
SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
16 MAY 2012

Present:

The Mayor, Councillor Burke
The Sheriff, Councillor White
Councillors Baillie, Barnes-Andrews, Mrs Blatchford, Bogle, Chaloner, 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

1. ELECTION OF MAYOR

RESOLVED upon the motion of Councillor Rayment, seconded by Councillor Smith and supported by Councillor Vinson, that Councillor Burke be elected to the Office of 790th Mayor of Southampton and Chair of the Council for the ensuing year.

The Mayor (Councillor Burke) then made and subscribed to the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

THE MAYOR (COUNCILLOR BURKE) IN THE CHAIR

2. MAYOR'S CHARITIES

The Mayor announced that he would be supporting Two Saints and Headway charities during his term of office.

3. APPOINTMENT OF SHERIFF

RESOLVED upon the motion of Councillor Fitzhenry, seconded by Councillor Payne and supported by Councillor Vinson, that Councillor White be appointed the 575th Sheriff of the City of Southampton and Vice-Chair of the Council for the ensuing year.

The Sheriff (Councillor White) then made and subscribed to the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

4. VOTE OF THANKS TO RETIRING MAYOR

RESOLVED upon the motion of Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Kaur and supported by Councillor Vinson, that the Council places on record its appreciation for the distinguished manner in which Councillor Matthews had discharged the duties of the Mayor of the City during the period of his term of office.

5. SOUTHAMPTON BUSINESS SUCCESS AWARDS 2012

RESOLVED upon the motion of the Mayor (Councillor Burke) and seconded by the Sheriff (Councillor White) that the Southampton Business Success Award be presented to Jamie Green and Marion Hillcrest from Hillcrest Construction Company.

6. PRESENTATION OF MEDALS TO RETIRING COUNCILLORS

RESOLVED upon the motion of the Mayor (Councillor Burke) and seconded by the Sheriff (Councillor White), that medals be presented to former Councillors Ball, Cappozzoli, Drake, Fitzgerald, Fuller, Holmes, Jones, Matthews, Osmond, Walker, Wells, Willacy and Phil Williams in recognition of their service to the City Council.

**AT THE RECONVENED MEETING OF THE SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL HELD
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE ON 16TH MAY, 2012**

7. APOLOGIES

It was noted that no apologies had been received.

8. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 14th March, 2012 be approved and signed as a correct record.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR

- (i) Members stood for a moment's silence in remembrance of Celia Fraser, a former colleague and supportive and loyal Member of staff.
- (ii) The Mayor thanked all Members for their support in electing him as Mayor. In order for the meeting to run efficiently and effectively, he asked Members to keep in mind throughout the year the basic courtesies needed to be adhered to for this to happen; timeliness both in arriving at the meeting and when speaking; speaking to the point, and listening carefully to the arguments. He also asked Members to remember the courtesies they would like from members when they were speaking and to extend those to others.
- (iii) The Mayor announced he would be undertaking a trial (for about 6 months) on the use of mobile electronic devices in the Chamber and in Committee Meetings.

The Mayor would retain the right to vary this, without notice, if he considered it was being abused and vested the same right in the Chairs of Committees and Sub-Committees.

For the trial period, he proposed that handheld electronic devices (including laptops, phones, IPADs etc) might be used in the Council Chamber, provided they were silent and used in a way that did not impair decorum. Members making speeches in the Council Chamber or in any committee meeting may refer to electronic devices in place of paper speaking notes. Electronic devices may be used silent in the Chamber and in committee meetings, but the restrictions on using cameras/recording equipment, or on any electronic device ringing remained in place.

In terms of usage, social media and activities such as “twittering”, the Mayor indicated that he would not nor would any Chair of a Committee be policing tweeting. The Mayor / Chair would not be expected to respond on allegations that inappropriate, as compared to appropriate tweeting, had or was taking place. Instead, he urged Members to use their good sense and behave with courtesy, particularly in not tweeting messages which would otherwise be in breach of our rules or the law. For example, tweeting material discussed in confidential session would be a serious breach.

The Mayor finally reminded members to switch to silent all electronic mobile devices including their mobile phones and that any noises such as ringing would incur an instant fine.

10. ELECTION OF THE LEADER

The nomination of Councillor Dr. Williams was moved and seconded.

UPON BEING PUT TO THE VOTE IT WAS:

RESOLVED that Councillor Dr. Williams be elected as Leader of the Council for the ensuing year.

Following his election as Leader, Councillor Dr. Williams informed the Council of his Cabinet and their Portfolio responsibilities.

Deputy Leader – Councillor Rayment

Adult Services – Councillor Stevens

Children’s Services - Councillor Bogle

Communities – Councillor Rayment

Efficiency and Improvement - Councillor Morrell

Environment and Transport – Councillor Thorpe

Housing and Leisure Services – Councillor Payne

Resources - Councillor Letts

The Leader then circulated details of the contents of each of the Portfolios and announced that these would be incorporated into the scheme of Executive Delegation in the Constitution (copy appended to signed minutes).

11. LOCALISM ACT - REVISED STANDARDS ARRANGEMENTS

The report of the Head of Legal, HR and Democratic Services was submitted detailing changes to the standards regime brought about by the Localism Act 2011 (copy of report circulated with the agenda and appended to signed minutes).

RESOLVED:

- (i) That delegated authority be granted to the Head of Legal, HR and Democratic Services to:-
 - (a) Prepare a Code of Conduct based upon a draft that is currently being prepared by the Association of Council Secretaries and Solicitors (ACSeS) and that this is considered by the Standards and Governance Committee prior to it being presented to Council for adoption;
 - (b) advertise for and appoint two Designated Independent Persons;
 - (c) appoint two independent co-opted members from the current appointees to serve on the proposed Governance Committee on standards issues only from 1st July 2012.

- (ii) That once the new standards regime comes into force:
 - (a) the role of the current Audit Committee be extended to one of overall governance to be called the "Governance Committee" in accordance with the draft terms of reference, as attached at appendix 1 to the report and from which (i) Standards Sub-Committee and (ii) Standards Appeals Sub-Committee be formed;
 - (b) that both the Standards and Appeals Sub-Committees consist of three Members, politically balanced, together with one co-opted and non voting independent member (as (c) above) to deal with any Code of Conduct issues that may be referred to it by the Monitoring Officer and that they have the terms of reference as attached at appendix 2 to the report;
 - (c) that delegated authority be granted to the Monitoring Officer, after consultation with a Designated Independent Person, to where appropriate (i) determine whether a complaint in relation to Member misconduct merits formal investigation (ii) refuse to accept complaints that are trivial, vexatious, repetitive or political and at his discretion to refer such decisions on investigation to the Standards Sub-Committee (iii) agree local settlements;
 - (d) delegate to both the Standards and Appeals Sub-Committees power to take such actions as it lawfully can in respect of a Member who is found to have failed to comply with the Code of Conduct;
 - (e) delegates to both the Monitoring Officer and Standards Sub-Committee the authority to grant dispensations under the Act;
 - (f) that the Designated Independent Persons be paid an annual retainer of £645.00 each and that this be reviewed and agreed after the first year of

operation by the Head of Legal, HR and Democratic Services after consultation with the Leader of the Council;
(g) that the current Code remain in place until a revised code of conduct is adopted by Council; and

- (iii) That once further clarification has been received regarding the remaining detail of the revised standards regime including the role of the Designated Independent Person, a further report is presented setting out the position relating to that appointment.

12. HAMPSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL - PANEL ARRANGEMENTS

The report of the Head of Legal, HR and Democratic Services was submitted seeking approval for the arrangements of the Hampshire Police and Crime Panel (copy of report circulated and appended to signed minutes).

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the recommended terms on which the Police and Crime Panel should be established be endorsed;
- (ii) That subject to resolution (iii) below, the Panel arrangements in Appendix 1 to the report be approved;
- (iii) That the Head of Legal, HR and Democratic Services be granted delegated authority to agree any further minor amendments to the Panel arrangements necessary to ensure statutory compliance, once the Home Secretary's regulations and guidance have been published;
- (iv) That a member be appointed as the Council's Appointed Member to serve on the Panel; and
- (v) That a member be identified to act as "Deputy Member" and, where the Appointed Member is temporarily unable to attend a Panel meeting or otherwise undertake Panel business, the Head of Legal, HR and Democratic Services be authorised to give notice of temporary change of membership for a period of up to 28 days, to enable the Deputy Member to deputise in the Appointed Member's absence.

13. CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION

The report of the Head of Legal, HR and Democratic Services, was submitted seeking approval for changes to the City Council's Constitution (copy of report circulated with the agenda and appended to signed minutes).

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

Add Additional Recommendation (iv)

- (iv) in relation to financial decisions all expenditure over £125,000 shall be made by the relevant Cabinet Member, over £250,000 by the Cabinet and £2,000,000 by full Council except in respect of matters identified in (v) below.

Specifically in relation to the Financial Procedure Rules Cabinet Member/Cabinet authority will be required for the following:-

Virements and Grant Income

- A10 (iii) – The virement limit shall be reduced from £200,000 to £125,000
- A10 (iv) – One off virement limit reduced from £200,000 to £125,000
- A10 (v) – Cumulative total of virements limited to £125,000
- A12 – Acceptance of grant income limited reduced from £500,000 to £125,000
- A14 (iii) – The virement limit shall be reduced from £200,000 to £125,000
- A14 (iv) – One off virement limit reduced from £200,000 to £125,000
- A14 (v) – Cumulative total of virements limited to £125,000

Capital Programme

- B25– External funding sums added to capital schemes reduced from £500,000 to £200,000
- B28 – Internal funding sums added to capital schemes reduced from £200,000 to £125,000
- B32 (i) – Approval of capital schemes reduced from £200,000 to £125,000
- B 32 (ii) – Approval of capital schemes reduced from £500,000 to £125,000
- B35 – Transfers between capital schemes reduced from £200,000 to £125,000
- B36 – Transfers between capital schemes reduced from £500,000 to £125,000

HRA Business Plan

- B58 – Change in the annual business plan surplus in any one year reduced from £200,000 to £125,000.
- B59 – Change in the annual business plan surplus in any one year reduced from £500,000 to £125,000.

External Arrangements

- E15 – Increase of externally funded revenue activity reduced from £500,000 to £125,000

Specifically in relation to the Officer Scheme of Delegation Cabinet Member/Cabinet authority will be required for the following:-

- 1.2.54(b) – Spend within budget and business plans over £50,000
- 2.2.13 – Externally funded grant agreements over £50,000
- 2.2.68 – Settlement of any claim over £125,000
- 2.4.29 – Write off of any debt over £125,000
- 2.7.11 – Acceptance of any IT contract other than the lowest tender over £125,000
- 2.8.15 – Agree terms of sale of land over £125,000
- 2.8.21 – Variation of terms of leases etc over £125,000
- 2.8.22(f) - Variation of ground lease premiums over £125,000
- 2.8.24(b) – Exchange of land where premium is over £125,000
- 2.8.26 – Expenditure on alterations to land over £125,000
- 2.8.32 – Acceptance of tenders for land disposal over £125,000
- 2.8.38 – Acquisition of land interests over £125,000
- 2.8.42 – To agree dilapidations over £125,000
- 4.1.30 - Acting as Accountable Body for external grant funding over £125,000

Add Additional Recommendation (v)

- (v) the revised delegations will not apply to payments made under contracts, statutory obligations, property transactions, settlement of legal proceedings, treasury management or resulting from any specific decision to delegate at different levels made by the Cabinet or by Full Council.

Add Additional Recommendation (vi)

- (vi) to amend the membership of the Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board agreed by Full Council on 16th November 2011 to include as core members 3 Cabinet Members (Adult Services, Children's Services and Communities), the remainder of the membership to remain unchanged.

Note: The core membership agreed on 16th November 2011 provided for 2 Cabinet Members:

- *Health and Adult Social Care*
- *Children's Services and Learning*

UPON BEING PUT TO THE VOTE THE AMENDMENT WAS DECLARED CARRIED

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RESOLVED:

- (i) that the changes to the Constitution as set out in the report be approved;
- (ii) that delegated authority be granted to the Head of Legal, HR and Democratic Services to finalise the arrangements as approved by Full Council and make any further consequential or minor changes arising from the decision(s) of Full Council;
- (iii) that the City Council's Constitution, as amended, including the Officer Scheme of Delegation for the municipal year 2012/13 be approved;
- (iv) that in relation to financial decisions all expenditure over £125,000 shall be made by the relevant Cabinet Member, over £250,000 by the Cabinet and £2,000,000 by Full Council except in respect of matters identified in (v) below;
- (v) that the revised delegations will not apply to payments made under contracts, statutory obligations, property transactions, settlement of legal proceedings, treasury management or resulting from any specific decision to delegate at different levels made by the Cabinet or by Full Council;
- (vi) that the membership of the Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board agreed by Full Council on 16th November 2011 be amended to include as core members 3 Cabinet Members (Adult Services, Children's Services and Communities), the remainder of the membership to remain unchanged.

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

RESOLVED that subject to certain decisions that may, from time to time be made by the Council, the following Committees, Sub-Committees and other bodies be appointed

with the allocation of seats to political groups shown therein and they be delegated authority to act within their Terms of Reference.

(a) APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS

Political Group	Seats on Council	%
Labour	30	62.5
Conservative	16	33.33
Liberal Democrats	2	4.16

Committees	Labour	Conservative	Lib Dem	Number of Seats to Groups
Overview and Scrutiny Management(10)	6 Cllr Barnes-Andrews Cllr Chaloner Cllr Lewzey Cllr McEwing Cllr Pope Cllr Tucker	3 Cllr Fitzhenry Cllr Hannides Cllr Moulton	1 Cllr Vinson	10
Planning and Rights of Way (7)	4 Cllr Mrs Blatchford Cllr Cunio Cllr Lloyd Cllr Shields	3 Cllr Claisse Cllr L Harris Cllr Smith	0	7
Employment and Appeals Panel (7)	5 Cllr McEwing Cllr Mintoff Cllr Noon Cllr Tucker Cllr Whitbread	2 Cllr Kolker Cllr B Harris	0	7
Chief Officer Employment Panel (7)	5 Cllr Letts Cllr Rayment Cllr Stevens Cllr Thorpe Cllr Williams Dr	2 Cllr Moulton Cllr Smith	0	7
Licensing Committee (13)	8 Cllr Mrs Blatchford Cllr Cunio Cllr Laming Cllr Lewzey Cllr Lloyd Cllr Spicer Cllr Thomas Cllr Tucker	5 Cllr Fitzhenry Cllr B Harris Cllr L Harris Cllr Parnell Cllr Vassiliou	0	13

New from July Governance Committee - Combined Standards and Governance and Audit Committees (9) includes 2 Independent Members	4 Cllr Chaloner Cllr Furnell Cllr Kaur Cllr Keogh	3 Cllr Daunt Cllr Hannides Cllr Inglis	0	7
Sub-Committees				
	Labour	Con	Lib Dem	
Health Overview and Scrutiny Panel (7)	5 Cllr Jeffery Cllr Lewzey Cllr McEwing Cllr Pope Cllr Tucker	2 Cllr Baillie Cllr Parnell	0	7
Scrutiny Panel A (7)	4 Cllr Noon Cllr Mintoff Cllr Thomas Cllr Whitbread	2 Cllr Daunt Cllr Claisse	1 Cllr Vinson	7
Scrutiny Panel B (7)	4 Cllr Furnell Cllr Kaur Cllr Dr Paffey Cllr Shields	2 Cllr Baillie Cllr Norris	1 Cllr Turner	7
Licensing General Sub-Committee (5) (Membership must come from membership of Licensing Committee)	3 Cllr Mrs Blatchford Cllr Cunio Cllr Thomas	2 Cllr Parnell Cllr Vassiliou	0	5
New from July Standards Sub-Committee (4) Including 1 Independent Member (Membership from Governance Committee)	2 Cllr Kaur Cllr Keogh	1 Cllr Hannides	0	3
Standards Appeal Sub-Committee (4) Including 1 Independent Member (Membership from Governance Committee)	2 Cllr Furnell Cllr Chaloner	1 Cllr Inglis	0	3
TOTAL	52	28	3	83

- 1) Appointment to Committees / Sub-Committees and other Bodies NOT subject to political proportionality and therefore not included in the above calculations.

Committee/Sub-Committee	Labour	Con	Lib Dem	Number of Seats to Groups
Standards and Governance ((10) including the Mayor and 4 independent members) N.B. Appointment to S&G until end of June only	2 Cllr Laming Cllr Keogh	2 Cllr Hannides Cllr Inglis	2 Cllr Vinson Cllr Turner	6
Licensing and Gambling Sub-Committee (3) (Any 3 Members drawn from the Licensing Committee membership on rotation basis)	1 (+1)	1(+1)	0	3

Other bodies	Labour	Cons	Lib Dem	
Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority (3)	2 Cllr Barnes-Andrews Cllr Thomas	1 Cllr Smith	0	3
South East Employers (3 + 3)	2 Cllr Letts Cllr Tucker (Deputy)	2	2 Cllr Vinson Cllr Turner (Deputy)	6
Local Democracy Network for Councillors (2)		1	1 Cllr Vinson	2
Partnership for Urban South Hampshire – Overview and Scrutiny Committee (1)			1 Vinson	1
Police Joint Committee (Police Authority) (1) <i>(Overall proportionality is calculated across the County. This may require a change in appointment)</i>	1 Cllr Rayment Cllr Mrs Blatchford (Deputy)			1

Until November Shadow Police and Crime Panel (1) plus 1 deputy <i>(Overall proportionality is calculated across the County.)</i>	1 Cllr Rayment Cllr Mrs Blatchford (Deputy)			1
New Shadow Health and Well-being Board (5) – Cabinet Members for Adults, Children’s Services and Communities plus one each from opposition Groups	3 Cllr Stevens Cllr Bogle Cllr Rayment	1 Cllr Baillie	1	5

(b) APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRS

RESOLVED that the following Chairs be elected for the 2012/13 municipal year and that the Vice-Chairs be elected at their first meetings of the municipal year:-

Committee/Panel	Chair
Overview and Scrutiny Management	Cllr Moulton
Planning and Rights of Way	Cllr Mrs Blatchford
Employment and Appeals	Cllr McEwing
Chief Officer Employment	Cllr Dr. Williams
Licensing	Cllr Cunio
Governance	Cllr Furnell
Health Overview and Scrutiny	Cllr Pope
Scrutiny A	Cllr Noon
Scrutiny B	Cllr Dr Paffey
Licensing General Sub-Committee	Cllr Cunio
Standards Sub-Committee	Cllr Kaur
Standards Appeal Sub-Committee	Cllr Furnell

(c) OTHER APPOINTMENTS

It was noted that the following co-opted Members for the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee had been nominated by their respective organisations:

- Mr T Blackshaw as Representative of the Church of England; and
- Mrs U Topp as Representative of the Catholic Church; and

That the following appointments were still awaiting nomination, and would come from their respective body’s first meeting of the year:

- Parent Governor Representative; and
- Primary Parent Governor Representative

15. CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

RESOLVED that the following dates for meetings of the Council in the 2012/13 Municipal Year be approved:

11th July 2012
12th September 2012
14th November 2012
13th February 2013 (Budget)
20th March 2013
15th May 2013

16. DEPUTATIONS, PETITIONS AND PUBLIC QUESTIONS

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

17. EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

The report of the Leader of the Council was submitted, setting out the details of the business undertaken by the Executive (copy of report circulated with agenda and appended to signed minutes).

The Leader and the Cabinet made statements and responded to Questions.

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

1. Southampton Schools

Question from Councillor Moulton to Councillor Bogle

Can the Cabinet Member please outline the new Administration's policies for Southampton Schools?

Answer

Education is critical for the City and its citizens' future prosperity, growth and wellbeing.

Some of our key policy principles include

- Increasing aspiration and attainment in all our schools
- Celebrating progress and achievement
- Collaboration and sharing of best practice across City schools
- Looking outside the City for examples of best practice to learn from
- Focus support on the proven triggers for schools' improvement, namely leadership and teaching

Our manifesto states a number of key areas of attention, including how to improve the level of attendance in schools (with reference to the recent Scrutiny inquiry),

reverse the loss of children to schools outside Southampton at Year 7 and using schools as 'community hubs' for a number of shared public services.

2. Cultural Quarter

Question from Councillor Hannides to Councillor Dr Williams

Following the very successful opening of Guildhall Square last year and the impressive launch of SeaCity Museum last month, will the Leader confirm whether the emerging cultural quarter remains a priority for the new Executive?

Answer

There is no reason to change Council policy in this area.

3. Budget Pressures in Adult Social Care

Question from Councillor Moulton to Councillor Stevens

Can the Cabinet Member outline any new budget pressures in Adult Social Care he intends to commit to this municipal year, over and above those set out in the 2012/13 revenue budget approved by Full Council in February?

Answer

No

4. Sure Start

Question from Councillor Moulton to Councillor Bogle

Will the Cabinet Member commit to keeping open all of Southampton's Sure Start centres?

Answer

Yes, I can currently see no circumstances where we would consider closing any of Southampton's Sure Start centres.

5. Council Priorities

Question from Councillor Moulton to Councillor Dr Williams

Which areas of Council expenditure will be the highest priority for the new Administration?

Answer

Our priorities are included in the Labour Party's manifesto and this has been sent to all Members.

6. Outsourcing Council Service Provision

Question from Councillor Claisse to Councillor Dr Williams

Will the Leader continue to consider the relative advantages of outsourcing Council service provision and functions to the private sector, or are they ideologically opposed to such arrangements?

Answer

Yes, we will consider all options and keep an open mind as opportunities arise.

7. Redundancies

Question from Councillor Fitzhenry to Councillor Dr Williams

Can the Leader reconfirm his manifesto commitment that no one will be made redundant under his administration?

Answer

No such manifesto commitment is stated. What the manifesto includes is that:

We will do all we can to stop Council job losses, instead choosing to retain and retrain staff, saving thousands in redundancy payments; and

City Council employees are at the centre of everything we do. We will listen to our front line staff and ensure we take their expertise into account when making decisions.

8. Highways Spend

Question from Councillor Fitzhenry to Councillor Thorpe

Can the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport confirm he will maintain highways spend at the current levels?

Answer

I can confirm that I know of no current reason to change. However, I would confirm the manifesto commitment that we will consult residents and businesses on the priorities for road and pavement repairs and renewal.

9. Budget Gap

Question from Councillor Smith to Councillor Dr Williams

What is the budget gap for the years 2013/14 and 2014/15?

Answer

The budget gap is currently as published in February 2012 and stands at £19.8M in 2013/14 rising to £31.2M in 2014/15. This takes into account a level of savings to be delivered as shown below:

	2013/14	2014/15
	£M	£M
Gap After Pressures	30.3	45.7
Savings Known	(2.4)	(2.7)
Future Savings (Work In Progress)	(8.1)	(11.8)
Current Net Gap	19.8	31.2

10. Public transport

Question from Councillor Smith to Councillor Dr Williams

Public transport is a priority to your Administration. How will residents notice an improvement?

Answer

Public Transport is a priority. Understanding the infrastructure is key to working in partnership. Members of our Policy Team will be investigating and any lack of public involvement is something that we would wish to change.

11. Reviews and Investigations

Question from Councillor Smith to Councillor Dr Williams

How many reviews and investigations has the Leader of the Labour Group instigated or is planning to instigate, and what is the cost of these to the local tax payer?

Answer

These are included in our manifesto but include amongst others, International Way refurbishment, City View magazine, car parking charges in the City centre, CCTV and the waste collection service.

12. Post Offices

Question from Councillor Vinson to Councillor Dr Williams

Will the Leader explore opportunities under the Post Offices Act, and in light of initiatives such as that adopted by Westminster Council, for the participation of Southampton City Council in measures to strengthen and secure the post office network in the City?

Answer

There is now an opportunity within the scrutiny process to bring forward such reviews.

13. The Children's Playground on the Common

Question from Councillor Vinson to Councillor Bogle

Will the Cabinet Member ask officers to investigate and bring forward proposals for renovating the children's playground on the Common?

Answer

There are no plans currently to invest in this play area, whose equipment is regularly reviewed for maintenance purposes. I would need further information, in order to build a case for investment.

14. Recycling Rate

Question from Councillor Furnell to Councillor Thorpe

Can the cabinet member tell us the current recycling rate in the City and how this compares with six years ago?

Answer

The Council's recycling performance has been reported as national indicator N192, the percentage of waste recycled, composted and sent for reuse.

The record for the last six years is set out below:

year	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12
N192	25.76%	27.67%	27.81%	26.38%	25.07%	23.60%

18. MOTIONS

(a) Establishment of a Local Authority Trading Company

Councillor Vinson moved and Councillor Turner seconded: -

“This Council urges the Executive to bring forward at the earliest opportunity, costed proposals for the establishment of a Local Authority Trading Company or equivalent to deliver adult social care services in the first instance”.

Amendment moved by Councillor Stevens and seconded by Councillor Laming:

Delete from the second line “costed” and replace with “a variety of in depth”

Delete from the end of the third line “to deliver adult social care services” and replace with “delivery vehicle, in order to deliver adult social care services,”

AMENDED MOTION TO READ:

This Council urges the Executive to bring forward at the earliest opportunity a variety of in depth proposals for the establishment of a Local Authority Trading Company or equivalent delivery vehicle, in order to deliver adult social care services, in the first instance.

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RESOLVED that the motion as amended be approved.

NOTE: Councillor Noon declared a prejudicial interest in the above matter, in view of his employment within Adult Social Care and left the meeting during consideration of the matter.

19. 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.

20. ANNUAL STANDARDS AND GOVERNANCE BUSINESS REVIEW

RESOLVED that the report of the Chair of Standards and Governance Committee giving an overview of the work of the Committee be received and noted (copy of report circulated with agenda and appended to signed minutes).

21. CITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2012

RESOLVED that the report of the Returning Officer concerning the results of the City Council Elections 2012 be received and noted (copy of report circulated at the meeting and appended to signed minutes.)

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

RESOLVED that it be noted that the report of the Director of Economic Development summarising the use of the call-in procedure over the last three months would be submitted to the July Council meeting.

23. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY:ANNUAL REPORT 2011/2012

RESOLVED that it be noted that the report of the Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee detailing the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee Annual Report 2011/12 in accordance with the Council's Constitution be submitted to the July Council meeting.

24. LOCAL AUTHORITY MORTGAGE SCHEME

The report of the Cabinet Member for Housing was submitted regarding the Local Authority Mortgage Scheme (copy of report circulated with the agenda and appended to the signed minutes).

Amendment moved by Councillor Letts and seconded by Councillor Payne:

At the end of Recommendation (i) Add "subject to the approval of the final scheme by the Executive Members for Housing and Leisure Services and Resources."

Delete Recommendation (v) "That the Cabinet Member for Housing brings a further Executive report to Cabinet and Council once the pilot funding is exhausted, to allow evaluation of the pilot, and consideration of a wider scheme."

AMENDED RECOMMENDATIONS TO READ:

- (i) That the Council adopt the Lend a Hand Mortgage scheme as an initial pilot scheme subject to the approval of the final scheme by the Executive Members for Housing and Leisure Services and Resources.
- (ii) The Lend a Hand Mortgage Scheme not to be implemented until the Director of Corporate Services is satisfied as to the lawfulness of the scheme.
- (iii) To operate outside of current Council Treasury Policy to allow money to be placed on deposit for an initial fixed period of 5 years. The investment of £1 million would be deposited with Lloyds TSB to potentially underwrite a minimum of 40 deposits for First Time Buyers.
- (iv) The maximum value of any loan under the scheme is set at £118,750.
- (v) That the Council indemnify the Monitoring Officer against all personal liability he will incur by providing Lloyds Bank with an opinion and by providing Lloyds Bank with a signed opinion letter.
- (vi) That the qualifying post codes will include all post codes within the LA boundary area and will exclude any that cross the boundary into a neighbouring authority. The qualifying post codes will be provided to the lender(s) in a schedule to the indemnity deed.
- (vii) To delegate authority to the Director for Economic Development to enter into agreements with any financial institution pursuant to Sections 435 and 442 of the Housing Act 1985 in furtherance of the scheme and in consultation with the Director of Corporate Services.

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RESOLVED:

- (i) That the Council adopt the Lend a Hand Mortgage scheme as an initial pilot scheme subject to the approval of the final scheme by the Executive Members for Housing and Leisure Services and Resources.
- (ii) The Lend a Hand Mortgage Scheme not to be implemented until the Director of Corporate Services is satisfied as to the lawfulness of the scheme.
- (iii) To operate outside of current Council Treasury Policy to allow money to be placed on deposit for an initial fixed period of 5 years. The investment of £1 million would be deposited with Lloyds TSB to potentially underwrite a minimum of 40 deposits for First Time Buyers.
- (iv) The maximum value of any loan under the scheme is set at £118,750.
- (v) That the Council indemnify the Monitoring Officer against all personal liability he will incur by providing Lloyds Bank with an opinion and by providing Lloyds Bank with a signed opinion letter.
- (vi) That the qualifying post codes will include all post codes within the LA boundary area and will exclude any that cross the boundary into a neighbouring authority. The qualifying post codes will be provided to the lender(s) in a schedule to the indemnity deed.
- (vii) To delegate authority to the Director for Economic Development to enter into agreements with any financial institution pursuant to Sections 435 and 442 of the Housing Act 1985 in furtherance of the scheme and in consultation with the Director of Corporate Services.

25. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC - CONFIDENTIAL PAPERS INCLUDED IN THE FOLLOWING ITEM

RESOLVED that in accordance with the Council's Constitution, specifically the Access to Information procedure Rules contained within the Constitution, the press and public be excluded from the meeting in respect of any consideration of the confidential appendix 1 to the following minute.

Appendix 1 is considered to be confidential, the confidentiality of which is based on Category 3 of paragraph 10.4 of the Council's Access to Information Procedure Rules. The appendix includes details of a proposed transaction which, if disclosed prior to entering into a contract, could put the Council at a commercial disadvantage in the future. In applying the public interest test it is not considered appropriate to make public offers made as this could lead to a revision of bids. Therefore, publication of this information could be to the Council's financial detriment.

26. TOWNHILL PARK REGENERATION FRAMEWORK : FINANCIAL MODEL AND PHASE 1 CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

Upon the motion by Councillor Letts and Seconded by Councillor Payne, the report of the Cabinet Member for Housing seeking approval for the regeneration proposals for the regeneration framework for Townhill Park, be withdrawn. (copy of report circulated with agenda and appended to signed minutes).

RESOLVED that the report of the Cabinet Member for Housing seeking approval for the regeneration proposals for the regeneration framework for Townhill Park, be withdrawn.

THE EXECUTIVE

The Executive shall comprise:

Leader
Adult Services
Children's Services
Communities
Efficiency and Improvement
Environment and Transport
Housing and Leisure Services
Resources

Councillor Richard Williams
Councillor Matthew Stevens
Councillor Sarah Bogle
Councillor Jacqui Rayment
Councillor Keith Morrell
Councillor Asa Thorpe
Councillor Warwick Payne
Councillor Simon Letts

CABINET

The Cabinet will be responsible for the following functions:

- ◆ Leading the community planning process and the search for best value, with input and advice from overview and scrutiny committees and any other persons as appropriate;
 - ◆ Leading the preparation of the local authority's Policy Framework and Budget;
 - ◆ Leading the preparation of the authority's financial strategy;
 - ◆ Setting a clear and realistic direction, reflected in the Council Plan (CP) and financial strategy; setting out clear corporate priorities and ensuring they are reflected in the budget and other planning and decision-making processes; ensuring that decisions of the Executive reflect corporate priorities and plans, including decisions about the allocation of resources; communicating decisions on corporate priorities to the local community;
 - ◆ The promotion and pursuit of principles espoused by the Council in respect of equalities and a sustainable environment, in its role as an employer, service provider and the exercise of community leadership;
 - ◆ Achieving efficiencies through taking in-year decisions on resources and priorities, together with other stakeholders and partners in the local community, delivering and implementing the budget and policies decided by the Full Council;
 - ◆ Being the focus for forming partnerships with other local public, private, voluntary and community sector organisations to address local needs;
 - ◆ Determining proposals for and variations to the Policy Framework and Budget that are to be proposed to Full Council;
 - ◆ Considering reports of Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee, and its Panels (sub-committees) and formulating responses to those;
 - ◆ Making any decision in respect of an Executive Function which has been delegated where the delegate has decided not to exercise his/her delegation;
 - ◆ In the absence of any Cabinet Member (including the Leader) or where any Cabinet Member (including the Leader) is not available or able to make a decision, Cabinet may, subject to the Leader's agreement, discharge that Executive Function in respect of that decision;
 - ◆ Subject to the budget, determining the grants to be paid by the Council;
 - ◆ The appointment of any individual:
 - (a) to any office other than an office in which s/he is employed by the authority;
 - (b) to any other body other than (i) the authority (ii) a joint committee of two or more authorities; or
 - (c) to any committee or sub-committee of such a body.
- and the revoking of any such appointment, to the extent that appointments are usually but not exclusively to outside bodies in connection with functions which are the responsibility of the Executive;

- ◆ The appointment of any panel, body or other grouping of elected Members, officers or other persons, together or in combination, whether or not jointly with any other authority or organisation other than a committee, a sub-committee of the Council or a joint committee of two or more authorities, as defined in Section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972.

Delegation of Functions

The Chief Executive, Directors and Senior Managers.¹

¹ Reference should also be made to the Officers' Scheme of Delegation (available from the Democratic Services Manager) for any additional, supplementary or limits to the delegations set out in this Constitution. In the absence of any reference in the Officers' Scheme of Delegation, any function delegated by virtue of this part of the Constitution is delegated in full, although the delegator and delegatee may exercise that function in totality.

LEADER

The Leader shall be responsible for:

- ◆ Appointing a Cabinet of not fewer than three and not more than ten councillors (including the Leader);
- ◆ Determining a scheme of delegation for Executive Functions.

The Leader shall also be responsible for the following functions:

- ◆ The style, strategy, policy and co-ordination (across the board) and the direction and utilisation of resources;
- ◆ The promotion of positive partnerships and consultations with citizens, other statutory agencies, business and voluntary organisations in Southampton in the context of achieving the Vision for the City as expressed by the Council and its partners;
- ◆ The Council's pursuit of efficiencies and Value for Money in its use of resources for the provision of services to citizens of the City and its business community by pursuing a holistic approach through the effective integration of programmes and plans including the Sustainable Community Strategy and Southampton Connect and the Council's customer focus through programmes of continuing improvement;
- ◆ Setting a clear and realistic direction, reflected in the Council Plan (CP) and financial strategy; setting out clear corporate priorities and ensuring they are reflected in the budget and other planning and decision-making processes; ensuring that decisions of the Executive reflect corporate priorities and plans, including decisions about the allocation of resources; communicating decisions on corporate priorities to the local community;
- ◆ Leading on matters that are the responsibility of the Cabinet, including representing the Council with regard to its Member contacts with the Government and any regional, national or international organisations;
- ◆ Promoting and pursuing the principles of equalities in all aspects of the Council's role as an employer, service provider and in the exercise of community leadership;
- ◆ The application of national and sub-regional policies locally and any consequent forward planning necessary;
- ◆ Leading on responses to cross cutting national policies and initiatives (save where the Leader directs a cabinet Member to take the lead);
- ◆ Providing strategic political leadership and vision for the Council as a whole;
- ◆ Representing the view of the Council on matters of corporate and strategic policy to the Government and other bodies;
- ◆ The monitoring of the performance of Cabinet Members;
- ◆ Maintaining relationships with Group Leaders, chairs of committees, panels and regulatory bodies;
- ◆ Providing a link between the Executive and non-Executive Members of the Council;
- ◆ Leading on economic development including (but not limited to) the Solent Local Enterprise Partnership;
- ◆ Leading on regeneration (other than estate regeneration) including chairing any related bodies, considering and determining bids;
- ◆ Leading on marketing and communications and promoting the work of the Council;
- ◆ Leading on the tourism strategy, cruise industry and related economic development;
- ◆ The management, operation and agenda for the Cabinet;

- ◆ Leading and promoting major "flagship" projects of strategic significance, including major City developments, to Southampton;
- ◆ Leading on energy and the Council's Energy Strategy;
- ◆ Leading on the development of European and/or international initiatives and/or bids;
- ◆ Leading on urban design issues and regional spatial planning;
- ◆ In consultation with the Cabinet Member for Resources, the forward planning of the Council's Revenue and Capital Budget;
- ◆ Leading on the Council's roles and linkages with Southampton Connect;
- ◆ Leading on corporate legal and democratic issues, including (in so far as they are Executive functions) Land Charges and Licensing;
- ◆ Taking an overview on the development and implementation of devolved funding programmes including where appropriate on behalf of Southampton Connect save where such programmes fall within another Portfolio;
- ◆ Leading on business marketing, supporting businesses and City Centre Management;
- ◆ Ensuring that there is effective liaison and joint working between Cabinet Members to ensure the objectives of the Council are met and that Business and Service Plans link with commitments agreed by the Cabinet;
- ◆ Strategic responsibility for financial matters in relation to the Portfolio;
- ◆ Reporting to the Full Council and its decision making and scrutiny functions where appropriate;
- ◆ Seeking comments on Policy development and issuing statements and bulletins as appropriate;
- ◆ All other Executive functions not otherwise delegated.

Delegation of Functions

The Chief Executive, Directors and Senior Managers.

CABINET MEMBER FOR ADULT SERVICES

The Cabinet Member shall be responsible for the following functions:

- ◆ Save as reserved to Cabinet, all Executive adult social care functions;
- ◆ The development, implementation, monitoring and review of the adult social care policies and strategies;
- ◆ The promotion of positive partnerships with service users, carers, local agencies, businesses and voluntary organisations in the context of delivering effective adult social care services;
- ◆ Setting a clear and realistic direction, reflected in the Council Plan (CP) and financial strategy; setting out clear corporate priorities and ensuring they are reflected in the budget and other planning and decision-making processes; ensuring that decisions of the Executive reflect corporate priorities and plans, including decisions about the allocation of resources; communicating decisions on corporate priorities to the local community;
- ◆ The promotion and pursuit of principles espoused by the Council in respect of social cohesion, and a sustainable environment, in its role as an employer, service provider and the exercise of community leadership;
- ◆ The application of national policies locally and any consequent forward planning necessary;
- ◆ Leading on the implementation and delivery of the Health and Social Care Act 2012, and any secondary legislation and guidance;
- ◆ Leading for the Council on the strategy for adult social care services for vulnerable adults (ie people with needs by reason of their: Age, Mental Health, Learning Disability, Physical and Sensory Disability, Substance Misuse or other special care needs e.g. people with HIV/AIDS) and in ensuring the Council's commitments with regard to the provision of statutory social services for these groups are met and they are safeguarded;
- ◆ Working with the Cabinet Members for Children's Services and Communities (and other Cabinet Members and partners as appropriate) on jointly leading on the Council's effective participation in the range of joint planning, consultation and funding arrangements for the provision of health and social care services for adults with the NHS, service users and carers, voluntary and private sector service providers;
- ◆ Work closely with the Cabinet Members for Communities, Housing and Children's Services on the development, delivery and improvement of housing, health and social care services to vulnerable adults, children and young people;
- ◆ Working with the Cabinet member for Communities on the Health and Wellbeing Board;
- ◆ Leading for the Council on the management of programmes and services for providing support to disadvantaged people and groups in the City;
- ◆ Strategic responsibility for financial matters in relation to the Portfolio;
- ◆ Liaison and joint working with other Cabinet Members to ensure the objectives of the Council are met and that Business and Service Plans link with commitments agreed by the Cabinet;
- ◆ Reporting to the Full Council and its decision making and scrutiny functions where appropriate;
- ◆ Seeking comments on Policy development through Cabinet and Scrutiny and issuing statements and bulletins related to matters within the Portfolio.

Delegation of Functions

The Chief Executive, Directors and Senior Managers.

CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES

The Cabinet Member shall be responsible for the following functions:

- ◆ Save as reserved to the Cabinet, all Executive functions in respect of children's services and learning taking full account of the statutory guidance for the Lead Member for Children's Services;
- ◆ The development, implementation, monitoring and review of the Council's policies and strategies relating to children's services and any other related matters;
- ◆ The promotion of positive partnerships with private and voluntary organisations in the context of developing Southampton's children's services;
- ◆ Setting a clear and realistic direction, reflected in the Council Plan (CP) and financial strategy; setting out clear corporate priorities and ensuring they are reflected in the budget and other planning and decision-making processes; ensuring that decisions of the Executive reflect corporate priorities and plans, including decisions about the allocation of resources; communicating decisions on corporate priorities to the local community;
- ◆ Matters relating to the Portfolio involving Member contacts with the Government and any regional or national organisations;
- ◆ The promotion and pursuit of principles espoused by the Council in respect of social cohesion, and a sustainable environment, in its role as an employer, service provider and the exercise of community leadership;
- ◆ The leadership of and political accountability for the effectiveness, availability and value for money of all the local authority's children's services;
- ◆ Working with the Cabinet Member for Communities on the engagement and encouragement of local communities in order to improve children's services and to ensure that services, both within the City and across partner organisations, improve outcomes for all and are organised around family, children and young people's needs;
- ◆ Leading on safeguarding children and promoting an inclusive approach to the welfare of children across all agencies including SEN, emotional literacy, services to children with disabilities and school attendance;
- ◆ Leading on the strategy for social care for children and young people, on the Council's commitments with regard to its role as the corporate parent for children and young people looked after and its responsibilities under relevant legislation on the Fostering and Adoption Services, on the Local Safeguarding Children and young people's Board, asylum seeking minors and their families;
- ◆ Leading on all functions in respect of services to young people with the exception of Youth Offending and the Youth Justice Plan;
- ◆ Working with the Cabinet Member for Communities in respect of the delivery of Youth Offending priorities and the Youth Justice Plan
- ◆ Leading on schools, education asset management, early years education, admissions and attendance standards and improvement, education welfare service, schools organisation, extended schools and all ancillary education activities;
- ◆ The application of national policies locally and any consequent forward planning necessary;
- ◆ Leading on the Children's and Young People's Trust and the joint commissioning of services related to the activities of the Portfolio and/or Trust;
- ◆ Leading on the Children's and Young Peoples priorities;
- ◆ Raising school standards;

- ◆ Leading on School Admissions and Exclusions Policies;
- ◆ Leading on Education Capital and Schools Repairs and Maintenance Programmes;
- ◆ Leading on e-Communications in Schools, platforms for electronic learning and integrated IS/ITS systems across children's services;
- ◆ Leading on Special Educational Needs and Equalities in Education;
- ◆ Leading on Student Finance;
- ◆ Leading on the 14-19 Strategy;
- ◆ Oversight of the commissioning of all learning and skills for 14-19 year olds in the City in line with statutory obligations;
- ◆ Leading on budget allocation to schools within the rules for Local Management of Schools Liaison and joint working with other Cabinet Members to ensure the objectives of the Council are met and that Business and Service Plans link with commitments agreed by the Cabinet;
- ◆ Leading on the strategy for social services for children, on the Council's commitments with regard to its role as the corporate parent for looked after children and its responsibilities under relevant legislation on the Fostering and Adoption Services, on the Local Safeguarding Children's Board, asylum seeking minors and their families;
- ◆ Working with the Cabinet Members for Adult Services and Communities (and other Cabinet Members and partners as appropriate) on jointly leading on the Council's effective participation in the range of joint planning, consultation and funding arrangements for the provision of health and social care services for adults with the NHS, service users and carers, voluntary and private sector service providers;
- ◆ Leading on the Council's effective participation in the range of joint planning, consultation and funding arrangements for the provision of all services for children with the NHS, Service Users and Carers, Voluntary and Private Sector service providers through the Children and Young People's Trust;
- ◆ Working with the Cabinet member for Communities on the Health and Wellbeing Board;
- ◆ Leading on the development and delivery of Sure Start children's centres programmes in the City and the promotions of mainstreaming Sure Start principles within relevant Council services;
- ◆ Leading on the range of services available to young people;
- ◆ Strategic responsibility for financial matters in relation to the Portfolio;
- ◆ Reporting to the Full Council and its decision making and scrutiny functions where appropriate;
- ◆ Seeking comments on Policy development through Cabinet and Scrutiny and issuing statements and bulletins related to matters within the Portfolio.

Delegation of Functions

The Chief Executive, Directors and Senior Managers.

CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITIES

The Cabinet Member shall be responsible for the following functions:

- ◆ To act as Deputy Leader and accordingly discharge the functions of the Leader in the absence of the Leader;
- ◆ As Deputy Leader sit on the Change Management Board working with the Cabinet Member for Efficiency and Improvement;
- ◆ Save as reserved to Cabinet, all Executive functions in relation to community safety, community development, equalities, public health, poverty(including fuel poverty), and “troubled” families;
- ◆ Setting a clear and realistic direction, reflected in the Council Plan (CP) and financial strategy; setting out clear corporate priorities and ensuring they are reflected in the budget and other planning and decision-making processes; ensuring that decisions of the Executive reflect corporate priorities and plans, including decisions about the allocation of resources; communicating decisions on corporate priorities to the local community;
- ◆ Matters relating to the Portfolio involving Member contacts with the Government and any Regional or National organisations;
- ◆ The promotion and pursuit of principles espoused by the Council in respect of social cohesion, and a sustainable environment, in its role as an employer, service provider and the exercise of community leadership;
- ◆ The application of national policies locally and any consequent forward planning necessary;
- ◆ Overall strategic responsibility for the development, implementation, monitoring and review of the Council’s policies and strategies and any other related matters relevant to this Portfolio;
- ◆ Leading on the development of the Council’s Adult Learning and Skills Plan;
- ◆ Leading on public health;
- ◆ Leading on the Health and Wellbeing Board;
- ◆ The promotion of positive partnerships with service users, carers, local agencies, businesses and voluntary organisations in the context of delivering effective public health services;
- ◆ Matters relating to the Portfolio involving Member contacts with the local NHS bodies, GPs, the Government and any regional or national organisations;
- ◆ Leading for the Council on the strategy for health services and working with other Cabinet Members to ensure that the Council’s commitments with regard to the provision of statutory social services for the most vulnerable groups are met and they are safeguarded;
- ◆ Working with the Cabinet Members for Adult and Children’s Services (and other Cabinet Members and partners as appropriate) on jointly leading on the Council’s effective participation in the range of joint planning, consultation and funding arrangements for the provision of health and social care services for adults with the NHS, service users and carers, voluntary and private sector service providers;
- ◆ Work closely with the Cabinet Members for Adult Services, Housing & Local Services and Children’s Services on the development, delivery and improvement of housing, health and social care services to vulnerable adults, children and young people;
- ◆ Leading on the health and well-being strategy;
- ◆ Leading on all equalities legislation and ensuring the council completes the Equalities and Community Safety Impact Assessments as required;

- ◆ Leading on the Youth Offending Teams and the Youth Justice Plan
- ◆ Leading on the co-ordination and development of City-wide community involvement activities including but not limited to the provision of Community Centres and other Community Facilities;
- ◆ Leading on the implementation of a co-ordinated cross-council enforcement function;
- ◆ The promotion, development, implementation, monitoring and review of social cohesion policies and projects across all service areas included the submission of appropriate external funding proposals;
- ◆ Leading on initiatives which encourage the development of social enterprises and projects to improve employability of local people;
- ◆ Leading on the Council's strategy to tackle poverty (including fuel poverty);
- ◆ Taking the lead on emergency planning and all related civil defence issues;
- ◆ Ensuring appropriate consultation methods and arrangements are in place for the provision of council services;
- ◆ Leading on volunteering and advice services (including infrastructure);
- ◆ Ensuring individuals can access the Council services they require and that they are free to live without fear of anti-social behaviour, discrimination and prejudice;
- ◆ Leading on the delivery of the Anti-Social Behaviour strategy and other related initiatives;
- ◆ Leading on Community Safety, including tackling alcohol related crime, CCTV and the Domestic Violence Strategy;
- ◆ Leading on the Hate Crime and Harassment Strategy;
- ◆ Working with all other Cabinet Members, and any other bodies / agencies as appropriate, taking a strategic lead on the "troubled" families initiative;
- ◆ Working with the Cabinet Member for Children's services on the engagement and encouragement of local communities in order to improve services and to ensure that services, both within the City and across partner organisations, improve outcomes for all and are organised around community, family, children and young people's needs;
- ◆ Strategic responsibility for financial matters in relation to the Portfolio;
- ◆ Liaison and joint working with other Cabinet Members to ensure the objectives of the Council are met and that Business and Service Plans link with commitments agreed by the Cabinet;
- ◆ Reporting to the Full Council and its decision making and scrutiny functions where appropriate;
- ◆ Seeking comments on Policy development through Cabinet and Scrutiny and issuing statements and bulletins related to matters within the Portfolio.

Delegation of Functions

The Chief Executive, Directors and Senior Managers.

CABINET MEMBER FOR EFFICIENCY AND IMPROVEMENT

The Cabinet Member shall be responsible for the following functions:

- ◆ Save as reserved to Cabinet, all Executive functions in relation to delivering better value, including procurement, performance, contract management and grants;
- ◆ Setting a clear and realistic direction, reflected in the Council Plan (CP) and financial strategy; setting out clear corporate priorities and ensuring they are reflected in the budget and other planning and decision-making processes; ensuring that decisions of the Executive reflect corporate priorities and plans, including decisions about the allocation of resources; communicating decisions on corporate priorities to the local community;
- ◆ Matters relating to the Portfolio involving Member contacts with the Government and any Regional or National organisations;
- ◆ The promotion and pursuit of principles espoused by the Council in respect of social cohesion, and a sustainable environment, in its role as an employer, service provider and the exercise of community leadership;
- ◆ The application of national policies locally and any consequent forward planning necessary;
- ◆ Overall strategic responsibility for the development, implementation, monitoring and review of the Council's procurement, performance and contract management policies and strategies and any other related matters;
- ◆ Taking a strategic cross-council overview in relation to procurement, performance and contract management, and working with other Cabinet Members with direct service leads in those areas as appropriate to ensure the Council achieves better value;
- ◆ Leading on grants to voluntary organisations and the liaison with the voluntary sector;
- ◆ Leading on improvement and efficiency;
- ◆ Leading on Best Value;
- ◆ Leading on the formulation and delivery of Corporate Policy and Performance;
- ◆ Leading on Risk Management;
- ◆ Leading on Change Management including chairing the Change Management Board;
- ◆ Strategic responsibility for financial matters in relation to the Portfolio;
- ◆ Liaison and joint working with other Cabinet Members to ensure the objectives of the Council are met and that Business and Service Plans link with commitments agreed by the Cabinet;
- ◆ Reporting to the Full Council and its decision making and scrutiny functions where appropriate;
- ◆ Seeking comments on Policy development through Cabinet and Scrutiny and issuing statements and bulletins related to matters within the Portfolio.

Delegation of Functions

The Chief Executive, Directors and Senior Managers.

CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT

The Cabinet Member shall be responsible for the following functions:

- ◆ Save as reserved to Cabinet, all Executive functions in respect of environment, planning, transport, waste management, sustainability (excluding energy), environmental health, trading standards and consumer protection (but excluding development control and any regulatory matters that are non-executive functions within the remit of any of the regulatory committees);
- ◆ The development, implementation, monitoring and review of the Council's Highways and parking services, Waste management and fleet transport, Travel and Transport, Environmental Health, planning and sustainability and Environmental policies and strategies and any other related matters;
- ◆ Delivery of the Vision for Transport in the City through the Local Transport Plan 2;
- ◆ The promotion of positive partnerships with private and voluntary organisations in the context of developing Southampton's Highways and Transport infrastructure;
- ◆ Leading on the Highways service, determining service levels and required funding through the delivery model;
- ◆ Setting a clear and realistic direction, reflected in the Council Plan (CP) and financial strategy; setting out clear corporate priorities and ensuring they are reflected in the budget and other planning and decision-making processes; ensuring that decisions of the Executive reflect corporate priorities and plans, including decisions about the allocation of resources; communicating decisions on corporate priorities to the local community;
- ◆ Matters relating to the Portfolio involving Member contacts with the Government and any Regional or National organisations;
- ◆ The promotion and pursuit of principles espoused by the Council in respect of social cohesion, and a sustainable environment, in its role as an employer, service provider and the exercise of community leadership;
- ◆ Leading on the formation and delivery of environment related policies, programmes and performance excluding Planning Policy, regional spatial/ strategic planning and planning policy for HMOs;
- ◆ Improving the Street Scene and environment, making Southampton a smarter, safer, and cleaner City;
- ◆ Leading on street cleansing, public conveniences;
- ◆ The promotion of a City-wide Climate Change and Air Quality strategy, including Local Sustainable Communities and a low carbon city;
- ◆ Leading on:
 - Transport for South Hampshire(TfSH);
 - Building Control;
 - Transportation strategy and development, including traffic and road safety and travel planning;
 - Use of Council Transport;
 - Waste disposal and collection (including links with Project Integra and recycling);
 - Fleet transport;
 - Highways and bridges (including the Itchen Bridge);
 - Highways maintenance;
 - Network management;
 - Winter maintenance;

- Structural maintenance;
 - Passenger transport;
 - Car Parks;
 - Street lighting;
 - Environmental initiatives;
 - Working with the Leader who has the led for energy strategy on energy management and sustainability;
 - Flood risk management;
 - Climate Change;
 - Air Quality;
 - Environmental Health, trading standards and the Port Health Authority;
 - Bereavement Services, cemeteries and crematorium;
 - Registrar of births, marriages, deaths, civil partnerships and celebratory services.
- ◆ Strategic responsibility for financial matters in relation to the Portfolio;
 - ◆ Liaison and joint working with other Cabinet Members to ensure the objectives of the Council are met and that Business and Service Plans link with commitments agreed by the Cabinet;
 - ◆ Reporting to the Full Council and its decision making and scrutiny functions where appropriate;
 - ◆ Seeking comments on Policy development through Cabinet and Scrutiny and issuing statements and bulletins related to matters within the Portfolio.

Delegation of Functions

The Chief Executive, Directors and Senior Managers.

CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING AND LEISURE SERVICES

The Cabinet Member shall be responsible for the following functions:

- ◆ Save as reserved to Cabinet, all Executive functions in respect of housing and leisure services;
- ◆ The development, implementation, monitoring and review of the Council's housing and leisure services related policies and strategies and any other related matters;
- ◆ The promotion of positive partnerships with neighbourhoods, tenants, leaseholders, Housing Associations, businesses and voluntary organisations in the context of the Council's role as a Landlord and strategic planner of social housing and in relation to neighbourhoods and local services;
- ◆ Setting a clear and realistic direction, reflected in the Council Plan (CP) and financial strategy; setting out clear corporate priorities and ensuring they are reflected in the budget and other planning and decision-making processes; ensuring that decisions of the Executive reflect corporate priorities and plans, including decisions about the allocation of resources; communicating decisions on corporate priorities to the local community;
- ◆ Matters relating to the Portfolio involving Member contacts with the Government and any Regional or National organisations;
- ◆ The promotion and pursuit of principles espoused by the Council in respect of social cohesion, and a sustainable environment, in its role as an employer, service provider and the exercise of community leadership;
- ◆ The application of national policies locally and any consequent forward planning necessary;
- ◆ Preparing the Council's Housing Strategy to the Government, together with other bids to obtain resources for housing;
- ◆ Developing the Council's Housing Revenue Account Business Plan;
- ◆ Development and implementation of the Council's Programme of Housing Investment in the City;
- ◆ Working with Homes & Communities Agency and partner Housing Associations to deliver new affordable homes in the city;
- ◆ Leading the Council's annual Rent Setting process;
- ◆ Setting and implementing all Council Housing Policies and Tenancy Conditions including the repair, renovation and improvement of the Council's housing stock, Sale of Council houses, tenant participation, estate services, housing allocations and rent collection;
- ◆ Homelessness services including the provision of temporary housing, housing advice and mediation services;
- ◆ All statutory responsibilities and policies relating to Private Sector Housing, Houses in Multiple Occupation, unfit houses, renovation grants, enforcement action, compulsory purchase and housing advice and welfare rights services;
- ◆ Assessing current and future housing need in the City and working with partners to increase the supply and choice of housing in conjunction with the Leader;
- ◆ Leading on the provision of the Neighbourhood Warden Service and development of Youth and Junior Warden Schemes and/or activities;
- ◆ Leading on estate regeneration;
- ◆ Developing the empty property strategy, funding of housing associations from local resources and the provision of grants to voluntary housing organisations in the City;
- ◆ Leading on the management of Kanes Hill Gypsy Site;
- ◆ Gypsies and Travellers Strategy (as part of the overall Housing Strategy);

- ◆ Ensuring individuals can enjoy their homes and neighbourhoods without the fear of anti-social behaviour, discrimination and prejudice;
- ◆ Leading on parks and open spaces, nature conservation and allotments;
- ◆ The development, implementation, monitoring and review of the Council's leisure, culture and heritage policies and strategies and any other related matters;
- ◆ The promotion of positive partnerships with private and voluntary organisations in the context of developing leisure, culture and heritage facilities in the City;
- ◆ Leading on leisure, culture and heritage functions which link with lifelong learning, community safety and crime reduction, health and well-being, economic development, young people, play and self development, media/information society, dual use facilities and activities, events and entertainment;
- ◆ Leading on the Tourist Information Centre;
- ◆ Leading on sports development and leisure venues;
- ◆ Strategic responsibility for financial matters in relation to the Portfolio;
- ◆ Liaison and joint working with other Cabinet Members to ensure the objectives of the Council are met and that Business and Service Plans link with commitments agreed by the Cabinet;
- ◆ Reporting to the full Council and its decision making and scrutiny functions where appropriate;
- ◆ Seeking comments on Policy development through Cabinet and Scrutiny and issuing statements and bulletins related to matters within the Portfolio.

Delegation of Functions

The Chief Executive, Directors and Senior Managers.

CABINET MEMBER FOR RESOURCES

The Cabinet Member shall be responsible for the following functions:

- ◆ Save as reserved to Cabinet, all Executive functions in relation to resources, financial services including (but not limited to) financial management, planning, accounting and audit matters, human resources, workforce planning; property, operational procurement, ICT (Information Communication Technology), and customer care ;
- ◆ Setting a clear and realistic direction, reflected in the Council Plan (CP) and financial strategy; setting out clear corporate priorities and ensuring they are reflected in the budget and other planning and decision-making processes; ensuring that decisions of the Executive reflect corporate priorities and plans, including decisions about the allocation of resources; communicating decisions on corporate priorities to the local community;
- ◆ Matters relating to the Portfolio involving Member contacts with the Government and any Regional or National organisations;
- ◆ The promotion and pursuit of principles espoused by the Council in respect of social cohesion, and a sustainable environment, in its role as an employer, service provider and the exercise of community leadership;
- ◆ The application of national policies locally and any consequent forward planning necessary;
- ◆ Planning Policy and (in so far as it is an Executive function) Development control particularly the City Centre Action Plan and contributing to Partnership for Urban South Hampshire (PUSH);
- ◆ Overall strategic responsibility for the development, implementation, monitoring and review of the Council's budgetary, financial and benefits policies and strategies and any other related matters;
- ◆ Leading on the strategic overview of employment and workforce issues, including all aspects of human resources;
- ◆ Overall strategic overview of the Capital programme;
- ◆ Ensuring that supportive frameworks are maintained and developed for Members and employees in terms of human resources, ICT, operational procurement, property, customer services, modern records and scrutiny;
- ◆ Leading on all property issues (excluding the management of the Council's housing stock);
- ◆ Strategic responsibility for financial matters in relation to the Portfolio;
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SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
25 JUNE 2012

Present:

The Mayor, Councillor Burke
The Sheriff, Councillor White
Councillors Baillie, Barnes-Andrews, Bogle, Chaloner, 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

27. APOLOGIES

It was noted that apologies for absence had been received from Councillor Mrs Blatchford.

28. EXTRAORDINARY BUSINESS

Councillor Smith moved and Councillor Moulton seconded:-

“In view of the real reason for the resignation of Councillor Morrell as Cabinet Member for Efficiency and Innovation, being that he did not agree with the new Labour Administration’s proposals to deal with the Council’s budget problems and not that he was ill as publicly stated and repeated by the Leader of the Council, that the Leader has brought the Council into disrepute and accordingly the Council has no confidence in him, and resolves to remove him from the office as Leader”.

UPON BEING PUT TO THE VOTE THE MOTION WAS DECLARED LOST

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