
SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
14 JULY 2010

Present:

The Mayor, Councillor Cunio (Minutes 22-28a, 28c-39)
The Sheriff, Councillor Matthews
Councillors Baillie, Ball, Barnes-Andrews, Bogle, Burke, Capozzoli, Mrs Damani (Minutes 22-28a, 28c-39), Daunt, Dean, Dick, Drake (Minutes 22-28a, 28c-39), Fitzgerald (Minutes 22-28a, 28c-39), Fitzhenry, Fuller, Furnell, Hannides, Harris, Holmes, Jones, Kolker, Letts, Marsh-Jenks, Mead, McEwing, Morrell, Moulton, Norris, Odgers, Osmond, Parnell, Payne, Rayment, Slade, Smith, Sollitt, Stevens, Vinson, Thomas, Turner, Walker, Wells, Willacy, P Williams, Dr R Williams (Minutes 22-28c, 28e-39) and White

22. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillor Samuels.

23. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 12th May, 2010 be approved and signed as a correct record.

24. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR AND LEADER

The Mayor informed Members that this was Carolyn Williamson's last Council meeting. Carolyn had worked for Southampton City Council for 5 years, prior to that she was Director of Corporate Services with Inverclyde Council.

Carolyn had corporate responsibilities as part of Southampton City Council's Chief Officers Management Team and was also the Council's Statutory Chief Financial Officer. She also had strategic responsibility for the Council's Strategic Services Partnership (SSP) with Capita and was responsible for the leadership and delivery of the transfer of services to Capita, including delivery of the new Regional Business Centre in Southampton City Centre which was due to open in late July this year.

The Mayor on behalf of the Council wished Carolyn all the best in her new role as County Treasurer at Hampshire County Council.

25. DEPUTATIONS, PETITIONS AND PUBLIC QUESTIONS

The Council received a deputation from Tim Cutter, David Rawlinson and Mike King concerning the proposed variations to the Council's budget.

26. ELECTION OF THE LEADER

The nomination of Councillor Smith was moved and seconded.

UPON BEING PUT TO THE VOTE IT WAS:

RESOLVED that Councillor Smith be elected as Leader of the Council for the remainder of the municipal year.

Following his election as Leader, Councillor Smith informed the Council of his Cabinet and their Portfolio responsibilities:

Adult Social Care and Health – Councillor White
Children and Safeguarding – Councillor Holmes
Environment and Transport – Councillor Dean
Housing – Councillor Baillie
Leisure, Culture and Heritage – Councillor Hannides
Local Services and Community Safety – Councillor P. Williams
Resources and Workforce Planning – Councillor Moulton

The Leader then confirmed that the contents of each of the Portfolios, which would be incorporated into the scheme of Executive Delegation in the Constitution, would be circulated in due course.

27. 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. **Free Swimming Provision**

Question from Councillor Burke to Councillor Hannides

Can the Cabinet Member for Leisure, Culture and Heritage tell me how many people have used the free swimming provision?

Answer

Total free swimming attendance for 2009/10 was 106,351.

Under 16's = 79,958

Over 60's = 26,393

Total attendance for 2010/11 to end of June is 21,231

Under 16's = 15,681

Over 60's = 5,550

Which totals 127,582 people who have used the free swimming provision.

2. **Surveillance**

Question from Councillor Vinson to Councillor Smith

How many covert surveillance and 'bugging' operations have been conducted by Southampton City Council under the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act in the past year?

Answer

The Council has a balanced approach to surveillance i.e. we are not prolific users and operate well within the current guidelines. The recent RIPA inspection in May 2010 commended the Council and were positive about our approach, appropriate use of powers and training.

The form of operation is usually CCTV surveillance and/or officer observance. In 2009/10 the Council undertook 25 directed surveillance operations.

There were no instances of 'bugging'. In fact, the local authority is not empowered to carry out such activity as this is the preserve of the law enforcement agencies such as the police and the security organisations such as MI5 and MI6.

3. Portswood Recreation Ground

Question from Councillor Vinson to Councillor P Williams

Will the Cabinet Member for Housing and Local Services please arrange for the installation of improved signage of the dog-walking area at Portswood Recreation Ground, in the interests of the health and safety of children?

Answer

The Council is already working closely with the local residents and the friends group on improvements to Portswood Rec. We are currently finalising the designs for the park entrances and linked to this is the improved signage. Temporary signage clarifying the dog walking has been in place but has been removed and needs replacing which is in hand.

4. Future Jobs Fund

Question from Councillor Bogle to Councillor Smith

Can the Cabinet Member for Economic Development confirm how the Council aims to mitigate the impact of the axing of the Future Jobs Fund?

Answer

The Future Jobs Fund in Southampton is delivered through a consortium lead by Hampshire County Council. The programme in Hampshire and Portsmouth will close to new entrants on 30th September 2010. However, in Southampton the programme will close to new entrants on 31st March 2011, enabling placements to continue until 30th September 2011.

To enable the continued delivery of an apprenticeship programme the following actions are also planned:

- Make use of ongoing 'surplus' FJF funded places that Hampshire/Portsmouth do not wish to use – to date this has increased Southampton's allocation by 18 places (£117,000)

- Consortia partners unable to use their allocation by 30th September 2010 will be approached to transfer unused, but funded, places to Southampton
- The Southampton Skills Development Zone (SSDZ) hosted 33 twelve month apprenticeships in 2009/10, part funded by FJF. This will be repeated in 2010/11. Funding has been secured, largely through FJF, to ensure coordination, promotion and sustainability of the programme (until September 2011)
- An external funding programme has been drafted, and will be expanded, to assist the SSDZ's sustainability – i.e. to develop a bid for Big Lottery's awaited new programme Youth in Focus
- External funding has been applied for from Europe;
 - To offer a small number of 12 month apprenticeships to Looked after Children – the outcome will be known in late August 2010 (£48,000)
 - To offer apprenticeship employment in cultural, creative and media industries (lead by Southampton Solent University) (£800,000)
 - Investigate developing a bid to deliver/be part of the delivery mechanism of the new single Work Programme
 - Continue securing opportunities with developers through S106 agreements (lead by Childrens Services and Learning)

5. Opportunities for economic growth

Question from Councillor Bogle to Councillor Smith

Can the Cabinet Member for Economic Development provide evidence of opportunities for economic growth in Southampton?

Answer

The City Council is working with its partners on a programme of major development that provides for the retention of existing jobs and the creation of new opportunities. In the longer term the Masterplanning exercise will provide the basis for large scale office-based job growth. The major development schemes that will provide jobs in retail, leisure, public sector, cultural industries and office employment include:

- The Cultural Quarter – 1 Guildhall Square nearing completion, Grosvenor working on proposals for Tyrrell and Green site
- Southern Road – new police HQ under construction
- West Quay 3B – new Premier Inn under construction and developer seeking occupier for office premises (Aqua)
- Ocean Village Innovation Centre – recently completed and letting
- Watermark WestQuay – Hammerson developing proposals for additional phase and seeking occupiers
- Town Depot site – Response received from developer following OJEU notice
- Royal Pier – Currently out to developers for expressions of interest.
- Mayflower Theatre – improvements completed to allow larger productions
- Centenary Quay – marine and leisure employment
- Adanac Park – relocation of Ordnance Survey
- Port of Southampton – increased cruise liner visits next year (approximately 350) including programme of sailings from the 2000 passenger MSC Opera and the new Queen Elizabeth

The University of Southampton and Lloyds Register remain committed to their proposals for a Centre of Marine Excellence at the Boldrewood Campus.

PUSH is refreshing its Economic Development Strategy and has identified the following sectors where there is potential for growth –

- Marine, aerospace, environmental technologies, transport and logistics, advanced manufacturing (all high growth in terms of Gross Value Added);
- Financial and business services and health and care (creating job opportunities for many)
- Creative industries, leisure and visitor economy, and retail (underpinning quality of life and place)

6. Businesses in the City

Question from Councillor Bogle to Councillor Smith

Can the Cabinet Member for Economic Development clarify what options the Council can promote to businesses in the City (particularly small to medium enterprises) to reduce their costs?

Answer

The City Council is committed to supporting effective and compliant businesses by providing clear, practical, timely and accessible advice. Council actions to assist businesses to reduce their costs include the following:

- **Open for Business:** A service that provides free advice to businesses as part of a risk based programme of inspections carried out at business premises.
- **Buy With Confidence (BWC):** A web based directory of Trading Standards Approved businesses offering free business advice, web listing on dedicated website and the use of scheme logo.
- **Estates Excellence:** A partnership project between the Health & Safety Executive, Southampton City Council and Hampshire Fire & Rescue Service aimed at promoting safe and healthy work places in the city's industrial estates.
- **Business focused seminars:** Aimed at identifying practical routes to achieve compliance for estate agents and lettings agents/landlords.
- **Business View articles:** These are targeted specific business activities, identifying key issues, practical steps to improve business performance and links to quality advice.
- **Web-based business advice and services:** linked to Southampton On-line and include content developed in-house and links to other agencies. A range of registration, licensing and other permits are now available electronically.
- **Promoting ways of reducing costs:** We have successfully worked with Business Link and Chamber of Commerce to promote free business advice and the Chambers cheaper utilities opportunity. In partnership with the Valuation Office Agency and the Woolston Traders Association we are working to identify positive ways to reduce the Business Rates payable. In addition, the Economic Development Team has created a number of opportunities within the district centres to enhance the local areas, including the street markets to generate income for Traders' Associations for their use and the benefit of the wider community. Southampton City currently encourages easy in easy out start up facilities at The Solent Business Centre.

7. Office and Retail Space

Question from Councillor Bogle to Councillor Dean

Could the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport clarify what the current assumptions are for future requirements in terms of office space and retail space (quantity and timescales) in the development of the City Centre Action Plan, and if they have been reviewed or are likely to be reviewed?

Answer

Southampton's core strategy sets the following targets for growth in the city centre in the period to 2026:

Offices – At least 322,000 sq m

Retail – Approximately 130,000 sq m (non food).

As an approximate guide the retail target is based on the following phasing:

2006 – 2016: 55,000 sq m

2016 – 2026: 75,000 sq m

The office and retail targets represent a major increase in economic development, in line with the Partnership for Urban South Hampshire's strategy to promote economic growth focussed first on the city centres. Both targets represent more than a 50% increase on existing floorspace. The targets are based on forecasts undertaken by PUSH in 2005 and 2006, and (for retail) a short review undertaken by the Council in 2009. The City Centre Action Plan and Master Plan will create a strategy to help promote and manage this growth, and identify specific development sites.

A review of both targets is planned, to update the figures and take account of both the recession and the recovery.

PUSH have commissioned an update of the economic forecasts, including the office targets, to underpin a review of its economic strategy. The general economic forecasts have just been published. These are being translated into targets for office (and other employment) space and we are expecting this work to be available in September.

The Planning and Sustainability Division are intending to commission an update of the retail targets later this year, to report by March 2011.

8. Utilities and roads

Question from Councillor Turner to Councillor Dean

Can the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport confirm that the City Council monitors the Utilities in their digging up of Southampton roads?

Answer

Yes

9. Children's Services and Learning budget

Question from Councillor Stevens to Councillor Holmes

Can the Cabinet Member for Children's Services and Learning outline the cuts in Children's Services and Learning made last week and what further cuts in CSL services he intends to make?

Answer

The full set of budget savings affecting Children's Service and Learning are detailed in the Cabinet papers. The scale of the savings reflects the difficult financial situation facing the City Council and the wider public sector.

Colleagues can be assured that we are committed to maintaining services that improve attendance and attainment of children and young people as well as safeguarding them.

10. Building Schools for the Future

Question from Councillor Stevens to Councillor Holmes

What happens to money allocated to Building Schools for the Future now the programme has been cancelled?

Answer

I can announce today that the Council is protecting the funding it had committed to Building Schools for the Future and will be developing a city-wide schools capital investment plan to use this money to best effect. This funding will be combined with whatever comes out of the Department for Education's spending review and invested across the primary, secondary and special school estate.

Between now and the Comprehensive Spending Review in October, our officers will be working closely with the Government to maximise the share of national funding coming to this city. Our Building Schools for the Future programme may have been stopped, but this does not mean the end of investment in our schools. We look forward to working within new capital programme arrangements and trust they will be less bureaucratic than previous system.

11. Academy new build

Question from Councillor Stevens to Councillor Holmes

What is the process for negotiation for the Academy new build and have plans/planning now come to a halt?

Answer

The process for negotiation on the Academies Programme will be issued shortly by Partnerships for Schools. We are confident that the current status of our programme will mean a favourable outcome for Southampton in the Government's review.

Plans and planning proceed apace. The facts are that we have already reached an advanced stage in the procurement of both Academy projects. In April we appointed Carillion as the Preferred Bidder for our programme. Oasis Academy Mayfield is now just five weeks from financial close and Carillion has this week submitted fully developed design proposals to the Council for Oasis Academy Lord's Hill.

In the meantime, officers, Oasis Community Learning and Carillion are pressing ahead with the established programme. On 20th July, the planning application for Mayfield will be considered by the Planning and Rights of Way Panel. On the same day there is to be a public consultation on the designs for Lord's Hill.

12. Pigeon population in the City

Question from Councillor Drake to Councillor Dean

Following the increase in the feral pigeon population in Southampton, and the threat that pigeons cause to people's health, the nuisance they cause and damage caused by their droppings to the fabric of buildings, what action is the Council taking to discourage people from feeding the pigeons around the City?

Answer

The Council follows several approaches to discourage people from feeding pigeons:

1. Education is promoted and reinforced at the City Council's Environment Roadshow launches. Signs have been erected at the two worst areas which tend to be Bitterne and Shirley precincts.
2. Fixed penalty notices are issued in appropriate circumstances under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 Section 88 where the offence is of leaving litter. This role has been undertaken by the Council's City Patrol Officers.
3. The pest control service also provides advice to individuals on the best way to feed birds within their gardens so that the food does not become an attractant to rodents.
4. When requested the Pest Control service undertakes proofing and spiking measures to deter pigeons from gathering for example at the e.g. West Quay entrance.

28. MOTIONS

(a) Constitutional Arrangements

Councillor Dr R Williams moved and Councillor Letts seconded:-

Southampton City Council re-affirms its constitutional arrangements that Full Council may remove a sitting Leader by a simple majority vote of the Full Council.

UPON BEING PUT TO THE VOTE THE MOTION WAS DECLARED CARRIED

RESOLVED that the motion be approved.

COUNCILLOR MATTHEWS IN THE CHAIR

(b) Voluntary Sector Grants

Councillor Vinson moved and Councillor Slade seconded:-

Council deplores the Executive's inept handling of the new voluntary sector grants process, whereby organisations were given inadequate notice of proposals to reduce or cease grants, and Cabinet decisions regarding the award of grants were made without reasonable time to adequately consider representations. Council therefore requests the Cabinet Member for Housing and Local Services to consult with voluntary sector organisations on a revised schedule for future years.

UPON BEING PUT TO THE VOTE THE MOTION WAS DECLARED LOST

RESOLVED that the motion be not approved.

NOTES

- (i) Councillors Cunio and Drake declared prejudicial interests in the above matter, in view of their status as trustees of Southampton Advice and Representation Centre and left the meeting during the consideration of the matter.
- (ii) Councillor Mrs Damani declared a prejudicial interest in the above matter, in view of her employment within NHS Southampton City and left the meeting during the consideration of the matter.
- (iii) Councillor Fitzgerald declared a prejudicial interest in the above matter, in view of his position on the executive of Southampton Voluntary Services and within MENCAP along with his involvement in the scouting movement and left the meeting during the consideration of the matter.

COUNCILLOR CUNIO BACK IN THE CHAIR

(c) Estate Regeneration

Councillor Payne moved and Councillor McEwing seconded:-

This Council recognises the good work of the estate regeneration scheme and reaffirms its efforts to provide affordable housing to meet the overwhelming need in the city. As a result, the Council Executive will write to the Government to ask for sufficient funding to keep the estate regeneration programme going in the long term and provide cash to meet our housing needs.

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

AMENDMENT

In second line delete the words "affordable housing" and replace with "more and better homes"

In the third line after the words "overwhelming need in the city" add:

"The Council notes that the pilot project at Hinkler Parade is proceeding despite funding challenges under the previous Government.

The Council welcomes the Coalition Government's commitment to reforming the Housing Revenue Account. It welcomes initiatives to further devolve housing responsibilities and funding to local councils. The Council also notes that the new leader of the Council has already shown the new Secretary of State for Local Government and the new Housing Minister around the Hinkler Parade site to discuss the project with officers and residents."

In the third line delete the words "As a result,"

In the third line delete the words "write to" and replace with "continue dialogue with"

In the fourth line delete the words "sufficient funding to keep the" and replace with "help to deliver our"

In the fourth line delete the words "going in the long term and provide cash to meet our housing needs".

AMENDED MOTION TO READ:

"This Council recognises the good work of the estate regeneration scheme and reaffirms its efforts to provide more and better homes to meet the overwhelming need in the city. The Council notes that the pilot project at Hinkler Parade is proceeding despite funding challenges under the previous Government.

The Council welcomes the Coalition Government's commitment to reforming the Housing Revenue Account. It welcomes initiatives to further devolve housing responsibilities and funding to local councils. The Council also notes that the new leader of the Council has already shown the new Secretary of State for Local Government and the new Housing Minister around the Hinkler Parade site to discuss the project with officers and residents. The Council Executive will continue dialogue with the Government to ask for help to deliver our estate regeneration programme."

UPON BEING PUT TO THE VOTE THE AMENDMENT WAS DECLARED CARRIED

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

RESOLVED that the motion as amended be approved.

(d) Houses in Multiple Occupation

Councillor Vinson moved and Councillor Sollitt seconded:-

This Council is concerned at possible erosion of the new planning powers to manage the spread of Houses in Multiple Occupation introduced by the last Government, and agrees that a robust response to the recently announced further consultation be submitted, supporting an opt-out strategy as proposed by the National HMO Lobby.

Council also expresses its concern that the recent extension of Permitted Development Rights under the previous Government is having an adverse effect on areas within the city and urges the new Government to review this legislation at the earliest opportunity.

Amendment moved by Councillor Dean and seconded by Councillor Fitzhenry:-

AMENDMENT

In the first paragraph in the third line delete the words “agrees that a” and replace with “Council welcomes the”

In the first paragraph in the fourth line delete the words “be submitted”

In the second paragraph in the first line delete the words “also expresses its concern that the recent extension of” and replace with “requests Government that”

In the second paragraph in the second line, delete all after “Development Rights” and replace with:

“are rescinded for small houses in multiple occupation and that such planning applications that are subsequently forthcoming are determined locally”.

AMENDED MOTION TO READ:

“This Council is concerned at possible erosion of the new planning powers to manage the spread of Houses in Multiple Occupation introduced by the last Government. Council welcomes the robust response to the recently announced further consultation, supporting an opt-out strategy as proposed by the National HMO Lobby.

Council requests Government that Permitted Development Rights are rescinded for small houses in multiple occupation and that such planning applications that are subsequently forthcoming are determined locally.”

UPON BEING PUT TO THE VOTE THE AMENDMENT WAS DECLARED CARRIED

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

RESOLVED that the motion as amended be approved.

NOTE: Councillor Dr R Williams declared a prejudicial interest in the above matter, in view of his ownership of HMOs and left the meeting during the consideration of the matter.

(e) Car Parking Standards

Councillor Slade moved and Councillor Drake seconded:-

This Council should write to the Government and ask that minimum numbers be reinstated on planning in respect of car parking standards rather than maximum numbers as introduced by the previous government.

Amendment moved by Councillor Dean and seconded by Councillor Letts:-

AMENDMENT

In the first line delete the words “should write to the Government and ask that minimum numbers be reinstated on planning in respect of car parking standards rather than” and replace with:

“notes the all-party review of car parking standards as initiated by the Chairman of the Planning and Rights of Way Panel and supported by the Administration. Council deplores.....”

At the end of the paragraph add “as these matters should be determined by the Planning Authority locally.”

AMENDED MOTION TO READ:

“This Council notes the all-party review of car parking standards as initiated by the Chairman of the Planning and Rights of Way Panel and supported by the Administration.

Council deplores maximum numbers as introduced by the previous government as these matters should be determined by the Planning Authority locally.”

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.

EMERGENCY MOTIONS

(f) Building Schools for the Future Programme

With the consent of the Mayor, Councillor Dr R Williams requested that an emergency motion with regard to the Building Schools for the Future Programme be submitted.

UPON BEING PUT TO THE VOTE THE REQUEST FOR AN EMERGENCY MOTION WAS DENIED

RESOLVED that the emergency motion be not debated.

(g) Building Schools for the Future Programme

With the consent of the Mayor, Councillor Vinson requested that an emergency motion with regard to the Building Schools for the Future Programme be submitted.

UPON BEING PUT TO THE VOTE THE REQUEST FOR AN EMERGENCY MOTION WAS DENIED

RESOLVED that the emergency motion be not debated.

29. 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.

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

It was noted that at the Annual Meeting the matter of appointing a member to the Joint Committee of the Hampshire Police Authority was deferred until the next meeting of the Council. However, in June, a meeting was called by the Hampshire Police Authority and it was considered important that a Member attend to represent Council as the whole issue of representation and nominations by the constituent authorities was to be discussed. The Chief Executive had therefore used his delegated powers to appoint Councillor Moulton to this position on an interim basis.

RESOLVED:

(a) that the appointment of Councillor Moulton as the Council representative to the Joint Committee of the Hampshire Police Authority be confirmed and that Councillor Moulton be the Council's nominated representative to the Hampshire Police Authority;

(b) that the following changes to the appointments to Committees, Sub-Committees and other bodies be noted:

1. That Councillor Harris had replaced Councillor Fitzhenry on the Employment and Appeals Panel.
2. That Councillor Fitzgerald and Councillor Ball had swapped membership of Scrutiny Panels A and C.
3. That Councillor Letts had replaced Councillor Bogle on Scrutiny Panel C for the purposes of the Knowledge Economy Inquiry; and
4. That Councillor Willacy and Councillor Parnell had swapped membership of Scrutiny Panels A and B.

31. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2009/10

The report of the Executive Director of Resources was submitted concerning the statement of accounts for 2009/10 (copy of report circulated with agenda and appended to signed minutes).

RESOLVED that the Statement of Accounts 2009/10 as approved by the Standards and Governance Committee on 24th June 2010, subject to any changes required after the completion of the Audit, be noted. Any such changes will be presented to the Audit Committee.

32. GENERAL FUND REVENUE OUTTURN 2009/10

The report of the Cabinet Member for Resources and Workforce Planning was submitted concerning the general fund revenue outturn for 2009/10 (copy of report circulated with agenda and appended to signed minutes).

RESOLVED:

- (i) that the final outturn for 2009/10 detailed in Appendix 1 to the report be noted;
- (ii) that the performance of individual Portfolios in meeting their budget targets as set out in paragraph 7 of the report together with the major variances set out in Appendix 2 be noted;
- (iii) that the addition to the Revenue Development Fund of £110,000 as set out in paragraph 14 of the report be approved;
- (iv) that the use of £25,000 of the unspent contingency to fund the replacement of the windows at the Cobbett Road Library in 2010/11, which had already been approved as outlined in paragraph 16 of the report, be noted;
- (v) that the carry forward requests totalling £1,460,200 (of which £362,600 relates to central repairs and maintenance) as outlined in paragraph 17 and set out in detail in Appendix 3 to the report be approved; and
- (vi) that the use of £4,214,000 of the 2009/10 under-spend to fund the cost of the corporate items set out in paragraph 18 of the report be approved.

33. GENERAL FUND CAPITAL OUTTURN 2009/10

The report of the Cabinet Member for Resources and Workforce Planning was submitted concerning the general fund capital outturn for 2009/10 (copy of report circulated with agenda and appended to signed minutes).

RESOLVED:

- (i) that the actual capital spending in 2009/10 as shown in paragraphs 4 and 5 of the report be noted together with the major variances in Appendix 1;
- (ii) that the proposed capital financing in 2009/10 as shown in paragraph 10 of the report be approved;
- (iii) that the revised estimates for 2010/11 as adjusted for slippage and re-phasing as shown in Appendix 3 to the report be noted; and

- (iv) that it be noted that due to the continuing impact of the recession on land disposals as outlined in paragraphs 15 and 16 of the report that the capital programme continues to run a deficit.

34. HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT REVENUE AND CAPITAL OUTTURN 2009/10

The report of the Cabinet Member for Housing and Local Services was submitted concerning the housing revenue account and capital outturn for 2009/10 (copy of report circulated with agenda and appended to signed minutes).

RESOLVED:

- (i) that the HRA revenue outturn for the financial year 2009/10, which shows a favourable variance for the year of £388,800 and balances at the end of the year of £1,588,800 be noted;
- (ii) that the capital outturn for 2009/10 be noted;
- (iii) that the revenue carry forward of £248,500 for Programme Repairs External Decorations be approved;
- (iv) that an increase in Direct Revenue Financing in 2010/11 of £140,300, which can be financed from the net revenue savings in 2009/10 be approved; and
- (v) that the amendments to the HRA Capital Programme for 2010/11 set out in Appendix 3 to the report, to take account of the slippage and re-phasing in 2009/10, be approved.

35. REVIEW OF PRUDENTIAL LIMITS AND TREASURY MANAGEMENT OUTTURN 2009/10

The report of the Executive Director of Resources was submitted concerning the treasury management activity for 2009/10 (copy of report circulated with agenda and appended to signed minutes).

RESOLVED:

- (i) that the Treasury Management activities for 2009/10 and the outturn on the Prudential Indicators be noted;
- (ii) that it be noted that for institutions with a minimum long-term rating in the 'double-A' category or higher (i.e. AAA, AA+, AA, AA- or equivalent) the individual limit was increased from £5M to £10M following a temporary reduction due to market uncertainty. This amendment was made by the Chief Financial Officer under existing delegations;
- (iii) that it be noted that the continued proactive approach to Treasury Management has led to significant savings in borrowing costs and safeguarded investment income during the year; and
- (iv) that the Chief Financial Officer be granted delegated authority, following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Resources and Workforce

Planning, to approve any changes to the Prudential Indicators and both borrowing and investment limits that will aid good treasury management. Any amendments will be reported as part of quarterly financial and performance monitoring and in revisions to this strategy.

36. COLLECTION FUND OUTTURN 2009/10

The report of the Cabinet Member for Resources and Workforce Planning was submitted concerning the actual payments made to and from the collection fund during the 2009/10 financial year (copy of report circulated with agenda and appended to signed minutes).

RESOLVED that the accounts for the Collection Fund in 2009/10 as shown in Appendix 1 to the report be noted.

37. CHANGES TO EXISTING REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGETS

The report of the Cabinet Member for Resources and Workforce Planning was submitted detailing changes to existing Revenue and Capital budgets (copy of report circulated with agenda and appended to signed minutes).

Amendment moved by Councillor Sollitt and seconded by Councillor Vinson:

Add at end of recommendation (iv): ‘....with the exception of:

	2010/11 £000's	2011/12 £000's	2012/13 £000's	2013/14 £000's
<u>Children's Services</u>				
CS 2: Reductions to Commissioning Team	(130)	(170)	(170)	(170)
CS 10: School Standards and Commissioning team	(25)	(43)	(43)	(43)
CS 11: Inclusion Support	(94)	(113)	(113)	(113)
<u>Leisure, Culture & Heritage</u>				
LCH 1: Free Swimming Retain free swimming for under 16s	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC

The shortfall to be met from either in-year under-spends or the approved draw from Balances.’

Add at end of recommendation (vii): ‘....with the exception of:

	2011/12 £000's	2012/13 £000's	2013/14 £000's
<u>Children's Services</u>			
CS 3: Community Languages service	(65)	(65)	(65)
CS 5: School Standards and Improvement Team	(296)	(296)	(466)
<u>Environment & Transport</u>			
E&T 1: Charge for visitor permits	(85)	(90)	(90)
<u>Housing & Local Services</u>			
HLS 6: Junior Neighbourhood Wardens	(20)	(20)	(20)
HLS 7: Allocations	(25)	(50)	(75)
<u>Leisure, Culture & Heritage</u>			
LCH 2: Harbour Lights	(25)	(25)	(25)

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UPON BEING PUT TO THE VOTE THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE REPORT WERE DECLARED CARRIED

RESOLVED:

- (i) that the key issues outlined in Appendix 1 to the report arising from the Budget on 22nd June that will have an impact on Local Government be noted;
- (ii) that the high level forecast for the General Fund for the next three years contained in Appendix 2 to the report be noted;
- (iii) that the cuts in Government grant for 2010/11 detailed in Appendix 3 to the report be noted;
- (iv) that the reductions in budget for 2010/11 detailed in Appendix 4 to the report be approved in response to the cut in Government grant;
- (v) that the actions that are being taken to manage the in year cuts in grant outlined in paragraphs 21 to 25 of the report be noted;
- (vi) that an additional draw from General Fund Balances of up to £1M in 2010/11 if required during the year be approved;

- (vii) that the efficiencies, income generation proposals and service reductions as set out in Appendix 5 to the report be approved, subject to resolution (viii) below;
- (viii) that it be noted that prior to a final decision being made regarding grant reductions and new income generation referred to in Appendix 5 to the report, formal consultation with affected people and organisations be commenced as soon as possible and that the implementation of these savings is subject to the outcome of consultation with affected parties; and
- (ix) That the Executive Director of Resources be granted delegated authority following consultation with the Solicitor to the Council and the Cabinet Member for Resources and Workforce Planning, to make any further changes to budgets during 2010/11 in response to the cuts in Government grants, subject to these being reported to Council at a later date.

38. CORPORATE PLAN 2010/11

The report of the Leader of the Council was submitted setting out the priorities of the Corporate Plan 2010/11 (copy of report circulated with agenda and appended to signed minutes).

RESOLVED:

- (i) that the Executive's response to the recommendations made by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee as set out in Appendix 1 to the report be noted;
- (ii) that the draft 2010/11 Corporate Plan be approved; and
- (iii) that delegated authority be granted to the Chief Executive, following consultation with the Leader of the Council, to incorporate any changes made at the meeting and to amend the plan as necessary from time to time to ensure that it aligns with any new budgetary or policy developments which will impact on the Council's activities in 2010/11.

39. APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND HEAD OF PAID SERVICE

The report of the Head of Organisational Development was submitted recommending a successor to the Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service, who would be retiring in November 2010 (copy of report circulated with agenda and appended to signed minutes).

RESOLVED:

- (i) that the appointment of Alistair Neill to the position of Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service at Southampton City Council be approved; and
- (ii) that the Head of Organisational Development be granted delegated authority to take any further action necessary to give effect to the contents of the report.