

# COUNCIL

Wednesday, 14th March 2012  
at 2.00 pm

**PLEASE NOTE TIME**

Council Chamber, Civic Centre

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The Sheriff – Vice-chair

Leader of the Council

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<b>Harefield</b>	Daunt Fitzhenry Smith	<b>Woolston</b>	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 Seven Priorities**

- More jobs for local people
- More local people who are well educated and skilled
- A better and safer place in which to live and invest
- Better protection for children and young people
- Support for the most vulnerable people and families
- Reducing health inequalities
- Reshaping the Council for the future

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

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**Access** – Access is available for disabled people. Please contact the Council Administrator who will help to make any necessary arrangements.

## **Dates of Meetings**

<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>
18 May	15 February
13 July	14 March
14 September	16 May
16 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

### **BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED**

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

### **RULES OF PROCEDURE**

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

### **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.

Director of Corporate Services  
M R HEATH  
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Tuesday, 6 March 2012

**TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL**

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the COUNCIL to be held on WEDNESDAY, 14TH MARCH 2012 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 Meetings held on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2011 and 15<sup>th</sup> February 2012, 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 Pope to move:-

Full Council notes and welcomes the UK-wide campaign to end 'legal loan sharking'.

Full Council believes that the lack of access to affordable credit is socially and economically damaging. Unaffordable credit is causing a myriad of unwanted

effects such as poorer diets, colder homes, rent, council tax and utility arrears, depression (which impacts on job seeking behaviour) and poor health.

Full Council further notes that unaffordable credit is extracting wealth from the most deprived communities.

Full Council believes it is the responsibility of all levels of government to try to ensure affordable credit for all, and therefore pledges to use best practice to promote financial literacy and affordable lending. This will help to ensure that wealth stays in the local economy. Full Council also pledges to promote credit unions in Southampton, community based organisations offering access to affordable credit and promoting saving.

Full Council calls on the Government to introduce caps on the total lending rates that can be charged for providing credit.

Full Council further calls on the Government to give local authorities the power to veto licences for high street credit agencies where they could have negative economic or social impacts on communities.”

(b) Councillor Hannides to move:-

This Council welcomes the huge progress made towards the development of the Cultural Quarter in Northern Above Bar and in particular notes the success and popularity of the new Guildhall Square. Council welcomes and supports the SeaCity Museum which is due to open on 10th April and is committed to delivering the New Arts Complex on the former Tyrell and Green site.

(c) Councillor Smith to move:-

This Council recognises that in these tough financial times, local authorities need to make difficult decisions about spending priorities and therefore supports the Executive in reviewing the merits of fulltime union officials funded by the taxpayer and the provision of office facilities to trade unions.

(d) Councillor Dr R Williams to move:-

Council resolves to maximise its efforts to ensure all Southampton residents are registered to vote.

(e) Councillor Rayment to move:-

Full Council urges the Government to listen to the overwhelming majority of the Country's doctors, nurses and patients and to remove those controversial parts of the NHS and Social Care Bill which promote a bigger role for the private sector.

**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 LOCALISM ACT 2011 – PAY POLICY**

Report of the Head of Legal, HR and Democratic Services regarding the requirement under the Localism Act 2011 for the Council to prepare and publish a pay policy statement for the financial year 2012/13 and then for each subsequent financial year, attached.

**10 DEVELOPMENT OF THE FORMER CIVIL SERVICE SPORTS GROUND**

Report of the Cabinet Member for Children's Services and Learning regarding the development of the former Civil Service Sports Ground, attached.

**11 APPROVAL TO SPEND CAPITAL FUNDING ON ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT PORTFOLIO SCHEMES 2012/13**

Report of the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport seeking approval to Capital variations and additional funding on schemes within the Environment and Transport Capital Programme for 2012/13, attached.

**12 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC - CONFIDENTIAL PAPERS INCLUDED IN THE FOLLOWING ITEM**

To move that in accordance with the Council's Constitution, specifically the Access to Information procedure Rules contained within the Constitution, the press and public be excluded from the meeting in respect of any consideration of the confidential appendix attached to the following item.

Appendix 1 of this report is not for publication by virtue of category 7A of paragraph 10.4 of the Council's Access to Information procedure Rules, as contained in the Council's Constitution. Appendix 1 contains confidential information, which in this context means information provided to the Council by a Government Department on terms which forbid its public disclosure or information which cannot be publicly disclosed by Court Order.



### **13 "PLATFORM TO PROSPERITY" - PLATFORM ROAD IMPROVEMENT SCHEME**

Report of the Senior Manager, Planning, Transport and Sustainability seeking approval to receive and add to the capital programme £5.595m of capital grant funding from the Department of Business and Skills towards the "Platform to Prosperity" project to deliver a road improvement scheme in Platform Road to improve access to and from the Port of Southampton. This report also seeks commitment from the Council of £1.255m of match funding in 2014/15, attached.

NOTE: There will be prayers by the Reverend Dr Julian Davies, Church of England, in the Mayor's Reception Room at 1.45 pm for Members of the Council and Officers who wish to attend.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M R HEATH', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

**M R HEATH**  
Director of Corporate Services

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# Agenda Item 2

To approve and sign as a correct record the Minutes of the meetings held on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2011 and 15<sup>th</sup> February 2012 and to deal with any matters arising, attached.

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## SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 16 NOVEMBER 2011

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#### Present:

The Mayor, Councillor Matthews (Minutes 56, 57 and 60 only)  
The Sheriff, Councillor Burke  
Councillors Baillie (Minutes 52-55, 60 and 65 only), Ball, Barnes-Andrews,  
Mrs Blatchford, Bogle (Minutes 52-55 and 65 only), Capozzoli, Claisse, Cunio,  
Daunt, Fitzgerald, Fitzhenry, Fuller, Furnell, Hannides, B Harris, L Harris, Holmes,  
Jones, Kaur, Kolker, Letts, Mead, Morrell, Moulton, Noon, Osmond, Dr Paffey,  
Parnell, Payne, Pope, Rayment, Smith, Stevens, Thomas, Thorpe, Turner,  
Vassiliou, Vinson, Walker, Wells, White, Willacy, P Williams and Dr R Williams

THE SHERIFF (COUNCILLOR BURKE) IN THE CHAIR

#### 52. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Drake and McEwing.

#### 53. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Council meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> September 2011 be approved and signed as a correct record.

#### 54. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR AND LEADER

The Sheriff announced that David Priestley, Senior Town Sergeant would shortly be retiring and that Joy Wilmot-Palmer, Head of Efficiency and Business Transformation, would be leaving the Authority at the end of November. On behalf of Members, he thanked them for their service to the Council and wished them well for the future.

On behalf of Members, the Sheriff wished Councillor Drake a speedy recovery and congratulated Councillors Bogle and Thorpe on recently becoming parents.

#### 55. DEPUTATIONS, PETITIONS AND PUBLIC QUESTIONS

It was noted that no requests for Deputations, Petitions or Public Questions had been received.

THE MAYOR (COUNCILLOR MATTHEWS) IN THE CHAIR

#### 56. 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. Woolston Wastewater Treatment Works**

Question from Councillor Vinson to Councillor Fitzhenry

In view of recent adverse publicity regarding the capacity of Woolston Wastewater Treatment Works to cope with current demand, and the additional pressures that will come from increased housing under the Centenary Quay development, can the Cabinet Member advise Council of any steps he has taken to facilitate resolution of these issues by Southern Water?

Answer

Southern Water has for some time been considering how to resolve the issues associated with discharge standards to the River Itchen set by the Environment Agency, also capacity and odour levels which will in particular impact on the Centenary Quay development.

There have been repeated interventions with Southern Water by the City Council along with SEEDA (now HCA) and Crest Nicholson and there is an emerging approach which is to upgrade (rebuild) the existing works to “state of the art” within the existing site. This will incorporate new technology to make the works virtually odour free, provide further capacity as well as meeting all discharge standards. The scheme will also incorporate attractive cladding and landscaping.

The alternative option of diverting to elsewhere in South Hampshire would be problematical in terms of delivery and is unlikely to be agreed by Ofwat, the water industry regulator, because of the considerable cost involved in comparison to upgrading the existing works.

Southern Water is currently seeking agreement with Ofwat on how the upgrade scheme is to be funded.

Southern Water intends to consult with the City Council and the local community on their proposals when they have firmed up on their proposals and programme. This is expected during next year.

**2. Recycling in Southampton**

Question from Councillor Vinson to Councillor Fitzhenry

Is the Cabinet member satisfied with the current level of recycling in Southampton?

### Answer

Between April and the end of September 2011, 24.78% of domestic waste collected in Southampton was sent for recycling, composting or reuse which compares favourably with the other two areas of dense population in Hampshire, namely Portsmouth and Basingstoke. The Council only sent 12.32 % of its waste to landfill during the corresponding period; one of the lowest figures in the country.

### **3. Cycling on Pavements**

Question from Councillor Vinson to Councillor Fitzhenry

Does the Cabinet Member accept that current strategies have proved inadequate to deal with an increase in cycling on Southampton's pavements which constitutes a danger to pedestrians?

### Answer

The enforcement of inappropriate or nuisance cycling in pedestrian areas including footways is enforceable by the Police. They regularly undertake enforcement activity in the city.

The Council have no powers to undertake enforcement activity though we do provide cycle facilities where there is a high demand. Our influence is limited to the provision of infrastructure and awareness raising. On occasions we provide shared use or segregated routes on footways but this is only a last resort where we have considered the relative vulnerability of different road user groups and concluded that putting in cycle facilities in close proximity to pedestrians is the safest solution when considering all other factors. There is a complex legal process for designating such routes which means that they normally require public opinion to be strongly in favour before they are designated.

The Council also work closely with cycle user groups and the Police to raise awareness about nuisance cycling on pavements. We also have extensive cycle training programmes in schools and adult cycle training which all actively promote using the road for cycling.

### **4. 'Rogue' Landlords**

Question from Councillor Vinson to Councillor Baillie

What steps has the Cabinet Member taken to address problems caused for tenants and neighbourhoods by 'rogue' landlords?

### Answer

This Executive has reconfigured services to deal with the worst properties managed by the worst landlords and has a clear policy to tackle rogues, made explicit in the Private Housing Renewal Strategy 2011-2015 adopted on 13 July 2011.

Calls about poor housing conditions are now screened and prioritised. Wherever appropriate, landlords are contacted and given an opportunity to put things right and the best invariably do this. Less serious issues are dealt with by advising the

landlord and tenants. This frees resources to tackle properties with serious problems.

Officers inspect properties with serious hazards, those occupied by vulnerable people and those let by landlords with a poor track record of compliance, determined by analysing service requests received over the last year. Officers deal with a comprehensive list of hazards, including cold and falls.

Whenever officers find a particularly poor property, other properties owned by the same landlord are programmed in for an inspection.

There is a programme for finding unlicensed houses in multiple occupation (HMOs) and 72 licences were issued for high risk HMOs between April and September 2011, which improves standards and helps reduce community impacts.

The Council is currently prosecuting a landlord for a persistent failure to comply with an Improvement Notice and the hearing is scheduled for December.

## **5. Spitfire Memorial**

Question from Councillor Noon to Councillor Hannides

As the Cabinet member involved in the Southampton Spitfire Memorial development, can he update Council as to how much of the money targeted to be raised by private sponsors has been obtained to date (by the end of the third quarter 2011)?

### Answer

This is not a Council project and therefore, in my capacity as a Cabinet Member, I am not in a position to answer the question regarding the Spitfire.

## **6. Music Service**

Question from Councillor Stevens to Councillor Moulton

Please can the Cabinet Member explain how the re-structured music service will work/operate in Southampton?

### Answer

Currently the Authority is carrying out consultation procedures with Southampton Music Service in line with proposed Council budget reductions.

The Southampton Music Service will function as a self financing service receiving revenue from; schools, parents, National Music funding and other sources such as The Arts Council of England, Youth Music, charities and Regional Funded Organisations such as Arts Work. The structure, whilst currently being consulted on, will manage the two main strands of work: schools and musical enrichment activities such as; ensembles, orchestras and choirs.



## **7. Primary School Funding**

Question from Councillor Stevens to Councillor Moulton

How will the extra funding (as announced recently from central Government) for primary school capital programme be allocated?

### Answer

The recently announced Government funding of just over £3.1 million was allocated to Southampton City Council specifically on the basis of the need to provide additional places in primary schools in the City (and in recognition of the fact that this will require a significant amount of building work to provide the necessary space). Since the Council has already published its proposals for addressing this need (in the Cabinet Report of 14 March 2011 and subsequent decision) it is the Council's intention that this funding should be directed towards the fulfilment of the proposals contained therein.

The adoption of the above approach will enable the Council to more swiftly progress with the agreed schemes, on the basis of confirmed funding.

## **8. Academy Funding**

Question from Councillor Stevens to Councillor Moulton

Based on a statement from an Ofsted report - "The inadequate academy is making satisfactory progress. Persistent school absence rates remain above the average for similar areas."

What are the Cabinet Member's plans to drive progress on both these issues considering the financial constraints of the coming years?

### Answer

The Local Authority continues to drive up progress on standards and attendance through retaining:

- A school improvement/standards team to support all schools to improve leadership and management, teaching and learning attainment levels. This work is being supported through the development of 'Strategic Partnership Reviews' with all schools, including academies.
- A team of Education Welfare Officers to work with schools to deliver our statutory responsibility to instigate legal proceedings against parents regarding pupil absence.

## **9. Primary School Places**

Question from Councillor Dr Paffey to Councillor Moulton

Will the Cabinet Member confirm how many children of primary school age still do not have a school place?

### Answer

As of Monday 14 November:-

- there are 22 children of Primary school age (i.e., aged 4-11) without a school place.
- Of these:
  - 13 are from abroad
  - 9 are from out of city but within UK.
- All 22 children are on waiting lists for places at the parents' choice of school. The average wait for a place is 2.75 school weeks.

### **10. South Hampshire Deaf Children's Society**

Question from Councillor Dr Paffey to Councillor Moulton

Following the deputation presented by South Hampshire Deaf Children's Society at last Full Council, will the Cabinet Member provide an update on his subsequent discussions with representatives of SHDCS?

### Answer

Cllr Moulton and Dr Julia Katherine, Principal Educational Psychologist, met with representatives from SHDCS and the NDCS on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2011. The following were discussed:-

- Individual cases.
- Additional HI support that Southampton City Council (SCC) has accessed through partnership agreement with the Isle of Wight.
- The assessment of need for HI support.
- The review of HI provision being carried out by SCC.
- The need to improve communication with parents.
- Links between HI provision and Southampton's successful bid to become a pathfinder for the SEN green paper.

At this meeting the following key actions were agreed:

1. Parents to notify SCC of issues related to support for their deaf child. SCC to investigate any such issues raised.
2. SCC to keep the NDCS updated on the review of HI provision and the SEN pathfinder project, including formal consultation with parents.
3. SCC to send out a letter to parents detailing support arrangements for their child.
4. SCC to send out an evaluation form for parents to complete on the support they have received.
5. SHDCS and the NDCS to work with SCC press office to promote the positive story on HI provision in Southampton.

### **11. Sea City**

Question from Councillor Barnes-Andrews to Councillor Hannides

How much has been raised by the private fundraising for Sea City?

#### Answer

The Cultural Development Trust had developed applications to a variety of Trusts and Foundations, some of which will be submitted week beginning 14th November, others shortly after.

These applications are currently confidential and therefore I am happy to offer a confidential briefing to Councillor Barnes-Andrews.

### **12. Budget Proposals**

Question from Councillor Barnes-Andrews to Councillor Hannides

Did the Cabinet Member find the equality and safety impact assessment of value when reaching his budget proposals?

#### Answer

Yes.

### **13. Photoelectric Generation**

Question from Councillor Letts to Councillor Fitzhenry

How has the recent announcement to halve the buy in tariff for photoelectric generation affected our plans in this area?

#### Answer

The City Council is committed to delivering its Solar PV Programme, regardless of the recent proposal by DECC to bring forward the date by which Feed in Tariff (FiT) rates are cut. SCC's programme was already at an advanced stage when DECC made its announcement and because of this the team was well placed to react. SCC's revised programme now includes a proportion of works which will be delivered before the proposed December review date with the remaining installations to follow no later than 31 March 2012. The advantages of this approach are that a proportion of the programme will be delivered at the higher FiT should the Government implement its proposal. However, in the event that the Government does not implement its proposal and reverts back to its original April review rate; then SCC will have delivered all of its programme at the higher rate. Finally, because SCC is investing its own capital in this scheme (rather than the alternative leasing or rental options that most public sector institutions pursue) it will still benefit from returns of between 7% and 15% on investment.

### **14. Green Waste**

Question from Councillor Letts to Councillor Fitzhenry

When will the collection of Green Waste start again?

Answer

It is proposed to commence collections of green garden waste from Monday 21 November 2011.

**15. Post-16 Education**

Question from Councillor Dr Paffey to Councillor Moulton

Assuming that the activity survey for Southampton school leavers has now been completed; can the Cabinet Member now say what the current 2011 recruitment numbers are for post-16 education in Southampton per institution, and how many surplus places there are per institution?

Answer

The activity survey for Southampton school leavers reports on the destinations of year 11 leavers only and will give numbers entering post-16 education from each school, it does not report on local college enrolment numbers and available spaces.

The activity survey is not validated by the Department of Education until 28<sup>th</sup> November 2011. Information about the progression of 2011 Year 11 pupils to local colleges will be available during December.

The information requested will be shared with Members once it becomes available. At this point it will also become possible to share how these compare with the numbers of places funded in each of the City's Further Education Colleges and its other sixth form provision in schools.

**16. Youth Unemployment**

Question from Councillor Dr Paffey to Councillor Moulton

With youth unemployment reaching crisis levels nationally, will the Cabinet Member provide the latest figures for NEETs in Southampton?

Answer

The most recently published Department for Education NEET data (academic age 16-18) was for August 2011 and Southampton had a percentage of 7.3% compared with a national figure of 7.6%. At that time, Southampton's percentage was ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> best of our 11 statistical neighbours and best of the 9 'core city' comparators, so on this key measure we are currently bucking the unfortunate national trend.

The most recent data from the Department for Work and Pensions for September 2011 (published by the Office for National Statistics) shows that 3.9% (1705) of Southampton's 18-24 year olds are currently claiming Job Seekers Allowance, compared to 5.5% in the South East region and 8.1% in Great Britain.

**17. National Planning Policy Framework**

Question from Councillor Vinson to Councillor Fitzhenry

What representations has the Cabinet or Cabinet Member made to Government regarding their proposed National Planning Policy Framework?

### Answer

The Council did make a submission to Communities and Local Government as part of the national consultation on the draft National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). The full response is available on the Council's web site and has been the subject of briefings to all three political groups.

<http://www.southampton.gov.uk/council-partners/consult/nationalconsult/responsetonppf.aspx>

Our response welcomes the concise approach in the draft NPPF and the strong support for sustainable economic growth. The Council's response comments in detail in numerous areas.

These include:-

- the need to provide more clarity on the sustainable development principles that are referred to;
- support for the proposed 'duty to cooperate' with neighbouring authorities;
- a request to include commercial development in the town centre policy; and
- the need to protect some categories of employment land for the long term.

## 57. MOTIONS

### **(a) City Boundary Review**

Councillor Letts moved and Councillor Stevens seconded:-

"This Council believes that as many Southampton residents as possible should be exclusively represented by Southampton MPs.

Therefore this Council supports the proposal brought forward by Democratic Audit that 15 of the 16 wards in the city boundary of Southampton be comprised of the two Southampton parliamentary seats (Test and Itchen).

Furthermore that this request be submitted back by the Council to the Boundary Commission as the Council's position on this matter prior to the close of submissions date in December."

UPON BEING PUT TO THE VOTE THE MOTION WAS DECLARED LOST

RESOLVED that the motion be **not** approved.

### **RECORDED VOTE**

FOR: Councillors Barnes-Andrews, Mrs Blatchford, Burke, Cunio, Fuller, Furnell, Kaur, Letts, Morrell, Noon, Dr Paffey, Payne, Pope, Rayment, Stevens, Thomas, Thorpe, Turner, Vinson and Dr R.Williams

AGAINST: Councillors Ball, Claisse, Capozzoli, Daunt, Fitzgerald, Fitzhenry, Hannides, B. Harris, L.Harris, Holmes, Jones, Kolker, Matthews, Mead, Moulton, Osmond, Parnell, Smith, Vassiliou, Walker, Wells, Willacy, White, P. Williams

ABSTAIN: NIL

**(b) City's Youth Parliament**

Councillor Turner moved and Councillor Vinson seconded:-

“This Council regrets the loss of the City's Youth Parliament and calls on the Executive to bring forward speedily, proposals for the development of a new and accountable way of identifying the views and priorities of young people in Southampton”

Amendment moved by Councillor Vassiliou and seconded by Councillor Holmes:-

Delete from the first line “and calls on the Executive to bring forward speedily, proposals for the development of a new and accountable way of ....”

and Replace with “due to the substantial decline in participation during recent years. This Council fully supports and encourages the development of forums, organisations and school Councils in Southampton, dedicated to.....”

In the third line After “identifying the views and priorities of young people in Southampton.”

Insert the following: “Should there once again be a reasonable number of young people from across the City and participation from school Councils willing to attend meetings, this Council will embark on reinstating a City wide Youth Parliament. Furthermore, we fully support and encourage participation in school Councils as they can be an effective way of acquiring the views of young people”.

**AMENDED MOTION TO READ:**

This Council regrets the loss of the City's Youth Parliament due to the substantial decline in participation during recent years. This Council fully supports and encourages the development of forums, organisations and school Councils in Southampton, dedicated to identifying the views and priorities of young people in Southampton. Should there once again be a reasonable number of young people from across the City and participation from school Councils willing to attend meetings, this Council will embark on reinstating a City wide Youth Parliament. Furthermore, we fully support and encourage participation in school Councils as they can be an effective way of acquiring the views of young people.

**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.

THE SHERIFF (COUNCILLOR BURKE) IN THE CHAIR

58. 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.

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

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

Councillor Parnell had replaced Councillor Fitzgerald on the Employment and Appeals Panel; and  
Councillor Mrs Blatchford had replaced Councillor Pope on the Employment and Appeals Panel

THE MAYOR (COUNCILLOR MATTHEWS) IN THE CHAIR

60. HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT SELF FINANCING: REFORM OF COUNCIL HOUSING FINANCE

The report of the Cabinet Member for Housing was submitted detailing a new funding system for the Housing Revenue Account, seeking approval for a number of schemes in 2012/13 and recommending an approach on a number of issues (copy of report circulated with agenda and appended to signed minutes).

RESOLVED:

(i) that the following principles be approved to underpin the development of the full 30 year Housing Revenue Account (HRA) business plan:

(a) For rents

- Rent increases will follow Government rent policy (rent restructuring) so as not to disadvantage the business plan.
- From 2 April 2012, all new tenants will be charged the full target rent for the property they move into
- From 2 April 2012, the target rent for houses be increased by 5% and the target rent for flats reduced by 2.9% so that there is no change in the average target rent for the HRA as a whole subject to a full financial assessment of the impact on tenants and the business plan being considered as part of the budget report in February 2012.

(b) For service charges, from 2 April 2012:

- All existing service charges will be recalculated to ensure that the charge is linked directly to the cost of the service provided.
- The charge will endeavour to meet the principle of full cost recovery, with any exceptions being agreed as part of the budget report in February 2012.

- Charges will then go up (or down) each year based on the actual cost of the service giving residents greater transparency and control over what they pay for a service.
  - That delegated authority be granted to the Senior Manager for Housing Services, following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing, to approve the annual revision to service charges within the policy parameters agreed by Council.
- (c) For garages and parking spaces, from 2 April 2012:
- Garages and car park spaces charges will increase each year by RPI + ½% i.e. in line with target rents.
  - These charges will be reviewed every 2 years to ensure they are comparable with other landlords.
  - A reduced rent incentive of 50% for 6 months will be introduced on garages where there is a need to increase usage.
  - That delegated authority be granted to the Senior Manager for Housing Services, following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing, to decide where to apply the rent incentive and also to approve the annual revision to charges for garages and parking spaces within the policy parameters agreed by Council.
  - Plans will be implemented to remove the lockable posts from parking spaces in Housing ownership in the City centre.
- (d) For the borrowing headroom:
- A proportion of the headroom will be retained as a reserve / contingency for any unforeseen or high risk / short term issues that need to be supported.
  - Some funding will be allocated on an “invest to save” basis so that there is a payback of capital over a period.
  - Some funding is allocated to “cash flow” estate regeneration initiatives where expenditure on relocating tenants and preparing for redevelopment takes place before the capital receipts are received from the sale of the sites.
- (e) For treasury management:
- The Council adopts the two loans pool approach for long term debt.
  - Existing long term debt (at 16 November 2011) is split between the HRA and General Fund (GF), with this split ensuring there is no adverse impact on the GF.
  - All long term loans raised after 16 November 2011 are allocated into either the HRA or GF pool.
  - That delegated authority be granted to the Chief Financial Officer “To increase the limits set in the annual treasury management strategy by the sum notified to the Council that it needs to pay to CLG under HRA reform and to take all decisions needed to borrow this sum before 26 March 2012”.
  - For the purposes of preparing the current business plan, the maximum average debt per property should be set by reference to the projected HRA



debt outstanding at 31 March 2012 and stock level used in the final debt settlement (currently estimated at £10,400). Average debt levels per property over the life of the business plan should not exceed this level.

- The full 30 year business plan should aim to make provision for the repayment of all HRA debt by the end of the plan.

(ii) that the capital programme for 2011/12 to 2015/16 as set out in Appendix 1 to the report be approved;

(iii) that it be noted that the implementation of the new system would require the HRA to borrow an estimated £70M in order to make the payment to CLG in March 2012.

THE SHERIFF (COUNCILLOR BURKE) IN THE CHAIR

61. REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS

The report of the Director of Corporate Services was submitted detailing the review of polling districts and polling places carried out in accordance with the obligations under the Electoral Administration Act 2006 (copy of the report circulated with the agenda and appended to signed minutes).

Amendment moved by Councillor Mead and seconded by Councillor Fitzgerald:

That the recommendations in respect of the polling districts and polling places as set out in Appendix 3 be approved subject to the following:

Move boundary with MB to facilitate better access through local footpaths by transferring the boundary ME to take in the following roads: Vinery Gardens, St. James Park Road, Vinery Road, Winifred Gardens, Seacole Gardens, part of Dale Road, Rowan House, Winchester Road, from MB.

UPON BEING PUT TO THE VOTE THE AMENDMENT WAS DECLARED CARRIED

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

RESOLVED that the recommendations in respect of the polling districts and polling places as set out in Appendix 3 be approved subject to the following:

Move boundary with MB to facilitate better access through local footpaths by transferring the boundary ME to take in the following roads: Vinery Gardens, St. James Park Road, Vinery Road, Winifred Gardens, Seacole Gardens, part of Dale Road, Rowan House, Winchester Road, from MB.

62. ESTABLISHMENT OF SHADOW HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

The report of the Executive Director of Health and Adult Social Care and Director of Public Health was submitted seeking approval for the establishment of a shadow Health and Wellbeing Board (copy of report circulated with agenda and appended to the signed minutes).

Amendment moved by Councillor Rayment and seconded by Councillor Mrs Blatchford:

Add at end of recommendation (ii)  
and that this appointment return to Full Council for endorsement

AMENDED RECOMMENDATION TO READ:

That the Executive Director of Health and Adult Social Care, after consultation with the Head of Legal, HR and Democratic Services, be delegated authority to appoint an independent chair in accordance with the process set out in Appendix 2 and that this appointment return to Full Council for endorsement.

UPON BEING PUT TO THE VOTE THE AMENDMENT WAS DECLARED CARRIED

UPON BEING PUT TO THE VOTE THE RECOMMENDATIONS AS AMENDED WERE DECLARED CARRIED

RESOLVED:

- (i) that a shadow health and wellbeing board be established on the basis of the draft terms of reference set out in Appendix 1 to the report;
- (ii) that the Executive Director of Health and Adult Social Care, after consultation with the Head of Legal, HR and Democratic Services, be delegated authority to appoint an independent chair in accordance with the process set out in Appendix 2 and that this appointment return to Full Council for endorsement;
- (iii) that authority be delegated to the Executive Director of Health and Adult Social Care, after consultation with the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Health, to make any amendments to the proposals in the report in the light of any changes made to the Health and Social Care Bill in its passage through Parliament.

63. TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY AND PRUDENTIAL LIMITS MID YEAR REVIEW

The report of the Head of Finance (Chief Financial Officer) was submitted detailing the Treasury Management Strategy and Prudential Limits Mid Year Review (copy of report circulated with agenda and appended to signed minutes).

RESOLVED:

- (i) that any changes to the Council's Prudential Indicators as detailed within the report be approved;
- (ii) that it be noted that at the time of writing the Treasury Management report, the recommendations in the Capital Programme Update report had not been approved by Council on the 14<sup>th</sup> September 2011. The indicators in the Treasury Management report had therefore been based on the assumption that the Capital Programme Update report would be approved and as there were no changes made by Council, no recalculation has been necessary;
- (iii) that delegated authority continue to be granted to the Chief Financial Officer (CFO), following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Resources, Leisure and Culture, to approve any changes to the Prudential Indicators or borrowing limits that will aid good treasury management.

64. INTEGRATION OF WESSEX YOUTH OFFENDING TEAM OPERATIONS FOR SOUTHAMPTON WITHIN SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL FROM APRIL 2012, INCORPORATING THE ANNUAL YOUTH JUSTICES PLAN

The report of the Cabinet Member for Children's Services and Learning was submitted seeking approval for the integration of the service and approval for the annual Youth Justice plan (copy of report circulated with agenda and appended to signed minutes).

RESOLVED:

- (i) that the Wessex Youth Justice Plan 2011/12 be approved as part of the Policy Framework;
- (ii) that delegated authority be granted to the Executive Director of Children's Services and Learning to make any consequential amendments necessary to the Wessex Youth Justice Plan 2011/12 to reflect shadow or operational arrangements for the Southampton YOT prior to the approval of a Southampton Youth Justice Plan in 2012/13.

65. SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL'S CHANGE PROGRAMME

The report of the Leader of the Council and Chief Executive was submitted detailing recommendations in relation to Southampton City Council's Change Programme (copy of report circulated with the agenda and appended to signed minutes).

RESOLVED that the Change Programme as set out in the report, due to be considered by Cabinet on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2011, be noted

66. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY - SUMMARY OF CALL-IN

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  
15 FEBRUARY 2012

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Present:

The Mayor, Councillor Matthews  
The Sheriff, Councillor Burke  
Councillors Baillie, Ball, Barnes-Andrews, Mrs Blatchford, Bogle, Capozzoli, Cunio, Daunt, Fitzgerald, Fitzhenry, Fuller, Furnell, Hannides, B Harris, L Harris, Holmes, Jones, Kaur, Kolker, Letts, Mead, McEwing, Morrell, Moulton, Noon, Osmond, Dr Paffey, Parnell, Payne, Pope, Rayment, Smith, Stevens, Thomas, Thorpe, Turner, Vassiliou, Vinson, Walker, Wells, White, Willacy, P Williams and Dr R Williams

67. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Drake.

68. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR AND LEADER

The Mayor informed Members that the Town Crier, John Melody, had pneumonia and was very ill. He had been receiving chemotherapy treatment which had been stopped for the present time, although the good news was that his tumour had shrunk. On behalf of the Council, Members joined the Mayor in wishing the Town Crier a good recovery and requested the Mayor write to him and his wife Pauline with their best wishes.

69. DEPUTATIONS, PETITIONS AND PUBLIC QUESTIONS

The Council received a deputation from Nick Chaffey, Andrew Howe and Gavin Marsh on behalf of the Southampton Trade Unionists and Socialist Coalition against Cuts.

70. COUNCIL TAX SETTING AND RELATED MATTERS

(A) GENERAL FUND CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2012/13 TO 2014/15

(B) GENERAL FUND REVENUE BUDGET 2012/13 TO 2014/15

The reports of the Cabinet Member for Resources, Leisure and Culture were submitted seeking approval to the updated Capital Programme for 2012/13 - 2014/15 together with the latest estimated overall financial position on the General Fund Revenue Budget for 2012/13 - 2014/15 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 2012/13 to comprise the Executive's budget proposals were moved by Councillor Hannides 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

An altered amendment setting out the Labour Group's budget proposals (Labour Budget Resolution 2012/13) was moved by Councillor Barnes-Andrews and seconded by Councillor Dr. R. Williams (copy attached as Appendix B to these minutes).

An altered amendment setting out the Liberal Democrat Group's budget proposals (Liberal Democrat Budget Resolution 2012/13) was moved by Councillor Vinson and seconded by Councillor Turner (copy attached as Appendix C to these minutes).

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

UPON BEING PUT TO THE VOTE THE LABOUR GROUP'S PROPOSALS WERE DECLARED LOST.

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

RESOLVED that the General Fund Capital Programme 2012/13 to 2014/15 and the General Fund Revenue Budget 2012/13 to 2014/15, as amended by Executive Budget Resolution 2012/13 (appendix A to these minutes) be adopted.

NOTE: Councillor Parnell declared a personal, but non-prejudicial interest in the above matter, in view of being a Trustee of School Pastors, and remained in the meeting during the consideration of the matter.

#### 71. HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT BUDGET REPORT AND BUSINESS PLAN

The report of the Cabinet Member for Housing was submitted seeking approval to the Housing Revenue Account Business Plan for the period 2012/13 to 2041/42 and the Revenue Budgets for 2012/13 (copy of report circulated with agenda and appended to signed minutes).

Amendment moved by Councillor Turner and seconded by Councillor Vinson:

"Add (xvi) Approves the Housing Revenue Account Revenue Estimates as set out in Appendix 1 of the Housing Revenue Account Budget Report and Business Plan, with the amendment that the provision of £100,000 as set out in paragraph 32 which is to be utilised for other service developments such as tackling health inequalities in some of

our estates and enhancing skills opportunities for our tenants which includes working in partnership with local universities also includes working with local sixth forms and colleges,”

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

RESOLVED:

- (i) that the Tenant Association Representatives be thanked for their input to the capital and revenue budget setting process and that their views as set out in the report be noted;
- (ii) that following the completion of the full financial assessment of the changes to target rents approved by Council on 16 November 2011 to:
  - Confirm that the target rent for houses will be increased by 5%,
  - Approve a further reduction in the target rent for flats of 0.06% (giving a total reduction of 2.96%) so that the overall average target rent for all dwellings remains unchanged,
  - Approve the indexing of the £2.00 factor in the individual property rent restructuring calculation by RPI plus 0.5% from 2001/02 and the phased implementation of the amended calculation in equal instalments between 2013/14 and 2015/16,
  - Confirm that from 2 April 2012, all new tenants will be charged the target rent for the property they move into,
  - Confirm that in all other respects, rents should be set using the Government’s Rent Restructuring regime;
- (iii) that, with effect from the 2 April 2012, the current average weekly dwelling rent figure of £69.73 be increased by 7.54%, which equates to an average increase of £5.26 per week, and that the following be approved to calculate this increase:
  - That the percentage increase applied to all dwelling rents should be 6.1%, equivalent to an increase of £4.25 per week; and
  - That the rent restructuring component of the increase should follow the arrangements set out in resolution (ii) above, giving an increase in average rent levels of 1.44% (£1.01 per week) andto note that:
  - The total percentage increase in individual rents will vary according to the restructured rent of their property;
- (iv) that the following weekly service charges from 2 April 2012 based on the full cost recovery approach agreed by Council in November 2011 be approved:
  - Digital TV £0.42 (unchanged from 2011/12)
  - Concierge £1.20 (increased by £0.08 from 2011/12)
  - Tower Block Wardens £4.97 (reduced by £0.14 from 2011/12)
- (v) that it be noted that the service charges in supported accommodation will not change from 2 April 2012 but that these will be reviewed in the spring of 2012 in consultation with tenants, with any changes taking effect from October 2012;

- (vi) that subject to consultation with tenants, approval be given to the introduction of a new cleaning charge for walk up blocks of £0.91 per week, the start date for which will be agreed with tenants;
- (vii) that the charges for garages and parking spaces for 2012/13 be increased by 5.6% in line with the increase in RPI used in the calculation of the increase in average rents;
- (viii) that the increase in minimum HRA balances to £2M be approved;
- (ix) that the Housing Revenue Account Revenue Estimates as set out in Appendix 1 to the report be approved;
- (x) that the revised Housing Revenue Account Capital Programme set out in Appendix 2 to the report be approved;
- (xi) that the 30 year capital and revenue business plans set out in appendices 4 and 5 to the report be approved;
- (xii) that the principles underlying capital spending plans that have been included in the business plan as set out in appendix 6 to the report be approved;
- (xiii) that the HRA business planning assumptions as set out in Appendix 7 to the report be noted;
- (xiv) that it be noted that rental income and service charge payments will be paid by tenants over a 48 week period; and
- (xv) that the intention to develop a HRA efficiency programme during 2012/13 be noted.

72. TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY AND PRUDENTIAL LIMITS 2012/13 TO 2014/15

The report of the Head of Finance was submitted regarding the Council's treasury management strategy for the coming year in relation to the Council's cash flow, investment and borrowing, and the management of the numerous risks related to this activity (copy of report circulated with agenda and appended to signed minutes).

RESOLVED:

- (i) that the Council's Treasury Management (TM) Strategy and Prudential Indicators for 2012/13, 2013/14 and 2014/15 be approved, as detailed within the report; and in particular the lowering of the minimum credit rating, as recommended by the Council's advisors, from A+ to A- as detailed in paragraph 32 of the report be approved;
- (ii) that the 2012 MRP Statement, as detailed in paragraph 47 of the report, be approved;
- (iii) that the Annual Investment Strategy, as detailed in paragraphs 26-45 of the report, be approved;
- (iv) that the adoption of the revised Treasury Management Code of Practice and Guidance notes and subsequent amendments, as detailed in paragraph 64 of the report, be approved;
- (v) that it be noted that should the recommendations in the Capital Programme Update report change as a result of the decisions of Council on the 15<sup>th</sup> February, the Prudential Indicators may have to be recalculated;



- (vi) that delegated authority continue to be granted to the Chief Financial Officer (CFO), following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Resources, Leisure and Culture, to approve any changes to the Prudential Indicators or borrowing limits that will aid good treasury management;
- (vii) that the continued use of the Interest Equalisation Reserve, the creation of which was approved to help to manage the impact on annual budget decisions of volatility and the ultimate increase in interest rates which will be felt when the Council locks back into long term fixed rates, be noted.

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**Conservative Budget Resolution 2012/13****It is recommended that Council:**

- i) Notes the Consultation process that was followed as outlined in Appendix 1 to the General Fund Revenue Budget 2012/13 to 2014/15 report on the Council agenda.
- ii) Notes the Equality Impact Assessment process that was followed as outlined in Appendix 2 to the General Fund Revenue Budget 2012/13 to 2014/15 report on the Council agenda.
- iii) Approves the revised estimate for 2011/12 as set out in Annex 1 to this Resolution. This reflects the notification of a refund of £1.3M from HMRC in respect of a Fleming Claim, transfers an additional £250,000 to the Pay Reserve, (subject to approval of recommendation viii below), over and above the £600,000 set aside as part of the 2012/13 budget and contributes an additional £751,000 to Capital DRF Funding which will eliminate the remaining deficit and balance the Capital Programme.
- iv) Approves the use of £563,000 of in year under spend to increase the Interest Equalisation Reserve in 2011/12 to ensure that adequate provision is made for the future increase in interest costs associated with the ongoing utilisation of variable interest rates.
- v) Notes the position on the forecast roll forward budget for 2012/13 as set out in paragraphs 23 to 35 of the General Fund Revenue Budget 2012/13 to 2014/15 report on the Council agenda.
- vi) Approves the revenue bids set out in Appendix 4 to the General Fund Revenue Budget 2012/13 to 2014/15 report on the Council agenda as amended by the changes in Section A of Annex 2 to this Resolution.
- vii) Approves the efficiencies, income and service reductions as set out in Appendix 5 to the General Fund Revenue Budget 2012/13 to 2014/15 report on the Council agenda as amended by the change in Section B of Annex 2 to this Resolution.
- viii) Approves the setting up of a Pay Reserve with an initial recurring contribution of £600,000 per annum, as set out in paragraph 63 of the General Fund Revenue Budget 2012/13 to 2014/15 report on the Council agenda.
- ix) Approves the changes to the discretionary redundancy policy as set out in paragraphs 65 to 72 of the General Fund Revenue Budget 2012/13 to 2014/15 report on the Council agenda.
- x) Notes the position of the current negotiations with Trade Unions with respect to Terms & Conditions changes implemented on 11 July, as set out in paragraphs 55 to 64 of the General Fund Revenue Budget 2012/13 to 2014/15 report on the Council agenda.

- xi) Agrees to accept the one off Council Tax freeze grant funding for 2012/13 of £2.1M
- xii) Approves the General Fund Revenue Budget as set out in Annex 3 to this Resolution which implements a council tax freeze.
- xiii) Delegates authority to the Chief Financial Officer 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.
- xiv) Approves a revised minimum balance of £5.0M as recommended by the Chief Financial Officer in line with the policy guidance outlined in paragraphs 81 to 83 of the General Fund Revenue Budget 2012/13 to 2014/15 report on the Council agenda.
- xv) Notes that after taking these items into account, there is an estimated General Fund balance of £5.0M at the end of 2015/16 as detailed in paragraph 84 of the General Fund Revenue Budget 2012/13 to 2014/15 report on the Council agenda and then amended by the changes set out in Annex 2 to this Resolution.
- xvi) Delegates authority to the Chief Financial Officer, in consultation with the Director of Corporate Services, to do anything necessary to give effect to the recommendations in this report.
- xvii) Sets the Council Tax Requirement for 2012/13 at £83,205,500.
- xviii) Notes the estimates of precepts on the Council Tax collection fund for 2012/13 as set out in Appendix 8 to the General Fund Revenue Budget 2012/13 to 2014/15 report on the Council agenda.
- xix) Notes the Medium Term Forecast as set out in Annex 5 to this Resolution.
- xx) Authorises the Chief Executive and Chief Officers to pursue the development of the options for efficiencies, income and service reductions in later years as set out in Annex 5 to this Resolution and to continue to develop options to close the remaining projected gaps in those years.
- xxi) Notes that the forecast deficit funding position for the General Fund Capital Programme has been eliminated since the publication of the General Fund Capital Programme 2011/12 to 2014/15 report on the Council agenda.
- xxii) Approves the following amounts now calculated by the Council for the year 2012/13 in accordance with Section 31 and Sections 34 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 as amended (the Act):
- xxiii) Determines in accordance with section 52ZB of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 that the Council's basic amount of Council Tax for 2012/13 is not excessive in accordance with principals approved by the Secretary of State under 52ZC of the Act.

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| a) Aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act.   | £607,873,000.00 |
| b) Aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.   | £524,667,500.00 |
| c) Calculation in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act, of the Council's council tax requirement for the year, being the amount by which the aggregate at a) above exceeds the aggregate at b) above. (Item R in the formula in Section 31B(1) of the Act).    | £83,205,500.00  |
| d) The amount at c) above (Item R), divided by the Council Tax base of 67,144.0 (Item T in the formula in Section 31B(1) of the Act), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B(1) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year. | £1,239.21       |

e) 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 d) 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.

f) That it be noted for the year 2012/13 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

- g) That it be noted for the year 2012/13 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

- h) That, having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at e), f) and g) above, the Council in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the following amounts of the Council Tax for the year 2012/13 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**  
**DIFFERENCE FROM THE PREVIOUSLY PUBLISHED BUDGET AMENDMENT**

REF.		BETTER £000's	WORSE £000's
	<b><u>2011/12 Revised Budget</u></b>		
	Refund from HMRC in respect of Fleming Claim	(1,300.0)	
	Contribution to Pay Reserve in 2011/12		250.0
	Increased Contributions to Capital DRF Funding		751.0
	Increased Addition to Balances		299.0
		<u>(1,300.0)</u>	<u>1,300.0</u>
	<b>Net Gap / (Surplus)</b>		<u><u>0.0</u></u>
	<b><u>2012/13 Budget Proposals</u></b>		
	<b><u>Additional Revenue Bids</u></b>		
NEW a	SeaCity Tickets for Residents and Employees (One Off Expenditure)		130.0
NEW b	School Pastors (One Off Expenditure)		25.0
NEW c	Spring Clean Up (One Off Expenditure)		100.0
NEW d	Introduce "No Cold Calling" Zones (One Off Expenditure)		50.0
	<b><u>Withdrawn Savings Proposals</u></b>		
ASCH 12	Adult Disability Care Services - To increase income from clients in residential and non residential care through altering the charging policy and becoming more efficient with billing arrangements.		100.0
	<b><u>Balances</u></b>		
	Increased Draw from Balances	(405.0)	
		<u>(405.0)</u>	<u>405.0</u>
	<b>Net Gap / (Surplus)</b>		<u><u>0.0</u></u>





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| a) | Aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act.   | £607,873,000.00 |
| b) | Aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.   | £524,667,500.00 |
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NEW b	School Pastors (One Off Expenditure)		25
NEW c	Spring Clean Up (One Off Expenditure)		100
NEW d	Introduce "No Cold Calling" Zones (One Off Expenditure)		50
<b><u>Section B - Withdrawn Savings Proposals</u></b>			
ASCH 12	Adult Disability Care Services - To increase income from clients in residential and non residential care through altering the charging policy and becoming more efficient with billing arrangements.		100
<b><u>Section C - Balances</u></b>			
	Increased Draw from Balances	(405)	
		<u>(405)</u>	<u>405</u>
	<b>Net Gap / (Surplus)</b>		<u><u>0</u></u>

**2012/13 GENERAL FUND REVENUE ACCOUNT**

<b>Portfolios</b>	<b>2012/13 Forecast £000's</b>	<b>Revenue Bids £000's</b>	<b>Revenue Pressures £000's</b>	<b>Savings &amp; Income £000's</b>	<b>2012/13 Budget £000's</b>
Adult Social Care & Health	73,438.2	0.0	0.0	(3,150.0)	70,288.2
Childrens Services & Learning	63,552.0	25.0	0.0	(3,315.0)	60,262.0
Environment & Transport	34,581.9	30.0	0.0	(1,884.0)	32,727.9
Housing	10,029.5	150.0	0.0	(990.0)	9,189.5
Leader's Portfolio	8,969.9	0.0	0.0	(1,162.0)	7,807.9
Leisure & Culture	14,146.0	130.0	0.0	(486.0)	13,790.0
Resources	17,958.2	0.0	0.0	(1,555.0)	16,403.2
<b>Sub-total for Portfolios</b>	<b>222,675.7</b>	<b>335.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>(12,542.0)</b>	<b>210,468.7</b>
<b>Levies &amp; Contributions</b>					
Southern Seas Fisheries Levy	46.0				46.0
Flood Defence Levy	43.0				43.0
Coroners Service	560.0				560.0
	<b>649.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>649.0</b>
<b>Capital Asset Management</b>					
Capital Financing Charges	14,264.5				14,264.5
Capital Asset Management Account	(25,565.1)				(25,565.1)
	<b>(11,300.6)</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>(11,300.6)</b>
<b>Other Expenditure &amp; Income</b>					
Direct Revenue Financing of Capital	492.0				492.0
Trading Areas (Surplus) / Deficit	(69.5)			(100.0)	(169.5)
Net Housing Benefit Payments	(881.9)				(881.9)
Market Supplements	500.0				500.0
Contribution to Pay Reserve	600.0				600.0
Non-Specific Government Grants (*)	(120,810.8)				(120,810.8)
Council Tax Freeze Grant	(2,070.9)				(2,070.9)
Collection Fund Surplus	(373.2)				(373.2)
Open Spaces and HRA	535.7			(100.0)	435.7
Risk Fund	6,300.0				6,300.0
Contingencies	400.0				400.0
	<b>(115,378.6)</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>(200.0)</b>	<b>(115,578.6)</b>
<b>NET GF SPENDING</b>	<b>96,645.5</b>	<b>335.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>(12,742.0)</b>	<b>84,238.5</b>
<b>Draw from Balances:</b>					
Addition to / (Draw From) Balances	864.0			(1,405.0)	(541.0)
To Fund the Capital Programme	(492.0)				(492.0)
	<b>372.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>(1,405.0)</b>	<b>(1,033.0)</b>
<b>Net Gap in Budget</b>	<b>13,812.0</b>	<b>335.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>(14,147.0)</b>	<b>(0.0)</b>
<b>COUNCIL TAX REQUIREMENT</b>	<b>83,205.5</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>83,205.5</b>

(\* Now also includes NNDR and RSG)

**COUNCIL TAX CALCULATION - 2012/13**

	2011/12 £000's	2012/13 £000's	Change £000's	Change %
<b>Budget Requirement (a)</b>	<b>190,685.2</b>	<b>183,061.893</b>	<b>(7,623.3)</b>	<b>-4.00%</b>
Less NDR	(80,096.8)	(97,591.4)		
Less RSG	(24,758.1)	(1,891.8)		
Aggregate External Finance	(104,854.9)	(99,483.2)	5,371.7	-5.12%
Deficit / (Surplus) on collection fund	(3,244.7)	(373.2)	2,871.5	-88.50%
<b>Net Grant Income (b)</b>	<b>(108,099.6)</b>	<b>(99,856.4)</b>	<b>8,243.2</b>	<b>-7.63%</b>
<b>Council Tax Requirement (a - b)</b>	<b>82,585.6</b>	<b>83,205.5</b>	<b>619.9</b>	<b>0.75%</b>
Tax base	66,644.0	67,144.0	500.0	0.75%
<b>Basic amount of Council Tax (Band D)</b>	<b>1,239.21</b>	<b>1,239.21</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
Last years Council Tax		1,239.21		
Increase (Cash)		0.00		
Increase (Cash per Week)		0.00		
Increase (%)		0.00%		

**MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL FORECAST**

<b>Portfolios</b>	<b>2012/13 Forecast £000's</b>	<b>Base Changes £000's</b>	<b>2013/14 Forecast £000's</b>	<b>Base Changes £000's</b>	<b>2014/15 Forecast £000's</b>
Adult Social Care & Health	70,288.2		70,288.2		70,288.2
Childrens Services & Learning	60,262.0		60,262.0		60,262.0
Environment & Transport	32,727.9		32,727.9		32,727.9
Housing	9,189.5		9,189.5		9,189.5
Leader's Portfolio	7,807.9		7,807.9		7,807.9
Leisure & Culture	13,790.0		13,790.0		13,790.0
Resources	16,403.2		16,403.2		16,403.2
Base Changes & Inflation		10,707.8	10,707.8	8,100.0	18,807.8
<b>Sub-total for Portfolios</b>	<b>210,468.7</b>	<b>10,707.8</b>	<b>221,176.5</b>	<b>8,100.0</b>	<b>229,276.5</b>
<b>Levies &amp; Contributions</b>					
Southern Seas Fisheries Levy	46.0		46.0		46.0
Flood Defence Levy	43.0		43.0		43.0
Coroners Service	560.0		560.0		560.0
	<b>649.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>649.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>649.0</b>
<b>Capital Asset Management</b>					
Capital Financing Charges	14,264.5	1,200.0	15,464.5	700.0	16,164.5
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	<b>(11,300.6)</b>	<b>1,200.0</b>	<b>(10,100.6)</b>	<b>700.0</b>	<b>(9,400.6)</b>
<b>Other Expenditure &amp; Income</b>					
Direct Revenue Financing of Capital	492.0	(242.0)	250.0	(250.0)	0.0
Trading Areas (Surplus) / Deficit	(169.5)		(169.5)		(169.5)
Net Housing Benefit Payments	(881.9)		(881.9)		(881.9)
Market Supplements	500.0		500.0		500.0
Contribution to Pay Reserve	600.0		600.0		600.0
Non-Specific Government Grants (*)	(120,810.8)	10,191.1	(110,619.7)	7,744.3	(102,875.4)
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Collection Fund Surplus	(373.2)	373.2	0.0		0.0
Open Spaces and HRA	435.7		435.7		435.7
Risk Fund	6,300.0	2,300.0	8,600.0		8,600.0
Contingencies	400.0		400.0		400.0
	<b>(115,578.6)</b>	<b>14,693.2</b>	<b>(100,885.4)</b>	<b>7,494.3</b>	<b>(93,391.1)</b>
<b>NET GF SPENDING</b>	<b>84,238.5</b>	<b>26,601.0</b>	<b>110,839.5</b>	<b>16,294.3</b>	<b>127,133.8</b>
<b>Draw from Balances:</b>					
Addition to / (Draw From) Balances	(541.0)	4,541.0	4,000.0		4,000.0
To fund the Capital Programme	(492.0)	242.0	(250.0)	250.0	0.0
	<b>(1,033.0)</b>	<b>4,783.0</b>	<b>3,750.0</b>	<b>250.0</b>	<b>4,000.0</b>
<b>Council Tax Requirement</b>	<b>83,205.5</b>	<b>31,384.0</b>	<b>114,589.5</b>	<b>16,544.3</b>	<b>131,133.8</b>
Council Tax	83,205.5	2,078.5	85,284.0	2,133.6	87,417.6
<b>Roll Forward Gap</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>29,305.5</b>	<b>29,305.5</b>	<b>14,410.7</b>	<b>43,716.2</b>
Add Pressures - Future Years (Unknown)		1,000.0	1,000.0	1,000.0	2,000.0
Less Savings - Future Years (Known)		(2,413.0)	(2,413.0)	(260.0)	(2,673.0)
Less Savings - Future Years (Work In Progress)		(8,073.0)	(8,073.0)	(3,712.0)	(11,785.0)
<b>Revised Gap</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>19,819.5</b>	<b>19,819.5</b>	<b>11,438.7</b>	<b>31,258.2</b>





Labour Budget Resolution 2012/13**It is recommended that Council:**

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- vii) Approves the efficiencies, income and service reductions as set out in Appendix 5 to the General Fund Revenue Budget 2012/13 to 2014/15 report on the Council agenda as amended by the changes in Section B & C of Annex 2 to this Resolution.
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**LABOUR GROUP BUDGET PROPOSALS**  
**AMENDMENTS TO GENERAL FUND REVENUE BUDGET PAPERS**

REF.		BETTER £000's	WORSE £000's
	<b><u>Section A - Revenue Bids</u></b>		
NEW a	EMA Scheme		100.0
NEW b	Apprenticeship Scheme		75.0
NEW c	Mount Pleasant Language School (One Year Initiative)		70.0
NEW d	Additional Funding for Sure Start (One Year Initiative)		100.0
NEW e	Additional Funding for Libraries (One Year Initiative)		100.0
NEW f	Funding for Jobs Model and Retraining (One Year Initiative)		200.0
	<b><u>Section B - Additional Savings</u></b>		
NEW a	Reduce Council Tax Discount by 50% per annum	(500.0)	
	<b><u>Section C - Rejected Savings Proposals</u></b>		
ASCH 12	Adult Disability Care Services - To increase income from clients in residential and non residential care through altering the charging policy and becoming more efficient with billing arrangements.		100.0
ASCH 14	Client Income - Increase in income from clients due to changes in the charging policy relating to predominantly day care and extra care schemes. In addition the full cost charged for Domicilliary care will be reviewed.		100.0
ASCH 16	Commissioning - Reduction in contracted advice and advocacy.		120.0
E&T 3	Environmental Health - Review of the Pest Control service		50.0
HOU 7	Parks & Street Cleansing - Charge organisers for events support in parks and review opportunities for charging for hosted commercial events.		10.0
HOU 9	Parks & Street Cleansing - Reduction in parks maintenance in non-HRA areas within East, West and Central District areas.		119.0
HOU 10	Parks & Street Cleansing - Reductions in Central District street cleansing activities		117.0
HOU 11	Parks & Street Cleansing - Reduce expenditure on East and West District street cleansing activities.		127.0
HOU 12	Parks & Street Cleansing - Reduction in Central Parks maintenance expenditure		24.0
	<b><u>Section D - Balances</u></b>		
	Increased Draw from Balances	(912.0)	
		<b>(1,412.0)</b>	<b>1,412.0</b>
	<b>Net Gap / (Surplus)</b>		<b>0.0</b>

**2012/13 GENERAL FUND REVENUE ACCOUNT**

<b>Portfolios</b>	<b>2012/13 Forecast £000's</b>	<b>Revenue Bids £000's</b>	<b>Revenue Pressures £000's</b>	<b>Savings &amp; Income £000's</b>	<b>2012/13 Budget £000's</b>
Adult Social Care & Health	73,438.2	0.0	0.0	(2,930.0)	70,508.2
Childrens Services & Learning	63,552.0	270.0	0.0	(3,315.0)	60,507.0
Environment & Transport	34,581.9	30.0	0.0	(1,834.0)	32,777.9
Housing	10,029.5	0.0	0.0	(593.0)	9,436.5
Leader's Portfolio	8,969.9	75.0	0.0	(1,162.0)	7,882.9
Leisure & Culture	14,146.0	100.0	0.0	(486.0)	13,760.0
Resources	17,958.2	200.0	0.0	(1,555.0)	16,603.2
<b>Sub-total for Portfolios</b>	<b>222,675.7</b>	<b>675.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>(11,875.0)</b>	<b>211,475.7</b>
<b>Levies &amp; Contributions</b>					
Southern Seas Fisheries Levy	46.0				46.0
Flood Defence Levy	43.0				43.0
Coroners Service	560.0				560.0
	<b>649.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>649.0</b>
<b>Capital Asset Management</b>					
Capital Financing Charges	14,264.5				14,264.5
Capital Asset Management Account	(25,565.1)				(25,565.1)
	<b>(11,300.6)</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>(11,300.6)</b>
<b>Other Expenditure &amp; Income</b>					
Direct Revenue Financing of Capital	492.0				492.0
Trading Areas (Surplus) / Deficit	(69.5)			(100.0)	(169.5)
Net Housing Benefit Payments	(881.9)				(881.9)
Market Supplements	500.0				500.0
Contribution to Pay Reserve	600.0				600.0
Removal of Council Tax Discount	0.0			(500.0)	(500.0)
Non-Specific Government Grants (*)	(120,810.8)				(120,810.8)
Council Tax Freeze Grant	(2,070.9)				(2,070.9)
Collection Fund Surplus	(373.2)				(373.2)
Open Spaces and HRA	535.7			(100.0)	435.7
Risk Fund	6,300.0				6,300.0
Contingencies	400.0				400.0
	<b>(115,378.6)</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>(700.0)</b>	<b>(116,078.6)</b>
<b>NET GF SPENDING</b>	<b>96,645.5</b>	<b>675.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>(12,575.0)</b>	<b>84,745.5</b>
<b>Draw from Balances:</b>					
Addition to / (Draw From) Balances	864.0			(1,912.0)	(1,048.0)
To Fund the Capital Programme	(492.0)				(492.0)
	<b>372.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>(1,912.0)</b>	<b>(1,540.0)</b>
<b>Net Gap in Budget</b>	<b>13,812.0</b>	<b>675.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>(14,487.0)</b>	<b>(0.0)</b>
<b>COUNCIL TAX REQUIREMENT</b>	<b>83,205.5</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>(83,205.5)</b>	<b>0.0</b>

(\* Now also includes NNDR and RSG)

**COUNCIL TAX CALCULATION - 2012/13**

	2011/12 £000's	2012/13 £000's	Change £000's	Change %
<b>Budget Requirement (a)</b>	<b>190,685.2</b>	<b>183,061.9</b>	<b>(7,623.3)</b>	<b>-4.00%</b>
Less NDR	(80,096.8)	(97,591.4)		
Less RSG	(24,758.1)	(1,891.8)		
Aggregate External Finance	(104,854.9)	(99,483.2)	5,371.7	-5.12%
Deficit / (Surplus) on collection fund	(3,244.7)	(373.2)	2,871.5	-88.50%
<b>Net Grant Income (b)</b>	<b>(108,099.6)</b>	<b>(99,856.4)</b>	<b>8,243.2</b>	<b>-7.63%</b>
<b>Council Tax Requirement (a - b)</b>	<b>82,585.6</b>	<b>83,205.5</b>	<b>619.9</b>	<b>0.75%</b>
Tax base	66,644.0	67,144.0	500.0	0.75%
<b>Basic amount of Council Tax (Band D)</b>	<b>1,239.21</b>	<b>1,239.21</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
Last years Council Tax		1,239.21		
Increase (Cash)		0.00		
Increase (Cash per Week)		0.00		
Increase (%)		0.00%		



**MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL FORECAST**

<b>Portfolios</b>	<b>2012/13 Forecast £000's</b>	<b>Base Changes £000's</b>	<b>2013/14 Forecast £000's</b>	<b>Base Changes £000's</b>	<b>2014/15 Forecast £000's</b>
Adult Social Care & Health	70,508.2		70,508.2		70,508.2
Childrens Services & Learning	60,507.0		60,507.0		60,507.0
Environment & Transport	32,777.9		32,777.9		32,777.9
Housing	9,436.5		9,436.5		9,436.5
Leader's Portfolio	7,882.9		7,882.9		7,882.9
Leisure & Culture	13,760.0		13,760.0		13,760.0
Resources	16,603.2		16,603.2		16,603.2
Base Changes & Inflation		10,542.8	10,542.8	8,100.0	18,642.8
<b>Sub-total for Portfolios</b>	<b>211,475.7</b>	<b>10,542.8</b>	<b>222,018.5</b>	<b>8,100.0</b>	<b>230,118.5</b>
<b>Levies &amp; Contributions</b>					
Southern Seas Fisheries Levy	46.0		46.0		46.0
Flood Defence Levy	43.0		43.0		43.0
Coroners Service	560.0		560.0		560.0
	<b>649.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>649.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>649.0</b>
<b>Capital Asset Management</b>					
Capital Financing Charges	14,264.5	1,200.0	15,464.5	700.0	16,164.5
Capital Asset Management Account	(25,565.1)		(25,565.1)		(25,565.1)
	<b>(11,300.6)</b>	<b>1,200.0</b>	<b>(10,100.6)</b>	<b>700.0</b>	<b>(9,400.6)</b>
<b>Other Expenditure &amp; Income</b>					
Direct Revenue Financing of Capital	492.0	(242.0)	250.0	(250.0)	0.0
Trading Areas (Surplus) / Deficit	(169.5)		(169.5)		(169.5)
Net Housing Benefit Payments	(881.9)		(881.9)		(881.9)
Market Supplements	500.0		500.0		500.0
Contribution to Pay Reserve	600.0		600.0		600.0
Removal of Council Tax Discount	(500.0)	(500.0)	(1,000.0)		(1,000.0)
Non-Specific Government Grants	(120,810.8)	10,191.1	(110,619.7)	7,744.3	(102,875.4)
Council Tax Freeze Grant	(2,070.9)	2,070.9	0.0		0.0
Collection Fund Surplus	(373.2)	373.2	0.0		0.0
Open Spaces and HRA	435.7		435.7		435.7
Risk Fund	6,300.0	2,300.0	8,600.0		8,600.0
Contingencies	400.0		400.0		400.0
	<b>(116,078.6)</b>	<b>14,193.2</b>	<b>(101,885.4)</b>	<b>7,494.3</b>	<b>(94,391.1)</b>
<b>NET GF SPENDING</b>	<b>84,745.5</b>	<b>25,936.0</b>	<b>110,681.5</b>	<b>16,294.3</b>	<b>126,975.8</b>
<b>Draw from Balances:</b>					
Addition to / (Draw From) Balances	(1,048.0)	5,048.0	4,000.0		4,000.0
To fund the Capital Programme	(492.0)	242.0	(250.0)	250.0	0.0
	<b>(1,540.0)</b>	<b>5,290.0</b>	<b>3,750.0</b>	<b>250.0</b>	<b>4,000.0</b>
<b>Council Tax Requirement</b>	<b>83,205.5</b>	<b>31,226.0</b>	<b>114,431.5</b>	<b>16,544.3</b>	<b>130,975.8</b>
Council Tax	83,205.5	2,078.5	85,284.0	2,133.6	87,417.6
<b>Roll Forward Gap</b>	<b>(0.0)</b>	<b>29,147.5</b>	<b>29,147.5</b>	<b>14,410.7</b>	<b>43,558.2</b>
Add Pressures - Future Years (Unknown)		1,000.0	1,000.0	1,000.0	2,000.0
Less Savings - Future Years (Known)		(2,361.0)	(2,361.0)	(260.0)	(2,621.0)
Less Savings - Future Years (Work In Progress)		(8,073.0)	(8,073.0)	(3,712.0)	(11,785.0)
<b>Revised Gap</b>	<b>(0.0)</b>	<b>19,713.5</b>	<b>19,713.5</b>	<b>11,438.7</b>	<b>31,152.2</b>

**LABOUR GROUP BUDGET PROPOSALS**  
**DIFFERENCE FROM THE PREVIOUSLY PUBLISHED BUDGET AMENDMENT**

REF.		BETTER £000's	WORSE £000's
	<b><u>2011/12 Revised Budget</u></b>		
	Refund from HMRC in respect of Fleming Claim	(1,300.0)	
	Contribution to Pay Reserve in 2011/12		500.0
	Increased Addition to Balances		800.0
		<u>(1,300.0)</u>	<u>1,300.0</u>
	<b>Net Gap / (Surplus)</b>		<u><u>0.0</u></u>
	<b><u>2012/13 Budget Proposals</u></b>		
	<b><u>Additional Revenue Bids</u></b>		
NEW d	Additional Funding for Sure Start (One Year Initiative)		100.0
NEW e	Additional Funding for Libraries (One Year Initiative)		100.0
NEW f	Funding for Jobs Model and Retraining (One Year Initiative)		200.0
	<b><u>Additional Savings Not Included</u></b>		
NEW a	Remove Council Tax Discount		500.0
NEW b	Reduced Provision for Redundancy No Longer Achievable- Reflecting 5.00 FTE (7 Employees)		203.3
	<b><u>Rejected Savings Proposals Reinstated</u></b>		
E&T 2	Bereavement - Cemetery staff reduction	(13.0)	
HOU 4	Parks & Street Cleansing - Improve efficiency of specialist sports pitch maintenance team.	(21.0)	
HOU 6	Communities - Delete one managerial post	(53.0)	
LEAD 10	Community Safety and Emergency Planning - Reduce discretionary service activities by 60% (excluding minimum requirements for Emergency planning, statutory duties, plus public protection including specialist direct advice to highest risk victims of domestic violence and ASB and ICE bus )	(90.0)	
	<b><u>Balances</u></b>		
	Increased Draw From Balances	(926.3)	
		<u>(1,103.3)</u>	<u>1,103.3</u>
	<b>Net Gap / (Surplus)</b>		<u><u>0.0</u></u>

Liberal Democrat Budget Resolution 2012/13**It is recommended that Council:**

- i) Notes the Consultation process that was followed as outlined in Appendix 1 to the General Fund Revenue Budget 2012/13 to 2014/15 report on the Council agenda.
- ii) Notes the Equality Impact Assessment process that was followed as outlined in Appendix 2 to the General Fund Revenue Budget 2012/13 to 2014/15 report on the Council agenda.
- iii) Approves the revised estimate for 2011/12 as set out in Annex 1 to this Resolution. This reflects the notification of a refund of £1.3M from HMRC in respect of a Fleming Claim and transfers an additional £1.0M to the Pay Reserve, (subject to approval of recommendation viii below) over and above the £600,000 set aside as part of the 2012/13 budget.
- iv) Approves the use of £563,000 of in year under spend to increase the Interest Equalisation Reserve in 2011/12 to ensure that adequate provision is made for the future increase in interest costs associated with the ongoing utilisation of variable interest rates.
- v) Notes the position on the forecast roll forward budget for 2012/13 as set out in paragraphs 23 to 35 of the General Fund Revenue Budget 2012/13 to 2014/15 report on the Council agenda.
- vi) Approves the revenue bids set out in Appendix 4 to the General Fund Revenue Budget 2012/13 to 2014/15 report on the Council agenda as amended by the changes in Section A of Annex 2 to this Resolution.
- vii) Approves the efficiencies, income and service reductions as set out in Appendix 5 to the General Fund Revenue Budget 2012/13 to 2014/15 report on the Council agenda as amended by the changes in Section B & C of Annex 2 to this Resolution.
- viii) Approves the setting up of a Pay Reserve with an initial recurring contribution of £600,000 per annum, as set out in paragraph 63 of the General Fund Revenue Budget 2012/13 to 2014/15 report on the Council agenda.
- ix) Approves the changes to the discretionary redundancy policy as set out in paragraphs 65 to 72 of the General Fund Revenue Budget 2012/13 to 2014/15 report on the Council agenda.
- x) Notes the position of the current negotiations with Trade Unions with respect to Terms & Conditions changes implemented on 11 July, as set out in paragraphs 55 to 64 of the General Fund Revenue Budget 2012/13 to 2014/15 report on the Council agenda.
- xi) Agrees to accept the one off Council Tax freeze grant funding for 2012/13 of £2.1M.

- xii) Approves the General Fund Revenue Budget as set out in Annex 3 to this Resolution which implements a council tax freeze.
- xiii) Delegates authority to the Chief Financial Officer 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.
- xiv) Approves a revised minimum balance of £5.0M as recommended by the Chief Financial Officer in line with the policy guidance outlined in paragraphs 81 to 83 of the General Fund Revenue Budget 2012/13 to 2014/15 report on the Council agenda.
- xv) Notes that after taking these items into account, there is an estimated General Fund balance of £5.0M at the end of 2015/16 as detailed in paragraph 84 of the General Fund Revenue Budget 2012/13 to 2014/15 report on the Council agenda and then amended by the changes set out in Annex 2 to this Resolution.
- xvi) Delegates authority to the Chief Financial Officer, in consultation with the Director of Corporate Services, to do anything necessary to give effect to the recommendations in this report.
- xvii) Sets the Council Tax Requirement for 2012/13 at £83,205,500.
- xviii) Notes the estimates of precepts on the Council Tax collection fund for 2012/13 as set out in Appendix 8 to the General Fund Revenue Budget 2012/13 to 2014/15 report on the Council agenda.
- xix) Notes the Medium Term Forecast as set out in Annex 5 to this Resolution.
- xx) Authorises the Chief Executive and Chief Officers to pursue the development of the options for efficiencies, income and service reductions in later years as set out in Annex 5 to this Resolution and to continue to develop options to close the remaining projected gaps in those years.
- xxi) Instructs the Chief Executive and Chief Officers to pursue the development of options for savings from the Capita contract with the aim of achieving a further minimum saving of £500,000 per annum by 1 September 2012. These options are to include a review of HR and services to schools.
- xxii) Instructs the Chief Executive and Chief Officers to review the council tax discounts which are applicable to second homes and empty properties within the legislative framework, and in response to any future changes.
- xxiii) Approves the further additions to the Capital Programme as set out in Annex 6 to this Resolution.
- xxiv) Approves the following amounts now calculated by the Council for the year 2012/13 in accordance with Section 31 and Sections 34 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 as amended (the Act):

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|---|-----------------|
| a) Aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act.   | £611,283,000.00 |
| b) Aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.   | £528,077,500.00 |
| c) Calculation in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act, of the Council's council tax requirement for the year, being the amount by which the aggregate at a) above exceeds the aggregate at b) above. (Item R in the formula in Section 31B(1) of the Act).    | £83,205,500.00  |
| d) The amount at c) above (Item R), divided by the Council Tax base of 67,144.0 (Item T in the formula in Section 31B(1) of the Act), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B(1) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year. | £1,239.21       |

e) 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 d) 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.

f) That it be noted for the year 2012/13 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

- g) That it be noted for the year 2012/13 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

- h) That, having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at e), f) and g) above, the Council in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the following amounts of the Council Tax for the year 2012/13 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

**GENERAL FUND 2011/12 - REVISED BUDGET**

	<b>Working Budget £000's</b>	<b>Revised Budget £000's</b>	<b>Variance £000's</b>
<b>Portfolio Total</b>	<b>221,973</b>	<b>221,973</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Levies &amp; Contributions</b>			
Southern Seas Fisheries Levy	49	46	3 F
Flood Defence Levy	45	43	1 F
Coroners Service	500	565	65 A
	<b>593</b>	<b>654</b>	<b>61 A</b>
<b>Capital Asset Management</b>			
Capital Financing Charges	13,327	11,766	1,561 F
Capital Asset Management Account	(24,541)	(24,541)	0
	<b>(11,215)</b>	<b>(12,776)</b>	<b>1,561 F</b>
<b>Other Expenditure &amp; Income</b>			
Direct Revenue Financing of Capital	1,553	1,553	0
Net Housing Benefit Payments	(882)	(1,000)	118 F
Revenue Development Fund	1,190	1,090	100 F
Non-Specific Govt. Grants	(19,056)	(19,056)	0
Corporate Savings	(1,786)	0	1,786 A
Exceptional Items (*)	0	(4,102)	4,102 F
Contributions to Capital DRF Funding	0	1,045	1,045 A
Contribution to Interest Equalisation Reserve	0	563	563 A
Contribution to Pay Reserve	0	1,000	1,000 A
Council Tax Freeze Grant	(2,066)	(2,066)	0
Open Spaces and HRA	536	536	0
Risk Fund (Net of Portfolio Forecast Over Spend)	1,915	3,017	1,102 A
Contingencies	0	0	0
(Surplus) / Deficit on Trading Areas	(125)	(242)	117 F
	<b>(18,720)</b>	<b>(17,661)</b>	<b>1,059 A</b>
<b>NET GF SPENDING</b>	<b>192,631</b>	<b>192,190</b>	<b>441 F</b>
<b>Draw from Balances:</b>			
To fund the Capital Programme	(1,553)	(1,553)	0
Addition to Balances (General)	1,711	2,152	441 F
Draw from Strategic Reserve (OD Reserve))	(2,104)	(2,104)	0
	<b>(1,946)</b>	<b>(1,505)</b>	<b>441 F</b>
<b>BUDGET REQUIREMENT</b>	<b>190,685</b>	<b>190,685</b>	<b>0 F</b>

(\* Reflects £1.3M refund from HMRC in respect of Fleming Claim)

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

REF.		BETTER £000's	WORSE £000's
<b><u>Section A - Revenue Bids</u></b>			
NEW a	ASCH Re-Investment of ASCH 15 saving reducing at risk by 4.5 FTE (to include provision for investment in LATCO or alternative provision)		800.0
NEW b	Highways additional funding		800.0
NEW c	Investment in the Night Time Economy		35.0
NEW d	Localities Initiatives (5 Posts)		250.0
NEW e	Public Transport		100.0
NEW f	Carers Initiatives (To include young carers)		200.0
NEW g	Junior Wardens		20.0
NEW h	Affordable Housing Initiatives (in lieu of New Homes Bonus; to include maintenance of service levels under HOU 15). One Year Initiative		650.0
NEW i	NEETS Initiatives (To include promotion of Apprenticeships)		150.0
NEW j	Grants for Voluntary Sector Innovations		200.0
NEW k	To be utilised in parallel with the funding within the HRA as set out in recommendation xvi) of the Liberal Democrat HRA Revenue Budget Amendment. Funding for tackling health inequalities and enhancing skills opportunities for our citizens which includes working in partnership local sixth forms, colleges and universities.		150.0
<b><u>Section B - Additional Savings</u></b>			
NEW a	Reduce Council Tax Discount by 50% per annum	(500.0)	
NEW b	Release of DRF from Balances for Civic Centre refurbishment replaced by Asset Sales or borrowing as necessary	(2,749.5)	
NEW c	Remove Eastpoint demolition DRF funding	(350.0)	
NEW d	Communications Savings - Cease City View	(39.2)	
NEW e	Corporate Saving - Cut Design & Print	(60.8)	
NEW f	RES 9 & RES 10 - Increase saving to be delivered from property related budgets	(100.0)	
NEW g	Corporate Savings - Cut Supplies & Services budgets	(200.0)	
NEW h	Reduced Provision for Redundancy Reflecting 9.50 FTE (13 Employees) Net Reduction in Posts Deleted	(360.3)	
<b><u>Section C - Rejected Savings Proposals</u></b>			
ASCH 12	Adult Disability Care Services - To increase income from clients in residential and non residential care through altering the charging policy and becoming more efficient with billing arrangements.		100.0
ASCH 16	Commissioning - Reduction in contracted advice and advocacy.		120.0



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

REF.		BETTER £000's	WORSE £000's
CSL 9	Prevention & Inclusion Service - Specifically (a) championing children at risk of falling out of mainstream education (£50k); (b) education welfare services (£50k); (c) alternative learning provision for difficult pupils in years 10 & 11 (£60k).		160.0
CSL 13	Play and Youth Provision. Specifically commissioning community providers of play and youth services		100.0
HOU 3	Natural Environment - Hawthorns Wildlife Centre to operate at no cost to the council by 2013/14		73.0
HOU 9	Parks & Street Cleansing - Reduction in parks maintenance in non-HRA areas within East, West and Central District areas.		119.0
HOU 10	Parks & Street Cleansing - Reductions in Central District street cleansing activities		117.0
HOU 11	Parks & Street Cleansing - Reduce expenditure on East and West District street cleansing activities.		127.0
HOU 12	Parks & Street Cleansing - Reduction in Central Parks maintenance expenditure		24.0
HOU 13	Parks & Street Cleansing - Remove 'find and fix' budget for green spaces		160.0
LEAD 8	Community Safety and Emergency Planning - Increase income generation through efficiency of Emergency Planning, ICE bus and night time economy initiatives		25.0
LEAD 10	Community Safety and Emergency Planning - Reduce discretionary service activities by 60% (excluding minimum requirements for Emergency planning, statutory duties, plus public protection including specialist direct advice to highest risk victims of domestic violence and ASB and ICE bus )		90.0
LEAD 13	Economic Development Regeneration & Renewal - Removal of development budget		100.0
LEAD 14	Regeneration & Renewal - Reductions in running costs within regeneration service		12.0
LEAD 15	Legal Services - Part abatement of saving by 1 post to maintain legal support for planning, development control and enforcement		32.0
LC 9	Remove one Leisure Marketing Officer		26.0
<b><u>Section D - Balances</u></b>			
	Increased Draw From Balances	(380.2)	
		<b><u>(4,740.0)</u></b>	<b><u>4,740.0</u></b>
	<b>Net Gap / (Surplus)</b>		<b><u><u>0.0</u></u></b>

(Future target for savings to be achieved from the Capita contract by 01/09/2012 of at least £500,000 per annum. To include a review of HR and services to schools)



**2012/13 GENERAL FUND REVENUE ACCOUNT**

<b>Portfolios</b>	<b>2012/13 Forecast £000's</b>	<b>Revenue Bids £000's</b>	<b>Revenue Pressures £000's</b>	<b>Savings &amp; Income £000's</b>	<b>2012/13 Budget £000's</b>
Adult Social Care & Health	73,438.2	1,000.0	0.0	(3,030.0)	71,408.2
Childrens Services & Learning	63,552.0	300.0	0.0	(3,055.0)	60,797.0
Environment & Transport	34,581.9	930.0	0.0	(1,884.0)	33,627.9
Housing	10,029.5	1,120.0	0.0	(370.0)	10,779.5
Leader's Portfolio	8,969.9	35.0	0.0	(903.0)	8,101.9
Leisure & Culture	14,146.0	0.0	0.0	(499.2)	13,646.8
Resources	17,958.2	0.0	0.0	(1,655.0)	16,303.2
<b>Sub-total for Portfolios</b>	<b>222,675.7</b>	<b>3,385.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>(11,396.2)</b>	<b>214,664.5</b>
<b>Levies &amp; Contributions</b>					
Southern Seas Fisheries Levy	46.0				46.0
Flood Defence Levy	43.0				43.0
Coroners Service	560.0				560.0
	<b>649.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>649.0</b>
<b>Capital Asset Management</b>					
Capital Financing Charges	14,264.5			305.5	14,570.0
Capital Asset Management Account	(25,565.1)				(25,565.1)
	<b>(11,300.6)</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>305.5</b>	<b>(10,995.1)</b>
<b>Other Expenditure &amp; Income</b>					
Direct Revenue Financing of Capital	492.0				492.0
Trading Areas (Surplus) / Deficit	(69.5)			(100.0)	(169.5)
Net Housing Benefit Payments	(881.9)				(881.9)
Market Supplements	500.0				500.0
Terms & Conditions	600.0				600.0
Removal of Council Tax Discount	0.0			(500.0)	(500.0)
Corporate Savings	0.0			(260.8)	(260.8)
Non-Specific Government Grants (*)	(120,810.8)				(120,810.8)
Council Tax Freeze Grant	(2,070.9)				(2,070.9)
Collection Fund Surplus	(373.2)				(373.2)
Open Spaces and HRA	535.7			(100.0)	435.7
Risk Fund	6,300.0				6,300.0
Contingencies	400.0				400.0
	<b>(115,378.6)</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>(960.8)</b>	<b>(116,339.4)</b>
<b>NET GF SPENDING</b>	<b>96,645.5</b>	<b>3,385.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>(12,051.5)</b>	<b>87,979.0</b>
<b>Draw from Balances:</b>					
Addition to / (Draw From) Balances	864.0			(5,145.5)	(4,281.5)
To Fund the Capital Programme	(492.0)				(492.0)
	<b>372.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>(5,145.5)</b>	<b>(4,773.5)</b>
<b>Net Gap in Budget</b>	<b>13,812.0</b>	<b>3,385.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>(17,197.0)</b>	<b>(0.0)</b>
<b>COUNCIL TAX REQUIREMENT</b>	<b>83,205.5</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>(83,205.5)</b>	<b>0.0</b>

(\* Now also includes NNDR and RSG)

**COUNCIL TAX CALCULATION - 2012/13**

	2011/12 £000's	2012/13 £000's	Change £000's	Change %
<b>Budget Requirement (a)</b>	<b>190,685.2</b>	<b>183,061.9</b>	<b>(7,623.3)</b>	<b>-4.00%</b>
Less NDR	(80,096.8)	(97,591.4)		
Less RSG	(24,758.1)	(1,891.8)		
Aggregate External Finance	(104,854.9)	(99,483.2)	5,371.7	-5.12%
Deficit / (Surplus) on collection fund	(3,244.7)	(373.2)	2,871.5	-88.50%
<b>Net Grant Income (b)</b>	<b>(108,099.6)</b>	<b>(99,856.4)</b>	<b>8,243.2</b>	<b>-7.63%</b>
<b>Council Tax Requirement (a - b)</b>	<b>82,585.6</b>	<b>83,205.5</b>	<b>619.9</b>	<b>0.75%</b>
Tax base	66,644.0	67,144.0	500.0	0.75%
<b>Basic amount of Council Tax (Band D)</b>	<b>1,239.21</b>	<b>1,239.21</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
Last years Council Tax		1,239.21		
Increase (Cash)		0.00		
Increase (Cash per Week)		0.00		
Increase (%)		0.00%		

**MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL FORECAST**

<b>Portfolios</b>	<b>2012/13 Forecast £000's</b>	<b>Base Changes £000's</b>	<b>2013/14 Forecast £000's</b>	<b>Base Changes £000's</b>	<b>2014/15 Forecast £000's</b>
Adult Social Care & Health	71,408.2		71,408.2		71,408.2
Childrens Services & Learning	60,797.0		60,797.0		60,797.0
Environment & Transport	33,627.9		33,627.9		33,627.9
Housing	10,779.5		10,779.5		10,779.5
Leader's Portfolio	8,101.9		8,101.9		8,101.9
Leisure & Culture	13,646.8		13,646.8		13,646.8
Resources	16,303.2		16,303.2		16,303.2
Base Changes & Inflation		10,289.8	10,289.8	8,100.0	18,389.8
<b>Sub-total for Portfolios</b>	<b>214,664.5</b>	<b>10,289.8</b>	<b>224,954.3</b>	<b>8,100.0</b>	<b>233,054.3</b>
<b>Levies &amp; Contributions</b>					
Southern Seas Fisheries Levy	46.0		46.0		46.0
Flood Defence Levy	43.0		43.0		43.0
Coroners Service	560.0		560.0		560.0
	<b>649.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>649.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>649.0</b>
<b>Capital Asset Management</b>					
Capital Financing Charges	14,570.0	1,200.0	15,770.0	700.0	16,470.0
Capital Asset Management Account	(25,565.1)		(25,565.1)		(25,565.1)
	<b>(10,995.1)</b>	<b>1,200.0</b>	<b>(9,795.1)</b>	<b>700.0</b>	<b>(9,095.1)</b>
<b>Other Expenditure &amp; Income</b>					
Direct Revenue Financing of Capital	492.0	(242.0)	250.0	(250.0)	0.0
Trading Areas (Surplus) / Deficit	(169.5)		(169.5)		(169.5)
Net Housing Benefit Payments	(881.9)		(881.9)		(881.9)
Market Supplements	500.0		500.0		500.0
Terms & Conditions	600.0		600.0		600.0
Removal of Council Tax Discount	(500.0)	(500.0)	(1,000.0)		(1,000.0)
Corporate Savings	(260.8)		(260.8)		(260.8)
Non-Specific Government Grants	(120,810.8)	10,191.1	(110,619.7)	7,744.3	(102,875.4)
Council Tax Freeze Grant	(2,070.9)	2,070.9	0.0		0.0
Collection Fund Surplus	(373.2)	373.2	0.0		0.0
Open Spaces and HRA	435.7		435.7		435.7
Risk Fund	6,300.0	2,300.0	8,600.0		8,600.0
Contingencies	400.0		400.0		400.0
	<b>(116,339.4)</b>	<b>14,193.2</b>	<b>(102,146.2)</b>	<b>7,494.3</b>	<b>(94,651.9)</b>
<b>NET GF SPENDING</b>	<b>87,979.0</b>	<b>25,683.0</b>	<b>113,662.0</b>	<b>16,294.3</b>	<b>129,956.3</b>
<b>Draw from Balances:</b>					
Addition to / (Draw From) Balances	(4,281.5)	8,281.5	4,000.0		4,000.0
To fund the Capital Programme	(492.0)	242.0	(250.0)	250.0	0.0
	<b>(4,773.5)</b>	<b>8,523.5</b>	<b>3,750.0</b>	<b>250.0</b>	<b>4,000.0</b>
<b>Council Tax Requirement</b>	<b>83,205.5</b>	<b>34,206.5</b>	<b>117,412.0</b>	<b>16,544.3</b>	<b>133,956.3</b>
Council Tax	83,205.5	2,078.5	85,284.0	2,133.6	87,417.6
<b>Roll Forward Gap</b>	<b>(0.0)</b>	<b>32,128.0</b>	<b>32,128.0</b>	<b>14,410.7</b>	<b>46,538.7</b>
Add Pressures - Future Years (Unknown)		1,000.0	1,000.0	1,000.0	2,000.0
Less Savings - Future Years (Known)		(2,357.0)	(2,357.0)	(260.0)	(2,617.0)
Less Savings - Future Years (Work in Progress)		(8,073.0)	(8,073.0)	(3,712.0)	(11,785.0)
<b>Revised Gap</b>	<b>(0.0)</b>	<b>22,698.0</b>	<b>22,698.0</b>	<b>11,438.7</b>	<b>34,136.7</b>

ADDITIONS TO THE CAPITAL PROGRAMME

2012/13  
£'000

Environment & Transport

Cycleways

160

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**160**

Funding

Contributions (CIL Income)

(160)

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**(160)**

**LIBERAL DEMOCRAT GROUP BUDGET PROPOSALS**  
**DIFFERENCE FROM THE PREVIOUSLY PUBLISHED BUDGET AMENDMENT**

REF.	BETTER £000's	WORSE £000's
<b><u>2011/12 Revised Budget</u></b>		
	(1,300.0)	
		1,000.0
		300.0
	<u>(1,300.0)</u>	<u>1,300.0</u>
<b>Net Gap / (Surplus)</b>		<u><u>0.0</u></u>
<b><u>2012/13 Budget Proposals</u></b>		
<b><u>Additional Revenue Bids</u></b>		
NEW h		150.0
	Affordable Housing Initiatives (in lieu of New Homes Bonus; to include maintenance of service levels under HOU 15). One Year Initiative	
NEW k		150.0
	To be utilised in parallel with the funding within the HRA as set out in recommendation xvi) of the Liberal Democrat Budget Amendment. Funding for other service developments such as tackling the health inequalities and enhancing skills opportunities for our citizens which includes working in partnership with local universities also includes working with local sixth forms and colleges.	
<b><u>Balances</u></b>		
	(300.0)	
	<u>(300.0)</u>	<u>300.0</u>
<b>Net Gap / (Surplus)</b>		<u><u>0.0</u></u>





<b>DECISION-MAKER:</b>	COUNCIL
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	EXECUTIVE BUSINESS REPORT
<b>DATE OF DECISION:</b>	14 MARCH 2012
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	LEADER OF THE COUNCIL
<b>STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY</b>	
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 2011 is attached as Appendix 1.

## **LEADERS PORTFOLIO**

4. Apprenticeship Scheme

The Balfour Beatty Living Places Craft Apprenticeship is a new three year scheme run by Balfour Beatty Workplaces in partnership with Southampton City Council. Six new apprentices have been recruited this year to work alongside professionals on Southampton's highways and gain the practical skills they need for long-term careers in this field. The scheme entitles each apprentice 70 days off-site practical training over two years, with the opportunity to complete an NVQ Diploma Level 2 in Highway Maintenance operations. The rest of the apprenticeship is spent working on site, gaining experience and improving their newly gained practical skills.

5. Tilley Award Winners

Southampton's partnerships effort to reduce crime in the City centre at night time has been recognised nationally, as it has won an award from the Home Office as the most innovative crime fighting project in England and Wales. Southampton's bid was shortlisted from hundreds and showcased partnership initiatives like the ICE (In Case of Emergency) bus, Yellow Card scheme, Taxi

Marshals and Street Pastors, which have dramatically reduced violent crime and admissions to emergency departments over the last two years. The award was presented to Southampton's Safe City Partnership, which includes the Council, police and health.

6. Safe Places now in Bitterne

The Safe Places scheme is now in Bitterne – this innovative project was created to help people who may become a victim of crime, feel frightened, intimidated or lost when they are out and about in the community. The scheme continues to be popular, in Portswood and Shirley, and brings together local businesses and organisations who offer their premises as safe havens. Safe Places can be identified by a large brightly coloured Safe Places logo stuck on the windows or doors of businesses and organisations that have signed up to help with this initiative.

### **ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

7. Public Health Developments

From April 2013, responsibility for Public Health will transfer from Southampton City Primary Care Trust to the Council subject to the passage of the Health and Social Care Bill through Parliament. Plans are well underway to accommodate the Public Health team in Council premises.

8. Keeping Southampton's vulnerable residents warm this winter

The Council and its partners won a £60,000 grant to help keep older and vulnerable people warm in the City. The money comes from the Department of Health's Warm Homes, Healthy People Fund and was awarded for a joint initiative being run by the Council, the Environment Centre, Age Concern (Southampton), the Society of St James (handyperson service) and NHS Southampton City. The Council will also be joining forces with 60 visitor volunteers from Age Concern to give advice to hundreds of older people at home.

### **CHILDREN'S SERVICES AND LEARNING PORTFOLIO**

9. **Ofsted Inspections:**

- Southampton Adoption Service was confirmed as 'good' by Ofsted in November 2011. The service provides independent and in-house counselling to birth families. The service was particularly praised in relation to improvements in caseload management and permanence planning, the training and support for staff development, records management, and post adoption support.
- Southampton Fostering Service was confirmed as Outstanding by Ofsted. In December 2011. Ofsted inspected the Council's Fostering Service and judged the provision to be Outstanding – the highest grading available. Inspectors noted that outcomes for young people in foster care in Southampton have improved significantly in a number of key areas since the last inspection in 2008. Ofsted praised the effectiveness of the service's management during this difficult time and reported that the local authority has embraced its responsibilities as a corporate parent.
- Two schools have been inspected under the revised school inspection arrangements which came into force in January 2012. One retained its

'good' judgement (St. Anne's School) and the second went from 'satisfactory' to 'good' (Ludlow Junior School).

10. GCSE results improve again in Southampton

The Department of Education has published the verified GCSE results from 2011 confirming this was a record year for Southampton secondary schools. This follows on from improvements at Key Stage 2 which saw a massive rise in pupils achieving the expected level (level4) in both English and Mathematics. The figure for pupils achieving the Government's benchmark of five A\* to C GCSE grades including English and Mathematics has risen by 4.2 percentage points from 47.5 per cent in 2010 to 51.7 per cent in 2011. This year's increases sees the City move three places up the national league tables.

11. Isle of Wight and Southampton City Council shared Children's Services

The Isle of Wight Council and Southampton City Councils are working collaboratively to develop and deliver shared services generally across the two Local Authority areas. A first pilot phase for Children's Services and Learning (CSL) is through seconded staff arrangements and initial development work, and focuses on two specific functions: School improvement and educational psychology. A 'Shared Services' model may be developed Council-wide to provide a mechanism for both councils to offer real opportunities to improve the quality of its services whilst gaining from streamlined management arrangements, pooled expertise, economies of scale and increased purchasing power, which will provide an opportunity to achieve important financial savings.

12. Solar Photovoltaic (PV) technology in Schools

The Council has stepped up plans to make the City a more sustainable place after fitting eleven schools with Solar Photovoltaic (PV) technology. A further four schools are in line to have these panels fitted by end of March 2012. This is part of a wider plan which has seen panels installed at the Civic Centre and will be installed at a further six Council owned housing sites. The overall investment for fitting Solar PV panels to all sites will come in at around £700,000. However, the savings are more than £800,000 in energy costs alone over the next 15 years, more thereafter.

## **ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT PORTFOLIO**

13. CHPA (Combined Heat and Power Association) Awards

The CHPA Awards, showcasing achievement, innovation and best practice from across the combined heat and power and district heating sector were presented recently, with the Champion Award being won by the Council's Sustainability Policy Manager.

14. New Waste and Recycling Tip opens

Southampton's new and improved recycling centre and rubbish tip has opened to the public. The new tip is much bigger than the old one and has more car parking spaces. The old rubbish tip will now be sold off for exciting development which could include new leisure facilities and new homes.

15. No Cold Calling Zones  
Groups of residents are now able to establish No Cold Calling Zone to cover their immediate neighbourhood giving residents additional confidence to say no to persons knocking on doors selling goods and services. Door stickers and street signs are provided to reinforce the existence of the zones which are also published on a website at [www.hants.gov.uk/nocoldcalling](http://www.hants.gov.uk/nocoldcalling) to enable responsible businesses to avoid door to door sales within the Zones.

16. House in Multiple Occupation (HMO) Virtual Team  
The Council has established a virtual HMO team consisting of all services involved in the regulation of HMOs in Southampton, including Planning, Housing, Environmental Health, Waste, Community Safety, Benefits and City Patrol. The team is working to improve the flow of information between teams to ensure a joined-up, cohesive approach to tackling resident and community concerns. This will also help to ensure a more targeted approach, in particular to environmental issues. There are plans to widen the virtual team to include external agencies, such as the Universities and the Fire and Rescue Service.

## **HOUSING PORTFOLIO**

17. Hinkler Parade  
The completion of Southampton's first major estate regeneration project was celebrated in November 2011. The event marked the completion of four one bedroom and twelve two bedroom flats for affordable rent and five new shops at Hinkler Place in Thornhill. Partners in the project were Barratt Homes, First Wessex and Plus You Limited.
18. Planning application gets the green light to build 200 new homes in Southampton  
A planning application submitted by Lovell and First Wessex to build 200 new homes and new shops as part of £30M estate regeneration programme in Southampton was granted at the end of last year. This is the next key stage in the Council's plans to transform and improve Council estates across the City. This scheme has been made possible because of funding from the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) and Partnership for Urban South Hampshire (PUSH).
19. Five Council Tower Blocks next to Southampton Water to get £9M refurbishment  
Five Council blocks in Weston are in for a welcome makeover. More than £9 million will be spent on the five blocks that sit next to Southampton Water (in International Way, Weston) to upgrade them and make them much more energy efficient. Southampton City Council successfully won more than £6 million of grant funding from the Community Energy Saving Programme (CESP), via British Gas towards the energy saving works. Cabinet agreed to contribute a further £3 million to enable a whole host of other improvement works to be carried out at the same time – including new exterior cladding and double glazed windows. The new coloured cladding and sparkling new windows will transform the look of the Tower Blocks to the passing ships on Southampton Water.

20. Making Neighbourhoods better places to live  
 In November 2011, the residents of Itchen Estate in Southampton celebrated the completion of innovative work that has significantly improved their neighbourhood through a Decent Neighbourhoods project. Southampton City Council worked closely with the Itchen Estate community so that the open space in Tankerville Road would enjoy a new lease of life and to provide some much needed extra car parking spaces.
21. IKEA starter packs help vulnerable young people in their first home  
 Helping young people move out of care and set up a home with a little help from IKEA Southampton is the latest initiative from the Council. Using an IKEA store gift card, a young person can choose what furniture or household goods they want to buy and can purchase items when they need them.
22. Community Chest and successful funding in Southampton  
 The second round of Community Chest grant was awarded just before Christmas, with the recipients sharing £27,942 between them. Projects funded include arts and crafts, improved signage for a community garden, basic running costs for several residents' associations, community events, training to support people into employment, exercises classes for older people to keep them healthy, equipment for youth clubs, environmental projects and local heritage.

### **RESOURCES, LEISURE AND CULTURE PORTFOLIO**

23. One Step closer to £1M plus improvements to outdoor sports facilities in Southampton  
 Thanks to an investment of £350,000 by Southampton City Council its outdoor sports facilities are one step closer to receiving more than £1M to improve them. Part of this investment will be used to secure match funding which could result in more than £1M being raised to significantly improve nine playing fields and other outdoor facilities in Southampton. The Council has committed to spending £100,000 on a new generation artificial turf pitch at a location yet to be decided.
24. SeaCity  
 Another major milestone for the SeaCity Museum was achieved when all the site huts were moved on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2012, revealing the new special exhibitions building behind. This allowed the commencement on the public realm area and good progress is also being made internally within the Museum. The SCC Golden Number is going live for SeaCity Museum, for general enquiries, pre-booking tickets, venue hire and education visit enquiries. Southampton residents and City Council employees have all been offered free tickets so they can enjoy the amazing new venue. Southampton's SeaCity Museum has received a financial boost that will help bring the City's maritime history to life. £200,000 has been awarded by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DDCMS) / Wolfson Foundation towards the 'Gateway to the World' Gallery.
25. Tourist Information rebranding and relocation  
 Relocation of the Tourist Information Centre in November last year to the Civic Centre, places the Visitor Information Service "at the Heart of the

Cultural Quarter” surrounded by Guildhall Square, the Art Gallery, the Library, Fountains Café, SeaCity and Southampton Guildhall. This encourages delivery of a high quality public facing service for both residents and visitors. In September 2011, Southampton entered Visit Britain top 20 Visitor Destinations listed at number 19 for the first time ever.

### **SOUTHAMPTON CONNECT UPDATE**

26. Since Southampton Connect formally launched its Southampton Connect Plan 2011-2014 in October 2011, it has continued to meet monthly and has now been through an entire cycle of priority project reviews. Project reviews are an opportunity for those Southampton Connect participants leading on a project to provide feedback on their progress, achievements and barriers to date. Associated reports, templates and actions can be viewed at <http://www.southampton-connect.com/what/projects.asp>.
27. As we near Southampton Connect’s 1st Anniversary in April 2012, a light touch review is being undertaken to assess progress to date and enhance Southampton Connect’s effectiveness and inclusiveness. The review will cover: Future participants and representation including links to the thematic partnerships; Chairing and meeting frequency; Focusing on ‘what matters most’ but ensuring collaborative ownership of the business; and Tracking impact.
28. A second Southampton Connect Conference is proposed during the week commencing 28th May 2012; a draft conference programme is currently being drawn up. With the overall aim of ‘making connections work’ it is anticipated that the conference will: Report-back on Year 1 progress - namely against the ‘By 31st March 2012’ milestones as set out in the Southampton Connect Plan; Set out Connect’s 2012/13 work programme through the refreshed Connect Plan; Consider the challenges and barriers to progress facing the Priority Projects Programme; and to identify new approaches / new collaborative partners to address them.

### **27. FORTHCOMING BUSINESS**

The Executive published its Forward Plan on the 13<sup>th</sup> February 2012 covering the period February to May 2012 and will publish its next plan on the 16<sup>th</sup> March covering the period March to June 2012. Details of all forthcoming executive decision items can be found at

<http://www.southampton.gov.uk/modernGov/uuCoverPage.aspx?bcr=1>

### **RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

#### **Capital/Revenue**

28. None.

#### **Property/Other**

29. None.

### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

#### **Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:**

30. None.

**Other Legal Implications:**

31. None.

**POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS**

32. None.

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**KEY DECISION?** No

<b>WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:</b>	N/A
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**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

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**Appendices**

1.	Decisions by Cabinet on the 21st November 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.	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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# Agenda Item 9

<b>DECISION-MAKER:</b>	COUNCIL
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	LOCALISM ACT 2011 - PAY POLICY
<b>DATE OF DECISION:</b>	14 MARCH 2012
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	HEAD OF LEGAL, HR AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES
<b>STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY</b>	
None	

## **BRIEF SUMMARY**

The Council is required under the Localism Act 2011 to prepare and publish a pay policy statement for the financial year 2012/13 and then for each subsequent financial year.

This report explains the parameters of the pay policy statement and the first statement is provided at appendix 1.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- (i) That Council considers and approves the Pay Policy Statement, attached as appendix 1.
- (ii) Delegate authority to the Head of Legal, HR and Democratic Services following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Resources, Leisure and Culture, to make any minor revisions deemed necessary to the Pay Policy should further Guidance be received.

## **REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. Under the Localism Act 2011 only full Council is authorised to approve the draft policy annually.

## **DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)**

2. Chapter 8 of the Localism Act 2011 deals with openness and accountability in local pay and requires that local authorities prepare a pay policy statement for each financial year. Government guidance has been published in tranches, most recently on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2012. This has been supplemented by advice from the LGA most recently received on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2012, which sets out the key policy principles that underpin the pay accountability provisions in the Act. The recognised trade unions have been consulted. The Government recognises that in light of the timing for the first policy document some flexibility on interpretation and content may well be necessary in respect of certain aspects of the Pay Policy and that some matters will need to be revised either in year or when the next annual review by Council falls.
3. The statement must include details of a range of issues relating to the pay of its workforce but does not apply to local authority schools.

## **PAY POLICY STATEMENT REQUIREMENTS**

4. Section 38 of the Localism Act 2011 provides clear requirements on the content of the pay policy statements. These include the setting out of the Council's policies relating to the remuneration of its chief officers; the

remuneration of its lowest-paid employees and the relationship between the remunerations of chief officers and non chief officers.

5. The pay policy statement must provide a definition of what is its "lowest-paid employees" along with the reasons for that definition.
6. The pay policy statement must also include the Council's policies relating to:
  - a. Responsibility for decisions on pay structures,
  - b. Pay scales and grading framework,
  - c. Remuneration level including bonuses, performance related pay, charges, fees and allowances,
  - d. Benefits in kind,
  - e. Pension,
  - f. Severance payments,
  - g. Remuneration of chief officers on recruitment.

#### ELECTION FEES

7. In accordance with the Representation of the People's Act 1983, the cost of local (City Council) elections are met from the local authority's budgets. The Council is required to appoint a Returning Officer to conduct these elections on their behalf and the Returning Officer is personally (not corporately) responsible for the management of elections. The Returning Officer for local elections in Southampton is the Director of Corporate Services. In order to run a local election, the Returning Officer needs to incur costs and employ employees with different levels of responsibility. It is important that this is done fairly and transparently. In order to achieve this, the local authorities across Hampshire have agreed that a working group (The Hampshire and Isle of Wight Election Fees Working Party) set a scale of fees and charges that cover matters such as the fee for the Returning Officer for local elections. This scale is used by all the authorities in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, and ensures that there is a consistent approach for everyone.
8. These arrangements are reflected in the pay policy.

#### TAX AVOIDANCE

9. As a result of the recent controversy elsewhere in the public sector, the Government has moved swiftly to add to the statutory guidance a call for local authorities to include in the pay policy statement a local policy on using payment arrangements that "could be perceived as seeking to minimise tax payments". This is short-hand for arrangements under which people who are to all intents and purposes employees are paid through a personal service company, in order to reduce their personal tax and National Insurance liabilities. The statutory guidance calls on local authorities to consider the value for money implications for the public sector as a whole of using such arrangements when developing their pay policies.

#### FUTURE REPORTING ARRANGEMENTS

10. As per the legislation contained within the Localism Act, the Council's pay policy statement must be refreshed and approved for each new financial

year. It is therefore proposed that future Pay Policy Statements will be reported each year to the March meeting of Council unless it requires in year revision.

#### **RISK ASSESSMENT**

11. There are no significant risk considerations in relation to this report.

#### **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED**

12. None, this is a statutory requirement.

#### **RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

##### **Capital/Revenue**

13. There are no resource implications in producing the Pay Policy.

##### **Property/Other**

14. None.

#### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

##### **Statutory Power to undertake the proposals in the report:**

15. Section 38 Localism Act 2011.

##### **Other Legal Implications:**

16. None.

#### **POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS**

17. None.

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**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

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**Appendices**

1.	Draft Pay Policy 2012
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**Documents In Members' Rooms**

1.	None.
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**Integrated Impact Assessment**

Do the implications/subject/recommendations in the report require an Integrated Impact Assessment to be carried out.	No
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**Other Background Documents**

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.	LGA/ALACE Guidance – November 2011 and March 2012	
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**Integrated Impact Assessment and Other Background documents available for inspection at:**

<b>WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:</b>	None
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<b>DECISION-MAKER:</b>	COUNCIL
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	DEVELOPMENT OF THE FORMER CIVIL SERVICE SPORTS GROUND
<b>DATE OF DECISION:</b>	14 MARCH 2012
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES AND LEARNING
<b>STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY</b>	
None	

## **BRIEF SUMMARY**

The purchase of the former Civil Service Sports Ground has now been completed and options for the future use of the land are being considered. It is proposed in the immediate future (Phase1) to bring the land back into playing field use in accordance with the terms of the Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) and that longer term school and community use solutions will be considered in consultation with all interested parties, who will seek appropriate funding to achieve this.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

It is recommended that Council:

- (i) Transfer, in accordance with Financial Procedure Rules, a sum of £550,000 from the Leader's Capital Programme to the Children's Services and Learning Capital programme to carry out works at the former Civil Service sports ground.

## **REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. There is a significant shortage of playing fields at the local schools where pupil numbers are projected to continue to rise in future years. The acquisition of this site will provide much needed facilities for school sports, after school and school holiday activities for children and young people and for managed community sports use.

## **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED**

2. Non acquisition of the site for educational use would have forfeited the opportunity to provide accessible sports facilities for local schools in a built up area of the City where such facilities are currently very restricted and where opportunities to improve provision are very rare. By failing to provide playing fields, the Council would be contrary to Government guidance provided in Building Bulletin 99 – Area Guidelines for Schools.
3. To permit this site to be used for other purposes would mean that the potential educational, health and social benefits accruing from playing field use would not be realised.

## **DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)**

4. The project will be carried out in two phases. Phase 1 will focus on playing field provision, securing the site with appropriate fencing and some community use which may include a play park. The current proposal takes into account the details of the CPO and the need to make additional playing field provision on this site. Further consultation with the relevant parties will take place if Council approve this report.

5. Phase 2 will expand and enhance upon the above uses and explore external funding opportunities.
6. A meeting with Community Neighbours took place at St. Marks School on 27 September 2011. Representatives from the school, school governors and the local community relayed their aspirations for the use of the land. These views were used to inform an Option Appraisal produced by Capita.

## **RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

### **Capital**

7. The table below details the estimated costs of the proposed works:

<b>Estimated costs</b>	<b>2012/13</b>	<b>2013/14</b>	<b>Total</b>
Provision of secure fencing to site, changing room facilities, football pitches for 7-12 year olds and community fitness trail and possibly a play park.	250,000		250,000
Further development to improve sports provision and increased use by the local community.		300,000	300,000
<b>Total</b>			<b>£550,000</b>

8. In July 2009, Cabinet agreed to purchase the former Civil Service Sports Ground. The purchase has now been completed under budget and it is proposed to transfer £550,000 of the unspent budget to the Children's Services and Learning Capital Programme in order to develop the sports ground.
9. Approval to spend will be sought for £250,000 of the £550,000 for phase 1 works from the Executive Director for Children's Services and Learning. Approval for the remainder will be requested later, once a sufficient level of detail is available following further consultation.

### **Revenue**

10. The cost of annual maintenance of the site will depend on what pitches and athletic facilities were provided. An estimate of £12,000 per annum has been quoted for maintenance based on Option 1 proposals. These costs will be funded from the Children's Services and Learning Portfolio.

### **Property/Other**

11. The revenue costs in respect of repairs and maintenance of any structures on site will need to be subject to a transfer of funds into the Central R and M budget from the Children's Services and Learning Portfolio.

## **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

### **Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:**

12. The proposed works to re-instate a playing field on compulsory acquired land can be undertaken pursuant to the Council's power of general competence under Section 1 of the Localism Act 2011, the exercise of which is subject to any pre-commencement prohibitions or restrictions that may exist.

**Other Legal Implications:**

- 13. Land acquired under a local authority's powers of compulsory acquisition for planning or public purposes must only be so acquired if the acquisition and subsequent development or improvement will be likely to contribute to the economic, social or environmental well-being of the area. The local authority should ensure that appropriate steps are taken to achieve this end once the acquisition has been finalised.

**POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS**

- 14. None.

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**KEY DECISION?** Yes

<b>WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:</b>	Freemantle and Bargate
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**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

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**Appendices**

1.	None
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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.	No
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Title of Background Paper(s)

Relevant Paragraph of the Access to Information Procedure Rules / Schedule 12A allowing document to be Exempt/Confidential (if applicable)

1.	None	
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# Agenda Item 11

<b>DECISION-MAKER:</b>	CABINET COUNCIL
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	APPROVAL TO SPEND CAPITAL FUNDING ON ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT PORTFOLIO SCHEMES 2012/13
<b>DATE OF DECISION:</b>	12 MARCH 2012 14 MARCH 2012
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT
<b>STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY</b>	
Not applicable.	

## **BRIEF SUMMARY**

This report seeks approval to spend and provides details of the Environment and Transport Capital Programme in 2012/13.

The report also seeks approval to variations totalling £1,230,000 to the Environment and Transport Capital programme as agreed at Council on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2012.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

### CABINET

- (i) Subject to approval of Council to capital variations and additional funding on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2012, to approve, in accordance with Financial Procedure Rules, capital expenditure of £10,257,000 in 2012/13, as detailed in Appendix 2, from the total Environment and Transport Capital Programme of £13,236,000; and
- (ii) To note the detail of the projects within the Capital Programme for 2012/13, as set out in Appendix 3, including a major scheme to resurface Redbridge Roundabout.

### COUNCIL

- (i) To approve capital variations totalling £1,230,000 in 2012/13 to the programme agreed at Council on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2012, as detailed in Appendix 4;
- (ii) To approve the addition of £317,000 to the Environment and Transport Capital Programme funded from additional Local Transport Plan Government Grant, as detailed in Appendix 4;
- (iii) To note that as part of the above recommendations, a major scheme to resurface Redbridge Roundabout is created with a budget of £1,200,000; and
- (iv) To note the £1,871,000 scheme for City Centre Improvements includes a Local Transport Plan contribution of £412,000 towards the Platform to Prosperity Project, which is the subject of a report elsewhere on the Agenda.

## **REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. Financial Procedure Rules require that approval to spend is secured to enable the delivery of the Councils Capital Programme each year.

2. The details of the projects are included to provide Members with relevant information.
3. To amend the funding allocations in response to the latest Transport Asset Management priorities for road surfacing projects.

#### **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED**

4. The proposed programme is fully funded and is based on available funding levels.
5. A smaller programme than that proposed would undermine the essential support for the ongoing development of the City, fail to meet the objectives set out in the Local Transport Plan (LTP3) or deliver any noticeable improvement in the basic highway infrastructure.

#### **DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)**

6. The Environment and Transport Capital Programme for 2011-12 included the delivery of a number of high profile highway infrastructure schemes such as:-
  - Chantry Bridge replacement
  - Itchen Bridge bearing replacement
  - Itchen Bridge lighting enhancement
  - Board Walk cycle facility adjacent to the Itchen river
  - Over 20 miles of carriageway surfacing
  - Over 3 miles of footway and kerbing reconstruction
  - Over 60 miles of footway surface treatment (slurry)
  - Havelock Road resurfacing to tie in with the SeaCity Museum
  - Town Quay resurfacing
  - Victoria Road footway improvements enhancing Woolston Shopping precinct
  - Dock Gate 20 relocation
  - Car Parks lifts ongoing replacement programme
7. The Council is continuing to invest in the highway and public realm infrastructure of the City to help offset the continuing deterioration of the City's roads and footways.
8. The innovation and efficiency savings achieved through the contract with Balfour Beatty is enabling more surfacing of roads and footways to be delivered.
9. Appendix 3 shows a list of road surfacing projects and details of other non-roads schemes that will be carried out this year.
10. The Transport Asset Management Plan (TAMP) and Local Transport Plan (LTP3) have provided the priority for highways spend and the supporting transportation policies. Individual consultation will be undertaken on each project using the agreed consultation strategy.
11. A new road surfacing project for Redbridge Roundabout has been included in the programme in response to the rapid deterioration of the circulatory carriageway at this gateway junction. The latest inspections reveal that the existing surfacing may not last another winter.
12. The overall programme proposed for 2012-2013 totals £13,236,000.

13. Appendix 1 shows how the programme is funded.
14. Appendix 2 shows the Block Headings and the proposed spend by scheme, showing where approvals to spend are required.
15. Appendix 3 shows scheme descriptions and individual projects.
16. The Environment Directorate Capital and Major Projects Board has an overarching responsibility for the delivery of the Environment and Transport Capital Programme whilst individual Boards manage the interface for delivery with the partner contractors, review progress and performance and reports exceptions.
17. All Projects in the programme are managed through the corporate Project Management System, "PM Connect" which ensures the financial and timely delivery of individual projects within the overall programme. All projects will have an approved Project Initiation Document prior to commencement of works.
18. The road surfacing projects shown in Appendix 3 are based on the latest TAMP priorities. There may be some minor changes to this programme as the individual projects are designed and if further deterioration of the network requires alternative priority investment. Any variations will be subject to the appropriate change control process.

## **RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

### **Capital/Revenue**

19. The Capital Programme for Environment and Transport Portfolio in 2012/13 will be £13,236,000. This is in line with the budget approved by Council on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2012 but with the addition of £317,000 in Local Transport Plan (LTP) Government Grant, which has only recently been awarded.
20. This capital expenditure can be fully funded as detailed in Appendix 1.
21. Some of this expenditure has been previously approved, as indicated by the 'status of approval' column in Appendix 2.
22. This report seeks Cabinet 'approval to spend' for capital expenditure of £10,257,000 in 2012/13, in accordance with Financial Procedure Rules and as detailed in Appendix 3.
23. This is subject to Council approval for capital variations totalling £1,230,000 in 2012/13 and the addition of the £317,000 LTP funding, as detailed in Appendix 4. It is noted that these recommendations create a new capital highways maintenance scheme called Redbridge Roundabout with a budget of £1,200,000.
24. Subject to no increase in maintenance levels, the ongoing revenue consequences of these schemes can be accommodated within existing budgets.

### **Property/Other**

25. There are no property implications as a result of this report.
26. There are no employment implications as a result of this report.

## LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

### Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:

27. Each Capital scheme will be delivered in accordance with a variety of Highways and Environmental legislation, including but not limited to the Highways Act 1980, Road Traffic Regulation Act 1994, Traffic Management Act 2004, and s.2 Local Government Act 2000 (having first had regard to the provisions of the Community Strategy).

### Other Legal Implications:

28. Procurement of Schemes will be carried out in accordance with the Council's procurement strategy, existing and newly procured partnership contracts and in accordance with National and European procurement legislation and directives. Design and implementation of schemes will take into account the provisions of s.17 Crime and Disorder Act 1998 and the impact of schemes on individuals and communities will be assessed against Human Rights Act 1998 and Equalities legislation provisions.

## POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS

29. The Capital Programme is compatible with the objectives of the Community Strategy.
30. The City Council is a Local Transport Authority as laid down in the Transport Act 2000 and the Council's relevant Policy Framework is the City of Southampton Local Transport Plan (LTP3).
31. The importance of the condition of the highway network in terms of defects, as well as its ability to assist in providing high quality transport for all modes cannot be understated in terms of providing an indication of the health and vitality of the City. Increased investment by the Council can only signal to businesses and residents that Southampton is a location to invest and commit to. Getting this message clearly across to key stakeholders in the City will be a priority once the programme is approved.

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**KEY DECISION?** Yes

<b>WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:</b>	All
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## SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

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### **Appendices**

1.	Environment & Transport Capital Programme – Sources of Funding 2012/13
2.	Environment & Transport Capital Programme – Approval to spend 2012/13
3.	Environment & Transport Capital Programme – Description of Schemes 2012/13
4.	Environment & Transport Capital Programme – Variations to the programme

### **Documents In Members' Rooms**

1.	The City of Southampton Local Transport Plan (LTP3)
2.	The City of Southampton Transport Asset Management Plan

### **Integrated Impact Assessment**

Do the implications/subject of the report require an Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA) to be carried out.	Yes (An IIA will be prepared for the whole programme)
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### **Other Background Documents**

**Integrated Impact Assessment and Other Background documents available for inspection at: Highways Manager, Floor 5, One Guildhall Square Southampton.**

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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<b>DECISION-MAKER:</b>	COUNCIL
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	“PLATFORM TO PROSPERITY” - PLATFORM ROAD IMPROVEMENT SCHEME
<b>DATE OF DECISION:</b>	14 MARCH 2012
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	SENIOR MANAGER, PLANNING, TRANSPORT AND SUSTAINABILITY

## **STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY**

Appendix 1 of this report is not for publication by virtue of category 7A of paragraph 10.4 of the Council's Access to Information procedure Rules, as contained in the Council's Constitution. Appendix 1 contains confidential information, which in this context means information provided to the Council by a Government Department on terms which forbid its public disclosure or information which cannot be publicly disclosed by Court Order.

## **BRIEF SUMMARY**

This report seeks to accept and add to the capital programme £5.595m of capital grant funding from the Department of Business and Skills (BIS) towards the “Platform to Prosperity” project to deliver a road improvement scheme in Platform Road to improve access to and from the Port of Southampton. This report also seeks commitment from the Council to add £1.255m of match funding to the capital programme.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- (i) To accept, subject to due diligence, the award of £5.595m of Regional Growth Fund capital grant funding from Department of Business and Skills (BIS) towards the “Platform to Prosperity” project.
- (ii) To add £6.850m to the Environment and Transport Capital Programme for the “Platform to Prosperity” capital scheme, funded by £5.595m from the Regional Growth Fund (phased £1.241m in 2012/13 and £4.354m in 2013/14) and £1.255m from the Council (phased £0.412m in 2012/13, £0.411m in 2013/14 and £0.432m in 2014/15) and to note the intention that the Council funding will be met from the confirmed 2012/13 Local Transport Plan (LTP) grant funding and the indicative 2013/14 and 2014/15 LTP funding.
- (iii) To agree to underwrite, from general capital resources, any shortfall in the 2013/14 and 2014/15 funding should the confirmed LTP funding be insufficient to meet the total requirement of £0.843m for those two years.
- (iv) To note the Associated British Port (ABP) contribution of £1.0m towards the “Platform to Prosperity” scheme.
- (v) To note the contractual obligations on the Council from BIS, including requirements to demonstrate job increases and potential claw back of monies.

## **REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. To create the “Platform to Prosperity” scheme and secure the necessary funding to deliver proposed improvements in Platform Road.
2. To note the contractual obligations on the Council in relation to the Regional Growth Fund monies.

## **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED**

### **3. Do Nothing**

Recent increases in Port activity, particularly related to the cruise business, have exacerbated congestion problems in and around Platform Road. The “Platform to Prosperity” project is more essential than ever to maintain and enhance the viability of the Port of Southampton, which is of key importance to the local and national economy. Subject to due diligence, sufficient funding has been secured to deliver the proposed improvements. On this basis, “Do Nothing” is not recommended.

### **4. Do Minimum Scheme**

It would be possible to deliver a lower cost “Do Minimum” scheme within the existing highway boundary. However, this would not deliver the level of capacity enhancement required to serve peak demands in Port activity, which is a key objective of the scheme. In addition, subject to due diligence, sufficient funding has been secured to deliver the “Do maximum” scheme. On this basis, the “Do Minimum” scheme is not recommended.

## **DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)**

5. The “Platform to Prosperity” scheme is a long standing road improvement proposal, which was originally conceived in the mid 1990s as part of the Port of Southampton Western Approach scheme. This was partly implemented in 2000 with the dualling of West Quay Road, but there was insufficient funding at that time to continue the improvements along Town Quay and Platform Road. However, the policy aspiration to deliver this scheme has remained in both the Local Development and Local Transport Plans.
6. A Round 2 Regional Growth Fund bid for the Platform to Prosperity project was submitted to the Department for Business and Skills (BIS) in July 2011. On 31 October 2011, it was announced that, subject to contract, the bid was successful. The total estimated cost of the project is £8.040m. £5.595m will be funded through the Regional Growth Fund, £1.445m from the City Council (£0.190m of this is already approved within the Environment and Transport Capital Programme) and £1.000m from ABP.
7. The “Platform to Prosperity” scheme will implement a new dual carriageway route along a widened alignment of Platform Road from the Town Quay / High Street junction through to Canute Road and Terminus Terrace. This will allow the existing gyratory system around the western and northern sides of Queen’s Park to be downgraded to a local access route and the eastern end of Queen’s Terrace will be closed as a through route. A new all moves traffic signal junction will be provided at Dock Gate 4 and the scheme will allow the provision of a new traffic signal controlled Dock Gate 5, which will increase



flexibility in the operation of the Port. The project will also make provision for traffic to access Central Bridge from Terminus Terrace, providing an alternative route to the Itchen Bridge for eastbound traffic, to reduce congestion in Canute Road.

8. The existing gyratory system around Queen's Park to be closed as a through route, but remain open to local traffic access. This will reduce severance and allow Queen's Park to be properly integrated with the city centre to the north and west. The scheme will provide public realm enhancements in Queen's Terrace. Other significant enhancements will be made to Queen's Park as mitigation for the loss of open space in Vokes Park to the south of Platform Road. These include the removal of Latimer Street (replaced by a shared use cycle and footpath) and removal of the 22 space off-street car park. These parking spaces will be re-provided on-street in Queen's Terrace.
9. It is anticipated that comprehensive improvements to Town Quay would be implemented as part of the Royal Pier re-development and are not part of this scheme. However, the "Platform to Prosperity" scheme will investigate short term, low cost measures on Town Quay to improve capacity in advance of more comprehensive improvements.
10. Consultation on the principle of the "Platform to Prosperity" scheme has historically been undertaken when Local Development and Local Transport Plans, which have both supported road improvements in Platform Road and form part of the City Council's Policy Framework. A detailed public consultation and exhibition of the proposals will be undertaken in Spring 2012. In advance of this, a number of key stakeholders have been consulted. These include ABP, Hampshire Chamber of Commerce, Business Solent (Future Southampton Group), Open Space interest groups, Bus Operators and the Southampton Cycling Campaign. Subsequent statutory consultation will take place in relation to Traffic Regulation Orders and proposed Open Space changes.
11. The scheme will be designed and implemented by Balfour Beatty through the Highways Service Partnership contract.
12. All matters relating to the implementation, design and detail of the project are Executive functions and / or Planning and Rights of Way panel functions and will be brought forward for decision by those bodies in due course once all preparatory work has been finalised.

## **RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

### **Capital**

13. This report creates a "Platform to Prosperity" scheme, with an estimated capital cost of £6.850m, made up from £5.595m of Regional Growth Fund and £1.445m of City Council capital funding. The cost estimate includes a 44% optimism bias (contingency), which is applied to schemes at this stage of development.
14. The total value of the scheme, as included in the funding bid, is £8.040m, which also includes a £1.000m contribution from ABP and £0.190m of City Council funding, which has already been added to the Capital Programme, is approved to spend and is being used to develop the outline scheme design.

15. The Regional Growth Fund (RGF) capital grant is phased £1.241m in 2012/13 and £4.354m in 2013/14. As the RGF monies are only available until March 2014, this funding will be used in advance of the City Council's match funding.
16. Recommendations (i) and (ii) accept the RGF award and add budgets to the Capital Programme. It is anticipated that the City Council match funding commitment of £1.255m of funding is added to the programme in recommendation (iii). It is anticipated that this would be funded by Local Transport Plan (LTP) Integrated Transport monies and any available Strategic Transport Contributions. However, in the unlikely event that this settlement is reduced, the Council would be required to fund this shortfall. This is covered by recommendation (iii). A subsequent Cabinet report will approve expenditure on this scheme, in accordance with Financial Procedure Rules.
17. ABP will make a total contribution of £1.000m to the scheme. This will be made of three elements:
  - Provision of ABP owned land required to deliver the project;
  - Internal modifications and improvements within the Port Estate to improve the efficiency and flexibility of traffic movements, complement the external highway improvements; and
  - Provision of direct funding contribution towards the scheme.The value of the latter contribution will be established once the costs of the first two measures are known. It is anticipated that this will be programmed for expenditure in 2014/15 and will be added to the Capital Programme at a later date.
18. The Conditional Grant Offer Letter has a claw back option and if the number of jobs created is less than predicted, over a nine year monitoring period, then there is a requirement to part repay the grant. The 'job target' is an aggregate number of 196 full time jobs newly created and directly in connection with the project. If the full grant is claimed, the Council will, therefore, be required to repay £28,547 for each job not created.

### **Revenue**

19. There are no on-going identified revenue implications for the scheme. Although the off street car park in Queen's Park will be closed, the spaces will be relocated on street in Queen's Terrace. Some other existing on street parking spaces in Platform Road will also need to be relocated to Queen's Terrace. There will be no net overall loss in parking provision.
20. There are some potential short term revenue implications during the construction of the project. There will be periods when there is a net reduction in parking spaces, which could potentially affect revenue. It is also possible if construction causes disruption, that Itchen Bridge revenues would be affected. Construction will be managed to minimise these impacts and these issues are not anticipated to be significant.

### **Property/Other**

21. The scheme requires the widening of Platform Road on its southern side. This impacts on Open Space (Vokes Memorial Gardens) and also requires some third party land, primarily from ABP. The following issues need to be addressed:

- Acquisition of land within third party ownership to deliver the scheme;
- The appropriation of Public Open Space at Vokes Memorial Gardens;
- Negotiating the release from restrictive covenant on Vokes Memorial Gardens.

The diversion and relocation of a number of utilities located within Vokes Memorial Gardens.

22. Capita has been commissioned to undertake these key tasks. Cabinet approval will subsequently sought to advertise the appropriation and disposal of Public Open Space.

## **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

### **Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:**

23. The main powers to deliver the scheme are Part 13 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995, the Highways Act 1980, as Amended and the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

### **Other Legal Implications:**

24. The offer from BIS has a number of important contractual obligations, which will be formally approved by Cabinet in due course. A copy of the Conditional Grant Offer Letter is provided in confidential Appendix 1. The most important issues to note are:-
- Potential requirement to repay part of the grant should the number of direct jobs created be less than predicted;
  - Provision of a Confirmatory Due Diligence Report;
  - Confirmation of ABP’s funding commitment to the project (Recommendation iv); and
  - Confirmation of the City Council’s approved funding commitment to the project (Recommendation iii).
25. Planning consent will be required to change the car park and Latimer Street in Queen’s Park to Open Space. This planning application will also be used to stop up the highway designation of Latimer Street.

## **POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS**

26. The “Platform to Prosperity” scheme is consistent with the Council’s policy framework. The scheme has been safeguarded in the Local Development Plan and identified as a priority within the Local Transport Plan.

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**KEY DECISION?** Not applicable

<b>WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:</b>	Bargate
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**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

**Non-confidential appendices are in the Members' Rooms and can be accessed on-line**

**Appendices**

1.	Regional Growth Fund (RGF) Conditional Grant Offer Letter
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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
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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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