
SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
15TH JULY 2009

Present:

The Mayor, Councillor Mizon
The Sheriff, Councillor Cunio
Councillors Baillie, Ball, Barnes–Andrews, Baston, Beckett, Bogle, Burke, Capozzoli, Cooke, Mrs Damani, Daunt, Davis, Dean, Drake, Fitzgerald, Fitzhenry, Fuller, Galton, Hannides, Holmes, Jones, Letts, Marsh-Jenks, Matthews, Moulton (item 28(b) onwards), Norris, Odgers, Osmond, Parnell, Payne, Rayment, Samuels, Slade, Smith, Sollitt, Stevens, Thomas, Walker, Wells, White, Willacy, P. Williams and Dr R. Williams.

23. APOLOGIES

It was noted that apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Mrs Blatchford and McEwing.

24. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 13th May 2009 be approved and signed as a correct record.

In relation to Minute 17(ii) relating to the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act, it was noted that the view of the Group Leaders was that there was little advantage in undertaking pre-statutory consultation and therefore, this should not be undertaken at this time.

25. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR

1. GOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD CHALLENGE

The Mayor asked Members to raise awareness of the Mayor's challenge to all Southampton Citizens to do a bit more for the community.

It was noted that the Mayor's community challenge would last all year and would be about reminding people to be good neighbours by helping each other, and not forgetting to do our bit.

The Mayor asked Members to raise awareness of the challenge and ask people to let her know what they had been doing, or about someone who had helped them.

2. SOUTH EAST CARBON ACTION NETWORK

The Mayor congratulated Bill Bickers-Jones, the City's Energy Efficiency Officer based in the Private Sector Housing Team, on receiving the South East Carbon Action Network Award 2009 for his drive and determination in improving Warm Front contributions to Southampton's residents.

3. THE LONDON ROAD IMPROVEMENT SCHEME

The Mayor announced that the London Road Improvement Scheme was recently Highly Commended at the Annual Institute of Highways and Transportation Awards Ceremony in London.

The award celebrated the good work taking place in the Highways and Transportation sector and promoted professionalism and good practice.

The Mayor presented the certificate to Simon Taylor, designer of the scheme and the manager of the City Project Team.

4. ENGLISH HERITAGE AWARD

The Mayor informed Members that the Council had received the South East Regional prize for its work in relation to the care and management of its heritage assets. The award was presented by English Heritage as part of the launch of their national Heritage at Risk Register.

The award was presented for the positive management of the historic environment in the city and, in particular, the work that has gone in to protecting and preserving the heritage of the city through ensuring that conservation areas are not at risk and removal of sites from the heritage at risk register.

The award recognised the work of officers across the Council, but especially in Environment and Transport and the Neighbourhoods Directorates.

5. IKEA –LOCAL EMPLOYER PARTNERSHIP AWARD

The Mayor presented the Local Employer Partnership award to IKEA in recognition of their outstanding partnership working, and the opportunities they had provided for our local people and communities to enable unemployed people in Southampton to gain skills and confidence to access jobs at the new store.

The Mayor also noted the contribution that the City Council and a wide range of local organisations had made in securing the award.

26. DEPUTATIONS, PETITIONS AND PUBLIC QUESTIONS

It was noted that the deputation request received from representatives for Choices Advocacy concerning employment opportunities for people with learning disabilities within Southampton and the City Council itself, had been deferred until the September meeting.

27. 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 Members made statements and responded to Questions.

The Leader announced a change in Cabinet Membership in relation to the Children's Services Portfolio. The Children's Services Portfolio was now held by Councillor Holmes. Additionally, there were two related Portfolios; one for Safeguarding Children, held by Councillor Walker and another for Young People and Skills, held by Councillor Matthews.

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

1. Question from Councillor Stevens to Councillor Holmes

Secondments of senior staff from local schools is an excellent way of building capacity/knowledge in the Children's Services directorate; does the cabinet member intend to extend the current programme?

Answer

I agree that secondments of senior staff from local schools are a very good way of strengthening the leadership capacity in both schools themselves and in Children's Services. I intend to ensure this continues as one of a range of strategies that are used to support headteachers and services in the delivery of the highest possible standards in our schools.

2. Question from Councillor Sollitt to Councillor Hannides

In light of the present economic climate can the Cabinet Member advise if there will be a delay in the possible outsourcing of leisure facilities in the city to an external operator?

Answer

The procurement of a partner to manage some of our facilities will proceed as planned. The partnerships are intended to be long term arrangements, which will be in place through future economic cycles and deliver real improvements to our facilities and their customers.

3. Question from Councillor Stevens to Councillor Holmes

What work has the Cabinet Member as the political lead on education in the city) done with Leisure, housing, Health directorates, PCT and Police concerning the co-location of services in new schools the authority intend to build in the city?

Answer

The extended services agenda is at the heart of the CSL approach to its BSF and Academies project. This is clearly reflected in the Council's Strategy for Change Part 1 document. The BSF and Academies Team is consulting with internal stakeholders across all SCC Directorates, key partner agencies, as well as with schools and their particular stakeholder groups, with a view to identifying potential co-location opportunities. With regard to the specific Directorates and Agencies referred to in the question, the BSF and Academies Team has the following regular meetings in place:

- PE & Sports Stakeholder Group (inc officers from Leisure)
- Stakeholder Board (inc PCT and Police)

These and other measures are designed to ensure maximum co-location as far as reasonably possible given current process and funding constraints as determined by central government.

4. Question from Councillor Payne to Councillor P Williams

Is the Cabinet Member confident that the Decent Homes standard will be met across Southampton by the 2010 deadline?

Answer

Yes.

Clearly those sites identified for Estate Regeneration will be a different category. If these areas are to be regenerated then the Council will not wish to invest in them under the Decent Homes Programme.

5. Question from Councillor Drake to Councillor P Williams

Is the Cabinet Member confident that the Decent Homes Programme for council accommodation in Southampton will be completed to the government standard by 2010?

Answer

Yes.

Clearly those sites identified for Estate Regeneration will be a different category. If these areas are to be regenerated then the Council will

not wish to invest in them under the Decent Homes Programme.

6. Question from Councillor Stevens to Councillor Holmes

What is the Cabinet Member's policy concerning post sixteen education provision in the city?

Answer

On 24 November 2008 cabinet approved a policy position on post 16 provision. The position has provided a:

- clear vision for 16 – 19 education as part of the wider 14 – 19 strategy; and
- context for the joint regional planning with Hampshire, the Isle of Wight and Portsmouth.

Adopting its post-16 policy position, Cabinet had as its key objective the commitment to ensure improvement in the attainment, progression and achievement of all young people in the city so that they attain economic well-being and prosperity.

The policy position adopted included:

- Support for the work within the secondary schools sector to ensure the continued year on year increase in results, particularly GCSE's at 16.
- A commitment to support schools to deliver current government educational reforms, particularly 17 new diplomas by 2013.
- Support for the hoped-for capital developments within the existing three colleges.
- An expectation that three colleges continue to increase their collaborative work with schools, to enhance opportunities locally, particularly for young people where traditional learning approaches have not worked and where vocational learning is the preferred approach.

Since adopting the policy position a range of external factors have altered including the withdrawal, at this point, of capital development programmes in the three colleges.

NOTE: Councillor Stevens declared a personal interest in the above matter, as an employee of a Sixth Form College within the city, and remained in the meeting during consideration of the matter.

7. Question from Councillor Bogle to Councillor Walker

How does the closure of the Family Centres help improve the safety of vulnerable children in the city?

Answer

There are no plans to close Family Centres. On the contrary, our most recent advice highlights the important nature of the work being done by Family Centres. Clearly in the light of Lord Laming's recent report, we are duty bound to look critically at the full range of provision we use to ensure the safety of our most vulnerable children, but this is to enhance provision such as that of Family Centres, not to diminish it.

8. Question from Councillor Stevens to Councillor Holmes

Considering the increase in Teenage Pregnancy in Southampton is the authority going to fund and implement contraception prevention programmes in city schools and colleges?

Answer

The Teenage Pregnancy Partnership – a partnership between NHS Southampton and Southampton City Council fully endorses the delivery of contraception prevention programmes in schools and colleges. To support this work three services have been commissioned from the teenage pregnancy grant for 2009/10 through an open and competitive process.

- Sexual health and well-being drop-in support in school setting to enable young people to access free confidential and impartial services to support their sexual health and well-being on school sites in eight out of 12 secondary schools.
- Sexual health and well-being drop-in support in college setting to enable young people to access free confidential and impartial services to support their sexual health and well-being on the three colleges.
- Sex and relationship education foundation services. This contract provides: a single point of contact and referral process for secondary schools to request support and assistance from multi agency partners on sex and relationship education; targeted sex and relationships education to eight target secondary schools in response to the findings of the sexual and relationship review and provides targeted sexual and relationship review projects in community settings to at risk young people and to pilot a peer education programme on sexual and relationship review.

9. Question from Councillor Bogle to Councillor Hannides

How is the Cabinet Member going to ensure Southampton's artistic and cultural reputation is not adversely affected by the sale of some of the City Art Gallery's collection?

Answer

The Museums Association and Museums, Libraries and Archives Council have published guidelines detailing how disposals should be carried out. Our new Acquisitions and Disposal's Policy embraces these and we intend to proceed to disposal using these guidelines. We are working closely with the key agencies in an open and transparent manner; open and honest dialogue is the best way to ensure our reputation is not damaged. In addition, the ultimate beneficiary of the sales will be the general public who will be able to enjoy a new museum, exhibiting our wonderful maritime collections and sharing the rich heritage of this City – this can only enhance our cultural reputation.

10. Question from Councillor Stevens to Councillor Walker.

How many fully qualified social workers are employed by the City to deal with child centred issues and what is their average caseload (in numbers of cases) per worker?

Answer

For all front line teams who work directly with children, including children in need of long term protection and children in care, there were 50.8fte qualified social workers at the end of June 2009, and average case loads of 39.3 children.

We are working to reduce this average month-on-month through active recruitment, improved professional supervision, safe case closure and the re-design of management systems. We are aiming at a maximum case load of 25 cases per qualified social worker, though this will be kept under review to take account of Lord Laming's National Social Work Task Force which is yet to report.

11. Question from Councillor Bogle to Councillor Smith

How many small businesses in the city have taken up the opportunity to reduce their business rate for their properties?

Answer

At 2009/10 annual billing in March 2009 there were 6,329 business rated properties in Southampton and of these, 1,589 ratepayers (25.1%) currently receive Small Business Rate Relief.

12. Question from Councillor Stevens to Councillor Matthews

Is the Cabinet Member committed to Youth work in the city and to extending much needed outreach programmes in the city, which go a long way to engaging youth and preventing non-positive behaviour in communities?

Answer

The Council, with its partners in the City's Children and Young Trust Partners, provides a very wide range of positive activities for young people. The activities, which are increasingly targeted to our most vulnerable young people, are designed to provide them with personalised support and prevent them from engaging in negative activity. In addition funding has been made available to enhance programmes of diversionary activity at critical times, including: outreach on Friday and Saturday nights and after school patrols.

13. Question from Councillor Bogle to Councillor Moulton

How is the Cabinet Member balancing vacancy management and the focus on reducing costs with the need to assist the local economy through employment in the Council?

Answer

The balance is being met through the following initiatives:

- The Council's re-deployment policy whereby a job matching process takes place in order to find alternative employment for employees who are 'at risk' of becoming redundant. Employees are offered a period of time on the redeployment register and every effort is made to find suitable alternative employment inside the Council. Those 'at risk' are also able to receive early consideration for posts which are advertised internally.
- Making full use of Government and local initiatives to assist the local economy through providing employment. An application has been made for funding from the Future Jobs Fund. If successful this will provide funding to provide jobs that will be suitable for young people (18 – 24 year olds) who have been unemployed for around 12 months, or are in unemployment hotspots.
- The signing of the Skills Pledge with partner organisations. This is a voluntary public commitment to support employees to develop their basic skills, including literacy and numeracy and work towards relevant, valuable qualifications to at least Level 2 (equivalent to 5 good GCSE's). We are also supporting local businesses in their efforts to raise attainment levels,

leading to employability and are monitoring this with Solent University to develop an Education Framework to support such attainment.

- The Council is also part of the Southampton Skills Development Zone, which includes initiatives on apprenticeships as well as using turnover, particularly at SUHT and the Council, to make jobs accessible to people in the 11 Priority neighbourhoods, working closely with Job Centre Plus.

14. Question from Councillor Stevens to Councillor Moulton

Is the current administration now and in the future, committed to funding and administering the Building Schools for the Future programme?

Answer

The Administration is committed to funding and administering the Building Schools for the Future programme both now and in the future.

28. MOTIONS

(a) Rented Homes/Houses in Multiple Occupation

Councillor Payne moved and Councillor Letts seconded:-

“This Council recognises that the proportion of rented homes is much higher in Southampton than the national average. As a result, the Council must provide enough funding to regulate this sector, ensuring that residents are not living in poor housing. This Council also calls for tighter controls to stop the unchecked spread of Houses in Multiple Occupation, and for the Council to take steps to ensure that the negative impact of existing ones is minimised to improve the quality of life for existing residents.”

Amendment moved by Councillor P Williams and seconded by Councillor Dean :

In the second line delete everything in the rest of the motion after the word “average”

and insert the words:

“24% compared to a national average of 11%. The Council is working hard to improve housing standards. In particular, the Council notes:

- Getting enforcement right as well as working to lever in extra investment to improve standards is important.
- A recent report, commissioned by the Department for Communities and Local Government, cited Southampton as

Best Practice in the area of Student Rented Housing.

- The Government needs to have a clear and coherent policy when it comes to Housing regulation. The Council notes that, twelve years into this Government and after much lobbying in the City, the Government has finally published a consultation paper on changing the Planning laws to specifically target HMO's.

The Council urges the Government to listen to all Southampton residents prior to deciding whether to introduce any legislation.”

AMENDED MOTION TO READ:

"This Council recognises that the proportion of private rented homes is much higher in Southampton than the national average, 24% compared to a national average of 11%. The Council is working hard to improve housing standards. In particular, the Council notes:

- Getting enforcement right as well as working to lever in extra investment to improve standards is important.
- A recent report, commissioned by the Department for Communities and Local Government, cited Southampton as Best Practice in the area of Student Rented Housing.
- The Government needs to have a clear and coherent policy when it comes to Housing regulation. The Council notes that, twelve years into this Government and after much lobbying in the City, the Government has finally published a consultation paper on changing the Planning laws to specifically target HMO's.

The Council urges the Government to listen to all Southampton residents prior to deciding whether to introduce any legislation.”

UPON BEING PUT TO THE VOTE THE AMENDMENT WAS DECLARED CARRIED

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RESOLVED that the motion as amended be approved.

N.B. Councillor Richard Williams declared a prejudicial interest in the above matter, as a private sector landlord in the City, and left the meeting during consideration of the matter.

- (b) Parking Arrangements – Inner City

Councillor Burke moved and Councillor Cunio seconded:-

“Council notes that the present parking arrangements are causing a great deal of inconvenience to those who wish to come and worship in the inner city. Council calls on the Executive to urgently consider the parking arrangements in the inner city for all faith groups and to introduce modifications to the current regulations to ensure that all faiths can worship without the fear of parking penalties.”

UPON BEING PUT TO THE VOTE THE MOTION WAS DECLARED LOST

RESOLVED that the motion be not approved.

(c) Art Collection

Councillor Baston moved and Councillor Sollitt seconded:-

“This Council believes that the proposal to sell art works from the civic collection is a betrayal of public trust, damaging to the reputation of our museums, and should not be implemented”.

UPON BEING PUT TO THE VOTE THE MOTION WAS DECLARED LOST

RESOLVED that the motion be not approved.

(d) Funding for City Colleges

Councillor Smith moved and Councillor Moulton seconded:-

“Southampton City Council deplores the way in which the Labour Government has treated the 16-19 age group colleges in the City, promising substantial sums of money for additional or new build, then reneging upon their promises, and thereby causing much abortive expenditure and serious demoralisation. Southampton City Council wishes to record its appreciation of the work of the Heads and Staff of the Colleges in educating our young people. Furthermore it calls on the Government to refund in full the City’s colleges any abortive expenditure on preparing for the rebuilds.”

Amendment moved by Councillor Letts and seconded by Councillor Barnes – Andrews:

At the end of the first line delete the words “Labour Government”

and insert the words:

“Learning and Skills Council”

AMENDED MOTION TO READ:

" Southampton City Council deplores the way in which the Learning

and Skills Council has treated the 16-19 age group colleges in the City, promising substantial sums of money for additional or new build, then renege upon their promises, and thereby causing much abortive expenditure and serious demoralisation. Southampton City Council wishes to record its appreciation of the work of the Heads and Staff of the Colleges in educating our young people. Furthermore it calls on the Government to refund in full the City's colleges any abortive expenditure on preparing for the rebuilds."

UPON BEING PUT TO THE VOTE THE AMENDMENT WAS DECLARED CARRIED.

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RESOLVED that the motion as amended be approved.

N.B. The following prejudicial interests were declared:-

- (i) Councillor Burke – as Chair of Itchen Governors and Itchen Corporation,
- (ii) Councillor Fuller – as Adult Student Governor of Itchen College,
- (iii) Councillor Stevens – as an Employee of a sixth form college in the City

The above Councillors left the meeting during the consideration of the matter.

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

It was noted that no questions had been received.

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

It was noted that that the following changes had been made to the appointments to Committees, Sub-Committees and other bodies:

Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee – Councillor Norris had replaced Councillor Walker. Councillor Dick had been appointed to fill the Conservative vacancy.

Planning and Rights of Way Panel – Councillors Jones and Osmond had replaced Councillors Holmes and Walker.

Employment and Appeals Panel – Councillor Baillie had replaced Councillor Walker.

Licensing Committee – Councillors Baillie, Osmond and Parnell had replaced Fuller, Holmes and Walker.

Safer Communities Scrutiny Panel – Councillor Parnell had replaced Councillor Holmes.

31. FINAL ACCOUNTS FOR 2008/09

(i) Statement of Accounts 2008/09

The report of the Cabinet Member for Resources and Workforce Planning was submitted concerning the statement of accounts for 2008/09 (copy of report circulated with agenda and appended to signed minutes).

RESOLVED that it be noted that the Statement of Accounts 2008/09 had been approved by the Standards and Governance Committee on 25th June 2009, subject to any changes required after the completion of the Audit and any such changes being presented to the Audit Committee.

(ii) General Fund Revenue Outturn 2008/09

The report of the Cabinet Member for Resources and Workforce Planning was submitted concerning the general fund revenue outturn from 2008/09 (copy of report circulated with agenda and appended to signed minutes).

RESOLVED:

- (i) that the final outturn for 2008/09 as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report be noted;
- (ii) that the performance of individual portfolios in meeting their budget targets as set out in paragraph 7 of the report be noted together with the major variances in Appendix 2;
- (iii) that the addition to the Revenue Development Fund of £391, 400, as set out in paragraph 15 of the report, be approved;
- (iv) that the use of £100,000 of the 2008/09 under spend which had already been approved, as outlined in paragraph 16 of the report, be noted;
- (v) that the carry forward request totalling £752,800, as outlined in paragraph 17 of the report and set out in detail in Appendix 3, be approved; and
- (vi) that the use of £3,474,500 of the 2008/09 under spend to fund the cost of the corporate items set out in paragraph 18 of the report be approved.

(iii) General Fund Capital Outturn 2008/09

The report of the Cabinet Member for Resources and Workforce Planning was submitted concerning the general fund capital outturn for 2008/09 (copy of report circulated with agenda and appended to signed minutes).

RESOLVED:

- (i) that the actual capital spending in 2008/09, as shown in paragraphs 4 and 5 of the report, be noted;
- (ii) that the proposed capital financing in 2008/09, as shown in paragraph 10 of the report, be approved;
- (iii) that the revised scheme estimates for 2009/10, to take account of slippage and rephrasing as detailed in Appendix 1, be approved;
- (iv) that the request by Housing and Local Services to slip under spends from 2008/09 into later years and bring forward budgets from later years to cover forecast over spends in 2008/09 and 2009/10, as outlined in paragraph 15 of the report and Appendix 4, be approved;
- (v) that it be noted that following changes in programme spending and resources the forecast deficit on the capital programme had exceeded parameters recommended by the Chief Financial Officer;
- (vi) that a full review and prioritisation of the capital programme in order to bring the deficit back within acceptable parameters, the results of which will be reported as part of the September update of the Capital Programme, be approved; and
- (vii) that delegated authority be granted to the Executive Director of Resources following consultation with the Leader, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Resources and Workforce Planning, to implement short term measures to reduce the deficit on the capital programme whilst the review takes place.

(iv) Housing Revenue Account Revenue and Capital Outturn 2008/09

The report of the Cabinet Member for Housing and Local Services was submitted concerning the housing revenue account and capital outturn for 2008/09 (copy of report circulated with agenda and appended to signed minutes).

RESOLVED:

- (i) that the HRA revenue outturn for the financial year 2008/09, which showed a favourable variance for the year of £1,187,000 and

balances at the end of the year of £2,387,000 be noted;

- (ii) that the capital outturn for 2008/09 be noted;
- (iii) that the amendments to the HRA Capital Programme for 2009/10, as set out in Appendix 3 to the report, to take account of the variations in 2008/09, be approved; and
- (iv) that the revenue carry forward of £218,100 for Programme Repairs External Decorations be approved.

(v) Review of Prudential Limits Outturn 2008/09

The report of the Cabinet Member for Resources and Workforce Planning was submitted concerning the treasury management activities for 2008/09 (copy of report circulated with agenda and appended to signed minutes).

RESOLVED:

- (i) that the Treasury Management activities for 2008/09 and the outturn on the Prudential Indicators be noted; and
- (ii) that it be noted that the continued proactive approach to Treasury Management had led to significant savings in borrowing costs and safeguarded investment income during the year.

(vi) Collection Fund Outturn 2008/09

The report of the Cabinet Member for Resources and Workforce Planning was submitted concerning the actual payments made to and from the collection fund during the 2008/09 financial year (copy of report circulated with agenda and appended to signed minutes).

RESOLVED that the accounts for the Collection Fund in 2008/09, as shown in Appendix 1 to the report, be noted.

32. CHANGES TO EXISTING REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGETS

The report of the Cabinet Member for Resources and Workforce Planning was submitted setting out changes to existing revenue and capital budgets (copy of report circulated with agenda and appended to signed minutes).

RESOLVED:

- (i) that the high level forecast for the General Fund for 2010/11 and 2011/12 contained in Appendix 1 to the report be noted;
- (ii) that the change in use of the current Transformation budget to be used to lead the Council's Efficiency Programme and pay for an Efficiency Programme Manager reporting to the Executive Director

of Resources, additional procurement staff to deliver procurement savings and other support as necessary to fast track efficiency savings and support project management, be approved;

- (iii) that the efficiencies, income generation proposals and service reductions as set out in Appendix 2 to the report be approved;
- (iv) that one-off expenditure of £279,600 in 2009/10, as set out in Appendix 3 to the report, to be funded from the part year savings within the report, be approved;
- (v) that the re-phasing of the Environment and Transport Portfolio Capital Programme to bring forward up to £1M of expenditure on highway improvement schemes from 2010/11 to 2009/10 be approved;
- (vi) that delegated authority be granted to the Executive Director of Environment, following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport and the Chief Financial Officer, to approve capital expenditure of up to £1M for highway improvement schemes in respect of the brought forward funding; and
- (vii) that delegated authority be granted to the Executive Director of Resources, following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Resources and Workforce Planning, to do anything necessary to give effect to the above resolutions.

33. THE CITY'S 14-19 LEARNING, SKILLS AND EMPLOYABILITY STRATEGY 2009-12 (Formerly the City's 14-19 Strategic Plan)

The report of the Cabinet Member for Young People and Skills was submitted seeking approval for the addition of Southampton 14-19 Learning, Skills and Employability Strategy as a Policy Framework document (copy of report circulated with agenda and appended to signed minutes).

RESOLVED that the Southampton 14-19 Learning, Skills and Employability Strategy as a Policy Framework document be approved.

34. EUROPEAN ELECTIONS 2009

The report of the Returning Officer was submitted (copy of report circulated with agenda and appended to signed minutes).

RESOLVED that the results of the European election 2009 be noted.

35. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC – CONFIDENTIAL PAPERS INCLUDED IN THE FOLLOWING MINUTE

RESOLVED that in accordance with the Council's Constitution, specifically the Access to Information Procedure Rules contained

within the Constitution, the press and public be excluded from the meeting in respect of any consideration of the confidential report under minute 36.

The confidential report contains information deemed to be exempt from general publication based on Category 3 of paragraph 10.4 of the Council's Access to Information Procedure Rules. It is not in the public interest to disclose this information because it comprises financial and business information that if made public would prejudice the Council's ability to operate in a commercial environment and obtain best value during acquisition negotiations.

36. STRATEGIC LAND USE

The confidential report of the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport was submitted seeking approval for strategic land use (copy of confidential report circulated with agenda and appended to signed minutes).

A confidential amendment was moved by Councillor Dean and seconded by Councillor Moulton regarding the funding of the scheme proposals.

UPON BEING PUT TO THE VOTE, THE AMENDMENT WAS
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DECLARED CARRIED

RESOLVED that the funding and proposals as set out in the report, as amended at the meeting, be approved in accordance with the confidential decision of the Cabinet (Decision No CAB016 -07/2009).