# AT A MEETING of the Cabinet of HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL held at the Castle, Winchester on Tuesday, 18th October, 2022

# Chairman: \* Councillor Rob Humby

- \* Councillor Roz Chadd
- \* Councillor Nick Adams-King
- \* Councillor Liz Fairhurst
- \* Councillor Steve Forster

- \* Councillor Edward Heron Councillor Kirsty North
- \* Councillor Russell Oppenheimer
- \* Councillor Jan Warwick

Also present with the agreement of the Chairman: Councillors Carpenter, Glen, Penman and Withers.

#### 78. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor North.

#### 79. **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.

### 80. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 19 July were reviewed and agreed.

#### 81. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

On behalf of Cabinet and the County Council, the Chairman congratulated Councillor North on the birth of her son.

The Chairman highlighted the recent success of Hampshire's fostering team in increasing enquiries from potential foster families. He also drew Cabinet's attention to events relating to Black History Month and World Menopause Day.

#### 82. **DEPUTATIONS**

No requests to make a deputation had been received on this occasion.

#### 83. DRIVING TOWARDS ECONOMIC STRENGTH

Cabinet considered a report of the Chief Executive regarding working towards economic strength post COVID, whilst recognising the significant impact of the war in Ukraine and the cost-of-living crisis.

In introduction, it was noted that the County Council's focus was now firmly on driving the economy forward. Local and national challenges were outlined and the next steps towards a Hampshire County Deal set out, with reference to the appended Prospectus.

Cabinet welcomed the report and with regards to the County Deal questioned whether anything could be drawn from other bids relating to either the scale of Hampshire or governance models. It was heard that Hampshire had economic and demographic features similar to other County Deal areas and noted that there was an unwillingness to sub-divide Counties. It was also confirmed that Deals did not involve re-organisation or unitarisation, but had a focus on devolution on the basis of the three levels established by Government. With regard to how a Deal might help with the current cost of living crisis, Cabinet recognised that devolution was a key mechanism to drive local economic growth, including skills as well as to align economic and green ambitions.

Officers were thanked for their work on the County Deal and the recommendations in the report were considered and agreed. A decision record is attached to these minutes.

## 84. DRAFT HAMPSHIRE MINERALS & WASTE PLAN PARTIAL UPDATE

Cabinet considered a report of the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment providing an overview of the Hampshire Minerals & Waste Plan: Partial Update - Draft Plan including what changes have been made, why these have occurred and what this means for Hampshire.

It was noted that authority was sought to begin the first stage of consultation on the update to the minerals and waste plan. This would allow legislative change to be adopted along with updated requirements. The timetable for consultation had been extended slightly, but this wasn't expected to impact on the overall completion point.

Cabinet noted that the update was being undertaken in conjunction with partner authorities. It was recognised that some communities would have a particular interest and everyone was encouraged to respond to the consultation, including those who were supportive of proposals. It was heard that the consultation would be promoted on the basis of guidance in the legislation, but the County Council was happy to support anyone who wanted to engage.

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

#### 85. DEPUTATIONS TO THE PENSION FUND PANEL AND BOARD

Cabinet considered a report of the Chief Executive regarding proposed amendments to the rules regarding deputations to the Pension Fund Panel and Board and its sub-committees.

Noting that the proposal would enable Hampshire Pension Fund members living outside of Hampshire to make a deputation at the Pension Fund Panel should they wish to, the recommendations in the report were considered and agreed. A decision record is attached to these minutes.

#### 86. **CORPORATE RISK MANAGEMENT**

Cabinet considered a report of the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services regarding risk management arrangements and the Risk Management Strategy 2022-2025.

The report, including the risk management framework was introduced and Cabinet noted the longer term strategy being adopted by the risk management board; how the framework had become organisationally embedded; action within DMTs and CMT on current and emerging risk and a recent audit outcome demonstrating improved management of risk. Members welcomed the positive directions of travel and recognised the progress that had been made.

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

## **Exclusion of Press and Public**

## **RESOLVED:**

That the public be excluded from the meeting during the following item of business, as it was likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the public were present during this item there would be disclosure to them of exempt information within Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, and further that in all the circumstances of the cases, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information, for the reasons set out in the exempt report.

## 87. CORPORATE STRATEGIC RISK REGISTER ANNUAL REPORT (EXEMPT)

Cabinet considered an exempt report of the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services regarding the Corporate Strategic Risk Register.

The contents of the County Council's corporate Risk Register, and the robust arrangements in place to manage these risks were noted. A decision record is attached to these minutes.	
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