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AT A MEETING of the Cabinet of HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL held remotely on Tuesday, 24th November, 2020

Chairman:

* Councillor Keith Mans

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| * Councillor Rob Humby | * Councillor Andrew Joy |
| * Councillor Roz Chadd | * Councillor Stephen Reid |
| * Councillor Liz Fairhurst | * Councillor Patricia Stallard |
| * Councillor Judith Grajewski | * Councillor Seán Woodward |
| * Councillor Edward Heron | |

Also present with the agreement of the Chairman: Councillors Bennison, Glen, House, Huxstep, McNair-Scott, North and Oppenheimer.

213. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

All Members were present and no apologies were noted

214. **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 Personal interest in a matter being considered at the meeting they considered whether such interest should be declared, and having regard to Part 5, Paragraph 5 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.

215. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting on 29 September 2020 were reviewed and agreed.

216. **DEPUTATIONS**

No deputation requests had been received.

217. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman highlighted the ongoing rapid evolution of the Covid-19 pandemic, noting that some elements in reports on the agenda had already been overtaken by events. He drew Cabinet's attention to the new Tier system and emphasised the importance of abiding by the rules in order that Hampshire could remain in

the lowest possible Tier. The progress on being able to begin vaccinations was promising but would amount to an enormous logistical exercise. The success in Hampshire of maintain high levels of school attendance and keeping the rate of infection below the national average was attributed to impressive co-operation and information sharing between partners, which it was important to maintain going forward.

218. A PROGRESS REPORT OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL'S RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 CRISIS

Cabinet considered a report of the Chief Executive setting out progress on the County Council's response to the Covid-19 crisis.

The report was introduced and it was confirmed that this followed previous updates to Cabinet and therefore there was a focus on new developments.

Key elements of the report were drawn out and discussed by Members, in particular with relation to trends in infection rates, the County Council's role in the forthcoming roll out of the vaccination and the new levels of tiered restrictions. The role of the LOEB and the importance of engagement with the public was noted as were specific projects and developments within the respective departments. The opportunities for the County Council as a community leader as well as a major employer to support and encourage the uptake of the vaccine were discussed.

Cabinet welcomed the update and in particular recognised and thanked County Council staff for their hard work in achieving the response.

The recommendations set out in the report were considered and agreed. A decision record is attached to these minutes.

219. FINANCIAL UPDATE AND BUDGET SETTING AND PROVISIONAL CASH LIMITS 2021/22

Cabinet considered a report of the Director of Corporate Resources providing a financial update and an update on budget setting and provisional cash limits 2021/22.

At the invitation of the Chairman, Councillor House addressed Cabinet, raising the question of how to finance the significant unfunded net costs of the pandemic in the absence of government support.

The report was introduced and Cabinet's attention drawn to the scale of the financial impact of Covid-19. The County Council was at least £50m short of being financially viable in the medium term and this would include exhausting all unallocated reserves, meaning further vulnerability in the event of any further pressure. As a result of the crisis, a new baseline had been set for the Transformation to 2019 programme and the impact of this incorporated into the financial projections. The process of setting the budget was explained and it was noted that there would be no scope for any late delivery of future savings programmes.

Cabinet welcomed the comprehensive report and recognised the difficulty of the situation. The importance of explaining the impact to Government was recognised and it was confirmed that the Leader was meeting regularly with Hampshire's MPs to highlight the situation.

The proposed spend on health and safety items, in particular with regards to Ash die-back and the necessity of tackling it quickly was set out.

The recommendations set out in the report were considered and agreed. A decision record is attached to these minutes.

220. ANNUAL SAFEGUARDING REPORT – CHILDREN'S SERVICES 2019-20

Cabinet considered a report of the Director of Children's Services regarding safeguarding.

The annual safeguarding report was introduced and key points highlighted, in particular with relation to the impact of Covid-19 and subsequent increase in cases as well as the regional sector support that the department was engaged in and the benefit that this brought.

Members welcomed the report, which was positive and demonstrated all statutory deadlines being met despite the pressures being faced. The commitment of staff during the crisis was highlighted and Cabinet expressed their thanks to those who had gone above and beyond. It was noted that the increased number of children entering the care system during Covid would result in a long term impact.

The recommendations set out in the report were considered and agreed. A decision record is attached to these minutes.

221. ADULT SAFEGUARDING

Cabinet considered a report of the Director of Adults' Health and Care regarding safeguarding.

The annual report was introduced, highlighting the appointment of the independent scrutineer, the work of the Adults Safeguarding Board and the impact of Covid-19.

Members welcomed the report and thanked the Director for chairing the Board.

The recommendations set out in the report were considered and agreed. A decision record is attached to these minutes.

222. HAMPSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY STRATEGY GROUP

Cabinet considered a report of the Director of Adults' Health and Care providing an update on the work of the Hampshire Community Safety Strategy Group.

In introduction, the duty of the County Council and its partners to have oversight of risks to communities was set out and it was explained that the role of the Group was to receive assurance regarding actions that were reported to it. Cabinet noted the range of priority areas that the Group covered and welcomed the achievement of drawing such a comprehensive number of Partners together.

The recommendations set out in the report were considered and agreed. A decision record is attached to these minutes.

223. **ANNUAL PREVENT REPORT**

Cabinet considered a report of the Director of Adults' Health and Care providing information and assurance on the County Council's delivery of the PREVENT duties and responsibilities.

The report was introduced with reference to the sensitive work that was being undertaken across Hampshire's communities as part of a multi-agency approach. Furthermore that an internal PREVENT delivery group worked across all departments to ensure that key principles were incorporated into other activity. It was noted that UK risk levels had been increased following events in both France and Austria. Members recognised the role of PREVENT to avoid individuals being drawn into extremism and welcomed the update on how this was being achieved.

The recommendations set out in the report were considered and agreed. A decision record is attached to these minutes.

Chairman,

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Cabinet
Date:	24 November 2020
Title:	A Progress Report of The County Council's Response to the COVID-19 Crisis
Report From:	Chief Executive

Contact name: John Coughlan, Chief Executive

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1. The decision:

That Cabinet

- 1.1 Note the contents of this report as a further summary of the exceptional events and responses by the County Council concerning the COVID-19 crisis, bearing in mind that this can only be a top-level assessment of what continues to be such a substantial and fast changing situation;
- 1.2 Note in particular the latest position with regard to the “second wave” of the pandemic in the UK as it affects the county, and support the steps being taken with regard to outbreak management, tracking and tracing and the application of controls to public events;
- 1.3 Acknowledge the initial impact of the second national lockdown which came into force at the end of the period covered by this report;
- 1.4 Also note the ongoing work in partnership with District Councils, MPs, regional and local NHS and other key stakeholders with regard to the decision-making process concerning the “Covid tier” for the county of Hampshire subject to national decision making following the anticipated end to the second lockdown;
- 1.5 Continue to recognise the on-going exceptional commitment and flexibility of the staff of the County Council as the crisis has progressed.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1 To note the ongoing response to the Covid 19 crisis and recognise the exceptional efforts of all involved.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1 None

4. Conflicts of interest:

4.1 Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker: None

4.2 Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted: None

5. Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel: None

6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: Not applicable

7. Statement from the decision maker:

Approved by:

Date:

24 November 2020

Chairman of Cabinet
Councillor Keith Mans

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Cabinet
Date:	24 November 2020
Title:	Financial Update and Budget Setting and Provisional Cash Limits 2021/22
Report From:	Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Corporate Resources

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1. The decision:

That Cabinet:

- 1.1 Notes the latest Covid-19 financial position for the current year as at the end of September compared to that reported to Cabinet in September, which was as at the end of August.
- 1.2 Notes the latest Medium Term forecast arising from Covid-19 as at the end of September and the County Council's response to it.
- 1.3 Notes the latest position in respect of the business as usual financial resilience monitoring for the current financial year.
- 1.4 Approves the mid-year report on treasury management activity at Appendix 1 and notes the action to be taken should we encounter negative interest rates as set out in paragraphs 83 and 84.
- 1.5 Notes the additional government funding of £1bn announced on 12 October of which the County Council will receive £8.8m.
- 1.6 Approve the revised baseline position for the Transformation to 2019 and Transformation to 2021 Programmes as outlined in Section G.
- 1.7 Approves funding of £3.82m to meet the critical one off health and safety priorities identified in Section I.
- 1.8 Approves the provisional cash limits for 2021/22 set out in Appendix 3.

- 1.9 Notes the announcement of a one year Spending Review and the impact on the County Council's medium term financial planning and therefore the timeline for the next successor savings programme.
- 1.10 Notes that the 2023 savings programme will need to be delivered in full by 1 April 2023.
- 1.11 Approves the capital guideline amounts for the next three years set out in paragraph 139.

Recommends to County Council that:

- 1.12 The updated position for the impact of Covid-19 in this year and for the medium term is noted.
- 1.13 The schemes detailed in Appendix 4 are added to the Economy, Transport and Environment Capital Programme
- 1.14 The updated departmental savings targets for a successor savings programme, as set out in paragraph 149, be approved.
- 1.15 The updated timetable for a successor savings programme, as set out in paragraph 150, be approved.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1 To note the financial position for the County Council in view of the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic.
- 2.2 To note the latest position in respect of the current financial year, as at the end of September, and also for the medium term, compared to that reported to Cabinet and County Council in July as part of the update of the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS).
- 2.3 To receive an update on business as usual financial monitoring, including the transformation programmes (Transformation to 2019 and to 2021), and sets out the process and framework for the setting of the 2021/22 budget, together with the prospects for the medium term under a business as usual scenario.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1 None

4. Conflicts of interest:

- 4.1 Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker: None

4.2 Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted: None

5. **Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel:** None

6. **Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent:** Not applicable

7. **Statement from the decision maker:**

Approved by:

Date:

24 November 2020

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Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Cabinet
Date:	24 November 2020
Title:	Annual Safeguarding Report – Children’s Services 2019-20
Report From:	Director of Children’s Services

Contact name: Stuart Ashley

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1. The decision:

- 1.1 That Cabinet notes the positive progress and continued consistently high performance with regards to safeguarding children in Hampshire
- 1.2 That Cabinet note the commitment of a wide range of Children’s Services officers in achieving this level of performance.
- 1.3 That Cabinet receives further updates on safeguarding on an annual basis.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1 This report provides an annual update to Cabinet on safeguarding children activity within Children’s Services during 2019/20.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1 None

4. Conflicts of interest:

- 4.1 Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker: None
- 4.2 Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted: None

5. Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel: None

6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: Not applicable

7. Statement from the decision maker:

Approved by:

Date:

24 November 2020

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HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Cabinet
Date:	24 November 2020
Title:	Adult Safeguarding
Report From:	Director of Adults' Health and Care

Contact name: Sue Lee, Strategic Safeguarding Partnership Manager, Adults' Health and Care

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1. The decision:

- 1.1 That Cabinet receives this annual update report related to adult safeguarding.
- 1.2 That Cabinet note the positive progress with regards to safeguarding adults in Hampshire and the commitment of a wide range of Adult Services officers in achieving this level of performance.
- 1.3 That Cabinet note the developments and risks in relation to the remit of our local authority statutory duty to safeguard and keep vulnerable adults safe from abuse and/or neglect
- 1.4 That Cabinet note the contribution of the Hampshire Safeguarding Adults Board in leading the development of policy across the four local authority areas of Hampshire, Portsmouth, Southampton and the Isle of Wight, including the Hampshire Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report for 2019/20.
- 1.5 That Cabinet receive a further update on adult safeguarding in 12 months' time.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1 This report provides an annual update in respect of the local authority statutory duty to safeguard vulnerable adults.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1 None

4. Conflicts of interest:

- 4.1 Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker: None
- 4.2 Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted: None

5. Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel: None

6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: Not applicable

7. Statement from the decision maker:

Approved by:

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HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Cabinet
Date:	24 November 2020
Title:	Hampshire Community Safety Strategy Group
Report From:	Director of Adults' Health and Care

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1. The decision:

1.1 That Cabinet note the progress on the work of the Hampshire Community Safety Strategy Group (HCSSG) and arrangements for establishing a Violence Reduction Unit.

2. Reasons for the decision:

2.1 This report provides an update on progress of the work of the Hampshire Community Safety Strategy Group in overseeing multi-agency collaboration at the county level in pursuit of agreed community safety priorities.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1 None

4. Conflicts of interest:

4.1 Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker: None

4.2 Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted: None

5. Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel: None

6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: Not applicable

7. Statement from the decision maker:

Approved by:

Date:

24 November 2020

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Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Cabinet
Date:	24 November 2020
Title:	Annual PREVENT Report
Report From:	Director of Adults' Health and Care

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1. The decision:

- 1.1 That Cabinet notes the contents of this report on updating PREVENT-related activity in Hampshire, including the work being undertaken by Hampshire County Council and its partners in the management and mitigation of issues related to duties under the Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015.
- 1.2 That Cabinet receive a further update in 12 months' time.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1 The annual report provides information and assurance on the County Council's delivery of the PREVENT duties and responsibilities hosted within Adults' Health and Care.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1 None

4. Conflicts of interest:

- 4.1 Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker: None
- 4.2 Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted: None

5. Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel: None

6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: Not applicable

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