

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of the Kent County Council held in the Council Chamber, Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone on Thursday, 17 February 2011.

PRESENT:

Mr W A Hayton (Chairman)
Mrs P A V Stockell (Vice-Chairman)

Mrs A D Allen, Mr M J Angell, Mr R W Bayford, Mr A H T Bowles, Mr D L Brazier, Mr R Brookbank, Mr J R Bullock, MBE, Miss S J Carey, Mr P B Carter, Mr N J D Chard, Mr A R Chell, Mr L Christie, Mrs P T Cole, Mr N J Collor, Mr G Cooke, Mr B R Cope, Mr G Cowan, Mr H J Craske, Mr A D Crowther, Mr J M Cubitt, Mr D S Daley, Mr M C Dance, Mrs T Dean, Mr J A Davies, Mr K A Ferrin, MBE, Mr T Gates, Mr G K Gibbens, Mr R W Gough, Mrs E Green, Mr M J Harrison, Mr C Hibberd, Mr P M Hill, OBE, Mr D A Hirst, Ms A Hohler, Mrs S V Hohler, Mr P J Homewood, Mr E E C Hotson, Mr M J Jarvis, Mr A J King, MBE, Mr R E King, Mr S J G Koowaree, Mr P W A Lake, Mr R J Lees, Mr J F London, Mr R L H Long, TD, Mr K G Lynes, Mr S Manion, Mr R F Manning, Mr R A Marsh, Mr M J Northey, Mr J M Ozog, Mr R J Parry, Mr R A Pascoe, Mr T Prater, Mr K H Pugh, Mr L B Ridings, MBE, Mr M B Robertson, Mrs J A Rook, Mr A Sandhu, MBE, Mr J E Scholes, Mr J D Simmonds, Mr C P Smith, Mr K Smith, Mr M V Snelling, Mr B J Sweetland, Mr R Tolputt, Mrs E M Tweed, Mr M J Vye, Mrs C J Waters, Mr J N Wedgbury, Mr C T Wells, Mr M J Whiting, Mrs J Whittle
Mr A T Willicombe

IN ATTENDANCE: Katherine Kerswell, Group Managing Director, Geoff Wild, Director of Law and Governance, Peter Sass, Head of Democratic Services and Local Leadership

UNRESTRICTED ITEMS

1. Introduction/webcasting

The Chairman stated that the meeting was being webcast live to the Internet and that if any member of the public did not wish to be filmed, they should let one of the officers know immediately.

The Chairman also stated that, for anyone speaking on any of the agenda items, it was important to use the microphones so that the viewers on the webcast and others in the Chamber could hear the debate.

The Chairman asked anyone with a mobile device such as a blackberry to turn it off as it could affect the audio systems in the Chamber. Finally, he advised everyone present where the nearest fire exit was in the event of a fire alarm.

2. Apologies for Absence

The Group Managing Director reported apologies from the following Members:

Mr Capon
Mr Chittenden
Mr Kirby
Mrs Law
Mr Wickham

3. Declarations of Interest

Mrs Cole declared a personal interest in item 8 (Medium Term Financial Plan 2011-13 (incorporating the Budget and Council Tax Setting for 2011/12)) as her daughter was in receipt of transport to a denominational school.

Mr Sweetland declared a personal interest in item 8 (Medium Term Financial Plan 2011-13 (incorporating the Budget and Council Tax Setting for 2011/12)) because of his position as a non-executive Director of NHS West Kent (Primary Care Trust).

Mr Koowaree declared a personal interest in item 8 (Medium Term Financial Plan 2011-13 (incorporating the Budget and Council Tax Setting for 2011/12)) as his daughter worked at one of the Children's Centres.

Mrs Whittle declared a personal interest in item 8 (Medium Term Financial Plan 2011-13 (incorporating the Budget and Council Tax Setting for 2011/12)) as her husband, who works for KCC, was in receipt of senior officers' medical insurance.

4. Minutes of the meetings held on 16 December 2010 and if in order, to be approved as a correct record.

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 16 December 2010, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

5. Chairman's Announcements

(a) New Members

The Chairman welcomed the following new and in one case, returning Members to the County Council:

Mr Gordon Cowan – the newly elected Member for the Dover Town Division
Ms Alice Hohler – the newly elected Member for the Tonbridge Division
Mrs Carole Waters – the newly elected Member for the Romney Marsh Division

(b) New Year's Honours

The Chairman stated that it was his great pleasure to inform the County Council of the following Awards in the New Year's Honours list:

Officers of the Order of the British Empire

Mr Colin Carmichael, Chief Executive, Canterbury City Council - for services to Local Government

Mrs Amanda Cottrell, Chairman, Visit Kent - for services to the community in Kent

Member of the Order of the British Empire

Mr Leyland Bradshaw Ridings, KCC Member for the Sandwich Electoral Division - for Services to Local Government

The Chairman moved, the Vice Chairman seconded and it was:

Resolved unanimously: that this Council records its sincere congratulations to Mr Colin Carmichael, Mrs Amanda Cottrell and Mr Leyland Ridings for the Honours they have received.

(c) MRS Research Award

The Chairman stated that he was delighted to advise the County Council that the SILK (Social Innovation Lab for Kent) team had won a prestigious MRS Research Award. MRS Research Awards promote outstanding achievement, innovation and effectiveness, recognise and celebrate the contribution that research makes to business, communication and policy making. The Award was displayed in the Council Chamber.

(d) Managing Director of Kent Adult Social Services

The Chairman stated that Oliver Mills, Managing Director of Kent Adult Social Services, was due to leave KCC at the end of March after 23 years' service.

Oliver started working at the County Council in 1987. Since becoming managing director in 2006, Kent Adult Social Services had received strong ratings for the quality of services achieved, through the strength of relationships with the private and voluntary sector as well as the NHS.

His expertise and his leadership role among fellow directors of adult social services helped to keep Kent at the forefront of the national social care agenda – promoting innovation and helping people to make choices that keep them in control of their care.

A number of Members gave their own tributes to Oliver, who responded in suitable terms.

(e) Mrs Jenny Sayers

The Chairman stated that Mrs Jenny Sayers, Members' Desk Receptionist, would be retiring from KCC after 29 years' service, mainly working with Members. The Chairman spoke on behalf of all Members in wishing Jenny a long, happy and healthy retirement.

6. Questions

Under Procedure Rule 1.18 (4), 10 questions were asked and replies given.

7. Revised Proportionality Calculations and Committee Membership

Mr A King moved, Mrs J Rook seconded the recommendations on page 20 of the County Council agenda.

Resolved: that the County Council approves the following:

- (a) the revised proportionality calculations and confirm that the Labour Group is invited to fill an additional three committee places to which the overall proportionality rules entitle them;
- (b) that the three committees where the Labour Group gains a seat at the expense of the Conservative Group are CFE POSC – Resource and Infrastructure; Communities POSC; and Personnel Committee;
- (c) to vary the overall proportionality so that the Liberal Democrat Group keeps its seat on the Flood Risk Management Committee; and
- (d) that the Labour Group receives an entitlement to take up a seat on the Kent and Medway Fire and Rescue Authority at the expense of the Conservative Group.

8. Medium Term Financial Plan 2011-13 (Incorporating the Budget and Council Tax Setting for 2011/12)

(1) The Chairman reminded all Members that any Member of a Local Authority who was liable to pay Council Tax and who had any unpaid Council Tax amount overdue for at least two months, even if there was 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 stated that, prior to the commencement of the budget presentation by the Acting Director of Finance, the County Council needed to determine recommendation 59(a) on page 35 of the County Council agenda. Accordingly, Mr Carter moved, Mr Simmonds seconded and it was:

Resolved: that Andy Wood be confirmed as the Interim Section 151 Officer with immediate effect and Malcolm Newsam as Interim Director of Adult Social Services and Director of Children's Services with effect from 1 April 2011.

(3) Mr Wood gave a presentation on the budget setting process and the impact on KCC's financial position as a result of cuts in Government grants to local authorities.

(4) Mr W Hayton moved Mrs P Stockell seconded that

- (a) Procedure Rule 1.12(2) be suspended in order that the meeting be extended to 5.00 pm;
- (b) Procedure Rule 1.30 be suspended in order that the Leader be allowed to speak for a maximum of 15 minutes, the Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group and the Leader of the Labour Group for 10 minutes each with the Leader being given a 5 minute right of reply;

- (c) Procedure Rule 1.30 be suspended after presentations by Cabinet Members on their portfolios in the period of general debate that follows in order that speeches can be limited to 3 minutes, and
- (d) Procedure Rule 1.36 be suspended in order for the mover and seconder of the original motion to be permitted to speak on more than one occasion.

Carried without a vote

(5) The Chairman also advised the County Council that should the period of general debate on each portfolio finish earlier than scheduled, the time for debate on amendments would be extended.

(6) Mr P Carter moved, Mr J Simmonds seconded the approval of the contents of the attached 2011/12 Budget and Medium Term Financial Plan 2011-13 and to approve the following proposals:

- (b) the Revenue and Capital Budget proposals for 2011/12;
- (c) the Revenue Budget requirement of £909,054,000;
- (d) the Capital Investment proposals of £330,482,000, together with the necessary use of borrowing, revenue, grants, capital receipts, renewals and other earmarked capital funds, external funding and PFI, subject to approval to spend arrangements;
- (e) the Prudential Indicators as set out in Appendix D of the attached Medium Term Financial Plan;
- (f) the Revenue and Capital Budget proposals as presented in the white combed version of the Budget Book and Medium Term Financial Plan for:
 - Children, Families and Education;
 - Adult Social Services;
 - Environment, Highways and Waste;
 - Communities;
 - Regeneration and Economic Development;
 - Public Health & Innovation;
 - Localism & Partnerships;
 - Corporate Support Services & Performance Management; and
 - Finance;
- (g) that final recommendations in relation to the Schools Budgets and Dedicated School Grant (DSG) be delegated to the Cabinet Member for Education Learning & Skills (ELS);
- (h) that there is no pay award for staff in 2011/12, but that the proposed addition of leave for those staff undergoing IVF treatment is pursued;
- (i) the removal of essential user status and delegation to Personnel Committee to agree final compensation arrangements for existing users, alternative ways for the Authority to help staff have access to an affordable

car and to agree the necessary changes to KCC's Personnel policies and procedures;

- (j) that the re-presentation of the budget to reflect the new portfolio responsibilities announced on 28th January be delegated to the Cabinet Member for Finance in consultation with the Leader and Cabinet Members and that he has delegated authority to vary individual budget lines by up to £500k to effect a smooth transfer;
- (k) a total requirement from Council Tax of £573,688,888 to be raised through precept to meet the 2011/12 budget requirement; and
- (l) a Council Tax as set out below, for the listed property bands:

Band								
Council Tax for Band	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
£	698.52	814.94	931.36	1,047.78	1,280.62	1,513.46	1,746.30	2,095.56

- (m) agree to the removal of the post of Director of Specialist Schools Services from the operating framework agreed by the County Council in December 2010 as part of the "Change to Keep Succeeding" report, with the responsibilities transferred to the Director of School Improvement and Standards and two heads of service; that the revised Job Description for the post of Director of School Improvement and Standards, attached at Appendix 1, be approved; and that the post of Director of School Resources move from Education, Learning and Skills to report to the Corporate Director, Finance and Procurement.

(7) Mr B Sweetland moved, Mr Brazier seconded that the recommendations set out in paragraph 59 (f) be amended as follows:

AFFECTING THE BUDGET BOOK AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN

- a) Increase gross expenditure for subsidised bus routes (Row ref 10, page 30, Budget Book) by £0.211m.
- b) Increase Contributions from reserves (Row ref 2, page 43, Budget Book) by £0.211m.

This is the net impact of a change to the saving proposal on row ref 20, page 76 of the Medium Term Financial Plan. The proposed saving of £0.629m will be met from:

- a review of those routes that provide the least added value to be implemented in January 2012 (£0.070m)
- contract savings from reduced costs from re-tendering certain bus routes (£0.348m)
- use of an additional £0.211m from the 2010/11 forecast underspend against the revenue budget.

AFFECTING THE REPORT, BUDGET REQUIREMENT AND COUNCIL TAX

There would be no impact on the report, budget requirement or council tax as a result of this amendment.

Carried without a vote

(8) Mrs T Dean moved Mr G Cowan seconded that the recommendations set out in paragraph 59 (f) be amended as follows:-

AFFECTING THE BUDGET BOOK AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN

- a) Increase gross expenditure by £1.300m in relation to pay budgets affecting numerous pages in the budget book and MTFP
- b) Reduce gross expenditure in relation to Modernisation of the Council by £0.650m (Row ref 4, page 43, Budget Book)
- c) Reduce gross expenditure on Net Debt Costs by £0.650m (Row ref 5, page 43, Budget Book)

This proposed amendment is to pay £250 in 2011/12 to all FTE staff earning less than £21,000 per annum (for schools where KCC is the employer the additional costs will have to be met from within their delegated budgets). The saving on the Modernisation of the Council would be achieved by managing turnover to ensure the minimum number of redundancies are required. The saving on net debt costs is based on historic evidence of underspends on this budget line due to rephrasing of the capital programme.

AFFECTING THE REPORT, BUDGET REQUIREMENT AND COUNCIL TAX

There would be no impact on the report, budget requirement or council tax as a result of this amendment.

(9) The Chairman put to the vote the amendment set out in (8) above, when the voting was as follows:

For (11)

Abstain (2)

Against (49)

Lost

(10) Mr M Robertson moved Mrs E Green seconded that the recommendations set out in paragraph 59 (f) be amended as follows:-

AFFECTING THE BUDGET BOOK AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN

- a) Increase gross expenditure by £0.600m in relation to Concessionary Fares (Row ref 8, page 30, Budget Book)
- b) Reduce gross expenditure in relation to Big Society Fund by £0.600m (Row ref 1, page 43, Budget Book)

This proposed amendment is to restore Concessionary Travel to start at 9.00 am rather than 9.30 am.

AFFECTING THE REPORT, BUDGET REQUIREMENT AND COUNCIL TAX

There would be no impact on the report, budget requirement or council tax as a result of this amendment.

(11) The Chairman put to the vote the amendment set out in (10) above when the voting was as follows:

For (9)

Mr L Christie, Mr G Cowan, Mr D Daley, Mrs T Dean, Mrs E Green, Mr G Koowaree, Mr T Prater, Mr M Robertson, Mr M J Vye

Abstain (1)

Mr A Crowther

Against (58)

Mrs A Allen, Mr M Angell, Mr D Brazier, Mr R Brookbank, Mr R Bullock, Miss S Carey, Mr P Carter, Mr A Chell, Mrs P Cole, Mr N Collor, Mr G Cooke, Mr B Cope, Mr H Craske, Mr J Cubitt, Mr M Dance, Mr J Davies, Mr K Ferrin, Mr T Gates, Mr G Gibbens, Mr R Gough, Mr M Harrison, Mr C Hibberd, Mr M Hill, Mr D Hirst, Ms A Hohler, Mrs S Hohler, Mr P Homewood, Mr E Hotson, Mr M Jarvis, Mr A King, Mr P Lake, Mr R Lees, Mr J London, Mr R Long, Mr K Lynes, Mr S Manion, Mr R Manning, Mr M Northey, Mr R Parry, Mr R Pascoe, Mr K Pugh, Mr L Ridings, Mrs J Rook, Mr J Scholes, Mr J Simmonds, Mr C Smith, Mr K Smith, Mr M Snelling, Mrs P Stockell, Mr B Sweetland, Mr R Tolputt, Mrs E Tweed, Mrs C Waters, Mr J Wedgbury, Mr C Wells, Mr M Whiting, Mrs J Whittle, Mr A Willicombe

Lost

(12) Mr L Christie moved Mr G Koowaree seconded that the recommendations set out in paragraph 59 (f) be amended as follows:-

AFFECTING THE BUDGET BOOK AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN

- a) Reduce service income by £0.007m in relation to Learning Disability Direct Payments (Row ref 1, page 25, Budget Book)
- b) Reduce service income by £0.026m in relation to Older People Direct payments (Row ref 3, page 25, Budget Book)
- c) Reduce service income by £0.013m in relation to Physical Disability Direct Payments (Row ref 4, page 25, Budget Book)
- d) Reduce service income by £0.013m in relation to Learning Disability Domiciliary Care (Row ref 5, page 25, Budget Book)
- e) Reduce service income by £0.554m in relation to Older People Domiciliary Care (Row ref 1, page 26, Budget Book)
- f) Reduce service income by £0.028m in relation to Physical Disability Domiciliary Care (Row ref 2, page 26, Budget Book)
- g) Reduce service income by £0.034m in relation to Learning Disability Supported Accommodation (Row ref 3, page 27, Budget Book)

- h) Reduce gross expenditure in relation to Big Society Fund by £0.675m (Row ref 1, page 43, Budget Book)

This proposed amendment is to retain users' net disposable income towards mainly domiciliary care costs at 85% rather than increase the guideline to 100%.

AFFECTING THE REPORT, BUDGET REQUIREMENT AND COUNCIL TAX

There would be no impact on the report, budget requirement or council tax as a result of this amendment.

(13) The Chairman put to the vote the amendment set out in (12) above when the voting was as follows:

For (9)

Mr L Christie, Mr G Cowan, Mr D Daley, Mrs T Dean, Mrs E Green, Mr G Koowaree, Mr T Prater, Mr M Robertson, Mr M J Vye

Against (58)

Mrs A Allen, Mr M Angell, Mr A Bowles, Mr D Brazier, Mr R Brookbank, Miss S Carey, Mr P Carter, Mr A Chell, Mrs P Cole, Mr N Collor, Mr G Cooke, Mr B Cope, Mr H Craske, Mr A Crowther, Mr J Cubitt, Mr M Dance, Mr J Davies, Mr K Ferrin, Mr T Gates, Mr G Gibbens, Mr R Gough, Mr M Harrison, Mr C Hibberd, Mr M Hill, Mr D Hirst, Ms A Hohler, Mrs S Hohler, Mr P Homewood, Mr E Hotson, Mr M Jarvis, Mr A King, Mr P Lake, Mr R Lees, Mr J London, Mr R Long, Mr K Lynes, Mr S Manion, Mr R Manning, Mr M Northey, Mr R Parry, Mr K Pugh, Mr L Ridings, Mrs J Rook, Mr A Sandhu, Mr J Scholes, Mr J Simmonds, Mr C Smith, Mr K Smith, Mrs P Stockell, Mr B Sweetland, Mr R Tolputt, Mrs E Tweed, Mrs C Waters, Mr J Wedgbury, Mr C Wells, Mr M Whiting, Mrs J Whittle, Mr A Willicombe

Lost

(14) Mr T Prater moved Mr M Vye seconded that the recommendations set out in paragraph 59 (f) be amended as follows:-

AFFECTING THE BUDGET BOOK AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN

- a) Increase gross expenditure by £3.000m in relation to the Freedom Pass (Row ref 9, page 30, Budget Book)
- b) Reduce gross expenditure in relation to Modernisation of the Council by £1.667m (Row ref 4, page 43, Budget Book) and reduce gross expenditure in relation to Big Society Fund by £1.333m (Row ref 1, page 43, Budget Book)

This proposed amendment is to extend the Freedom Pass to 17-18 year olds (assuming the £100 payment). The saving on the Modernisation of the Council would be achieved by managing turnover to ensure the minimum number of redundancies are required.

AFFECTING THE REPORT, BUDGET REQUIREMENT AND COUNCIL TAX

There would be no impact on the report, budget requirement or council tax as a result of this amendment.

(15) The Chairman put to the vote the amendment set out in (14) above when the voting was as follows:

For (5)

Mr D Daley, Mrs T Dean, Mr T Prater, Mr M Robertson, Mr M J Vye

Abstain (3)

Mr L Christie, Mr G Cowan, Mrs E Green

Against (55)

Mrs A Allen, Mr M Angell, Mr D Brazier, Mr R Brookbank, Miss S Carey, Mr P Carter, Mr A Chell, Mrs P Cole, Mr N Collor, Mr G Cooke, Mr B Cope, Mr H Craske, Mr A Crowther, Mr J Cubitt, Mr M Dance, Mr J Davies, Mr T Gates, Mr G Gibbens, Mr R Gough, Mr M Harrison, Mr C Hibberd, Mr M Hill, Mr D Hirst, Ms A Hohler, Mrs S Hohler, Mr P Homewood, Mr E Hotson, Mr M Jarvis, Mr A King, Mr P Lake, Mr R Lees, Mr J London, Mr R Long, Mr K Lynes, Mr S Manion, Mr R Manning, Mr M Northey, Mr R Parry, Mr K Pugh, Mr L Ridings, Mrs J Rook, Mr A Sandhu, Mr J Scholes, Mr J Simmonds, Mr C Smith, Mr K Smith, Mr B Sweetland, Mr R Tolputt, Mrs E Tweed, Mrs C Waters, Mr J Wedgbury, Mr C Wells, Mr M Whiting, Mrs J Whittle, Mr A Willicombe

Lost

(16) Mr L Christie moved Mrs E Green seconded that the recommendations set out in paragraph 59 (f) be amended as follows:-

AFFECTING THE BUDGET BOOK AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN

- a) Increase gross expenditure by £2.618m in relation to Children's Centres (Row ref 3, page 21, Budget Book)
- b) Reduce gross expenditure in relation to Big Society Fund by £2.618m (Row ref 1, page 43, Budget Book)

This proposed amendment is to restore cuts to running costs of Children's Centres.

AFFECTING THE REPORT, BUDGET REQUIREMENT AND COUNCIL TAX

There would be no impact on the report, budget requirement or council tax as a result of this amendment.

(17) The Chairman put to the vote the amendment set out in (16) above when the voting was as follows:

For (8)

Mr L Christie, Mr G Cowan, Mr D Daley, Mrs T Dean, Mrs E Green, Mr T Prater, Mr M Robertson, Mr M J Vye

Against (55)

Mrs A Allen, Mr M Angell, Mr A Bowles, Mr D Brazier, Mr R Brookbank, Miss S Carey, Mr P Carter, Mr A Chell, Mrs P Cole, Mr N Collor, Mr G Cooke, Mr B Cope, Mr H Craske, Mr A Crowther, Mr J Cubitt, Mr M Dance, Mr J Davies, Mr K Ferrin, Mr T Gates, Mr G Gibbens, Mr R Gough, Mr C Hibberd, Mr M Hill, Mr D Hirst, Ms A Hohler, Mrs S Hohler, Mr P Homewood, Mr E Hotson, Mr M Jarvis, Mr A King, Mr P Lake, Mr R Lees, Mr J London, Mr R Long, Mr K Lynes, Mr S Manion, Mr R Manning, Mr M Northey, Mr R Parry, Mr R Pascoe, Mr K Pugh, Mr L Ridings, Mr A Sandhu, Mr J Scholes, Mr J Simmonds, Mr C Smith, Mr K Smith, Mr B Sweetland, Mr R Tolputt, Mrs E Tweed, Mrs C Waters, Mr C Wells, Mr M Whiting, Mrs J Whittle, Mr A Willicombe

Lost

(18) Mr M Vye moved Mrs T Dean seconded that the recommendations set out in paragraph 59 (f) be amended as follows:-

AFFECTING THE BUDGET BOOK AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN

- a) Increase gross expenditure by £0.600m in relation to Net Debt Costs (incl Investment Income) (Row ref 5, page 43, Budget Book)
- b) Reduce gross expenditure in relation to Big Society Fund by £0.600m (Row ref 1, page 43, Budget Book)
- c) Increase Annual Planned Enhancement Programme by £13.000m (Row 28, page 51, Budget Book)
- d) Increase Prudential Borrowing by £13.000m (Row 18, page 54, Budget Book)

This proposed amendment is to invest an additional £13m capital in the most urgent school maintenance at an estimated revenue cost of prudential borrowing in 2011/12 of £0.600m (and an additional £0.600m in 2012/13).

AFFECTING THE REPORT, BUDGET REQUIREMENT AND COUNCIL TAX

There would be no impact on the report, budget requirement or council tax as a result of this amendment.

(19) The Chairman put to the vote the amendment set out in (18) above when the voting was as follows:

For (9)

Mr L Christie, Mr G Cowan, Mr D Daley, Mrs T Dean, Mrs E Green, Mr G Koowaree, Mr T Prater, Mr M Robertson, Mr M J Vye

Against (57)

Mrs A Allen, Mr M Angell, Mr A Bowles, Mr D Brazier, Mr R Brookbank, Miss S Carey, Mr P Carter, Mr A Chell, Mrs P Cole, Mr N Collor, Mr G Cooke, Mr B Cope, Mr H Craske, Mr A Crowther, Mr J Cubitt, Mr M Dance, Mr J Davies, Mr K Ferrin, Mr T Gates, Mr G Gibbens, Mr R Gough, Mr M Harrison, Mr C Hibberd, Mr M Hill, Mr D Hirst, Ms A Hohler, Mrs S Hohler, Mr P Homewood, Mr E Hotson, Mr M Jarvis, Mr A

King, Mr P Lake, Mr R Lees, Mr J London, Mr R Long, Mr K Lynes, Mr S Manion, Mr R Manning, Mr M Northey, Mr R Parry, Mr R Pascoe, Mr K Pugh, Mrs J Rook, Mr J Scholes, Mr J Simmonds, Mr C Smith, Mr K Smith, Mrs P Stockell, Mr B Sweetland, Mr R Tolputt, Mrs E Tweed, Mrs C Waters, Mr J Wedgbury, Mr C Wells, Mr M Whiting, Mrs J Whittle, Mr A Willicombe

Lost

(20) Mrs Dean moved Mr Robertson seconded that the recommendations set out in paragraph 59 (f) be amended as follows:

AFFECTING THE BUDGET BOOK AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN

- a) Reduce the saving in relation to Changes to HR Policies by £0.238m affecting numerous pages in the budget book and MTFP
- b) Introduce a new saving 'Removal of free health insurance for senior officers' totalling £0.238m and affecting numerous pages in the budget book and MTFP

This proposed amendment would redirect savings currently identified to be achieved through 'Changes to HR Policies' to be achieved specifically from the removal of free health insurance for senior officers.

AFFECTING THE REPORT, BUDGET REQUIREMENT AND COUNCIL TAX

There would be no impact on the report, budget requirement or council tax as a result of this amendment.

(21) Mr Carter stated that he was currently examining with officers and, subject to Member approval, was proposing to do exactly what was being suggested in Mrs Dean's amendment, once the implications of such a decision had been examined. Accordingly, Mrs Dean with the consent of her seconder, agreed to withdraw this Amendment.

(22) Mr D Daley moved Mrs T Dean seconded that the recommendations set out in paragraph 59 (f) be amended as follows:-

AFFECTING THE BUDGET BOOK AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN

- a) Reduce gross expenditure in relation to Corporate Core and Directorate Support by £0.008m (Row ref 6, page 39, Budget Book)
- b) Increase gross expenditure in relation to Big Society Fund by £0.008m (Row ref 1, page 43, Budget Book)

This proposed amendment would mean that meals would not be provided free of charge on County Council days.

AFFECTING THE REPORT, BUDGET REQUIREMENT AND COUNCIL TAX

There would be no impact on the report, budget requirement or council tax as a result of this amendment.

(23) In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 1.36 (1) (a), Mrs Allen moved, Mr Pascoe seconded that the question of the amendment be put. The Chairman put to the vote this procedural motion when the voting was as follows:

For (33)

Mrs A Allen, Mr M Angell, Mr D Brazier, Miss S Carey, Mr P Carter, Mr A Chell, Mr L Christie, Mr N Collor, Mr G Cowan, Mr H Craske, Mr J Cubitt, Mr D Daley, Mr K Ferrin, Mr T Gates, Mrs E Green, Mr G Gibbens, Mr R Gough, Mrs S Hohler, Mr E Hotson, Mr A King, Mr R Lees, Mr K Lynes, Mr M Northey, Mr R Parry, Mr R Pascoe, Mr M Robertson, Mrs J Rook, Mr J Simmonds, Mrs P Stockell, Mr R Tolputt, Mrs C Waters, Mr C Wells, Mr M Whiting

Abstain (1)

Mr G Cooke

Against (19)

Mr B Cope, Mr M Dance, Mrs T Dean, Mr M Harrison, Ms A Hohler, Mr G Koowaree, Mr J London, Mr R Long, Mr S Manion, Mr R Manning, Mr T Prater, Mr J Scholes, Mr C Smith, Mr K Smith, Mr B Sweetland, Mr M Vye, Mr J Wedgbury, Mrs J Whittle, Mr A Willicombe

Carried

(24) The Chairman then put to the vote the amendment set out in (22) above when the voting was as follows:

For (8)

Mr G Cowan, Mr D Daley, Mrs T Dean, Mrs E Green, Mr G Koowaree, Mr T Prater, Mr M Robertson, Mr M J Vye

Abstain (1)

Mr E Hotson

Against (55)

Mrs A Allen, Mr M Angell, Mr D Brazier, Miss S Carey, Mr P Carter, Mr A Chell, Mr L Christie, Mrs P Cole, Mr N Collor, Mr G Cooke, Mr B Cope, Mr H Craske, Mr A Crowther, Mr J Cubitt, Mr M Dance, Mr J Davies, Mr K Ferrin, Mr T Gates, Mr G Gibbens, Mr R Gough, Mr M Harrison, Mr C Hibberd, Mr M Hill, Mr D Hirst, Ms A Hohler, Mrs S Hohler, Mr P Homewood, Mr M Jarvis, Mr A King, Mr P Lake, Mr R Lees, Mr J London, Mr R Long, Mr K Lynes, Mr S Manion, Mr R Manning, Mr M Northey, Mr R Parry, Mr R Pascoe, Mr K Pugh, Mrs J Rook, Mr J Scholes, Mr J Simmonds, Mr C Smith, Mr K Smith, Mrs P Stockell, Mr B Sweetland, Mr R Tolputt, Mrs E Tweed, Mrs C Waters, Mr J Wedgbury, Mr C Wells, Mr M Whiting, Mrs J Whittle, Mr A Willicombe

Lost

(25) The Chairman put to the vote the Motion as set out in (6) above when the voting was as follows:

For (55)

Mrs A Allen, Mr M Angell, Mr D Brazier, Miss S Carey, Mr P Carter, Mr A Chell, Mrs P Cole, Mr N Collor, Mr G Cooke, Mr B Cope, Mr H Craske, Mr A Crowther, Mr J Cubitt, Mr M Dance, Mr J Davies, Mr K Ferrin, Mr T Gates, Mr G Gibbens, Mr R Gough, Mr M Harrison, Mr C Hibberd, Mr M Hill, Mr D Hirst, Ms A Hohler, Mrs S Hohler, Mr P Homewood, Mr E Hotson, Mr M Jarvis, Mr A King, Mr R King, Mr P Lake, Mr J London, Mr R Long, Mr K Lynes, Mr S Manion, Mr R Manning, Mr M Northey, Mr R Parry, Mr R Pascoe, Mr K Pugh, Mrs J Rook, Mr J Scholes, Mr J Simmonds, Mr C Smith, Mr K Smith, Mrs P Stockell, Mr B Sweetland, Mrs E Tweed, Mr R Tolputt, Mrs C Waters, Mr J Wedgbury, Mr C Wells, Mr M Whiting, Mrs J Whittle, Mr A Willicombe

Against (10)

Mr L Christie, Mr G Cowan, Mr D Daley, Mrs T Dean, Mrs E Green, Mr G Koowaree, Mr R Lees, Mr T Prater, Mr M Robertson, Mr M Vye

Carried

Resolved:

- (a) that Andy Wood is confirmed as the Interim Section 151 Officer with immediate effect and Malcolm Newsam as Interim DASS and DCS with effect from 1st April 2011;
- (b) the Revenue and Capital Budget proposals for 2011/12;
- (c) the Revenue Budget requirement of £909,054,000;
- (d) the Capital Investment proposals of £330,482,000, together with the necessary use of borrowing, revenue, grants, capital receipts, renewals and other earmarked capital funds, external funding and PFI, subject to approval to spend arrangements;
- (e) the Prudential Indicators as set out in Appendix D of the attached Medium Term Financial Plan;
- (f) the Revenue and Capital Budget proposals as presented in the white combed version of the Budget Book and Medium Term Financial Plan for:
 - Children, Families and Education;
 - Adult Social Services;
 - Environment, Highways and Waste;
 - Communities;
 - Regeneration and Economic Development;
 - Public Health & Innovation;
 - Localism & Partnerships;
 - Corporate Support Services & Performance Management; and
 - Finance;

- (g) that final recommendations in relation to the Schools Budgets and Dedicated School Grant (DSG) be delegated to the Cabinet Member for Education Learning & Skills (ELS);
- (h) that there is no pay award for staff in 2011/12, but that the proposed addition of leave for those staff undergoing IVF treatment is pursued;
- (i) the removal of essential user status and delegation to Personnel Committee to agree final compensation arrangements for existing users, alternative ways for the Authority to help staff have access to an affordable car and to agree the necessary changes to KCC's Personnel policies and procedures;
- (j) that the re-presentation of the budget to reflect the new portfolio responsibilities announced on 28th January be delegated to the Cabinet Member for Finance in consultation with the Leader and Cabinet Members and that he has delegated authority to vary individual budget lines by up to £500k to effect a smooth transfer;
- (k) a total requirement from Council Tax of £573,688,888 to be raised through precept to meet the 2011/12 budget requirement; and
- (l) a Council Tax as set out below, for the listed property bands:

Band								
Council Tax for Band	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
£	698.52	814.94	931.36	1,047.78	1,280.62	1,513.46	1,746.30	2,095.56

- (m) agree to the removal of the post of Director of Specialist Schools Services from the operating framework agreed by the County Council in December 2010 as part of the "Change to Keep Succeeding" report, with the responsibilities transferred to the Director of School Improvement and Standards and two heads of service; that the revised Job Description for the post of Director of School Improvement and Standards, attached at Appendix 1, be approved; and that the post of Director of School Resources move from Education, Learning and Skills to report to the Corporate Director, Finance and Procurement.