

AT A MEETING of the ECONOMY, TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT
SELECT COMMITTEE of the COUNTY COUNCIL held at The Castle,
Winchester on Thursday, 19 January 2017.

PRESENT

Chairman:
p Councillor Sharyn Wheale

Vice-Chairman:
p Councillor Geoff Hockley

Councillors:

p Graham Burgess	p Rupert Kyrle
p Charles Choudhary	p Peter Latham
p Brian Gurden	a Steve Rippon-Swaine
a Edward Heron	p Frank Rust
a Tony Hooke	p David Simpson
p Roger Huxstep	p Mark Staplehurst

Also in attendance: Cllr Rob Humby, Executive Member for Environment & Transport, Cllr Mel Kendal, Executive Member for Economic Development

168. **BROADCASTING ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Chairman announced that the press and members of the public were permitted to film and broadcast the 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.

169. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

It was noted that Cllr Edward Heron and Cllr Steve Rippon-Swaine had given apologies. The conservative substitute Member Cllr Ken Moon had been invited but was unable to attend.

170. **DECLARATION 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 4 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.

171. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 3 November 2016 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

172. **DEPUTATIONS**

No deputations were received at this meeting.

173. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Road Safety Task & Finish Group

The Chairman reported that the membership of this task and finish group was finalised at the last meeting. However, following consideration with officers about the scope this group was planned to cover, it had been decided to defer this task and finish group until after the election. This would ensure the group has sufficient time to investigate this topic, and that membership of the group could remain consistent. This task and finish group would be on the agenda for the first meeting of this committee after the election, to ensure the terms of reference and membership be re-confirmed and this work progressed.

174. **PRE-SCRUTINY: ECONOMY TRANSPORT & ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGET**

The Committee considered reports and a supporting presentation from the Director of Economy, Transport & Environment regarding the revenue budget for economic development for 2017/18, the revenue budget for environment and transport for 2017/18 and the proposed capital programme for the Economy Transport and Environment Department for 2017/18 to 2019/20 (see Item 6 in the Minute Book).

Members heard that:

- Under the Transformation to 2017 programme, the savings required for the 2017/18 budget had been agreed in 2015 and there were no new savings proposals contained in this budget
- The Economy Transport & Environment Department was on track to deliver it's planned savings

in full by April 2017

- Further savings would be required in future to meet the anticipated budget gap in 2019, so a further programme Transformation to 2019 would be developed
- For the Economy Transport & Environment Department, the capital programme was now close to the revenue budget in scale. The capital programme would be updated when successful funding bids were announced e.g. government funding towards the Stubbington bypass

Following questions Members heard:

- Officers consider the County Council is maintaining a safe highway network with reduced resources
- Some highway schemes would not yet show in the capital programme if the schemes were still in development

Members commented:

- Some Members disagreed with the reductions received from central government, concerned that this would impact on ability to provide services
- Members congratulated officers for meeting their savings targets and managing the funds available effectively

Following the debate, the following recommendations were proposed by the Chairman and agreed by majority vote:

RECOMMENDED:

That the Economy, Transport and Environment Select Committee:

1. Support the recommendations being proposed to the Executive Member for Economic Development in section 8 (page 5) of the revenue budget report.
2. Support the recommendations being proposed to the Executive Member for Environment & Transport in section 10 (page 8) of the revenue budget report.
3. Support the recommendations being proposed to the Executive Member for Environment & Transport in section 14 (page 8) of the capital programme report.

Recommendations
passed to
Executive Member

175. **PRE-SCRUTINY: PARISH LENGTHSMEN SCHEME FOR 2017/18**

The Committee considered a report from the Director of Economy, Transport & Environment regarding the Parish

Lengthsman Scheme (see Item 7 in the Minute Book). Cllr Jackie Porter had requested to speak on this item and the Chairman invited her to speak first. Cllr Porter indicated that she had discussed the issue with the Executive Member for Environment and Transport, and provided a written summary of her concerns. Her concerns covered issues such as the safety of undertaking certain tasks for lengthsman.

Members heard that:

- Officers summarised the background to the scheme, reporting that 138 parishes take part in the scheme, with 24 lead parishes covering between one and twelve parishes.
- Feedback from parishes about the scheme was positive, with 38 on the waiting list to join the scheme in the coming year
- The cost of the scheme was £156,200 in 2017/18, and if a further 40 parishes joined this would increase by £44,000 in 2017/18. A contribution of £30,000 towards the scheme was received from the Culture Communities and Business Services Department, with the remainder funded from the Economy Transport and Environment Department revenue budget.
- It was considered appropriate to review the scheme prior to the 2018/19 financial year, and the Select Committee could hold a task & finish group to input to such a review

RECOMMENDED:

That the Economy, Transport and Environment Select Committee support the recommendations being proposed to the Executive Member for Environment & Transport in section 6 (page 4) of the report.

Recommendation passed to Executive Member

RESOLVED:

That the Select Committee set up a Task & Finish Group on the Parish Lengthsman Scheme to review the scheme to inform the 2018/19 financial year.

Arrangements be made for a task & finish group

176. **REVIEW OF A BOARDS LICENSING TRIAL**

The Committee received a report from the Director of Economy, Transport & Environment regarding the trial licensing of A Boards in Andover Town Centre (see Item 8 in the Minute Book).

Members heard that:

- The scheme for licensing A Boards had been trialled in Andover between June 2015 and July 2016
- Take up of licenses for A Boards had been poor,

with only 22 applications received. It was therefore concluded that the trial had not been a success.

RESOLVED:

The Select Committee support the conclusions in the report.

177. **UPDATE: FLY TIPPING STRATEGY**

The Committee received a presentation from the Director of Economy, Transport & Environment providing an update on development of a Hampshire Fly-Tipping Strategy (see Item 9 in the Minute Book).

Members heard that:

- Three working groups had been established and agreed their key priorities
- A workshop had been held in January 2017 involving a number of partner agencies
- Governance of the work would be via Project Integra
- It was planned to recruit an officer to work on fly tipping, and the role was due to be advertised shortly

Following questions Members heard:

- That the strategy included working closely with bordering authorities such as Surrey County Council
- All the district councils were supportive of the strategy
- The strategy included reporting of fly tipping that takes place on private land

RESOLVED:

The Select Committee note the update.

178. **WORK PROGRAMME**

The Chairman presented the Committee's forthcoming work programme (see Item 10 in the Minute Book).

RESOLVED:

That the Committee's work programme be approved subject to any amendments made at this meeting.