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SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 11 JULY 2012

Present:

The Mayor, Councillor Burke

The Sheriff, Councillor White

Councillors Baillie, Barnes-Andrews, Mrs Blatchford (minute 29-34(c) only), Bogle, Chaloner (minute 33 (question 10) onwards), Claisse, Cunio, Daunt, Fitzhenry, Furnell, Hannides (minute 29-34(c) only), B Harris, L Harris, Kaur, Inglis, Jeffery, Keogh, Kolker, Laming, Letts, Lewzey, Lloyd, Mead, McEwing, Mintoff, Morrell, Moulton, Noon, Norris, Dr Paffey, Parnell (minute 34(b) onwards), Payne, Pope, Rayment, Shields, Smith (minute 29-36 only), Spicer, Stevens, Thomas, Thorpe, Tucker, Turner, Vassiliou, Vinson, Whitbread and Dr R Williams

29. APOLOGIES

It was noted that no apologies for absence had been received.

30. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 16th May 2012 and the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 25th June, 2012 be approved and signed as correct records.

31. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR AND LEADER

The Mayor confirmed that it was not acceptable to respond to Council questions by e-mail. All Council questions would be dealt with in accordance with the adopted Council procedure, with a written answer normally being supplied prior to the meeting.

32. DEPUTATIONS, PETITIONS AND PUBLIC QUESTIONS

The Council received and noted a deputation from Neil Kelly, Southampton Anti-Academies, seeking support for the campaign against the expansion of school academies in the City.

33. 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 appointment of Councillor Noon as Cabinet Member for Efficiency and Improvement was noted.

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

1. Development Control

Question from Councillor Vinson to Councillor Thorpe

Is the Cabinet Member aware that, despite the claims of his predecessor to have strengthened Development Control, there is currently a serious backlog in inspections and enforcement actions?

Answer

Yes, I am aware of this issue and it is being addressed. There is currently an enforcement backlog, due to particular resource pressures in this area; there are currently just two planning enforcement officers in post. However we are currently recruiting a further two enforcement officers; one is a new, temporary, fixed term post to deal with HMOs and the other is a vacant post.

2. Fly-tipping

Question from Councillor Turner to Councillor Thorpe

What measures will be taken this year to deal with the problem of fly-tipping in the City?

Answer

The Regulatory Services Division has taken the lead in coordinating teams across the council to tackle Fly tipping.

City Patrol, Environmental Health, Trading Standards, Streetscene & Community Safety, Waste Services, Housing, and others are working together with the police, Hampshire Fire & Rescue and neighbouring local authorities to deter fly tipping and hold those who repeatedly engage in this criminal behaviour to account.

Coxford Road, where it meets Lords Wood has been identified by the group as the city's number 1 fly tipping hotspot. As a result a specific action plan to tackle fly tipping in this particular location is being implemented.

The intention is to rollout this approach to other 'hotspots' and identify appropriate action at each to engage the local community, educate, deter and take enforcement action against those found responsible.

This work will link with the planned programme of Street CRED days (Crime Reduction and Environment Days) which will also focus on geographical areas of the City and take an inter-agency approach to dealing with crime and anti-social behaviour.

3. Young Carers

Question from Councillor Turner to Councillor Bogle

What is being done to ensure support for the education and personal development of young carers in Southampton?

Answer

The City Council contract with Southampton Voluntary Services to provide comprehensive support to young people who are carers. The service ensures that young carers have access to personalised support, leisure activity, alternative learning experiences and health advice and guidance. The service worked with approximately 120 young carers during 2011/12 and is continuing this work in 2012/13.

4. Oaklands Pool

Question from Councillor Vassiliou to Councillor Payne
How much money has been spent since 16th May on Oaklands Pool?

Answer
£13,340

5. Oaklands Pool

Question from Councillor Vassiliou to Councillor Payne
How many staff will be affected by your decision to shut Oaklands Pool?

Answer
Thirty three staff, in a variety of permanent, casual, full time and part time roles.

6. Oaklands Pool

Question from Councillor Vassiliou to Councillor Noon
How does closing Oaklands Pool help with fitness and obesity?

Answer
Closing Oaklands pool would be most regrettable but the facility is suffering the legacy of years of neglect and under investment.
The City has an excellent range of sport and recreation facilities and programmes provided by a wide range of partners: Schools, Clubs, SCC in partnership with Active Nation, Mytime Active and Solent University. In the event of closure, we will work with affected people to direct them to alternative opportunities.

7. Pay Cuts

Question from Councillor Smith to Councillor Dr R Williams
(In accordance with Council Standing Order 11.6 this question was transferred to Councillor Letts for response).

What commitment have you given to the unions about restoring pay cuts?

Answer
Our commitment is to restore the pay cuts to staff and we will do so.

8. Transparency

Question from Councillor Smith to Councillor Dr R Williams
What does open and transparent mean to you?

Answer
"Open" (from the Oxford English Dictionary)
- available or accessible
"Transparent" (also from the OED)
- open to public scrutiny

9. Redundancies

Question from Councillor L. Harris to Councillor Letts
Can you inform us how much you have budgeted for the costs of the 90 redundancies you have stated will be needed, using your new scheme; and what the savings will be over the next 12 months by your redundancy programme?

Answer

The Council currently holds £12.8M in the Organisational Development Reserve (ODR) to fund potential redundancy costs over the next 3 years. In addition to that sum, the General Fund Revenue Outturn 2011/12 report on today's agenda proposes to add a further £2.2m to the ODR, of which £0.9M is earmarked to cover redundancy costs, taking the total sum available to fund potential redundancy costs to £13.7M, of which £5.7M is currently set aside for 2013/14.

Any redundancies arising from either the proposed 'Changes to Existing Revenue and Capital Budgets report' on today's agenda, or from the Budget Report in February will need to be funded from within the overall sum set aside for redundancies.

10. Redeployment Policy

Question from Councillor L. Harris to Councillor Letts

Can you tell us where they are going to be redeployed?

Answer

The Executive have committed to bring forward a revised Redeployment Policy to Full Council in September, following consultation with the Unions. It is anticipated that the revised policy will offer a range of options to support individuals at risk of redundancy. Clearly redeployment is the process of matching individuals at risk of redundancy with posts which are either vacant or which can be released by agreement to a bumped redundancy. It is premature at this stage to speculate as to which posts will be at risk in the future, and where those individuals would be redeployed.

Our commitment remains to put in place a revised redeployment policy which provides employees at risk with the best possible opportunity to secure on-going employment, be that within the Authority or externally.

11. Visits by Carers

Question from Councillor Claisse to Councillor Stevens

Bearing in mind the concerns expressed by the Cabinet Member about the inadequacy of 15 minute visits by carers for the elderly and vulnerable, will he be increasing spending in this area to address this concern?

Answer

15 minute visits are usually used to provide 'pop in' checks or medication support which do not require a longer period of care and, in considering the best use of Council Tax payers' money as well as meeting the Council's statutory responsibility, it is appropriate to set the length of visits to meet assessed needs.

We are working towards a more flexible approach where the person who uses care negotiates on a day to day basis with the care agency how best to use the total allocation of purchased care per week to meet their individual needs.

Sarah Pickup of ADASS notes the following in response to the recent UKHCA (UK Home Care Association)'s report

Over 60% of older people are making choices about their care using a personal budget as the recent ADASS personalisation survey showed. (*A similar figure applies in Southampton*). This means that the way care visits are arranged for an individual is not just dictated by the council but agreed with the individual. To make good use of their budget, people might well choose to use shorter visits. Many of the people using home care services receive more than one visit in the day and the length of each visit needs to be seen in this context. Home care is

not the only service people use to meet their needs: support plans may also include use of day services or access to voluntary sector or other resources.

12. Portswood and Shirley Police stations

Question from Councillor Claisse to Councillor Rayment

Will you join with me in calling for front desk facilities at Portswood and Shirley Police stations?

Answer

Calling for front offices to reopen is not the answer. I am happy to work with Partners, volunteers, and Councillor Moulton to ensure a presence can be provided in every neighbourhood. What is important is that the Police are accessible and merely having offices open doesn't always achieve that objective.

13. Sure Start Centres

Question from Councillor Mead to Councillor Bogle

Will the Cabinet Member for Children's Services confirm her commitment to the future of all Sure Start Centres in Southampton?

Answer

I remain committed to retaining our excellent Sure Start provision within the City. There are no plans to reduce the numbers of centres (14) or the services provided. Service provision is constantly reviewed and sometimes revised, to meet the needs of a local community and this is done in consultation with the local Advisory Group.

Where some services are delivered from school sites, where space may be needed now for additional school places, on occasions it may be necessary to move the service delivery to another local site.

14. Joint Working with other Authorities

Question from Councillor Moulton to Councillor Thorpe

(In accordance with Council Standing Order 11.6 this question was transferred to Councillor Dr. R. Williams for response).

What is the Cabinet Member's approach to joint working with other authorities?

Answer

We have a cross-cutting strategy and a positive approach, which I believe in and is needed to overcome such savage cuts. Our approach is related to outcomes and not based on any political persuasion. We already work with a number of Authorities such as Swindon, Eastleigh and Portsmouth, which are all engaged in bringing forward initiatives.

15. Press Release Authorisation

Question from Councillor Moulton to Councillor Rayment

Can you confirm that you signed off the Council press release explaining Councillor Morrell's resignation?

Answer

I have already answered this question in the Special Council Meeting. Yes, I signed it off.

16. Appointment of Cabinet Members

Question from Councillor Moulton to Councillor Dr. R. Williams

Why did you say you would not reappoint to the Cabinet Member for Efficiency post after Councillor Morrell's resignation and then 3 weeks later change your mind?

Answer

When events occur it is necessary to reflect and consider the options. I took the view that this was strategically important based on the evidence of stopping and reviewing the situation. This was based on two areas which were reviewed; strategic contracts and how we were engaging with the Private Sector and the need to reduce red tape and bureaucracy. For example there has been little change in the Capita contract from what was required in 2008/9 and the activities undertaken. What is required now needs to be tested for a 21st Century Council. Similarly, the need to reduce red tape and bureaucracy as the recent case of the cone in the fountain highlighted. It was therefore an objective decision that Political Leadership was needed and that dialogues with other Authorities, such as Blackburn-in-Darwen, Cornwall and Lambeth were needed to try and improve efficiency. In this context Councillor Noon is the right person to do this job.

17. Mini Budget

Question from Councillor Moulton to Councillor Dr. R. Williams

Can you confirm how much your cuts in your mini budget are for this year and next year?

Answer

As set out in the 'Changes to Existing Revenue and Capital Budgets' report on today's agenda, the proposed savings put forward for consultation are:

2012/13 - £0.833M

2013/14 - £1.997M (cumulative)

2014/15 – £2.537M (cumulative)

18. Bus Subsidy

Question from Councillor Moulton to Councillor Thorpe

Will you be providing a subsidy for the 1A bus and if so when?

Answer

All options will be considered as part of the ongoing bus review. A comprehensive and considered response from officers and our lead Councillor will be needed and we will be looking to influence our Partners in this. The recently secured Local Sustainable Transport Fund grant of 17.9m will go towards this.

19. Policy Reviews

Question from Councillor Smith to Councillor Dr. R. Williams

You are carrying out reviews of the former administration's policies. What are they?

Answer

We are carrying out reviews on our policy priorities of to assist us with transition planning. Some of these may be areas on which the former administration developed policies. In essence, the policy reviews are to designed to be inclusive and engage all our Members in the development of key policies that will help us achieve our priorities. This process includes understanding the current direction of travel, the parameters within which we need to work as well as learning from others. Each Portfolio has a

policy group comprising councillors and key officers and the policy sessions help us determine the way forward. For example, as a result of the policy review of SNAC there will be no changes in direction to this project. Other policy matters we are considering include:

- The setting up a Fairness Commission
- HMO registration
- Recycling policies
- How joined up enforcement can be improved further, following the implementation of the 2009 review
- The impact on education in the city in the future of only some schools taking up the education funding that replaced BSF
- The impact for the future of adult social care thresholds and Southampton's position in league tables.
- International Way CESP Delivery
- ROMANSE/CCTV Process

20. Southampton Festival

Question from Councillor Smith to Councillor Dr. R. Williams

You have committed to a Southampton Festival in your manifesto and mini budget.

What is it?

Answer

The Southampton festival will be an opportunity to celebrate the best of Southampton's Cultural offer. In the long term we hope that it will deliver a range of activities, that will embrace current events, into a cohesive and co-ordinated programme.

In the short term, we hope to engage with local cultural organisations and event organisers to develop the vision using a launch event in the early Autumn.

21. Primary School Places

Question from Councillor Vinson to Councillor Bogle

What steps does the Cabinet Member for Children's Services propose to take to address the imbalance, numerically and geographically, between applications and primary schools places available?

Answer

Under the primary Review Phase 2, plans are in place to expand a number of schools throughout the city to increase the Year R place numbers to 3,030 from September 2012, in preparation for a cohort of approximately 3,000.

At the close of the Year R 2012 / January 2012 application process, our very latest data showed that demand was still likely to outstrip supply; consequently in May 2012 it was agreed to respond to the additional demand by expanding two more primary schools – Bassett Green and Bevois Town to bring Year R places available to 3,060.

The schools expanding have been chosen because of their popularity with parents and carers, and site capacity to add additional places.

22. Council Leadership

Question from Councillor Hannides to Councillor Dr. R. Williams

Why does he think it is important for a Council Leader to be honest?

Answer

To convey the policies of the Authority.

23. Use of Council Resources

Question from Councillor Hannides to Councillor Dr. R. Williams
Did the Council Leader use Council resources to disseminate information that he knew not to be a full and complete explanation of the reasons for Cllr Morrell's resignation from the Cabinet?

Answer

Press releases are high level and by their very nature do not contain all the information.

24. Cultural Quarter

Question from Councillor Hannides to Councillor Dr. R. Williams
Why does the Council Leader believe it is important to proceed with the completion of the Cultural Quarter in accordance with the existing plans and agreed timeframe?

Answer

Job creation is a priority for the Council. Working to the timescales determined by our external funding partners, such as Arts Council England, provides a great platform for retaining and securing many jobs for our residents.

25. Weston Towers

Question from Councillor Baillie to Councillor Payne
Question withdrawn

26. Fuel Poverty

Question from Councillor Baillie to Councillor Payne
Question withdrawn

27. Affordable Homes

Question from Councillor Baillie to Councillor Payne
Question withdrawn

28. Budget Information

Question from Councillor Baillie to Councillor Letts
Exactly what information was withheld from you by officers regarding the budget deficit prior to May 3rd?

Answer

There are so many possible answers, from the implementation of proposals by Government to the cut in benefit by 10% except for pensioners.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 12.9 Questions 29 – 34 were unable to be submitted due to the timeframe allotted for this item.

34. MOTIONS

(a) Oaklands Pool

Councillor Hannides moved and Councillor Moulton seconded:

“This Council deploras the closure of Oaklands Pool. The Labour Executive is, therefore, urged to:-

- (i) reconsider its decision,
- (ii) invest in this much valued community facility; and
- (iii) ensure the pool is reopened as soon as possible”.

Amendment moved by Councillor Letts and seconded by Councillor Payne:

After “This Council” delete “deploras” and replace with ‘notes’ after “the” remove “closure” and replace with ‘proposal to start the public consultation on the potential”.

New sentence to read: “This Council notes the proposal to start the public consultation on the potential closure of Oaklands pool.”

Delete the remainder and replace with:

“As part of this consultation the Council will seek the views of pool users, Coxford councillors and residents in seeking a financially sustainable future for the Oaklands pool.”

Amended Motion to read:

This Council notes the proposal to start the public consultation on the potential closure of Oaklands Pool. As part of this consultation the Council will seek the views of pool users, Coxford councillors and residents in seeking a financially sustainable future for the Oaklands pool.

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.

(b) Code of Conduct

Councillor Moulton moved and Councillor Smith seconded:

“This Council believes that all Councillors should follow the Councillors' Code of Conduct and believes that Councillors should be honest and should at all times avoid the appearance of dishonesty in their activities as a Councillor.

In particular senior councillors such as Cabinet Members and the Leader should take special care to ensure that they carry out their roles in a fit and proper manner.

Council agrees that should it come to light that a Cabinet Member or the Leader of the Council has lied and done so publicly, making use of Council resources, then this would be a resignation matter”.

With the consent of the meeting, Councillor Vinson withdrew his amendment.

Amendment moved by Councillor Shields and seconded by Councillor Stevens:

In paragraph two - delete 'Cabinet Members and the Leader' and replace with existing and former Cabinet Members, the Leader and Council representatives on outside bodies (such as the Police Authority and the Fire and Rescue Authority)'

In sentence three delete all after 'Council agrees that ' and replace with 'any allegations of serious malpractice by leading Council representatives – including misuse of Council resources or deliberate deception of the public – are referred to the Council's Governance Committee in the first instance'.

Amended Motion to read:

This Council believes that all Councillors should follow the Councillors' Code of Conduct and believes that Councillors should be honest and should at all times avoid the appearance of dishonesty in their activities as a Councillor.

In particular senior councillors such as existing and former Cabinet Members, the Leader and Council representatives on outside bodies (such as the Police Authority and the Fire and Rescue Authority) should take special care to ensure that they carry out their roles in a fit and proper manner.

Council agrees that any allegations of serious malpractice by leading Council representatives – including misuse of Council resources or deliberate deception of the public – are referred to the Council's Governance Committee in the first instance.

UPON BEING PUT TO THE VOTE THE AMENDMENT WAS DECLARED CARRIED

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

RESOLVED that the motion as amended be approved.

(c) Houses in Multiple Occupation

With the consent of the meeting Councillor Vinson withdrew his motion.

(d) Biomass Plant

Councillor Furnell moved and Councillor Shields seconded:

"This Council is in full support of local residents concerned by the proposals for a major biomass plant in the docks and therefore urges the Executive to undertake a referendum amongst those immediately affected in the Freemantle and Millbrook wards as soon as is practicably possible in order to influence the final decision of the Secretary of State and with minimal use of scarce Council resources".

Amendment moved by Councillor Moulton and seconded by Councillor Parnell:

Add the following to the Motion as it stands:

“Also Council notes that both the previous Conservative Administration and the current Labour Administration have spoken against the proposed Biomass power station.

Therefore Council pledges to use the resources and professional skills available to it, subject to due process, to proactively oppose this planned power station application.

Council agrees to set aside financial provision to enable it to secure appropriate legal, planning and consulting support, in particular, but not limited to, employing the services of an expert planning barrister.

Council notes the statement by the Leader of the Council that he favours referenda and engaging and enthusing the electorate in local democracy.

Council agrees to hold a referendum on whether Oaklands Pool should remain open or should be permanently shut as is currently proposed by the Labour Administration. This referendum should be timed to coincide with the Police and Crime Commissioner election on 15th November and the referendum on the biomass power station suggested for the same day. Given the impact of the closure on the local area and the interest in it locally, the referendum should be held specifically in the Coxford and Redbridge Wards.”

Amended Motion to read:

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Council agrees to hold a referendum on whether Oaklands Pool should remain open or should be permanently shut as is currently proposed by the Labour Administration. This referendum should be timed to coincide with the Police and Crime Commissioner election on 15th November and the referendum on the biomass power station suggested for the same day. Given the impact of the closure on the local area and the interest in it locally, the referendum should be held specifically in the Coxford and Redbridge Wards.”

UPON BEING PUT TO THE VOTE THE AMENDMENT WAS DECLARED LOST

UPON BEING PUT TO THE VOTE THE MOTION WAS DECLARED CARRIED

RESOLVED that the motion as submitted be approved.

35. 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.

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

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

1. The appointment of Independent Persons to Governance Committee (Mr David Blake and Mrs Elizabeth Hale) and Designated Independent Persons (David Basson (currently the Chair of Fareham Borough Council's Standards Committee) and Alison Foster);
2. That Councillor Claisse had replaced Councillor Baillie on the Health Overview and Scrutiny Panel;
3. That Councillors McEwing and Barnes-Andrews had been appointed as Labour representatives on the Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority;
4. That Councillor Morrell would replace Councillor Noon on Scrutiny Panel A; and
5. That Councillor Laming would replace Councillor Noon on the Employment and Appeals Panel.

37. 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 (copy of report circulated with the agenda and appended to signed minutes).

Amendment moved by Councillor Vinson and seconded by Councillor Turner:

Amend recommendation (i) to replace Appendix 1 to the report which proposes one of expenditure of £240,000 in 2012/13 with Annex 2 to this Amendment which proposes expenditure of £1,464,000 in 2012/13 and £1,570,000 in 2013/14 and 2014/15.

Amend recommendation (iii) to replace Appendix 2 to the report which sets out proposals for efficiencies and service reductions for consultation with Annex 3 to this Amendment.

Add recommendations (vi) to (x) as set out below.

AMENDED RECOMMENDATION TO READ

- (i) Approve the spending initiatives set out in Annex 2 to this Amendment. These initiatives will be funded largely from balances subject to the approval

- of the Amendment to the General Fund Revenue Outturn report on the Council Agenda;
- (ii) Note the high level forecast for the General Fund for 2013/14 as detailed in paragraphs 13 to 16 of the Changes to Existing Revenue and Capital Budgets report on the Council Agenda;
 - (iii) Note the proposals for efficiencies and service reductions which are put forward for consultation and are set out in Annex 3 to this Amendment;
 - (iv) Note that formal consultation on the proposals as set out in Annex 3 to this Amendment will now commence with trades unions, affected staff and any people or organisations affected by the proposals to ensure all options have been considered;
 - (v) Delegate authority to the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Resources to do anything necessary to give effect to the recommendations in this Amendment;
 - (vi) Approve the changes to the Capital Programme as set out in Annex 4 to this Amendment;
 - (vii) Note the overall impact of the proposals as set out in Annex 1 to this Amendment on the budget in 2012/13;
 - (viii) Note that the overall impact of the proposals, as set out in Annex 2, 3 and 4 to this Amendment on the Medium Term Financial forecast is to increase the budget gap in 2014/15, as shown in Annex 5a to this Amendment, subject to the approval of the Amendment to the General Fund Revenue Outturn report on the Council Agenda;
 - (ix) Note that if the Amendment to the General Fund Revenue Outturn report on the Council Agenda is not approved then the impact of the proposals as set out in Annex 2, 3 and 4 to this Amendment on the Medium Term Financial forecast, is to increase the gap further, as shown in Annex 5b to this Amendment if minimum balances of £5.0M are to be maintained in each year;
 - (x) Note that if this Amendment to the Changes to Existing Revenue and Capital Budgets report on the Council Agenda is not approved then the Amendment to the General Fund Revenue Outturn report on the Council Agenda will be withdrawn.

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

Amendment moved by Councillor Moulton and seconded by Councillor Baillie:

Amend recommendation (i) to add one off expenditure totalling £130,000 in 2012/13 to cover additional items outlined in Section A of Annex 1 to this Amendment to be funded from balances.

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.

Add recommendations (vi) and (vii) as set out below.

AMENDED RECOMMENDATION TO READ:

- (i) Approve the spending initiatives set out in Appendix 1 to the Changes to Existing Revenue and Capital Budgets report on the Council Agenda, as amended by the changes set out in Section A of Annex 1 to this Amendment, to be funded from balances;

- (ii) Note the high level forecast for the General Fund for 2013/14 as detailed in paragraphs 13 to 16 of the Changes to Existing Revenue and Capital Budgets report on the Council Agenda;
- (iii) Note the proposals for efficiencies and service reductions which are put forward for consultation and which are 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) Note that formal consultation on the proposals, as set out in Appendix 1 to the Changes to Existing Revenue and Capital Budgets report on the Council Agenda and as amended by the changes set out in Section B of Annex 1 to this Amendment, will now commence with trades unions, affected staff and any people or organisations affected by the proposals to ensure all options have been considered;
- (v) Delegate authority to the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Resources to do anything necessary to give effect to the recommendations in Changes to Existing Revenue and Capital Budgets report on the Council Agenda, as amended by the proposals set out in Annex 1 to this Amendment;
- (vi) Note the overall impact of the proposals as set out in Annex 1 to this Amendment on the budget in 2012/13;
- (vii) 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 resolution 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 one-off expenditure of £240,000 in 2012/13 as set out in Appendix 1 to the report, to be funded from balances, be approved;
- (ii) that the high level forecast for the General Fund for 2013/14 as detailed in paragraphs 13 to 16 of the report be noted;
- (iii) that the Executive's proposals for efficiencies and service reductions which are put forward for consultation, as set out in Appendix 2 to the report, be noted;
- (iv) that it be noted that formal consultation on the proposals as set out in Appendix 2 to the report, would now commence with trades unions, affected staff and any people or organisations affected by the proposals to ensure all options had been considered; and
- (v) that delegated authority be granted to the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Resources to do anything necessary to give effect to the above resolutions.

NOTE: Councillor Dr. R. Williams declared a disclosable pecuniary Interest in the above matter, as a Private Sector Landlord and left the meeting during the consideration of the matter.

38. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR 2011/12

The report of the Cabinet Member for Resources was submitted concerning the Financial Statements for 2011/12 (copy of report circulated with the agenda and appended to signed minutes).

RESOLVED:

- (i) that it be noted that the Financial Statements 2011/12 had been signed by the Chief Financial Officer; and
- (ii) that it be noted that the approval of the Financial Statements 2011/12 by the Governance Committee would take place on 25 September, subject to any changes required after the completion of the Audit. Any such changes would be presented to the Governance Committee.

39. GENERAL FUND REVENUE OUTTURN FOR 2011/12

The report of the Cabinet Member for Resources was submitted concerning the General Fund Revenue Outturn for 2011/12 (copy of report circulated with agenda and appended to signed minutes).

Amendment moved by Councillor Vinson and seconded by Councillor Turner

Amend recommendation (v) which asks Council to approve the use of £5.5M of the 2011/12 under spend to fund the cost of the corporate items as set out in paragraph 17 of the General Fund Revenue Outturn report on the Council Agenda, reducing this amount to £3.4M to fund the cost of the corporate items as set out in Annex 1 to this Amendment.

Add recommendation (vi) as set out below.

AMENDED RECOMMENDATIONS TO READ:

- (i) Notes the final outturn for 2011/12 detailed in Appendix 1 to the General Fund Revenue Outturn 2011/12 report on the Council Agenda, which is an under spend of £6.9M;
- (ii) Notes the performance of individual Portfolios in managing their budgets as set out in paragraph 9 of the General Fund Revenue Outturn 2011/12 report on the Council Agenda and notes the major variances in Appendix 2 of the report;
- (iii) Notes re-phasing on the capital programme means that funding of £77,100 will be needed in future years when the capital spending takes place as set out in paragraph 14 of the General Fund Revenue Outturn 2011/12 report on the Council Agenda;
- (iv) Approves the carry forward requests totalling £786,000 (of which £521,000 relates to central repairs and maintenance) as outlined in paragraph 16 and set out in detail in Appendix 3 of the General Fund Revenue Outturn 2011/12 report on the Council Agenda;

- (v) Approves the use of £3.4M of the 2011/12 under spend to fund the cost of the corporate items as set out in Annex 1 to this Amendment;
- (vi) Notes the position for balances after taking into account the commitments outlined in this Amendment and the funding required for the current capital programme, as set out in Annex 2 to this Amendment.

(Copy of annex 1 and 2 as circulated at the meeting attached as appendix C to these minutes).

UPON BEING PUT TO THE VOTE THE AMENDMENT WAS DECLARED LOST

RESOLVED:

- (i) that the final outturn for 2011/12 as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report which is an under spend of £6.9M, be noted;
- (ii) that the performance of individual Portfolios in managing their budgets as set out in paragraph 9 of the report be noted together with the major variances set out in Appendix 2 to the report;
- (iii) that it be noted that re-phasing on the capital programme means that funding of £77,100 would be needed in future years when the capital spending takes place as set out in paragraph 14 of the report;
- (iv) that the carry forward requests totalling £786,000 (of which £521,000 relates to central repairs and maintenance) as outlined in paragraph 16 and set out in detail in Appendix 3 to the report be approved; and
- (v) that the use of £5.5M of the 2011/12 under spend to fund the cost of the corporate items as set out in paragraph 17 to the report be approved.

40. GENERAL FUND CAPITAL OUTTURN FOR 2011/12

The report of the Cabinet Member for Resources was submitted concerning the General Fund Capital Outturn for 2011/12 (copy of report attached to the agenda and appended to signed minutes).

RESOLVED:

- (i) that the actual capital spending in 2011/12 as shown in paragraphs 4 and 5 of the report together with the major variances detailed in Appendix 1 to the report, be noted;
- (ii) that the revised estimates for 2012/13, adjusted for slippage and re-phasing as shown in Appendix 3 to the report be noted;
- (iii) that it be noted that no major under or over spends had been identified at this stage but that provision had been made for additional DRF funding as part of the revenue outturn, as detailed in the General Fund Revenue Outturn 2011/12 report, to respond to a potential pressure relating to the final cost of the SeaCity Museum;
- (iv) that the proposed capital financing in 2011/12 as shown in paragraph 12 of the report be approved;
- (v) that it be noted that the capital programme is currently fully funded based on the latest forecast of capital receipts;
- (vi) that it be noted that due to anticipated delays in the receipt of funding from the sale of capital assets an additional £9.16M had to be borrowed to fund the 2011/12 programme which is in line with delegated powers approved in

- September 2008 and the revenue implications of which had been reflected in the General Fund revenue budget; and
- (vii) that it be noted that the additional temporary borrowing outlined in resolution (vi) above would be repaid as the cash flow position improves as capital receipts are generated following the planned sale of a number of property assets.

41. HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT AND CAPITAL OUTTURN FOR 2011/12

The report of the Cabinet Member for Housing and Leisure Services was submitted concerning the Housing Revenue Account and Capital Outturn for 2011/12 (copy of report circulated with agenda and appended to signed minutes).

RESOLVED:

- (i) that the HRA revenue outturn for the financial year 2011/12, which shows a favourable variance for the year of £525,100 and balances at the end of the year of £2,620,700 be noted;
- (ii) that the revenue carry forward into 2012/13 of £225,000, within the responsive repairs budget be approved, to help fund the continuation of the mobile working project and £57,000, within the programme repairs budget, for electrical testing and smoke detector maintenance works that were delayed;
- (iii) that the capital outturn for 2011/12 be noted;
- (iv) that the amendments to the HRA Capital Programme for 2012/13 set out in Appendix 3 to the report to take account of the slippage and re-phasing in 2011/12 be approved; and
- (v) that it be noted that the use of the additional resources would be considered as part of the next full update of the HRA Business Plan later in 2012.

42. REVIEW OF PRUDENTIAL LIMITS AND TREASURY MANAGEMENT OUTTURN 2011/12

The report of the Head of Finance (Chief Financial Officer), was submitted concerning the treasury management activities for 2011/12 (copy of report circulated with agenda and appended to signed minutes).

RESOLVED:

- (i) that the Treasury Management activities for 2011/12 and the outturn on the Prudential Indicators be noted;
- (ii) that it be noted that the continued proactive approach to TM had led to reductions in borrowing costs and safeguarded investment income during the year; and
- (iii) that the recommendation to transfer £1.0M to the Interest Equalisation Reserve as set out in the General Fund Revenue Outturn 2011/12 report to ensure that adequate provision is made for the future increase in interest costs associated with the ongoing utilisation of variable interest rates be noted.

43. COLLECTION FUND OUTTURN 2011/12

The report of the Cabinet Member for Resources, was submitted concerning the actual payments made to and from the collection fund during the 2011/12 financial year (copy of report circulated with agenda and appended to signed minutes).

RESOLVED that the accounts for the Collection Fund in 2011/12 as shown in Appendix 1 to the report be noted.

44. 'PLATFORM FOR PROSPERITY' - PLATFORM ROAD IMPROVEMENT SCHEME - PROJECT APPROVALS

The report of the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport was submitted seeking approval to deliver the Platform for Prosperity - Platform Road Improvement Scheme (copy of report circulated with agenda and appended to signed minutes).

RESOLVED that in accordance with Financial Procedure Rules, capital expenditure of £6.850m, phased £1.653m in 2012/13, £4.765m in 2013/14 and £0.432m in 2014/15 for the "Platform for Prosperity" capital scheme contained within the Environment and Transport Capital Programme, funded by £5.595m from the Regional Growth Fund and £1.255m from the Council's Local Transport Plan (LTP) grant funding be approved.

45. LOCALISM ACT 2011 - REVISED STANDARDS ARRANGEMENTS

The report of the Head of Legal, HR and Democratic Services was submitted regarding the changes to the standards regime brought about by the Localism Act 2011 and the new Code of Conduct as recommended by the Standards and Governance Committee (copy of report circulated with agenda and appended to signed minutes).

RESOLVED:

- (i) that the revised Members Code of Conduct as set out at Appendix 1 to the report to come into operation with immediate effect be adopted;
- (ii) that delegated authority be granted to the Head of Legal, HR and Democratic Services to make any technical amendments to the Code which may be necessary as a result of any statutory requirements introduced following the adoption of the revised Code;
- (iii) that the arrangements for the consideration, investigation and hearing of complaints under the revised Members Code of Conduct as set out in appendix 2 to the report be adopted;
- (iv) that delegated authority be granted to the Head of Legal, HR and Democratic Services to make any technical changes necessary to the arrangements set out in appendix 2 in order to give effect to any statutory requirements or further Leading Counsel's advice awaited in relation to transitional arrangements;
- (v) that the Terms of Reference of the Governance Committee as set out in appendix 5 of the report be amended to enable it to grant dispensations under section 33 of the Localism Act 2011 and the Members Code of Conduct;
- (vi) that Council Procedure Rules (addition of new paragraph 14.16) as set out in appendix 3 and Executive Procedure Rules (addition of paragraph 1.5(d) and

1.5(e)) as set out in appendix 4 be amended to require that Members who have a personal and prejudicial and / or Disclosable Pecuniary Interest under the Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012 declare that interest and leave the decision taking or decision meeting during the discussion of the relevant item unless a dispensation to stay has been obtained;

- (vii) That David Basson (currently the Chair of Fareham Borough Council's Standards Committee) and Alison Foster be appointed to act as Designated Independent Persons for a period of three years for the purposes of the consideration, investigation and hearing of complaints under the Members Code of Conduct and associated procedures;
- (viii) That delegated authority be granted to the Head of Legal, HR and Democratic Services to amend the Council's Constitution to take into account any further amendments required as a result of the Localism Act 2011 and its associated regulations.

46. LICENSING OF SEXUAL ENTERTAINMENT VENUES

The report of the Head of Legal, HR and Democratic Services was submitted regarding amendments to the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982, and proposed new licensing provisions (copy of report circulated with agenda and appended to signed minutes)

RESOLVED:

- (i) that it be noted that at its meeting on 22 March 2012, the Licensing Committee considered the amendments to the 1982 Act and recommended that Council adopt the licensing provisions for SEVs;
- (ii) that Schedule 3 to the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982, as amended by section 27 of the Policing and Crime Act 2009 ("the 2009 Act") be adopted, and the following recommendations shall apply:-
 - That the new statutory provisions that will apply to Southampton City Council are with effect from the 20 August 2012;
 - That authority be delegated to the Licensing Committee to discharge its statutory functions (including the adoption of policy and setting of fees) under Schedule 3 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 as amended;
 - That the Head of Legal, HR and Democratic Services be given delegated authority to:
 - arrange formal publication of the statutory notices in a local newspaper;
 - approve applications in such cases where no objections are made to the grant, renewal, transfer or variation of sex establishment licences;
 - prepare a draft policy together with standard conditions application to sex establishments for consideration and adoption by the Licensing Committee.

47. CHIPPERFIELD TRUST GOVERNANCE

The report of the Head of Legal, HR and Democratic Services seeking approval for changes to the governance of the Chipperfield Trust was deferred pending information from the Charity Commission.

48. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY: SUMMARY OF CALL- IN ACTIVITY

RESOLVED that the report of the Director of Economic Development summarising the use of the Call-in procedure over the last six months be noted.

49. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY: ANNUAL REPORT 2011 / 2012

RESOLVED that the report of the Senior Manager, Customer and Business Improvement detailing the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2011 / 2012 in accordance with the Council's Constitution be noted.

Liberal Democrat Amendment Changes to Existing Revenue and Capital Budgets

Amendment to Item 9 - Changes to Existing Revenue and Capital Budgets

Proposed by Councillor Vinson:

Amend recommendation (i) to replace Appendix 1 which proposes one of expenditure of £240,000 in 2012/13 with Annex 2 to this Amendment which proposes expenditure of £1,464,000 in 2012/13 and £1,570,00 in 2013/14 and 2014/15.

Amend recommendation (iii) to replace Appendix 2 which sets out proposals for efficiencies and service reductions for consultation with Annex 3 to this Amendment.

Add recommendations (vi) to (x) as set out below.

AMENDED RECOMMENDATIONS TO READ:

- (i) Approve the spending initiatives set out in Annex 2 to this Amendment. These initiatives will be funded largely from balances subject to the approval of the Amendment to the General Fund Revenue Outturn report on the Council Agenda.
- (ii) Note the high level forecast for the General Fund for 2013/14 as detailed in paragraphs 13 to 16 of the Changes to Existing Revenue and Capital Budgets report on the Council Agenda.
- (iii) Note the proposals for efficiencies and service reductions which are put forward for consultation and are set out in Annex 3 to this Amendment.
- (iv) Note that formal consultation on the proposals as set out in Annex 3 to this Amendment will now commence with trades unions, affected staff and any people or organisations affected by the proposals to ensure all options have been considered.
- (v) Delegate authority to the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Resources to do anything necessary to give effect to the recommendations in this Amendment.
- (vi) Approve the changes to the Capital Programme as set out in Annex 4 to this Amendment.
- (vii) Note the overall impact of the proposals as set out in Annex 1 to this Amendment on the budget in 2012/13.
- (viii) Note that the overall impact of the proposals, as set out in Annex 2, 3 and 4 to this Amendment on the Medium Term Financial forecast is to increase the budget gap in 2014/15, as shown in Annex 5a to this Amendment, subject to the approval of the Amendment to the General Fund Revenue Outturn report on the Council Agenda.

- (ix) Note that if the Amendment to the General Fund Revenue Outturn report on the Council Agenda is not approved then the impact of the proposals as set out in Annex 2, 3 and 4 to this Amendment on the Medium Term Financial forecast, is to increase the gap further, as shown in Annex 5b to this Amendment if minimum balances of £5.0M are to be maintained in each year.
- (x) Note that if this Amendment to the Changes to Existing Revenue and Capital Budgets report on the Council Agenda is not approved then the Amendment to the General Fund Revenue Outturn report on the Council Agenda will be withdrawn.

LIBERAL DEMOCRAT GROUP PROPOSALS**AMENDMENTS TO 'CHANGES TO EXISTING REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGETS' PAPERS**

REF.		2012/13	
		BETTER £000's	WORSE £000's
	<u>Section A - Spending Initiatives</u>		
NEW a	Adult Social Care Re-Ablement. To rise to £500,000 in 2013/14 and 2014/15.		300.0
NEW b	Children's Services Safeguarding. Additional resources to include two reviewing officers and two preventative family workers. To rise to £500,000 in 2013/14 and 2014/15.		300.0
NEW c	NEETS including apprenticeships and support for children at risk of falling out of mainstream education. To rise to £200,000 in 2013/14 and 2014/15.		120.0
NEW d	Emotional, behavioural and mental health support for young people. To rise to £120,000 in 2013/14 and 2014/15.		60.0
NEW e	Junior Wardens. To continue in 2013/14 and 2014/15.		20.0
COMM 1	To enhance street cleaning and attractive neighbourhoods. To increase to £100,000 in 2013/14 and 2014/15.		60.0
NEW f	Planning Enforcement. To rise to £35,000 in 2013/14 and 2014/15.		24.0
NEW g	Additional investment in Highways		400.0
E&T 1	Remove	(40.0)	
E&T 2	Remove	(10.0)	
LEAD 3	Remove	(10.0)	
	<u>Section B - Additional Savings</u>		
LEAD 3	Stop publication of City View in printed format	(20.0)	
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		1,097.3
		(2,381.3)	2,381.3
	Net Gap / (Surplus)		0.0

SUMMARY OF SPENDING INITIATIVES

Portfolio Ref	Service Activity	Description of Item	Impact / Issues	2012/13	2013/14	20014/15	2015/16	Head of Service
				£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's	
	<u>Adult Services Portfolio</u>							
NEW a	Adult Social Care	Reablement	Adult Social Care Re-Ablement. To rise to £500,000 in 2013/14 and 2014/15.	300	500	500		Margaret Geary
		Adult Services Portfolio Total		300	500	500	0	
	<u>Children's Services Portfolio</u>							
NEW b	Children's Services	Safeguarding	Children's Services Safeguarding. Additional resources to include two reviewing officers and two preventative family workers. To rise to £500,000 in 2013/14 and 2014/15.	300	500	500		Felicity Budgen
NEW c	Children's Services	NEETS	NEETS including apprenticeships and support for children at risk of falling out of mainstream education. To rise to £200,000 in 2013/14 and 2014/15.	120	180	180		Alison Alexander
NEW d	Children's Services	Emotional, behavioural and mental health support	Emotional, behavioural and mental health support for young people. To rise to £120,000 in 2013/14 and 2014/15.	60	100	100		Alison Alexander
NEW e	Children's Services	Junior Wardens		20	20	20		Alison Alexander
		Children's Services Portfolio Total		500	800	800	0	

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Portfolio Ref	Service Activity	Description of Item	Impact / Issues	2012/13	2013/14	20014/15	2015/16	Head of Service
				£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's	
<u>Communities Portfolio</u>								
COMM 1	Economic Development	StreetCRED	This will enable the Council to improve the general perception that the city is shabby and tired looking by building on community engagement activity in the city to make improvements in how the city looks and feels environmentally. This will be through a city wide model (StreetCRED) of 12 – 16 intelligence led Cleanups across the city based on 3 different priorities of ASB, HMOs (4 times per year each) and general clean up of the environment 8 times per year. This will be achieved through reshaping existing services and the additional funding will be used to design and deliver awareness raising activities to promote what we do, encourage community involvement and seek further feedback from residents. To increase to £100,000 in 2013/14 and 2014/15.	70	100	100		Dawn Baxendale
COMM 2	Economic Development	Joined up Enforcement	This will enable the council to enforce effectively and in a joined up manner and to raise awareness about the council's strong approach and benefits of this approach. The additional funding is to plug the critical capacity gaps in delivering legal work at the right time and for raising awareness and education. To be continued in 2013/14 and 2014/15.	30	30	30		Dawn Baxendale
COMM 3	Safer Communities	Taxi Marshalls	The annual cost is £25,000 of which £15,000 has been secured. This will enable the service to continue in 2012/13 while other sources of funding are explored. The annual cost of taxi marshalls equates to the costs of one serious wounding or less than two assaults. In preventing violence and assault the taxi marshalls off-set the indirect costs of violent crime to public services many times over	10				Jon Dyer Stade
COMM 4	Customer & Business Improvement	Community Cohesion/ Diversity	This will provide capacity to improve the current system of monitoring community tensions, facilitate regular dialogue with diverse communities and help develop early solutions to prevent escalation of tensions. To be continued in 2013/14 and 2014/15.	10	10	10		Dawn Baxendale
NEW f	Economic Development	Planning Enforcement	Planning Enforcement. To rise to £35,000 in 2013/14 and 2014/15.	24	35	35		
Communities Portfolio Total				144	175	175	0	

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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>Environment & Transport Portfolio</u>								
NEW g	Highways	Additional Investment		400				Jon Dyer-Slade
E&T 1	Parking and Patrol	New Car Parking Charge Policy	The implementation of new charges would incur one off costs to put the necessary Traffic Regulation Orders in place, change signage and tariffs plates on machines as necessary.					Mitch Saunders
E&T 2	Highways	Introduction of marked parking bays in residential areas' a trial	Implement a trial to mark out standard size parking bays on street in areas of high parking density to establish if increases the overall parking levels.					Mitch Saunders
E&T 3	Public Transport	Additional revenue funding to support bus transportation	To be continued in 2013/14 and 2014/15.	25	25	25		Paul Nichols
Environment & Transport Portfolio Total				425	25	25	0	
<u>Housing & Leisure Services Portfolio</u>								
HLS 1	Leisure & Culture	Southampton Festival	For marketing and infrastructure cost for a modest festival this year, with a view to developing it further for next year – timing will be between the Boat Show and the start of the University autumn term. To be continued in 2013/14 and 2014/15.	25	25	25		Mike Harris
HLS 1	Environmental Health	Additional Licensing for Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMO's)	Pump priming funding for the project would allow existing staff setting up the licensing scheme to be backfilled by temporary agency staff to ensure that the teams other important priorities are met i.e. safeguarding of vulnerable tenants in private rented accommodation.	20				Mitch Saunders
Housing & Leisure Services Portfolio Total				45	25	25	0	

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Portfolio Ref	Service Activity	Description of Item	Impact / Issues	2012/13	2013/14	20014/15	2015/16	Head of Service
				£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's	
	<u>Leader's Portfolio</u>							
LEAD 1	Skills, Economy & Housing Renewal	Pre-Apprenticeship programme	The scheme support young people who do not yet have the skills or confidence to commence an Apprenticeship. It provides a six months paid placement whilst developing these skills with an aim of progression to an Apprenticeship with the host or another employer. To be continued in 2013/14 and 2014/15.	35	35	35		Barbara Compton
LEAD 2	Skills, Economy & Housing Renewal	'Dragon's Den' support for small businesses	Rent of two Units at Solent Business Centre for new enterprises selected through a 'Dragons Den' style process. To be continued in 2013/14 and 2014/15.	10	10	10		Barbara Compton
LEAD 3	Customer & Business Improvement	Fairness Commission	To establish a Fairness Commission to consider ways of increasing fairness and reducing inequality for localities and communities of interest. This will be through consideration of evidence and analysis of key data leading to an open and transparent public dialogue over a period of time to establish the level of inequality, impact and future risk of this impact in a particular area.					Suki Sitaram
LEAD 4	Legal Services	Preferendum	Costs to be minimised by timing this with the election of the Police Commissioner	5				Richard Ivory
		Leader's Portfolio Total		50	45	45	0	
		GRAND TOTAL		1,464	1,570	1,570	0	

SUMMARY OF EFFICIENCIES AND SERVICE REDUCTIONS

New Portfolio Ref	Service Activity	Description of Item	Impact / Issues	2012/13 £000's	2013/14 £000's	2014/15 £000's	At Risk FTE	Vacant FTE	Senior Manager	
<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 Geary	
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)				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)			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)				Mike Harris
HLS 3	Sport & Recreation	Efficiencies from Sports & Recreation Partnership	Efficiencies from Sports & Recreation Partnership alternative management arrangements	(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)				Nick Cross
Housing & Leisure Services - Service Reductions				0	(277)	(277)	0.00	1.00	
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	

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New Portfolio Ref	Service Activity	Description of Item	Impact / Issues	2012/13 £000's	2013/14 £000's	2014/15 £000's	At Risk FTE	Vacant FTE	Senior Manager
<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	Stop publication of City View in printed format	Would require development of digital channels for resident communication and also impact on both design and advertising income.	(20)	(36)	(36)	1.00		Ben White
Sub-total				(20)	(62)	(62)	1.00	1.00	
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				(40)	(96)	(96)	1.00	1.00	
Leader's Portfolio Total									

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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>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		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)	1.00		John Spiers
Sub-total				(406)	(359)	(859)	1.00	2.00	

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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>Resources - Service Reductions</u>									
RES 8	Admin Buildings	Reduction of supplies, services and maintenance budgets		(100)					John Spiers
Sub-total				(100)	0	0	0.00	0.00	
Resources Portfolio Total				(506)	(359)	(859)	1.00	2.00	
GRAND TOTAL				(853)	(1,742)	(2,282)	2.00	4.00	

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.

CHANGES TO THE CAPITAL PROGRAMME

	2012/13	
	Remove £000's	Add £000's
<u>Environment & Transport Portolio</u>		
Cycleways		200
<u>Leader's Portolio</u>		
Demolition of Eastpoint	(250)	
	<u>(250)</u>	<u>200</u>
<u>Funding</u>		
DRF no longer required		50
	<u>0</u>	<u>50</u>
Net Impact		<u><u>0</u></u>

MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL FORECAST

	2013/14 £000's	2014/15 £000's	2015/16 £000's
Roll Forward Gap (Paragraph 15)	28,000.5	43,226.2	57,746.0
Additional Capital Financing Costs due to removal of DRF	285.7	285.7	285.7
Spending Initiatives	1,570.0	1,570.0	
Savings Proposals	(1,742.0)	(2,282.0)	(2,282.0)
Contribution To Balances From 2012/13 Savings	(853.0)		
Contribution From Balances to Support Initiatives	(2,090.7)	(925.9)	(540.7)
Revised Gap	25,170.5	41,874.0	55,209.0

MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL FORECAST

	2013/14 £000's	2014/15 £000's	2015/16 £000's
Roll Forward Gap (Paragraph 15)	28,000.5	43,226.2	57,746.0
Additional Capital Financing Costs due to removal of DRF	255.7	255.7	255.7
Spending Initiatives	1,570.0	1,570.0	
Savings Proposals	(1,742.0)	(2,282.0)	(2,282.0)
Contribution To Balances From 2012/13 Savings	(853.0)		
Contribution From Balances to Support Initiatives	(2,060.7)	(895.9)	(510.7)
Contribution to Balances to Maintain Minimum £5.0M	384.7	779.6	815.7
Revised Gap	25,555.2	42,653.6	56,024.7
Increase in Revised Gap	384.7	779.6	815.7

Appendix B

Conservative Amendment Changes to Existing Revenue and Capital Budgets

Amendment to Item 9 - Changes to Existing Revenue and Capital Budgets

Proposed by Councillor Hannides:

Amend recommendation (i) to add one off expenditure totaling £130,000 in 2012/13 to cover additional items outlined in Section A of Annex 1 to this Amendment to be funded from balances.

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.

Add recommendations (vi) and (vii) as set out below.

AMENDED RECOMMENDATIONS TO READ:

- (i) Approve the spending initiatives set out in Appendix 1 to the Changes to Existing Revenue and Capital Budgets report on the Council Agenda, as amended by the changes set out in Section A of Annex 1 to this Amendment, to be funded from balances.
- (ii) Note the high level forecast for the General Fund for 2013/14 as detailed in paragraphs 13 to 16 of the Changes to Existing Revenue and Capital Budgets report on the Council Agenda.
- (iii) Note the proposals for efficiencies and service reductions which are put forward for consultation and which are 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) Note that formal consultation on the proposals, as set out in Appendix 1 to the Changes to Existing Revenue and Capital Budgets report on the Council Agenda and as amended by the changes set out in Section B of Annex 1 to this Amendment, will now commence with trades unions, affected staff and any people or organisations affected by the proposals to ensure all options have been considered.
- (v) Delegate authority to the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Resources to do anything necessary to give effect to the recommendations in Changes to Existing Revenue and Capital Budgets report on the Council Agenda, as amended by the proposals set out in Annex 1 to this Amendment.
- (vi) Note the overall impact of the proposals as set out in Annex 1 to this Amendment on the budget in 2012/13.
- (vii) 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.		2012/13	
		BETTER £000's	WORSE £000's
<u>Section A - Spending Initiatives</u>			
NEW a	Referendum on Oaklands Pool		5.0
NEW b	Funding to support opposition to the Helius Power Station		75.0
NEW c	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	(130.0)	
		(130.0)	130.0
	Net Gap / (Surplus)		0.0

Appendix C

ANNEX 1

Funding for a further three corporate issues is also requested from Council:

- Organisational Development Reserve (£1.4M) – Every year as part of the outturn position officers review the funding within the strategic reserve to deal with organisational change. It is proposed this year given the overall under spend to contribute an additional £1.45M into the Organisational Development Reserve which is used for restructuring, re-training, additional HR resourcing, redeployment and redundancy costs in future years. Of this sum £0.8M is required to meet the costs associated with the ongoing work to implement Equal Pay. This will increase the total sum set aside in the Organisational Development Reserve in 2012/13 to just over £6.7M.
- Change Programme (£1.0M) – The Change Programme was approved by Cabinet on 21 November 2011. The aim of the Programme, which comprises a number of major pieces of work, is to ensure that the Council responds to the enormous changes facing the public sector and transforms the way we do business, reducing our costs and becoming a fit for purpose organisation by 2015. In order to help provide capacity and investment where required to take these major pieces of work forward, it is proposed that £1.0M of the under spend from 2011/12 is set aside for this purpose to be allocated by the Change Programme Steering Group on a business case basis. This will increase the total sum set aside to fund the Change Programme to almost £2.5M, an element of which is already committed. The funding will be utilised in part to fund the establishment of a LATCO or equivalent.
- Marlands House Vacation (£1.0M) – Work associated with the implementation of the Accommodation Strategy (including the major works associated with the civic centre) is underway, and we are now looking to the next phase of the Strategy. Further rationalisation of office accommodation can be achieved as a result of vacating Marlands House, delivering ongoing revenue savings and avoiding future capital spending commitments. However, additional one off revenue funding is required to facilitate this and it is proposed that £1.0M of the under spend from 2011/12 is added to the Strategic Reserve to ensure that this can be achieved.

ANNEX 2

	<u>Balances</u>				
	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
	£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's
Opening Balance	17,393.9	23,529.6	10,650.9	6,655.3	5,845.7
(Draw to Support) / Contribution from Revenue	11,763.0	(2,184.9)	1,056.3	3,074.1	3,459.3
Draw to Support Capital	(1,819.9)	(52.6)			
Draw for Strategic Schemes	(3,807.4)	(10,641.2)	(5,051.9)	(3,883.7)	(4,305.0)
	23,529.6	10,650.9	6,655.3	5,845.7	5,000.0