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SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON  
18<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2009

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Present:

The Mayor, Councillor Parnell  
The Sheriff, Councillor Mizon  
Councillors Baillie, Ball, Barnes–Andrews, Baston, Beckett, Mrs Blatchford, Bogle, Capozzoli (for items 96 onwards), Cooke, Cunio, Mrs Damani, Daunt, Davis, Dean, Dick, Drake, Fitzgerald, Fitzhenry, Fuller, Galton, Hannides, Holmes, Jones, Letts, McEwing, Marsh-Jenks, Matthews, Moulton, Norris, Odgers, Osmond, Payne, Rayment, Samuels, Slade, Smith, Sollitt, Stevens, Thomas, Walker, Wells, White, Willacy, P. Williams and Dr R. Williams.

91. APOLOGIES

It was noted that apologies for absence had been received from Councillor Burke.

92. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> January and 18<sup>th</sup> February 2009 be approved and signed as correct records, subject to the inclusion of the following amendment to the minutes of the 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2009:-

Notice of motion submitted by Councillor P Williams having been signed by one third of the Members of the Council under Council Procedure Rule 16 to rescind a decision made at the Council Meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2009:-

1. *To delete resolution (ii) in minute 89*

*and replace with:*

- *To agree that, with effect from the 6<sup>th</sup> April 2009, the current average weekly dwelling rent figure of £61.67 should be increased by 3.1%, which equates to an average increase of £1.91 per week, and to approve the following to calculate this increase:*
  - *The percentage increase applied to all dwelling rents should be 2.35%, equivalent to £1.45 per week,*
  - *That the revised phased introduction of the Governments rent restructuring regime should be followed, giving a further overall increase in average rent levels of 0.75%, equivalent to £0.46 per week.*

- *To note that*
  - *The total percentage increase in individual rents will vary according to the restructured rent of their property in 2023/24,*
  - *The revised rent increase set out above is based on the best interpretation of the information currently available from CLG and that if there are material unexpected differences when the final amending subsidy determinations are published it will be necessary to submit a further report setting out options for addressing the issues that have arisen,*
  - *There is no information available to assess the impact on rent increases or other HRA budgets for 2010/11 or subsequent years. This will have to be considered as part of the budget process for 2010/11.*

*2. To add the following to resolution (vii)*

*subject to the Dwelling Rent Income budget being reduced by £1,698,900 and the Housing Subsidy Paid to DCLG budget being reduced by £1,698,900.*

*Amended resolution to read:*

*That the HRA estimates as set out in Appendix1 to the report be approved subject to increasing the 2009/10 budget for Supervision and Management by £7,500 and reducing the 2009/10 HRA contingency provision by £7,500 and subject to the Dwelling Rent Income budget being reduced by £1,698,900 and the Housing Subsidy Paid to DCLG budget being reduced by £1,698,900.*

93. ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE MAYOR

**Former Mayor – John Minto**

The Mayor informed the Council that former Mayor, John Minto was currently in hospital and that he would be sending the Council's best wishes to him and the family.

94. DEPUTATIONS, PETITIONS AND PUBLIC QUESTIONS

- (i) The Council received a deputation from Mrs Suzanne Wright and Mrs Heather Soper, requesting the upgrading of the zebra crossing at Lodge Road and Earls Road to a signal controlled crossing together with remedial and associated safety works including the installation of 'speed cameras' to the pavements and parking facilities/provision in Lodge Road.
- (ii) The Council received a deputation from Mrs Abbott and Mrs Page, concerning the Concierge service to be supplied to certain blocks of flats by the Southampton East Tenants Federation (Setaf) and the

additional weekly charge to be added to tenant's rents from April 2009.

- (iii) The Council received a petition from Councillor Cunio concerning the trading activities and the impact on the highway of a trader in Victoria Road.

95. EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

The report of the Leader of the Council was submitted, setting out the details of the business undertaken by the Executive (copy of report circulated with agenda and appended to signed minutes).

The Leader and the Cabinet made statements and responded to Questions.

The following questions were then submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11.1:-

1. Question from Councillor R Williams to Councillor Dean

What was the reason behind abandoning investigation into megawatt-scale turbines on 2 of 5 'secret' potential sites around the city?

Answer

With the rising costs of energy the Council continues to be committed to exploring and using alternative forms of energy in the City. We will continue to investigate opportunities for other possible energy options including wind power. I have met 2 wind turbine manufacturers since becoming the Cabinet Member and I am keen to help them invest in Southampton when it is practical and commercially viable for them to do so.

However my position is that whilst wind has a place in the energy agenda, developing a stand alone programme in the City is not a priority at the current time. It would divert resources away from more established and higher priority energy initiatives which the Council is supporting that deliver more tangible local benefits. A key area of focus is developing stand alone CHP projects and further developing the Utilicom scheme.

In the current economic climate, safeguarding established partnerships rather than embarking on new programmes, especially those which are potentially highly risky or contentious seems preferable.

2. Question from Councillor Stevens to Councillor Baillie

How many exclusions (permanent and temporary) from secondary

schools were there since the start of academic year, broken down by schools in Southampton and what happened to the permanently excluded pupils?

Answer

Permanent and Fixed Term Exclusions regarding pupils for secondary schools in Southampton were as follows:-

**Permanent Exclusions September to date (13.3.09);**

Secondary – 30  
(In addition Primary – 5)

<b>School</b>	<b>Number of Permanent Exclusions</b>
Oasis Lordshill	3
Oasis Mayfield	11
Bitterne Park	2
Cantell	4
Chamberlayne Park	4
Redbridge	3
Regents Park	1
Upper Shirley High	1
Woodlands	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>30</b>

**Fixed term Exclusions September to February half term:**

**Note:** fixed term exclusions from the Academies were not included as there is no requirement for figures to be disclosed to the Authority

<u><b>School</b></u>	<u><b>Number of Exclusions</b></u>
Bitterne Park	87
Cantell	222
Chamberlayne	223
Redbridge	44
Regents Park	22
St Anne's	7
St George's	102
Sholing Tech College	91
Upper Shirley High	52
Woodlands	119
<b>Total:</b>	<b>969</b>

3. Question from Councillor Payne to Councillor Smith

Could the Cabinet Member update the Council on what the investigation he called for on behalf of his colleague, the Cabinet Member for Housing and Local Services, in regards to asbestos fears in Council properties, has found out so far?

Answer

An investigation has been started which is looking into how the original incidents occurred, what actions were taken at that time, how this was reported internally and whether there was a requirement for the Health and Safety Executive to be informed.

Further to this, the investigation will also concentrate on whether the Housing Client made information available to the consultants and contractors to enable them to carry out their roles in supervising and carrying out work to tenants' homes as part of the Decent Homes refurbishment programme. If there were any failings, what these were and was any party responsible. The investigation will also look at the training given from Management to onsite operatives.

The Echo article referred to a "whistle blower" and this is incorrect. A member of Southampton City Council staff highlighted his concerns about the procedure that was being followed by the contractor to the Health and Safety Manager for Neighbourhoods. Capita and the Health and Safety Advisor met with Connaught to look at their Asbestos procedures and training records and highlighted their concerns. The Health and Safety advisor prepared a brief report for the Head of Decent Homes as a way of addressing the concerns raised by SCC's own operative. This document was not a secret document and was discussed openly and involved union representatives at a regular Health and Safety meeting.

4. Question from Councillor Stevens to Councillor Baillie

What is the Cabinet Member's policy towards Woolston and Weston schools opting into Trust status and the break up of local authority control of local education provision?

Answer

I support school autonomy, including the possibility of schools acquiring Trust status. Every case will be looked at on its merits, and a formal response will be made when firm proposals are put forward. This opportunity has been created by legislation and is favoured by the Secretary of State for Children School and Families and Schools Ministers as a means of increasing diversity and choice. The decision on Trust status is a matter for the

governing body of each school, although the authority may object and have the matter considered by the Schools' Adjudicator.

5. Question from Councillor R Williams to Councillor P Williams

Does the Cabinet Member for Housing and Local Services agree with the recommendations of the recently published study "Litterbugs" by the Policy Exchange think tank and will Southampton City Council be adopting the proposals suggested about greater litter enforcement by increasing attention on fines and providing more bins in public spaces?

Answer

Improving our Parks and Street Cleansing is a big priority for our Council. It's massively encouraging, that the authors of the report recommended to the BBC that they came to Southampton as it was an example of best practice. We are not complacent. We are working to improve the situation. Our Executive Director did in fact attend the launch of the report. I think it's important to highlight that as a Council we are increasing the 1300 plus litter bins distributed throughout the City (through sponsorship and targeted additional bins) as well as increasingly focusing on enforcement action where necessary – in Southampton we issued over 80 £75 fixed penalty notices in the last year with over 90% pay up rate and further enforcement with court action for non-payment.

6. Question from Councillor Stevens to Councillor Baillie

Can the Cabinet Member tell Council if Southampton's Oasis run schools will be included in the Government's investigation/report into the funding of schools by religious organisations/charities?

Answer

I have spoken with the lead 'Academy' Civic Servant who says that the DCSF have absolute confidence in Oasis, find them a pleasure to work with and have an open and transparent relationship. He says their integrity is total. He is unaware of any government investigation.

7. Question from Councillor Sollitt to Councillor Dean

Would the Cabinet Member clarify the current logic surrounding the new street name signs around the City and in particular why signs in good condition are being replaced before others that have been missing or damaged?

Answer

Street Name Plates are an important element of the visual street

scene.

As part of the current highways Capital Programme, old street name plates are being replaced with new style plates in the historic central area and along the main corridors into the City. The aim is to provide high quality, consistent improvement in high profile areas.

There is separate provision for the ad hoc replacement of damaged signs across the city. As part of this provision, many signs will be replaced by a dedicated team over the coming weeks. Since becoming the Cabinet Member, I have ensured that this is an area of focus for the Highways Service. The procurement process for street nameplates has been improved and the product is now of better quality and more affordable.

8. Question from Councillor Stevens to Councillor Baillie

Can the Cabinet Member tell the Council if there has been an improvement in attendance and a reduction of pupil truancy in Southampton schools?

Answer

Yes there has been an improvement in attendance in both Primary and Secondary schools outlined as follows which are the most up to date published figures:

	<b>2006/07 Absence%</b>	<b>2007/08 Absence %</b>
<b>Primary</b>	6.26	6.02
<b>Secondary</b>	10.30	9.23
<b>Primary and Secondary combined</b>	8.09	7.41

In secondary schools, 'truancy' is measured by pupils who are Persistently Absent (PA) – (approx attendance below 80%) We have seen a significant reduction in the percentage of Secondary pupils city wide who are persistently absent.

<b>2006/07 PA%</b>	<b>2007/08 PA%</b>
11.7	8.4

We do not currently collate PA data for Primary schools

9. Question from Councillor Baston to Councillor Hannides

Would the Executive Member for Leisure, Culture and Tourism update the Council on progress with the proposed Heritage Centre?

Answer

Proposals for the Heritage Centre have been developed to a stage including outline design, which allowed a submission to the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) in October of last year. This £5m bid will be considered by the HLF on 24<sup>th</sup> March.

10. Question from Councillor Stevens to Councillor Baillie

What policies/spending priorities will the Cabinet Member put in place considering the extra spend (approx £800,000) for the Children's social service function by the Executive's budget and does he believe the Chair of the Local Safeguarding Board will be able to withdraw concerns expressed in December 08?

Answer

In the first year we will not be able to recruit all of the staff indicated below instantly, they will need to be recruited and give notice. Therefore the cost for the year 2009/10 will be pro-rata in the first year, which we expect to be about £800,000.

**Indicative Costs**

The table below shows the estimated recommended level of resources:

25 x Social Workers	£937,500
1 x Statutory Principal Officer for Social Care	£82,000
4 x Senior Practitioners	£176,000
1 x Service Manager	£65,000
4 x Business Support	£80,000
Associated costs for transport, accommodation & infrastructure	TBC
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£1,340,500</b>

11. Question from Councillor Bogle to Councillor Baillie

Why is the Primary Review being done in stages rather than in one review across the city?

Answer



The intention of the review is to focus on those areas of the city where there are specific issues which need to be addressed. A more widespread review would be considerably more difficult to manage, and would take longer to reach conclusions. The funding of the primary review is spread and more pertinently over 14 years.

12. Question from Councillor Stevens to Councillor Baillie

Does the Cabinet Member have any plans to change the Admissions process and policy for Southampton to make the process fairer or reduce the numbers of pupils leaving the City and ensure all our secondary schools have the number of pupils to make them viable?

Answer

Southampton City Council will continue to ensure its own admission arrangements comply with Regulations and the School Admissions Code; and will use its powers to refer to the Adjudicator, any admissions arrangements of other admission authorities it considers unlawful, or contrary to the Code.

13. Question from Councillor Bogle to Councillor Smith

What do you think are the reasons for the failure of the Southampton BID to get a majority in support, and what are the consequences for the Council?

Answer

The result represents 42% of votes in favour by number and 46% by rateable value. The BID is required to achieve a majority of at least 51% on both counts. The turnout of 34% was relatively low, but by no means the lowest seen in recent BID results. Many businesses, including usually overt BID supporters from large organisations, failed to register their vote. The negative impact of the recession has had an impact and is the key reason for the failure of the BID. Some banks and building societies that normally would have voted yes, didn't register their vote. Informal feedback from smaller companies has also indicated the recession as the reason for a 'non-vote' or negative vote.

Partnership arrangements have been strengthened as a result of the set up of the BID Steering Group and the very recent establishment of a City Centre Management Company, Streets Ahead Southampton Limited. This new company will be Chaired and run by the business community. It is anticipated that this will provide a great opportunity to strengthen business relationships in the City across all sectors.

14. Question from Councillor Stevens to Councillor Baillie

Considering possible planning objections to a new build for a new build for Lord's Hill academy, what plan "b" is there for a new school for the academy?

Answer

There is no "Plan B" as all the partners agreed are fully committed to the current proposals, and determined to bring them to a successful outcome

15. Question from Councillor Sollitt to Councillor Moulton

How do recent changes relating to the charging of National Non Domestic Rates NNDR affect properties within and the industrial areas adjacent to Southampton Docks?

Answer

**The review of ports across England and Wales**

Until 31 March 2005, the valuation of large ports was prescribed by statutory formula. From 1 April 2005, the law changed and **the formula rating of ports** was discontinued.

The Valuation Office is now required to assess large ports - and everything within them – on the same footing as properties generally, namely on the basis of an assessment of their annual rental value as at 1 April 2003.

The review of port properties across England and Wales found a number of instances where properties that should be separately assessed for business rates were in fact included in the overall port assessments.

The Valuation Office Agency (VOA) wrote to all the port operators in May 2006 to explain the review.

**Effective date**

Non-domestic property is assessed every five years, with the current rating list having been introduced on 1 April 2005. Under current rating legislation any non-domestic property that **constitutes a separate rateable occupation on that day**, has to be entered into the list with effect from 1 April 2005 and will have a liability going back to that date or date of completion if later.

Because of the port's review, a number of new liabilities for business rates have arisen which did not exist before. In most cases, these changes to rating assessments take effect from 1 April 2005 with the consequence that there is a backdated liability.

### **New rating assessments created from 1 April 2005**

The port changes were brought into the rating list in September 2008 and in most cases backdated to 1 April 2005. 25 new assessments were split from the port assessment, resulting in backdated bills for the occupiers. The overall net impact of these changes was an increase in debt of just over £3.75m.

Apart from the current tax year 2008/9, the backdated liability was payable immediately (i.e. within 14 days) in accordance with current legislation.

### **When they have to pay**

From 1 April 2009, the Government will introduce new legislation aimed at ratepayers facing significant backdated liabilities resulting from an alteration to the rating list. The legislation allows business more time to pay, providing they meet the qualifying criteria, and Businesses facing such bills are able to pay their backdated liability in equal interest-free instalments up to 8 years, rather than immediately.

It does not apply to ratepayers who have already paid in full.

The policy is a temporary measure introduced for this year only and will allow those affected by changes in the port assessment to take advantage of this option.

### **Ongoing changes**

The port assessment will be subject to future ongoing changes because it is now assessed on the same footing as properties generally. This will mean that existing individual assessments could be removed from the valuation list but the port assessment will increase, and vice versa.

### **Industrial areas adjacent to Southampton Docks**

There has been no noticeable impact on the properties in adjacent industrial sites to the port.

16. Question from Councillor Mizon to Councillor Dean

What actions is the Council taking to fulfil its part in port in Southampton being a Fair Trade City?

#### Answer

The Council continues to support Southampton Fair Trade City through the SCC Fairtrade Steering Group, which meets quarterly and includes representatives from relevant service areas of the council (Sustainability, Healthy Communities, Communications, City Catering, Tourism, and Procurement), the Southampton Fair Trade City Group, the University of Southampton, and the Primary Care Trust.

The group is currently chaired by Cllr Fitzhenry on my behalf as the Cabinet Member and I attend on an occasional basis as diary

commitments allow. The group looks for partnership working opportunities around Fairtrade and is currently considering how we can become more involved with schools and educational healthy eating projects.

The Sustainability Team holds a small budget for Fair Trade which tends to be used for a contribution towards production of the annual local Fair Trade Directory or other Fairtrade Fortnight events. Over the past few years the Council has run a Fair Trade Christmas Shop to promote Fair Trade products to SCC staff. The group are investigating the possibility of moving this event to the summer this year and changing the arrangements to involve a wider audience.

96. MOTIONS

(a) Councillor Letts moved and Councillor Thomas seconded:-

“Southampton City Council welcomes the work undertaken on the Fuel Poverty Scrutiny Inquiry and notes that 418 MPs supported the Warm Homes Act during its passage through Parliament. Council further notes that a recent High Court judgement ruled that the targets in the Warm Homes Act 2000 were not targets but merely “aspirations”. Council believes that urgent action is needed to help the 4 million people living in fuel poverty in the UK. Council therefore supports David Heath MP’s Fuel Poverty Bill (introduced into Parliament with cross-party support on 21<sup>st</sup> January) which seeks to reinstate the statutory duty to end fuel poverty and focuses on increasing the energy efficiency of the housing stock of the fuel poor. It also requires energy suppliers to provide social tariffs to vulnerable customers in the short-term.

Council further notes that as the largest landlord in the South East, the Council has a responsibility to do all in its power to improve the energy efficiency of its own housing stock. Council resolves to urge the Executive to:-

- Write to the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change, Ed Miliband and the Climate Change Minister, Joan Ruddock urging them to support the Fuel Poverty Bill.
- Write to local MPs urging them to pledge to attend the House of Commons and vote for the Fuel Poverty Bill at its Second Reading debate on Friday 20 March.
- Set out and at the earliest practical time meet an improved energy efficiency standard for the Council’s own housing stock”.

Amendment moved by Councillor P Williams and seconded by

Councillor Dick:-

Southampton City Council welcomes the work undertaken on the Fuel Poverty Scrutiny Inquiry. It welcomes the Executive's response. In many cases the Executive response goes beyond the recommendations by Scrutiny. Council further notes that a recent High Court judgment ruled that the targets in the Warm Homes Act 2000 were not targets but merely "aspirations".

Council believes that action is required from the Government to help resident in fuel poverty. The failings in the target orientated culture have failed to address the issues of fuel poverty and a step change is required. We welcome reports such as Warm Homes, which looks at ways of tackling energy efficiency and fuel poverty together.

We welcome and support the Executive's attempts to lever in extra money. This Council believes that schemes should be brought forward to help people rather than conferences and consultations.

UPON BEING PUT TO THE VOTE THE AMENDMENT WAS DECLARED CARRIED

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RESOLVED that the motion as amended be approved.

(b) Councillor Baston moved and Councillor Beckett seconded:-

"The Council notes the decision of Hampshire SACRE on 24<sup>th</sup> February to make available a report on Teaching about Creationism and Evolution in Schools, intended for 11-14 year olds, to secondary schools in Hampshire.

Whilst these are both important topics of discussion, the effect of the report would be that evolution, creationism and "intelligent design" would be taught in the same unit and given the same weight. At key stage 3, pupils may not have studied the complex subject of evolution in science classes. It is of concern that some of the material provided for discussion in the report is unreliable. In these circumstances an "informed debate" is not possible.

The Council considers that science, a matter of fact, and religion, a matter of belief, should continue to be taught separately, and requests that Southampton SACRE be informed of our views".

With the consent of the Mayor, Councillor Baillie altered and moved an amendment and Councillor Daunt seconded:-

Delete all of second paragraph and amend third paragraph as

follows:-

“The Council considers that science and religion should continue to be taught separately, and requests that Southampton SACRE and the governors be informed of our views”.

AMENDED MOTION TO READ:

“The Council notes the decision of Hampshire SACRE on 24<sup>th</sup> February to make available a report on Teaching about Creationism and Evolution in Schools, intended for 11-14 year olds, to secondary schools in Hampshire.  
The Council considers that science and religion should continue to be taught separately, and requests that Southampton SACRE and the governors be informed of our views”.

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RESOLVED that the motion as amended be approved.

(c) Councillor Damani moved and Councillor R Williams seconded:-

“Ethical trading is at the centre of the local government's responsibilities to the local community and the environment. In recognition of the importance placed upon ethical trading by the public sector Council requests the Executive to undertake a survey of goods and service providers to the Council to assess their commitment to and delivery of ethical trading, and report back to the Council on its findings within six months”.

Amendment moved by Councillor Dean and seconded by Councillor Moulton:-

Delete all and replace with:

Ethical trading is an important responsibility of local government and to the environment. In recognition of the importance placed upon ethical trading by the public sector, Council requests the Executive continues to have an ethical dimension when procuring goods and services and continues to progress its fair-trade and sustainable procurement agenda.

UPON BEING PUT TO THE VOTE THE AMENDMENT WAS DECLARED CARRIED

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RESOLVED that the motion as amended be approved.

97. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS TO THE CHAIRS OF COMMITTEES OR THE MAYOR

It was noted that no questions had been received.

98. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES, SUB-COMMITTEES AND OTHER BODIES

It was noted that no changes to the schedule of appointments had been made.

99. ANNUAL AUDIT AND INSPECTION LETTER 2008

The report of the Leader of the Council was submitted formally receiving the 2008 Annual Audit and Inspection Letter from the Audit Commission and detailing a number of areas where further improvements could be made to ensure that the recommended actions are progressed during 2009/10 (copy of report circulated with agenda and appended to signed minutes).

RESOLVED

- (i) that the 2008 Audit Commission's Annual Audit and Independent Letter be formally received;
- (ii) that the attached Annual Audit and Inspection Letter be referred to the Standards and Governance Committee; and
- (iii) that the inclusion within the Corporate Improvement Plan of the six key actions highlighted by the Audit Commission in the Annual Audit and Inspection letter be endorsed to ensure that they are progressed.

100. ADOPTION OF 2009-12 SOUTHAMPTON CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S PLAN

The report of the Cabinet Member for Children's Services was submitted seeking approval of amendments to the Strategic Assessment and Partnership Plan, determining the priorities for 2009 as identified by members of the Safe City Partnership and other stakeholders following a strategic assessment of the crime and disorder situation in Southampton (copy of report circulated with agenda and appended to signed minutes).

RESOLVED

- (i) that the 2009-12 Children and Young People's Plan be approved as part of the Council's policy framework (Document in Members Room); and

- (ii) that authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Children's Services and Learning, following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Children's Services, to make minor editorial changes, prior to the publication, which will not materially alter the content of the plan.

101. ACADEMIES: CAPITAL PROJECT

The report of the Cabinet Member for Children's Services was submitted seeking approval for funding in the sum of up to £1,025,000 to cover the Academies build related costs (copy of report circulated with agenda and appended to signed minutes).

RESOLVED

- (i) that £1,025,000 be added to the Children's Services Capital programme for the Academies Capital project, to be funded from the Council Resources as outlined in paragraphs 18 – 19; and
- (ii) that authority be delegated to the Executive Director of Resources, following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Resources and Workforce Planning, to undertake prudential borrowing to fund an element of the scheme, should the potential future capital receipt from the sale of the surplus land from the 3663 Food Warehouse be either; insufficient, or; the sale not take place.

102. SAFE CITY PARTERSHIP, STRATEGIC ASSESSMENT AND PARTNERSHIP PLAN 2009 UPDATE

The report of the Cabinet Member for Economic Development was submitted seeking approval of amendments to the Strategic Assessment and Partnership Plan, determining the priorities for 2009 as identified by members of the Safe City Partnership and other stakeholders following a strategic assessment of the crime and disorder situation in Southampton (copy of report circulated with agenda and appended to signed minutes).

RESOLVED

- (i) that the Safe City Partnership Plan as part of the Council's Policy Framework and the Council's contribution, as detailed in the Plan be approved; and
- (ii) that authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Communities, Health and Care to agree the final version of the Partnership Plan, following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Economic Development and the Performance Management Group of the Safe City Partnership.