

AT A MEETING of the Culture and Communities Select Committee of
HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL held at The Castle, Winchester on Thursday,
16th January, 2020:

Chairman:
p Councillor Anna McNair Scott

p Councillor Christopher Carter
p Councillor Fred Birkett
p Councillor Ann Briggs
p Councillor Peter Chegwyn
p Councillor Rod Cooper
p Councillor Dominic Hiscock
p Councillor Michael White

p Councillor John Bennison
p Councillor Jackie Branson
p Councillor Zilliah Brooks
p Councillor Daniel Clarke
p Councillor Pal Hayre
p Councillor Rob Mocatta

86. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies. Councillor Carew attended the meeting to observe at the agreement of the Chairman.

87. 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.

88. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 19 September 2019 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

89. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations.

90. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman noted that the Consultation on proposed changes to Hampshire's Library Service was live and there had been over 7000 responses so far.

91. **2020/21 REVENUE BUDGET REPORT FOR RECREATION AND HERITAGE**

The Committee received a report from the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services (CCBS) and Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Corporate Resources covering the Revenue Budget Report for Recreation and Heritage services.

The Committee were provided with the context in relation to the wider County Council budget, the Local Government Finance Settlement and the Council's reserves strategy.

Members were reminded that a savings target of £80m was agreed as part of the Medium Term Financial Strategy in 2018, and the proposals to meet this target were agreed in November 2019. It was noted that the focus is now on implementation and delivery, including service specific public consultations, to engage with service users and key stakeholders.

The Committee were also provided with an overview of the key departmental challenges including;

- balance of funding, cash limit, income and recharges,
- delivering Transformation to 2021 savings.

The recommendation was proposed, and a vote was held with the following outcome;

For	11
Against	3

Resolved: That the Culture and Communities Select Committee support the recommendations being proposed to the Executive Member for Recreation and Heritage as set out in Section B on page 11 of the pack.

92. **2020/21 REVENUE BUDGET REPORT FOR COUNTRYSIDE AND RURAL AFFAIRS**

The Committee received a report from the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services (CCBS) and Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Corporate Resources providing the Revenue Budget Report for Countryside and Rural Affairs services.

This item was considered alongside the previous item.

The recommendation was proposed, and a vote was held with the following outcome;

For	11
Against	3

Resolved: That the Culture and Communities Select Committee support the recommendations being proposed to the Executive Member for Countryside and Rural Affairs as set out in Section B on page 23 of the pack.

93. **WORK PROGRAMME**

The Committee received the report of the Director of Transformation and Governance which set out the Committee's upcoming work programme.

The following items were proposed to be added:

- Energise Me – Update Briefing
- Transforming the County Council's Country Parks
- Climate Change and Environmental Briefing

These items would be considered by the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services (CCBS) along with the Chairman of the Select Committee to find the most suitable timings and meeting allocations.

Resolved: That the Work Programme, subject to the additions set out above, was agreed.