

AT A MEETING of the Economy, Transport and Environment Select Committee
of HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL held at the Castle, Winchester on
Tuesday, 16th January, 2018

Chairman:
p Councillor Floss Mitchell

Vice Chairman:
p Councillor Charles Choudhary

p Councillor John Bennison
p Councillor Roland Dibbs
p Councillor Edward Heron
p Councillor Gary Hughes
p Councillor Rupert Kyrle
p Councillor Derek Mellor

p Councillor Stephen Philpott
p Councillor David Simpson
p Councillor Michael Thierry
p Councillor Martin Tod
p Councillor Michael White
a Councillor Bill Withers Lt Col (Retd)

Also present with the agreement of the Chairman: Cllr Rob Humby, Executive Member for Environment and Transport

28. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were noted from Cllr Bill Withers. The Conservative substitute Cllr Jan Warwick attended in his place.

29. 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.

30. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting were reviewed and agreed.

31. DEPUTATIONS

No deputations were received.

32. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Waste Briefing

The Chairman reminded Members that a session on Waste was due to be held in early 2018, in order for Members to hear about the emerging issues around waste in further detail. This session had been scheduled for Friday 16 March 2018 at 10:00am and committee members were encouraged to attend.

20mph Pilots

The Chairman reported that the committee had been due to have an item on this agenda on the review of the 20mph pilots. This item had been deferred, as the consultation with residents was delayed. The Chairman confirmed that the Select Committee would have the opportunity to consider the review at the next meeting, prior to any decision.

33. 2018/19 REVENUE BUDGET - ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT

The Select Committee received a report and supporting presentation from the Director of Economy Transport & Environment regarding the proposed Revenue Budget for 2018/19 for the services within the portfolio of the Executive Member for Environment & Transport (see Item 6 in the Minute Book).

Members were informed about the latest financial position for the Council overall, and the position for the Economy Transport and Environment Department. It was noted that savings were required under the Transformation to 2019 programme. When the savings proposals were considered by Council in November 2017, an additional recommendation had been made to seek alternative ways to fund the gap to avoid an impact on some of the service areas within this department.

Members asked questions for clarification and debated the proposals. A question was asked regarding how much funding went towards Private Finance Initiative payments and how much was discretionary maintenance spending. It was agreed to provide this detail to members after the meeting. It was requested this also cover the break down between the PFI costs of the street lighting contract and the cost of the energy to power the street lights.

Following the debate, the Chairman proposed the recommendation, which was carried (with three against) as follows;

RECOMMENDED:

That the Economy, Transport and Environment Select Committee supports the recommendations being proposed to the Executive Member for Environment and Transport that the revised revenue budget for 2017/18, as set out in Appendix 1 of the attached report, and the summary revenue budget for 2018/19, as set out in Appendix 1 of the attached report, be recommended for approval by the Leader and Cabinet.

34. 2018/19 REVENUE BUDGET REPORT FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Select Committee received a report and supporting presentation from the Director of Economy Transport & Environment Department regarding the proposed Revenue Budget for 2018/19 for the services under the portfolio of the Executive Member for Economic Development.

Members asked questions for clarification and debated the proposals. Regarding the proposal that in future business rates may be retained locally, it was noted that the central government position was that this would initially be a cost neutral change. It was anticipated there would be a re-set every few years, therefore any benefit from increased business rates would be limited.

Following the debate, the Chairman proposed the recommendation, which was carried (with 3 against) as follows;

RECOMMENDED:

That the Economy, Transport and Environment Select Committee supports the recommendations being proposed to the Executive Member for Economic Development that the revised revenue budget for 2017/18, as set out in section 5 of the attached report, and the summary revenue budget for 2018/19, as set out in section 7 of the attached report, be recommended for approval by the Leader and Cabinet.

35. ETE PROPOSED CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2018/19, 2019/20 AND 2020/21

The Select Committee received a report and supporting presentation regarding the proposed Capital Programme for 2018/19 to 2020/21 for the Economy Transport & Environment Department (see Item 8 in the Minute Book).

It was noted that the capital programme was at a high level for next year as a result of success in competitive bidding processes. Capital spend for 2018/19 would be higher than the revenue budget in that year.

Following the debate, the Chairman proposed the recommendation which was carried unanimously as follows;

RECOMMENDED:

That the Economy, Transport and Environment Select Committee supports the recommendation to the Executive Member for Environment and Transport that the proposed capital programmes for 2018/19, 2019/20 and 2020/21 totalling £264.552 million, as set out in the attached report and its appendices, be put forward for approval to the Leader and Cabinet.

36. WORK PROGRAMME

The Chairman presented the updated Work Programme of items for this Select Committee (see Item 9 in the Minute Book).

RESOLVED:

The Work Programme be agreed.

Chairman,