

CABINET

RECORD OF DECISIONS of the meeting of the Cabinet held on Tuesday, 4 February 2020 at 9.30 am at the Guildhall, Portsmouth

Present

Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson CBE (in the Chair)

Councillors Steve Pitt
 Dave Ashmore
 Suzy Horton
 Lee Hunt
 Darren Sanders
 Lynne Stagg
 Matthew Winnington
 Rob Wood
 Tom Wood

1. Apologies for Absence (AI 1)

None with all Cabinet Members being present, however the Cabinet wished to reflect on both former Lord Mayor and Councillor Ken Ellcome's recent passing and also that of former Honorary Alderman and Councillor Caroline Scott. There would be further marking of their passings at the forthcoming City Council meeting.

2. Declarations of Interests (AI 2)

During discussion of agenda item 10 relating to the Climate Change Strategy, reference was made to Local Partnerships and Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson CBE declared that he is a director, but the City Solicitor advised that this was not a personal or pecuniary interest and he was not therefore precluded from taking part in the discussion of this item.

3. Record of Previous Decision Meetings - 29 October & 5 November 2019 (AI 3)

RESOLVED that the records of decisions of the previous Cabinet meetings held on 29 October and 5 November 2019 be approved as correct records to be signed by the Leader.

4. Enhanced Recycling options (AI 4)

Deputations are not minuted in full but can be viewed as part of the webcast for the meeting:

<https://livestream.com/accounts/14063785/Full-Cabinet-04Feb2020>

Colette Hill, Assistant Director of Neighbourhoods, presented the report of the Director of Housing, Neighbourhood and Building Services, which set out the options available to reduce waste and improve recycling rates, and

on the trial for the separate collection of food waste. The preferred Option 2 would expand the trial and include additional rounds, with funding being subject to Council budget approval.

Councillor Vernon-Jackson, as Leader, wished to add a recommendation to include the roll out of food waste collection to all homes as part of the new contract from 2021. Councillor Ashmore, as Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change, commented on the importance of this report in tackling the previously low recycling rates in the city and extra facilities for glass, gum and cigarettes had also been provided. He was pleased that the public were embracing the food waste trial for recycling and to reduce this as part of the normal bin storage.

Mr Charles Burns gave a deputation to welcome the recommendations but to ask that there be more education on the need to reduce the level food waste in homes and he favoured a reduction in the collection of black bins. The Leader agreed with the use of leftover food and encouraging cooking lessons but did not agree with the reduction in waste collections. Councillor Sanders, Cabinet Member for Housing, referred to the 'Food Cycle' lessons with children at the Council adventure playgrounds, and would be interested to see how the scheme would be applied to council properties and houses in multiple occupation in the future.

The Cabinet Members were pleased to see the positive uptake of the trial and Councillor Pitt, Deputy Leader, was keen for awareness raising to continue and the Council budget included more recycling facilities at the seafront and city centre. The Leader commented on the success in reducing waste levels as evidenced in the trial with an increase in recycling. Targeting food over plastics would make the biggest impact, with a high proportion of plastic being disposed of rather than being recycled.

DECISIONS:

- (1) That Option 2 be implemented; the council will also work towards a city wide rollout that links in with the end of the current collection contract in September 2021 - subject to funding being identified.**
- (2) The aim is to roll out the food waste recycling to all homes in the city as part of the new waste collection contract that commences after 30 September 2021.**

5. Play Streets - Play out Portsmouth citywide rollout (AI 5)

Michelle Love, Safer Travel Manager, presented the report of the Director of Regeneration, which had been brought to Cabinet as it was a cross-directorate scheme to enable children to play out on a Sunday afternoon on a closed residential road. This had been suggested by a local resident and had been trialled in the summer of 2019 in Francis Avenue for a 3 hour period. This had received positive feedback from participants who had enjoyed the community benefits. The Council would provide documents (and advertise

the road closure and provide signs) for residents to make the necessary arrangements themselves.

Councillor Graham Heaney, Labour Spokesperson for Traffic & Transportation, spoke on this item and queried why it had come to full Cabinet; the Leader responded that this was a cross-portfolio initiative. Councillor Heaney also commented on the need to ensure the system was not too bureaucratic, queried the delay on School Streets which had been previously been suggested, and the need to give clarification on which roads can and can't be included for Play Streets.

Michelle Love responded that the documents would be made clear as possible to follow and be clear on road classifications and restrictions (such as bus routes and bin days). Applications would be considered on a case by case basis. School Streets are mentioned in the Play Streets report as the next development from Play Streets, these are going to be trialled as part of the Superzone Pilot that is centering on Arundel Court School, when the move to the new building is complete.

Councillors Steve Pitt and Suzy Horton spoke as ward councillors for the pilot scheme in Central Southsea, who had witnessed its success with neighbours engaging with each other, and PCC had not paid the public liability for this. They thanked the officers for their work with the community on this. Councillor Lynne Stagg as Cabinet Member for Traffic & Transportation and Councillor Lee Hunt as Cabinet Member for Community Safety, also encouraged resident empowerment.

DECISIONS The Cabinet approved the creation of the community led, Portsmouth City Council initiated Play Streets Scheme that includes:

- (1) The creation of supporting documents and an application forms, which will be available to all Portsmouth residents on the Portsmouth City Council website;**
- (2) The creation and support of a resident-led Play Out Pompey Community Group to support the set-up of new play streets;**
- (3) The purchase and storage of appropriate road closure and diversion signage**

6. Proposed Halifax, Canada and Falkland Islands Sister City Links (AI 6)

Claire Looney, Partnership & Commissioning Manager, presented the report of the Director of Culture, Leisure & Regulatory Services, which set out the historical links with the Falkland Islands and the economic development importance of the link with Halifax, Canada.

Councillor Pitt, as Cabinet Member for Culture & City Development, endorsed the proposals which were in line with the Council's global city aspirations, and referred to the University of Portsmouth's hopes to attract more Canadian

students. Both he and the Leader referred to the shipbuilding links with Halifax, and BAE's warship designs were then produced there.

DECISION

That the Leader of the Council write to the Mayor of Halifax, Canada and the Legislative Assembly of the Falkland Island with a request that Portsmouth be able to enter into Sister City relationships with both Halifax and the Falkland Islands to mark the long relationship between the City of Portsmouth and Halifax, Canada and the Falkland Islands.

7. Domiciliary Care in Ian Gibson Court (AI 7)

Paul Fielding, Assistant Director Housing, presented this report which set out the proposals for making permanent the improved care model that had been brought in after the 2017 joint review (Housing and Adult Social Care) and CQC "good" inspection rating. Whilst there would be a slight increase in cost to Adult Social Care the cost of care to residents themselves would not be effected by this.

The Cabinet Members welcomed the proposals which would benefit the residents and Councillor Winnington, as Cabinet Member for Health, Wellbeing and Social Care emphasised that there would be savings in the future with the residents feeling happier and healthier. Paul Fielding wished to thank the Sheltered Housing Manager Alison Croucher and her team for delivering this service.

DECISIONS - The Cabinet:

(1) recognised the improved care provided for residents at Ian Gibson Court and approves that the pilot scheme is made permanent.

(2) approved the ongoing funding model as documented within this report.

(3) approved that a new phase of the pilot scheme begins to be planned with immediate effect.

(4) agreed the principle of expanding this method of care provision to other city council local authority housing schemes or areas of operation if appropriate and delegates' authority to the Directors for Housing, Neighbourhood & Building Services and Adult Social Care to progress, in consultation with the relevant portfolio holders.

8. Adult Social Care - Care Home Placements (AI 8)

Andy Biddle, Assistant Director of Adult Social Care, presented this report which set out the provision of care in the city for the growing population of older persons and those with Dementia. The tables showed projections of future trends which calculated the demand for residential home care by 2025 is between 151 and 238 beds and for nursing home care 159 and 174. He reported that the Edinburgh House site would be an extra care Dementia

facility. The report also showed the reduction in the Adult Social Care portfolio's estate and the need for further monitoring of numbers and options for best use of the assets.

Councillor Winnington, as Cabinet Member for Health, Wellbeing and Social Care, had asked for this report to come to full Cabinet, as Adult Social Care (ASC) officers were liaising with colleagues in Housing and Property, and the ASC budgetary position was of interest to the whole Council. He commented on the costs involved which reflected the shift allowance paid to PCC staff as part of their conditions, which was not reflected in the private sector, and that the in-house provision was welcomed by the residents. Cabinet members welcomed the flexibility shown in the Council's provision.

DECISIONS - The Cabinet:

- (1) Noted the current and modelled demand for residential and nursing home care in Portsmouth for older people.**
- (2) Noted the costs of the City Council providing residential and nursing care.**
- (3) Agreed further work to be undertaken as to cost and feasibility of the options for maximising value of the Council's assets.**

9. LED Adaptive Street Lighting - Proposal for Citywide Implementation (AI 9)

Caroline Hopper, as Project Manager, presented the Director of Regeneration's report, accompanied by Martin Lavers, Assistant Director. The report set out the upgrading of street lights using adaptive technology whilst maintaining necessary lighting standards. The report also set out the results of an 8 week trial of reduced energy lighting levels which had invited resident feedback, which had been mainly positive, with some comment on perceptions of impact. She reported that the traffic flows would be considered and the most busy routes would not have reduced lighting.

Councillor Hunt, Cabinet Member for Community Safety, and Councillor Ashmore as Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change were pleased that this will be extended throughout the city as this was important to tackle emission levels. Councillor Stagg, as Cabinet Member for Traffic & Transportation, had attended the demonstration of the technology at Fawcett Road with Councillor Horton and had been impressed, as long as this was used in the appropriate way (with alleyways remaining well lit and safe). Councillor Pitt, Deputy Leader, was pleased that the reduced brightness would mean less impact for wildlife. Councillor Vernon-Jackson, as Leader, also welcomed the savings that would be made as well as environmental benefits, and residents had commented on their satisfaction on the brightness levels in the pilot scheme.

DECISION: The Cabinet approved the citywide implementation of adaptive street lighting.

10. PCC Response to the declaration of a Climate Emergency (AI 10)

Tristan Thorn, Strategy Adviser on Climate Change, presented this report which outlined the steps needed to reach net zero carbon emissions by 2030. He reported that all directorates were making positive steps and more progress was needed for the Council to lead by example. The new Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA) forms for reports had been developed and there is the need to provide guidance and encouragement to residents in embracing changes.

Cabinet Members then asked questions on the Strategy and it was confirmed that the recent government announcement on the production of petrol, diesel and hybrid cars being phased out by 2035 did not affect this local strategy document. The Cabinet welcomed the Strategy that was of city-wide and cross portfolio importance, such as solar panels on schools, encouraging new developments to have solar panels incorporated and community engagement in schemes. Councillor Winnington was keen that shared energy generation schemes be considered in the future. Councillor Pitt reported that the Greening Strategy was due to come to the next Cabinet meeting, which encouraged residents to suggest where to plant more trees.

Councillor Ashmore, as Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change, was pleased that such a proactive approach was being taken to respond to the Climate Emergency and he stated that the Climate Change Board should have wide representation to do this, with local groups being involved such as Friends of the Earth and Extinction Rebellion. He welcomed the new IIA forms accompanying reports.

The Leader hoped that all members would work together to take forward this work, and he thanked Tristan Thorn for his report.

DECISION: The Cabinet approved the draft Portsmouth City Council Climate Change Strategy for consultation (appendix A of the report).

11. Provision of Regulatory Services at Portsmouth International Port (AI 11)

Richard Lee, Regulatory Services Manager, presented the report of the Director of Culture & Regulatory Services. The report set out the potential impact of a free trade deal with restrictions for Portsmouth International Port (PIP), on withdrawal from the European Union, focussing on the risks to Regulatory Services and the financial constraints and problems in recruiting staff with the necessary expertise.

Councillor Vernon-Jackson, as Leader, was disappointed that a response had not been received from Rt Hon Grant Shapps MP, Minister for Transport, who had received a briefing on the concerns relating to PIP in November. He suggested further contact on the matter with the LGA's Brexit body and Cllr Kevin Bentley at Essex County Council as well as ask Portsmouth's own Members of Parliament to seek a formal response. It was important for PCC to be prepared for the UK to move to World Trade Organisation rules for trading with the European Union.

Cabinet Members recognised the need to secure funding for the likelihood of more Port Health Officers needed to undertake checks at PIP, for which a government response was awaited as this would otherwise fall to local taxpayers when it had national significance.

DECISIONS - The Cabinet:

- (1) Acknowledged the continuing risk that Regulatory Services will be significantly impacted by increasing demands in border control regulations at the Portsmouth International Port following the United Kingdom's departure from the European Union.**
- (2) Accepted that any intensification of border control demands at the Portsmouth International Port will place substantial unpredictable and currently unavailable financial burdens upon Portsmouth City Council statutory regulatory functions.**
- (3) Approved further engagement with governmental departments and Ministers in respect to the need for revenue funding equivalent to any additional need to deliver essential border control functions at the Portsmouth International Port.**
- (4) Asked that the Regulatory Services Manager make contact with the Secretary of State for Transport to ask for a response to the previous representation made to him in November 2019 as well as briefing the local Members of Parliament, Local Government Association (LGA) and the British Ports Association to request they help to lobby to get a solution for Portsmouth.**

12. Treasury Management Mid Year Review 2019-20 (AI 12)

Chris Ward, as Director of Finance and Resources, reported that the City Council remained within the Treasury Management Strategy and indicators approved in March 2019.

RECOMMENDED to Council that:

- (1) It be noted that there have been no breaches of the Treasury Management Policy 2019/20 in the period up to 30 September 2019.**
- (2) The actual Treasury Management indicators for September 2019 in Appendix A be noted.**

13. PCC Budget and Council Tax 2020/21 and Medium Term Budget Forecast 2021/22 to 2023/24 (AI 13)

The Director of Finance & Resources' report was not discussed in detail as this would receive a full debate at the full Council meeting on 11 February 2020.

RECOMMENDED to Council

- 1 That the following be approved in respect of the Council's Budget:
 - 1) The revised Revenue Estimates for the financial year 2019/20 and the Revenue Estimates for the financial year 2020/21 as set out in the General Fund Summary (Appendix A)
 - 2) The Portfolio Cash Limits for the Revised Budget for 2019/20 and the Budget 2020/21 incorporating the savings amounts for each Portfolio and amounting to £2.5m as set out in Sections 7 and 11, respectively
 - 3) Any underspendings for 2019/20 arising at the year-end outside of those made by Portfolios be transferred to Capital Resources in order to provide funding for known and potential future commitments in future years such as Special Educational Need (SEN) School Places, Sea Defences (enhancements to core scheme), Environmental Improvements, Transport Improvements, Affordable Housing, City Wide Regeneration, Digital Infrastructure and the maintenance of the Council's Core Operational Assets, for which there is currently insufficient funding
 - 4) That the Council's share of the additional £1.0bn national allocation for Adults and Children's Social Care (but confirmed for 2020/21 only) and amounting to £3.9m is allocated as follows:
 - Adult Social Care (to meet the costs of the underlying budget deficit caused by increasing demographic pressures and to contribute towards the cost of the increase in the National Living Wage (6.2%) for care providers) - £1.0m
 - Children's Social Care (to meet the underlying budget deficit in Children's Social Care caused by the costs of rising numbers of Looked After Children) - £2.9m
 - 5) Any variation to the Council's funding arising from the final Local Government Finance Settlement be accommodated by a transfer to or from General Reserves
 - 6) The S.151 Officer be given delegated authority to make any necessary adjustments to Cash Limits within the overall approved Budget and Budget Forecasts
 - 7) That the level of Council Tax be increased by 1.99% for general purposes in accordance with the referendum threshold¹ for 2020/21 announced by Government (as calculated in recommendation 4(d))
 - 8) That the level of Council Tax be increased by a further 2.0% beyond the referendum threshold (as calculated in recommendation 4(d)) to take advantage of the flexibility offered by Government to implement a "Social Care Precept"; and that in accordance with the conditions of that flexibility, the full amount of the associated sum generated of £1,612,800 is passported direct to Adult Social Care

¹ Council Tax increases beyond the referendum threshold can only be implemented following a "Yes" vote in a local referendum

- 9) That a transfer from the MTRS Reserve of £5,978,000 be made in 2020/21 to fund Spend to Save and Spend to Avoid Costs schemes described in the Capital Programme 2019/20 to 2024/25 report considered elsewhere on this Agenda
- 10) That a transfer to the MTRS Reserve be made in 2020/21 for the sum of £3.5m in order to replenish the reserves to levels sufficient to be able to continue as a primary vehicle to generate future savings and enable cost avoidance
- 11) Managers be authorised to incur routine expenditure against the Cash Limits for 2020/21 as set out in Section 11
- 12) That the savings requirement for 2021/22 be set at a minimum on-going sum of £1.0m
- 13) That the S.151 Officer be given delegated authority to make transfers to and from reserves in order to ensure that they are maintained as necessary and in particular, adjusted when reserves are no longer required or need to be replenished
- 14) Directors be instructed to start planning how the City Council will achieve the savings requirements shown in Section 12 and that this be incorporated into Service Business Plans
- 15) The minimum level of General Reserves as at 31 March 2021 be maintained at £8.0m to reflect the known and expected budget and financial risks to the Council
- 16) Members have had regard for the Statement of the Section 151 Officer in accordance with the Local Government Act 2003 as set out in Section 15.

2 That the following be **noted** in respect of the Council's Budget:

- 1) The Revenue Estimates 2020/21 as set out in Appendix A have been prepared on the basis of a 2.0% tax increase for the "Social Care Precept" (amounting to £1,612,800) and that this is passported to Adult Social Care in order to provide for otherwise unfunded budget pressures including the current underlying budget deficit, the cost of the new National Living Wage and demographic pressures arising from a "living longer" population
- 2) The decision on the amount at which to set the Adult Social Care precept will be critical for the Social Care and wider Health system in the City; in the event that the additional flexibility of the "Social Care Precept" and associated 2.0% tax increase (amounting to £806,400 for each 1%) is not taken, then equivalent savings will need to be made in Adult Social Care in 2020/21
- 3) In general, any reduction to the proposed increase in the level of Council Tax for 2020/21 will require equivalent offsetting saving to be made in order for the Budget 2020/21 to be approved. Each 1% reduction requires additional savings of £806,400 to be made.
- 4) The indicative savings proposals set out in Appendix C which are provided for the purpose of demonstrating to the Council that the Portfolio savings as recommended in recommendation 1.2) above are robust and deliverable

- 5) The likely impact of savings as set out in Appendix C
- 6) That the responsibility of the City Council is to approve the overall Budget and the associated cash limits of its Portfolios and Committees; it is not the responsibility of the City Council to approve any individual savings within those Portfolios / Committees
- 7) That it is the responsibility of the individual Portfolio Holders (not Full Council) to approve the individual savings proposals and the Portfolio Holder can therefore, in response to any consultation, alter, amend or substitute any of the indicative savings proposal(s) set out in Appendix C with alternative proposal(s) amounting to the same value within their Portfolio
- 8) Managers will commence the implementation of the approved savings required and any necessary consultation process or notice process
- 9) The Revenue Forecast for 2021/22 to 2023/24 as set out in Section 12 and Appendix B
- 10) The estimated Savings Requirement of £3.0m for the 3 year period 2021/22 to 2023/24, for financial and service planning purposes, be phased as follows:

Financial Year	In Year Savings Requirement £m	Cumulative Saving £m
2021/22	1.0	1.0
2022/23	1.0	2.0
2023/24	1.0	3.0

- 11) In accordance with the approved financial framework, it is the responsibility of the Portfolio Holder, in consultation with the Director of Finance & Resources (S.151 Officer), to release funds from the Portfolio Reserve in accordance with the provisions set out in Paragraph 8.45
- 12) The MTRS Reserve held to fund the upfront costs associated with Spend to Save Schemes, Invest to Save Schemes and redundancies will hold an uncommitted balance of £8.1m² and will only be replenished in future from an approval to the transfer of any underspends, contributions from the Revenue Budget or transfers from other reserves which may no longer be required
- 13) The Council's share of the Council Tax element of the Collection Fund surplus for 2019/20 is estimated to be £545,672
- 14) The Council's share of the Business Rate element of the Collection Fund surplus for 2019/20 is estimated to be £1,286,772

² Including the net transfers from the reserve of £2.478m contained with the recommendations of the Capital Programme 2019/20 to 2024/25 report elsewhere on this agenda

15) The Retained Business Rate income³ for 2020/21 is based on the estimated Business Rate element of the Collection Fund surplus as at March 2020, the Non Domestic Rates poundage for 2020/21 and estimated rateable values for 2020/21 and has been determined at £55,391,749

- 3 That the S.151 Officer has determined that the Council Tax base for the financial year 2020/21 will be **57,735.2** [item T in the formula in Section 31 B(1) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the "Act")].
- 4 That the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the financial year 2020/21 in accordance with Section 31 and Sections 34 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:

(a)	£478,744,767	Being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act.
(b)	£394,890,163	Being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.
(c)	£83,854,604	Being the amount by which the aggregate at 4 (a) above exceeds the aggregate at 4 (b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act as its Council Tax requirement for the year. (Item R in the formula in Section 31B(1) of the Act.
(d)	£1,452.40	Being the amount at 4(c) above (Item R), all divided by Item 3 above (Item T), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B(1) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year.

(e) Valuation Bands (Portsmouth City Council)

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
968.27	1,129.64	1,291.02	1,452.40	1,775.16	2,097.91	2,420.67	2,904.80

Being the amounts given by multiplying the amount at 4 (d) above by the number which, in the proportion set out in Section 5(1) of the Act, is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band divided by the number which in that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in Valuation Band D, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 36(1) of the Act, as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings in different valuation bands.

- 5 That it be noted that for the financial year 2020/21 the Hampshire Police & Crime Commissioner is consulting upon the following amounts for the precept to be issued to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the

³ Includes Retained Business Rates £41,679,307, "Top Up" £6,952,434, a surplus on the Collection Fund of £1,286,772 plus S.31 Grants of £5,473,326 for compensation due to national Government business rate relief initiatives

Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of the dwellings shown below:

Valuation Bands (Hampshire Police & Crime Commissioner)

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
140.97	164.47	187.96	211.46	258.45	305.44	352.43	422.92

- 6 That it be noted that for the financial year 2020/21 Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority are recommended to approve the following amounts for the precept issued to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of the dwellings shown below:

Valuation Bands (Hampshire Fire & Rescue Authority)

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
46.04	53.71	61.39	69.06	84.41	99.75	115.10	138.12

- 7 That having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 4(e), 5 and 6 above, the Council, in accordance with Sections 31A, 31B and 34 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 as amended, hereby sets the following amounts as the amounts of Council Tax for the financial year 2020/21 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

Valuation Bands (Total Council Tax)

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1,155.28	1,347.82	1,540.37	1,732.92	2,118.02	2,503.10	2,888.20	3,465.84

- 8 The Council determines in accordance with Section 52ZB of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 that the Council's basic amount of Council Tax for 2020/21, which represents a 3.99% increase, is not excessive in accordance with the principles approved by the Secretary of State under Section 52ZC of the Act; and it be noted that:
- i) The 3.99% increase includes a 2.0% increase to support the delivery of Adult Social Care
 - ii) As the billing authority, the Council has not been notified by a major precepting authority (the Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire or the Hampshire Fire & Rescue Authority) that its relevant basic amount of Council Tax for 2020/21 is excessive and that the billing authority is not required to hold a referendum in accordance with Section 52ZK of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.
- 9 The S.151 Officer be given delegated authority to implement any variation to the overall level of Council Tax arising from the final notification of the Hampshire Police & Crime Commissioner and Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority precepts.

14. Capital Programme 2019/20 to 2024/25 (AI 14)

The Director of Finance & Resources' report was not discussed in detail as this would receive a full debate at the full Council meeting on 11 February 2020.

Councillor Vernon-Jackson, as Leader, wished to amend the recommendation 5 going to Council on the Capital Budget to reflect plans of further investing in Portsmouth International Port's expansion into the cruise market. The an additional £4.7m of Capital Investment, to be funded by Prudential borrowing, was for the provision of facilities necessary to secure good commercial agreements with cruise operators. The additional capital investment would be subject to the same criteria as the existing £15.3m and would require the approval of a business case, financial appraisal and commercial terms that are satisfactory to the Council's Section 151 Officer.

A revised appendix 3 and recommendation 8 relating to the proposed Prudential Indicators would also be submitted to Council.

RECOMMENDED to Council -

- 1 That the following be approved in respect of the Council's Capital Programme:
 - 1) The Revised Capital Programme 2019/20 to 2024/25 attached as Appendix 1 which includes all additions, deletions and amendments for slippage and rephrasing described in Sections 6 and 8 be approved
 - 2) The Section 151 Officer be given delegated authority to determine how each source of finance is used to fund the overall Capital Programme and to alter the overall mix of financing, as necessary, to maximise the flexibility of capital resources used and minimise the ongoing costs of borrowing to the Council
 - 3) That the Section 151 Officer in consultation with the Leader of the Council be given delegated authority to release capital resources held back for any contingent items that might arise, and also for any match funding requirements that may be required of the City Council in order to secure additional external capital funding (e.g. bids for funding from Government or the Solent Local Enterprise Partnership)
 - 4) Subject to a satisfactory financial appraisal approved by the Director of Finance and Resources & Section 151 Officer, the following schemes as described in Section 9 and Appendix 2 be reflected within the recommended Capital Programme 2019/20 to 2024/25 and be financed from the available corporate capital resources:

Recommended New Capital Schemes	Corporate Resources Required £	Total Scheme Value £
Community Safety		

Recommended New Capital Schemes		Corporate Resources Required £	Total Scheme Value £
	Redeployable CCTV Cameras	50,000	50,000
Culture & City Development			
	CCTV - Portsmouth Museum & Cumberland House	50,000	50,000
	City Museum	195,000	195,000
	Farlington Pavilion	170,000	240,000
	Portsmouth Watersports Centre	90,000	90,000
	Southsea Castle	100,000	100,000
	Kings Theatre Regeneration	350,000	4,650,000
	Bransbury Park Pavilion	150,000	150,000
	Kings Theatre Landlord's Backlog Maintenance Obligations	300,000	300,000
	Southsea Common & Town Centres Litter Management	50,000	50,000
	New Eastney Swimming Pool - Feasibility / Outline Plan	100,000	100,000
Education			
	School Places SEND - Phase 1 & Phase 2	2,000,000	4,768,000
Environment & Climate Change			
	Greening the City	100,000	100,000
	Anaerobic Digestion Plant	200,000	22,200,000
	Food Waste Collection (Recycling) - expand by a further round	221,000	221,000
	Southsea Sea Defences - Public Realm Enhancements Phase 1	200,000	200,000
Health, Wellbeing & Social Care			
	Medina House Heating & Cooling System	110,000	110,000
Housing			
	Landlord's Maintenance - Repairs across the whole City Council Estate	2,140,000	2,140,000
	Transitional Accommodation for Homeless - Adaptations to General Fund Property	700,000	700,000
Leader			
	Electrification of Light Goods Vehicles	80,000	100,000
	Living Walls Phase 1	20,000	20,000
	Wind turbines at the Port	800,000	2,700,000
	The Camber Quay - Structural Investigations	50,000	50,000
	Shore to Ship Electric "Plug In" Facility (Feasibility / Design)	75,000	75,000
Resources			
	LAN Access Switches	528,000	528,000
	CISCO Data Centre Switches	60,000	60,000
	Replacement Servers & Storage	945,000	945,000
	Upgrade to Planet Press	650,000	650,000
	Checkpoint Internal Firewall	142,000	142,000
	Enterprise Voice (CISCO IPT)	630,000	630,000
Traffic & Transportation			
	Local Transport Plan 3	835,000	835,000
	Air Quality Improvement	220,000	10,220,000

Recommended New Capital Schemes		Corporate Resources Required £	Total Scheme Value £
	Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure	76,000	306,000
	Local Cycling and Walking Investment Plan	100,000	100,000
	Continuous Improvements to Neighbourhood Living and Street Environment	100,000	240,000
	Cycle Parking Across the City	25,000	25,000
	One-way Streets and Low Traffic Neighbourhoods	120,000	120,000
	Full Business Case For Extension to Tipner Park & Ride Multi Storey Car Park	500,000	500,000
	Non-PFI Asset Management Register/Plan	100,000	100,000
Total Recommended Sum To Be Approved		13,332,000	54,760,000

- 5) Subject to a satisfactory financial appraisal approved by the Director of Finance and Resources & Section 151 Officer the following schemes as described in Section 10 be funded from Prudential Borrowing up to the amounts shown

	Total Prudential Borrowing £
Anaerobic Digestion Plant	22,000,000
Port - Floating Dock Jetty Dredge	2,000,000
Wind turbines at Port	1,900,000
City Centre Co-working space	450,000
Kings Theatre Regeneration	3,000,000
Guildhall Regeneration	1,700,000
Acquisition of New Council Housing	1,700,000
Transitional Accommodation for Homeless (Adaptations to HRA Property)	800,000
Development of Cruise and Ferry Port	4,714,000
Total Recommended Sum To Be Approved	38,264,000

- 6) Subject to a satisfactory financial appraisal approved by the Director of Finance and Resources & Section 151 Officer the following schemes as described in Section 11 be funded from the MTRS Reserve

Scheme	Total MTRS Funding £
Port - Floating Dock Jetty Dredge	1,000,000
City Centre Co-working space	450,000
Adaptions to Carers' Homes	1,000,000
Applications Upgrade linked to Software Modernisation	250,000
Office 365	820,000
Implementation of Northgate Citizen Access Suite	110,000
Migration to Azure (Cloud Servers)	2,348,000
Total Recommended Sum To Be Approved	5,978,000

- 7) The following Schemes as described in Section 13 be included within the “Reserve List” of Capital Schemes to be considered once additional capital resources are identified

Future Priority Capital Schemes – Not in Priority Order
Additional School Places - Primary & Secondary
Anti-Poverty Projects
Digital Strategy (incl. modernisation of Information Technology systems)
Landlord's Repairs and Maintenance
Local Transport Plan - Road safety and traffic improvement schemes
Local Football Facilities (Park Life)
Sea Defences
Berth 4 Replacement & Jetty Repairs at The Camber Quay
Cathodic Protection at the Hard
Design and Build of 2,000 Space Multi Storey Car Park at the Existing Park & Ride Site

- 8) The Prudential Indicators described in Section 14 and set out in revised Appendix 3 (as attached) be approved.

2 That the following be noted in respect of the Council's Capital Programme:

- 1) The passported Capital Allocations (Ring-fenced Grants) as set out in Section 7
- 2) That Cabinet Members, in consultation with the Section 151 Officer, have authority to vary Capital Schemes and their associated funding within their Portfolio in order to manage any potential overspending or funding shortfall or to respond to emerging priorities
- 3) As outlined in Section 12 and Appendix 2 the release of £229,000 from the Culture & City Development Portfolio Reserve to fund the following schemes Canoe lake de-silting (£25,000); Parks & Open Spaces Boundary Protection Measures (£10,000); Burfields Road Barns - Demolition (£162,000), Hotwalls Paving Maintenance (£32,000)
- 4) As outlined in Section 12 and Appendix 2 the release of £20,000 from the Leader (Port) Portfolio Reserve towards a £100,000 scheme for the Electrification of Light Goods Vehicles
- 5) The City Council note that Prudential Borrowing can only be used as a source of capital finance for Invest to Save Schemes as described in Sections 8 and 14

The meeting concluded at 11.22 am.

Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson CBE
Leader of the Council