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AT A MEETING of the Cabinet of HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL held remotely on Tuesday, 16th March, 2021

Chairman:

* Councillor Keith Mans

* Councillor Rob Humby
* Councillor Roz Chadd
* Councillor Liz Fairhurst
* Councillor Judith Grajewski

* Councillor Edward Heron
* Councillor Andrew Joy
* Councillor Stephen Reid
* Councillor Patricia Stallard

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

239. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

All Members were present and no apologies were noted

240. 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.

Councillor Heron declared a personal interest in the Waterside Transport Strategy Update (Minute 248 refers) by virtue of being a Cabinet member at New Forest District Council.

241. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of 9 February were reviewed and agreed.

242. DEPUTATIONS

No deputations were received on this occasion.

243. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Leader welcomed recent falls in the rate of Covid-19 infection and transmission in Hampshire and was hopeful that the summer would see

relaxations in social distancing and the opportunity to re-open non-essential retail and hospitality. He also updated Cabinet on ongoing discussions relating to proposed developments at Barton Stacey and Southampton airport.

244. A PROGRESS REPORT ON THE COUNTY COUNCIL'S RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 CRISIS

Cabinet received a report of the Chief Executive providing an update on the County Council's response to the Covid-19 crisis.

The Chief Executive and the Director of Public Health highlighted a number of key developments set out in the report relating in particular to the Health Protection board, the use of testing in schools, the role out of the vaccination programme, the temporary mortuary and plans for the forthcoming County Council and Police and Crime Commissioner elections.

The hard work and commitment of County Council staff throughout the crisis was recognised and thanked.

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

245. HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE SYSTEM RESILIENCE DURING COVID-19

Cabinet considered a report of the Director of Adults' Health and Care regarding Health and Social Care System Resilience during COVID-19.

In introduction of the report it was highlighted that 8000 people had been supported out of acute care during the Covid-19 crisis and some of the changes to systems and discharge procedures that had been implemented to facilitate this were detailed. The benefits to both the NHS and to residents were highlighted and it was noted that uncertainty remained as to whether the national discharge funding that had enabled these changes would be extended or replaced.

The report was welcomed and the success of the project in reducing bed blocking recognised. Cabinet noted that the new model was closer to the original intention of how social care and health care should work together and hoped that it could be both continued and expanded.

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

246. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH 2019-20, "TACKLING ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS IS VITAL TO ADDRESS OBESITY IN HAMPSHIRE"

Cabinet considered the annual report of the Director of Public Health 2019-20, "Tackling environmental factors is vital to address obesity in Hampshire".

The Director of Public Health introduced the report, highlighting the seriousness of obesity as a public health issue in Hampshire. His report set out how tackling this should move from an individual to a community approach.

Recognising that obesity could reduce life expectancy by 9 years, Members noted a number of initiatives to encourage healthier lifestyles, particularly in children, including the provision of green spaces for exercise and control over the location of takeaways.

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

247. PUBLIC HEALTH STRATEGY – ANNUAL UPDATE

Cabinet considered a Public Health strategy update from the Director of Public Health

It was noted that due to delays caused by the Covid-19 crisis, the report covered a two year period. Key areas in each section of the strategy were highlighted to Members who commended the department for continuing to deliver against it, alongside taking a lead on the response to Covid-19. The benefits of digital technology and strong working relationships with partners and in support of young people were noted.

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

248. WATERSIDE TRANSPORT STRATEGY UPDATE

Cabinet considered a report of the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment regarding the Waterside transport strategy.

With reference to the report, the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment gave an update on the strategy for transport in the Waterside area. Progress on the Freeport application and the importance of transport to its success was highlighted, as were a number of implications of development of the Waterside line. Proposals to support the Hythe and Gosport ferries were drawn to Cabinet's attention and supported on the basis that support would be match-funded.

Members noted the significance of the Freeport and the importance of the County Council taking a leading role in it through a multi-modal transport strategy, to mirror the transport package that supported Farnborough International in the north of the County. It was recognised that this also positioned the County Council to take a lead on post-Covid economic recovery.

The recommendations set out in the report were considered and agreed. Councillor Heron abstained from voting due to his Personal Interest in the item (Minute 240 refers). A decision record is attached to these minutes.

249. **SALIX GRANT UPDATE**

Cabinet considered a report of the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services regarding the Salix grant for double glazing replacement.

The need for top-up funding to allow the project to be completed was explained. Members recognised the County Council's success in grant applications were pleased to note that the top-up would allow all schools to be updated.

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:	16 March 2021
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 remains a high-level analysis of what continues to be such a substantial and fast changing set of responses.

1.2 Note the consideration of the impact of and response to the changes in national restrictions including the Prime Minister's announcements leading to the lifting of lockdown restrictions and how those phases will impact on the County Council.

1.3 Note the further progress of the vaccination programme to date in Hampshire.

1.4 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:

16 March 2021

Chairman of Cabinet
Councillor Keith Mans

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Cabinet
Date:	16 March 2021
Title:	Health and Social Care System Resilience during COVID-19
Report From:	Director of Adults' Health and Care

Contact name: Graham Allen

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1. The decision:

Cabinet is asked to support;

- a) The continuation of discharge pathways and funding arrangements, put in place through NHS Discharge funding and our collective response to the pandemic, to maintain and build on progress and performance described in this report and in-line with the White Paper - Integration and Innovation: working together to improve health and social care for all, published on 11 February 2021.

Cabinet is also asked to note;

- b) Overall performance in the most extraordinary circumstances to support residents to be discharged from hospital settings and return to their appropriate place of residence.
- c) The efforts of all staff and partner organisations in maintaining safe, appropriate and resilient discharge pathways, within a new national operating framework, introduced at pace, in the spring of 2020.
- d) The fundamentally changed nature of the health and care sector as a consequence of its response to COVID-19 and an ambition to see provision, relationships and outcomes described in this report continue, in line with the Council's approach to supporting of our residents.

2. Reason(s) for the decision:

- 2.1 This report seeks to provide an overview and update Cabinet on key activities and issues related to acute hospital system resilience throughout the period of response to COVID-19. The situation has been incredibly challenging and dynamic in terms of the issues faced and the response required.

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: Not applicable

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:

16 March 2021

**Chairman of Cabinet
Councillor Keith Mans**

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Cabinet
Date:	16 March 2021
Title:	Annual Report of the Director of Public Health 2019-20 Tackling environmental factors is vital to address obesity in Hampshire
Report From:	Director of Public Health

Contact name: Simon Bryant

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1. The decision:

1.1. That Cabinet note the Annual Report of the Director of Public Health 2019-20.

1.2. That Cabinet endorse the recommendations within the Director of Public Health Annual Report 2019-20 which are:

- a) The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the urgent need to reduce levels of excess weight. Refocus on this key issue post-COVID-19 as an integral way to address health inequalities through the Health and Wellbeing Board.
- b) Use the opportunities arising from the development of the Local Transport Plan 4 for Hampshire to create environments that encourage walking and cycling and address connectivity to help create healthy weight environments.
- c) Continue working in partnership with District Councils, the NHS and the voluntary sector to provide healthy weight settings and environments, including delivering a local 'Eat Out Eat Well' award.
- d) Focus on opportunities arising from the development of new places such as Manydown and Welbourne Garden City to embed healthy environments and behaviours into new communities.
- e) Re-energise the Rushmoor Whole Systems Approach and use the learning to roll out this approach to another District or Borough Council in 2021.
- f) Support early years and schools to provide healthy weight settings, with a particular emphasis on those locations where children and young people are more at risk of developing an unhealthy weight.

2. Reason(s) for the decision:

2.1 For Cabinet to consider the Director of Public Health's Annual Report to Cabinet ahead of final publication.

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: Not applicable

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: ----- Chairman of Cabinet Councillor Keith Mans	Date: 16 March 2021
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HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Cabinet
Date:	16 March 2021
Title:	Public Health Strategy – annual update
Report From:	Director of Public Health

Contact name: Simon Bryant

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1. The decision:

That Cabinet:

- a) Note the continued good progress delivering the Hampshire Public Health Strategy.
- b) Support continued implementation of the strategy by promoting working across all Council directorates, with our partners in health, across the wider economic system and with our communities.
- c) Note that the future Public Health Strategy will provide us with an opportunity to ensure the public health issues, which have been starkly highlighted by COVID-19, are considered and included.

2. Reason(s) for the decision:

2.1 For Cabinet to consider progress that has been made during the third and fourth year of implementation of the Council's Public Health Strategy: Towards A Healthier Hampshire 2016-2021 which was launched in November 2016.

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: Not applicable

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:

16 March 2021

**Chairman of Cabinet
Councillor Keith Mans**

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Cabinet
Date:	16 March 2021
Title:	Waterside Transport Strategy Update
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

Contact name: Keith Willcox

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1. The decision:

- 1.1 That the enhanced significance of the Waterside Multi-Modal Transport Strategy and the associated combined transport improvements for the Waterside area be noted in light of the emerging proposals for Freeport status.
- 1.2 That approval be given for the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment to continue to work with the Department for Transport and Network Rail to explore the potential for the re-introduction of passenger services on the Waterside rail line, through the continuing scheme development and business case processes.
- 1.3 That the County Council conditionally supports the re-introduction of passenger services on the Waterside rail line between Totton and a point south of Hythe in the vicinity of the original Hardley Halt subject to further work being undertaken at the next stages of scheme and business case development to fully consider feedback from the planned public consultation in Spring/Summer 2021, and to further consider the impacts of re-opening the railway on local buses, the Hythe ferry, level crossings, and the environment, together with potential mitigation.
- 1.4 That the Waterside East-West connectivity scheme be entered into the 2021/22 Economy, Transport and Environment capital programme at a value of £0.97million to be funded from Section 106 contributions, underwritten by Local Transport Plan (LTP) integrated transport capital funds.
- 1.5 That Cabinet approves the entry of Redbridge Causeway Phase 4 -Improvements to the Approaches for Pedestrians and Cycles into the 2021/22 Economy, Transport and Environment capital programme at a value of £1.98m to be funded from the DfT's Major Road Network (MRN) allocation of funding for Redbridge Causeway.
- 1.6 That the County Council makes further monthly payments for the current national lockdown period, to both the Hythe Ferry (£7,500) and the Gosport Ferry

(£15,000), subject to agreement of matched funding of equal contributions from other affected Local Authorities.

2. Reason for the decision:

2.1 The decisions are required to enable the evolving position of Waterside Rail to be more fully defined and conditions of support referenced to enable the County Council to move from a neutral position to a conditioned position of support, given the more positive ongoing business case work that is generating much interest from DfT and Network Rail. The decisions are further required to enable the addition of financial allocations to the Capital Programme for 2021/22 for both: Fawley Waterside East-West Connectivity Pedestrian and Cycle schemes; and also Phase 4 Redbridge Causeway Approaches Pedestrian and Cycle Improvements. Finally, the exceptional support for Ferry operations are an important aspect of the current transport arrangements and approval is required to extend the previous exceptional payment arrangements to cover the current lockdown period.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1 To not update the County Council's position with regard to Waterside Rail would mean that there would be a degree of misalignment between the submitted Strategic Outline Business Case and the neutral position previously recommended.

3.2 To not seek to adjust the capital programme to include the Fawley Waterside East-West Connectivity Pedestrian and Cycle schemes; and Phase 4 Redbridge Causeway Approaches Pedestrian and Cycle Improvements, would mean that these schemes could not proceed in line with anticipated programmes defined by bid criteria.

4. Conflicts of interest:

4.1 Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker:

4.2 Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted:

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:

16 March 2021

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Councillor Keith Mans**

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Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Cabinet
Date:	16 March 2021
Title:	Update on Salix Grant
Report From:	Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services

Contact name: Felicity Roe, Director of CCBS

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1. The decision:

That Cabinet:

- a) Note the variation to the Salix grant for double glazing replacement from £20.2m to £16.94m.
- b) Approve an underwrite of up to £3.27m from the government's Schools Condition Allocation grant funding to ensure that the carbon reduction glazing replacement programme can be delivered in full.

2. Reason(s) for the decision:

- 2.1 To update Cabinet on minor changes to the Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme grant for glazing replacement to County Council Buildings.

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: Not applicable

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:

16 March 2021

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