

AT A MEETING of the Policy and Resources Select Committee of HAMPSHIRE  
COUNTY COUNCIL held at the castle, Winchester on Tuesday, 24th  
September, 2019

Chairman:

\* Councillor Jonathan Glen

Councillor Keith Evans	* Councillor Jackie Porter
* Councillor Adam Carew	* Councillor Bruce Tennent
* Councillor Fran Carpenter	* Councillor Michael Westbrook
* Councillor Adrian Collett	Councillor Bill Withers Lt Col (Retd)
* Councillor Roger Huxstep	* Councillor Christopher Carter
* Councillor Peter Latham	
Councillor Anna McNair Scott	
Councillor Kirsty North	
* Councillor Russell Oppenheimer	

\*Present

**Also present with the agreement of the Chairman**

Councillor Keith Mans, Executive Member for Policy and Resources  
Councillor Stephen Reid, Executive Member for Commercial Strategy, Human  
Resources and Performance.

**97. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors Keith Evans, Anna McNair-Scott,  
Kirsty North and Bill Withers.

Councillor Chris Carter attended the meeting as the Conservative Substitute.

**98. 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.

99. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the last meeting held on 13 June 2019 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

100. **DEPUTATIONS**

There were no deputations on this occasion.

101. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

No announcements were made on this occasion.

102. **TRANSFORMATION TO 2021**

The Select Committee received a joint presentation from the Director of Corporate Resources – Corporate Services and Director of Culture Communities and Business Services, in summary of a report regarding the Transformation to 2021 Revenue Savings Proposals for the Policy and Resources Budget (see Item 6 in the Minute Book).

Members noted that for the Culture, Communities and Business Services Department, over 50% of its savings target sits within the library service. The Director answered a number of detailed questions and in particular around the Library Service. In response, the Director reported that a Task and Finish Group had been set up to develop a "Library Strategy 2025", the results of which would be reported to the Culture and Communities Select Committee and Executive Member for Recreation and Heritage in the summer of 2020. An interim update would also be presented to the Culture and Communities Select Committee at its meeting in January 2020.

RESOLVED:

That the Committee supports the recommendations being proposed in Section 2 and the savings options contained in Appendix 1 of the report to Cabinet.

103. **STATUTORY GUIDANCE ON OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY IN LOCAL AND COMBINED AUTHORITIES**

The Committee considered a report from the Director of Transformation and Governance (Item 7 in the Minute Book) regarding the guidance published by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government on overview and scrutiny (O&S) in local and combined authorities.

The Committee were made aware that the County Council currently met all the guidance which was evidenced in Appendix 3 of the report.

During discussion, one consistent area of focus was the availability of scrutiny training for Councillors and Co-opted members of the County Council. The Committee noted that the Member Briefing programme was seen as an established mechanism for Select Committee members to keep abreast of a range of topics. The Chairman requested that the option of including a scrutiny training refresher session to the Member Briefing Programme be explored.

RESOLVED:

That the Committee noted the guidance and endorsed the County Council's existing approach as detailed in Appendix 3 of the report.

104. **BROADBAND UPDATE**

The Committee considered a report of the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services providing an update on the Broadband Programme (Item 8 in the Minute Book).

The Director gave an update on the Broadband programme and informed the Committee that the Government had launched several schemes to encourage the rollout of full fibre broadband. Most of these schemes were applicable to residents and businesses in Hampshire and were being promoted, especially those that were beyond the scope of the County Council's current programme.

During discussion, it was noted that the Universal Service Obligation (USO) would become available from March 2020 which would guarantee download speeds of at least 10Mbps and upload speeds of at least 1Mbps.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

105. **WORK PROGRAMME**

The Committee received a report of the Director of Transformation and Governance - Corporate Services on the Committee's forthcoming Work Programme (Item 9 in the Minute Book).

RESOLVED:

That the work programme be agreed.

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