councillor Brian Dash proposed an amendment to the budget which is attached to these Minutes as Appendix 4.

Councillor Alan Weeks, Leader of the Community and Green Group responded to the proposals. No amendment was moved.

Councillor Jane Frankum, Labour Member, responded to the proposals. No amendment was moved.

The Liberal Democrat amendment was put to the vote. The majority of Members present did not support the amendment, which was therefore lost. The substantive proposals were put to the vote and were carried. It was accordingly

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Chief Financial Officer's report under Section 25 of the Local Government Act 2003 be taken into account when determining the budget and precept for 2013/14 (as set out in Appendix 8 of Annex 1) be approved
- (b) That the Revised Budget for 2012/13 (as set out in Appendices 1 and 11 of Annex 1) be approved
- (c) That the Revenue Budget for 2013/14 (as set out in Appendices 4, 6, 12 and 13 of Annex 1) be approved
- (d) That earmarked reserves, together with New Homes Bonus funding totalling £26.5 million be set aside for new capital investment
- (e) That capital expenditure to the value of £26.5 million be added to the capital programme be approved. Final decisions on specific

schemes will be reported to a decision day of the Executive Member for Policy and Resources.

- (f) That the total budget requirement for the general expenses of the County Council for the year beginning 1 April 2013, be £755,782,200
- (g) That the council tax requirement for the County Council for the year beginning 1 April 2013, be £490,113,505.73
- (h) That the County Council's band D council tax for the year beginning 1 April 2013 be £1,037.88, as in the previous three years
- (i) That in accordance with the principles set by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government for the year, it is determined that the relevant basic amount of council tax for 2013/14 is not excessive.
- (j) That the County Council's council tax for the year beginning 1 April 2013 for properties in each tax band be:

	£
Band A	691.92
Band B	807.24
Band C	922.56
Band D	1,037.88
Band E	1,268.52
Band F	1,499.16
Band G	1,729.80
Band H	2,075.76

- (k) That precepts be issued totalling £490,113,505.73 on the billing authorities in Hampshire, requiring the payment in such instalments and on such dates set by them previously notified to the County Council, in proportion to the tax base of each billing authorities area as determined by them and as set out below:

Basingstoke and Deane	60,252.70
East Hampshire	45,965.13
Eastleigh	41,575.62
Fareham	40,244.00
Gosport	24,532.40
Hart	37,212.78
Havant	37,204.14
New Forest	67,702.70
Rushmoor	28,799.18
Test Valley	43,344.00
Winchester	45,392.95

- (l) That the treasury management, annual investment strategies and prudential indicators for 2013/14 be approved, in accordance with the recommendations in Appendix 10 (to Annex 1).

CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2013/14 TO 2015/16

RESOLVED:

- (a) That £1.652 million be added to the Children's Services capital programme for 2012/13 for Early Education for Two Year Olds from lower income households, funded from an additional Government grant of £1.652 million
- (b) That £4.3 million be added to the Children's Services capital programme for 2012/13 for an all weather pitch with floodlighting and a grass rugby pitch at Swanmore College, funded in full from a capital receipt from the disposal of land at Swanmore
- (c) That £780,000 per annum be added to the Economy, Transport and Environment programmes for 2013/14, 2014/15 and 2015/16 for the proposed Member Environment (Highway) Fund, met from the Corporate Policy Reserve
- (d) That the capital programme for 2013/14 and the provisional programmes for 2014/15 and 2015/16 (as set out in Appendix 3 of Annex 2) and subject to the conditions set out in section B.3 of the County Council's Financial Procedures on the responsibilities for managing the capital programme and, where appropriate, to the approval of the Executive Member for Policy and Resources to

proposals by Executive Members to retain more than a 25% share of capital receipts

- (e) That expenditure on preliminary design and planning work for major transport schemes be permitted when they have achieved a place in the County Council's Local Transport Plan, subject to the cost being met within existing Government allocations
- (f) That authority be given to incur expenditure on land purchases as follows:
 - (1) up to the sum specified in respect of sites still required for the schemes included in the capital programme for the period 2013/14 to 2015/16 provided that the relevant scheme has been the subject of a feasibility or design project appraisal approved by the relevant Executive Member
 - (2) up to the amount included in the programmes for 2013/14 to 2015/16 in respect of advance and advantageous land purchases.

352. MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES SCHEME 2013/14.

The Council considered a report of the Chief Executive (Item 10 in the Minute Book), presented by the Leader proposing the Members' Allowances Scheme for 2013/14. The proposed Scheme arose from recommendations of the County Council's Independent Remuneration Panel (IRP) which met on 19 September 2012, and the subsequent recommendations arising from the Employment in Hampshire County Council (EHCC) Committee's consideration of the IRP's report on 31 October 2012.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That Basic Allowances and SRA's be frozen at the existing rates from 1 April 2013
- (b) No change be made to the existing SRA's payable to the Chairman of the Pension Fund Panel and Chairman of the Audit Committee
- (c) No change be made to existing SRA's payable to Vice-Chairmen of Committees
- (d) No change be made to arrangements in respect of Members' pensions
- (e) An SRA of £675 per annum, plus expenses, be payable to all Co-opted Members and Independent Persons, including Co-opted Members of the Children and Young People Select (Overview and Scrutiny) Committee, Co-opted Independent Members of the Police

and Crime Panel, Independent Persons (Localism Act), and Members of the Independent Remuneration Panel.

353. HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL PAY POLICY STATEMENT FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2013/14.

The Council considered the report of the Chief Executive (Item 11 in the Minute Book), presented by the Leader setting out the County Council's Pay Policy Statement (the "Pay Statement") for the financial year 2013/14.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Pay Statement for the financial year 2013/14 be approved for adoption.
- (b) That it be agreed that the Employment In Hampshire County Council Committee remains the appropriate Committee to agree Chief Officer remuneration, including individual salary offers for those above Grade K in respect of any new Chief Officer appointments, in accordance with the Pay Statement.

354. HAMPSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY.

No questions had been received pursuant to Standing Order 16.3. The report of the Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority was received and Councillor Keith Chapman answered Members' questions arising from the report.

355. REPORTS FOR INFORMATION.

The Council received the reports of the following Executive Members and Chairmen who answered Members' questions arising from the reports:

- a) The Cabinet/Leader
 - Hampshire Youth Investment Programme: Part 1 (Apprenticeships, Interns and Future Skills Centres)
- b) Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee
 - Inquiries received and taken:
 - * Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust – development of model of service provision across multiple sites
 - * Southampton, Hampshire, Isle of Wight and Portsmouth Primary Care Trust Cluster and South Central Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust: NHS111 Roll out update
 - * Hampshire County Council: provision of short break services for children and young people with complex health needs

- Proposals to vary or develop NHS services:
 - * Southampton Hampshire, Isle of Wight and Portsmouth Primary Care Trust Cluster and South Eastern Hampshire Clinical Commissioning Group: Chase Community Hospital – proposal for future service provisions
 - * Hampshire County Council Adult Services, Hampshire Police and Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust: Mental Health Act Section 136
 - * Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust: Adult Mental Health Services – details of Trust-led service redesign evaluation programme
 - * Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust: Older People’s Mental Health Services – update on implementation and provision of additional information

- c) Executive Lead Member for Children’s Services
 - School meal prices from April 2013
 - Proposed new Voluntary Aided Primary School in Whiteley
 - Hambledon Community Infant School – alteration to upper age limit

- d) Executive Member for Adult Social Care
 - Mental Health Futures Project – integrated mental health services review
 - Extra-care Housing in Eastleigh – tendering and procurement

- e) Executive Member for Environment and Transport
 - Collective Energy Switching

**Chairman's Announcements
County Council Meeting
21 February 2013**

Members,

May I welcome on your behalf those Honorary Aldermen who have graced us with their presence today: Honorary Aldermen Sue Glasspool,

Thank you for your support.

Good News

Members will recall Councillor Pat West's Motion, at our meeting last May, when we resolved to petition the Coalition Government for recognition of the bravery and sacrifices of those servicemen who had taken part in the Arctic Convoys of World War II.

Sir John Holme's review of the award of campaign medals has recommended a medal for veterans of the Arctic Convoys and a clasp for veterans of Bomber Command. Veterans of the Arctic Convoys will be recognised with the Arctic Convoy Star and aircrew of Bomber Command will be awarded a Bomber Command clasp. The second part of Sir John's review will report, in early 2013, when MoD will set out eligibility criteria for the medal and clasp.

Making a Difference

I am pleased to say that we have had a most encouraging response in terms of nominations for the 'Hampshire Making a Difference Award'. With growing awareness around the County I decided to take advantage of some flexibility in our plans and extend the closing date to 15 February. Our panel of judges starts its work on Monday.

The Awards ceremony takes place in The Great Hall on the afternoon of Friday 22 March and is part of the Children's Services Youth Fair. I do hope as many members as possible will find time in their busy schedules to come and recognise these exceptional young volunteers who contribute so much to their communities and the quality of life in Hampshire.

Engagements

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

- **Royal Visits**
 - HRH Prince Michael of Kent – 3 December at Abbey House with The Mayor of Winchester, prior to the Freedom Parade of the Kings Royal Hussars led by the Band of The Rifles through Winchester and afterwards at their Homecoming and Thanksgiving Carol Service in the Cathedral. This was an uplifting and very moving service supported by the Salisbury Plain Military Wives Choir.
 - HRH The Duchess of Cornwall – 13 December to celebrate the 5th birthday of the Cunard Liner, Queen Victoria including a reception for the Prince's Trust.
 - HRH The Earl of Wessex – 29 January in The Great Hall to unveil the stunning bronze roundel of HM The Queen to mark the Diamond Jubilee and Her Majesty's place in our history.

- **Castle Hill Junior School, Basingstoke** – 30 November, where I was hosted by the Head Boy and Head Girl and shown the school and its work including Friday Assembly. Their inspiring Head Teacher, John Martin, showed just what our students can achieve and, more importantly, how wonderfully responsive and rounded our young people can become in a stimulating environment created by dedicated and skilled staff.

- **Celebration of Hampshire Sporting Success inc. The Hampshire Schools Sports Federation Awards** – 6 December, at The Guildhall here in Winchester at which we celebrated a phenomenal year of sporting achievements by some very special Hampshire young men and women. I had a brief baptism of fire as a chat show host with a number of our Olympians and Paralympians, including our own wheelchair rugby player, Aaron Phipps.

- **Hampshire Music Service Special Schools' Carol Service** – 7 December, in the Cathedral. A number of Members joined me and took an active part in this quite remarkable service, characterised by performances and participation by Hampshire children facing a wide range of life challenges. I cannot praise the inspirational and committed staff members of the Music Service and these so special schools enough.

- **Staff Carol Concert** – 13 December in The Great Hall. The County Youth Band under Jock Mackenzie and The Castle Singers led by Anne George were in top form for a fantastic concert which included Handel's Hallelujah Chorus and a solo by Jo Blackwell, your Chairman's recently retired PA. The Twelve Days of Christmas turned into an impromptu competition and great fun with a fair result of approximately 6 all! This event is a must attend and is guaranteed to lift your spirits. We made a collection for Naomi House which I shall be presenting the week after next.

- **Holocaust Memorial Service** – 27 January in Winchester Cathedral. This is not so much a service as a wide variety of very moving, mostly

musical or choral, elements from many different faiths and beliefs, all linked by a common and unifying theme of placing value on lives and peace. It is almost impossible to describe or to do justice to this event but I commend it to anyone who either has or wants to have faith in the goodness of human nature.

- **HM Lord Lieutenant of Hampshire– Freedom of Southampton – 6** February in Southampton. I was privileged to represent you, in company with the High Sheriff and many civic heads at a service in St Mary's, Southampton during which the Mayor of Southampton conferred the Freedom of the City on Dame Mary Fagan DCVO JP, our Lord Lieutenant.

Hampshire Music Service

I have asked that the Spring and Summer 2013 Diary Dates of the Hampshire Music Service's events be circulated to you. There is an extensive and varied programme at venues all around the County. These young musicians are quite simply amazing and amongst the very best in the country, offering us many opportunities to enjoy top-class concerts of all kinds on our own doorstep. Do consider booking tickets and taking advantage of Hampshire's home-grown culture. You won't be disappointed.

May Election

I am all too aware that for some of you, either by intent or misfortune, this will be your last Full Council meeting. To you in particular I am sure the Council will wish to express deep gratitude for your commitment and public service, in some cases over very many years, and to hope that you will enjoy other things in the future.

I want to place on record my personal thanks to all members, especially those who do not return, for the mostly gracious, if occasionally spirited, way in which you have carried out our business. Between us we carry a huge measure of responsibility for the welfare of Hampshire people and, whatever our political views, we are united in the desire to do our utmost in the best interests of our residents. May I wish you all an appropriate measure of success!

Vice Chairman

I again wish to thank our Vice Chairman, Cllr Pam Mutton, who has both deputised for me and been a great support.

END

**Leader's Report
County Council Meeting
21 February 2013**

County Council beats carbon emissions target for a second year

For a second consecutive year, Hampshire County Council has beaten its target to reduce carbon emissions from its buildings, schools, street lights and other operations.

A total of over 15,500 tonnes of carbon have now been saved since 2010, which represents good progress towards the successful achievement of the first phase of Hampshire's ambitious five year Carbon Management Plan to reduce Council carbon emissions by 20% by 2015.

Hampshire is one of the largest councils in the country with around 5,000 buildings, 150,000 street lights and illuminated signs, and over 5,000 miles of roads, so to deliver and exceed our Carbon Reduction Plan target for a second consecutive year is a real accomplishment.

As well as the clear environmental benefits from lower carbon emissions, the associated reductions in energy costs that we will experience in future should also be welcomed. The total reduction in carbon emissions we have achieved so far means we have reduced our energy bill by £1.5million, mainly because less heating fuel is now needed.

Diamond Jubilee Bronze unveiled by HRH the Earl of Wessex

Visitors to the Great Hall in Winchester can enjoy the six foot diameter bronze depicting Her Majesty The Queen. The circular bronze, specially commissioned in honour of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, was unveiled in Winchester recently by His Royal Highness The Earl of Wessex.

The Diamond Jubilee was celebrated widely across Hampshire through a variety of events and was enormously successful at bringing together people of all ages. The County Council planted 60,000 trees in 3 Diamond Jubilee Woods in 400 Schools and 120 Parishes. The Lord Lieutenant commissioned Vivien Mallock to create a bronze bas-relief of The Queen's face framed by the Hampshire Rose.

The bronze is a lasting tribute to Her Majesty the Queen in her Diamond Jubilee Year and is a measure of the high esteem in which she is held by the people and organisations in Hampshire. I am particularly proud that Her Majesty's likeness now adorns the south wall of our historic Great Hall.

Olympic legacy: Celebrating excellence in sport

The Culture Secretary MP, Maria Miller, attended an event in Winchester Guildhall to honour Hampshire's talented young sports stars at a special ceremony aided by eight of Hampshire's Olympians and Paralympians.

Young people from schools and colleges across the county had their sporting achievements recognised at Hampshire Schools' Sports Federation's annual Michael Austin Harlick awards. The winners represented a variety of sports, from athletics and badminton to taekwondo and trampolines.

We are extremely proud of the Olympians and the contribution they made to making the London Olympics such a huge success. Their presence at the awards will encourage the talented young athletes to continue to strive to compete at the highest possible level that they can in their respective sports.

Hampshire's Olympians won more medals than any other County, were Counties competing rather than Countries we would have been 25th in the league tables.

Honorary Aldermen

It is one of the most pleasurable duties of the Leader that he can nominate distinguished former Members of the County Council to become Honorary Aldermen. I am today nominating two Members who are not seeking re-election in May. I nominate Councillor Felicity Hindson and Councillor Phryn Dickens.

Both have served us so well and they are a great loss to us.

END

APPENDIX 3

County Council Meeting – 21 February 2013

Budget Proposals 2013/14 – Leader’s Budget items

Paragraph 1.11 – Revenue Budget Report (Annex A)

Corporate Policy Reserve Allocation

	2013/14 £'000	
Recurring Allocations		
Environment (Highways) Fund	780	Recurring
One-Off Allocations		
Apprenticeships / University Scholarship additional costs	700	
Local Community Bidding Budget (Have Your Say)	200	
Hampshire Olympic Legacy	100	
Total Allocations	<u>1,780</u>	
Leader’s Grant Budget		
	2013/14 £'000	
Earmarking of Grant Budget for World War 1 Commemorations	100	

Hampshire County Council
 21 February 2013
 Revenue Budget 2013/14
 Liberal Democrat amendment

Item 9

1 Summary

1.1 The purpose of this amendment is to:

- invest in Hampshire's **young people and families** by reversing the Conservative administration's cuts to Children's Centres and Youth Services;
- protect **adults and older residents** by ensuring that sufficient funding is provided to enable the voluntary care sector to be properly supported;
- improve safety by increasing funding for **pavement and verge repairs**;
- support **rural and urban communities** and **older people** by increasing investment in bus services;
- **boost apprenticeships** and **help the long-term unemployed** in Hampshire through negotiating a voluntary employment programme with the County Council's suppliers.

2 Amendment to the 2013/14 revenue budget

2.1 That it be an amendment to recommendation (c) in paragraph 5 of item 9 on the revenue budget and precept for 2013/14:

a) Additions to budgets – on-going improvements in service:

Children's Services	£'000
• Children's Centres & Youth Services	4,000
- reversing the cuts in service at Children's Centres across Hampshire, to provide an 'open door policy' for more sessions at Children's Centres who are supporting	

children, and helping the families to seek employment and access to childcare, work and training.

£'000

- to reverse the cuts in general youth services, reinstating the 2010/11 provision of support for youth, thereby encouraging sport and community activity and reducing anti-social behaviour.

- **Children's Care Services**

1,000

- to bring forward planned child protection capacity to give staff enough time to work with individual children and families who are at risk, and at an earlier stage.

Adult Services

- **Adult Care**

1,000

- to provide funding to ensure that sufficient support for voluntary sector grants is available and that volunteering is encouraged so that the care they provide is as available as possible to those who need it.

Environment

- **Pavement (Footway) Maintenance**

2,000

- to fund additional major planned maintenance on footways and grass verges.

- **Bus Services**

1,000

- to increase provision for much-needed bus services in rural and urban areas and moving towards reversing the cut in the hours that older people are entitled to use concessionary passes.

Economic Development

- **Employment Opportunities** 1,000
 - to provide a significant boost to apprenticeships and to launch a voluntary employment programme in cooperation with the County Council's major suppliers to help both young and mature long-term unemployed Hampshire residents into work.

Total addition to amended budgets for on-going improvements 10,000

b) To be financed in 2013/14 by: £'000

- **Use of Invest to Save Reserve** 2,000
 - to reflect the future budgetary benefits that will accrue from these improvements in service.

- **Use of Grant Equalisation Reserve** 6,000
 - to reflect that the purpose of this reserve is to protect services from unnecessary cuts, which is what this amendment is doing.

- **Use of General Capital Reserve** 2,000
 - to provide for additional capital footway maintenance

To finance on-going improvements in service 10,000

On-going funding of up to £10 million for these services from 2014/15 onwards will need to be built into the Medium Term Financial Strategy due to be presented to Cabinet in early Summer 2013.

Proposed:

Councillor Keith House
Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group

Seconded:

Councillor Brian Dash
Deputy Leader