

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of the Kent County Council held in the Council Chamber, Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone on Thursday, 19 October 2017.

PRESENT:

Mr D L Brazier (Chairman)
Mr M J Angell (Vice-Chairman)

Mrs A D Allen, MBE, Mr M A C Balfour, Mr P V Barrington-King, Mr P Bartlett, Mrs C Bell, Mrs P M Beresford, Mrs R Binks, Mr R H Bird, Mr T Bond, Mr A Booth, Mr D Butler, Miss S J Carey, Mr P B Carter, CBE, Mrs S Chandler, Mr N J D Chard, Mr I S Chittenden, Mrs P T Cole, Mr N J Collor, Ms K Constantine, Mr A Cook, Mr G Cooke, Mr P C Cooper, Mrs M E Crabtree, Mr D S Daley, Mr M C Dance, Mrs T Dean, MBE, Mr T Dhesi, Mr D Farrell, Mrs L Game, Mrs S Gent, Mr G K Gibbens, Mr R W Gough, Ms S Hamilton, Mr P M Harman, Mr P M Hill, OBE, Mr A R Hills, Mrs S V Hohler, Mr S Holden, Mr P J Homewood, Mr A J Hook, Mr E E C Hotson, Mr J A Kite, MBE, Mr S J G Koowaree, Mr P W A Lake, Mr B H Lewis, Ida Linfield, Mr R L H Long, TD, Mr R C Love, Mr G Lymer, Mr S C Manion, Mr R A Marsh, Ms D Marsh, Mr J P McInroy, Mr P J Messenger, Mr D D Monk, Mr D Murphy, Mr M J Northey, Mr P J Oakford, Mr J M Ozog, Mr R A Pascoe, Mr M D Payne, Mrs S Prendergast, Miss C Rankin, Mr H Rayner, Mr A M Ridgers, Mr C Simkins, Mr J D Simmonds, MBE, Mrs P A V Stockell, Dr L Sullivan, Mr B J Sweetland, Mr I Thomas, Mr M Whiting, Mr M E Whybrow and Mr J Wright

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr D Cockburn (Corporate Director Strategic & Corporate Services), Mr B Watts (General Counsel), Mr J Lynch (Head of Democratic Services), Mrs A Beer (Corporate Director Engagement, Organisation Design & Development), Mrs B Cooper (Corporate Director of Growth, Environment and Transport), Mr A Ireland (Corporate Director Social Care, Health and Wellbeing), Mr P Leeson (Corporate Director Children, Young People and Education), Ms A Singh (Corporate Director, Adult Social Care and Health) and Mr A Wood (Corporate Director of Finance)

UNRESTRICTED ITEMS

27. Apologies for Absence

The General Counsel reported apologies from Mr Bowles, Miss Dawson, Mr Horwood and Mr Pugh.

28. Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests or Other Significant Interests in items on the agenda

(1) Dr Sullivan declared an interest in item 7 (Autumn Budget Statement) as her husband was employed by the County Council in the Early Help and Prevention Team.

(2) Mr Bartlett declared an interest in item 10 (Treasury Management Annual Review 2016/17) as an employee of the Bank of New York Mellon (BNYM); a fund managed by an entity of BNYM was listed as a deposit taker in Appendix 2. He stated that it was a voluntary announcement for transparency purposes and he did not intend to participate or vote on the item.

(3) Mr Lewis declared an interest as his wife was employed by the County Council.

29. Minutes of the meeting held on 13 July 2017 and, if in order, to be approved as a correct record

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 13 July 2017 be approved as a correct record.

30. Chairman's Announcements

(a) Mrs Molly De Courcy

(1) The Chairman stated that it was with regret that he had to inform Members of the death of Mrs Molly De Courcy on Thursday 3 August. Mrs De Courcy was a former KCC Member for Canterbury East between 1981 and 1993.

(2) Mrs De Courcy's funeral had taken place on 24 August.

(3) Mr Gibbens and Mrs Dean paid tribute to Mrs De Courcy.

(b) Mr John Cubitt

(4) The Chairman stated that it was with regret that he had to inform Members of the death of Mr John Cubitt on 15 August. Mr Cubitt was a former Conservative Member for Gravesham East from 2009 until 2013.

(5) Mr Cubitt's funeral had taken place on 8 September.

(6) Mr Sweetland, Mr Chittenden, Dr Sullivan and Mr Dhesi paid tribute to Mr Cubitt.

(c) Mr Bill Newman DL

(7) The Chairman stated that it was with regret that he had to inform Members of the death of Mr Bill Newman on 20 August. Mr Newman was a former Labour Member for Dover Central/Town from 1995 until 2009.

(8) He became an Honorary Alderman of the County Council in 2010 and was appointed as a Deputy Lieutenant in 2001.

(9) Mr Newman's funeral had taken place on 5 September.

(10) Mr Carter and Mr Hook to give a tribute to Mr Newman.

(d) Mr David Marwood

(11) The Chairman stated that it was with regret that he had to inform Members of the death of Mr David Marwood on Friday 15 September, former Conservative Member for Tonbridge West between 1985 and 1991.

(12) Mr Marwood's funeral had taken place on Friday 29 September.

(13) Mr Rayner and Mrs Dean paid tribute to Mr Marwood.

(e) Mr Charles Findlay

(14) The Chairman stated that it was with regret that he had to inform Members of the death of Mr Charles Findlay on Monday 9 October, former Conservative Member for Ashford Rural East between 1997 - 2009.

(15) Mr Findlay's funeral would take place on Monday 30 October at 2pm at St. Gregory and St. Martin's Church, Wye, Ashford.

(16) Mr Hill, Mr Brazier, Mr Carter and Mr Koowaree paid tribute to Mr Findlay.

(f) Mr Ken Gregory

(17) The Chairman stated that it was with regret that he had to inform Members of the death of Mr Ken Gregory on Monday 16 October, Conservative Member for Birchington & Rural from May 2017.

(18) Members would be informed of the funeral arrangements for Mr Gregory in due course.

(19) Mr Marsh, Mr Hotson, Mr Bird and Mr Lewis paid tribute to Mr Gregory.

(20) At the end of the tributes all Members stood in silence in memory of Mrs De Courcy, Mr Cubitt, Mr Newman, Mr Marwood, Mr Findlay and Mr Gregory.

(21) After the one minute silence the Chairman moved, the Vice-Chairman seconded and it was resolved unanimously that:

(22) This Council records the sense of loss it feels on the sad passing of Mrs De Courcy, Mr Cubitt, Mr Newman, Mr Marwood, Mr Findlay and Mr Gregory and extends to their families and friends our heartfelt sympathy to them in their sad bereavements.

(g) Ms Anu Singh

(23) The Chairman introduced Anu Singh, Corporate Director for Adult Social Care and Health, who joined KCC on 28 August 2017.

(24) Ms Singh was invited to introduce herself and briefly set out her role.

(h) Petition to reduce the speed limit on Hamstreet - Ashford Road B2070

(25) The Chairman invited Mr Angell to present a petition requesting the County Council to reduce the speed limit on Hamstreet - Ashford Road B2070.

(26) The Chairman invited Mr Balfour, the Cabinet Member for Planning, Highways, Transport & Waste, to approach the dais to collect the petition and to ensure that it was responded to in accordance with the Petition Scheme.

31. Questions

In accordance with Procedure Rule 1.17(4), 10 questions were asked and replies given. A record of all questions put and answers given at the meeting are available [online](#) with the papers for this meeting. Questions 11 to 15 were not put in the time available but written answers were provided.

32. Report by Leader of the Council (Oral)

(1) The Leader updated the Council on events since the previous meeting.

(2) Mr Carter stated that his report would focus on the autumn budget statement and the progress in delivering the strategic outcomes which were both substantive items being considered later in the meeting.

(3) Mr Carter noted that there had been continuous improvements to the delivery of services and progress had been made towards achieving the three strategic outcomes: children and young people in Kent getting the best start in life, older and vulnerable residents being safe and supported with choices to live independently; and Kent communities feeling the benefits of economic growth by being in-work, healthy and enjoying a good quality of life.

(4) Mr Carter referred to unfairness in the current methodology used by the Department for Communities and Local Government and central government in distributing grants to support local government particularly to county councils such as Kent. He reported that he had been lobbying for additional help, in the form of a two-year transitional fund, prior to the introduction of a new funding methodology for local government in 2020/2021 and the full repatriation of business rates.

(5) Mr Carter stated that the existing two-year transitional grant, which had provided an additional £6 million of funding a year, would conclude at the end of the financial year; in addition to other grant reductions including the Revenue Support Grant. He reported that good progress had been made in terms of the authority's submission, in conjunction with the borough and district councils, to become one of the 100% business rate retention pilot areas; the pilot would bring £6 – 7 million of additional funding over the next two years.

(6) Mr Carter provided figures to highlight the variation in reductions to the Revenue Support Grant. He noted that the average council tax paid per head of population was £185 in Inner London, £241 in Outer London, £260 in metropolitan areas, £290 in unitary areas and £360 in county council areas; £360.09 per head was paid in Kent. He outlined the estimated Revenue Support Grant per head in 2018/19: £109 in Inner London, £58 in Outer London, £87 in metropolitan areas, £54 in unitary areas and £24.31 in county council areas; it was estimated that Kent would receive £24.69 per head. He stated that there had been a 58.6% reduction to the Revenue Support Grant in Inner London over the past four years, in contrast to county councils

in particular Kent whose grants had reduced to 94.6% and 94.4% respectively. Further, county councils did not fully benefit from the New Homes Bonus, like unitary authorities did, as the bonus was split 80:20 between district and county councils.

(7) Mr Carter stated that despite grant reductions, Kent had modernised and transformed services, so that it delivered the same or better outcomes for less money, through commissioning and procurement; whilst providing a range of non-statutory services such as the £80 million Freedom Pass, £6 million subsidised bus routes and £16 million enablement service to help and support people as they came out of hospital. He reported that if additional transitional and pilot funding was not made available, he was confident that the authority would continue to modernise and transform services for less money. He highlighted, as part of the proposal to reduce subsidies for uneconomic bus routes, the authority was looking to develop community provision through the potential use of an Uber type technology to allow taxi sharing in rural areas.

(8) Mr Carter reported that county councils across the country were looking to reduce services including children centres, libraries and uneconomic bus routes; in contrast to Kent where services had been maintained and improved as a result of the support, hard work and innovation of staff across the authority. He praised the staff for all their efforts.

(9) Mr Bird, the Leader of the Opposition, stated that whilst he recognised that the authority had been able to manage its resources effectively and preserve services due to the hard work and dedication of the staff; he expressed concerns about the continuation of austerity measures. He referred to the long term consequences on the NHS if the ring-fenced public health budget continued to be reduced despite demographic growth and rising inflation.

(10) Mr Bird requested that budget monitoring reports be reinstated to Cabinet Committees and be discussed by Members; he stated that those reports had not been presented to Cabinet Committees this year. He acknowledged that Cabinet Members would have to take difficult decisions to ensure the budget was met and it was important that Members were advised and had the opportunity to provide their input.

(11) Mr Bird stated his Group's support for Mr Carter in seeking further funding for the authority.

(12) Mr Farrell, Leader of the Labour Group, began by referring to a claim by the Department for Communities and Local Government, that the needs and resources of local authorities were taken into account when funding was allocated, which he disputed. He emphasised the importance of Mr Carter lobbying central government to seek further funding for the authority particularly for the provision of social care.

(13) In relation to education, Mr Farrell raised concerns about capital funding for new schools; the provision of school places; the Free School programme; attainment levels for children in receipt of free school meals and the sale of community assets such as schools. He welcomed central government's decision not to proceed with grammar school expansion and cautioned against the authority pursuing the policy by stealth.

(14) Mr Farrell referred to the statistics relating to children and young people in the Strategic Statement including over 9,000 being classified as children in need; 45,000 diagnosed with a mental health issue; 80,000 living in poverty; and 1,500 sexual offences being committed against children in 2016/17 . He stated that these statistics highlighted further work was required to ensure that children and young people in Kent got the best start in life.

(15) Mr Farrell stated that the Labour Group would work with the administration to improve rates of attendance at mental health services, develop services to offer welfare assistance, identify opportunities for preventative activity and improve support services for children particularly those in the criminal justice system; the Labour Group would also work with district councils to provide local support packages for low income working families.

(16) Mr Farrell referred to the omission of finance during the Secretary of State's speech at the Local Government Conference; he concluded that local government was being left to deal with crises in social care, schools and its own finance.

(17) Mr Whybrow, Leader of the Independents Group, began by welcoming Mr Carter's increased lobbying for further local government funding; he stated that he hoped that central government particularly the Chancellor was listening. He reported that parish councils in his division were aware of the lobbying and the strong arguments being put forward by Mr Carter. He stated that whilst he would like an uplift for all local authorities, he recognised the imbalance in funding as demonstrated in the figures provided by Mr Carter.

(18) Mr Whybrow expressed concerns about the reduction to public health services particularly in relation to the infant feeding consultation. He stated that it had been evidenced that preventative services such as drug and alcohol services provided a societal saving of £8 for every £1 spent in addition to helping people with addiction. He reported that there had been cuts to frontline services and highlighted the closure of the Folkestone drug and alcohol walk-in centre; service users were now required to go to Ashford or Dover to access services. He noted that more and more residents in Kent would begin to feel the impact of cuts made by the authority.

(19) Mr Whybrow concluded that if central government did not provide local government with additional funding, he would consider this to be a dereliction of duty.

(20) In replying to the other Leaders' comments, Mr Carter referred to the work being undertaken by local government particularly in Kent to deliver challenging savings. He stated that he was working with and lobbying the Kent MPs and Cabinet Ministers for additional funding. He reported that he had recently met with the Secretary of State for Education, Justine Greening, to discuss the pressures on special educational needs and the capital programme which had received a warm reception; he recognised that the outcome was not yet known.

(21) Mr Carter reported that the authority had previously been successful in receiving additional funding. He highlighted the release of £5 – 6 million of funding, as part of the second round of Better Care Funding, after the setting of the County Council's budget in February to strengthen the domiciliary care markets; staff had noted improved terms and conditions including paid travel time and increased recruitment.

(22) In conclusion Mr Carter stated that the Local Government Association and the County Council Network as a collective was pressuring central government to release some of the £15 billion of funding which had been accrued through the underfunding of local government. He concluded that if this funding was not released, local government would not be able to invest in preventative services and the costs of supporting people, who did not previously require further support, would escalate.

33. Autumn Budget Statement

(1) The Chairman reminded Members that any Member of a Local Authority who is liable to pay Council Tax, and who has any unpaid Council Tax amount overdue for at least two months, even if there is an arrangement to pay off the arrears, must declare the fact that they are in arrears and must not cast their vote on anything related to KCC's Budget or Council Tax.

(2) The Chairman moved and the Vice-Chairman seconded that:

- (a) Procedure Rule 1.28 be suspended in order that the Leader and the Cabinet Member for Finance be allowed to speak for a maximum of 12 minutes in total and the Leaders of the Liberal Democrat, Labour and Independent Groups speak for 6, 5 and 4 minutes respectively.
- (b) Procedure Rule 1.35 (1) be suspended in order to allow Members to speak more than once during the debate, at the discretion of the Chairman, the Cabinet Member for Finance, as seconder of the motion be allowed to speak again at the end of the debate.

Agreed without a formal vote

(3) The Chairman then invited Mr Wood, Corporate Director Finance and Procurement, to give a presentation to provide context for this item.

(4) Mr Carter moved and Mr Simmonds seconded the following motion:

“The County Council is asked to:

- a) AUTHORISE Corporate Directors to make the necessary arrangements to be able to deliver savings once the final budget has been approved in February, and to develop further proposals to resolve the unidentified gap and resolve the uncertainties should these arise.
- b) AGREE, in principle (not the amount) to the policy savings set out in table 2 (and appendix A) relating to:
 - (i) KCC's policy in relation to discretionary subsidies for uneconomic bus routes
 - (ii) In-house social care services
 - (iii) Kent Support and Assistance Service
 - (iv) Housing Related Support for offenders
- c) RECOGNISE the progress made towards setting a balanced budget for 2018-19 based on robust estimates and on reducing the unidentified gap”

(5) Ms Constantine proposed and Mr Farrell seconded the following amendment:

“The County Council is asked to:

- a) AUTHORISE Corporate Directors to make the necessary arrangements to be able to deliver savings once the final budget has been approved in February, and to develop further proposals to resolve the unidentified gap and resolve the uncertainties should these arise, both in meaningful consultation with trade unions.
- b) Note, in principle (not the amount) to the policy savings set out in table 2 (and appendices 1 and 2) relating to:
 - (i) KCC's policy in relation to discretionary subsidies for uneconomic bus routes
 - (ii) In-house social care services
 - (iii) Kent Support and Assistance Service
 - (iv) Housing Related Support for offenders
- c) RECOGNISE the progress made by officers towards setting a balanced budget for 2018-19 based on robust estimates and on reducing the unidentified gap despite disgracefully inadequate funding from central government."

(6) Following the debate the Chairman put the amendment set out in paragraph (5) above to the vote and the voting was as follows:

For (13)

Mr R Bird, Mr I Chittenden, Ms K Constantine Mr D Daley, Mrs T Dean, Mr T Dhesi, Mr D Farrell, Mr A Hook, Mr G Koowaree, Mr B Lewis, Ida Linfield, Dr L Sullivan, Mr M Whybrow.

Against (58)

Mrs A Allen, Mr M Angell, Mr M Balfour, Mr P Barrington-King, Mr P Bartlett, Mrs C Bell, Mrs P Beresford, Mrs R Binks Mr T Bond, Mr A Booth, Mr D Butler, Miss S Carey, Mr P Carter, Mrs S Chandler, Mr N Chard, Mrs P Cole, Mr N Collor, Mr A Cook, Mr G Cooke, Mr P Cooper, Mrs M Crabtree, Mr M Dance, Mrs L Game, Mrs S Gent, Mr G Gibbens, Mr R Gough, Ms S Hamilton, Mr P Harman, Mr M Hill, Mr T Hills, Mrs S Hohler, Mr S Holden, Mr P Homewood, Mr E Hotson, Mr J Kite, Mr P Lake, Mr R Long, Mr G Lymer, Mr S Manion, Mr A Marsh, Ms D Marsh, Mr J McInroy, Mr P Messenger, Mr D Monk, Mr D Murphy, Mr M Northey, Mr P Oakford, Mr J Ozog, Mr D Pascoe, Mr M Payne Mrs S Prendergast, Miss C Rankin, Mr A Ridgers, Mr C Simkins, Mr J Simmonds, Mrs P Stockell, Mr I Thomas, Mr M Whiting.

(7) Following further debate the Chairman put the motion set out in paragraph (4) above to the vote and the voting was as follows:

For (60)

Mrs A Allen, Mr M Angell, Mr M Balfour, Mr P Barrington-King, Mr P Bartlett, Mrs C Bell, Mrs P Beresford, Mrs R Binks Mr T Bond, Mr A Booth, Mr D Butler, Miss S Carey, Mr P Carter, , Mrs S Chandler, Mr N Chard, Mrs P Cole, Mr N Collor, Mr A Cook, Mr G Cooke, Mr P Cooper, Mrs M Crabtree, Mr M Dance, Mrs L Game, Mrs S Gent, Mr G Gibbens, Mr R Gough, Ms S Hamilton, Mr P Harman, Mr M Hill, Mr T Hills, Mrs S Hohler, Mr S Holden, Mr P Homewood, Mr E Hotson, Mr J Kite, Mr P Lake, Mr R Long, Mr G Lymer, Mr S Manion, Mr A Marsh, Ms D Marsh, Mr J

McInroy, Mr P Messenger, Mr D Monk, Mr D Murphy, Mr M Northey, Mr P Oakford, Mr J Ozog, Mr D Pascoe, Mr M Payne, Mrs S Prendergast, Miss C Rankin, Mr A Ridgers, Mr C Simkins, Mr J Simmonds, Mrs P Stockell, Mr B Sweetland, Mr I Thomas, Mr M Whiting, Mr J Wright.

Against (13)

Mr R Bird, Mr I Chittenden, Ms K Constantine, Mr D Daley, Mrs T Dean, Mr T Dhesi, Mr D Farrell, Mr A Hook, Mr G Koowaree, Mr B Lewis, Ida Linfield, Dr L Sullivan, Mr M Whybrow

Motion carried

(8) RESOLVED that the County Council:

- (a) authorises the Corporate Directors to make the necessary arrangements to be able to deliver savings once the final budget has been approved in February, and to develop further proposals to resolve the unidentified gap and resolve the uncertainties should these arise.
- (b) agrees, in principle (not the amount) to the policy savings set out in table 2 (and appendix A) relating to:
 - (i) KCC's policy in relation to discretionary subsidies for uneconomic bus routes
 - (ii) In-house social care services
 - (iii) Kent Support and Assistance Service
 - (iv) Housing Related Support for offenders
- (c) recognises the progress made towards setting a balanced budget for 2018-19 based on robust estimates and on reducing the unidentified gap.

34. Kent Safeguarding Children Board – 2016/17 Annual Report

(1) Mr Gough and Mrs Prendergast seconded the following motion:

“County Council is asked to:

- (a) COMMENT on the progress and improvements made during 2016/17, as detailed in the Annual Report from Kent Safeguarding Children Board
- (b) NOTE the 2016/17 Annual Report attached.”

(2) Ms Gill Rigg, Independent Chair of the Kent Safeguarding Children Board, addressed the meeting and answered a number of questions from Members.

(3) Following the debate, the motion was agreed without a formal vote.

(4) RESOLVED that the 2016/17 Annual Report from Kent Safeguarding Children Board and the comments made by Members be noted.

35. Increasing Opportunities, Improving Outcomes - Strategic Statement Annual Report

(1) Mr Carter moved and Mr Hotson seconded the following motion:

“County Council is asked to approve the ‘Increasing Opportunities, Improving Outcomes’ Annual Report 2017 (Appendix 1).”

(2) Following the debate the motion set out above was agreed without a formal vote.

(3) RESOLVED that the ‘Increasing Opportunities, Improving Outcomes’ Annual Report 2017 (Appendix 1) be approved.

36. Treasury Management Annual Review 2016/17

(1) Mr Simmonds and Mrs Crabtree seconded the following motion:

“Members are asked to note the report.”

(2) Following the debate the motion set out above was agreed without a formal vote.

(3) RESOLVED that the report be noted.

37. Motion for Time Limited Debate

(1) Mr Hook moved and Mr Bird seconded the following motion:

“This Council notes:

1. The high importance of cross Channel trade for Kent’s economy, a major part of which is around 11,000 lorries travelling through Dover and other Kent Ports, to or from other member states of the European Union;
2. The observations made by the Chancellor of Exchequer to the House of Lords Economic Affairs Committee on 12 September that Dover “operates as a flow-through port and volumes of trade at Dover could not be accommodated if goods had to be held for inspection even, I suspect, if they were held for minutes, it would still impede the operation of the port.”
3. The finding that a lorry from within the EU typically takes 2 minutes to clear Customs at Dover and a lorry from outside the EU takes 20 minutes.
4. Whenever there is a problem with the free flow of freight through Dover and other Kent ports, serious disruption results to the travel and lives of residents all over the county.

This Council therefore believes that it is essential to the economic and social well-being of the people of Kent for our county to continue to enjoy free flowing trade across the Channel, at least as seamlessly as present due to the UK’s membership of the Single Market and Customs Union.

This Council calls for:

- a. The UK government to take all necessary steps to ensure the continued free flow of cross channel freight between Kent and continental Europe, at least as seamlessly as present;
- b. Parliament to consider all legal possibilities for Kent and the UK outside the EU, including retaining membership of the Single Market and/or Customs Union;
- c. The Leader to write to the Prime Minister and Kent MPs setting out the action requested in this motion.”

(2) Mr Dance proposed and Mr Holden seconded the following amendment:

“This Council notes that several thousand lorries a day travel through Dover and other Kent ports and handling that traffic is an important industry within the county, notwithstanding that the vast majority pass straight through without adding to Kent’s economy.

The Council also notes that it has worked, and will continue to work, to maintain the free flow of that trade given the damage to the economic and social well-being of the people of Kent when Operation Stack has been invoked because of disruption on the French side.

Consequently, this Council expresses its support for the government’s present negotiating position for a Brexit deal which we hope will see a continuation of the seamless flow of cross-Channel freight in the interests of the people of Kent, the country and our European partners.”

(3) Following the debate the Chairman put the amendment set out in paragraph (2) above to the vote and the voting was as follows:

For (55)

Mrs A Allen, Mr M Angell, Mr P Barrington-King, Mr P Bartlett, Mrs C Bell, Mrs P Beresford, Mrs R Binks Mr T Bond, Mr D Butler, Miss S Carey, Mr P Carter, Mrs S Chandler, Mr N Chard, Mrs P Cole, Mr N Collor, Mr A Cook, Mr G Cooke, Mr P Cooper, Mrs M Crabtree, Mr M Dance, Mrs L Game, Mrs S Gent, Mr G Gibbens, Mr R Gough, Ms S Hamilton, Mr M Hill, Mr T Hills, Mrs S Hohler, Mr S Holden, Mr P Homewood, Mr E Hotson, Mr J Kite, Mr P Lake, Mr R Long, Mr S Manion, Mr A Marsh, Ms D Marsh, Mr J McInroy, Mr P Messenger, Mr D Monk, Mr D Murphy, Mr M Northey, Mr P Oakford, Mr J Ozog, Mr D Pascoe, Mr M Payne, Mrs S Prendergast, Miss C Rankin, Mr H Rayner, Mr A Ridgers, Mr C Simkins, Mr J Simmonds, Mrs P Stockell, Mr I Thomas, Mr J Wright.

Against (13)

Mr R Bird, Mr I Chittenden, Ms K Constantine, Mrs T Dean, Mr T Dhesi, Mr D Farrell, Mr P Harman, Mr A Hook, Mr G Koowaree, Mr B Lewis, Ida Linfield, Dr L Sullivan, Mr M Whybrow.

Amendment carried

(4) The Chairman put the substantive motion set out in paragraph (2) above to the vote and the voting was as follows:

For (54)

Mrs A Allen, Mr M Angell, Mr P Barrington-King, Mr P Bartlett, Mrs C Bell, Mrs P Beresford, Mrs R Binks, Mr T Bond, Mr D Butler, Miss S Carey, Mr P Carter, Mrs S Chandler, Mr N Chard, Mrs P Cole, Mr N Collor, Mr A Cook, Mr G Cooke, Mr P Cooper, Mrs M Crabtree, Mr M Dance, Mrs S Gent, Mr R Gough, Ms S Hamilton, Mr P Harman, Mr M Hill, Mr T Hills, Mrs S Hohler, Mr S Holden, Mr P Homewood, Mr E Hotson, Mr J Kite, Mr P Lake, Mr R Long, Mr S Manion, Mr A Marsh, Ms D Marsh, Mr J McInroy, Mr D Monk, Mr D Murphy, Mr M Northey, Mr P Oakford, Mr J Ozog, Mr D Pascoe, Mr M Payne, Mrs S Prendergast, Miss C Rankin, Mr H Rayner, Mr A Ridgers, Mr C Simkins, Mr J Simmonds, Mrs P Stockell, Mr I Thomas, Mr M Whiting, Mr J Wright.

Against (12)

Mr R Bird, Mr I Chittenden, Ms K Constantine, Mrs T Dean, Mr T Dhesi, Mr D Farrell, Mr A Hook, Mr G Koowaree, Mr B Lewis, Ida Linfield, Dr L Sullivan, Mr M Whybrow.

Motion carried

(5) RESOLVED that:

- (a) this Council notes that several thousand lorries a day travel through Dover and other Kent ports and handling that traffic is an important industry within the county, notwithstanding that the vast majority pass straight through without adding to Kent's economy;
- (b) the Council also notes that it has worked, and will continue to work, to maintain the free flow of that trade given the damage to the economic and social well-being of the people of Kent when Operation Stack has been invoked because of disruption on the French side;
- (c) consequently, this Council expresses its support for the government's present negotiating position for a Brexit deal which we hope will see a continuation of the seamless flow of cross-Channel freight in the interests of the people of Kent, the country and our European partners.