

COUNCIL

Wednesday, 16th March, 2011
at 2.00 pm

PLEASE NOTE TIME

Council Chamber, Civic Centre

Members of the Council

The Mayor – Chair

The Sheriff – Vice-chair

Leader of the Council

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Harefield	Daunt Fitzhenry Smith	Woolston	Cunio Payne Dr R Williams

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Role of the Council

The Council comprises all 48 Councillors. The Council normally meets six times a year including the annual meeting, at which the Mayor and the Council Leader are elected and committees and sub-committees are appointed, and the budget meeting, at which the Council Tax is set for the following year.

The Council approves the policy framework, which is a series of plans and strategies recommended by the Executive, which set out the key policies and programmes for the main services provided by the Council.

It receives a summary report of decisions made by the Executive, and reports on specific issues raised by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee.

The Council also considers questions and motions submitted by Council Members on matters for which the Council has a responsibility or which affect the City.

Public Involvement

Representations

At the discretion of the Mayor, members of the public may address the Council on any report included on the agenda in which they have a relevant interest.

Petitions

At a meeting of the Council any Member or member of the public may present a petition which is submitted in accordance with the Council's scheme for handling petitions.

Petitions containing more than 1,500 signatures (qualifying) will be debated at a Council meeting. Petitions with less than 1,500 signatories (non-qualifying) shall be presented to the Council meeting and be received without discussion.

Deputations

A deputation of up to three people can apply to address the Council. A deputation may include the presentation of a petition.

Questions

People who live or work in the City may ask questions of the Mayor, Chairs of Committees and Members of the Executive.

Southampton City Council's Six Priorities

- Providing good value, high quality services
- Getting the City working
- Investing in education and training
- Keeping people safe
- Keeping the City clean and green
- Looking after people

Smoking policy – The Council operates a no-smoking policy in all civic buildings.

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Dates of Meetings

2010	2011
12 May	16 February
14 July	16 March
15 September (SPECIAL)	18 May
15 September	
17 November	

CONDUCT OF MEETING

FUNCTIONS OF THE COUNCIL

The functions of the Council are set out in Article 4 of Part 2 of the Constitution

RULES OF PROCEDURE

The meeting is governed by the Council Procedure Rules as set out in Part 4 of the Constitution.

BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED

Only those items listed on the attached agenda may be considered at this meeting.

QUORUM

The minimum number of appointed Members required to be in attendance to hold the meeting is 16.

DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Members are required to disclose, in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct, **both** the existence **and** nature of any "personal" or "prejudicial" interests they may have in relation to matters for consideration on this Agenda.

PERSONAL INTERESTS

A Member must regard himself or herself as having a personal interest in any matter:

- (i) if the matter relates to an interest in the Member's register of interests; or
- (ii) if a decision upon a matter might reasonably be regarded as affecting to a greater extent than other Council Tax payers, ratepayers and inhabitants of the District, the wellbeing or financial position of himself or herself, a relative or a friend or:-
 - (a) any employment or business carried on by such person;
 - (b) any person who employs or has appointed such a person, any firm in which such a person is a partner, or any company of which such a person is a director;
 - (c) any corporate body in which such a person has a beneficial interest in a class of securities exceeding the nominal value of £5,000; or
 - (d) any body listed in Article 14(a) to (e) in which such a person holds a position of general control or management.

A Member must disclose a personal interest.

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PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS

Having identified a personal interest, a Member must consider whether a member of the public with knowledge of the relevant facts would reasonably think that the interest was so significant and particular that it could prejudice that Member's judgement of the public interest. If that is the case, the interest must be regarded as "prejudicial" and the Member must disclose the interest and withdraw from the meeting room during discussion on the item.

It should be noted that a prejudicial interest may apply to part or the whole of an item.

Where there are a series of inter-related financial or resource matters, with a limited resource available, under consideration a prejudicial interest in one matter relating to that resource may lead to a member being excluded from considering the other matters relating to that same limited resource.

There are some limited exceptions.

Note: Members are encouraged to seek advice from the Monitoring Officer or his staff in Democratic Services if they have any problems or concerns in relation to the above.

PRINCIPLES OF DECISION MAKING

All decisions of the Council will be made in accordance with the following principles:-

- proportionality (i.e. the action must be proportionate to the desired outcome);
- due consultation and the taking of professional advice from officers;
- respect for human rights;
- a presumption in favour of openness, accountability and transparency;
- setting out what options have been considered;
- setting out reasons for the decision; and
- clarity of aims and desired outcomes.

In exercising discretion, the decision maker must:

- understand the law that regulates the decision making power and gives effect to it. The decision-maker must direct itself properly in law;
- take into account all relevant matters (those matters which the law requires the authority as a matter of legal obligation to take into account);
- leave out of account irrelevant considerations;
- act for a proper purpose, exercising its powers for the public good;
- not reach a decision which no authority acting reasonably could reach, (also known as the "rationality" or "taking leave of your senses" principle);
- comply with the rule that local government finance is to be conducted on an annual basis. Save to the extent authorised by Parliament, 'live now, pay later' and forward funding are unlawful; and
- act with procedural propriety in accordance with the rules of fairness.

SOLICITOR TO THE COUNCIL
M R HEATH
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Tuesday, 8 March 2011

TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the COUNCIL to be held on WEDNESDAY, 16TH MARCH, 2011 in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE at 2.00 pm when the following business is proposed to be transacted:-

1 APOLOGIES

To receive any apologies.

2 MINUTES

To authorise the signing of the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 17 November 2010 and 16 February 2011, attached.

3 ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR AND LEADER

Matters especially brought forward by the Mayor and the Leader.

4 DEPUTATIONS, PETITIONS AND PUBLIC QUESTIONS

To receive any requests for Deputations, Presentation of Petitions or Public Questions.

5 EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

Report of the Leader of the Council, attached.

6 MOTIONS

A) Councillor R Williams to move:-

Full Council notes that the LGPS is a sustainable, good quality pension scheme that benefits from being funded and locally managed. It is valuable to employers and employees alike. Successive governments have failed to recognise the distinctiveness of the LGPS in setting policy, most notably in the proposal announced by the Chancellor in the last CSR to impose an extra 3.2% contribution tax on scheme members, increasing scheme average member contributions from 6.6% to 9.8%. This tax does not benefit the scheme or scheme members or employers. This proposal is in addition to pension reductions caused by being indexed against CPI instead of RPI and is in advance of expected benefit reform recommendations from the Hutton Review.

Full Council agrees that an increase in member contributions as proposed will lead to mass opt outs from the LGPS and that would be undesirable and damaging. The views expressed by the LGA in its letter to the Chancellor dated 16 February 2011 on this subject are also the views of this Council.

Full Council therefore resolves that the Council will write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Chief Secretary to the Treasury and the Secretary of State for Local Government within the next month stating this Council's support for the LGA letter referred to above and calling for government to rethink its proposed increases to LGPS member contributions. The Council will work with Trade Unions to ensure employees are made aware of the proposals for the LGPS and encouraging them to support the Council's representations to defend their pension scheme.

B) Councillor P Williams to move:-

This Council welcomes the news that Prince William is to marry Kate Middleton on 29th April. The Council notes the following:

- The 9 day celebrations give a real opportunity to promote a sense of community and build a sense of pride.
- Under the previous Government local residents faced a cost of between £75 and £3000 for putting on street events.
- Southampton City Council provides free Public Liability Insurance for residents wanting to hold events; and
- the assistance to residents & traders with the setting up of street parties and events

“As part of its drive to promoting a bigger society the City Council urges all Councillors to act in their roles as community champions to promote and facilitate where possible the celebrations within the City.”

C) Councillor Smith to move:-

That the Council notes that Her Majesty The Queen has agreed that competitions may be held for a grant of Lord Mayoralty to mark Her Diamond Jubilee in 2012. Lord Mayoralty is an exceptional distinction conferred on the Mayoralties of a few, usually long established and important cities. Existing local authority cities are welcome to enter the competition by the closing date of 27 May 2011, and that this Council accordingly resolves to submit a bid of behalf of the City of Southampton.

D) Councillor Dean to move:-

That Council acknowledges that the Highway Partnership with Balfour Beatty Workplace entered on the 4th October last year has already demonstrated tangible benefits across the City.

Council notes :-

- the contractual commitment to deliver over £10m of savings over the lifetime of the contract;
- a substantial reduction in the number of outstanding highway defects; and
- the successful completion of a number of high profile road schemes such as;
 - o Lodge Road;
 - o Crest Way; and
 - o Shirley Road.

Council notes the commitment to:

- reinvest the savings from the Highways Partnership into the network;
- the increasing professionalism of the Council and Balfour Beatty Workplace to developing partnerships with utility companies;
- an improved resilience over the winter period with increased investment in gritting vehicles, new grit bins and additional salt stocks, leading to the Councils signing of the Winter Service Compact;
- improved communication with residents and business representatives across the City pertaining to highways issues; and
- Council notes the **additional** £1m investment in the City's pavements which will result in over 40 linear miles of improved footway over and above the existing published Highways Capital programme. This is the largest single investment in pavements since the construction of our council estates in the 1950s.

Council notes that the contract is less than six months old but already provides opportunities for the local authority to invest prudently in schemes that will provide a real tangible benefit for the citizens of Southampton.

E) Councillor Vinson to move:-

This Council urges the Cabinet, in discussion for Southampton's two universities, to adopt a threshold for the numbers of students living in private accommodation in the community and to link through the planning process future expansion in student numbers to the provision of additional purpose-built accommodation along the lines in force in Oxford.

F) Councillor Turner to move:-

Council is concerned at commercial companies mounting promotions giving out free alcohol samples to young people in the City Centre which is part of the designated alcohol free zone and asks the Licensing Committee to investigate and if necessary bring forward proposals for regulating such promotions

7 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS TO THE CHAIRS OF COMMITTEES OR THE MAYOR

To consider any question of which notice has been given under Council Procedure Rule 11.2.

8 APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES, SUB-COMMITTEES AND OTHER BODIES

To deal with any appointments to Committees, Sub-Committees or other bodies as required.

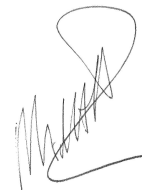
9 LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN 3

Report of the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport seeking approval and adoption of the Local Transport Plan 3 (LTP3) for Southampton, attached.

10 ADOPTION OF THE SAFE CITY PARTNERSHIP PLAN 2011/12

Report of the Cabinet Member for Local Services and Community Safety seeking approval for the Safe City Partnership Plan 2011/12, attached.

NOTE: There will be prayers by a representative of the Islamic faith and a Thought for the Day by Monsignor Vincent Harvey in the Mayor's Reception Room at 1.45 pm for Members of the Council and Officers who wish to attend.



M R HEATH
SOLICITOR TO THE COUNCIL

ITEM NO: 2

MINUTES ATTACHED TO THIS AGENDA INCLUDE

- Appendix 1 - Minutes of the Council Meeting held 17 November 2010
- Appendix 2 – Minutes of the Council Meeting held 16 February 2011
- Appendix 2 – Annex A Conservative Budget amendment (part 1)
- Appendix 2 – Annex A Conservative Budget amendment (part 2)
- Appendix 2 – Annex B Liberal Democrat Budget Resolution

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ITEM NO 2 – Appendix 1

SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 17 NOVEMBER 2010

Present:

The Mayor, Councillor Cunio
The Sheriff, Councillor Matthews
Councillors Baillie, Ball, Barnes-Andrews, Bogle, Burke (Minutes 54-58 only),
Capozzoli, Mrs Damani, Daunt, Dean, Dick, Drake, Fitzhenry (Minute 57(ii)
onwards), Fuller, Furnell, Hannides, Harris, Holmes, Jones, Kolker, Letts, Mead
(Minute 57(ii) onwards), McEwing, Morrell, Moulton, Norris, Odgers, Osmond,
Parnell, Payne, Rayment, Samuels, Slade, Smith, Sollitt, Stevens, Vinson, Thomas,
Turner, Walker, Wells, Willacy, P Williams, Dr R Williams and White

54. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors Fitzgerald and Marsh-Jenks.

55. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Special Council and Council Meetings held on 15th September 2010 be approved and signed as correct records.

56. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR AND LEADER

1. Commonwealth Games and Special Olympics

The Mayor welcomed Max Brick, winner of a Gold Medal in Synchro 3 metre springboard diving at the recent Commonwealth Games held in Delhi, Chris Mears, who came 4th in this event, together with their Diving Coach, Lindsay Fraser. The Mayor also welcomed the Gold medal winner in the Long Jump at the Special Olympics in Poland, Wayne Taylor. On behalf of the Council, the Mayor congratulated them on their achievements and presented them each with an award and a certificate in recognition of their outstanding success.

2. New Chief Executive

The Mayor welcomed Alistair Neill as the Council's new Chief Executive to his first meeting of the Council.

3. Mayor's Charity Ball

The Mayor reminded Members that her Charity Ball would take place on Friday 28 January at 7pm with a Reception in the Art Gallery followed by Dinner in Southampton Guildhall. Further information and booking forms could be obtained from the Mayor's Office.

57. DEPUTATIONS, PETITIONS AND PUBLIC QUESTIONS

- (i) The Council received a deputation from Val Abbot concerning rent cards and the location of pay point for the Weston Tower Block;

NOTE: Councillor Drake declared a personal interest in the above matter, as a Council tenant, and remained in the meeting during the consideration of the matter.

- (ii) The Council received a deputation together with a petition from Anna Matthews concerning a safe road crossing on Chapel Road.

58. 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. Street Promotions

Question from Councillor Vinson to Councillor Smith

Would the Leader please outline the procedure for approval of commercial promotions in the City Centre?

Answer:

I am advised that there is no legal requirement for approval of commercial promotions in the City Centre which do not involve the sale of goods or placing of objects on the highway.

The background is:

For street trading purposes, the Above Bar pedestrian precinct is a consent street (limited to flowers and newspapers only); Guildhall Square is a consent street, and the rest in the city centre, are prohibited streets. The City Centre Manager has encouraged activities, especially in the area by the Bargate, which have included the distribution of free samples; these are not classed as street trading.

Street trading is the sales of goods (selling or exposing or offering for sale of any article), unless exempt, which includes:

- pedlars with pedlars certificates (from the Police)
- statutory or charter markets or fairs
- news vendors
- trading at shop premises or in a street adjoining shop premises as part of their business

- trading by roundsmen
- anything authorised by Part VIIA of the Highways Act 1980 (objects, structures, recreation or refreshment on the highway)
- authorised charitable collections

The promotional activities by the Bargate (together with the markets promoted by the city centre manager there and in Above Bar precinct) are subject to consent under Part VIIA of the Highways Act 1980, Other promotions, such as the distribution of free samples, don't need permission. If the highway is obstructed, the Police would be able to take appropriate action. The distribution of handbills advertising businesses, entertainments etc "to the annoyance of passengers" is dealt with by a 1907 bye-law, a copy is available on request. Additionally, the Control of Pollution Act 1974 places a prohibition on the use of amplification for advertising purposes.

2. Council Rent

Question from Councillor Payne to Councillor Baillie

With the Government proposing Council Rents to rise to up to 80 per cent of full market rate, can the Cabinet Member tell Council what the average weekly Council rent in Southampton would be, and does he believe this is affordable for tenants?

Answer:

For 2011/12, the Council has recently been advised that the current rent restructuring arrangements that have applied since April 2002 will continue to apply for a further year. It is expected that any longer term changes would be announced as part of the wider changes to council housing finance, which are expected to be published early in the new year.

Until we receive these details it remains to be clarified whether the higher rent levels will apply to council rents, whether the higher rents would apply to all tenants, or whether the change would be made when tenancies change, and the degree to which individual social landlords can make their own decisions on setting rents at "up to 80% of market rent." It is not possible therefore to say what the future rent levels for Southampton City Council tenants will be.

3. Black History Month

Question from Councillor Dr R Williams to Councillor Smith

Will the Leader of the Council join with me in complimenting the achievements of this year's Black History Month in Southampton?

Answer:

Yes

4. Traffic on Itchen Bridge

Question from Councillor Drake to Councillor Dean

What action is the Cabinet Member taking to help prevent traffic coming to an almost complete standstill across the Itchen Bridge and into the City Centre for hours on end, as happened on 8th November, when cruise liners are visiting the City?

Answer:

The Network Rail closure of Central Bridge for essential maintenance has had an impact on the flow of traffic in this area of the City with a number of motorists diverting along Canute Road past Dock Gate 4.

When there are liners in port, they traditionally discharge passengers between 09:00 and 11:00. At weekends this is not a problem, but during the week, these vehicles can extend the peak hour and create limited traffic congestion for traffic entering the City on the Itchen Bridge.

The 8th November was exceptional in so much as there were four liners in the port of which three are amongst the worlds biggest. One cruise liner was not able to depart the night before due to weather conditions resulting in the Queen Mary located in the wrong berth. There was confusion for arriving passengers with ABP having to stop and direct each vehicle to the correct Dock gate within their site. This created a back up onto the public highway that we were unable to clear through our traffic control computer, or by additional resources at the toll booths on the bridge.

When Central Bridge re-opens next year, the potential for this type of problem will reduce.

Cruise passenger growth is forecast to double within the next 10 to 20 years according to the Port Masterplan recently published by ABP. In addition traffic growth from non port activity growth will see a 50% growth in trips into and out of the City Centre over the period of the Local Development Framework. The City Council and ABP are currently undertaking a port Transport Assessment. This is an extensive study looking at the scheme needed to alleviate the causes of congestion. The City Council is also in discussion with ABP and the cruise industry leaders to identify how such scheme might be funded particularly in light of a reduced Local Transport Plan settlement.

Initial results from the study are showing that the Dock Gate 4 junction and the new Ocean Terminals processing capacity are areas that need detailed investigation.

Last year when there was a particularly busy cruise weekend the City Council paid for all buses in the city to be free. As a result 60,000 additional trips were made by local resident by bus over that weekend alone. The result was that the network was able to cope. This illustrates that part of the solution to this issue also involves needing to bring about a significant modal shift away from the

private car. The new Local Transport Plan will be seeking approval in March next year at which time the raft of measures currently being considered will be set out in a 4 year implementation plan.

5. Private Sector picking up Council jobs

Question from Councillor Bogle to Councillor Smith

Which areas of the private sector are expected to pick up the loss of Council jobs in Southampton over the next 4 years?

Answer:

The following areas of the private sector are expected to bring new jobs to the city:

- **Leisure/hospitality sector:** through a number of development schemes in the planning/construction pipeline (such as the Sea City Museum, the new Premier Inn at West Quay and the community and conference centre at Eastpoint) as well as future plans such as development of the former Tyrell and Green site.
- **Retail and hospitality sector:** through Costco, which is proposing an outlet on land released by BAT at Shirley and the Watermark West Quay scheme, to be completed by the end of 2014.
- **Marine engineering:** Griffon Hoverworks has recently announced plans to expand and locate at Merlin Quay and the Council is working hard to progress the employment site at Centenary Quay.
- **Knowledge economy:** through the recently opened Ocean Village Innovation Centre and Southampton University's plans for a Centre of Marine Excellence at Boldrewood Campus which will provide not only highly skilled jobs but also employment opportunities in support activities.
- **Offices:** A number of schemes are ready to proceed but depend upon securing tenants before proceeding.
- **Construction:** through all of these projects along with proposed house building projects and the Estate Regeneration Programme.

6. Sharing Services with other Local Authorities

Question from Councillor Bogle to Councillor Smith

What services are being considered for 'sharing' with other local authorities like Portsmouth and what are the potential savings estimates at this stage?

Answer:

All opportunities for joint working with neighbouring local authorities and other partners are being systematically explored by this administration to ensure that all those who live, work, visit and study in Southampton receive the services they need in the most cost effective way.

7. Redundancy arrangements

Question from Councillor Bogle to Councillor Moulton

How will the Council hold on to its best staff in a redundancy situation?

Answer:

This will be a difficult period for everyone affected by the proposals. The Council is committed to reducing the impact of the 2011/12 budget proposals on staff wherever possible, and will take practical steps to avoid compulsory redundancies through the Council's Employment Stability Policy and Guidelines.

Wherever possible the Council will seek to redeploy displaced staff, giving people the chance to take on a new role within the organisation. The Council will ensure that the associated selection processes are consistent, fair and transparent, ensuring that the right people are recruited to the right job.

Where it is not possible to provide a redeployment opportunity, there is the firm commitment to offer support and guidance at all stages of the process through:

- Engaging with, and providing, a dedicated point of contact for those at risk of redundancy to advise on redeployment and job search support,
- Relevant support workshops, providing advice on applying for jobs, CV compilation, interview techniques, and local recruitment opportunities,
- Collaboration with external agencies that provide employment support, such as Job Centre Plus, and other local employers to make them aware of SCC employees available to fill their existing or forthcoming vacancies and to retain good staff within the city.

8. Housing Waiting List

Question from Councillor Bogle to Councillor Baillie

How many people on the Council waiting list are under 35?

Answer:

As of November 2010 there are 3050 single people on the Council's Housing List who are waiting for social housing who are 35 years of age or under.

9. Special Constables

Question from Councillor Vinson to Councillor Moulton

How many Special Constables are currently taking advantage of the Executive's Council Tax Discount? How many of these have signed up as Special Constables after the introduction of the discount?

Answer:

The first Council Tax Discounts for Special Constables were awarded in May 2010, when a total of 32 were granted.

By the end of the October 2010, the number Council Tax Discounts awarded to Special Constables had risen by 5 to 37.

10. Neighbourhood Watch

Question from Councillor Vinson to Councillor P Williams

Can the Cabinet Member confirm that in order to establish a Neighbourhood Watch scheme one third of all the residents in a street are required to sign up?

Answer:

In advance of this question I have spoken to a number of residents involved with Neighbourhood Watch. There are lots of good examples of how residents across the City have got more people involved in Neighbourhood Watch. One such resident in Mayfield Road, just around the corner from you, was bustling with stories of how she has got people in her road signed up to Neighbourhood Watch. She wants to go further and get more students involved.

The Council and its partners are working on being as flexible as possible with regards to the setting up of Neighbourhood Watch schemes. Some roads such as Hill Lane have more than one scheme in them. The Council also wants to help residents getting involved with setting up a scheme.

11. Closure of Whitehaven Lodge

Question from Councillor McEwing to Councillor White

Can the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Health advise full Council what is going to happen to Whitehaven Lodge when all the residents are forced out?

Answer:

Once residents have all been helped to move on from Whitehaven in a fully supported way, the building will be appropriately secured and arrangements made to dispose of the site.

12. Future use of Whitehaven Lodge

Question from Councillor McEwing to Councillor White

Can the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Health advise full Council if Solent University is still interested in using Whitehaven Lodge building for students based at their academy in Redbridge?

Answer:

I and my officers have, as already stated in Full Council in response to an earlier question, no knowledge of any interest in the site by Solent.

13. Primary School Places review

Question from Councillor Barnes-Andrews to Councillor Holmes

Can you please provide an update of the Primary School places review?

Answer:

Pre-statutory consultation on proposals to increase the number of primary school places in the city ended last year. Further talks with schools have resulted in statutory proposals to add extra school places in 20 primary sector schools across Southampton between Sept 2011 and 2015.

These statutory proposals will be considered by Cabinet on 22 November. If approved they will be published shortly after this.

59. MOTIONS

(a) Empty Properties

Councillor Drake moved and Councillor Slade seconded:-

“This Council urges the Executive to develop and implement a clear strategy, including the use of Empty Dwelling Management Orders, to bring empty properties in the city back into use.”

UPON BEING PUT TO THE VOTE THE MOTION WAS DECLARED LOST

RESOLVED that the motion be not approved.

(b) Best Value

Councillor Stevens moved and Councillor Bogle seconded:-

“This Council will extract the best value from its commercial/private partners and contractors.”

Amendment moved by Councillor Moulton and seconded by Councillor Parnell:

AMENDMENT

In the first paragraph, 1st line, delete the word “extract” and replace with “achieve”

AMENDED MOTION TO READ:

“This Council will achieve the best value from its commercial/private partners and contractors.”

UPON BEING PUT TO THE VOTE THE AMENDMENT WAS DECLARED CARRIED

UPON BEING PUT TO THE VOTE THE MOTION AS AMENDED WAS DECLARED CARRIED

RESOLVED that the motion as amended be approved.

(c) Restorative Justice

Councillor Turner moved and Councillor Sollitt seconded:-

“This Council will work closely with the Police and magistrates to encourage and facilitate the use of Restorative Justice in Southampton. The Council also supports the principle of Restorative Justice and the development of a coherent programme of implementation particularly in cases involving young offenders.”

Amendment moved by Councillor P. Williams and seconded by Councillor Holmes:

AMENDMENT

In the 1st line, after the words “This Council” delete the words “will work closely with the Police and magistrates”

and replace with “works closely with its partners and key stakeholders”

In the 3rd line, after the words “Restorative Justice”, delete the rest of the sentence

and replace with “providing the victim has given consent.”

AMENDED MOTION TO READ:

“This Council works closely with its partners and key stakeholders to encourage and facilitate the use of Restorative Justice in Southampton. The Council also supports the principle of Restorative Justice providing the victim has given consent.”

UPON BEING PUT TO THE VOTE THE AMENDMENT WAS DECLARED CARRIED

UPON BEING PUT TO THE VOTE THE MOTION AS AMENDED WAS DECLARED CARRIED

RESOLVED that the motion as amended be approved.

(d) Houses in Multiple Occupation

With the consent of the meeting Councillor Vinson altered and moved his motion and Councillor Letts seconded:-

“This Council urges the City's three members of Parliament and the Leaders of all three political groups on the Council to write to the Government Minister responsible for revoking of the Use Class Order introduced by the previous Government to assist neighbourhoods adversely affected by excessive concentrations of Houses in Multiple Occupation. In this letter they should express clear opposition to this change in Policy and state our reasons.

In addition we urge our local Members of Parliament to sign the Early Day Motions tabled on this subject.

This Council also resolves to work with residents to progress, in the context of the Local Development Framework, measures to strengthen the ability to manage excessive concentration of HMOs.”

Amendment moved by Councillor Dean and seconded by Councillor Capozzoli:

AMENDMENT

In the first paragraph, 1st line, after the words “This Council” delete the rest of the paragraph and add the words “welcomes the Coalition Government’s new planning guidance regarding Houses of Multiple Occupation.”

In the second paragraph, 1st line, after the words “This Council” delete the words “also resolves to work with residents to progress”

And replace with “resolves to progress”

At the end of the second paragraph delete the full stop and add the words “by working with residents, with the City’s two universities, developers, investment landlords and other partners, carrying out targeted enforcement and using powers under legislation such as the Housing Act.”

Add a third paragraph to read “The Council also welcomes the Executive’s announcement to pursue the option of an Article 4 Direction in Southampton.”

AMENDED MOTION TO READ:

“This Council welcomes the Coalition Government’s new planning guidance regarding Houses of Multiple Occupation.

This Council resolves to progress, in the context of the Local Development Framework, measures to strengthen the ability to manage excessive concentrations of HMOs by working with residents, with the City’s two universities, developers, investment landlords and other partners, carrying out targeted enforcement and using powers under legislation such as the Housing Act.

The Council also welcomes the Executive's announcement to pursue the option of an Article 4 Direction in Southampton."

UPON BEING PUT TO THE VOTE THE AMENDMENT WAS DECLARED CARRIED

UPON BEING PUT TO THE VOTE THE MOTION AS AMENDED WAS DECLARED CARRIED

RESOLVED that the motion as amended be approved.

NOTE: Councillor Dr R. Williams declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the above matter as a private sector landlord and left the meeting during the consideration of the matter.

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

It was noted that no questions to the Chairs of Committees or the Mayor had been received.

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

It was noted that no changes had been made to the appointments to Committees, Sub-Committees or Other Bodies.

62. LICENSING ACT 2003 - TRIENNIAL REVIEW OF STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY

The report of the Solicitor to the Council was submitted seeking the adoption of a revised Licensing Policy (copy of the report circulated with the agenda and appended to signed minutes).

Amendment moved by Councillor Dr R. Williams and seconded by Councillor Cunio:-

AMENDMENT TO RECOMMENDATION

Add a final recommendation to read "(iii) That Councillors be informed of licensing applications in their wards in the same manner as is currently the case for planning applications."

UPON BEING PUT TO THE VOTE THE AMENDMENT WAS DECLARED LOST

RESOLVED that the revised Statement of Licensing Policy as attached at Appendix 1 to the report be approved.

63. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY - SUMMARY OF CALL-IN ACTIVITY

It was noted that there had not been any use of the call-in procedure over the last six months.

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SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
16 FEBRUARY 2011

Present:

The Mayor, Councillor Cunio
The Sheriff, Councillor Matthews
Councillors Baillie, Ball, Barnes-Andrews, Bogle, Burke, Capozzoli, Mrs Damani, Daunt, Dean, Dick, Drake, Fitzgerald, Fitzhenry, Fuller, Furnell, Hannides, Harris, Holmes, Jones, Kolker, Letts, Marsh-Jenks, McEwing, Morrell, Moulton, Norris, Odgers, Osmond, Parnell, Payne, Rayment (minute 64-67and 69), Samuels, Slade, Smith, Sollitt, Stevens, Vinson, Thomas, Turner, Walker, Wells, Willacy, P Williams, Dr R Williams (minute 64-67and 69) and White

64. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillor Mead.

65. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR AND LEADER

1. Dorian Attwood

The Mayor announced that the former Mayor and Councillor for Shirley, Dorian Attwood, had died recently of cancer. He served on the Council from 1990-2000 and was Mayor in 1996. Members stood for a moment in silence as a mark of respect.

2. BBC and Meridian

The Mayor reminded Members that Meridian and the BBC would be filming the meeting. The BBC filming would be used as part of a process of making a one-off programme about the budget setting process in local authorities.

3. Most improved schools

On behalf of the Council, the Mayor congratulated two of the City's primary schools that had been listed in the table of 100 most improved schools. The table identified schools which had seen the biggest sustained improvement in the proportion of pupils attaining the government benchmark in their national curriculum test.

Bassett Green Primary School had a combined English and Mathematics level 4 percentage of 34% in 2008. This rose to 67% in 2010, an increase of 33%.

St Mary's Church of England Voluntary Controlled Primary School had a combined English and Mathematics level 4 percentage of 23% in 2008. This rose to 57% in 2010, an increase of 34%.

4. Southampton Football Club

On behalf of the Council, the Mayor congratulated Southampton Football Club on their 125th anniversary and wished them well in their fight for promotion.

66. DEPUTATIONS, PETITIONS AND PUBLIC QUESTIONS

It was noted that no requests for deputations, petitions or public questions had been received.

67. COUNCIL TAX SETTING AND RELATED MATTERS

(A) GENERAL FUND CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2010/11 TO 2013/14

(B) GENERAL FUND REVENUE BUDGET 2011/12 TO 2013/14

The reports of the Cabinet Member for Resources and Workforce Planning were submitted seeking approval to the updated Capital Programme for 2010/11 - 2013/14 together with the latest estimated overall financial position on the General Fund Revenue Budget for 2011/12 - 2013/14 and outlining the main issues that needed to be addressed in considering the Cabinet's budget proposals. The recommendations therein as amended by Executive Budget Resolution 2011/12 to comprise the Executive's budget proposals were moved by Councillor Moulton and seconded by Councillor Smith (copies of reports circulated with agenda and appended to signed minutes and a copy of the amended Executive Budget resolution as circulated at the meeting attached as appendix A to these minutes).

The Council agreed to suspend Council Procedure Rules 14.2, 14.4, 14.5, 14.6, 14.7, 14.8, 14.9 and 16.2:-

- (i) to enable the above items to be considered together;
- (ii) to enable any amendments to be proposed, seconded and considered at the same time;
- (iii) to enable any amendment to be re-introduced later into the meeting; and
- (iv) to revise the time allowed for speakers as follows:-

Movers of motions - 20 minutes
Seconders - 10 minutes
Other Speakers - 4 minutes

Councillors Marsh-Jenks, Morrell and Dr. R. Williams gave a summation of the budgetary situation. No budgetary amendment was submitted on behalf of the Labour Group.

An amendment setting out the Liberal Democrat Group's budget proposals (Liberal Democrat Budget Resolution 2011/12 – 2013/14 was moved by Councillor Vinson and seconded by Councillor Sollitt (copy attached as Appendix B to these minutes).

UPON BEING PUT TO THE VOTE THE LIBERAL DEMOCRAT GROUP PROPOSALS WERE DECLARED LOST.

UPON BEING PUT TO THE VOTE THE EXECUTIVE BUDGET PROPOSALS AS AMENDED WERE DECLARED CARRIED.

RESOLVED that the General Fund Capital Programme 2010/11 to 2013/14 and the General Fund Revenue Budget 2011/12 to 2013/14 as amended by Executive Budget Resolution 2011/12 (appendix A to these minutes) be adopted.

68. HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT BUDGET REPORT

The report of the Cabinet Member for Housing was submitted seeking approval to the Housing Revenue Account budget proposals including the proposed 2011/12 Housing Revenue Account (HRA) revenue estimates for all of the day to day services provided to Council tenants in the City, together with the proposed rent and service charge increases for council tenants from April 2011 and the HRA capital programme for the period to 2012/13 (copy of report circulated with agenda and appended to signed minutes).

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the Tenant Association Representatives be thanked for their input to the capital and revenue budget setting process and their views as set out in the report be noted;
- (ii) That it be agreed that, with effect from the 4th April 2011, the current average weekly dwelling rent figure of £65.15 should increase by 6.99%, which equates to an average increase of £4.55 per week, and that the following be approved to calculate this increase:
 - That the percentage increase applied to all dwelling rents should be 5.1%, equivalent to an increase of £3.32 per week; and
 - That the revised phased introduction of the Government's Rent Restructuring regime should be followed, giving an increase in average rent levels of 1.89% (£1.23 per week) and to note that:
 - The total percentage increase in individual rents will vary according to the restructured rent of their property in 2015/16.
- (iii) That the charges for garages and parking spaces for 2011/12 be increased by 6.99% in line with the increase in average rents;
- (iv) That the Housing Revenue Account Revenue Estimates as set out in the attached Appendix 1 to the report be approved;
- (v) That the revised Housing Revenue Account Capital Programme set out in Appendix 2 to the report which includes total spending of £55.028M on work that meets the definition of "affordable housing" be approved;
- (vi) That the use of resources to fund the HRA Capital Programme as shown in Appendix 3 to the report, be approved including the following use of unsupported (prudential) borrowing:
 - £2.150M to support the overall programme (unchanged from the report in September 2010);
 - £3.356M to fund the new build programme that is not funded from HCA grant,
 - £2.230M to fund the digital TV proposals,
 - £0.870M to fund the estate regeneration programme pending the receipt of capital receipts from sale of the sites and
 - £3.100M of short term borrowing to sustain the programme in 2010/11, which can be repaid by the end of 2012/13.
- (vii) That parking charges at Wyndham Court be amended as set out in appendix 5 to the report;
- (viii) That the rent setting policy for new build, acquired and converted dwellings be adopted as set out in Appendix 6 to the report;

- (ix) That it be noted that rental income and service charge payments would be paid by tenants over a 48 week period; and
- (x) That it be noted that the overall shortfall in resources of £3.079M to fund the capital programme is within the tolerances set by the Executive Director for Resources in the approved Medium Term Financial Strategy and that plans are in place to close this gap as set out in paragraph 35 of the report.

69. ANNUAL TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY AND PRUDENTIAL LIMITS 2011/12 TO 2013/14

The report of the Executive Director for Resources (Acting) was submitted seeking approval of the Annual Treasury Management Strategy and Prudential Indicators for 2011/12 – 2013/14 (copy of report circulated with agenda and appended to signed minutes).

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the Council's Prudential Indicators as detailed within the report be approved;
- (ii) that the 2011 Minimum Revenue Provision Statement be approved;
- (iii) that the Treasury Management Strategy for 2011/12 as outlined in the report be approved;
- (iv) that it be noted that the indicators as reported have been set on the assumption that the recommendations in the Capital Update report will be approved. Should the recommendations change, the Prudential Indicators may have to be recalculated; and
- (v) that delegated authority continue to be granted to the Chief Financial Officer, following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Resources and Workforce Planning, to approve any changes to the Prudential Indicators or borrowing limits that will aid good treasury management. For example, increase the percentage for variable rate borrowing to take advantage of the depressed market for short term rates. Any amendments will be reported as part of quarterly financial and performance monitoring and in revisions to this strategy.

ITEM NO: 2 Appendix 2 Annex A

Conservative Budget Resolution 2011/12

It is recommended that Council:

- i) Approves the Revised Budget for 2010/11 as set out in Appendix 2 to the General Fund Revenue Budget 2011/12 to 2013/14 report on the Council agenda.
- ii) Approves the use of £0.5M of in year under spends to increase the Organisational Development Reserve in 2010/11 to ensure that adequate provision is made for the costs associated with the implementation of staff related savings.
- iii) Notes the position on the forecast roll forward budget for 2011/12 as set out in paragraphs 13 to 23 of the General Fund Revenue Budget 2011/12 to 2013/14 report on the Council agenda, as amended by the changes in Section A of Appendix 1 to this Resolution.
- iv) Approves an additional draw from General Fund Balances of up to £0.5M in 2011/12 if required during the year.
- v) Approves the Invest to Save Bids as set out in Appendix 3 to the General Fund Revenue Budget 2011/12 to 2013/14 report on the Council agenda.
- vi) Approves the revenue pressures as set out in Appendix 4 to the General Fund Revenue Budget 2011/12 to 2013/14 report on the Council agenda.
- vii) Approves the Revenue Developments as set out in Appendix 5 to the General Fund Revenue Budget 2011/12 to 2013/14 report on the Council agenda.
- viii) Approves the Revenue Bids as amended by the changes in Section B of Appendix 1 to this Resolution.
- ix) Approves the efficiencies, income and service reductions as set out in Appendix 6 to the General Fund Revenue Budget 2011/12 to 2013/14 report on the Council agenda, as amended by the changes in Section C of Appendix 1 to this Resolution.
- x) Approves the changes to staff terms and conditions set out in Appendix 7 to the General Fund Revenue Budget 2011/12 to 2013/14 report on the Council agenda.
- xi) Approves the dismissal and re-engagement of staff in order to implement the changes to terms and conditions in the event that a collective agreement cannot be reached with the Unions.
- xii) Delegates authority to the Chief Executive as Head of Paid Service in consultation with the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) and the Solicitor to the Council to take any steps in connection with amendments to the Terms and Conditions changes, the negotiation of any potential changes with the Unions and any process associated with the implementation of these changes.

- xiii) Delegates authority to the CFO in consultation with the Solicitor to the Council to make changes to the budget for 2011/12 to reflect negotiated changes to the proposals if a collective agreement cannot be reached with the Unions
- xiv) Notes that the Independent Remuneration Panel are currently being convened so that they may review and make recommendations on Members' Allowances to Standards and Governance Committee and thereafter Full Council before September 2011 as required by the law.
- xv) Approves the General Fund Revenue Budget as set out in Appendix 2 to this Resolution which takes account of these amendments and which assumes a council tax freeze, (the full calculation for which is set out in Appendix 3 to this Resolution).
- xvi) Delegates authority to the CFO to action all budget changes arising from the approved pressures, bids, efficiencies, income and service reductions and incorporate any other approved amendments into the General Fund estimates.
- xvii) Notes that after taking these items into account, there is an estimated General Fund balance of £4.98M at the end of 2013/14 as detailed in paragraph 54 of the General Fund Revenue Budget 2011/12 to 2013/14 report on the Council agenda and then amended by the changes set out in Appendix 1 to this Resolution.
- xviii) Delegates authority to the CFO, in consultation with the Solicitor to the Council, to do anything necessary to give effect to the recommendations in this Resolution.
- xix) Sets the Budget Requirement for 2011/12 at £190,685,200.
- xx) Notes the estimates of precepts on the Council Tax collection fund for 2011/12 as set out in Appendix 10 to the General Fund Revenue Budget 2011/12 to 2013/14 report on the Council agenda.
- xxi) Notes the Medium Term Forecast as set out in Appendix 4 to this Resolution.
- xxii) Authorises the Chief Executive and Chief Officers to pursue the development of the options for efficiencies, income and service reductions as set out in Appendix 6 for the financial years 2012/13 and 2013/14 and to continue to develop options to close the remaining projected gaps in those years.
- xxiii) Approves the following amounts now calculated by the Council for the year 2011/12 in accordance with Sections 32 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:

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|---|-----------------|
| a) Aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32(2)(a to e) of the Act. | £552,583,000.00 |
| b) Aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32(3)(a to c) of the Act. | £361,897,800.00 |
| c) Calculation in accordance with Section 32(4) of the Act, of the Council's budget requirement for the year, being the amount by which the aggregate at a) above exceeds the aggregate at b) above. | £190,685,200.00 |
| d) Aggregate of the sums which the Council estimates will be payable for the year into its general fund in respect of redistributed non-domestic rates, revenue support grant, and adjusted by the net amount of the sums which the Council estimates will be transferred to / from its general fund to / from its collection fund in accordance with Section 97(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 as amended by the Local Government Finance Act 1992. | £108,099,591.00 |
| e) The amount at c) above less the amount at d) above, all divided by the Council Tax base of 66,644.0 calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 33(1) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year. | £1,239.21 |

f) Precepting authority - Southampton City Council

Valuation Bands	Amount
A	£826.14
B	£963.83
C	£1,101.52
D	£1,239.21
E	£1,514.59
F	£1,789.97
G	£2,065.35
H	£2,478.42

Being the amounts given by multiplying the amount at e) above by the number which, in the proportion set out in Section 5(1) of the Act, is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band divided by the number which in that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in valuation band D, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 36(1) of the Act, as the amount to be taken into account for the year in respect of dwellings listed in different valuation bands.

g) That it be noted for the year 2011/12 that the Hampshire Police Authority have stated the following amounts in precepts issued to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of dwellings shown in the following table:

Valuation Bands	Amount
A	£97.50
B	£113.75
C	£130.00
D	£146.25
E	£178.75
F	£211.25
G	£243.75
H	£292.50

- h) That it be noted for the year 2011/12 that the Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority have stated the following amounts in precepts issued to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of dwellings shown in the following table:

Valuation Bands	Amount
A	£40.92
B	£47.74
C	£54.56
D	£61.38
E	£75.02
F	£88.66
G	£102.30
H	£122.76

- l) That, having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at f), g) and h) above, the Council in accordance with Section 30(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the following amounts of the Council Tax for the year 2011/12 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

Valuation Bands	Amount
A	£964.56
B	£1,125.32
C	£1,286.08
D	£1,446.84
E	£1,768.36
F	£2,089.88
G	£2,411.40
H	£2,893.68

CONSERVATIVE GROUP BUDGET PROPOSALS
AMENDMENTS TO GENERAL FUND REVENUE BUDGET PAPERS

REF		BETTER £000's	WORSE £000's
<u>SECTION A - Final Local Government Financial Settlement</u>			
	Amendment compared to Provisional Settlement		3
<u>SECTION B - New Revenue Bids</u>			
NEW	The provision of a facility to replace the Millbrook library.		10
<u>SECTION C - Amended / Additional Savings</u>			
CSL 11	<u>Updated Impact / Issues Wording</u> - Reduction in the number of contracts with the private and voluntary sectors in line with increased targeting of services to children, young people and families most in need. Contractors will be provided with notice of the intent to cease contracts.		
LSCS 12	<u>Grants to Voluntary Organisations</u> - Saving amended in 2011/12 to reflect required notice periods		148
<u>Balances</u>			
	Reduction in Addition to Balances	(161)	
		(161)	161
 Net Gap / (Surplus)			0

2011/12 GENERAL FUND REVENUE ACCOUNT

Portfolios	2010/11 Forecast £000's	Invest to Save Bids £000's	Revenue Pressures £000's	Revenue Bids £000's	Savings & Income £000's	2011/12 Budget £000's
Adult Social Care & Health	77,238.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	(3,219.2)	74,019.0
Children's Services	68,285.5	0.0	137.0	0.0	(2,725.5)	65,697.0
Environment & Transport	35,840.3	0.0	80.0	0.0	(1,635.7)	34,284.6
Housing	3,447.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	(239.9)	3,208.0
Leader's Portfolio	8,517.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	(690.2)	7,827.1
Leisure Culture & Heritage	13,345.0	0.0	0.0	10.0	(734.3)	12,620.7
Local Services & Community Safety	10,232.2	25.0	0.0	0.0	(944.8)	9,312.4
Resources & Workforce Planning	13,300.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	(1,700.4)	11,600.4
Sub-total for Portfolios	230,207.2	25.0	217.0	10.0	(11,890.0)	218,569.2
Levies & Contributions						
Southern Seas Fisheries Levy	48.5					48.5
Flood Defence Levy	44.5					44.5
Coroners Service	500.0					500.0
	593.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	593.0
Capital Asset Management						
Capital Financing Charges	12,826.6					12,826.6
Capital Asset Management Account	(24,041.1)					(24,041.1)
	(11,214.5)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	(11,214.5)
Other Expenditure & Income						
Direct Revenue Financing of Capital	57.0					57.0
Trading Areas (Surplus) / Deficit	0.0				(20.0)	(20.0)
Net Housing Benefit Payments	(881.9)					(881.9)
Revenue Development Fund	0.0			2,248.3		2,248.3
Corporate Savings	0.0				(5,847.0)	(5,847.0)
Non-Specific Government Grants	(18,688.7)					(18,688.7)
Open Spaces and HRA	535.7					535.7
Risk Fund	6,100.0					6,100.0
Contingencies	250.0					250.0
Council Tax Freeze Grant	(2,065.7)					(2,065.7)
	(14,693.6)	0.0	0.0	2,248.3	(5,867.0)	(18,312.3)
NET GF SPENDING	204,892.1	25.0	217.0	2,258.3	(17,757.0)	189,635.4
Draw from Balances:						
Addition to Balances (General)	1,268.1			(10.0)	(151.3)	1,106.8
Draw to Fund the Capital Programme	(57.0)					(57.0)
	1,211.1	0.0	0.0	(10.0)	(151.3)	1,049.8
Net Gap in Budget	15,418.0	25.0	217.0	2,248.3	(17,908.3)	0.0
BUDGET REQUIREMENT	190,685.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	190,685.2

COUNCIL TAX CALCULATION - 2011/12

	2010/11 £000's	2011/12 £000's	Change £000's	Change %
Budget Requirement (a)	183,269.6	190,685.2	7,415.6	4.05%
Less NDR	(87,436.7)	(80,096.8)		
Less RSG	(12,696.6)	(24,758.1)		
Aggregate External Finance	(100,133.3)	(104,854.9)	(4,721.6)	4.72%
Deficit / (Surplus) on Collection Fund	(1,141.8)	(3,244.7)	(2,102.9)	184.17%
Net Grant Income (b)	(101,275.1)	(108,099.6)	(6,824.5)	6.74%
Amount to be Met From Council Tax (a - b)	81,994.5	82,585.6	591.1	0.72%
Tax Base	66,167.0	66,644.0	477.0	0.72%
Basic Amount of Council Tax (Band D)	1,239.21	1,239.21	0.00	0.00%
Last Years Council Tax		1,239.21		
Increase (Cash)		0.00		
Increase (Cash per Week)		0.00		
Increase (%)		0.00%		

MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL FORECAST

Portfolios	2011/12 Forecast £000's	Base Changes £000's	2012/13 Forecast £000's	Base Changes £000's	2013/14 Forecast £000's
Adult Social Care & Health	74,019.0		74,019.0		74,019.0
Children's Services	65,697.0		65,697.0		65,697.0
Environment & Transport	34,284.6		34,284.6		34,284.6
Housing	3,208.0		3,208.0		3,208.0
Leader's Portfolio	7,827.1		7,827.1		7,827.1
Leisure Culture & Heritage	12,620.7		12,620.7		12,620.7
Local Services & Community Safety	9,312.4		9,312.4		9,312.4
Resources & Workforce Planning	11,600.4		11,600.4		11,600.4
Base Changes & Inflation		5,814.0	5,814.0	8,255.0	14,069.0
Sub-total for Portfolios	218,569.2	5,814.0	224,383.2	8,255.0	232,638.2
Levies & Contributions					
Southern Seas Fisheries Levy	48.5		48.5		48.5
Flood Defence Levy	44.5		44.5		44.5
Coroners Service	500.0		500.0		500.0
	593.0	0.0	593.0	0.0	593.0
Capital Asset Management					
Capital Financing Charges	12,826.6	700.0	13,526.6	700.0	14,226.6
Capital Asset Management Account	(24,041.1)		(24,041.1)		(24,041.1)
	(11,214.5)	700.0	(10,514.5)	700.0	(9,814.5)
Other Expenditure & Income					
Direct Revenue Financing of Capital	57.0	(57.0)	0.0		0.0
Trading Areas (Surplus) / Deficit	(20.0)		(20.0)		(20.0)
Net Housing Benefit Payments	(881.9)		(881.9)		(881.9)
Revenue Development Fund	2,248.3	1,530.0	3,778.3	800.0	4,578.3
Corporate Savings	(5,847.0)	(2,270.0)	(8,117.0)	0.0	(8,117.0)
Non-Specific Government Grants	(18,688.7)		(18,688.7)		(18,688.7)
Open Spaces and HRA	535.7		535.7		535.7
Risk Fund	6,100.0	600.0	6,700.0	(700.0)	6,000.0
Contingencies	250.0		250.0		250.0
Council Tax Freeze Grant	(2,065.7)		(2,065.7)		(2,065.7)
	(18,312.3)	(197.0)	(18,509.3)	100.0	(18,409.3)
NET GF SPENDING	189,635.4	6,317.0	195,952.4	9,055.0	205,007.4
Draw from Balances:					
Addition to / (Draw From) Balances (General)	1,106.8	(2,446.8)	(1,340.0)	1,340.0	0.0
To Fund the Capital Programme	(57.0)	57.0	0.0		0.0
NET GAP IN BUDGET	1,049.8	(2,389.8)	(1,340.0)	1,340.0	0.0
Budget requirement	190,685.2	3,927.2	194,612.4	10,395.0	205,007.4
Capping Limit	190,685.2	(8,300.0)	182,385.2	(4,686.3)	177,698.9
Roll Forward Gap	0.0	12,227.2	12,227.2	15,081.3	27,308.5
Add Pressures - Future Years (Known)		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Add Pressures - Future Years (Unknown)		1,000.0	1,000.0	1,000.0	2,000.0
Add Invest to Save Bids - Future Years (Known)		7.0	7.0	(32.0)	(25.0)
Less Savings - Future Years (Known)		(4,583.0)	(4,583.0)	(1,106.0)	(5,689.0)
Less Savings - Future Years (Work In Progress)		(5,674.0)	(5,674.0)	(4,677.0)	(10,351.0)
Revised Gap	0.0	2,977.2	2,977.2	10,266.3	13,243.5

Liberal Democrat Budget Resolution 2011/12

It is recommended that Council:

- i) Approves the Revised Budget for 2010/11 as set out in Appendix 2 to the General Fund Revenue Budget 2011/12 to 2013/14 report on the Council agenda , as amended by the changes in Section A of Appendix 1 to this Resolution.
- ii) Approves the use of £0.5M of in year under spends to increase the Organisational Development Reserve in 2010/11 to ensure that adequate provision is made for the costs associated with the implementation of staff related savings.
- iii) Notes the position on the forecast roll forward budget for 2011/12 as set out in paragraphs 13 to 23 of the General Fund Revenue Budget 2011/12 to 2013/14 report on the Council agenda, as amended by the changes in Section B of Appendix 1 to this Resolution.
- iv) Approves an additional draw from General Fund Balances of up to £0.5M in 2011/12 if required during the year.
- v) Approves the Invest to Save Bids as set out in Appendix 3 to the General Fund Revenue Budget 2011/12 to 2013/14 report on the Council agenda.
- vi) Approves the revenue pressures as set out in Appendix 4 to the General Fund Revenue Budget 2011/12 to 2013/14 report on the Council agenda.
- vii) Approves the Revenue Developments as set out in Appendix 5 to the General Fund Revenue Budget 2011/12 to 2013/14 report on the Council agenda, as amended by the changes in Section C of Appendix 1 to this Resolution.
- viii) Approves the Revenue Bids as amended by the changes in Section D of Appendix 1 to this Resolution
- ix) Approves the efficiencies, income and service reductions as set out in Appendix 6 to the General Fund Revenue Budget 2011/12 to 2013/14 report on the Council agenda, as amended by the changes in Section E and F of Appendix 1 to this Resolution.
- x) Approves the changes to staff terms and conditions set out in Appendix 7 to the General Fund Revenue Budget 2011/12 to 2013/14 report on the Council agenda, as amended by the changes in Section G of Appendix 1 to this Resolution.
- xi) Approves the dismissal and re-engagement of staff in order to implement the changes to terms and conditions in the event that a collective agreement cannot be reached with the Unions.

- xii) Delegates authority to the Chief Executive as Head of Paid Service in consultation with the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) and the Solicitor to the Council to take any steps in connection with amendments to the Terms and Conditions changes, the negotiation of any potential changes with the Unions and any process associated with the implementation of these changes.
- xiii) Delegates authority to the CFO in consultation with the Solicitor to the Council to make changes to the budget for 2011/12 to reflect negotiated changes to the proposals if a collective agreement cannot be reached with the Unions
- xiv) Notes that the Independent Remuneration Panel are currently being convened so that they may review and make recommendations on Members' Allowances to Standards and Governance Committee and thereafter Full Council before September 2011 as required by the law.
- xv) Approves the General Fund Revenue Budget as set out in Appendix 2 to this Resolution which takes account of these amendments and which assumes a council tax freeze, (the full calculation for which is set out in Appendix 3 to this Resolution).
- xvi) Delegates authority to the CFO to action all budget changes arising from the approved pressures, bids, efficiencies, income and service reductions and incorporate any other approved amendments into the General Fund estimates.
- xvii) Notes that after taking these items into account, there is an estimated General Fund balance of £4.5M at the end of 2013/14 as detailed in paragraph 54 of the General Fund Revenue Budget 2011/12 to 2013/14 report on the Council agenda and then amended by the changes set out in Appendix 1 to this Resolution.
- xviii) Delegates authority to the CFO, in consultation with the Solicitor to the Council, to do anything necessary to give effect to the recommendations in this Resolution.
- xix) Sets the Budget Requirement for 2011/12 at £190,685,200.
- xx) Notes the estimates of precepts on the Council Tax collection fund for 2011/12 as set out in Appendix 10 to the General Fund Revenue Budget 2011/12 to 2013/14 report on the Council agenda.
- xxi) Notes the Medium Term Forecast as set out in Appendix 4 to this Resolution.
- xxii) Authorises the Chief Executive and Chief Officers to pursue the development of the options for efficiencies, income and service reductions as set out in Appendix 6 for the financial years 2012/13 and 2013/14 and to continue to develop options to close the remaining projected gaps in those years.
- xxiii) Approves the following amounts now calculated by the Council for the year 2011/12 in accordance with Sections 32 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:

- h) That it be noted for the year 2011/12 that the Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority have stated the following amounts in precepts issued to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of dwellings shown in the following table:

Valuation Bands	Amount
A	£40.92
B	£47.74
C	£54.56
D	£61.38
E	£75.02
F	£88.66
G	£102.30
H	£122.76

- l) That, having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at f), g) and h) above, the Council in accordance with Section 30(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the following amounts of the Council Tax for the year 2011/12 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

Valuation Bands	Amount
A	£964.56
B	£1,125.32
C	£1,286.08
D	£1,446.84
E	£1,768.36
F	£2,089.88
G	£2,411.40
H	£2,893.68

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| a) Aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32(2)(a to e) of the Act. | £554,826,200.00 |
| b) Aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32(3)(a to c) of the Act. | £364,141,000.00 |
| c) Calculation in accordance with Section 32(4) of the Act, of the Council's budget requirement for the year, being the amount by which the aggregate at a) above exceeds the aggregate at b) above. | £190,685,200.00 |
| d) Aggregate of the sums which the Council estimates will be payable for the year into its general fund in respect of redistributed non-domestic rates, revenue support grant, and adjusted by the net amount of the sums which the Council estimates will be transferred to / from its general fund to / from its collection fund in accordance with Section 97(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 as amended by the Local Government Finance Act 1992. | £108,099,591.00 |
| e) The amount at c) above less the amount at d) above, all divided by the Council Tax base of 66,167.0 calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 33(1) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year. | £1,239.21 |

f) Precepting authority - Southampton City Council

Valuation Bands	Amount
A	£826.14
B	£963.83
C	£1,101.52
D	£1,239.21
E	£1,514.59
F	£1,789.97
G	£2,065.35
H	£2,478.42

Being the amounts given by multiplying the amount at e) above by the number which, in the proportion set out in Section 5(1) of the Act, is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band divided by the number which in that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in valuation band D, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 36(1) of the Act, as the amount to be taken into account for the year in respect of dwellings listed in different valuation bands.

- g) That it be noted for the year 2011/12 that the Hampshire Police Authority have stated the following amounts in precepts issued to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of dwellings shown in the following table:

Valuation Bands	Amount
A	£97.50
B	£113.75
C	£130.00
D	£146.25
E	£178.75
F	£211.25
G	£243.75
H	£292.50

LIBERAL DEMOCRAT GROUP BUDGET PROPOSALS
AMENDMENTS TO GENERAL FUND REVENUE BUDGET PAPERS

REF		BETTER £000's	WORSE £000's
<u>SECTION A - Amendments to Revised Budget 2010/11</u>			
NEW	Delete Revenue Contribution to Fund New Capital (Replace with Borrowing) and Draw From Balances to Support Revenue Position in 2011/12	(2,350)	
<u>SECTION B - Final Local Government Financial Settlement</u>			
	Amendment compared to Provisional Settlement		3
<u>SECTION C - Amendments to Revenue Developments</u>			
CORP 1	Remove Council Tax Discount	(1,000)	
E&T 1	Additional Highways Maintenance		200
<u>SECTION D - New Revenue Bids</u>			
NEW	Adjustment to Mini Budget Items:		
	- Increase Inclusion Spend (CSL 11)		50
	- Increase Junior Wardens Spend Junior Wardens (HLS 6)		20
	- Increase Housing Allocations spend		25
	- Remove charge for Visitor Parking Permits		85
	- Re-introduce Free Swimming for Under 9's		40
NEW	Additional Bus Service Spend		50
NEW	Christmas Lights subject to match funding from business		25
NEW	Southampton Music Festival		20
NEW	New borrowing to replace direct revenue contribution (if needed)		200
<u>SECTION E - Amended / Additional Savings</u>			
CSL 11	Updated Impact / Issues Wording - Reduction in the number of contracts with the private and voluntary sectors in line with increased targeting of services to children, young people and families most in need. Contractors will be provided with notice of the intent to cease contracts.		
ASCH 12	Reduced loss of services provided through voluntary sector grants		500

LIBERAL DEMOCRAT GROUP BUDGET PROPOSALS
AMENDMENTS TO GENERAL FUND REVENUE BUDGET PAPERS

REF		BETTER £000's	WORSE £000's
ASCH 14	Reduced reduction in Healthy Communities Team		40
CSL 9, 10 & 11	Maintain Youth Support, Family Support, Specialist Support and Inclusion Support work		750
CSL 12	Reduced reduction in staffing		60
LSCS 12	Abate the reduction in grant provision to the voluntary sector		400
NEW	Reduce Communications Budget	(300)	
NEW	Reduce Supplies & Services Budget	(500)	
NEW	Reduces Courses & Seminars Budget	(200)	
NEW	Reduce Contingencies to Zero	(250)	
NEW	New Homes Bonus Grant Income	(790)	
NEW	Shared Legal Service with Fareham	(40)	
NEW	Bring forward 10% of Work in Progress Savings for 2012/13	(570)	

SECTION F - Rejected Savings Proposals

ASCH 10	Freeze Meals on Wheels charges		45
CSL 7	Continue funding for School Behaviour Support Team		175
CSL 13	Retain free services to schools for specialist, single issue staff.		65
E&T 17	Freeze burial fees		45
E&T 25	Retain capacity for subsidies		90
E&T 26	Retain capacity for subsidies		60
E&T 30	Retain discounts for disabled drivers using the Itchen Bridge		25
E&T 31	Maintain work on envirocrime and fly tipping		25
E&T 34	Maintain free green waste collection		30
E&T 35	Maintain current rules for DIY waste disposal		10
HOU 5	Maintain scope of Private Sector Housing Service		54
LCH 3	Maintain Library services		246
LSCS 8	Retain current number of public toilets		60
LSCS 10	Maintain current level of Community Safety activity		100
LSCS 11	Retain the Communities team at current level		98

SECTION G- Amendments to Terms & Conditions Changes

Remove Pay Reduction Proposal All Grades	3,000
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LIBERAL DEMOCRAT GROUP BUDGET PROPOSALS
AMENDMENTS TO GENERAL FUND REVENUE BUDGET PAPERS

REF	BETTER £000's	WORSE £000's
<u>Balances</u>		
Reduction in Addition to Balances	(596)	
	<hr/> (6,596)	<hr/> 6,596
Net Gap / (Surplus)		<hr/> 0

2011/12 GENERAL FUND REVENUE ACCOUNT

Portfolios	2011/12 Forecast £000's	Invest to Save Bids £000's	Revenue Pressures £000's	Revenue Bids £000's	Savings & Income £000's	2011/12 Budget £000's
Adult Social Care & Health	77,238.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	(2,634.2)	74,604.0
Children's Services	68,285.5	0.0	137.0	50.0	(1,675.5)	66,797.0
Environment & Transport	35,840.3	0.0	80.0	135.0	(1,350.7)	34,704.6
Housing	3,447.9	0.0	0.0	25.0	(185.9)	3,287.0
Leader's Portfolio	8,517.3	0.0	0.0	25.0	(730.2)	7,812.1
Leisure Culture & Heritage	13,345.0	0.0	0.0	60.0	(488.3)	12,916.7
Local Services & Community Safety	10,232.2	25.0	0.0	20.0	(434.8)	9,842.4
Resources & Workforce Planning	13,300.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	(1,700.4)	11,600.4
Sub-total for Portfolios	230,207.2	25.0	217.0	315.0	(9,200.0)	221,564.2
Levies & Contributions						
Southern Seas Fisheries Levy	48.5					48.5
Flood Defence Levy	44.5					44.5
Coroners Service	500.0					500.0
	593.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	593.0
Capital Asset Management						
Capital Financing Charges	12,826.6			200.0		13,026.6
Capital Asset Management Account	(24,041.1)					(24,041.1)
	(11,214.5)	0.0	0.0	200.0	0.0	(11,014.5)
Other Expenditure & Income						
Direct Revenue Financing of Capital	57.0					57.0
Trading Areas (Surplus) / Deficit	0.0				(20.0)	(20.0)
Net Housing Benefit Payments	(881.9)					(881.9)
Revenue Development Fund	0.0			1,448.3		1,448.3
Corporate Savings	0.0				(4,417.0)	(4,417.0)
Non-Specific Government Grants	(18,688.7)				(790.0)	(19,478.7)
Open Spaces and HRA	535.7					535.7
Risk Fund	6,100.0					6,100.0
Contingencies	250.0				(250.0)	0.0
Council Tax Freeze Grant	(2,065.7)					(2,065.7)
	(14,693.6)	0.0	0.0	1,448.3	(5,477.0)	(18,722.3)
NET GF SPENDING	204,892.1	25.0	217.0	1,963.3	(14,677.0)	192,420.4
Draw from Balances:						
Addition to / (Draw From) Balances (General To Fund the Capital Programme	1,268.1 (57.0)			285.0	(3,231.3)	(1,678.2) (57.0)
	1,211.1	0.0	0.0	285.0	(3,231.3)	(1,735.2)
Net Gap in Budget	15,418.0	25.0	217.0	2,248.3	(17,908.3)	0.0
BUDGET REQUIREMENT	190,685.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	190,685.2

COUNCIL TAX CALCULATION - 2011/12

	2010/11 £000's	2011/12 £000's	Change £000's	Change %
Budget Requirement (a)	183,269.6	190,685.2	7,415.6	4.05%
Less NDR	(87,436.7)	(80,096.8)		
Less RSG	(12,696.6)	(24,758.1)		
Aggregate External Finance	(100,133.3)	(104,854.9)	(4,721.6)	4.72%
Deficit / (Surplus) on Collection Fund	(1,141.8)	(3,244.7)	(2,102.9)	184.17%
Net Grant Income (b)	(101,275.1)	(108,099.6)	(6,824.5)	6.74%
Amount to be Met From Council Tax (a - b)	81,994.5	82,585.6	591.1	0.72%
Tax Base	66,167.0	66,644.0	477.0	0.72%
Basic Amount of Council Tax (Band D)	1,239.21	1,239.21	0.00	0.00%
Last Years Council Tax		1,239.21		
Increase (Cash)		0.00		
Increase (Cash per Week)		0.00		
Increase (%)		0.00%		

MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL FORECAST

Portfolios	2011/12 Forecast £000's	Base Changes £000's	2012/13 Forecast £000's	Base Changes £000's	2013/14 Forecast £000's
Adult Social Care & Health	74,604.0		74,604.0		74,604.0
Children's Services	66,797.0		66,797.0		66,797.0
Environment & Transport	34,704.6		34,704.6		34,704.6
Housing	3,287.0		3,287.0		3,287.0
Leader's Portfolio	7,812.1		7,812.1		7,812.1
Leisure Culture & Heritage	12,916.7		12,916.7		12,916.7
Local Services & Community Safety	9,842.4		9,842.4		9,842.4
Resources & Workforce Planning	11,600.4		11,600.4		11,600.4
Base Changes & Inflation		5,814.0	5,814.0	8,255.0	14,069.0
Sub-total for Portfolios	221,564.2	5,814.0	227,378.2	8,255.0	235,633.2
Levies & Contributions					
Southern Seas Fisheries Levy	48.5		48.5		48.5
Flood Defence Levy	44.5		44.5		44.5
Coroners Service	500.0		500.0		500.0
	593.0	0.0	593.0	0.0	593.0
Capital Asset Management					
Capital Financing Charges	13,026.6	700.0	13,726.6	700.0	14,426.6
Capital Asset Management Account	(24,041.1)		(24,041.1)		(24,041.1)
	(11,014.5)	700.0	(10,314.5)	700.0	(9,614.5)
Other Expenditure & Income					
Direct Revenue Financing of Capital	57.0	(57.0)	0.0		0.0
Trading Areas (Surplus) / Deficit	(20.0)		(20.0)		(20.0)
Net Housing Benefit Payments	(881.9)		(881.9)		(881.9)
Revenue Development Fund	1,448.3	1,330.0	2,778.3	800.0	3,578.3
Corporate Savings	(4,417.0)	(2,270.0)	(6,687.0)		(6,687.0)
Non-Specific Government Grants	(19,478.7)		(19,478.7)		(19,478.7)
Open Spaces and HRA	535.7		535.7		535.7
Risk Fund	6,100.0	600.0	6,700.0	(700.0)	6,000.0
Contingencies	0.0		0.0		0.0
Council Tax Freeze Grant	(2,065.7)		(2,065.7)		(2,065.7)
	(18,722.3)	(397.0)	(19,119.3)	100.0	(19,019.3)
NET GF SPENDING	192,420.4	6,117.0	198,537.4	9,055.0	207,592.4
Draw from Balances:					
Addition to / (Draw From) Balances (General)	(1,678.2)	338.2	(1,340.0)	1,340.0	0.0
To Fund the Capital Programme	(57.0)	57.0	0.0		0.0
NET GAP IN BUDGET	(1,735.2)	395.2	(1,340.0)	1,340.0	0.0
Budget requirement	190,685.2	6,512.2	197,197.4	10,395.0	207,592.4
Capping Limit	190,685.2	(8,300.0)	182,385.2	(4,686.3)	177,698.9
Roll Forward Gap	0.0	14,812.2	14,812.2	15,081.3	29,893.5
Add Pressures - Future Years (Known)		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Add Pressures - Future Years (Unknown)		1,000.0	1,000.0	1,000.0	2,000.0
Add Invest to Save Bids - Future Years (Known)		7.0	7.0	(32.0)	(25.0)
Less Savings - Future Years (Known)		(3,375.0)	(3,375.0)	(1,056.0)	(4,431.0)
Less Savings - Future Years (Work In Progress)		(5,674.0)	(5,674.0)	(4,677.0)	(10,351.0)
Revised Gap	0.0	6,770.2	6,770.2	10,316.3	17,086.5

DECISION-MAKER:	COUNCIL
SUBJECT:	EXECUTIVE BUSINESS
DATE OF DECISION:	16 MARCH 2011
REPORT OF:	LEADER OF THE COUNCIL
STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY	
None	

BRIEF SUMMARY

This report outlines executive business conducted since the last Council meeting and highlights some of the positive developments and achievements.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (i) That the report be noted

REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

1. This report is presented in accordance with Part 4 of the Council's Constitution

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

2. Not applicable

DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)

3. As Leader of the Council, I identified in July 2010, two priorities for the Council: achieving Value for Money and Strong Leadership in facilitating economic growth for prosperity for the city. This report highlights the business undertaken by the Executive, particularly good news stories which demonstrate the progress we are making towards our objectives. A list of Cabinet decisions taken since the last Full Council meeting in November 2010 is attached as Appendix 1.

LEADERS PORTFOLIO

4. Royal Pier

The City Council, working with its partners ABP and the Crown Estate, has appointed Morgan Sindall Investments Ltd (MSIL) as its development partner in relation to the Royal Pier Waterfront following a marketing process last year. Over the coming months the Council will be working with MSIL to work up their scheme proposals in further detail. The £450m scheme will include a major mixed-use development with leisure and tourism, specialist retail, boat facilities, residential and office accommodation. It will also provide better public access to the waterfront, an extended park and an improved site for the Southampton International Boat Show. The redevelopment of land at Royal Pier into a world class waterfront destination is important to the ongoing renaissance and economic well being of the City and will create new jobs and opportunities. The development will reconnect the City Centre with its waterfront and ensure that Southampton Water becomes truly accessible for its residents and visitors.

5. Shared Legal Services with Fareham

We are planning to combine our legal team with Fareham Borough Council's legal team in a move that will result in much better service, while saving money. This would be an initial five year partnership which would see Fareham's Legal Services team transferred into Southampton City Council creating one all encompassing team of legal specialists.

6. New developer to Admiral Quay

The future of a major planned development in Southampton has been secured. The Admiral Quay development in Ocean Village will include new apartments, retail and restaurants, creating new jobs and investment in the popular harbour area.

ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND HEALTH PORTFOLIO

7. Scheme creating safe places for vulnerable people

The Council has launched a pilot scheme in Portswood creating places of safety for people with a disability when out in the community. Safe Places involves local shopkeepers, librarians and business owners offering their premises as places of safety where people who feel scared, vulnerable or intimidated can go for help.

8. Christmas and Severe Weather Response

Council staff worked with providers and commissioning to produce effective contingency planning which was in place throughout the severe weather. This resulted in no impact on delays or community hospital discharges and effective use of available transport to maintain operational services, including increased domiciliary capacity to manage risks to vulnerable people.

Increased domiciliary and residential/nursing capacity was made available over Christmas and New Year period, to manage any extra demand and prevent hospital delays. The hospital discharge team was also staffed over bank holiday, reducing overall delays. There were no reimbursements over the period despite closure of up to 8 wards at a time in SUHT over Christmas and New Year.

CHILDREN AND SAFEGUARDING PORTFOLIO

9. Oasis Lord's Hill Academy new build gets the green light

Work on Southampton's latest academy is set to get underway after Southampton City Council's Planning Panel decided unanimously to give the green light for the new build to start.

10. Improving school standards

At the end of 2010, 18 percent of schools were 'Outstanding', 65 percent were 'Good' and only one percent were 'Inadequate' according to Ofsted.

11. Achieving excellence awards

99% of Southampton schools have now achieved Health School Status, this is ahead of the national target. Once again City Catering achieved the Hospitality Assured (HA) EFQM Standard for Service and Business Excellence. Children and Young People's Information Service (CYPIS) achieved the Government Standard for Customer Service Excellence in December.

ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT PORTFOLIO

12. Approval of the River Itchen, Weston Shore, Netley and Hamble Coastal Defence Strategy

The River Itchen, Weston Shore, Netley & Hamble Coastal Defence Strategy (CDS) provides a sustainable strategy for coastal defence which is compatible with natural processes, environmentally acceptable, economically and technically viable. The CDS was approved in February 2011 and outlines sustainable policies for management of the shoreline and feasible implementation options over 3 time periods. The CDS covers the eastern bank of the River Itchen extending northwards to Woodmill Lane, the Southampton Water frontage and both the eastern and western banks of the River Hamble as far as the Bursledon Railway Bridge. Development of the CDS was led by Southampton City Council in partnership with Eastleigh Borough Council, Fareham Borough Council and Hampshire County Council.

13. Itchen Bridge Automation

The Itchen Bridge Toll Automation project is progressing well, with the procurement process beginning in January 2011. A preferred contractor will be in place by the end of July 2011, with construction to start towards the end of the year.

14. Minerals and Waste Plan – Public Consultation

This Plan will cover Southampton and Hampshire/Portsmouth. It will identify potentially suitable sites for new minerals and waste/recycling facilities and will help us to judge future planning applications. This will facilitate a supply of minerals (e.g. construction aggregates) for the planned economic growth in South Hampshire. It will also promote the delivery of new waste management facilities, with a focus on recycling and generating energy from waste. The Plan is being prepared jointly by Southampton City Council, with Hampshire County Council, Portsmouth City Council and the national park authorities for the New Forest and the South Downs.

15. Concessionary Fares

The proposed reimbursement rate for concessionary fares for 2011/12 was agreed recently. The rate remains one of the lowest in the country and is similar to the rates agreed in previous years.

HOUSING PORTFOLIO

16. Decent Homes

98.8% of Council homes now meet the Government's Decent Homes standard, which is a significant achievement. The homes which do not meet this standard are properties that we have identified for estate regeneration purposes but which are still in occupation by our tenants.

17. First council homes this century are occupied

In December 2011 four Southampton families moved into the first of 53 new council homes to be built in the City for 16 years. The 53 (mainly family sized) homes will be finished by the spring of 2012 and will provide eco-friendly, modern accommodation for people waiting for affordable housing.

18. Shortlisted for Awards

Four housing projects reached the finals of major awards the refurbishment of Castle House flats, the Tackling Worklessness Project, the Intergenerational Project (Everybody Sings) in our sheltered schemes and the Tenants' Link magazine.

19. Estate Regeneration Update

The Council has awarded Lovell Partnership Limited and First Wessex Housing Association 3 sites to build 200 new homes. The sites are Exford Shopping Parade; 5-92 Laxton Close and 222-252 Meggeson Avenue.

LEISURE, CULTURE AND HERITAGE PORTFOLIO

20. Guildhall Square Launch

Over 14,000 people flocked to Southampton's Guildhall Square for its official launch on 12 & 13 November 2010. French alchemists, Compagnie Carabosse, transformed the new Guildhall Square into a spectacular fire garden with a range of fire sculptures. The event provided two evenings of spectacular entertainment as part of the partnership work between Southampton City Council, The Nuffield Theatre, and ZEPA (European Zone of Artistic Projects) supported by the European Union through the part of the INTERREG funding programme.

21. Chinese New Year Celebration

The Chinese Association of Southampton, supported by Southampton City Council and the Waterside Dragon Dance Club arranged a series of activities in the city including events at Guildhall Square on Sunday 6th February.

22. Cenotaph Memorial Walls Project

The Council is urging residents to help raise money for our fallen heroes, to ensure their bravery will never be forgotten. Plans for a new memorial wall to commemorate Southampton residents who have been killed in wars or conflicts, have been under way for some time now. The City Council has contributed £50,000 to the project, and a campaign to raise the extra £61,000 is underway.

23. The Funding Success

The Sports Development Team, together with charity Catch 22, has successfully secured £150,000 funding from Sport England. The funding will get young women in targeted areas of the city to become more physically active.

24. Securing new partners to manage our Leisure Venues

The Sport and Recreation Partnership project was completed with the appointment of Active Nation in partnership with DC Leisure and Mytime Active to manage and operate most of the Council's leisure venues. In addition, an agreement has been signed with Southampton Solent University for a service concession for St. Mary's Leisure Centre, which will make significant saving for the Council, gain investment for the leisure venues and address the Repairs and Maintenance backlog.

LOCAL SERVICES AND COMMUNITY SAFETY PORTFOLIO

25. Night time economy initiatives are reducing crime

Southampton's Yellow Card scheme has been hailed a success after alcohol-related crime dropped by 27% in the city centre in the last quarter compared to last year. The drop in crime follows a raft of initiatives which Southampton City Council and Southampton Safe City Partnership, which includes Hampshire Constabulary, have been involved with.

26. Applauding our volunteers

Some of Southampton's unsung heroes received a volunteering certificate for their hard work and commitment to the City. Each volunteer who received a certificate has given 100 hours or more of their time to local organisations. Southampton City Council and Southampton Voluntary Services run the Volunteer Certificate Scheme which highlights the work that volunteers and voluntary organisations bring to the City.

27. Funding Success

The Council supported residents and partners to secure additional funding for Daisy Dip (£50,000 from the People's Million Fund), Access to the national environment (£282,000 from Access to Nature) and St. James Park (£200,000 from the Parks for People Lottery Scheme).

RESOURCES AND WORKFORCE PLANNING PORTFOLIO

28. Works on site are progressing well and Wates are making good progress on the first phase of the project, in the east wing of the Municipal Block. As the building is Grade II Listed it requires careful attention during these repairs and upgrading works to both the structure and fabric. Over the coming months further internal scaffolds will be installed to create access to repair the existing leaking roof lights and protect the fabric from the weather during the works.

TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS

29. The Executive received a report on Proposal to introduce a permit parking scheme in Chetwynd Drive, Bassett and resolved that the permit parking restrictions should operate from 1st October to 31st May of each year and that a commitment be made to review the scheme 12 calendar months from the scheme's implementation.

CITY PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

30. The Southampton Partnership Delivery Board has completed its fundamental review of the Southampton Partnership framework. The drivers for the review were varied and included, at a national level, the abolition of much of the centrally imposed bureaucracy (Comprehensive Area Assessment, Local Area Agreement, National Indicator Set, etc) on our partnership arrangements; significant reform programmes announced including police, health and higher education and was against a back-drop of severe public sector budget cuts and the local drivers included the ongoing impact of the recession; the new City Priorities and Challenges articulated by the Southampton Partnership last autumn; and an over-riding desire by many partners of the need to stick together but recognising the need to reduce the partnership burden on all partners.

Going forward, the SP Delivery Board advises that we will need to work in a much more modern, slicker and collaborative way which builds on existing goodwill, personal relationships and networks. It is also worth noting that Southampton is not alone and that many local authority areas are reviewing and streamlining their local strategic partnership arrangements and, where appropriate, the review has drawn off their experiences to help shape our collaborative way forward. The review revealed that generally city partners are not wedded to any particular structures and processes but that, given numerous commitments, they wish to engage in the most appropriate way. In other words, we should strive to create a flexible way of working that builds on partner goodwill and commitment to the city by 'bringing the right partners, to the right table, at the right time, to look at the right issues' and then ceasing the 'meeting part' once the work is complete. Ideally through the adoption of a 'task & finish' approach wherever possible.

Therefore, the SP Delivery Board recommended a bold and radical departure from the current Local Strategic Partnership model and ways of working to a new collaborative model, in order to deepen our joint working arrangements, for tackling the City Priorities and Challenges. As the Chairman of the SP Policy Board and Leader of the Council, I have agreed their recommendations the headlines of which are as follows:

- a) The need to move away from the language of Local Strategic Partnerships to demonstrate a new and different approach. Therefore, the Southampton Partnership is rebranded as Southampton Connect from April 2011.
- b) The Southampton Partnership Policy Board is to be replaced by a more inclusive Southampton Conference comprising of around 100 key city stakeholders. It will meet twice per year to receive: 1 x Annual State of The City report to be held in the spring; and 1 x 'hot off the press' progress against the City Priorities & Challenges to be held in the autumn.
- c) The Southampton Partnership Delivery Board is to be replaced in April 2011 by a larger group of chief executives covering a broader spectrum of key agencies / organisations. To demonstrate a departure from the old hierarchical ways of working, this group will not be classified as a board or an executive, but rather it will operate under the Southampton Connect title. It will seek to secure commitment from all partners to resource alignment (people, money, time and goodwill) and drive the collaborative approach to addressing the City Priorities & Challenges.
- d) Southampton Connect dismantles the rigid structural ways of working and embraces a modern collaborative approach which builds on existing networks and forums, and provides the framework for all interested parties to engage.
- e) Southampton Connect will lead the work to produce a new single City Plan (replacing the City of Southampton Strategy 2007 – our sustainable community strategy) comprising of 1-year hard / 2-years soft locally agreed targets aligned to a City Vision and the City Priorities & Challenges; scheduled to come to the 13th July 2011 Council for adoption.
- f) Southampton Connect will facilitate a culture where every partner is an ambassador for the City of Southampton wherever he or she goes in order to raise awareness of the city and potentially attract inward investment (Marketing Southampton to lead).

Background reports on the review and a Southampton Connect briefing paper can be found on the Southampton Partnership website at: <http://www.southampton-partnership.com/OurPerformance/SPreview.asp>. Council will receive updates on the work of Southampton Connect through the Leader's Executive Business Reports.

FORTHCOMING BUSINESS

31. The Executive published its Forward Plan on the 14th February 2011 covering the period March to June 2011 and will publish its next plan on the 17th March covering the period April to July 2011. Details of all forthcoming executive decision items can be found at:

<http://sccwww1.southampton.gov.uk/decisionmaking/internet/forwardplanindex.asp>

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Capital/Revenue

32. None.

Property/Other

33. None.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:

34. None.

Other Legal Implications:

35. None.

POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS

36. None.

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KEY DECISION? Yes/No No

WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:	None,
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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

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Appendices

1.	Decisions taken by Cabinet between December 2010 and February 2011
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Documents In Members' Rooms

1.	None.
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Integrated Impact Assessment

Do the implications/subject of the report require an Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA) to be carried out.	Yes/No
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Other Background Documents

Integrated Impact Assessment and Other Background documents available for inspection at:

Title of Background Paper(s)	Relevant Paragraph of the Access to Information Procedure Rules / Schedule 12A allowing document to be Exempt/Confidential (if applicable)
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1.	None
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DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET COUNCIL
SUBJECT:	LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN 3
DATE OF DECISION:	14 MARCH 2011 16 MARCH 2011
REPORT OF:	CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT
STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY	
Not applicable.	

BRIEF SUMMARY

Southampton City Council (SCC), Portsmouth City Council (PCC) and Hampshire County Council (HCC), have been working together as Transport for South Hampshire (TfSH) to produce a joint Local Transport Plan (LTP) looking towards 2031. Each transport authority is also producing a separate four year implementation plan for their specific area, to be approved alongside the overall strategy. There is a strong recommendation from Government to produce a new transport plan by April 2011. The strategy sets the long term vision and the four year Implementation Plan includes a list of programmes and schemes for delivery.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Cabinet

- (i) That the Local Transport Plan (LTP) twenty year Joint Strategy for South Hampshire developed in partnership with Portsmouth City Council and Hampshire County Council be agreed;
- (ii) That the Local Transport Plan Implementation Plan 2011-2015 for Southampton be agreed;
- (ii) That the Implementation Plan be revised each year and be developed alongside the overall Capital Programme.
- (iv) To delegate authority to the Executive Member for Transport and Environment to make minor amendments to the Implementation Plan annually so as to reflect minor changes.

Council

- (i) To adopt the Local Transport Plan Joint Strategy; and
- (ii) To adopt the Implementation Plan 2011-2015.

REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

1. To enable a new Local Transport Plan (LTP) for the City to be approved.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

2. None. It is a statutory requirement that an LTP be produced and agreed by full Council before April 2011. It is also a requirement of the LTP guidance that the LTP have two sections, including a strategy section which sets the long term transport strategy and an implementation plan which includes a list

of programmes and schemes for implementation over a three to five year period.

DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)

3. In Southampton, the LTP Strategy and Implementation Plan must support a 50% increase in trips into the city centre over the next twenty years to deliver our economic growth strategy. This cannot be achieved by increasing road capacity alone. In future, more people will use buses, trains, walk and cycle; so there needs to be investment in all these modes for the city to function effectively and contribute to being a better connected city.
4. The key tools to achieve the plan objectives are better public transport services, using the existing network capacity within the system to best effect (the proposed Platform Road scheme is an example of this), and the 'Smarter Choices' programme which aims to change travel behaviour as well as continuing to make our transport network safer and more attractive to use by all modes of transport. This approach aligns closely with the emerging City Centre Master Plan.
5. The LTP also aims to deliver transformational high quality public realm enhancements to the city and district centres. Comprehensive asset management strategies for roads and structures are already in place but will be reviewed and updated over the next year by our new Strategic Highways Partnership.

Outcomes

6. The joint LTP strategy aims to bring about the following outcomes:
 - Reduced dependence on the private car through more people choosing improved public transport and active travel modes (i.e. walking and cycling);
 - Improved awareness of the different travel options available to people for their journeys;
 - Improved journey time reliability for all types of transport ;
 - Improved road safety within the sub-region;
 - Improved accessibility within and beyond the sub-region;
 - Improved air quality and environment, and reduced greenhouse gas emissions;
 - Promoting a higher quality of life.
7. These outcomes are encapsulated within the sub regional policies contained within the strategy. Each of the three transport authorities (SCC, PCC and HCC) have prepared a separate Implementation Plan with a local four year strategy to work towards achieving these over-arching outcomes.
8. The Southampton Implementation Plan is divided into seven strategy areas that reflect the goals and challenges outlined within the LTP3 Strategy. These are Active Travel, Asset Management, Network Management, Intelligent Transport & Enforcement, Public Realm, Public Transport and Smart Cards, Road Safety and Smarter Choices.

Schemes

9. The schemes anticipated to be delivered during the first four years of the Implementation plan will encompass both small scale and some larger key projects including:-
 - Smarter Travel Southampton and the Smarter Choices Programme
 - Civic Centre Place and North of Central Station Public Realm Improvements;
 - Real Time Bus Information Refresh;
 - Smartcard Development (initially bus based);
 - Platform Road/Dock Gate 4 Public Realm Improvement;
 - District Centre Bus Interchange Improvements;
 - Cycle & Walking “missing links” and strategy;
 - Oxford Street Public Realm Improvements;
 - Legible Cities Signing Programme Phase 1 – QEII Mile;
 - Cobden Bridge Cycle Improvements (funded in partnership with Sustrans)

Consultation

10. The three Local Transport Authorities (LTA's) ran a consultation from 8 July to 29 September 2010. The consultation was accompanied by a response survey and an online survey which posed a number of questions on the proposed vision, challenges, outcomes, policies and options for delivery. Over 160 respondents either used this survey, or provided their views on the main components of the draft strategy in a less structured format. In addition, the three LTAs jointly held three workshops for stakeholders, which were attended by 144 representatives from 75 different organisations.
11. In addition to the formal consultation bus operators have been involved in the development of the bus strategy, Intelligent Transport and Bus Priority elements of the implementation plan. Other stakeholders including the Chamber of Commerce, Transport Alliance, ABP, GOSE, Southampton University, Sustrans, Southampton Action For Access, Cycle Groups and others have been involved in targeted consultation and critical friend analysis of the Implementation Plan development and development of scheme lists.
12. Discussions have taken place within various departments of the Council developing the plan as well as with the Air Quality Management Group, Later Years Co-ordinator, Licensing, Children's Services, Economic Development and Children's Trust Board amongst others.
13. The LTP will also use appropriate media to communicate the key messages and the impact of the plan from the perspective of key stakeholders (e.g. residents, business, schools and higher education establishments, cyclists, car users, hospital users, rail users, bus users etc).

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Capital/Revenue

14. The Department for Transport have confirmed funding for the next two years and given indicative funding for the two years after as set out below. The Integrated Transport element is significantly below the funding from the last year of LTP2 from £3.1m (not including the in year 75% grant funding cut) in 2010/2011 to £1.9m in 2011/2012. However this now consists of grant rather than the previous formula of grant plus permission to borrow.

Southampton	Integrated Transport	Maintenance
2011/2012	£1.9m	£1.9m
2012/2013	£2.0m	£1.8m
2013/2014 Indicative	£2.0m	£1.7m
2014/2015 Indicative	£2.9m	£1.6m

15. The potential programme far outweighs the funding available through the LTP settlement. However, schemes will be prioritised within the funding currently available and additional funding opportunities will be explored.
16. Whilst LTP allocations are significantly lower than previous levels there is significant cause for optimism that other funding opportunities will be available to Southampton. These include:
- Regional Growth Fund (we have submitted an £6.3m grant bid as part of an £8.5m scheme and expect to hear in April 2011);
 - The Local Sustainable Transport Fund which is a £580m fund for sustainable transport measures (Southampton will be coordinating a joint TfSH bid for circa £35m for submission in December 2011);
 - The Localism Bill outlines proposals for Tax Increment Funding
 - Developer contributions in the form of S106 or similar.
17. Having a strong strategy and clear implementation plan compliant with Government objectives, localism and “Big Society” ideals is critical if we are to be able to access these funding opportunities effectively.
18. The LTP incorporates a robust (but easy to use) scheme prioritisation methodology which complements our internal project management processes. It will ensure that decision makers are well informed about what schemes offer greatest value for money.

Property/Other

19. Some LTP schemes will have land issues associated with them. These will be addressed on a case by case basis.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:

20. The duty to produce a Local Transport Plan is set out in the Local Transport Act 2000.

Other Legal Implications:

21. None

POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS

22. The Local Transport Plan is a policy framework document which Full Council will be invited to approve on 16th March 2011.

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KEY DECISION? Yes/No Yes

WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:	All
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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

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Appendices

1.	Local Transport Plan 3 – TfSH Consultation Summary Document
2.	Agreed LTP3 South Hants Joint Strategy

Documents In Members' Rooms

1.	None
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Integrated Impact Assessment

Do the implications/subject of the report require an Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA) to be carried out.	Yes
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Other Background Documents

Integrated Impact Assessment and Other Background documents available for inspection at: One Guildhall Square

Title of Background Paper(s)	Relevant Paragraph of the Access to Information Procedure Rules / Schedule 12A allowing document to be Exempt/Confidential (if applicable)
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1.	LTP3 Integrated Impact Assessment	
2.	LTP3 Strategic Environmental Assessment	
3.	LTP3 Habitats Regulations Assessment	

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ITEM NO: 10

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET COUNCIL
SUBJECT:	ADOPTION OF THE SAFE CITY PARTNERSHIP PLAN 2011/12
DATE OF DECISION:	14 MARCH 2011 16 MARCH 2011
REPORT OF:	CABINET MEMBER FOR LOCAL SERVICES AND COMMUNITY SAFETY
STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY	
Not Applicable	

BRIEF SUMMARY

Southampton Safe City Partnership is responsible for reducing crime and disorder and has a statutory duty under the Police and Justice Act 2006 to meet established national minimum standards which includes producing an annual Strategic Assessment to inform a Partnership Plan. The Partnership Plan is included in the Policy Framework and hence requires full Council approval. The Plan which is available in the Members' Rooms looks back at the achievements and performance of the partnership in the last year and then looks forward by setting priorities and actions for 2011/12.

The Council is a key member of the Safe City Partnership and has a pivotal role in working with partners to make Southampton a safer city. This report outlines the contribution the council is asked to make towards the delivery of this Plan, noting in particular the intention to deliver activities from within existing budgets and through allocation of funding from the Home Office – Community Safety Fund 2011/12. The Plan also specifically identifies efficiencies and leaner working practice to maximise partner resources in order to deliver agreed priority outcomes.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

CABINET

- (i) To approve the Safe City Partnership Annual Plan 2011/12 and to recommend the Plan to Council for approval.

COUNCIL

- (ii) To delegate authority to the Executive Director for Neighbourhoods to agree the final allocation of the grant funding from the Home Office Community Safety Fund and any final amendments to the Plan following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Local Services and Community Safety.
- (iii) For Full Council to approve the Safe City Partnership Plan 2011/12 and approve the Council's contribution as detailed in the Plan.

REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

1. This annual plan is a statutory duty and part of the Policy Framework. It has been developed to reflect the findings of the annual joint strategic assessment which covers crime trends and patterns as well as community feedback. The draft plan has been considered by the members of Safe City Partnership, the Strategy Planning Board, the Crime Reduction Scrutiny Panel and Cabinet Member.
2. Approval of the recommendation will enable the Partnership to work to a clear and concise set of priorities for the forthcoming year and to deliver the headline actions relating to those priorities.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

3. Discussions have taken place to explore countywide Partnership options for a joint Plan as well as potential integration of this Plan with other Southampton Partnership plans but this would not meet the statutory deadlines to publish a Plan by 1 April 2011.

DETAIL

Overview of the Plan

4. The strategic assessment has identified some positive trends in relation to reducing crime and improving public reassurance;
 - 'All crime' – that is the overall crime level in the city – has reduced for the 4th consecutive year.
 - More people in Southampton feel the council and police are successfully tackling crime in their area (an increase of 27% on the 2008 return of 23%).
 - The reoffending rates for both adults and youths has decreased.
 - Reports of anti-social behaviour and criminal damage (often used as a measure of Anti-Social Behaviour) are down and this continues a substantial downward trend in the city over recent years.
5. The Plan details examples of the partnership activity that has contributed to a successful year in reducing crime. The Partnership achieved targets set against the top 3 priorities set in the previous annual plan: this means violent crime and criminal damage have reduced while public perception of safety in the city has improved. It also identifies the areas for improvement which are then translated to the top 3 priorities for 2011/12. Specifically, the Partnership has agreed to focus collective effort on the following annual improvement priorities:
 - **Reducing violent crime**
This is because the comparative position in Southampton against our most similar partnerships continues to require substantial incremental reductions to create a positive comparative shift in this area.

- **Reducing house burglary**
This is one of the few crime types that shows an upward trend since last year and is an area that also has considerable impact on the public perception of safety.
- **Improving public perception of safety and increasing residents involvement in activities to help make themselves and their communities safer**
This continues to be a priority despite significant improvements in public perception over the last 2 years as the partnership still seeks to reduce further the gap between falling crime levels and the public perception of crime and safety in the city, as well as continuing to reassure residents in order to reduce the fear of crime.

6. The Plan provides headline actions to deliver these priorities in the forthcoming year.

The Council's role within the Safe City Partnership

7. The Council has both a statutory duty and civic leadership role in working with partners to promote a safer city and contribute to the Safe City Partnership objectives. More specifically, the council is a crucial partner in achieving a safer city through direct service delivery, for example through the community safety team, safeguarding children and adult protection, CCTV, licensing and Housing functions. While many other council services significantly contribute to tackling the root causes of crime from economic development to environment and the communications team. A thriving economy, improved educational standards and reduced absenteeism, more resilient families, and cleaner and greener environments all contribute to reducing crime.
8. The Council's significant contribution to the Safe City Partnership recognises the causes and impacts of crime in the city on the well-being of residents and the need to continue to support actions that prevent, educate, challenge, enforce and protect local communities. This also directly contributes to the Southampton Partnership priorities and challenges. National and local evidence robustly reinforces the added value of working together with partners to reduce crime and improve safety.
9. Some examples of the range of outcomes specifically from the council-led activities contributing to crime reduction and safety in the last year include:
- Increasing the safety of the highest risk victims of domestic violence – 62% of cases to the council advocacy team stop abuse altogether after receiving advocacy and support. A further 29% report abuse only once more after this intervention.
 - Development of additional support for victims of anti-social behaviour – including leading nationally on establishing ASB case conferencing for vulnerable victims. 26 joint operations to tackle anti-social behaviour – such as targeted enforcement action on noise nuisance and anti-social behaviour in hot spot areas late at night.
 - Safer Southampton Week led by Safer Communities and the Corporate Communications team resulted in engagement with over 3,000 residents in one week to improve public reassurance of safety in the city.

- 93 alcohol test purchases (18% failed) with subsequent enforcement action.
 - An average of 150 arrests per month resulting from CCTV coverage.
 - Providing the ICE Bus service late at night in the city centre to meet welfare and medical needs and leading new projects to prevent and respond to young people and alcohol issues.
 - 430 noise abatement notices served (up 2% on last year).
 - Reductions in the average number of young people 16 – 18 not in education, employment or training.
 - Removal of 2115 square metres of graffiti – 89% removed within 5 working days.
 - Completion of the 3-year Think Family project to improve support to families with multiple complex problems.
 - Funding through voluntary sector grants and Supporting People to support key voluntary sector organisations to deliver services that help to tackle crime.
10. The Plan provides headline actions to deliver 3 improvement priorities plus actions to drive efficiency measures within the partnership.
11. The council's contribution to the Partnership in 2011/12 will include on-going delivery of the range of services indicated above, as well as strategic support to the Partnership itself. The council will assume the Chair of the Partnership. In addition, the indicative priority actions cited in the new plan that will be led by the council include:
- Develop and deliver a new integrated services model for improving responses to domestic violence and reduce repeat offending.
 - Increase actions to further tackle anti-social behaviour and support vulnerable victims of ASB.
 - Deliver a public reassurance campaign – including promotion of home security advice and encouraging involvement of residents in local crime prevention activities, such as Neighbourhood Watch.
 - Support the 'roll out' of crime reports to increase transparency and access to local crime data and maximise communications with and between residents.
 - Continue to build on initiatives in the night time economy and to support partners to tackle the harms caused by excess alcohol.
 - Proactively make the Partnership more streamlined, focused and better value for money.
 - Prepare for the introduction of directly elected Police and Crime Commissioner and the impact of Police reforms on Community Safety Partnerships and the specific role of the Council within that.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Revenue

12. The Council will continue to provide services that both directly and indirectly contribute to reducing crime and improving safety. No new or additional costs are identified and relevant services are subject to the corporate savings programme. Therefore activities identified within this Plan will be met through existing Business Unit budgets.

13. In addition, the Home Office has allocated funding intended for Community Safety Partnerships, called the Community Safety Fund 2011/12. This funding is for resource spending and it consolidates the previous funding streams – Safer and Stronger Communities Fund and Young People’s Substance Misuse Budget. This forms part of the Home Office Spending Review settlement and is non-ring-fenced. The allocation for Southampton in 2011/12 is in total £249,100. This represents a 20% cut on the previous year. As this funding was received in recent years, there are existing priority commitments to funds within the Neighbourhoods Directorate portfolio (for Anti-Social Behaviour, Domestic Violence and grants allocation to voluntary sector groups that significantly contribute to Safe City Partnership agreed priorities); Adult Social Care portfolio (for Drug Action Team) and Children’s Services portfolio (for Young People’s Substance Misuse).
14. A provisional allocation of this funding has been considered by the Safe City Partnership Executive on 27 January 2011 and this has been used as the basis for the plan. However, the final allocation of the reduced funding has yet to be confirmed. It is therefore proposed that authority be given to the Executive Director for Neighbourhoods, following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Local Services and Community Safety, to finalise the allocation of the grant funding and make any consequential changes to the plan.
15. It should be noted that the Home Office has confirmed a further cut to this budget in 2012/13 to £125,000 representing almost 50% reduction. It is also noted that subject to legislative approval, from 2012/13 the elected Police and Crime Commissioner will have full responsibility for allocation of this funding across the Police and Crime Commissioner’s area (Hampshire).

Property/Other

16. Not Applicable

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:

17. The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (amended by the Police and Justice Act 2006) places a statutory duty on Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships to produce a strategic assessment and a Partnership Plan outlining its priorities to tackle crime and disorder.

Other Legal Implications:

18. The strategies and actions within the Plan must be assessed and delivered in accordance with the Equalities Act 2010 and the Human Rights Act 1998.

POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS

19. The Safe City Partnership Plan is included in the Council’s Policy Framework.

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KEY DECISION? Yes

WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:	All
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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

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Appendices

1.	Draft Safe City Partnership Annual Plan 2011-12
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Documents In Members' Rooms

1.	None.
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Integrated Impact Assessment

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