
SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
19 JULY 2017

Present:

The Mayor, Councillor L Harris
The Sheriff, Councillor Barnes-Andrews
Councillors P Baillie, J Baillie, Mrs Blatchford (except minutes 30-35), Bogle (except minutes 30-35), Burke, Chaloner, Coombs, Denness, Fitzhenry, Fuller, Furnell, Hammond, B Harris, Hecks, Houghton, Inglis (except minutes 24(part), 37-39), Jordan, Kaur, Keogh, Laurent, Letts, Lewzey, McEwing, Mintoff, Morrell, Moulton, Murphy, Noon, O'Neill, Dr Paffey (except minutes 24(part), 36-39), Painton, Parnell, Payne, Pope (except minutes 24(part), 25-39), Rayment, Savage, Shields, Taggart, D Thomas, T Thomas, Vassiliou, Whitbread and White

21. APOLOGIES

It was noted that apologies had been received from Councillors Claisse, Hannides and Wilkinson.

22. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the AGM and Extraordinary Council meetings held on 17th May 2017 be approved and signed as a correct record.

23. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR AND LEADER

The Mayor announced that following agreement from Group Leaders agenda items 9-17 would be considered ahead of Executive Business and subsequent items.

24. DEPUTATIONS, PETITIONS AND PUBLIC QUESTIONS

- (i) The Council received the following Public Questions from Mrs Galton which were responded to by Councillor Rayment, Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport:

Question 1

Is the Cabinet Member happy with the lane priority changes in Newman Street and why was this specific change introduced in the first instance?

Answer

With Park Street open to two-way traffic, motorists intending to join Shirley High Street city-bound are likely to use Park Street, therefore leaving the right-turn lane on Newman Street redundant. We therefore changed the right lane to allow vehicles to turn right and carry on ahead in order to split the traffic using the street.

Question 2

Is the Cabinet Member happy with the roll out of the opening of Park Street to all traffic, especially public awareness of such a major change?

Answer

After listening to concerns raised by users after the initial implementation of the scheme, we reviewed the location to see what could be introduced to assist with the layout changes and installed another set of directional arrows on the carriageway closer to the junction of Carlisle Road. Additional temporary signage was also included at the entry to Park Street to advise of it being open to all traffic.

Question 3

What involvement did the Cabinet Member or the 3 local Councillors have in the design of these schemes and what was the total cost of each scheme?

Answer

The removal of bus lane on Park Street and amendments to Newman Street road markings were delivered as part of a package of works which included installation of cycle infrastructure on Shirley High Street, re-cutting of the traffic signal loops affected and adjustment to the signal staging and timings. This was delivered as one package of works as all measures impacted on each other given their close vicinity to each other and to reduce disruption to the highway while works were delivered. The removal of bus lane on Park Street was initially part of the Members LTIF programme. As the scheme developed myself and ward Councillors were updated on the progress and the increased scope of project to accommodate all measures. We were given a high level overview of the scheme in August prior to the TRO being advertised and expressed support as well as concern over delays in delivery. In December full scheme drawings were shared with myself and ward Councillors which included delivery dates.

- (ii) The Council received the following Public Questions from Mr Galton which were responded to by Councillor Rayment, Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport (Question 1) and Councillor Hammond, Cabinet Member for Transformation Projects (Questions 2 and 3):

Question 1

What monitoring has taken place on new traffic flows in the Newman Street and Park Street area especially in relation to junctions with the main high street, including traffic flows on the high street too.

Answer

Highways engineers have had several site visits. As with most changes to road layouts there is a bedding in period where road users adjust to the changes. It is evident from the recent visits that the amount of drivers using Park Street has increased significantly since the scheme was implemented and compliance to the lane changes in Newman Street has also increased. Officers are monitoring the site weekly to observe the situation and we will continue to assess the situation over the coming months. Ward Councillors are telling me they have spoken to the residents who on the whole are happy.

Question 2

Can the Cabinet Member update us on the progress of introducing the voluntary CAZ and anticipated launch date?

Answer

The voluntary Clean Air Zone was designed to raise awareness of the problems we have with pollution and to allow businesses to start preparing so that their fleets are compliant.

As you will be aware, there are four other cities who are mandated by government to have Clean Air Zones.

DEFRA have decided – sensibly so – that all the cities will have the same branding, same signage, same fines and a single procurement process.

Unfortunately DEFRA are not moving quickly on this and we've gone back to them as a group of cities to offer to start the branding process.

Nevertheless, locally we've already started the following to promote the CAZ and raise awareness:

- National Clean Air Day
- Green Fleet Event (hosting operators and manufacturers to)
- Two new communications officers are in post and will be liaising with the various stakeholders who will be affected.
- As a Council we've completed our own fleet review and have committed.
- Planned a taxi scrappage scheme.
- Traffic information boards across the city now have Air Quality messages on them.

To date we are the only local authority to secure funding for the Clean Air Zone Early Measures programme (£1 million). I'm pleased with the progress we're making towards our CAZ and proud that Southampton is recognised as leading on this nationally.

Question 3

In light of the Government advice over using local 20mph limits to reduce air pollution and the same recommendation being made in the 2015 air quality inquiry, will the administration urgently implement 20mph schemes to improve traffic flows, make streets safer for cyclists and most importantly improve local air quality.

Answer

There is no current government advice for a blanket roll out of 20mph limits to reduce air pollution. In fact it was National Institute of Clinical Excellence who mentioned that 20mph limits are a good way of reducing traffic accidents. I am not aware of there being significant evidence that wide spread adoption of 20mph actually would improve air quality on its own.

Our own pilot showed no reduction in speed or perception from residents that things had improved. We've heard previously that rolling out 20mph in our city would cost approximately £1 million pounds. This is a significant cost to the taxpayers of the city.

As well as being costly, its not effective on air quality grounds. Motorists don't always follow the restrictions. The Police have made it clear they don't have the resources to enforce this and we don't have the financial resources on taking a punt on this working.

As Chair of the Scrutiny inquiry on air quality – the recommendation was about looking at the package of measures to improve traffic flows and therefore reducing pollution, 20mph was only a suggested measure as the evidence we heard didn't back up the perceived claims.

If we look at Manchester, they had ambitious plans to roll out 20mph zones in all its residential roads (£1.7m) and they have now paused doing this – to consider more effective ways to spend this money. They've seen a greater reductions in traffic accidents in roads which weren't in 20mph limits than those who were.

There are better ways to spend money on air quality and reduce pollution and those are what we are prioritising. Our approach to 20mph zones has been vindicated and this means we haven't wasted £1million.

- (ii) The Council received and noted a deputation from Mr Mike Brown concerning City of Sanctuary;
- (iii) The Council received and noted a deputation from Ms Lauren Poore and Ms Amanda Holmes concerning the junction of Kathleen and South East Road;
- (iv) The Council received and noted a deputation from Ms Amanda Guest, Ms Lisa Stead and Mrs Clare Mar-Molinaro concerning the Kentish Road Respite Centre. Petition handed to the Cabinet Member for Housing and Adult Care; and
- (v) The Council received and noted a deputation from Mr Colin Gaylor, Mrs Tracey Wood and Ms Kate Wood, concerning Armed Forces Day 2018.

25. EXECUTIVE BUSINESS REPORT

The report of the Leader of the Council was submitted setting out the details of the business undertaken by the Executive.

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

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

1. Safety at the junction of Station Road and Spring Road

Question from Councillor J Baillie to Councillor Rayment

Other than refreshing the white lines, what has been done to improve safety at the junction of Station Road and Spring Road?

Answer

Surface markings have recently been refreshed at a section of this junction as part of the resurfacing maintenance programme. While this was not part of the Road Safety programme the recent injury accident rate was discussed and the opportunity was taken to make small, short term improvements. These included the revision of hazard warning lines, centre line markings and inclusion of "SLOW" surface text to increase awareness of the junction to approaching drivers.

Due to the injury accident rate over the last three year period this junction has been prioritised and included in the 2017-18 Road Safety Engineering programme. The investigation will assess contributing factors to injury accidents and recommend mitigating engineering factors. This study is currently underway and due to complete in late August at which point officers would welcome a meeting with ward Cllrs on site to discuss the recommendations. Following this stage the agreed works will be taken forward to detailed design and depending on costs, delivery intended in Spring 2018.

2. AWC – Action against HMO's and Businesses

Question from Councillor Painton to Councillor Rayment

Now that the fortnightly bin is entering its first month in operation what actions do you propose to take against HMO's and Businesses putting out extra black plastic bags full of rubbish as there green bin has overflowed, and with the majority of HMO having more than one user to their allocated bin should HMO'S now use a commercial collection service.

Answer

The Council's Managing the Local Environment Policy went live on 5th June 2017. The Street Scene Enforcement team was fully active from 17th July 2017 following training, and will be tackling domestic bin issues such as bins left on pavements, side waste and contaminated waste.

There is a clear process in the policy to intervene, educate and follow-up with enforcement action under s.46 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 to deal with all residents (including those in HMOs) who continuously produce side waste, in spite of early intervention, education, and support being given.

Businesses who dispose of their waste incorrectly and abuse the domestic bins will be given a period of time to comply with their responsibilities under the duty of care regulations before joined-up enforcement action is taken with environmental health to educate and enforce relevant regulations against businesses.

Our focus is to help residents to manage their waste, recycle more and keep our streets clean and tidy. In extreme circumstances of non-compliance, enforcement action will be taken in line with the policy and current legislation.

3. No Idling Zones

Councillor Moulton to Councillor Hammond

What powers does the council have to bring in no idling zones to cut air pollution and how might they be used to good effect to tackle pollution from cars around our schools as well as from trains and buses in the city?

Answer

It is an offence under Regulation 98 of the Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations 1986 to leave a vehicle engine idling unnecessarily whilst stationary and powers are available to authorised local authority officers to issue fixed penalty notices of £20 to drivers who allow their vehicle engines to run unnecessarily while the vehicle is stationary. Southampton City Council's Air Quality Action Plan, makes a commitment to review its options to enforce and promote 'no idling'. We anticipate that the success of introducing any enforcement powers would be dependent upon raising public awareness on the subject and we are committed to undertaking a no idling campaign this year to support the introduction of our Clean Air Zone. Two new posts (Air Quality Communication Officer and Service Manager – Parking and Itchen Bridge) are set to be filled this month that will provide the capacity to progress these ideas.

We have been assured by Southampton train, bus and HGV operators that they apply no-idling policies. However, there is evidence to suggest these are not being enforced as well as they might. We will be seeking further commitment from all stakeholders to uphold such policies as part of the Clean Air Partnership and will be exploring opportunities to monitor this. We are currently recruiting to an Air Quality Officer post that will provide much needed capacity over the summer to progress this.

4. Installation of Sprinkler Systems

Councillor P Baillie to Councillor Payne

Why have you taken five years to start to install sprinkler systems?

Answer

Following the tragic fire at Shirley Towers in 2010 the Council cooperated fully with the ensuing inquest. The Coroner produced his report in February 2013 and made a number of recommendations which were acted upon. The Coroner also encouraged the Council to consider the installation of sprinklers into tower blocks.

Following discussion with Hampshire Fire and Rescue Services Albion Towers, Shirley Towers and Sturminster House were identified as the preferred location for initial investment due to their 'scissor block' design.

Capita were commissioned to produce a feasibility study. Sprinkler Installers, other Local Authorities, Fire Services and others were consulted and a final report was produced in February 2015.

Cabinet approved the investment in March 2015 and whilst the original intention was to commence the works as quickly as possible, in order to comply with existing contract arrangements with British Gas and the Construction Design Management (CDM) regulations; these work subsequently had to be programmed after the ECO project works.

Installation has now started at Albion Towers and will commence at Shirley Towers and Sturminster House within the next few weeks.

5. Begging and Street Homelessness

Councillor Moulton to Councillor Letts

Please can the Leader provide an update regarding any plans for a cross party working group or task and finish group to deal with the problems of illegal begging and street homelessness?

Answer

Working with officers and members from Bournemouth and Portsmouth councils we have gathered together a significant amount of evidence on this topic. This has been passed to the Leader of the Opposition.

The evidence in this document suggests that this is a national issue which requires a national response. The administration will raise this with the LGA and suggest that they commission a study into the problem so that best practise can be identified and acted upon.

The option of a full Scrutiny Inquiry into this issue is available to the opposition via a resolution of OSMC.

Officers would be more than happy to offer regular briefings to Cllr Moulton and/or Cllr Vassillou the Opposition spokesperson as required.

6. Suicide Prevention

Councillor P Baillie to Councillor Shields

If the cost of each suicide is some 1.2million then why is it such a lack of priority that you cannot find 30k for preventative work?

In Southampton, during the period 2013 - 2015 there were a total of 60 deaths by suicide. Each suicide has severe and prolonged effects on the family members, friends, social networks and communities left behind. The survivors of the suicide tend to experience a very complicated form of bereavement.

According to independent research the financial cost to society of suicide is estimated at £1.67 million per case involving both costs to the individual (i.e. those services accessed leading up to and immediately following the suicide) and the indirect costs (e.g. time lost from work, human costs due to lost years of disability-free life and costs to the family). As a result of strong partnership working, Southampton has contributed to the Select Committees report and to the new Public Health England guidance on (suicide) crisis care concordat.

Locally we have been taking a number of priority actions to prevent suicides. Our aims are being delivered through the Suicide Prevention Plan, monitored on a quarterly basis by the Southampton Suicide Prevention Steering Group. In addition, the Southampton Citywide Anti-Stigma Forum also works to reduce suicide. Cllr Paul Lewzey provides the crucial elected Member Mental Health Champion role for the City.

The Health Overview and Scrutiny Panel considered the Southampton Suicide Prevention Plan, and its implementation, at their June 2017 meeting. Two key challenges for Southampton's suicide prevention work were raised at the recent HOSP meeting. These were:

- Media coverage of deaths by suicide and inquests
- Suicide Prevention training and the creation of a suicide bereavement service have been challenged by funding constraints

Our implementation covers communications and training and is led by a Public Health Development Manager (public mental health and suicide prevention) with support from a Public Health Consultant and a Communications Officer. The implementation includes the following:

- Training in suicide prevention for around 200 local people.
- A further 100+ received awareness training as part of the recent Southampton based Suicide Prevention Conference funded by Health Education England.
- Recently, the Saints vs Stigma three day event was held in Guildhall Square and used football as a way of engaging men, to raise issues around mental health and suicide.
- Refresh of the 'Be Well' Strategy including agencies in the city taking action "downstream", with an emphasis on prevention and early intervention.

As the main issues with suicide prevention relate to home environments, our focus has been on raising awareness of mental wellbeing and we are working with our partners to explore ways to fund future initiatives. Here in Southampton we would very much like to invest in more suicide prevention training and establish a dedicated suicide bereavement service but we are currently unable to do so due to a reduction in Central Government Public Health grant funding for councils.

7. Penalties for Landlords

Councillor O'Neil to Councillor Shields

Why will the Council not penalise landlords who allow their properties to become an eyesore and allow their tenants' rubbish and wheelie bins to spill over on to the pavement?

Answer

Whilst the property is occupied the tenants of rented accommodation (including HMOs) are responsible for managing their domestic waste.

The Council's Managing the Local Environment Policy went live on 5th June 2017. The Street Scene Enforcement team was fully active from 17th July 2017 following training, and will be tackling domestic bin issues such as bins left on pavements, side waste and contaminated waste.

There is a clear process in the policy to intervene, educate and follow-up with enforcement action under s.46 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 to deal with all residents (including those in HMO's) who continuously produce side waste, in spite of early intervention, education, and support being given.

The HMO Licensing Scheme also provides resources for Wardens who assist with enforcement activities in wards where there are high numbers of HMOs.

Our focus is to help residents to manage their waste, recycle more and keep our streets clean and tidy. In extreme circumstances of non-compliance, enforcement action will be taken in line with the policy and current legislation.

8. Exford Avenue Estate Regeneration

Councillor Fuller to Councillor Letts

What date did construction begin at the Exford Avenue Regeneration project and what was the projected completion date?

Answer

Construction-related groundworks began on 9 December 2013. The Development Agreement requires this phased scheme to be fully completed by 1 July 2019.

All of the affordable units have now completed and we are awaiting completion of the market units.

9. New Home Starts

Councillor Fuller to Councillor Payne

How many new home starts have been registered in Southampton since the beginning of the year and how does that compare with the national average?

The Council is awaiting final definitive completions figures, which also record starts, for the period 1 April 2016 – 31 March 2017. However, interim figures show that there were 1039 dwellings started within the city for 2016-2017. This does not include student accommodation which is now produced separately and added in to the final figure.

Whilst we don't have figures for the national average our completions will be significantly above the 820 dwelling Core Strategy target (and over 1,000 dwellings) for the third year running.

26. MOTIONS

(a) Armed Forces Day Event

Councillor Fuller moved and Councillor Moulton seconded:

This Council recognises the significant contribution and sacrifice our Armed Forces have made, and continue to make, to defend our freedom. To recognise this the Council commits to staging a fitting Armed Forces Day event to take place in Southampton in 2018 and yearly after that. The Council will work with all partners, military and civilian, to ensure this is a fitting tribute to all our serving military

personnel and veterans and will pledge to support it in both financial and organisational terms.

Amendment moved by Councillor Burke and seconded by Councillor Kaur:

2nd sentence **delete** “To recognise this the Council commits to staging a fitting Armed Forces Day event to take place in Southampton in 2018 and yearly there after”

replace with “This Council has made significant strides in working with other authorities and the Armed Forces in ensuring the welfare and wellbeing of all serving personnel and veterans is catered for. To this end we have secured a grant which will enable us to carry out a needs assessment and asset management across the region. Promotions and commemorations including Armed Forces Day will play an important part of this”.

6th sentence **delete** “and will pledge to support it in both financial and organisational terms.”

Amended Motion to read:

This Council recognises the significant contribution and sacrifice our Armed Forces have made, and continue to make, to defend our freedom. This Council has made significant strides in working with other authorities and the Armed Forces in ensuring the welfare and wellbeing of all serving personnel and veterans is catered for. To this end we have secured a grant which will enable us to carry out a needs assessment and asset management across the region. Promotions and commemorations including Armed Forces Day will play an important part of this. The Council will work with all partners, military and civilian, to ensure this is a fitting tribute to all our serving military personnel and veterans.

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

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RESOLVED that the motion be approved.

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

It was noted that there were no questions from Members to the Chairs of Committees or the Mayor.

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

It was noted that there were no appointments to Committees, Sub-Committees or Other Bodies.

29. DFT ACCESS FUND

The report of the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport was submitted seeking approval for the receipt of funding from the Department of Transport's Access Fund in order to deliver the 'Southampton: Driving our cycling ambition into local towns, schools, colleges and workplaces' programme for three years up until 31st March 2020.

RESOLVED:

- (i) To approve the receipt of Access Funds, totalling £2,294,000, awarded by the Department for Transport for 2017/18 through to 2019/20.
- (ii) To approve the addition of £816,000 to the Environment & Transport Portfolio's revenue budget for 2017/18 and to note that the remaining £1,478,000 of the Access Fund award will need to be added to the revenue budgets for 2018/19 and 2019/20.
- (iii) To approve the allocation of Local Transport Plan funds, totalling £300,000, from the Sustainable Travel and Integrated Transport budgets, within the approved Environment & Transport Portfolio Capital Programme, in order to match fund the grant at approximately 12.5% of the total.

30. CONSTITUTION REVIEW - EMPLOYMENT & APPEALS PANEL

The report of the Service Director, Legal and Governance was submitted concerning changes to the constitution.

RESOLVED:

- (i) to agree the changes to the Constitution and associated arrangements as set out in this report as detailed in Appendix 1;
- (ii) to authorise the Service Director: Legal & Governance to finalise the arrangements as approved by Council and make any further consequential or minor changes arising from the decision of Council.

31. PROCUREMENT OF CARERS SUPPORT SERVICES

The report of the Cabinet Member for Housing and Adult Care outlining the procurement of carers support services was submitted for approval. This procurement will be commissioning an integrated service for children, young people and adults.

RESOLVED to approve a financial envelope of up to £2,479,400 for a maximum contract lifetime of 7 years (5 + 2 year extension).

32. ACCEPTANCE OF ADULT SOCIAL CARE GRANT

The report of the Cabinet Member for Housing and Adult Care was submitted seeking to accept the allocation of £9.7m one-off additional Government funding over three years, for the purpose of meeting adult social care needs, reducing pressures on the NHS and stabilising the social care provider market.

RESOLVED:

- (i) To approve the acceptance of the one-off Government grant of £9,710,902 for adult social care over three years from 2017/18 to 2019/20;
- (ii) To approve the addition of £4.98M to the Housing & Adult Social Care Portfolio's revenue budget for 2017/18 and to note that the remaining £4.73M of the Government grant award will need to be added to the revenue budgets for 2018/19 and 2019/20; and
- (iii) To approve revenue expenditure of £4.98M in 2017/18 on schemes (set out in Appendix 1) that will meet adult social care needs, reduce pressures on the NHS and stabilise the social care provider market, in accordance with the grant conditions, Financial Procedure Rules and the governance arrangements for Southampton's Better Care Fund.

33. ANNUAL CORPORATE PARENTING REPORT 2015/16 AND 2016/17

The report of the Cabinet Member for Children's Social Care was submitted and noted detailing the Corporate Parenting Annual reports 2015/16 and 2016/17.

34. GENERAL FUND & HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT REVENUE OUTTURN 2016/17

The report of the Cabinet Member for Finance was submitted summarising the overall General Fund and Housing Revenue Account revenue outturn for 2016/17. It compares actual spending against the revised budget approved at Council in February 2017 adjusted for approved changes made since that date. The report also considers any requests for carry forwards and the allocation of funds for corporate purposes or other additional expenditure.

RESOLVED to:

- (i) Note the final General Fund outturn for 2016/17 detailed in Appendix 1 is a balanced position following the transfer to earmarked reserves and the revenue grants reserve totalling £4.97M as noted in paragraph 7.
- (ii) Note that the level of General Fund balances at 31 March 2017 was £11.3M.
- (iii) Note the performance of individual Portfolios in managing their budgets as set out in paragraph 8 of this report and notes the major variances in Appendix 2.
- (iv) Approve the carry forward requests totalling £0.13M and as outlined in paragraph 16.

- (v) Note that £0.8M has been transferred to the Revenue Grants Reserve as detailed in paragraph 15.
- (vi) Note the accounts for the Collection Fund in 2016/17 as detailed in paragraphs 24 to 31 and in Appendix 4.
- (vii) To note the HRA revenue outturn for the financial year 2016/17, as set out in Appendix 5, and the working balance at the end of the year of £3.0M.

35. GENERAL FUND AND HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT CAPITAL PROGRAMME
OUTTURN 2016/17

The report of the Cabinet Member for Finance was submitted outlining the General Fund and Housing Revenue Account capital outturn position for 2016/17 and seek approval for the proposed financing of the expenditure. This report also highlights the major variances against the approved estimates and sets out the revised estimates for 2017/18 and future years which take account of slippage and re-phasing.

RESOLVED to:

- (i) Note the actual capital spending in 2016/17 as shown in paragraphs 3 to 5 and notes the major variances detailed in Appendix 1 and Appendix 2.
- (ii) Note the revised estimates for 2017/18, adjusted for slippage and re-phasing and additions contained within this report, as shown in Appendix 3.
- (iii) Approve the proposed capital financing in 2016/17 as shown in paragraph 6.
- (iv) Note that the capital programme remains fully funded up to 2020/21 based on the latest forecast of available resources although the forecast can be subject to change; most notably with regard to the value and timing of anticipated capital receipts and the use of prudent assumptions of future Government Grants to be received.
- (v) Note the reduction of £0.16M in 2017/18 to the Housing & Sustainability programme. As detailed in paragraph 22.
- (vi) Note the reduction of £0.09M in 2017/18 to the Environment & Transport - City Services programme. As detailed in paragraph 23.
- (vii) Approve the addition and spend of £0.16M in 2017/18 to the Leaders programme; to be funded from Council resources. As detailed in paragraph 24 and 25.
- (viii) Approve the addition and spend of £1.63M, £1.44M in 2017/18 and £0.19M in 2018/19 to the Transport programme; to be funded from capital grants. As detailed in paragraph 26 and 27.
- (ix) Note the addition of £0.16M to the programme since the last reported position in February 17, under delegated powers. As detailed in paragraph 30 and Appendix 4.
- (x) Approve the revised General Fund Capital Programme, which totals £208.99M (as detailed in paragraph 29) and the associated use of resources (as detailed in paragraph 31).
- (xi) Approve the revised HRA Capital Programme, which totals £233.17M (as detailed in paragraph 35) and the associated use of resources (as detailed in paragraph 34).

36. REVIEW OF PRUDENTIAL LIMITS AND TREASURY MANAGEMENT OUTTURN 2016/17

The report of the Cabinet Member for Finance was submitted to inform the Council of the Treasury Management activities and performance for 2016/17 against the approved Prudential Indicators for External Debt and Treasury Management.

RESOLVED to:

- i) Note the Treasury Management (TM) activities for 2016/17 and the outturn on the Prudential Indicators
- ii) Note that the continued proactive approach to TM has led to reductions in borrowing costs and safeguarded investment income during the year.
- iii) Continues to delegate authority to the S151 Officer to make any future changes which benefit the authority and to report back at the next Treasury update.
- iv) Note that due to the early timing of the report to Governance committee, changes have been made to this report following the finalisation of capital and revenue budgets. There have been no changes to the outturn figures but the forecast figures have been updated to reflect the capital report being submitted.

37. SHARED COMMISSIONING BETWEEN SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL AND SOUTHAMPTON CITY CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP

The report of the Leader of the Council was submitted recommending further integration between health and social care in the City through the establishment of a Joint Commissioning Board.

RESOLVED:

- (i) To approve the establishment of a Joint Commissioning Board between the Council and Southampton City Clinical Commissioning Group to undertake non-executive functions within the Boards proposed Terms of Reference.
- (ii) To delegate authority to undertake joint commissioning functions that are non-executive functions within agreed budgets to individual members of the Board (Officers and Members as appropriate) acting at Board meetings within the procedures set out in the terms of reference.
- (iii) To authorise the Service Director: Legal and Governance following consultation with the Leader, Group Leaders, the Chief Strategy Officer and the Director: Quality and Integration to make all necessary changes to the Council's Constitution to give effect to the establishment of the Board and decision making arrangements, including but not limited to changes to the Executive Scheme of Delegation, Officer Scheme of Delegation, Member and Officer Codes of Conduct, Partnership Protocols, Financial and Contract Procedure Rules, decision making protocols and standards and the creation of an Inter Authority Agreement, information sharing and information governance protocols, conflict resolution procedures and protocols as well as terms of reference for any new Board established.

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

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

Confidential appendix 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 as the appendix contains confidential and commercially sensitive information supplied by the Service Provider.

39. HIGHWAYS CONTRACT

The report of the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport was submitted detailing proposals to make revenue savings from the Highways contract and extend the terms of the Highways contract and the associated 'Citywatch' contract.

RESOLVED:

- (i) To delegate authority to the Service Director, Business Operations and Digital, following consultation with the Service Director, Legal and Governance and the Service Director, Finance and Commercialisation, to amend the HSP Contract by extending its term until 23:59 hours on 30 September 2025 and make associated amendments to reduce the Council's General Fund costs associated with this contract in each of the remaining years of the contract from 2017-18 onwards.
- (ii) To delegate authority to the Service Director, Business Operations and Digital, following consultation with the Service Director, Legal and Governance and the Service Director, Finance and Commercialisation, to extend the term of the Citywatch (also known as 'ROMTV') contract until 23:59 hours on 30 September 2025 and make associated amendments to reduce the Council's General Fund costs associated with this contract in 2017-18.
- (iii) To note the increase in financial commitment to the Authority covering the period 2020/21 to October 2025 to meet the additional contract costs over the extended years of the HSP and Citywatch contracts which total an estimated £13.3M (uplifted by indexation).
- (iv) To note that the renegotiated terms for the HSP and ROMTV contracts will achieve estimated General Fund savings - compared to current spending and costs. These are detailed in confidential Appendix 1.