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SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 17 JULY 2013

Present:

The Mayor, Councillor White

The Sheriff, Councillor Mrs Blatchford

Councillors Baillie, Barnes-Andrews, Bogle, Burke, Claisse, Cunio (minutes 27 - 35 only), Daunt, Fitzhenry, Furnell, Hammond, Hannides, B Harris, L Harris, Kaur, Inglis, Jeffery, Keogh, Kolker, Laming, Lewzey, Lloyd, Mead, McEwing, Mintoff, Morrell, Moulton, Noon, Norris, Dr Paffey, Parnell (minutes 27 - 36 only), Payne, Pope, Rayment, Shields, Smith, Spicer (minutes 32(e) onwards), Stevens (minutes 31 question 17 onwards), Thomas, Thorpe, Tucker, Turner, Vassiliou, Vinson and Whitbread (minutes 27 - 32 (d) only)

27. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Chaloner and Letts.

28. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Council meeting and the extraordinary Council meeting held on the 15th May 2013 be approved and signed as correct records.

29. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR AND LEADER

1. Todd Bennett

Members noted with great sadness the death at the age of 51 of Todd Bennett. Born in Southampton, Todd Bennett won a silver medal in the 4x400m relay at the Olympic Games in Los Angeles in 1984. He was also a former World Indoor 400m record holder and European Indoor Champion, and won silver at the World Indoor Championships in 1985.

A moment's silence was held in remembrance.

2. Extraordinary Council Meeting

The Mayor informed Members that an extraordinary Council meeting would be held on 16th October at 6pm to consider the re-negotiation of the Capita Contract.

30. DEPUTATIONS, PETITIONS AND PUBLIC QUESTIONS

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

31. 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. It was noted that changes to the Cabinet appointments had been made by the Leader. Councillor Asa Thorpe had stepped down from his post as Southampton City Council's Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport and Councillor Jacqui Rayment had taken over as Cabinet Member.

Councillor Rayment's Communities and Change portfolio would be undertaken by Councillor Satvir Kaur and Councillor Daniel Jeffery.

In addition, the responsibility for sustainability functions would now be in one place, with energy, flood risk, Low Carbon City Strategy, climate change adaptation/mitigation, green infrastructure and biodiversity moving from the Environment and Transport Portfolio to the Housing and Sustainability Portfolio.

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

1. Hollybrook Cemetery Lodge

Question from Councillor Moulton to Councillor Payne

What are the Cabinet Member's plans for the future of the Hollybrook Cemetery Lodge?

Answer

We are currently progressing with plans to bring the Lodge up to our current lettable standard, following which the property will be let to a family with a housing need for a large property. We anticipate the property will be ready to be let in the next 8-12 weeks.

The property will be let with temporary right of access through the current cemetery gates whilst we take the necessary steps to provide a new independent access to the Lodge. This work will be subject to the necessary planning approvals.

2. St Mark's School

Question from Councillor Moulton to Councillor Bogle

What further support has the Cabinet Member provided to St Mark's School with regards to the damage it has sustained from flooding, since the last Full Council?

Answer

As advised at the last Council meeting:-

"Repair of internal damage resulting from the water ingress into the property, together with the rectification of any remaining leaks (which classify as minor repairs) are the responsibility of the school, as set out in the Council's Scheme for Financing Schools."

The school are fully aware of this position and are proceeding with the rectification works accordingly.

3. School Performance Reviews

Question from Councillor Moulton to Councillor Bogle

When the Cabinet Member took up office last year she said she would continue the policy of having annual meetings with the LEA, heads, governors and local ward councillors to review school performance. How many of these meetings have taken place since she took up post and for which schools?

Answer

I do not recall committing to this particular type of meeting. What I have done is asked for all Ofsted reports to be shared with all affected ward councillors. I have reviewed the overall performance of schools on a regular basis and have visited a large number of our schools to understand what the issues are. We have a committed team of people who are working with schools where they are under-performing and considerable support from using the 8 National Leaders in Education, sharing best practice and using initiatives like the Teaching Schools Alliance.

4. Street Drinking

Question from Councillor Moulton to Councillor Kaur

Following the Safe City Partnership meeting where Councillor Rayment and I spoke about the issue of street drinking in Shirley, what action has the Council taken to combat this ongoing problem?

Answer

Further to the discussion about this issue at Safe City Partnership a number of actions have been put in place to address it;

- “Street Drinking” in Shirley has been identified as a community priority at the Community Tasking and Coordinating Group for this area.
- Improved ‘No Drinking’ signage, in English and Polish, has been erected.
- Council’s Community Safety team are working closely with Hampshire Police who have agreed to make this a priority patrol area and provide high visibility patrols to identify street drinkers and take enforcement action under the Drinking Control Area legislation.
- The Community Safety Team has arranged for Community Payback to make regular visits to the area to clear up ‘drink’ litter every six weeks whilst street drinking remains a problem in the area.
- The Licensing Team has confirmed that the legal advice it has received indicate that off license alcohol sales are not covered by the Cumulative Impact Policy. Police colleagues continue to visit various off licences to offer advice and monitor their activities.
- The Community Safety Team is supporting a Police “day of action” on 1st August, to tackle street drinking which will also involve Community Payback.
- The Community Safety Team is working closely with community groups e.g. EU Welcome to work on other preventative options.

5. Funding the Arts Complex

Question from Councillor Hannides to Councillor Letts (answered by Councillor Barnes-Andrews).

In light of the prevailing financial pressures, would it not be sensible to proceed with selling art to support the funding of the arts complex?

Answer

The Arts Complex Scheme is fully funded, following the recent decisions taken at Council. Council also established a cross party working group, chaired by Councillor Burke at which such issues could be discussed.

6. 20mph Speed Limits

Question from Councillor Moulton to Councillor Rayment

How long will Freemantle residents have to wait for new 20mph speed limits to be introduced in residential roads in the ward?

Answer

The Council is evaluating the benefits of 20mph limits, with signs and markings only, in residential areas by implementing a pilot project in an area in the north-west of the City.

This project includes monitoring of the outcomes in terms of vehicle speeds, accidents, travel trends, residents' perceptions and value for money.

It is expected that the monitoring of the pilot project will be completed in the summer next year and any decision to implement these limits in other areas, will be based on this data.

It is therefore likely that any further projects would be implemented from late 2014 onwards.

7. Street Cleaning

Question from Councillor Moulton to Councillor Rayment

Will the Cabinet Member agree to introduce more frequent and regular street cleaning around St Mark's School, in particular at the bottom of Malmesbury Rd, Malmesbury Place, the bottom of Suffolk Avenue and at the junction of Stafford Rd and Howard Rd?

Answer

In this context of extremely limited resources, heightened cleaning frequencies in one location will necessarily result in reduced standards in other areas.

However, over the coming weeks the street cleansing team will review the allocation of street litter bins in the streets around St Mark's to ensure pupils have every opportunity to deposit food wrappings in conveniently-situated receptacles. The City Services team will work with the School after the summer break to highlight the importance of

everyone playing their part in keeping their neighbourhood clean. The team will also consider a 'Street Sparkle' in the most densely-parked areas to access hard-to-reach litter and detritus.

8. Insolvency Issues

Question from Councillor Claisse to Councillor Barnes-Andrews

Both the Co-op and Nationwide Building Society have recently been identified as having solvency issues. Does the Council have any financial exposure to either of these organisations?

Answer

Our minimum credit rating criteria, as per the 2013/14 Treasury Strategy approved by Council in February 2013, is A- or equivalent. Our counterparty list is kept under review and was last updated on 8th July to reflect changes to the Royal Bank of Scotland plc's and National Westminster Bank plc's long-term and standalone bank financial strength ratings. Nationwide remains a listed counterparty for periods of up to 12 months and we currently have £4M invested with them to be repaid between 14th February and 2nd April 2014. The Co-op do not meet our minimum criteria and so we have no investments with them. They are however the Authority's banker and in response to the recent downgrade of the Co-op we have taken action to mitigate any risk to the Council and this action is outlined in the Treasury Management Outturn 2012/13 report, (paragraphs 33 to 36), which is on the Council Agenda.

9. Bitterne Park School

Question from Councillor Moulton to Councillor Bogle

Can the Cabinet Member confirm that the rebuild of Bitterne Park School will go ahead?

Answer

The rebuild of Bitterne Park School is going ahead and was never under threat, contrary to reports in the local press. The outcome of the Government's Spending Review in June was that this scheme will now be funded via direct capital grant, as opposed to PFI.

10. Bus Funding

Question from Councillor Moulton to Councillor Rayment

Following the changes to bus services in the City which have arisen following the cuts to bus funding from the City Council, is the Cabinet Member satisfied that all residents are served by a local bus route?

Answer

The service changes that occurred in late June 2013 were mainly due to major changes within the commercial network of one of the major bus operators in the City who chose

to make the changes for their own operation reasons. Unfortunately those changes did not work and patronage levels fell. The operator has now amended its network in light of their experience.

At the same time the Council cut funding for some services operated under contract to SCC after 2000. In all cases there were low levels of usage. Many of these services have been taken on commercially by the operator.

The Council's approach to buses is to create a thriving commercial network where the need to provide ongoing subsidy is not required. The Bus Quality Partnership oversees this through initiatives like the recent real time information system rolled out across the City, improved bus priority due to go live later this year, smart ticketing and the my journey initiative. All these "Better Bus" and related initiatives help make the bus market larger and bus operations more efficient. In doing so more of the network can be operated commercially.

11. Footpath between Silverdale Road and Hill Lane

Question from Councillor Moulton to Councillor Rayment

The state of the footpath between Silverdale Road and Hill Lane has long been a problem, often overgrown, attracting litter and its uneven surface a hazard for pedestrians. Will the Cabinet Member prioritise funds to clear up the alley and provide a proper gravel or tarmac surface?

Answer

The footpath between Silverdale Road and Hill Lane is not in the ownership of the Council, nor is it adopted, maintainable highway.

Therefore the Council is under no obligation to undertake repairs, maintenance or surface improvements.

The footpath is recorded as Footpath 94 on the Definitive Map and Statement and was last inspected 6th March 2013. It was found to be fully accessible, with good signing and a surface that was fit for purpose.

In the past the Council has carried out minor "first-aid" repairs to the surface for the purpose of user safety, and vegetation overgrowth is periodically cleared as and when identified.

A check on Monday (15/7) found the footpath passable, albeit there were some encroaching brambles. The Parks and Street Cleansing Team will therefore visit and trim back where required over the next two weeks.

12. Grass Cutting

Question from Councillor Moulton to Councillor Rayment

Why is it that other local councils seem able to keep the grass cut on council land but Southampton doesn't?

Answer

There is no universal norm for frequency and standard of grass-cutting operations across UK Local Authorities.

Despite further significant cuts to the grounds maintenance budget for 2013-14, service standards have this year remained broadly consistent with previous years.

However, the grounds maintenance team recognise that during this season's early summer 'flush' in grass growth, grass-cutting in certain areas, including cemeteries and some estates in the west of the City, did fall short of standards delivered across the greater part of Southampton.

This situation is now largely recovered, and the grounds maintenance team is considering, machinery types, and grass-cutting routes in areas where standards did fall temporarily in order to minimise any future occurrences.

13. Port Consultative Panel

Question from Councillor Parnell to Councillor Rayment

When was the last meeting of the Port Consultative Committee? What was on the agenda and where can I find the minutes?

Answer

I understand that the last meeting of ABP's Port Consultative Committee (PCC) was on 10th May 2012. This is a Committee for the docks established and managed by Associated British Ports (ABP). The PCC also involves both Hampshire County Council and New Forest District Council as well as Southampton City Council representatives and docks related business representatives.

ABP has agreed to release the minutes of the last meeting and these will be provided to Councillor Parnell by officers.

14. Biomass Power Station

Question from Councillor Smith to Councillor Letts (answered by Councillor Barnes-Andrews)

Can you update the Council about the negotiations with Portsmouth City Council regarding the location of a large biomass power station?

Answer

Since becoming Leader of the Council I have had no discussions with Portsmouth City Council about the location of a power station.

15. Associated British Ports

Question from Councillor Smith to Councillor Letts (answered by Councillor Barnes-Andrews)

How would you sum up the Executive's relationship with ABP?

Answer

Cordial and businesslike. We have met twice and another meeting is scheduled for next week.

16. Fluoride

Question from Councillor Turner to Councillor Letts (answered by Councillor Barnes-Andrews)

How does the Leader of the Council propose to ensure that the Southampton residents affected have the final say in whether fluoride should be added to our water supply?

Answer

We are seeking clarification on whether a scheme for fluoride exists.

17. Home Care Visits

Question from Councillor Turner to Councillor Shields

What is the minimum unit of time for home care visits?

Answer

We currently purchase in hours or part hours with the usual minimum being 15 minutes. Exact delivery can sometimes be longer, sometimes shorter to meet the specific needs of individuals. If this is a change in needs then a reassessment may be triggered.

We anticipate more social service clients opting to manage their own budgets through a direct payment and this will afford them greater discretion about the time slots for home care visits.

We are about to tender domiciliary care services and will expect flexible and responsive use of time to meet customer need, and will give a greater degree of control to individual service users.

In re-tendering these services paramount importance will be attached to individual client safety and dignity. It is unlikely that 15 minute time slots can always guarantee this and we also need to be mindful of the risks posed by potential suppliers that misuse zero hour contracts as a device for avoiding minimum wage requirements.

18. Pupil Premium

Question from Councillor Turner to Councillor Bogle

Is the Cabinet member satisfied that the Pupil Premium in Southampton is being used to bring extra benefit for the most disadvantaged pupils rather than bolstering general funds, and how is this measured and monitored?

Answer

The Pupil Premium is used to bring extra benefit to the most disadvantaged pupils. Schools are required to account for how they use the Pupil Premium, and publish details on their websites. Local Authority Officers when working with schools will audit the use of the Pupil Premium. Samples of Governor minutes are also reviewed to ensure Governors are reviewing how the Pupil Premium is used to support pupils. The Local Authority is hosting three Ofsted workshops focussing on Free School Meals and Raising Attainment in the Autumn. These are for head teachers and governors.

19. Night-time Economy

Question from Councillor Turner to Councillor Letts (answered by Councillor Barnes-Andrews)

Does the Cabinet Member intend to follow the lead of Newcastle Council in imposing a late night levy on clubs, pubs and other alcohol outlets to help pay for policing the night-time economy?

Answer

Not at this stage. The introduction of the levy has been considered with the trade and Safe City Partners. The imposing of a LNL has the potential to have a dramatic effect on the night time economy of the City.

It is difficult to predict, but a reasonable estimate is that 50% of licences that currently operate after midnight will apply to change the hours of the licence to bring them out side of the levy. It is also unclear whether the amount of monies then raised after deductions would actually meet the current voluntary financial support already provided by the trade and partners which covers the cost of taxi marshals, street pastors, the ICE bus and other NTE initiatives.

Presently there is good co-operation between the relevant authorities and the trade with Licensing Link playing a pivotal role. Membership of the Licensing Link is likely to suffer a serious loss of membership if a levy were imposed. The case for a LNL will be kept under review.

20. Social Letting Agency

Question from Councillor Vinson to Councillor Payne

Has the Cabinet Member considered establishing a City Council Social Letting Agency, similar to those operating in Derbyshire and Harrow, to match referenced tenants with trusted landlords?

Answer

Southampton City Council has a Homeseekers Letting Service that works with private landlords to secure homes for households that are either homeless or threatened with homelessness. A few years ago the Council did look at the idea of a social lettings service but this was shelved due to set up costs (eg staffing and inspection) plus the additional costs of providing landlords with similar incentives common to those already

on offer in the private sector (eg rent guarantees covering void periods, holding fees etc.).

In London where these schemes predominate, councils often spend millions housing the homeless in bed and breakfast, so social letting schemes make sense. In Southampton we spend less than £40,000 on bed and breakfast so the savings to Southampton taxpayers would probably not outweigh the running costs. It is also uncertain whether enough landlords would come forward to make the scheme effective. In future, such a scheme may become desirable in Southampton, but doesn't appear to be at this time.

21. Council Budgets

Question from Councillor Vinson to Councillor Barnes-Andrews

Will the Executive consider introducing small budgets for individual councillors to use to support priorities in their wards?

Answer

At the September Group Leaders' meeting an item to discuss and agree a broad approach using Community Infrastructure will be considered. A Members' seminar will be held to agree the detail.

22. Integrated Health and Social Care

Question from Councillor Vinson to Councillor Shields

Is Southampton applying to be a Health and Social Care integration pioneer?

Answer

Southampton City Council and Southampton City Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) (supported by a number of other stakeholders from the local NHS 'system' as well as key local voluntary sector organisations) submitted a joint expression of interest in becoming a pioneer site on 28 June 2013.

The Council and its partners in the CCG both firmly believe that approaches based upon a more integrated approach to person centred care will be essential to help us meet together the challenges of the future. We believe that pioneer status would help us to progress down a road we already plan to travel.

The bid was signed off by me as chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board and Dr. Steve Townsend as vice chair. The next meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Board will receive a detailed presentation on this high quality bid, which we will be very happy to share with members.

111 councils had submitted bids to be one of the 10 pioneers, of which 99 met the basic criteria. The 10 winners would be announced in September and the LGA was developing ways to support the other 101 authorities.

32. MOTIONS

(a) Living Wage

Councillor Moulton moved and Councillor Claisse seconded:

“This Council supports the principle of the Living Wage and resolves to introduce it for its employees.

To fund the pressure to the General Fund, Council resolves to look at using some of the savings that would be achieved should planned pay restoration not go ahead for those earning over £65,000pa”.

Amendment moved by Councillor Jeffery and seconded by Councillor Keogh:

1st Line after “Living Wage” insert a full stop.

delete the remainder of the sentence “and resolves to introduce it for its employees.”

Delete the second paragraph

“To fund the pressure to the General Fund, Council resolves to look at using some of the savings that would be achieved should planned pay restoration not go ahead for those earning over £65,000pa.”

Insert a new second paragraph

“Council welcomes the decision made by the Executive at the budget in February to pay a Living Wage to its directly employed staff, and calls on the Executive to work with partners to make Southampton a Living Wage City”

The amended motion to read:

This Council supports the principle of the Living Wage.

Council welcomes the decision made by the Executive at the budget in February to pay a Living Wage to its directly employed staff, and calls on the Executive to work with partners to make Southampton a Living Wage City.

Further Amendment moved by Councillor Vinson and seconded by Councillor Turner:

Delete second paragraph

“To fund the pressure to the General Fund, Council resolves to look at using some of the savings that would be achieved should planned pay restoration not go ahead for those earning over £65,000pa.”

The amended motion to read:

This Council supports the principle of the Living Wage and resolves to introduce it for its employees.

Members agreed to suspend Council Procedure Rule 14.4 to enable flexibility in debate and more than one motion to be debated at the same time.

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

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

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

RESOLVED that the motion as amended by Councillor Jeffery be approved

(b) Overview and Scrutiny Management Procedure

Councillor Barnes-Andrews moved and Councillor Rayment seconded:

“Council resolves in accordance with Overview and Scrutiny Management Procedure Rule 3.4.2 that Councillor Matt Stevens may serve forthwith on Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee and any panels of that committee and that the firebreak period is accordingly waived”.

UPON BEING PUT TO THE VOTE THE MOTION WAS DECLARED CARRIED

RESOLVED that the motion be approved.

(c) Secondary School Rebuild

Councillor Keogh moved and Councillor Stevens seconded:

“The Council welcomes the recent Government confirmation of the finances necessary for the rebuild of Bitterne Park Secondary School. Furthermore, the Council urges the Government to bring forward plans to allow Southampton to rebuild all those secondary schools that require it, because this would not only help regenerate the local economy but provide the young people of this City with the highest standard of educational facilities to help them fulfil their potential”.

Amendment moved by Councillor Moulton and seconded by Councillor Hannides:

Second line, delete the word ‘Furthermore,’

Replace with ‘Whilst recognising the difficult state of the national finances,’

Amended Motion to read:

The Council welcomes the recent Government confirmation of the finances necessary for the rebuild of Bitterne Park Secondary School. Whilst recognising the difficult state of the national finances, the Council urges the Government to bring forward plans to allow Southampton to rebuild all those secondary schools that require it, because this would not only help regenerate the local economy but provide the young people of this City with the highest standard of educational facilities to help them fulfil their potential.

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) Night Time Parking Charges

Councillor Smith moved and Councillor Hannides seconded:

“This Council calls on the Executive to rethink its plans to introduce night time parking charges in the City centre”.

Amendment moved by Councillor Vinson and seconded by Councillor Turner:

1st Line delete the word “rethink”

and replace with the word “review”

The amended motion to read:

This Council calls on the Executive to review its plans to introduce night time parking charges in the City centre.

UPON BEING PUT TO THE VOTE THE AMENDMENT WAS DECLARED LOST

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

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

FOR THE AMENDMENT: Councillors Turner and Vinson

AGAINST: Councillors Baillie, Barnes-Andrews, Mrs Blatchford, Bogle, Burke, Claisse, Daunt, Fitzhenry, Furnell, Hammond, Hannides, B.Harris, L.Harris, Inglis, Jeffery, Kaur, Keogh, Kolker, Laming, Lewzy, Lloyd, McEwing, Mead, Mintoff, Morrell, Moulton, Noon, Norris, Dr Paffrey, Parnell, Payne, Pope, Rayment, Shields, Spicer, Stevens, Smith, Thomas, Thorpe, Tucker and White

FOR THE MOTION: Councillors Baillie, Claisse, Daunt, Fitzhenry, Hannides, B.Harris, L.Harris, Inglis, Kolker, Mead, Morrell, Moulton, Norris, Parnell, Smith, Thomas, Vassiliou and White

AGAINST: Councillors Barnes-Andrews, Mrs Blatchford, Bogle, Burke, Furnell, Hammond, Jeffery, Kaur, Keogh, Laming, Lewzy, Lloyd, McEwing, Mintoff, Noon, Dr Paffrey, Payne, Pope, Rayment, Shields, Spicer, Stevens, Thorpe and Tucker

ABSTAINED: Councillors Turner and Vinson

(e) Additional Planning Powers

Councillor Vinson moved and Councillor Turner seconded:-

“This Council calls upon the Executive to tackle the spread of betting shops and pay-day-loan premises and to bar the opening of fast food outlets near schools by adopting additional planning powers through an Article 4 Direction or Special Planning Document as appropriate”.

Amendment moved by Councillor Shields and seconded by Councillor Thorpe:

1st Line delete “calls upon the Executive to tackle the spread of”

Replace with “deplores the unwelcome spread”

2nd Line delete the first word “and”, and replace with a comma

2nd Line after “pay day loan premises” Insert “and cheap off licenses”

2nd Line after the second “and” insert “seeks”

3rd Line after “ schools” insert a full stop.

Delete the remaining sentence

“by adopting additional planning powers through an Article 4 Direction or Special Planning Document as appropriate.”

Insert

“This Council calls upon the Executive to undertake a thorough review of its planning policies (including the potential for additional Article 4 Directions and supplementary planning documentation), reporting back in six months, in order to minimise the harmful impact of these unchecked and unwelcome developments in the City’s district shopping centres, especially where they are likely to harm the health and wellbeing of our more vulnerable communities”

Add additional clause:

“This Council also calls upon the Executive to write to central Government urging them to consider the introduction of a ‘cap’ on pay-day lending rates that is based on affordability and is linked to the Bank of England Base Rate”.

The amended motion to read:

“This Council deplores the unwelcome spread of betting shops, pay-day-loan premises, cheap off-licenses and seeks to bar the opening of fast food outlets near schools.

This Council calls upon the Executive to undertake a thorough review of its planning policies (including the potential for additional Article 4 Directions and supplementary planning documentation), reporting back in six months, in order to minimise the harmful impact of these unchecked and unwelcome developments in the City’s district shopping centres, especially where they are likely to harm the health and wellbeing of our more vulnerable communities.

This Council also calls upon the Executive to write to central Government urging them to consider the introduction of a 'cap' on pay-day lending rates that is based on affordability and is linked to the Bank of England Base Rate."

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.

33. 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.

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

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

- (i) Councillor Thorpe had replaced Councillor Kaur on Governance Committee;
- (ii) Councillor Burke had replaced Councillor Kaur on Scrutiny Panel A;
- (iii) Councillor Whitbread had replaced Councillor Kaur on Scrutiny Panel B;
- (iv) Councillor Stevens had replaced Councillor Jeffery on Health Overview and Scrutiny Panel;
- (v) Councillor Hammond had replaced Councillor Jeffery on Scrutiny Panel B;
- (vi) Councillor Hammond had replaced Councillor Lewzey on Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee;
- (vii) Councillor Laming had replaced Councillor Lewzey on Health Overview and Scrutiny Panel;
- (viii) Councillor Stevens had replaced Councillor McEwing on Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee;
- (ix) Councillor Noon had replaced Councillor Mintoff on Employment and Appeals Panel; and
- (x) Councillor L Harris had replaced Councillor Norris on Scrutiny Panel B
- (xi) Councillor Kaur had replaced Councillor Rayment on the Hampshire Police and Crime Panel.

35. WOOLSTON BY-ELECTION - 13 JUNE 2013

The report of the Returning Officer was submitted detailing the results of the poll for the election of a City Councillor for the Woolston Ward held on 13th June 2013 (copy of report circulated with agenda and appended to signed minutes).

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

36. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR 2012/13

The report of the Cabinet Member for Resources was submitted concerning the Financial Statements for 2012/13 (copy of report circulated with agenda and appended to signed minutes).

RESOLVED

- (i) That it be noted that the Financial Statements 2012/13 had been signed by the Chief Financial Officer;
- (ii) That it be noted that the approval of the Financial Statements 2012/13 by the Governance Committee would take place on 23 September, subject to any changes required after the completion of the Audit. Any such changes would be presented to the Governance Committee.

37. GENERAL FUND REVENUE OUTTURN 2012/13

The report of the Cabinet Member for Resources was submitted concerning the General Fund Revenue Outturn 2012/13 (copy of report circulated with agenda and appended to signed minutes).

Amendment moved by Councillor Vinson and seconded by Councillor Turner:

Amends recommendation (v) to allocate £300,000 to the Risk Fund in 2013/14, to provide for possible pressures as a result of the Welfare reforms being introduced by Central Government rather than adding this amount to Contingencies.

Amends recommendation vi), which asks Council to approve the use of £1.5M of the 2012/13 under spend to fund the cost of the corporate items as set out in paragraph 17 of the General Fund Revenue Outturn report on the Council Agenda, increasing this amount to £4.4M to fund the cost of the corporate items as set out in Annex 1 to this Amendment.

Amends recommendation viii) to reflect the new position for balances as set out below and in Annex 3 to this Amendment.

AMENDED RESOLUTION TO READ:

- (i) Notes the final outturn for 2012/13 detailed in Appendix 1 of the General Fund Revenue Outturn 2012/13 report on the Council agenda which is an under spend of £7.4M.
- (ii) Notes the performance of individual Portfolios in managing their budgets as set out in paragraph 9 of the General Fund Revenue Outturn 2012/13 report

on the Council agenda report and notes the major variances in Appendix 2 of this report.

- (iii) Notes re-phasing on the capital programme means that funding of £313,000 will be needed in future years when the capital spending takes place, as set out in paragraph 14 of the General Fund Revenue Outturn 2012/13 report on the Council agenda.
- (iv) Approves the carry forward requests totalling £926,300, (of which £690,600 relates to central repairs and maintenance), as outlined in paragraph 15 and set out in detail in Appendix 3 of the General Fund Revenue Outturn 2012/13 report on the Council agenda.
- (v) Approves the allocation of £300,000 of the 2012/13 under spend to increase the Risk Fund in 2013/14, to provide for possible pressures which may arise as a result of the Welfare reforms being introduced by Central Government.
- (vi) Approves the use of £4.4M of the 2012/13 under spend to fund the cost of the corporate items, as set out in Annex 1 to this Amendment.
- (vii) Approves the transfer to balances of £500,000 previously allocated within the 2013/14 budget to the Leaders Portfolio, as set out in paragraph 18 of the General Fund Revenue Outturn 2012/13 report on the Council agenda.
- (viii) Notes the position for balances after taking into account the commitments outlined in this Amendment and the funding required for the current capital programme, as set out in Annex 3 to this Amendment.

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

UPON BEING PUT TO THE VOTE THE AMENDMENT WAS DECLARED LOST

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

RESOLVED

- (i) That the final outturn for 2012/13 detailed in Appendix 1 to the report which is an under spend of £7.4M be noted;
- (ii) That the performance of individual Portfolios in managing their budgets as set out in paragraph 9 of the report be noted together with the major variances in Appendix 2;
- (iii) That it be noted that re-phasing on the capital programme would mean that funding of £313,000 would be needed in future years when the capital spending takes place, as set out in paragraph 14 of the report;
- (iv) That the carry forward requests totalling £926,300, (of which £690,600 relates to central repairs and maintenance), as outlined in paragraph 15 of the report and set out in detail in Appendix 3 to the report be approved;

- (v) That the allocation of £300,000 of the 2012/13 under spend to increase Contingencies in 2013/14, as set out in paragraph 16 of the report be approved;
- (vi) That the use of £1.5M of the 2012/13 under spend to fund the cost of the corporate items, as set out in paragraph 17 of the report be approved;
- (vii) That the transfer to balances of £500,000 previously allocated within the 2013/14 budget to the Leader's Portfolio, as set out in paragraph 18 of the report be approved; and
- (viii) That the level of General Fund balances at 31 March 2013 is £29.9M, which reduces to £10.5M over the medium term after taking into account the commitments outlined in the report and previously approved decisions be noted.

38. GENERAL FUND CAPITAL OUTTURN 2012/13

The report of the Cabinet Member for Resources was submitted concerning the General Fund Capital Outturn 2012/13 (copy of report circulated with agenda and appended to signed minutes).

RESOLVED

- (i) That the actual capital spending in 2012/13 as shown in paragraphs 4 and 5 of the report be noted together with the major variances detailed in Appendix 1 and Appendix 2 to the report;
- (ii) That the revised estimates for 2013/14, adjusted for slippage and re-phasing as shown in Appendix 3 to the report be noted;
- (iii) That the proposed capital financing in 2012/13 as shown in paragraph 12 of the report be approved;
- (iv) That it be noted that the capital programme remains fully funded based on the latest forecast of capital receipts although the forecast could be subject to change; most notably with regard to the value and timing of anticipated capital receipts;
- (v) That it be noted that a part repayment of £2,560,000 against prior years' temporary borrowing totalling £11,960,000 had been made in 2012/13;
- (vi) That it be noted that it was currently anticipated that the remaining temporary borrowing would be repaid by the end of 2014/15 when anticipated capital receipts are finally forecast to be received, following the planned sale of a number of property assets.

39. REVIEW OF PRUDENTIAL LIMITS AND TREASURY MANAGEMENT OUTTURN 2012/13

The report of the Head of Finance (Chief Financial Officer) was submitted concerning the treasury management activities for 2012/13 (copy of report circulated with the agenda and appended to signed minutes).

RESOLVED

- (i) That the Treasury Management (TM) activities for 2012/13 and the outturn on the Prudential Indicators be noted;
- (ii) That the continued proactive approach to TM has led to reductions in borrowing costs and safeguarded investment income during the year be noted; and
- (iii) That the immediate action taken in response to down rating of the Authority's Bankers (the Co-operative Bank) be noted.

40. COLLECTION FUND OUTTURN 2012/13

The report of the Cabinet Member for Resources was submitted concerning the actual payments made to and from the collection fund during the 2012/13 financial year (copy of the report circulated with the agenda and circulated with the agenda).

RESOLVED that the accounts for the Collection Fund in 2012/13 as shown in Appendix 1 to the report be noted.

41. HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT REVENUE AND CAPITAL OUTTURN 2012/13

The report of the Cabinet Member for Housing and Sustainability was submitted concerning the Housing Revenue Account Revenue and Capital Outturn report for the financial year 2012/13 (copy of report circulated with agenda and appended to signed minutes).

RESOLVED

- (i) That the HRA revenue outturn for the financial year 2012/13, which shows a favourable variance for the year of £1,007,700 and balances at the end of the year of £3,289,000 be noted;
- (ii) That the revenue carry forward into 2013/14 of £573,000, as set out in paragraph 11 of the report be approved;
- (iii) That the capital outturn for 2012/13 be noted;
- (iv) That the amendments to the HRA Capital Programme for 2013/14 set out in Appendix 3 to the report, to take account of the slippage and re-phasing in 2012/13 be approved; and

- (v) That it be noted that the use of the additional resources would be considered as part of the next full update of the HRA Business Plan later in 2013.

42. CHILDREN'S SERVICES AND LEARNING CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2013/14

The report of the Cabinet Member for Children's Services was submitted setting out proposals for the Council's spending priorities within the Children's Services Capital Programme for 2013/14 and future years (copy of report circulated with agenda and appended to signed minutes).

Amendment moved by Councillor Moulton and seconded by Councillor Smith:

Add additional recommendation (vii)

- (vii) A capital pressure of £50,000 for 2013/14 be added for a Year R playground at St. Marks Church of England Primary School.

UPON BEING PUT TO THE VOTE THE AMENDMENT WAS DECLARED LOST

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

RESOLVED

- (i) That, in accordance with Financial Procedure Rules, a sum of £1,963,000 be added to the Children's Services Capital Programme, to the Primary Review Phase 2 programme as detailed in Appendices 1 and 2 to the report, funded from non-ring-fenced future allocations of Department for Education capital grant;
- (ii) That, in accordance with Financial Procedure Rules, a sum of £2,507,000 be added to the Children's Services Capital Programme, to the Capital Maintenance programme as detailed in Appendices 1 and 3 to the report, funded from non-ring-fenced Department for Education capital grant;
- (iii) That, in accordance with Financial Procedure Rules, capital variations totalling £758,000 to the Children's Services Capital Maintenance planned programme, funded from the budgets shown in Appendix 1 to the report be approved;
- (iv) That in accordance with Financial Procedure Rules, capital expenditure of £6,098,000 in 2013/14 within the Children's Services Capital Programme be approved to carry out works as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report;
- (v) That it be noted that assumptions have been made about the likely level of Basic Need Grant to be awarded in 2015/16. If the final award is less than anticipated any shortfall in funding would need to be met from borrowing for which provision would need to be made in the revenue budget forecast;
- (vi) That it be noted that approval for the later phases of the Primary Phase 2 expenditure would be brought forward to Cabinet when sufficient detail can be provided to effectively inform decision making.

43. NORTH OF CENTRAL STATION - FUNDING APPROVALS

The report of the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport was submitted seeking approval for funding for the North of Central Station project (copy of report circulated with agenda and appended to signed minutes).

RESOLVED

- (i) That the creation of the new scheme “North of Station Quarter” with a total budget of £2.288m within the Environment and Transport Capital Programme, by means of the following capital variations and additions be approved:
 - (a) The transfer of £100,000 from the scheme “North of Station Advance Design”, funded by Local Transport Plan (LTP) government grant, to the new scheme “North of Station Quarter”;
 - (b) The transfer of £425,000 from the scheme “LSTF Southampton Central Station”, funded by Local Sustainable Transport Fund (LSTF) government grant, to the new scheme “North of Station Quarter”;
 - (c) The transfer of £167,000 from the scheme “Civic Centre Place”, funded by Strategic Transport Contributions, to the new scheme “North of Station Quarter”;
 - (d) The transfer of £790,000 from the scheme “City Centre Improvements”, funded by Strategic Transport Contributions, to the new scheme “North of Station Quarter”;
 - (e) The addition of £720,000 of LTP government grant (2014/15 confirmed allocation) to fund the new scheme, “North of Station Quarter”;
 - (f) The addition of £86,000 of Partnership for Urban South Hampshire (PUSH) grant to fund the new scheme “North of Station Quarter”; and
- (ii) That in accordance with Financial Procedure Rules, capital expenditure of £2.288m for the delivery of the new scheme “North of Station Quarter”, phased £1.568m in 2013/14 and £0.720m in 2014/15 be approved.

44. COUNCIL PLAN 2013 - 2016

The report of the Leader of the Council was submitted seeking approval of Southampton City Council’s Plan for 2013-2016 (copy of report circulated with agenda and appended to signed minutes).

RESOLVED

- (i) That the recommendations made by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee and Cabinet, if approved, would be reflected in the final version of the Council Plan;

- (ii) That the draft Council Plan 2013-16, including the council priorities as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report be approved;
- (iii) That delegated authority be granted to the Chief Executive, following consultation with the Leader of the Council, to finalise the Council Plan 2013-16, including incorporating any changes made at the meeting and to make any in year changes and to refresh relevant sections of the plan in 2014 and 2015 so that it aligns with any new budgetary or policy developments which will impact on the Council's activities during 2013- 2016.

45. COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY AND PLANNING OBLIGATIONS SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT ADOPTION

The report of the Leader of the Council was submitted seeking approval for the Community Infrastructure Levy Charging Schedule and the Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document to be adopted as policy (copy of report circulated with agenda and appended to signed minutes).

RESOLVED

- (i) That the Community Infrastructure Levy Charging Schedule as set out at Appendix 1 to the report, to take effect from 1st September 2013 be approved;
- (ii) That the statement of Statutory Compliance as set out within the Community Infrastructure Levy Charging Schedule at Appendix 1 to the report be approved;
- (iii) That the Community Infrastructure Levy Instalments Policy at Appendix 4 to the report to take effect from 1st September 2013 be approved; and
- (iv) That delegated authority be granted to the Head of Planning Transport and Sustainability to establish the procedure, following consultation with the Leader of the Council, for how funding bids for the Community Infrastructure Levy would be made to the Capital Board, together with authority to approve and publish the Council's Regulation 123 list.

46. OAKLANDS SWIMMING POOL

The report of the Leader of the Council was submitted in association with the Cabinet Members for Resources and Economic Development and Leisure Services on the future management arrangements for the pool (copy of report circulated with agenda and appended to signed minutes).

Amendment moved by Councillor Smith and seconded by Councillor Moulton:

That the timeline for the refurbishment work be accelerated in order for the pool to be open in time for next summer.

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RESOLVED that, in accordance with Financial Procedure Rules, a sum of £1,258,000 be added to the Economic Development and Leisure Capital Programme for refurbishment works at Oaklands swimming pool. Initially this would be phased £200,000 in 2013/14, £848,000 in 2014/15 and £210,000 in 2015/16, although this may be subject to change on completion of the detailed feasibility study.

FOR THE AMENDMENT: Councillors Baillie, Claisse, Daunt, Fitzhenry, Hannides, B.Harris, L.Harris, Inglis, Kolker, Mead, Morrell, Moulton, Norris, Smith, Thomas, Vassiliou

AGAINST THE AMENDMENT: Councillors Barnes-Andrews, Mrs Blatchford, Bogle, Burke, Furnell, Hammond, Jeffery, Kaur, Keogh, Laming, Lewzy, Lloyd, McEwing, Mintoff, Noon, Dr Paffrey, Payne, Pope, Rayment, Shields, Stevens, and Tucker

ABSTAINED: Councillors Spicer, Thorpe, Turner and Vinson

FOR THE MOTION: Councillors Barnes-Andrews, Mrs Blatchford, Bogle, Burke, Claisse, Daunt, Fitzhenry, Furnell, Hammond, Hannides, B.Harris, L.Harris, Inglis, Jeffery, Kaur, Keogh, Kolker, Laming, Lewzy, Lloyd, McEwing, Mead, Mintoff, Morrell, Moulton, Noon, Norris, Dr Paffrey, Payne, Pope, Rayment, Shields, Smith, Spicer, Stevens, Thomas, Thorpe, Tucker, Turner, Vassiliou, Vinson and White

47. APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND HEAD OF PAID SERVICE

The report of the Head of Legal, HR and Democratic Services was submitted recommending an appointment to the post of Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service (copy of report circulated with the agenda and appended to signed minutes).

RESOLVED

- (i) That the appointment of Dawn Baxendale to the position of Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service at Southampton City Council be approved; and
- (ii) That the Head of Legal, HR and Democratic Services be granted delegated authority to take any further action necessary to give effect to the contents of the report.

N.B The interim Chief Executive, Dawn Baxendale, declared an interest in the above matter and left the room for the decision and voting thereon.

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

RESOLVED that it be noted that there had been no use of the call-in procedure since last reported to Council.

49. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC - CONFIDENTIAL PAPERS INCLUDED IN THE FOLLOWING MATTER

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 to the following matter.

Confidential appendix 1 contains information deemed to be exempt from general publication based on Category 3 of paragraph 10.4 of the Council's Access to Information Procedure Rules.

It is not in the public interest to disclose this information because it contains financial and business information that if made public would prejudice the Council's ability to operate in a commercial environment and obtain best value during a live procurement process prior to final tenders being received and contracts being entered into.

50. CAPITAL FUNDING FOR ADULT SERVICES

The report of the Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Social Care was submitted seeking approval for additional funding for Capital Funding for Adult Services (copy of report circulated with agenda and appended to signed minutes).

RESOLVED that the addition of £482,000 to the Health and Adult Services Capital Programme to be allocated as £80,000, £100,000 and £302,000 to the existing schemes for Equipment and Health and Safety, Sembal House refurbishment and the National Care Standards projects respectively be approved. This would be funded through Council resources made available through receipt of the 2013/14 Personal Social Services Capital un-ring fenced grant.

Minute Item 37

Council Wednesday 17th July 2013

Amendment to Item 11 - General Fund Revenue Outturn 2012/13

Proposed by Councillor Vinson:

Liberal Democrat Amendment General Fund Revenue Outturn 2012/13

Amends recommendation (v) to allocate £300,000 to the Risk Fund in 2013/14, to provide for possible pressures as a result of the Welfare reforms being introduced by Central Government rather than adding this amount to Contingencies.

Amends recommendation vi), which asks Council to approve the use of £1.5M of the 2012/13 under spend to fund the cost of the corporate items as set out in paragraph 17 of the General Fund Revenue Outturn report on the Council Agenda, increasing this amount to £4.4M to fund the cost of the corporate items as set out in Annex 1 to this Amendment.

Amends recommendation viii) to reflect the new position for balances as set out below and in Annex 3 to this Amendment.

It is recommended that Council:

- i) Notes the final outturn for 2012/13 detailed in Appendix 1 of the General Fund Revenue Outturn 2012/13 report on the Council agenda which is an under spend of £7.4M.
- ii) Notes the performance of individual Portfolios in managing their budgets as set out in paragraph 9 of the General Fund Revenue Outturn 2012/13 report on the Council agenda report and notes the major variances in Appendix 2 of this report
- iii) Notes re-phasing on the capital programme means that funding of £313,000 will be needed in future years when the capital spending takes place, as set out in paragraph 14 of the General Fund Revenue Outturn 2012/13 report on the Council agenda.
- iv) Approves the carry forward requests totalling £926,300, (of which £690,600 relates to central repairs and maintenance), as outlined in paragraph 15 and set out in detail in Appendix 3 of the General Fund Revenue Outturn 2012/13 report on the Council agenda.
- v) Approves the allocation of £300,000 of the 2012/13 under spend to increase the Risk Fund in 2013/14, to provide for possible pressures which may arise as a result of the Welfare reforms being introduced by Central Government.
- vi) Approves the use of £4.4M of the 2012/13 under spend to fund the cost of the corporate items, as set out in Annex 1 to this Amendment.
- vii) Approves the transfer to balances of £500,000 previously allocated within the 2013/14 budget to the Leaders Portfolio, as set out in paragraph 18 of the General Fund Revenue Outturn 2012/13 report on the Council agenda.
- viii) Notes the position for balances after taking into account the commitments outlined in this Amendment and the funding required for the current capital programme, as set out in Annex 3 to this Amendment.

ANNEX 1

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

- Pay Reserve (£800,000) – It is proposed this year to add £0.8M to the Pay Reserve to make provision for any costs that may be incurred in relation to pay related issues. This will increase the total sum set aside in the Reserve in 2013/14 to just over £1.1M.
- Festivals (£50,000) – It is proposed to allocate £50,000 to enable events to be progressed and supported in the City in 2013/14. This will include support for Music in the City which is Southampton's premier music event celebrating and promoting musical talent within the City for the benefit of all residents and city visitors.
- Internships (£75,000) – It is proposed to allocate £25,000 per annum to enable an internship scheme to be developed and implemented in 2013/14, 2014/15 and 2015/16. The aim is to offer 20 six week placements in each of the three financial years.
- Planning Enforcement (£95,000) – It is proposed to allocate £25,000 in 2013/14 and £35,000 in both 2014/15 and 2015/16 to enable the creation of an additional 1.0 FTE Planning Enforcement Officer post.
- Highways Spending (£270,000) – It is proposed to allocate £70,000 in 2013/14 and £100,000 in both 2014/15 and 2015/16 to enable additional highways spend.
- Mitigation / Reversal of 2013/14 Approved Savings Proposals (£3,119,000) – It is proposed to allocate funding totalling just over £3.1M over the next three financial years as set out in Annex 2 to mitigate / reverse a number of savings proposals approved by Council in February 2013.

SUMMARY OF SPENDING TO MITIGATE / REVERSE 2013/14 APPROVED SAVINGS

Original Portfolio Ref	Service Activity	Description of Item	Impact / Issues			Senior Manager
			2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	
			£000's	£000's	£000's	
Adult Services - Income						
AS 10	Adult Disability Care Services	Increase in income arising from proposed changes to the Non Residential Charging Policy		40		Carol Valentine
ALLOW FURTHER PHASING - This was an addition to the estimate of additional income proposed and accepted in Feb 2012. Under the proposed charging policy there will be a greater degree of fairness to ensure that all chargeable services are actually charged for and that all clients will only pay what they can afford. The changes to day services charges will be phased in over three years with the proposed actual full cost rate being introduced fully in 2015/16.						
Sub-total			0	40	0	
Adult Services - Service Reductions						
AS 12	Supporting People	Undertake cuts in the Supporting People programme, resulting in service reductions.	15	125	125	Stephanie Ramsey
MITIGATE - Planned reductions to be made to contracts for older people, mental health, drugs and alcohol, homelessness and women fleeing domestic violence leading to remodelled services and reductions in accommodation and support would be mitigated. Several contracts are up for renewal. There could be impacts on other service areas including care budgets and health.						
AS 13	Adult Disability Commissioning	Advice and Information / Day Care contracts	45	59	59	Stephanie Ramsey
REVERSE - Do not action the cessation of the Age Concern advice contract which could lead to the potential increase in referrals to Adult Contact Service. Do not reduce the SCA Day Care contract by 4% of placements for older people.						
AS 14	Wellbeing	Reducing the contract values to provide specific support for HIV/Aids	25	33	33	Stephanie Ramsey
REVERSE - This support is non statutory. The funding allows for two organisations to provide counselling, training, individual support etc for individuals with HIV/Aids. The level of incidence of HIV/Aids in young adults has increased by more than half over the past five years. This proposal will not be actioned and no savign will be progressed.						
AS 15	Mental Health Commissioning	Drug Action Team - Reducing the commissioning budget to purchase services for drug users	25	40	40	Stephanie Ramsey
MITIGATE - This mitigates the reduction of the DAT capacity to commission services. This service is currently not meeting all national targets. Services are currently out to tender to address this issue, improvement will be restricted by the proposed reduction in resources. In addition this reduction will limit the ability of the DAT to cope with the potential impact on the city arising from reductions within other Portfolios. This proposal will reduce the Adult Services contribution to drug services, although the Council will retain the responsibility and consequent contribution for the budget following the transfer of Public Health in 2013/14.						
Sub-total			110	257	257	
Adult Services Portfolio Total			110	297	257	

SUMMARY OF SPENDING TO MITIGATE / REVERSE 2013/14 APPROVED SAVINGS

Original Portfolio Ref	Service Activity	Description of Item	Impact / Issues			Senior Manager
			2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	
			£000's	£000's	£000's	
Children's Services - Service Reductions						
CS 16	Prevention	Youth Support	200	250	250	Graham Talbot
MITIGATE - Reduce Council delivery of universal and targeted youth support services. Seek alternative providers and funders for open access youth provision						
Sub-total			200	250	250	
Children's Services Portfolio Total			200	250	250	
Communities - Service Reductions						
COMM 4	Customer & Business Improvement	Reduce the Grants to Voluntary Organisations Budget by approximately 7% per annum	25	30	30	Suki Sitaram
MITIGATE - The Cabinet agreed this principle in the context of approving the outcomes based commissioning model for grants. The level of reduction is subject to annual budget setting decisions by Full Council. Current applicants have been advised about recommendations made by officers and provided information on feedback to Members about the impact on their organisation. The recommendations are within the agreed budget limits. Revised proposal mitigates the planned reduction and this funding should be prioritised for the provision of welfare advice.						
COMM 7	Skills, Economy & Housing Renewal	Refocusing and reduction of City Limits	50	65	65	Suki Sitaram
MITIGATE - Reduction of General Fund resources for City Limits Employment (53% of previous General Fund resources to be replaced by Housing Revenue Account funding). Potential impact on services for residents with learning difficulties/disabilities.						
Sub-total			75	95	95	
Communities Portfolio Total			75	95	95	
Environment & Transport - Income						
E&T 10	Parking and Patrol	Introduction of evening charges	25	75	75	Paul Nichols
MITIGATE - Charge £1 from 6pm to 8am - Currently there is no charge for on and off street evening parking in the City Centre with the exception of multi-storey car parks.						
E&T 12	Parking and Patrol	Charge for first Residents Permit	70	130	130	Paul Nichols
REVERSE - Currently the first resident permit issued for a property is free. Introduction of an annual charge of £30 not to be progressed						
Sub-total			95	205	205	

SUMMARY OF SPENDING TO MITIGATE / REVERSE 2013/14 APPROVED SAVINGS

Original Portfolio Ref	Service Activity	Description of Item	Impact / Issues	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	Senior Manager
				£000's	£000's	£000's	
Environment & Transport - Service Reductions							
E&T 23	Planning, Transport & Sustainability	Reduction in bus subsidies affecting evening bus services, night buses and the S1/S2 services plus the Hythe Ferry.	MITIGATE - 'All evening bus and night bus service subsidies will be removed plus all cross boundary subsidy. The night buses can be retained to 2015 using S106 funding. Some of these services may be replaced on a commercial basis. The S1/S2 services would be combined and provided on an off peak basis, leading to service reductions affecting Freemantle, Shirley and Lordshill. The subsidy for the Hythe Ferry is relatively small and it is unlikely that this will place the service at risk. Revised proposal to include retention of a Mansbridge service.	60	100	100	Paul Nichols
Sub-total				60	100	100	
Environment & Transport Portfolio Total				155	305	305	
Housing & Leisure Services - Service Reductions							
HLS 7	Leisure & Culture	Restructure of Leisure & Culture	MITIGATE - 'Review of Leisure & Culture team to provide focused contract management resource, and rationalise business support and project management. Restructure of the Arts & Heritage team, but maintenance of staffing resource committed to education and curatorial functions (including conservation) and enhancing the visitor management functions to provide greater focus on front of house operations. Risk of reputational damage and potential impact on 'Accreditation' for collections. Significant reduction in ability to respond to public enquiries regarding the collections.	35	40	40	Mike Harris
HLS 11	Street Cleansing	Reorganise and restructure the street cleansing service with reduced management and operational staff, fleet resources and move to a primarily reactive cleansing service model	MITIGATE - Significant staff, fleet and resource / overhead savings realised through moving to a more reactive service, with frequency of programmed mechanical sweeping operations reduced but response targeted within one working day of report for specific locations developing unacceptable build-ups of litter between routine cleans. Maintenance inputs for highly labour intensive areas such as the city centre, district centres and central estates also reduced.	100	150	150	Jon Dyer-Slade
HLS 13	Leisure & Culture	Reduction in Art Gallery opening hours	MITIGATE - Focus of opening hours at times where usage is highest and school visits can be maximised. New hours to be 10am to 2pm Monday to Friday, weekend hours to be determined. The shop will be located upstairs in the main gallery. Revised proposal to include a review of opening hours Monday to Friday.	20	30	30	Mike Harris
Sub-total				155	220	220	
Housing & Leisure Services Portfolio Total				155	220	220	

SUMMARY OF SPENDING TO MITIGATE / REVERSE 2013/14 APPROVED SAVINGS

Original Portfolio Ref	Service Activity	Description of Item	Impact / Issues	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	Senior Manager
				£000's	£000's	£000's	
<u>Leader's - Service Reductions</u>							
LEAD 6	City Development	Deletion in posts and supplies & services		30	50	50	Barbara Compton
MITIGATE - Limited capacity to take on new projects or facilitate development schemes on non council land.				30	50	50	
Sub-total				30	50	50	
Leader's Portfolio Total				30	50	50	
GRAND TOTAL				725	1,217	1,177	

GENERAL FUND BALANCES

	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	Future Years
	£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's
Opening Balance	23,529.6	29,923.5	17,388.1	16,001.5	12,962.3
Draw to Support Capital		(209.6)			
(Draw to Support) / Contribution from Revenue	9,561.5	55.2	2,697.3	1,134.9	1,377.3
Contributions (to) / from Other Reserves	(1,300.0)	(800.0)			
Draw for Strategic Schemes	(1,867.6)	(11,581.0)	(4,083.9)	(4,174.1)	(4,627.2)
Closing Balance	29,923.5	17,388.1	16,001.5	12,962.3	9,712.4

Note

The uncommitted value of balances totals £9.7M which is £4.2M above the minimum level recommended by the Chief Financial Officer following a risk assessment of the required level to be maintained.

The above position reflects the removal of Direct Revenue Funding for Capital for the following items and replacement with borrowing and associated costs for interest and MRP if Asset Sales are not sufficient:

- Civic Centre refurbishment
- Civil Service Sports Ground
- DRF Slipped from 2012/13 (as per recommendation iii))

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