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SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 12 SEPTEMBER 2012

Present:

The Mayor, Councillor Burke

The Sheriff, Councillor White

Councillors Baillie, Barnes-Andrews, Mrs Blatchford, Bogle, Chaloner (minute 54 onwards), Claisse, Cunio, Daunt, Fitzhenry, Furnell, Hannides, B Harris, L Harris, Kaur, Inglis, Jeffery, Keogh, Kolker, Laming, Letts, Lewzey, Lloyd, Mead, McEwing, Mintoff, Morrell, Moulton, Noon, Norris, Dr Paffey, Parnell, Payne, Pope, Rayment, Shields, Smith, Spicer, Stevens, Thomas, Thorpe, Tucker, Turner, Vassiliou, Vinson, Whitbread and Dr R Williams

50. APOLOGIES

It was noted that no apologies had been received.

51. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 11th July 2012 be approved and signed as a correct record.

52. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR AND LEADER

The Mayor informed Members that an Extraordinary Council Meeting would be held on Wednesday 16th January 2013 at 6.00pm to adopt a Local Council Tax Support Scheme to replace the current Council Tax Benefit for April next year.

53. DEPUTATIONS, PETITIONS AND PUBLIC QUESTIONS

(i) The Council received and noted a deputation from Mr R. Graham, concerning the proposed link road between Townhill Park and Midanbury;

(ii) The Council received and noted a deputation from Mr D. Extance and Mr Chorley, concerning Hollybrook Cemetery;

(iii) The Council received and noted a deputation from Mrs M. Finch concerning, the redevelopment of the Castle Public House site, Midanbury.

54. 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 the 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. Ofsted Inspection

Question from Councillor Lewzey to Councillor Bogle

What caused the disappointing April Ofsted report of the Inspection of Safeguarding Services?

Answer

It is a huge credit to the leadership and management of our Children's Services managers that the outcome was not more disappointing. Staff at all levels were under substantial pressure not only due to rising referrals but also morale had been adversely affected by the previous Administration's decision to cut pay.

At a time of rising and increasingly complex demands on the service, the high levels of staff turnover and resulting reliance on either inexperienced or agency staff were a critical factor in the less satisfactory judgments by Ofsted.

2. Quality Improvement Plan

Question from Councillor Lewzey to Councillor Bogle

Following the disappointing Ofsted report what is the current impact of the Quality Improvement Plan?

Answer

I am pleased to report that there is now a single Quality Improvement Plan between ourselves, the NHS and LSCB. There has been good progress on the implementation of the highest priority actions – for example, 16 newly qualified and permanent social workers have recently been recruited following a successful recruitment fayre. Two new Principal Officers are in post. Important progress has also been made with our colleagues in Housing in order to prevent the use of bed and breakfast accommodation for children or young people in our care, and our NHS partners are doing all they can to ensure weekend access to specialist forensic assessment for children who may have been abused sexually. We have a full training programme for social workers in place and we are vigorously auditing supervision and practice.

However, there are significant challenges remaining due to continuing high levels of demand for safeguarding services and the need for experienced social workers, and a number of avenues are being explored to rectify this.

3. Working Relationships

Question from Councillor Dr Paffey to Councillor Bogle

What steps are being taken to improve working relationships with staff within Children's Safeguarding services?

Answer

The strains in the relationships between the Council and its workforce over terms and conditions were not restricted to the Children's Safeguarding service. The key issue that exacerbated the relationship with the Children's safeguarding workforce was their ability to secure better paid work locally as a result of high demand for their expertise nationally and regionally. I have attended a number of meetings with Safeguarding managers and staff, a positive dialogue is in place which has allowed me to hear directly from staff and I am taking personal steps to ensure frontline staff in particular are as supported as much as possible in their protection of our most vulnerable children, young people and families. I believe staff have been heartened by the progress in relation to terms and conditions and that this is seen as clear evidence of a significant commitment of the Council to staff and the critically important work they are doing. This is an ongoing relationship between the Cabinet Member and staff that will be progressed at Staff Conferences (next one is 26.9.12).

4. Staff Involvement

Question from Councillor Dr Paffey to Councillor Bogle

How are staff being involved to resolve the problems identified by Ofsted in the April inspection?

Answer

The Safeguarding Management team continue to ensure robust oversight of cases - there is particular attention paid to Legal case Management and Care Planning. Managers at all levels are involved in Supervision. The management team have produced Supervision Standards and the quantity and quality of supervision is regularly audited.

There is a robust Workforce development strategy in place with additional training around key areas.

More business support is available to assist around Core Groups.

Joint work continues with our colleagues in housing. We now do not have any children looked after in bed and breakfast. Performance of individuals and indicators is rigorously pursued. New Senior Managers will be approaching performance with new eyes. Significant performance will not improve until we have an experienced and stable Social Workforce.

There has been extensive discussion and engagement of staff in the OFSTED outcomes and how to address them, for example at the staff conferences and other meetings of the team.

5. New Staff

Question from Councillor Lloyd to Councillor Bogle

How are newly recruited staff being supported?

Answer

Newly recruited staff across all of Children's Services are covered by a workforce development strategy and a common induction programme. Given required Children and Young People's Trust arrangements, the Workforce Strategy extends positively beyond the Council to all professionals in the City working with children, young people and families. Newly recruited staff also have the opportunity to meet and access training with professionals from other services. There are also a range of specialist induction arrangements in place for Children's Social Workers and I am pleased that this workforce development aspect of our work has been highlighted as a relative strength in Ofsted reports.

6. Safeguarding Services

Question from Councillor Lloyd to Councillor Bogle

What action is being taken to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of Children's safeguarding services and what success is being achieved?

Answer

This service is subject to a redesign which fundamentally changes the way in which we intervene in the lives of vulnerable children and their families. The key principle is to shift resources to focus more on early intervention (as recommended by Munro and Allen, and successfully piloted in a number of local authorities). We are learning from other local authorities and will apply this to the "Southampton" Model. It will take 18 months to two years to begin to make an impact and will require many changes to process, culture and organisation; it should fit well with the new 'Families Matter' policy approach.

7. Children in Care

Question from Councillor Lewzey to Councillor Bogle

How are the Personal Education Plans for children in care being improved?

Answer

The quality of Personal Education Plans (PEPs) was highlighted in the Ofsted inspection report. This was already improving at the time of the Inspection as a result of improved arrangements for co-ordinating and monitoring the education of Children Looked After. This has resulted in the development of Personal Education Plans that are now tailored to the educational stage of the child they relate to. Arrangements for the timely and robust review of the completed Personal Education Plans is overseen by a senior Leadership Group for Children Looked After which is Chaired by the Senior

Manager for Safeguarding and which reports to the Corporate Parenting Committee. PEP's - performance always fall at this time of year as the Schools are on holiday in July and August. The newly Looked After Children during this time have PEP's from September to October. Our performance will rise during the Autumn term.

8. Oaklands Swimming Pool

Question from Councillor Hannides to Councillor Payne

In light of the confusion surrounding the closure of Oaklands Pool, please explain how and when you were informed of the decision to remove funding?

Answer

To dispel any confusion, the learner pool closed several months ago, followed by the whole venue in early May because it was unfit to open to the public due to inadequate maintenance. The Labour administration took office on May 16 and because the pool was already shut, it was addressed collectively by the cabinet during mini-budget discussions on June 19. The result was that a recommendation was then made to consult on subsidy withdrawal, given the pool's condition and finances, which was approved by Full Council on July 11.

9. Sponsorship Revenue

Question from Councillor Furnell to Councillor Thorpe

Can the Cabinet Member tell us what plans he has to increase sponsorship revenue?

Answer

On behalf of the Leader who has communications within his Portfolio, I have met with the Director of Environment and Economy, relevant senior managers and communications officers to explore how we can maximise the revenue we get from sponsorships and what the barriers may be to achieving this objective. They have been requested to draft a comprehensive plan for increasing sponsorship revenue by the middle of October and to reflect good practice from other councils in their recommendations. In the meanwhile, there is a focus on delivering advertising income targets and building on the sponsorship success we have recently gained for specific events e.g. IKEA support for fostering recruitment. We aim to do more of this and also do it more consistently.

10. City Deals

Question from Councillor Vinson to Councillor Dr R Williams

What if any contact has there been between the City Council and / or the Partnership for Urban South Hampshire and Government regarding City Deals?

Answer

Southampton City Council officers have been in discussion with Solent Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) and the Partnership for Urban South Hampshire (PUSH) regarding the opportunities and potential for City Deal status and funding should this initiative be rolled out in the Autumn. Council officers also attended a meeting with the Treasury and Solent LEP.

11. Fountain's Cafe

Question from Councillor Vinson to Councillor Payne

What plans does the Cabinet Member have for the former Fountain's cafe?

Answer

Given the availability of food and beverages in SeaCity Museum and the significant financial challenges the Council faces, we are exploring using the space occupied by the former Fountain's Café for Council office accommodation. This would contribute to the reduction in office space and costs we currently incur as a council.

12. Fixed Penalty Notices

Question from Councillor Vinson to Councillor Thorpe

How many fixed penalty notices have been issued for littering, graffiti and dog fouling respectively in the last year?

Answer

	August 2011 – August 2012
Litter	30
Graffiti	0
Dog Fouling	4

13. Looked After Children

Question from Councillor Turner to Councillor Bogle

In view of the huge gap in GCSE attainment between the majority of young people in the City and those who are 'looked after children', should more be done to scrutinise individual attainment records of our 'looked after children', and what action is being taken to improve their exam success and life chances?

Answer

A comprehensive report on the outcomes for the City's Children Looked After prepared earlier this Summer was reported to the Corporate Parenting Committee. Whilst this does highlight the significant gap in outcomes, it also highlights that we are getting

better at helping our children in care to achieve well. Whilst much more attention needs to be paid to this, the fact is that right now a greater percentage of Southampton's children in care achieve 5 GCSEs at A*-C than is the case nationally or for near neighbours such as Hampshire. Our strategy for improving this further is the continued strengthening of personal education planning, building on the increasingly effective ownership by schools of this issue and ensuring that children looked after have access to good and outstanding schools wherever possible; indeed, it is noteworthy that Ofsted commented positively on the relatively high percentage of the City's children looked after who were being educated in schools judged to be 'good' or better.

14. School Data

Question from Councillor Turner to Councillor Bogle

Could the Cabinet Member comment on recent research which finds that nationally, school data including information on children's addresses, routes to school, whether they are known to Social Services, and other sensitive information, are not being guarded vigilantly enough, and could she inform us about the position in Southampton schools?

Answer

The Council works in close support with schools over the safe and appropriate management of personal data. I have no reason to believe arrangements across schools in Southampton for the storage and transmission of personal data do not meet legal standards. Whilst schools are fundamentally their own data controllers, I can confirm that where the Council becomes aware of any data breaches that this is brought swiftly to the attention of the school's governing body. There is also advice available for schools in improving the robustness of their data security, and the Council has worked closely with them to make secure data transfer accessible for them through a range of means.

15. Strategic Planning

Question from Councillor Turner to Councillor Thorpe

Has any thought been given in the City's strategic planning to the area around the new Gateway tower at the approach to the City along A35 Swaythling High Road?

Answer

The planning application for the Gateway Tower considered the impact on the area and that the site was a key site for the entrance to the City. The proposal was expected to meet high design standards as a result and this was in addition to the usual requirements expected of any planning application. Beyond that, the strategic planning for the area is as set out in the Core Strategy and existing local plan policies but there is no specific action plan for the area itself. To do a proper strategic plan would require an Area Action Plan, which would require considerable time and finance and this is not considered to be necessary as the existing policies are sufficient. Area Action Plans are more suited to areas of on-going and wider change, such as the City Centre Action Plan.

16. Rent Payment

Question from Councillor Baillie to Councillor Payne

What is, in your view, an acceptable proportion of one's income used to pay one's rent?

Answer

It would depend on each individual family and whether you class housing benefit as 'income'. For example, in the case of our council housing tenants, around 60 per cent of them have their rent covered or partially covered by housing benefit. These families could certainly be squeezed by the Coalition Government's proposed benefit changes but the city council has an excellent record of working with tenants to minimise evictions and maximise rental income, which we would seek to maintain.

17. Homes Sold at Auction

Question from Councillor Baillie to Councillor Payne

What is the value of HRA homes sold at auction for June / July / August 2012?

Answer

The value of HRA properties sold in June, July and August 2012 (seven in total) was £680,000.

18. Fines and Penalties

Question from Councillor Vinson to Councillor Thorpe

How many fines or penalties have been imposed in Southampton in the past year for (a) cycling on pavements and (b) parking on double yellow lines?

Answer

- 5695 Penalty Charge Notices were issued to vehicles parked on double yellow lines in the last year by SCC.
- SCC staff cannot issue Notices for cycling on pavements as only the police can enforce this.

19. Hedge in Redbridge Hill

Question from Councillor Moulton to Councillor Thorpe

Can the Cabinet Member confirm when the hedge in Redbridge Hill will be cut back to improve visibility and safety?

Answer

The work is programmed to be undertaken from Thursday 13th September and is scheduled to be completed within 2 weeks of the start date subject to suitable weather conditions.

20. Police Commissioner Election

Question from Councillor Daunt to Councillor Rayment

Given that 2 months have passed since the last Full Council meeting, has the Cabinet Member now taken the time to decide whether, if elected as Police Commissioner on 15th of November, you will resign as a councillor and if so when will you resign?

Answer

At this time no decision has been made.

21. 1A Bus Service

Question from Councillor Smith to Councillor Thorpe

What progress has been made on reinstating the 1A bus service?

Answer

The Council has been in negotiation with First bus company. From the Autumn this year an hourly bus service will serve Jurds Lake Way.

22. Waste Review

Question from Councillor Smith to Councillor Thorpe

What progress has been made on the waste review?

Answer

A review of current practice has been undertaken and a range of options to achieve greater recycling rates and achieve financial savings have been developed.

A bid has been submitted to the DCLG's Weekly Collection Support Scheme (WCSS) for £8.28m, which would enable the city to:

- Retain weekly collections
- Introduce a kerb side glass collection
- Provide an enhanced subsidised home composting and food digester scheme

These options would enable the city to increase its recycling rate by nearly 7% and achieve financial savings.

We would expect to hear mid October if we are successful with this bid.

Further options have been developed should we not be successful with the WCSS bid which will also increase our recycling rate and achieve savings.

23. Town Depot Site

Question from Councillor Smith to Councillor Dr R. Williams

What plans does the Executive have for the former Town Depot site?

Answer

With the demise in developer interest for a Sports Village which focussed on an indoor ski slope, consideration is being given to making use of this important waterfront site for the Marine Sector in partnership with the University of Southampton. This is at a very early stage with regard to feasibility.

As before, existing water sports uses will be retained.

In accordance with Council Procedural Rule 12.9, Questions 24-31 were unable to be submitted due to the timeframe allotted for this item, but are included within the minutes as written answers had been supplied.

24. Redeployment Model

Question from Councillor Smith to Councillor Letts

In what way does the new Executive planned redeployment model differ from the Sunderland model?

Answer

The Council has recently initiated a project to review and implement enhanced redeployment and recruitment policies and processes. The project is being managed through the Southampton Transition Employment Project (STEP) and is very much still work in progress. No formal decisions have been made yet on what it specifically includes and therefore the differences between the two schemes are yet to be clarified.

The purpose of the review is to implement improved measures for staff who are displaced in the organisation by ensuring that they are given priority when vacancies arise and by providing an enhanced level of training, assistance and other options.

The project is structured as a 2 stage review. The short term stage between October and March 2013 will review current policies and processes, the findings and recommendations from this stage will then be presented to Council and then implemented as a long term strategy.

Sunderland City Council has had success with its 'Switch' programme in redeploying people into other Sunderland Council jobs. Southampton has drawn on their experiences, looked at the Sunderland policies and processes and is continuing to

learn from their experience. However, every Authority has issues peculiar to it and therefore as part of the short term review we will be looking at what solutions will work well for us. Some of these may replicate the Sunderland model whilst others will be designed specifically to fit our local circumstances.

The review is looking at 4 main areas in terms of supporting staff through the redeployment process:-

- Increasing the time staff spend on the redeployment register
- Improving training options for redeployees and supporting them better through the process
- Improving the way individual's skills are assessed
- Matching skills to a wider range of full time and temporary jobs and reskilling staff so they can be retained in the organisation where possible

A report will be presented Cabinet on 18th September which will outline the strategy, with a further report being presented to Council at the conclusion of the review, which will detail the proposed changes.

25. Efficiencies

Question from Councillor Claisse to Councillor Noon

Could the Cabinet Member update us on the progress that he is making in identifying and implementing efficiencies across the Council? Could he also explain why Councillor Rayment will be Chairing the meetings of the Efficiency Board rather than himself?

Answer

The Efficiency and Transformation Board was set up in September 2010 and replaced with governance arrangements for the Change Programme.

The Change Programme is wider than the "business as usual" efficiency programme and will help us take a strategic, planned and coordinated approach to reduce costs significantly and become a fit for purpose organisation by focusing on key work strands, comprising a number of programmes and projects. Councillor Rayment is very experienced in change management as she has been the Hampshire Police Authority lead for this. I therefore requested Councillor Rayment to be the chair. We work closely on this programme as we are both members of the Change Programme Steering Group.

26. HMO Licensing

Question from Councillor L. Harris to Councillor Payne

Can the Cabinet Member inform us as to what progress has been made in your plan to licence all HMO's and the estimated number that there are in existence?

Answer

The Cabinet approved a proposal for a Southampton Licensing Scheme for all Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMO's) on 21 August 2012.

The scheme is subject to a twelve week public consultation running from 3 September 2012 to 26 November 2012.

The Cabinet will consider the outcome of the consultation at its meeting on 29 January 2013 and, if appropriate, designate the entire City as being subject to additional licensing to come into effect from 1 April 2013 and be phased in over five years.

The City has a large number of HMO's, estimated at 7,000 properties.

27. HMO Register

Question from Councillor L. Harris to Councillor Payne

Can the Cabinet Member inform us as to when we might have available an up to date register of HMO's which should already be licensed (5 or more occupants and three or more storeys) and when we will have one for all the other HMO's?

Answer

The Housing Act 2004 requires that a public register of licensed HMO's is kept.

This is available on request from the Environmental Health Housing team. A paper copy can be viewed by appointment at One Guildhall Square or a copy of the register can be sent as an email attachment.

Under the additional licensing scheme, assuming this is approved by Cabinet to come into effect in April 2013, as soon as an HMO is licensed it will be added to the public register. It will take 5 years for all HMO's in the city to be added to the register.

28. Parking Policy

Question from Councillor Fitzhenry to Councillor Thorpe

Please can the Cabinet Member update us on the parking policy review he has initiated?

Answer

We are currently undertaking a parking policy review and will be asking the public and stakeholders for their views on a number of parking issues within the city before making any changes. Key areas we will be consulting on include:

1. Initiatives being worked up in support of the parking charges element of the review including:
 - Changes to overall parking charges;
 - Shared use of on-street parking for residents;
 - Workplace Parking Levy; and

- Income from proposed car park as part of the Station Quarter improvements
2. The policy will also review whether the use of dynamic charging for parking as a control measure for traffic flow levels is still appropriate during these times of financial instability.
 3. We will be consulting on a number of proposals that do not require a formal change in policy. These will be targeted towards supporting local areas and businesses and will involve tactical changes to charging regimes designed to support local retailers and businesses who may be impacted on as a result of the recession.

29. Roads Budget

Question from Councillor Fitzhenry to Councillor Thorpe

Can the Cabinet Member confirm the amount you will be increasing the roads budget by?

Answer

No decision has yet been made. This will form part of the budget proposals which will be brought forward to Cabinet and Council in due course.

30. Public Transport

Question from Councillor Fitzhenry to Councillor Thorpe

Can the Cabinet Member please outline his priorities for supporting public transport?

Answer

The priorities for public transport are to deliver the improvements for which we have recently successfully bid via the Better Bus Fund and the Local Sustainable Transport Fund. Over the next three years we are expecting to deliver the following:

1. We have funding to deliver a public transport smart card over the whole LEP area which will make ticketing simpler, speed up boarding time, make buses more reliable, allow interoperability between all bus operators, ferry operators and eventually we hope to include rail
2. We will be smartening up all our bus shelters and ensure that all shelter offer improved timetable information and to a consistent brand
3. We will be developing even stronger partnerships with the operator to deliver more and better services, a recent example of the fruits of this good partnership are evidenced by the launch of the post 16 travel discount scheme for our city's students
4. We will be delivering a new and refreshed system of Real Time Bus information that can be operated at less cost than the existing system and be expanded to all operators not just First Buses

With bus operators we will be fitting out the whole bus fleet with free WiFi and next bus stop announcements. We are also fitting out the buses with new lighting systems that are significantly more energy efficient. This will reduce CO2 emissions from buses and

help the operators keep their costs down which we expect to be reflected in ticket prices for customers.

31 Residents in Private Care

Question from Councillor Daunt to Councillor Stevens

Earlier this year, Wessex Regional Care made a payment to Southampton for support not given to Southampton residents in their care. In the light of this, the Council's decision to continue using this provider and other high profile cases such as Southern Cross and Care UK, can the Cabinet Member advise what steps he will take to ensure that residents in private care will receive the very best possible care and that any failings are both identified early and dealt with properly?

Answer

We have adopted a new approach to quality assurance, which has been backed with new resources, including more staff to monitor services.

We have developed a new quality assurance programme for all residential care settings. These standards focus on evidence and the verification of practice across management and care staff. Services are visited and residents/users interviewed (including family members, where necessary). All residential homes are being reviewed, and are prioritised according to potential risks, with follow-up reviews to assess the sustainability of improvements required. We have commenced discussions with homes on changing our current Terms of Inclusion to better reflect quality requirements in the future.

Our new domiciliary care contracts will include clearer requirements and stronger contractual terms. The contracts are due to be tendered shortly.

We are developing a programme for front-line staff who are the micro-commissioners – those who on a daily basis find the community services to meet the needs of users, using the contracted agencies. These staff visit users to review care plans, and we have a process for them to identify and feedback issues and potential risks within services to the quality assurance and contract team for contract management and quality assurance visits.

Our market intelligence programme works with partners (e.g. health), neighbouring authorities, South East authorities and on a national basis with ADASS (Association of Directors of Adult Social Services) to identify the broader risks to care provision – for example, this network helped us to manage the Southern Cross issues locally.

55. MOTIONS

(a) Football Clubs

Councillor Pope moved and Councillor Furnell seconded:-

“This Council believes that football clubs are vital community assets, and are more than just ordinary businesses. Communities, and fans, have strong interests in clubs.

This Council urges the football authorities, all elected representatives, Government, members of the House of Lords, all political parties and community activists to campaign to promote fan and community ownership and control of football clubs at all levels.

This Council also encourages the reform of football governance rules to encourage fan and community ownership and control to achieve financially-sustainable clubs, rather than the failed so-called “benefactor model” that has led to administration or liquidation of clubs.

Supporters Direct has helped supporters to secure influence and ownership of sports clubs, but due to funding cuts in 2011, it is suffering potential funding shortfalls. This Council urges the Government, football authorities and funding bodies to urgently find sustainable models of funding for Supporters Direct.

This Council welcomes financial fair play initiatives by UEFA, the Football League and Football Conference that help sustain football clubs in the interests of the community by controlling debt and risk. This Council urges the Premier League to do the same.

This Council believes player pay is at unsustainable levels, meaning investment in clubs and communities suffers. This Council therefore urges the football authorities, at all levels of the game, to place a limit on total spending on player transfers and wages. This limit would be a sustainable percentage (e.g. 60%) of the total revenue of each club in a financial year.”

Amendment moved by Councillor Vinson and seconded by Councillor Turner:

In second paragraph, last line, delete ‘...ownership and control of...’; and replace with ‘...influence on.....’

In third paragraph, second line delete: ‘...ownership and control....; and replace with ‘...influence...’

In 4th paragraph, first line, delete ‘Supporters Direct has helped supporters to secure influence and ownership of sports clubs, but due to funding cuts in 2011, it is suffering potential funding shortfalls.’

In last paragraph:

- In the first line, delete ‘This Council believes player pay is at unsustainable levels, meaning investment in clubs and communities suffers.’
- In the second line, after ‘This Council...’, delete ‘therefore’
- In the 3rd line, after ‘at all levels of the game,’ delete ‘place a limit on total spending on player transfers and wages. This limit would be a sustainable percentage (e.g. 60%) of the total revenue of each club in a financial year.’ and insert ‘investigate means of ensuring that spending on player transfers and wages is sustainable.’

Amended Motion to read:

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This Council urges the football authorities, at all levels of the game, to investigate means of ensuring that spending on player transfers and wages is sustainable.

UPON BEING PUT TO THE VOTE THE AMENDMENT WAS DECLARED LOST

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RESOLVED that the motion as submitted be approved.

(b) Bus Transport

Councillor Jeffery moved and Councillor Furnell seconded:-

“Improving and developing bus transport in the City of Southampton is essential to reduce carbon emissions, give greater access to the City to non-car owners, and tackle inequality by curtailing social alienation. Therefore:

- Council welcomes the securing of the Better Bus Area Fund bid by the transport team, and endorses all attempts to make bus travel in Southampton as attractive as possible to customers.
- Council calls on the administration to work for a better dialogue between the Authority and bus operators, for bus operators to do more to consult with their customers, and for the movement towards more integrated bus networks.”

UPON BEING PUT TO THE VOTE THE MOTION WAS DECLARED CARRIED

RESOLVED that the motion as submitted be approved

(c) Redevelopment of Lordshill District Centre

Councillor Moulton moved and Councillor Smith seconded:-

“This Council calls on the Executive to fully consult with local ward councillors and residents of Lordshill and the surrounding area about the future redevelopment of Lordshill District Centre. Council recognises the considerable public demand for a swimming pool in Lordshill and calls on the Executive to make a new pool a requirement of any redevelopment of the area, as per the policy under the previous Administration. Council also calls upon the Executive to give full and proper consideration to how the existing Oaklands School and Pool site might be used to benefit the community in the short to medium term. Options that the Executive should consider should include, but should not be limited to, a community centre, sports facilities, educational use and small start up business premises.”

Amendment moved by Councillor Letts and seconded by Councillor Dr. Williams:-

Insert new first paragraph:

“Council calls on the Executive to establish the amount of additional capital resource that will flow from a completed Lordshill master plan.”

On the third line delete everything after Lordshill District Centre. “Council recognises the considerable public demand for a swimming pool in Lordshill and calls on the Executive to make a new pool a requirement of any redevelopment of the area, as per the policy under the previous Administration. Council also calls upon the Executive to give full and proper consideration to how the existing Oaklands School and Pool site might be used to benefit the community in the short to medium term. Options that the Executive should consider should include, but should not be limited to, a community centre, sports facilities, educational use and small start up business premises.”

And replace with “Council calls on the Executive to ensure that the additional capital resource raised by the completion of the masterplan is spent on the priorities identified by local residents in the consultation.”

Amended motion to read:

Council calls on the Executive to establish the amount of additional capital resource that will flow from a completed Lordshill master plan.

This Council calls on the Executive to fully consult ward councillors and residents of Lordshill and surrounding area about the future redevelopment of Lordshill District Centre.

Council calls on the executive to ensure that the additional capital resource raised by the completion of the masterplan is spent on the priorities identified by local residents in the consultation.

UPON BEING PUT TO THE VOTE THE AMENDMENT WAS DECLARED CARRIED

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CARRIED

RESOLVED that the motion as amended be approved

(d) City Council's Art Collection

Councillor Hannides moved and Councillor Moulton seconded: -

"Council calls on the Executive to consider the sale of high value items from the City Council's Art Collection. In so doing it should be guided by the following principles:

- De-accessioning is compliant with the requirements of relevant Trusts and Bequests.
- The items do not form part of the Gallery's core collection as presently defined.
- The Gallery's national collection status is retained.

The Council believes that proceeds should be used to fund capital pressures that support the development of art and culture in the city, such as the new arts complex. The Council further notes that this would also release council resources which could be used to protect and invest in front line council services."

UPON BEING PUT TO THE VOTE THE MOTION WAS DECLARED LOST

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

(e) Recycling

Councillor Vinson moved and Councillor Turner seconded:-

"This Council agrees to sign up to the Resource Association's End Destinations of Recycling Charter and to publish an annual register of the destination of all recyclables."

UPON BEING PUT TO THE VOTE THE MOTION WAS DECLARED LOST

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

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

1. Cumulative Impact Licensing Policy

Question from Councillor Moulton to Councillor Cunio

Will the Chairman ask City Council licensing officers to work with Hampshire Constabulary to assess the impact of the proliferation of more and more off licences and other licensed premises along Shirley Road and High Street and the immediate surrounding area and consider the benefits of introducing a Cumulative Impact

Licensing policy to restrict such premises, following the introduction of this same policy in Bedford Place, the City Centre and Bevois Valley some years ago?

Answer

Whilst the Licensing team is unaware of any specific complaints regarding this issue I will ensure this matter is taken up with the police to see whether there is sufficient evidence to justify the inclusion on any further specific areas within the current Cumulative Impact Policy.

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

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

1. That Councillor McEwing had replaced Councillor Morrell on Scrutiny Panel A; and
2. That Councillor Morrell had replaced Councillor McEwing on the Health Overview Scrutiny Panel

58. LOCAL ADVISORY REFERENDUM

The report of the Leader of the Council seeking approval for a local advisory referendum to be undertaken in Freemantle and Millbrook wards in relation to the proposals by Helius Energy for a 100 megawatt biomass power plant on the Western Docks was withdrawn (copy of report circulated with the agenda and appended to signed minutes).

59. TRIENNIAL REVIEW OF GAMBLING ACT 2005 POLICY

The report of the Head of Legal, HR and Democratic Services was submitted seeking the adoption of a revised draft Gambling Act Policy for consultation purposes (copy of report circulated with the agenda and appended to signed minutes).

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the draft revised Gambling Act policy for consultation purposes be endorsed; and
- (ii) That a further report be submitted to Council for consideration in November 2012 following consultation.

60. ADOPTION OF THE SAFE CITY PARTNERSHIP PLAN 2012 - 13

The report of the Cabinet Member for Communities was submitted seeking approval for the Safe City Partnership 2012-13 Plan and the Council's contribution (copy of report circulated with agenda and appended to signed minutes).

RESOLVED that the Safe City Partnership Plan 2012-13 be approved.

61. TOWNHILL PARK REGENERATION FRAMEWORK: FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF THE FINANCIAL MODEL AND APPROVAL OF THE CAPITAL EXPENDITURE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PHASE 1.

The report of the Cabinet Member for Housing and Leisure Services was submitted seeking approval of the Townhill Park Regeneration Framework Financial Model, Delivery Framework; and funding for the implementation of Phase 1 (copy of report circulated with agenda and appended to signed minutes).

Amendment moved by Councillor Baillie and seconded by Councillor Moulton:

Page 1, Paragraph 1, 3rd line.

After “tackling economic deprivation” insert “poor health, poor education,”.

Page 4, Add new recommendations (iv) and (v):

- (iv) To note that the HRA will be required to incur further expenditure provision for which has been included in the 30 year HRA Business Plan projections for these proposals, but with the timing dependent on the final details of the development agreement and subject to future Cabinet/Council approvals.
- (v) To agree this new social housing provision will be provided for letting at 50% affordable rent and 50% at social rent, subject to approval from the Department for Communities and Local Government/Homes and Communities Agency.

AMENDMENT TO READ:

Brief Summary, paragraph 1:

Southampton City Council has embarked on a major estate regeneration programme which plays an essential part in the wider commitment of delivering growth and tackling economic deprivation, poor health, poor education and social disadvantage on Southampton’s Council estates.

Amended recommendations to read:

- (i) To agree that the HRA capital programme will fund the site preparation costs set out in this report, currently estimated at £11.8M, and to approve a virement of £10.5M from the uncommitted provision for Estate Regeneration, which exists in the HRA capital programme and business plan, and £1.3M from the uncommitted funding for affordable housing in the Housing GF capital programme to establish a specific budget of £11.8M for Townhill Park, the phasing for which is set out in Appendix 1.
- (ii) To approve the use of £23.9M of the 30 year HRA revenue surplus to meet the long term revenue costs of the regeneration of Townhill Park, which includes the requirement to repay the debt on the dwellings that have been disposed of from the general HRA revenue balance as there is no net capital receipt to fund this repayment.
- (iii) To agree that the General Fund capital programme will fund the highways infrastructure, open space improvements and replacement community facilities where appropriate, at an estimated cost of £2.8M with the method of funding this being agreed once the use of the Community Infrastructure Levy and the value of the GF capital receipts are known.

- (iv) To note that the HRA will be required to incur further expenditure provision for which has been included in the 30 year HRA Business Plan projections for these proposals, but with the timing dependent on the final details of the development agreement and subject to future Cabinet/Council approvals.
- (v) To agree this new social housing provision will be provided for letting at 50% affordable rent and 50% at social rent, subject to approval from the Department for Communities and Local Government/Homes and Communities Agency.

RESOLVED that the report be deferred to a future meeting pending clarification of a number of issues.

62. HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2012/13 - 2014/15

The report of the Cabinet Member for Housing and Leisure Services was submitted seeking approval for the revised Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Capital Programme (copy of report circulated with agenda and appended to signed minutes).

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the revised Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Capital Programme set out in Appendix 1 to the report be approved; and
- (ii) that the use of resources to fund the HRA Capital Programme as shown in Appendix 3.to the report be approved.

63. HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT (HRA) - VARIOUS SCHEME APPROVAL, CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2012/13 PHASE 2

The report of the Cabinet Member for Housing and Leisure Services was submitted, seeking the commencement of energy saving measures and refurbishment works across the City (copy of report circulated with agenda and appended to signed minutes).

RESOLVED that in accordance with Finance Procedure Rules, the addition of £1,250,000 to the HRA Capital Programme for the installation of photo voltaic systems, funded by unused Direct Revenue Financing (DRF) be approved.

64. CHANGES TO EXISTING REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGETS

The report of the Cabinet Member for Resources was submitted seeking approval of changes to existing revenue and capital budgets as first presented on 11 July 2012, following consultation (copy of report circulated with agenda and appended to signed minutes).

Amendment moved by Councillor Vinson and seconded by Councillor Turner:

- Amend recommendation (iii) to replace Appendix 2 which sets out proposals for efficiencies, income and service reductions for approval with Annex 1 to this Amendment.
- Add recommendations (viii) to (xi) as set out below.

AMENDED RECOMMENDATIONS TO READ:

- (i) Notes the Consultation process that was followed as outlined in Appendix 1 of the Changes to Existing Revenue and Capital Budgets report on the Council Agenda,
- (ii) Notes the Equality Impact Assessment process that was followed as outlined in paragraphs 6 to 8 of the Changes to Existing Revenue and Capital Budgets report on the Council Agenda,
- (iii) Approves the efficiencies, income and service reductions as set out in Annex 1 to this Amendment,
- (iv) Notes the high level forecast for the General Fund for 2013/14 to 2015/16 as detailed in paragraphs 24 to 28 of the Changes to Existing Revenue and Capital Budgets report on the Council Agenda,
- (v) Delegates authority to the Chief Financial Officer to action all budget changes arising from the approved efficiencies, income and service reductions and incorporate any other approved amendments into the General Fund estimates,
- (vi) Notes that after taking these items into account, there is an estimated General Fund balance of £5.3M at the end of 2015/16 as detailed in paragraph 30 of the Changes to Existing Revenue and Capital Budgets report on the Council Agenda,
- (vii) 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 the Changes to Existing Revenue and Capital Budgets report on the Council Agenda as amended by this Amendment,
- (viii) Approves the spending initiatives set out in Annex 2 to this Amendment,
- (ix) Approves the changes to the Capital Programme as set out in Annex 3 to this Amendment,
- (x) Notes the overall impact of the proposals as set out in Annex 4 to this Amendment on the budget in 2012/13,
- (xi) Notes that the overall impact of the proposals, as set out in Annex 1, 2 and 3 to this Amendment on the Medium Term Financial forecast is to increase the budget gap in 2014/15 and 2015/16, as shown in Annex 5 to this Amendment.

(Copy of the amended Liberal Democrat recommendations as circulated at the meeting attached as appendix A to these minutes)

Amendment moved by Councilor Moulton and seconded by Councillor Hannides:

- Amend recommendation (iii) to remove the savings proposal HLS 5 (Closure of Oaklands Pool) as outlined in Section B of Annex 1 to this Amendment.
- Amend recommendation (vi) to reflect the additional draw from balances of £125,000 in 2012/13 to fund the spending initiatives outlined in Section A of Annex 1 to this Amendment.
- Add recommendations (viii) and (ix) as set out below.

AMENDED RECOMMENDATIONS TO READ:

- (i) Notes the Consultation process that was followed as outlined in Appendix 1 of the Changes to Existing Revenue and Capital Budgets report on the Council Agenda;
- (ii) Notes the Equality Impact Assessment process that was followed as outlined in paragraphs 6 to 8 of the Changes to Existing Revenue and Capital Budgets report on the Council Agenda;
- (iii) Approves the efficiencies, income and service reductions as set out in Appendix 2 to the Changes to Existing Revenue and Capital Budgets report on the Council Agenda, as amended by the changes set out in Section B of Annex 1 to this Amendment;
- (iv) Notes the high level forecast for the General Fund for 2013/14 to 2015/16 as detailed in paragraphs 24 to 28 of the Changes to Existing Revenue and Capital Budgets report on the Council Agenda;
- (v) Delegates authority to the Chief Financial Officer to action all budget changes arising from the approved efficiencies, income and service reductions and incorporate any other approved amendments into the General Fund estimates;
- (vi) Notes that after taking these items into account, there is an estimated General Fund balance of £5.1M at the end of 2015/16 as detailed in paragraph 30 of the Changes to Existing Revenue and Capital Budgets report on the Council Agenda and amended by this Amendment;
- (vii) 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 the Changes to Existing Revenue and Capital Budgets report on the Council Agenda as amended by this Amendment;
- (viii) Approves the spending initiatives set out in Section A of Annex 1 to this Amendment to be funded from balances;
- (ix) Note that the overall impact of the proposals, as set out in this Amendment on the Medium Term Financial forecast is to increase the budget gap in 2013/14 and future years by £235,000.

(Copy of the amended Conservative recommendations as circulated at the meeting attached as Appendix B to these minutes)

UPON BEING PUT TO THE VOTE THE LIBERAL DEMOCRAT AMENDMENT WAS DECLARED LOST

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

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

RESOLVED :

- (i) That the Consultation process that was followed as outlined in Appendix 1 to the report be noted;
- (ii) that the Equality Impact Assessment process that was followed as outlined in paragraphs 6 to 8 to the report be noted;
- (iii) that the efficiencies, income and service reductions as set out in Appendix 2 to the report be approved;
- (iv) that the high level forecast for the General Fund for 2013/14 to 2015/16 as detailed in paragraphs 24 to 28 of the report be noted;
- (v) that delegated authority be granted to the Chief Financial Officer to action all budget changes arising from the approved efficiencies, income and service reductions and incorporate any other approved amendments into the General Fund estimates;
- (vi) that after taking these items into account, it be noted that there is an estimated General Fund balance of £5.3M at the end of 2015/16 as detailed in paragraph 30 of the report; and
- (vii) that delegated authority be granted to the Chief Financial Officer, in consultation with the Executive Director of Corporate Services, to do anything necessary to give effect to the recommendations in the report.

NOTE:

FOR: CONSERVATIVE AMENDMENT: Councillors Smith, Baillie, Claisse, Daunt, Fitzhenry, Hannides, B.Harris, L.Harris, Ingis, Kolker, Mead, Moulton, Norris and Parnell

AGAINST: Councillors Dr. R. Williams, Barnes-Andrews, Blatchford, Bogle, Burke, Chaloner, Cunio, Furnell, Jeffery, Kaur, Keogh, Laming, Letts, Lewzey, Lloyd, McEwing, Mintoff, Noon, Dr Paffey, Payne, Pope, Rayment, Shields, Stevens, Thorpe, Tucker, Turner, Vinson and Whitbread

ABSTAINED: Councillors Morrell, Spicer and Thomas

FOR: LIBERAL DEMOCRAT AMENDMENT: Councillors Turner and Vinson

AGAINST Councillors Dr. R. Williams, Barnes-Andrews, Blatchford, Bogle, Burke, Chaloner, Cunio, Furnell, Jeffery, Kaur, Keogh, Laming, Letts, Lewzey, Lloyd, McEwing, Mintoff, Noon, Dr Paffey, Payne, Pope, Rayment, Shields, Stevens, Thorpe, Tucker, and Whitbread

ABSTAINED: Councillors Smith, Baillie, Claisse, Daunt, Fitzhenry, Hannides, B.Harris, L.Harris, Ingis, Kolker, Mead, Moulton, Norris and Parnell, White, Morrell, Spicer and Thomas

FOR SUBSTANTIVE MOTION: Councillors Dr. R. Williams, Barnes-Andrews, Blatchford, Bogle, Burke, Chaloner, Cunio, Furnell, Jeffery, Kaur, Keogh, Laming, Letts, Lewzey, Lloyd, McEwing, Mintoff, Noon, Dr Paffey, Payne, Pope, Rayment, Shields, Stevens, Thorpe, Tucker, and Whitbread

AGAINST: Councillors Smith, Baillie, Claisse, Daunt, Fitzhenry, Hannides, B.Harris, L.Harris, Ingis, Kolker, Mead, Moulton, Norris, Parnell, Turner, Vinson and White

ABSTAINED: Councillors Morrell, Spicer and Thomas

65. THE GENERAL FUND CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2011/12 TO 2014/15

The report of the Cabinet Member for Resources was submitted seeking approval for Changes to the Capital Programme (copy of report circulated with agenda and appended to signed minutes).

RESOLVED :

- (i) That the revised General Fund Capital Programme, which totals £197.1M as detailed in paragraph 4 of the report and the associated use of resources be approved;
- (ii) that the changes to the programme as summarised in Appendix 2 and described in detail in Appendix 3 of the report be noted;
- (iii) that the slippage and re-phasing as described in detail in Appendix 3 to the report be noted;
- (iv) that the transfer of £200,000 from the Environment & Transport Capital Programme to the Children's Services Capital Programme to fund transport measures associated with the delivery of the new Academy school in Nursling in order to facilitate better project management of the overall work be noted;
- (v) that it be noted that the additional temporary borrowing taken out in 2010/11 and 2011/12 due to cashflow issues, totalling £11.9M, is forecast to be repaid by the end of 2013/14 as anticipated capital receipts are finally received;
- (vi) that it be noted that the revised General Fund Capital Programme takes into account the Comprehensive Spending Review (CSR) and its impact for 2011/12 and future years;
- (vii) that in addition to the forecast capital receipts that are assumed as a key element of funding the capital programme presented for approval, it be noted there will be additional receipts which will flow from the enhanced sale of assets programme as this comes to fruition. However at this early stage it is not possible to estimate the amount or timing of these additional receipts with any certainty; and
- (viii) that the financial and project issues which are set out in paragraphs 26 to 30 of the report and detailed in Appendix 3 to the report for each Portfolio be noted.

66. CHIPPERFIELD TRUST GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS

The report of the Head of Legal, HR and Democratic Services was submitted seeking approval for changes to the governance of the Chipperfield Trust (copy of report circulated with the agenda and appended to signed minutes).

Amendment moved by Councillor Vinson and seconded by Councillor Payne:

In recommendation (i)

- (i) Delete all after 'consisting of' and add: '7 independent members with expertise in the visual arts relevant to the Chipperfield Bequest in particular, together with the National Advisor and a representative of the Museums Association ex officio and appropriate officers in attendance, with a quorum of 5, and subject to the terms of reference set out in Appendix 2 together with any other matters that the Committee may deem relevant to the objectives of the

Chipperfield Bequest and the wellbeing of the collection and Gallery, and the Conflict of Interest Policy set out at Appendix 3 of this report.'

In recommendation (ii)

(ii) After 'recruit' delete "5", insert '7';

In recommendation (iii)

(iii) After 'Senior Manager of Leisure' insert 'in consultation with the Arts and Heritage Manager and Gallery Curator,'.

Amended recommendations to read:

- (i) That Council establish a Chipperfield Trust Advisory Committee pursuant to s102(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, consisting of 7 independent members with expertise in the visual arts relevant to the Chipperfield Bequest in particular, together with the National Advisor and a representative of the Museums Association ex officio and appropriate officers in attendance, with a quorum of 5, and subject to the terms of reference set out in Appendix 2 together with any other matters that the Committee may deem relevant to the objectives of the Chipperfield Bequest and the wellbeing of the collection and Gallery, and the Conflict of Interest Policy set out at Appendix 3 of this report;
- (ii) That Council delegate authority to the Director of Corporate services to undertake a recruitment process to recruit 7 independent members of the Chipperfield Trust Advisory Committee as set out in this report, with appointment following consultation with the Mayor and Group Leaders; and
- (iii) That Council delegate authority to the Senior Manager of Leisure, in consultation with the Arts and Heritage Manager and the Gallery Curator, to undertake day to day business of the Trust, including applying for and receiving any external grant funding on behalf of the Trust, and dealing with general management and administrative matters insofar as such matters fall outside their remit of the Advisory Committee.

Subsequent further amendment moved by Councillor Payne and seconded by Councillor Lloyd:

In recommendation (i) in line 3 after "independent Members" insert "with a quorum of 5."

In line 6 delete "ex-officio"

In line 7 after "attendance" insert "including, as necessary, the Senior Manager (Leisure and Culture) and the gallery curator, and delete "with a quorum of 5".

In line 12 after "Gallery" insert "including compliance at all times with the Chipperfield Scheme and the protocols of the Museums Association, particularly in the event of consideration of the sale or disposal of works of art for which the direct advice of the Museums Association must be sought, as well as"

Add new recommendation (ii) as set out below

In recommendation (iii) insert at end “and that such process involves a written application and interview, preceded where thought advisable by an initial invitation to apply”

Add additional recommendations (iv) – (ix) as set out below

Amended recommendations to read:

- (i) That Council establish a Chipperfield Trust Advisory Committee pursuant to s102(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, consisting of 7 independent members with a quorum of 5, with expertise in the visual arts relevant to the Chipperfield Bequest in particular, together with the National Advisor and a representative of the Museums Association and appropriate officers in attendance including, as necessary, the Senior Manager (Leisure and Culture) and the gallery Curator, and subject to the terms of reference set out in Appendix 2 together with any other matters that the Committee may deem relevant to the objectives of the Chipperfield Bequest and the wellbeing of the collection and Gallery including compliance at all times with the Chipperfield Scheme and the protocols of the Museums Association, particularly in the event of consideration of the sale or disposal of works of art for which the direct advice of the Museums Association must be sought, as well as the Conflict of Interest Policy set out at Appendix 3 of this report;
- (ii) That the independent members referred to at paragraph (i) above be drawn from arts, educational and community groups and identified through appropriate publicity on the Council’s website and on the advice of the Curator and other knowledgeable local opinion familiar with the Gallery. Only these seven independent members will have voting rights;
- (iii) That Council delegate authority to the Director of Corporate services to undertake a recruitment process to recruit 7 independent members of the Chipperfield Trust Advisory Committee as set out in this report, with appointment following consultation with the Mayor and Group Leaders and that such process involves a written application and interview, preceded where thought advisable by an initial invitation to apply;
- (iv) That meetings of the Advisory Committee will be advised through public protocols and written, verbal or personal means by the Museums Association in addition to the National Advisor, the Council’s Arts and Heritage Manager and Gallery Curator as necessary, and that the Committee may avail itself of administrative assistance and minute taking provided by the Council’s officers and be free to seek advice from any appropriate individuals at its discretion;
- (v) That in light of the formal process undertaken to recruit independent members to the Committee, any appointment will be for that person or their nominated representative;

- (vi) That Council delegate authority to the Senior Manager of Leisure, in consultation with the Arts and Heritage Manager and the Gallery Curator, to undertake day to day business of the Trust, including applying for and receiving any external grant funding on behalf of the Trust, and dealing with general management and administrative matters insofar as such matters fall outside the remit of the Advisory Committee;
- (vii) That the Advisory Committee's Terms of Reference as set out at Appendix 2 to this report are to no longer include the determination as to whether any potential acquisition should be acquired by the Trust or the Council, but are to include familiarisation with the accounts of the Trust and the seeking of expert advice as necessary in order for the Committee to recommend the best investment strategies for the Trust's funds;
- (viii) That the Advisory Committee may consider additions to its Terms of Reference as it considers appropriate and/or in response to suggestions made by the Council as Trustee; and that any resulting recommendations cannot be implemented without approval by Council as Trustees;
- (ix) Should Council (acting as Trustee) decide not to follow a recommendation of the Advisory Committee, the decision taken would need to be reasonable and justified in all the circumstances, including compliance with the Chipperfield Rules and the protocols of the Museums Association. Should the basis for the decision not be substantiated in this way, the decision would be susceptible to Judicial review and/or referral to the Charity Commission.

UPON BEING PUT TO THE VOTE THE AMENDMENT IN THE NAME OF COUNCILLOR VINSON WAS DECLARED CARRIED

UPON BEING PUT TO THE VOTE THE AMENDMENT IN THE NAME OF COUNCILOR PAYNE WAS DECLARED CARRIED

RESOLVED that the recommendations as amended by Councillors Vinson and Payne be approved.

Liberal Democrat Amendment
Changes to Existing Revenue and Capital Budgets

Amendment to Item 15 - Changes to Existing Revenue and Capital Budgets

Proposed by Councillor Vinson:

Amend recommendation (iii) to replace Appendix 2 which sets out proposals for efficiencies, income and service reductions for approval with Annex 1 to this Amendment.

Add recommendations (viii) to (xi) as set out below.

AMENDED RECOMMENDATIONS TO READ:

- (i) Notes the Consultation process that was followed as outlined in Appendix 1 of the Changes to Existing Revenue and Capital Budgets report on the Council Agenda.
- (ii) Notes the Equality Impact Assessment process that was followed as outlined in paragraphs 6 to 8 of the Changes to Existing Revenue and Capital Budgets report on the Council Agenda.
- (iii) Approves the efficiencies, income and service reductions as set out in Annex 1 to this Amendment.
- (iv) Notes the high level forecast for the General Fund for 2013/14 to 2015/16 as detailed in paragraphs 24 to 28 of the Changes to Existing Revenue and Capital Budgets report on the Council Agenda.
- (v) Delegates authority to the Chief Financial Officer to action all budget changes arising from the approved efficiencies, income and service reductions and incorporate any other approved amendments into the General Fund estimates.
- (vi) Notes that after taking these items into account, there is an estimated General Fund balance of £5.3M at the end of 2015/16 as detailed in paragraph 30 of the Changes to Existing Revenue and Capital Budgets report on the Council Agenda.
- (vii) 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 the Changes to Existing Revenue and Capital Budgets report on the Council Agenda as amended by this Amendment.
- (viii) Approves the spending initiatives set out in Annex 2 to this Amendment.
- (ix) Approves the changes to the Capital Programme as set out in Annex 3 to this Amendment.
- (x) Notes the overall impact of the proposals as set out in Annex 4 to this Amendment on the budget in 2012/13.
- (xi) Notes that the overall impact of the proposals, as set out in Annex 1, 2 and 3 to this Amendment on the Medium Term Financial forecast is to increase the budget gap in 2014/15 and 2015/16, as shown in Annex 5 to this Amendment.

SUMMARY OF EFFICIENCIES AND SERVICE REDUCTIONS

New Portfolio Ref	Service Activity	Description of Item	Impact / Issues	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	At Risk	Vacant	Senior Manager
				£000's	£000's	£000's	FTE	FTE	
<u>Adult Services - Efficiencies</u>									
AS 1	Across Portfolio	Joint/integrated commissioning and service remodelling with Adults Social Care/SCPCT/ with other authorities	To cover efficiency savings in contracts and Community Care micro-commissioning spend.	(200)	(200)	(200)			Stephanie Ramsey
AS 2	Directors Office	Accumulation of various minor under spends in 11/12 that are recurring.	Reduces the flexibility of the Portfolio to offset potential overspends on demand led services.	(307)	(360)	(360)			Margaret Gearty
Sub-total				(307)	(560)	(560)	0.00	0.00	
<u>Adult Services - Income</u>									
AS 3	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.	This charge will be paid only by those people who can afford to pay. Others will stay on the same charge. This brings the short stay charging on to an equitable footing with the long stay clients.	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	Carol Valentine
Sub-total				0	0	0	0.00	0.00	
Adult Services Portfolio Total				(307)	(560)	(560)	0.00	0.00	
<u>Children's Services - Efficiencies</u>									
CS 1	Commissioning Policy & Performance	Commissioning	Efficiencies and changes in Prevention & Inclusion contractual arrangements	(400)	(400)	(400)			Alison Alexander
Sub-total				0	(400)	(400)	0.00	0.00	
Children's Services Portfolio Total				0	(400)	(400)	0.00	0.00	

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New Portfolio Ref	Service Activity	Description of Item	Impact / Issues	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	At Risk	Vacant	Senior Manager
				£000's	£000's	£000's	FTE	FTE	
<u>Environment & Transport - Income</u>									
E&T 1	Planning, Transport & Sustainability	Additional income from infrastructure charges (admin fees)	New proposal reflects Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Guidance. Yield is uncertain and will depend on market recovery.	(50)	(90)	(90)			Paul Nichols
Sub-total				0	(50)	(90)	0.00	0.00	
Environment & Transport Portfolio Total				0	(50)	(90)	0.00	0.00	
<u>Housing & Leisure Services- Efficiencies</u>									
HLS 1	Parks & Street Cleansing	Efficiency improvements to the specialist sports pitch maintenance team.	Integrate supervision and provide Pitch & Putt, football and cricket pitch maintenance in district parks by peripatetic teams rather than staff based directly in all the venues.	(21)	(21)	(21)		1.00	Jon Dyer-Slade
HLS 2	Major Projects	Removal of funding for Olympics and Titanic events after 2012	Series of events / activities planned leading up to the April Titanic Centenary Commemorations and London Olympics in 2012. Funding is not required post the events. No impact anticipated.	(60)	(60)	(60)			Mike Harris
HLS 3	Sport & Recreation	Efficiencies from Sports & Recreation Partnership	Efficiencies from Sports & Recreation Partnership alternative management arrangements	(76)	(76)	(76)			Mike Harris
HLS 4	Housing Needs	Reassessment of split of costs between the HRA and the GF	Based on a reassessment of staff allocation to activities and the allocation of the cost of activities to the GF the HRA will pick up a larger share of the costs of non-statutory homelessness support.	(120)	(120)	(120)			Nick Cross
Sub-total				0	(277)	(277)	0.00	1.00	
Housing & Leisure Services - Service Reductions									
HLS 5	Sport & Recreation	Close Oaklands Pool	Removal of subsidy to operate Oaklands swimming pool						Mike Harris
Sub-total				0	0	0	0.00	0.00	
Housing & Leisure Services Portfolio Total				0	(277)	(277)	0.00	1.00	

SUMMARY OF EFFICIENCIES AND SERVICE REDUCTIONS

New Portfolio Ref	Service Activity	Description of Item	Impact / Issues	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	At Risk	Vacant	Senior Manager
				£000's	£000's	£000's	FTE	FTE	
<u>Leader's - Efficiencies</u>									
LEAD 1	Across Portfolio	Rationalisation of supplies and services budgets	None - Savings achieved through aggregation and increased control	(20)	(20)	(20)			Mark Heath
Sub-total				(20)	(20)	(20)	0.00	0.00	
<u>Leader's - Income</u>									
LEAD 2	Economic Development	Increase in market income	Negotiated under a new contract.	(14)	(14)	(14)			Barbara Compton
Sub-total				0	(14)	(14)	0.00	0.00	
<u>Leader's - Service Reductions</u>									
LEAD 3	Corporate Communications	Withdrawal of current subsidy for City View.	Consider ways in which City View can become self funding. This would include exploring development of digital channels as a key tool for resident communication, complemented by printed material as necessary. Savings of £36,000 from 2013/14 and staffing impact to be confirmed by mid October.	(36)	(36)	(36)	1.00		Ben White
LEAD 4	Corporate Communications	Remove one Media Officer post	Loss of some proactive capacity - would aim to reduce media monitoring to mitigate	(26)	(26)	(26)		1.00	Ben White
Sub-total				0	(62)	(62)	1.00	1.00	
Leader's Portfolio Total				(20)	(96)	(96)	1.00	1.00	

SUMMARY OF EFFICIENCIES AND SERVICE REDUCTIONS

New Portfolio Ref	Service Activity	Description of Item	Impact / Issues	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	At Risk	Vacant	Senior Manager
				£000's	£000's	£000's	FTE	FTE	
<u>Resources - Efficiencies</u>									
RES 1	Capita Partnership Costs	Reduced interest payments	None - Part of contract structure and also due to lower interest rates	(100)	(100)	(100)			John Spiers
RES 2	Organisational Review	Management Restructure	Earlier achievement of approved savings within the Corporate Services Directorate as a consequence of the restructure affecting Management and PA's, Phase 2 of which was implemented in November 2011	(93)			1.00		Mark Heath
RES 3	Finance Service	Reduced External Audit Fees	None - Savings achieved following tendering of service	(150)	(150)	(150)			Andy Lowe
RES 4	Across Portfolio	Rationalisation of supplies and services budgets	None - Savings achieved through aggregation and increased control	(50)	(50)	(50)			Mark Heath
RES 5	Admin Buildings	Reduction in buildings occupied	Savings arising from the current approved accommodation strategy relating to the planned vacation of buildings and rationalisation of accommodation			(500)			John Spiers
RES 6	Admin Buildings	Review of Town Sergeant functions	Review of Reception duties and Senior Town Sergeant role	(13)	(38)	(38)	1.00	1.00	John Spiers
RES 7	Admin Buildings	Review of Business Support Posts & Operations Manager	As a result of the downsizing of Civic Buildings, and streamlining of service delivery, a reduction in the amount of business support required for the Civic Buildings Team. Possible outsourcing/transfer of ID card admin, but requires more detailed investigation.	(21)	(21)	(21)	1.00		John Spiers
Sub-total				(406)	(359)	(859)	1.00	2.00	

SUMMARY OF EFFICIENCIES AND SERVICE REDUCTIONS

New Portfolio Ref	Service Activity	Description of Item	Impact / Issues	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	At Risk	Vacant	Senior Manager
				£000's	£000's	£000's	FTE	FTE	
<u>Resources - Service Reductions</u>									
RES 8	Admin Buildings	Reduction of supplies, services and maintenance budgets		(100)					John Spiers
				(100)	0	0	0.00	0.00	
Sub-total				(506)	(359)	(859)	1.00	2.00	
Resources Portfolio Total				(833)	(1,742)	(2,282)	2.00	4.00	
GRAND TOTAL									

A future approved reduction in budgets maintaining Civic Buildings, where there is discretionary spend e.g. legal and policy compliance works, Fire Refuge works, toilet refurbishments (for H&S and DDA reasons), redecorations, recarpetting, wayfinding and information boards, furniture and security equipment purchase and maintenance can be achieved in 2012/13.

SUMMARY OF SPENDING INITIATIVES

Portfolio Ref	Service Activity	Description of Item	Impact / Issues	2012/13 £000's	2013/14 £000's	2014/15 £000's	2015/16 £000's	Head of Service
	<u>Adult Services Portfolio</u>							
NEW a	Adult Social Care Reablement		Adult Social Care Re-Ablement. To rise to £400,000 in 2013/14 and 2014/15.	200	400	400		Margaret Geary
				200	400	400	0	
	<u>Children's Services Portfolio</u>							
NEW b	Children's Services Safeguarding		Addition of resources to address prevention, inclusion and safeguarding through the Families Matter project. To rise to £500,000 in 2013/14 and 2014/15.	200	400	400		Felicity Budgen
			Children's Services Portfolio Total	200	400	400	0	
	<u>Communities Portfolio</u>							
NEW c	Economic Development	Planning Enforcement	Planning Enforcement. To retain 4th (HMO Specialist) Development Control officer to £35,000 in 2013/14 and 2014/15.		35	35		Paul Nichols
			Communities Portfolio Total	0	35	35	0	
			GRAND TOTAL	400	835	835	0	

CHANGES TO THE CAPITAL PROGRAMME

	2012/13	
	Remove £000's	Add £000's
<u>Environment & Transport Portfolio</u>		
Cycleways		250
<u>Leader's Portfolio</u>		
Demolition of Eastpoint	(250)	
	<u>(250)</u>	<u>250</u>
Net Impact		<u><u>0</u></u>

LIBERAL DEMOCRAT GROUP PROPOSALS

AMENDMENTS TO 'CHANGES TO EXISTING REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGETS' PAPERS

REF.		<u>2012/13</u>	
		BETTER £000's	WORSE £000's
	<u>Section A - Spending Initiatives</u>		
NEW a	Adult Social Care Re-Ablement. To rise to £400,000 in 2013/14 and 2014/15.		200.0
NEW b	Children's Services. Addition of resources to address prevention, inclusion and safeguarding through the Families Matter project. To rise to £400,000 in 2013/14 and 2014/15.		200.0
	<u>Section B - Additional Savings</u>		
NEW a	Release of DRF from Balances for Civic Centre refurbishment replaced by Asset Sales or borrowing as necessary	(2,301.3)	
	<u>Section C - Balances</u>		
	Increased Contribution to Balances		1,901.3
		<u>(2,301.3)</u>	<u>2,301.3</u>
	Net Gap / (Surplus)		<u><u>0.0</u></u>

MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL FORECAST

	2013/14 £000's	2014/15 £000's	2015/16 £000's
Roll Forward Gap (Paragraph 27)	28,000.5	43,226.2	57,746.0
Savings Proposals	(1,997.0)	(2,537.0)	(2,537.0)
Contribution To Balances From 2012/13 Savings	(833.0)		
Revised Current Gap	25,170.5	40,689.2	55,209.0
Proposed Terms & Conditions Changes	645.0	1,493.0	2,230.0
Potential Gap if Proposed Settlement is Agreed	25,815.5	42,182.2	57,439.0
Additional Capital Financing Costs due to removal of DRF	255.7	255.7	255.7
Spending Initiatives	835.0	835.0	
Changes to Savings Proposals	255.0	255.0	255.0
Contribution From Balances to Support Initiatives	(1,345.7)	(555.6)	
Revised Gap	25,815.5	42,972.3	57,949.7
Increase in Revised Gap	0.0	790.1	510.7

APPENDIX B

Conservative Amendment Changes to Existing Revenue and Capital Budgets

Amendment to Item 15 - Changes to Existing Revenue and Capital Budgets

Proposed by Councillor Hannides:

- Amend recommendation (iii) to remove the savings proposal HLS 5 (Closure of Oaklands Pool) as outlined in Section B of Annex 1 to this Amendment.
- Amend recommendation (vi) to reflect the additional draw from balances of £125,000 in 2012/13 to fund the spending initiatives outlined in Section A of Annex 1 to this Amendment.
- Add recommendations (viii) and (ix) as set out below.

AMENDED RECOMMENDATIONS TO READ:

- (i) Notes the Consultation process that was followed as outlined in Appendix 1 of the Changes to Existing Revenue and Capital Budgets report on the Council Agenda.
- (ii) Notes the Equality Impact Assessment process that was followed as outlined in paragraphs 6 to 8 of the Changes to Existing Revenue and Capital Budgets report on the Council Agenda.
- (iii) Approves the efficiencies, income and service reductions as set out in Appendix 2 to the Changes to Existing Revenue and Capital Budgets report on the Council Agenda, as amended by the changes set out in Section B of Annex 1 to this Amendment.
- (iv) Notes the high level forecast for the General Fund for 2013/14 to 2015/16 as detailed in paragraphs 24 to 28 of the Changes to Existing Revenue and Capital Budgets report on the Council Agenda.
- (v) Delegates authority to the Chief Financial Officer to action all budget changes arising from the approved efficiencies, income and service reductions and incorporate any other approved amendments into the General Fund estimates.
- (vi) Notes that after taking these items into account, there is an estimated General Fund balance of £5.1M at the end of 2015/16 as detailed in paragraph 30 of the Changes to Existing Revenue and Capital Budgets report on the Council Agenda and amended by this Amendment.
- (vii) 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 the Changes to Existing Revenue and Capital Budgets report on the Council Agenda as amended by this Amendment.
- (viii) Approves the spending initiatives set out in Section A of Annex 1 to this Amendment to be funded from balances.
- (ix) Note that the overall impact of the proposals, as set out in this Amendment on the Medium Term Financial forecast is to increase the budget gap in 2013/14 and future years by £235,000.

CONSERVATIVE GROUP PROPOSALS
AMENDMENTS TO 'CHANGES TO EXISTING REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGETS' PAPERS

REF.		<u>2012/13</u>	
		BETTER £000's	WORSE £000's
<u>Section A - Spending Initiatives</u>			
NEW a	Funding to support opposition to the Helius Power Station		75.0
NEW b	Immediate Repairs to Oaklands Pool		50.0
<u>Section B - Rejected Savings</u>			
HLS 5	Close Oaklands Pool - Impact in 2013/14 and future years £235,000		
<u>Section C - Balances</u>			
	Increased Contribution from Balances	(125.0)	
		<u>(125.0)</u>	<u>125.0</u>
	Net Gap / (Surplus)		<u><u>0.0</u></u>