
SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 17 JULY 2019

Present:

The Mayor, Councillor P Baillie
The Sheriff, Councillor Mrs Blatchford
Councillors Barnes-Andrews, J Baillie, Bell, Bogle, Bunday, Chaloner, Coombs, Cooper, Fielker, Fitzhenry, G Galton, S Galton, Hammond, Hannides, B Harris, L Harris, Harwood, Houghton, Kataria, Kaur, Keogh, Laurent, Leggett, Professor Margetts, McEwing, Mintoff, Mitchell, Murphy, Noon, Dr Paffey, Payne, Prior, Rayment, Renyard, Savage (except items 30-37), Shields, Spicer, Streets, Taggart, Vaughan, Whitbread and Windle

21. APOLOGIES

It was noted that apologies had been received from Councillors Fuller, Guthrie, Thomas and White.

22. MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Annual General Council meeting and the Extraordinary Council meeting held on 15th May, 2019 be approved as a correct record.

23. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR AND LEADER

- (i) The Mayor announced the sudden death of former City Councillor Edward Osmond. He served as a Swaythling Ward Councillor from 2008-2012. As a mark of respect Council stood for a minute's silence.
- (ii) The Mayor also announced that the Reverend Debbie Sellin had been ordained the first woman Bishop of Southampton and that he had attended the ceremony held in Winchester.
- (iii) The first Hampshire Day celebrations took place on 15th July and to honour the event a new Hampshire Flag was raised and would be raised on 15th July in future years.
- (iv) The Mayor informed Council that voting was open for the UK's Best Park 2019 hosted by the Fields Trust organisation and that Riverside Park had been nominated. All Members of the Council were encourage to cast their vote in support of the park.

24. DEPUTATIONS, PETITIONS AND PUBLIC QUESTIONS

- (i) The Council received the following Public Question from Mrs Lindsi Bluemel which was responded to by Councillor Rayment, Cabinet Member for Place and Environment:

Question 1 – Living under the flight path of aircraft

I live under the flight path of aircraft leaving and approaching Southampton Airport and I am very aware of and concerned about the impact of low-flying

aircraft on the lives of residents in Bitterne Park and Townhill Park and the education of pupils attending Bitterne Park School. As an airport expansion consultee, will the Council take account of the increased damage to the lives of Southampton residents that will be caused by noise pollution from larger and heavier aircraft when it draws up its response? Will the Council inform us as to what measures will be put in place, if expansion takes place, to minimise the potential harm to the lives of residents of this city?

Answer

The issues you raise will be considered in due course by the Local Planning Authority, which is Eastleigh Borough Council (EBC) in this case. Southampton City Council will be a consultee to this process and will ensure the issues raised are properly considered and communicated.

- (ii) The Council received the following Public Questions from Mrs Angela Cotton which were responded to by Councillor Leggett, Cabinet Member for Green City and Environment:

Question 2 – Green City Charter – Expansion of Southampton Airport

The Council has set itself the laudable vision of creating a "cleaner, green, healthier and more sustainable city" in order to make the city a "better place for present and future generations that is prepared for the challenges presented by climate change". The specific goals include several that would be compromised by expansion of Southampton Airport, a founding signatory to the Green City Charter, including: 2: "We will take actions that will improve the quality of life in our city. We want the Healthy Life Expectancy Indicator to be the best amongst our peers and to remove the difference cities like Southampton experience with rural areas in terms of deaths attributed to air pollution." Air and noise pollution resulting from airport activities impact significantly on the quality of life of people who live near it. And 6: "We will encourage, promote and incentivise the use of sustainable and active travel." Air travel is neither sustainable nor active. Given this, does the Council agree that expansion of Southampton Airport would undermine the Green City Charter goals and if not, why not?

Answer

The airport provided an opportunity for all stakeholders to comment on its Master Plan last year and we welcomed their willingness to proactively engage with all parties that could be affected by their activities. Their Master Plan proposed a period of growth and although we did not oppose this we did provide detailed and specific feedback stressing the need for that growth to be conducted in a sustainable manner on all fronts.

We accept the impacts that air travel and its ancillary activities can have on local communities and the wider environment and will continue to work with the airport and their Local Planning Authority (Eastleigh Borough Council) to mitigate these. We very pleased that the airport has signed up to the Green City Charter.

Question 3 – Climate Change – Planting Trees

What plans does SCC have for preserving and planting trees in order to help combat climate change.

Answer

There is an annual tree planting programme which seeks to replace any trees lost during the year at a ratio of 2 to 1. So the tree population in Southampton should continue to increase. We currently have over 250,000 trees in the city, over 100 different species giving us 18.5% tree cover in the city. Tree schemes such as the Council's "Trees For Life" annual planting puts shelterbelts into schools helping to mitigate climate change. Further programmes to increase our urban forests will be considered as part of the Green City Charter Action Plan.

Question 4 – Increase in aviation CO2

What reassurances has SCC received that expansion of Southampton airport from 2 million passengers per year to 4 million by 2027 (and 5 million by 2037) will not lead to increased aviation CO2/greenhouse-gas emissions (excluding any carbon offset programmes)?

Answer

See answer to question 2 above.

- (iii) The Council received the following Public Questions from Mr Izaak Watson (facilitated by the Mayor) which were responded to by Councillor Leggett, Cabinet Member for Green City and Environment:

Question 5

Why is there still no declaration of a climate emergency by Southampton City Council? We have a petition with over 1500 signatures asking the full council to design a new motion on the climate emergency to coincide with the Green City Charter action plan launch in September, it is very clear the citizens of Southampton want the crisis to be recognised by their local council.

Answer

The Council debated and passed a motion on 15th March 2017.
For information only:

- (c) Reduction of City Wide CO2 Emissions

Councillor Shields moved and Councillor Hammond seconded.

The City Council recognises that the world faces an environmental crisis resulting from man-made climate change for which we all have a responsibility.

The City Council wants to set ambitious targets for making Southampton 100% clean by 2040 in line with the commitments made by the UK government and several other national governments at the 2015 Paris World Leaders' Summit.

The City Council therefore commits to a shift to 100% clean energy by 2040, building on our existing targets in the Council's 2011 Low Carbon City Strategy to reduce City-wide CO2 emissions by 2020 and in line with our commitments as a signatory to the European Covenant of Mayors for Climate Change and Energy in 2012.

UPON BEING PUT TO THE VOTE THE MOTION WAS DECLARED CARRIED.

Question 6

How is the planned Southampton airport expansion going to be offset on the road to carbon neutrality by the council's own target of 2030?

By adopting the Green City Charter Southampton City Council has committed to achieving carbon neutrality by 2030 with regard to its own activities and will endeavour to work with stakeholders and communities to extend this across the city.

Answer

Southampton Airport is situated in Eastleigh Borough Council, we will look to support and collaborate with both to deliver improvements. We are pleased that Southampton Airport has signed up to the Green City Charter.

The Council received and noted a deputation from Mrs Vicky-Lee Egerton.

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

Councillor Chaloner had been appointed to Children and Families Scrutiny Panel. Council was therefore required in accordance with Overview and Scrutiny Management Procedure Rule 3.4.2 that Councillor Chaloner may serve forthwith on Children and Families Scrutiny Panel and that the firebreak period agreed and accordingly waived.

26. 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. Door mats in Council Blocks

Question from Councillor Fitzhenry to Councillor Kaur

Can the Cabinet Member confirm the Council's zero tolerance approach to our tenants having door mats in all our Council blocks was a decision made by this Council and not a statutory requirement?

Answer

A variety of non-statutory measures have been made to ensure our Council homes are at the highest possible fire safety standards, which included the exclusion on all items (including doormats) in some communal areas and walkways.

During the review period of this policy it became apparent that a blanket approach to all council blocks types was not appropriate which has led to the creation of a more flexible approach.

2. Zero tolerance on door mats in Council blocks

Question from Councillor Fitzhenry to Councillor Kaur

Does the Cabinet Member accept the impact this policy has had on our tenants and residents?

Answer

Fire safety is a top priority for this council, and with that have comes many improvements; however, I empathise with all residents, including our tenants in our council homes, wanting to make where they live more homely and practical for them. The majority of tenants I have been in contact with understand and accept the reasons why fire safety measures, including no items in communal area or walkways, have been made to their blocks. Some tenants have raised concerns with appropriate measures for their specific block types, which has formed part of the review process.

3. Managed Policy approach to door mats in Council blocks

Councillor Fitzhenry to Councillor Kaur

Will the Cabinet Member now adopt a “managed policy” approach to door mats across the City, which ensure fire safety is a top priority whilst balancing this with our tenants and residents provide in their community?

Answer

This Council has made enormous strides in ensuring our council homes are at the highest possible fire safety standards, as recognised by HFRS. As I have mentioned to tenants directly and raised in this chamber previously, a review towards a more flexible approach has been on-going. Once completed I will discuss with officers what our approach should be for each block type and we will inform tenants and members accordingly.

4. Pledge to build 1000 Council homes

Councillor Fitzhenry to Councillor Kaur

Can the Cabinet Member confirm how many of the pledge to build 1000 Council owned homes, made in summer 2018 and to be delivered in 5 years of that date, have been delivered or are in the pipeline?

Answer

Since summer 2018, 72 council owned homes have been delivered, 99 are under construction for completion in 2020 and subject to approval today a further 103 will be on site this year.

So in total so far there have been 274 (over a quarter of the target) already delivered, underway or formally approved to proceed subject to this meeting.

I will be able to share with you later in the year the full programme which will be rolled out over the next few years to deliver to our target of 1000 homes by 2025.

5. Adult Social Care charging increases

Councillor Houghton to Councillor Fielker

Given the Cabinet Member has personally stated the Adult Social Care financial and care assessments are not “up to scratch”, will she now scrap the proposed Adult Social Care charging increases?

Answer

The Adult Social Care service has commissioned a number of independent reviews into the delivery of the service. These have highlighted areas of practice that require improvement, including elements of how social care assessments are carried out and recorded. The reviews have not been critical of the way that financial assessments of clients’ finances are carried out and make no recommendations regarding financial assessments, beyond an over-arching recommendation to improve communication and engagement with carers.

Financial assessments are carried out using information provided by the client, and the responsibility to ensure this remains up to date sits with the client and/or their representative or Court-appointed deputy. This is made clear at the outset and every time a financial assessment is reviewed (at least annually).

An annual review is carried out in line with benefit changes every April, with any changes implemented in May. All clients with a contribution were written to in mid-April providing the information held about their finances, the calculation of how much they are required to contribute this year and advice about seeking help. The letter contained advice on how to obtain further information about contributions to care charges. For example, the “Your contribution explained” leaflet and an easy read guide are published on the council’s website and sent by post or email on request.

The Cabinet Member’s criticism relates to the communication time-line for this year’s annual review notifications.

The Council is grateful for the representations made by some carers and their representatives, and taking these into account is writing again to all people who make a contribution towards the cost of their care to offer additional support where needed. Where contact has already been made, we have worked with people to make sure that the right allowance is being made for additional costs and expenses incurred by virtue of any disability and that any other factors are taken into account.

6. Increases in Adult Social Care charges

Councillor Houghton to Councillor Fielker

Does the Cabinet Member accept it is unfair to increase Adult Social Care charges to the City’s most vulnerable residents making them pay more for the Council’s own mistakes?

Answer

The changes to the Adult Social Care Charging policy are based on the Care Act 2014, associated regulations and statutory guidance. There is no question that Southampton City Council is charging vulnerable residents outside of this, in line with neighbouring local authorities.

Financial assessments are conducted in line with The Care and Support (Charging and Assessment of Resources) Regulations 2014. These set out in detail how an individual's income and benefits are assessed and define in law the Minimum Income Guarantee for those in receipt of non-residential care (which is set by the Department of Health and Social Care). The Minimum Income Guarantee has not been uplifted in line with living costs.

7. Care and Financial Assessments

Councillor Houghton to Councillor Fielker

Can the Cabinet Member provide a timeline for improvements in the care and financial assessments so confidence can be restored in our system?

Answer

The Council has appointed a Principal Social Worker for Adults who took up her post on 17 June 2019. She is coordinating a training and professional development plan for staff in Adult Social Care with a focus on practice and improving care assessments. The LGA Peer Challenge identified the recruitment of the new Principal Social Worker as a strength and commented that the Council is on the right track in delivering a strengths and community based approach.

The Adult Social Care Improvement Programme is being reset to incorporate the findings of the Peer Challenge and other independent reviews. There will be a project focused on assessments, and improvements in care assessments are expected to be implemented over the next six months. The National Development Team for Inclusion (NDTI) will carry out a further audit of adult social work cases in December 2019 to provide independent assurance on progress and these findings will be reported to the Council's Governance Committee.

The Financial Assessment procedures are governed by national statutory regulations and therefore the Council is not in a position to amend them. Help is available for those clients who are not able to afford the charges levied towards their care at home and this help will be re-offered to all those whose contributions have increased.

8. School results

Councillor J Baillie to Councillor Paffey

What would good results for Southampton's schools look like this summer?

Answer

Southampton schools are working hard to meet the needs of all students and provide them with the education and training that will enable them to take their place in society and enter into the workforce undertaking roles that fully reflect their skills.

This aspiration goes beyond traditional measures of Progress and Attainment 8, and our ambition clearly reflects the priorities of the new Ofsted Framework and the Timpson report.

Secondary schools in Southampton are determined to offer an appropriate curriculum for all children, drawing on a range of GCSEs, BTECs or other qualifications which are appropriate to children's skills and ambitions (but which can be overlooked in the EBacc suite of examinations).

Therefore in summary 'Good Results' will be for every child in the city to reach their full potential; we recognise and encourage traditional academic, vocational or a combination of routes as a way of achieving this for every young person.

9. Money for Special Schools

Councillor J Baillie to Councillor Paffey

Are there any changes you would like to make to the way the Council distributes money to its special schools?

Answer

Special schools receive £10k place funding per pupil – this is dictated by the DfE and cannot be changed. All pupils also attract what is called "top-up funding". This varies depending on the specific school the child attends, and is based on historical arrangements. I would like to ensure this is as equitable as possible.

To this end, the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Service, alongside education finance partners have been working in co-production with the Southampton Special Schools to design a new scheme for allocating top-up funding. This will improve the current scheme by ensuring the top-up is determined by the individual needs of the pupil rather than the school they happen to attend. This will create a more equitable funding arrangement. Any changes will be managed through the minimum funding guarantee.

The new scheme is complete in its first draft and initial individual school assessments complete from an education perspective. My teams are now working with health colleagues to add a health provision section. The SEND and Educational Psychologists Service will then carry out moderation work in the autumn term so that, subject to any final tweaks, this can be implemented in the next financial year 2020/21.

10. Hedge cutting on public footpaths

Councillor S Galton to Councillor Rayment

Would you consider ensuring that all walking routes to schools are pro-actively kept trimmed of brambles and bushes to ensure people can walk safely and are encouraged to walk to school?

Answer

All SCC verges, encroachments and hedgerows are cut and maintained in each district on an annual programme. Programmed work on hedgerows are not carried out between Feb – Aug to protect nesting birds and to stay legally compliant.

City Services responds to ad-hoc reports of overgrown brambles/hedges on a reactive basis if there are H&S issues identified, or obstructions on routes that justify careful cutting under the supervision of an Ecologist.

Many brambles/hedges and encroachments stem from private land and the Highways Service have delegated authority to serve notice on residents who allow their greenery to grow over and cause obstructions on footpaths and highways. If the residents do not comply with the requirements of the notice, then City Services are instructed to carry out works in default.

11. Councillor S Galton to Councillor Hammond (Councillor Leggett to respond)

Carbon Neutral City

What is your definition of a carbon neutral City for your pledge to be carbon neutral by 2030?

Answer

Our aspiration is for the city to be carbon neutral by 2030. This will be a challenge for partners across the city as well as the council. We will be looking for support and help from a variety of stakeholders including government, academics and experts to achieve this.

Carbon neutrality will be achieved by reducing our direct carbon footprint and offsetting residual carbon.

Work is already underway to determine how the council will contribute and we intend to present our initial proposals later this year in our first Action Plan. Through the Charter it is also intended to promote the wider delivery of similar actions by our partners.

27. MOTIONS

(a) Door mats outside front doors in walk up blocks

Councillor Fitzhenry moved Councillor S Galton seconded

This Council calls on the Executive to immediately move to a “managed policy” approach for the use of door mats by our residents and tenants, in our Council owned blocks.

Whilst fire safety should always be the top priority, we ask the Executive to adopt a more flexible approach that ensures our tenants are safe but also allows them to have pride in their homes and surrounding walk ways.

Amendment moved by Councillor Kaur and Councillor Mintoff seconded

First paragraph, first line delete ‘calls on the Executive to immediately move to a “managed policy” approach for the use of door mats by our residents and tenants, in our Council owned blocks.’

Replace with 'welcomes the enormous strides made by the administration in ensuring our council homes are at the highest possible fire safety standards, as recognised by Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service.'

Second paragraph, first line delete 'ask' and replace with 'support' and delete 'to adopt' and replace with 'with their current ongoing review towards'

Add new sentence at the end of the second paragraph 'This will include a move to a more flexibly managed approach for the use of door mats by our residents and tenants, in our Council owned blocks.'

Amended Motion to read:

This Council welcomes the enormous strides made by the administration in ensuring our council homes are at the highest possible fire safety standards, as recognised by Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service.

Whilst fire safety should always be the top priority, we support the Executive with their current ongoing review towards a more flexible approach that ensures our tenants are safe but also allows them to have pride in their homes and surrounding walk ways. This will include a move to a more flexibly managed approach for the use of door mats by our residents and tenants, in our Council owned blocks.

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

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

RESOLVED: that the amended motion be approved.

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

It was noted that no requests for Questions from Members to the Chairs of Committees or the Mayor had been received.

29. COUNCIL ANNUAL REVIEW 2018/19

The report of the Leader of the Council was submitted outlining progress against the Council Strategy during 2018/19.

RESOLVED:

- (i) To note the Council's achievements 2018/19.
- (ii) To note the business priorities for the Council 2019/20.
- (iii) To agree the five strategic programmes as a format for further business planning to deliver the Council's outcomes.
- (iv) To agree the Executive's commitments for the Council.

30. GENERAL FUND AND HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT REVENUE OUTTURN 2018/19

Report of the Cabinet Member for Resources detailing the general fund and housing revenue account outturn 2018/2019.

RESOLVED that Council:

- (i) Notes the final General Fund outturn for 2018/19 detailed in paragraphs 5 and 6 is a balanced position following the transfer to earmarked reserves.
- (ii) Notes the performance of individual Portfolios in managing their budgets as set out in table 1 of this report and notes the significant variances highlighted in Appendix 1.
- (iii) Notes that the level of General Fund balances at 31 March 2019 was £10.07M and the level of earmarked reserves was £88.67M (at paragraphs 21 to 23 and Appendix 2).
- (iv) Agrees the budget carry-forward requests totalling £2.92M as detailed in paragraph 7 and Appendix 3.
- (v) Notes the accounts for the Collection Fund in 2018/19 as detailed in paragraphs 8 to 14 and in Appendix 4.
- (vi) To note the HRA revenue outturn for the financial year 2018/19, as set out in paragraphs 18 to 20 and in Appendix 5 and 6.
- (vii) To note the performance of the Property Investment Fund (PIF) as detailed in paragraphs 25 to 27 and Appendix 7.
- (viii) Notes that the benefit derived from participation in the business rate pilot scheme (as part of the Solent Region pilot alongside the Isle of Wight and Portsmouth) during 2018/19 was £3.52M as detailed in paragraph 24.

31. GENERAL FUND AND HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT CAPITAL PROGRAMME OUTTURN 2018/19

The report of the Cabinet Member for Resources. The purpose of this report is to outline the General Fund and Housing Revenue Account capital outturn position for 2018/19 and seek approval for the proposed financing of the expenditure.

RESOLVED that Council:

- (i) Notes the actual capital spending in 2018/19 for the General Fund was £48.15M and for the HRA was £43.24M, as shown in paragraphs 3 to 5 and notes the major variances in Appendix 1 with explanations for them in Appendix 4.
- (ii) Notes the revised estimates for 2019/20, adjusted for slippage and re-phasing and additions contained within this report, as shown in Appendix 2.
- (iii) Approves the proposed capital financing in 2018/19 as shown in paragraph 6.
- (iv) Approves the proposed revised General Fund capital programme to 2022/23 and its financing as shown in paragraphs 22 & 25.
- (v) Approves the proposed revised HRA capital programme to 2022/23 and its financing as shown in paragraphs 29 & 31.
- (vi) Notes that the capital programme remains fully funded up to 2022/23 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.

- (vii) Notes the addition of £0.67M to the programme since the last reported position in February 19, under delegated powers. As detailed in paragraph 24 and Appendix 3.
- (viii) Approves the addition and spend of £0.45M in 2019/20, to the Aspiration, Schools and Lifelong Learning programme. As detailed in Appendix 6 paragraph 1.
- (ix) Approves the addition and spend of £2.25M in 2019/20, £2.25M in 2020/21 and £2.25M in 2021/22 to the Community Wellbeing programme. As detailed in Appendix 6 paragraph 2.
- (x) Approves the addition and spend of £11.13M in 2019/20 and £3.10M in 2020/21 to the Transport and Public Realm programme. As detailed in Appendix 6 paragraphs 3-9.

32. REPROCUREMENT OF JOINT EQUIPMENT STORE (JES)

The report of the Cabinet Member for Adult Care seeking approval for the re-procurement of the service that provides community equipment to enable people to remain as independent as possible. This re-procurement is undertaken in partnership with Southampton City CCG, Portsmouth City Council and Portsmouth CCG.

RESOLVED:

- (i) To authorise expenditure from within the existing Integrated Commissioning Unit budget envelope to meet the costs of the contract. The City Council Joint Equipment Store budget for the contract in 2019/20 is £1.59M.

33. PROCUREMENT OF COMMERCIAL WASTE DISPOSAL CONTRACT

Report of the Cabinet Member for Plan and Transport seeking approval for the procurement of the Commercial Waste Disposal Contract.

RESOLVED:

- (i) Subject to approval of Cabinet recommendations (i)- (iii), to approve a financial envelope of £7.04M, based on the current budget and tonnage collected, for a maximum period of 7 years (5 + 1+1 years extension when applied to contracts) and maintaining the current level of annual investment.
- (ii) To allow the financial envelope to increase in line with increased business for Trade Waste, on the basis that the additional cost can be met from additional revenue.
- (iii) To note the potential risks that could cause the level of cost to exceed the current budget as a result of government strategy and the likely impact on contract costs.

34. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC - EXEMPT PAPERS INCLUDED IN THE FOLLOWING ITEM (IF NEEDED)

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 exempt appendices 2 and 3 to the following item.

The appendices are considered to be exempt from general publication based on Categories 3 and 4 of paragraph 10.4 of the Council's Access to Information Procedure Rules. It is not the public interest to disclose this because doing so would prejudice the business or financial affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

35. THE FORMER OAKLANDS SCHOOL SITE

Report of the Cabinet Member for Homes and Culture seeking approval to progress the redevelopment of the former Oakland's School site for the provision of new homes.

RESOLVED

- (i) To appropriate the Former Oaklands School site from the General Fund to the Housing Revenue Account in order to develop the scheme outlined in this report.
- (ii) To approve the addition of £18.3m to the Housing Revenue Account Capital Programme, and the expenditure of £18.3m on the Former Oakland's School Site to deliver a scheme of affordable council rented and shared ownership properties. To be funded from £10.9m borrowing, £2.9m retained Right-to-Buy capital receipts and £4.5m from the sale of the initial percentage of shared ownership properties.

36. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC - EXEMPT 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 exempt report to the following item.

The report considered to be exempt from general publication based on Categories 1, 2 and 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 report contains confidential and personal information relating to specific individuals.

37. LOCALISM ACT 2011 - APPOINTMENT OF DESIGNATED INDEPENDENT PERSON (DIP) IN RELATION TO THE MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT

Confidential report of the Director of Legal and Governance regarding the appointment of a Designated Independent Person.

RESOLVED that Mr Andrew Day was appointed as the Designated Independent Person for Southampton City Council from 17th July 2019 for a term of 3 years.