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AT A MEETING of the Cabinet of HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL held at the Castle, Winchester on Friday, 15th September, 2017

Chairman:

* Councillor Roy Perry

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| * Councillor Keith Mans | * Councillor Andrew Joy |
| * Councillor Peter Edgar | * Councillor Mel Kendal |
| Councillor Liz Fairhurst | * Councillor Stephen Reid |
| * Councillor Andrew Gibson | * Councillor Patricia Stallard |
| * Councillor Rob Humby | |

Also present with the agreement of the Chairman: Councillors Bennison, Burgess, Heron, Huxstep, Mitchell, Philpott and Porter.

Broadcast Statement

The Chairman announced that the meeting was being recorded for broadcast on the County Council's website and would be available for repeated viewing. The press and members of the public were also permitted to film and broadcast this meeting. Those remaining at the meeting were consenting to being filmed and recorded, and to the possible use of those images and recording for broadcasting purposes.

12. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Fairhurst. Apologies from Councillor Bolton and Glen, who observe Cabinet in their capacity as Chairmen of Select Committees, were also received.

13. 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.

14. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and agreed.

15. **DEPUTATIONS**

No requests to make a deputation had been received.

It was noted that with the agreement of the Chairman: Councillor Graham Burgess would speak on item 6 (Strategic Transport Infrastructure and Capital Funding Opportunities) and Councillor Jackie Porter would speak on item 8 (Annual Safeguarding Report – Children’s Services).

16. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman highlighted that a further terror attack had occurred in London during the morning commuter period, serving as a reminder of the situation facing the country and the pressure on the emergency services.

It was confirmed that the next meeting of Cabinet in October would receive a report on the proposed Transformation to 2019 efficiency programme, elements of which was due for consideration by individual executive members first. The Chairman noted that indications from the Government were that ideas and innovations to help achieve cost reduction would be welcomed.

17. **STRATEGIC TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE AND CAPITAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

[Councillor Reid declared a non pecuniary interest in this item by virtue of representing a division in the Basingstoke area]

[Councillor Mans declared a non pecuniary interest in this item by virtue of being a Director of the Solent LEP and the Enterprise M3 LEP]

Cabinet received a report of the Director of Economy Transport and Environment regarding Strategic Transport Infrastructure and Capital Funding Opportunities.

The key points of the report were introduced and the County Council’s success in attracting external funding and working in partnership was noted.

With the agreement of the Chairman, Councillor Burgess addressed the meeting. He introduced himself as one of the elected County Councillors for Gosport and expressed his concern that the Welborne development appeared to be disregarded in section seven of the report. He noted that this would incorporate new housing and an improvement to the motorway junction to the benefit of the wider area. In contrast, the Manydown development was not formally announced as a Garden Town. Councillor Burgess proposed therefore that Cabinet award Welborne priority one status for the Housing Infrastructure Fund (HIF) application.

The Director of Economy, Transport and Environment provided additional context to the application that was being proposed. Recognising the points made by Councillor Burgess and the significance of the Welborne development, he confirmed that for a number of reasons relating to the scale of the development opportunity and its deliverability, Manydown better met the strict HIF application

requirements. The Director highlighted further developments in Botley and Hedge End, which could present future opportunities to secure infrastructure funding.

Cabinet were in agreement that infrastructure should be in place to underpin any housing development. It was noted that the South East of England, excluding London, receives a disproportionately low level of government funding compared with other parts of the country. The guidelines in place for the application for HIF funding were acknowledged and on this basis and given the position of each development, it was agreed that Manydown should be ranked first. With reference to disappointment that an inflexible requirement to give priority ranking to the bids wasn't suited to a large authority area such as Hampshire, where there was more than one large housing proposal contributing to the Government's housing ambitions, it was also proposed and agreed that Cabinet should write to the Secretary of State requesting that both bids receive consideration.

With an addition to reflect the agreement to write to the Secretary of State, the recommendations in the report were proposed and agreed. The Decision Record is attached.

18. **ADULT SAFEGUARDING**

Cabinet received a report of the Director of Adults' Health and Care regarding Adult Safeguarding.

The key areas in the report were introduced and outlined, with particular reference to the Hampshire Safeguarding Adults Board, PREVENT and activity within the department. The success in reducing the volume of inquiries was highlighted as was the high cost of managing and mitigating the risk associated with deprivation of liberty referrals.

Cabinet welcomed the report and discussed a number of points including the impact of a potential reduction in labour supply caused by BREXIT on safeguarding issues such as modern slavery. It was confirmed that the County Council worked with the police and the UK Border Agency to combat modern slavery and would continue to do so.

Members paid tribute to the work of the department, in particular in the complex and sensitive area of PREVENT.

The recommendations in the report were proposed and agreed. The decision record is attached.

19. **ANNUAL SAFEGUARDING REPORT - CHILDREN'S SERVICES**

Cabinet received a report of the Director of Children's Services providing an annual update on safeguarding.

In introduction to the report, the positive outcomes of the joint area inspection which had followed an Ofsted inspection were highlighted. The increase in the

volume of safeguarding activity was noted and the factors behind this were set out.

With the agreement of the Chairman, Councillor Jackie Porter addressed the meeting. Councillor Porter drew Cabinet's attention to the sections of the report relating to unaccompanied asylum seekers. She felt that there was detail relating to this that it would be beneficial to bring to the attention of all Members.

Councillor Porter's comments were welcomed by the Director of Children's Services and it was confirmed that a briefing for Members would be arranged on this fast moving area.

It was highlighted that all of Hampshire's children's homes were rated as good or outstanding and that the capacity of provision for children with complex needs had increased through the completion of a substantial investment in new homes. It was proposed and agreed that this success be formally acknowledged.

Cabinet welcomed the report, noting the importance of co-operation with partners such as schools and GPs for successful safeguarding outcomes. It was questioned why numbers of children missing from home had increased and confirmed that this arose from better levels of identification, working with the police. It was clarified that reducing the number of children in care was the result of positive work to lower demand and not resulting from a cut to service provision; every child who needed support would receive it.

With an amendment to acknowledge the success of and investment in care home provision by the County Council, the recommendations in the report were proposed and agreed. The decision record is attached.

20. **SUPPORTING (TROUBLED) FAMILIES PROGRAMME (STFP) ANNUAL UPDATE**

Cabinet received a report of the Director of Children's Services regarding the Supporting (troubled) Families Programme (STFP).

The report was introduced and the positive impact of the STFP on the lives of individuals and on the community was set out. It was highlighted that the programme had so far exceeded targets and analysis revealed not only a financial saving through a reduction in other services, but also a wider quality of life improvement to those involved.

Cabinet welcomed the report, noting that the benefits of the STFP were felt by a much larger number of people in the community than the 271 families which had been directly supported.

The recommendations in the report were proposed and agreed. The decision record is attached.

Chairman,

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Cabinet
Date:	15 September 2017
Title:	Strategic Transport Infrastructure and Capital Funding Opportunities
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. That Cabinet notes the changes in the national and regional context for infrastructure delivery and commits the County Council to continue to develop its approach in order to capitalise on new funding opportunities to support the timely delivery of infrastructure.
- 1.2. That Cabinet approves in principle the addition of the Botley Strategic Land Development and Bypass projects to the Capital Programme.
- 1.3. That Cabinet agrees the approach to bidding for the Housing Infrastructure Fund as set out in this report, namely to submit Forward Funding bids for Manydown and Welborne, with Manydown ranked as priority one.
- 1.4. That Cabinet agrees to support identified borough or district council Marginal Viability bids, provided they do not conflict with County Council interests, including the proposed Forward Funding bids identified in this report;
- 1.5. That Cabinet agrees to write to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government requesting that, notwithstanding the ranking, both Forward Funding bids being submitted by the County Council are formally evaluated and considered, as both relate to Government regional and designated large housing areas.
- 1.6. That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader, to finalise the HIF Forward Funding submissions, and appropriate supporting submissions for district and borough council Marginal Viability submissions.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. Improving transport, tackling congestion and reducing traffic impacts on communities are vital to delivering the County Council's strategic priority to maintain Hampshire's character and quality of life by securing sustainable economic growth.

2.2. It is particularly important that the County Council is well positioned to secure external funding to help deliver the necessary transport infrastructure to address current and future growth pressures and traffic impacts, and to improve access to employment and services, as well as strengthening the county's wider connectivity.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1. The option of not developing the Capital Programme nor seeking agreement over the priority bids for the new Housing Infrastructure Fund in the way set out in the report has been rejected as it would run counter to the aims of the Council's Strategic Plan in relation to maintaining Hampshire's character and quality of life and supporting its sustainable economic growth.

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: ----- Chairman of the Cabinet Councillor Roy Perry	Date: 15 September 2017
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HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Cabinet
Date:	15 September 2017
Title:	Adult Safeguarding
Report From:	Director of Adults' Health and Care

Contact name: Jo Lappin, Head of Safeguarding, Quality & Governance

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1. The decision:

- a) That Cabinet endorses the direction of travel regarding the future focus of work, as outlined in Section 10 of the report.
- b) That Cabinet note the activity and progress within the Adult Safeguarding, Quality and Governance arena.
- c) That Cabinet note the continued pressure and increasing demands being made upon our statutory duty to safeguard and keep vulnerable adults safe.
- d) That Cabinet note the role of the Hampshire Safeguarding Adults Board in leading the development of policy across the 3 Pan Hampshire Adult Safeguarding Boards and to note the lead role being taken to chair the Inter-Authority Working Group.
- e) That Cabinet receive a further update on adult safeguarding in 12 months time.

2. Reason(s) for the decision:

- 2.1. The report provides Cabinet with a detailed insight into the activities undertaken to keep vulnerable adults across Hampshire safe and to identify priorities over the coming year.

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:

15 September 2017

**Chairman of Cabinet
Councillor Roy Perry**

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Cabinet
Date:	15 September 2017
Title:	Annual Safeguarding Report – Children’s Services
Report From:	Director of Children’s Services

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1. The decision:

- a) That Cabinet notes the positive progress and continued consistently high performance with regards to safeguarding children in Hampshire. Cabinet particularly welcomes the completion of a programme of investment in six Children’s Homes at a cost of £7 million to provide a modern and safe environment for Hampshire Children in care.
- b) That Cabinet note the commitment of a wide range of Children’s Services officers in achieving this level of performance.
- c) That cabinet endorses the future direction of travel identified in this report
- d) That Cabinet receives further updates on safeguarding on an annual basis.

2. Reason(s) for the decision:

- 2.1. The report provides Cabinet with a detailed insight into the activities undertaken to keep vulnerable children across Hampshire safe and to identify priorities over the coming year.

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:

15 September 2017

**Chairman of Cabinet
Councillor Roy Perry**

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Cabinet
Date:	15 September 2017
Title:	Supporting (troubled) Families Programme (STFP) Annual Update
Report From:	Director of Children's Services

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1. The decision:

- a) That Cabinet note the progress made and endorse the future direction of the programme as outlined in the report.

2. Reason(s) for the decision:

- 2.1. The report provides Cabinet with an annual update of Phase 2 (2015-20) of Hampshire's Supporting (troubled) Families Programme.

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:

15 September 2017

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