

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of the Kent County Council held in the Council Chamber, Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone on Thursday, 9 February 2012.

PRESENT:

Mrs P A V Stockell (Chairman)

Mr R E King (Vice-Chairman)

Mrs A D Allen, Mr R W Bayford, Mr A H T Bowles, Mr D L Brazier,
Mr R E Brookbank, Mr J R Bullock, MBE, Mr R B Burgess, Ms S J Carey,
Mr P B Carter, Mr N J D Chard, Mr I S Chittenden, 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 W A Hayton, Mr C Hibberd, Mr P M Hill, OBE,
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 J D Kirby, Mr J A Kite, MBE, Mr S J G Koowaree,
Mr P W A Lake, Mrs J P Law, Mr R J Lees, Mr J F London, Mr R L H Long, TD,
Mr K G Lynes, Mr S C Manion, Mr R F Manning, Mr R A Marsh, Mr M J Northey,
Mr J M Ozog, Mr R J Parry, Mr T Prater, Mr K H Pugh, 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 M J Whiting, Mrs J Whittle,
Mr M A Wickham and Mr A T Willicombe

IN ATTENDANCE: Geoff Wild (Director of Governance and Law) and Peter Sass (Head of Democratic Services)

UNRESTRICTED ITEMS

96. Apologies for Absence

The Director of Governance and Law reported apologies from the following Members:

Mr Mike Angell
Mr Chris Capon
Mr Alan Chell
Mrs Valerie Dagger
Mr David Hirst
Mr Richard Pascoe
Mr Leyland Ridings
Mr Chris Wells

97. Declarations of Interest

(1) Mrs Whittle declared a personal interest in item 6 (Budget 2012/13 and Medium Term Financial Plan 2012/15 (including Council Tax setting for 2012/13)) in relation to any motion or amendment affecting staff remuneration as her husband was a paid officer of KCC.

(2) Mr Cowan declared a personal interest in item 6 (Budget 2012/13 and Medium Term Financial Plan 2012/15 (including Council Tax setting for 2012/13)) in relation to the debate on Specialist Children's Services as he and his wife were registered foster carers for KCC.

(3) Mr Lake declared a personal interest as a Trustee of the Kent Community Foundation in relation to the Big Society Fund in that work was being undertaken between the two organisations.

98. Minutes of the meetings held on 15 December 2011 and if in order, to be approved as a correct record

Resolved: that the minutes of the meetings held on Thursday, 15 December 2011, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

99. Chairman's Announcements

(a) Death of Mrs Brenda Simpson

The Chairman informed the Council with great regret of the death of Mrs Brenda Simpson on Wednesday 14 December 2011. Mrs Simpson was the Conservative Member for Swale Central from 2005 until 2009.

Mr Bowles and Mr Willicombe gave tributes to Mrs Simpson.

(b) Death of Mr Terence Pears

The Chairman informed the Council with great regret of the death of Mr Terry Pears on Christmas Eve. Mr Pears was the Conservative Member for Canterbury North from 1989 until 2001. The Chairman stated it had been her privilege to bestow the office of Honorary Alderman on Mr Pears at the December meeting although, unfortunately, he was not well enough to attend the meeting and accept the award.

Mr Harrison, Mr Simmonds and Mr Vye gave tributes to Mr Pears.

(c) Death of Mr John Francis

The Chairman informed the Council with great regret of the death of Mr John Francis on 4 January 2012. Mr Francis was the Conservative Member for Medway South East from 1990 to 1993.

Mr Ferrin gave a tribute to Mr Francis.

(d) Death of Mr Dave Lee

The Chairman informed the Council with great regret of the death of Mr Dave Lee, comedian, entertainer, tireless charity worker and Kent resident. Mr Lee was well known within the County for his regular appearances at the Marlow Theatre, particularly the annual pantomime, and for his charity work through 'Dave Lee's Happy Holidays', providing holidays for disabled, sick and underprivileged children in Kent.

Mr Lee received an MBE for his charity work in 2003 and was the first recipient of the Kent Invicta Award in 2008. More recently, he was awarded the Freedom of the City of Canterbury in recognition of: "The great and lasting enjoyment that he has given to the people of Canterbury district over very many years; in particular in his comedy performances, his tireless fundraising work and support for local charities and, of course, as the Marlowe Theatre's regular Dame in pantomime, never forgetting 'The Bench'". He was due to receive his award at a special meeting of Canterbury City Council at the end of January.

Mr Lee made an outstanding contribution to the County and would be remembered for bringing so much happiness to so many people through his comedy and his charity work.

Mr Marsh, Mrs Law, Mr Daley and Mr Cowan gave tributes to Mr Lee.

At the end of the tributes, all Members stood in silence in memory of Mrs Simpson, Mr Pears, Mr Francis and Mr Lee.

After the silence, it was moved by the Chairman, seconded by the Vice Chairman and:

Resolved unanimously: that this Council desires to record the sense of loss it feels on the sad passing of three of its former Members: Mrs Simpson, Mr Pears, Mr Francis; and also Mr Dave Lee and extends to their family and friends our heartfelt sympathy to them in their sad bereavements.

(e) **New Year's Honours**

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

Knights Bachelor
Knighthood

Sir Roger James Gale, MP for North Thanet – for public and political services

Orders of the British Empire
Member of the Order of the British Empire

Mr Jeremy Alan Kite, KCC Member for the Dartford Rural Electoral Division – for Services to Local Government in Dartford

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

Resolved unanimously: that this Council records its sincere congratulations to Sir Roger Gale and Mr Jeremy Kite, MBE for the Honours they have received.

(f) **Kent Invicta Award**

The Chairman reminded Members that the deadline for nominations for the Kent Invicta Award for 2012, 17 February 2012, was fast approaching. Any Member

wishing to make a nomination should let Mr Sass have written details as soon as possible.

100. Questions

- (1) Under Procedure Rule 1.18 (4), 8 questions were asked and replies given.
- (2) Questions numbers 9 and 10 were not asked because the time limit for this item (30 minutes) had been reached, but the Chairman advised those Members that written answers to their questions had been provided.

101. Budget 2012/13 and Medium Term Financial Plan 2012/15 (including Council Tax setting for 2012/13)

- (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) Mr Wood, Corporate Director of Finance & Procurement, gave a presentation on the various changes to central Government grants insofar as they related to the County Council and other aspects relating to the budget process, including his advice on the level of reserves.
- (3) Mrs Stockell moved, Mr R King seconded that:
 - (a) Procedure Rule 1.12(2) be suspended in order that the meeting be extended to 5.00 pm, if necessary;
 - (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 and the seconder of the original motion to also speak for up to 5 minutes;
 - (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 1.37(1) 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

- (4) 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.
- (5) Mr Carter moved, Mr Simmonds seconded the approval of the contents of the attached 2012/13 Budget and Medium Term Financial Plan 2012-15 and to approve the following proposals:

- (a) the Revenue and Capital Budget proposals for 2012/13;
- (b) the Revenue Budget requirement of £904.321m;
- (c) the Capital Investment proposals of £692.469m over three years, 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;
- (d) the Prudential Indicators as set out in Appendix B of the attached Medium Term Financial Plan;
- (e) the revised Treasury Management Strategy as per section 5 of the MTFP
- (f) the overall Revenue and Capital Budget proposals as presented in the white combed version of the Budget Book and Medium Term Financial Plan for:
 - (i) Adult Social Care and Public Health;
 - (ii) Business Strategy, Performance and Health Reform;
 - (iii) Customer and Communities;
 - (iv) Democracy and Partnerships;
 - (v) Education, Learning and Skills;
 - (vi) Environment, Highways and Waste;
 - (vii) Finance and Business Support;
 - (viii) Regeneration and Enterprise;
 - (ix) Specialist Children's Services
 - (x) Localism & Partnerships;

and to delegate responsibility to the portfolio holders to deliver their responsibilities within the overall resources approved by the County Council subject to the outcome of detailed consultation.

- (g) delegate authority to the Cabinet Member for Finance and Business Support to make the necessary changes to the Revenue Budget requirement and spending plans in light of the final grant settlement
- (h) delegate authority to the Cabinet Member for Finance and Business Support to approve allocations from new Invest to Save Reserve
- (i) 1% pay award for all Kent Scheme staff
- (j) a total requirement from Council Tax of £577,914,417 to be raised through precept to meet the 2012/13 budget requirement; and
- (k) a Council Tax as set out overleaf, 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

(6) Mrs Dean moved, Mr Prater seconded that the recommendation set out in paragraph 56(f) to be amended as follows:

- a. Increase the Youth Service budget by £0.2m (page 32 line 35 of the Budget Book) to re-instate the net reduction in the budget proposed as part of the change to a commissioning model.
- b. Increase the Early Years and Childcare budget by £1.2m (page 31 line 28 of the Budget Book) to re-instate the 23 advisor posts proposed to be deleted as part of the ELS restructure.
- c. Cancel the new charges for mental health clients (£0.16m) and day care placements/transport for all clients (£0.7m) due to be introduced from April 2012 following their deferral during 2011/12.
- d. Reduce the Debt Charges budget by £0.75m (page 41 line 116 of the Budget Book).
- e. Increase the underspend from 2011/12 to be rolled forward to support the 2012/13 budget by £1.51m (page 42 line 119 of the Budget Book).

There would be no impact on the budget requirement or Council Tax as a result of this amendment. Necessary changes would need to be made to individual budget lines and MTFP entries.

(7) Following the debate the Chairman put to the vote the amendment set out in (6) above, when the voting was as follows:

For (7)

Mr I Chittenden, Mr D Daley, Mrs T Dean, Mr G Koowaree, Mr T Prater, Mr M Robertson, Mr M Vye

Against (60)

Mrs A Allen, Mr R Bayford, Mr A Bowles, Mr D Brazier, Mr R Brookbank, Mr R Bullock, Mr R Burgess, Miss S Carey, Mr P Carter, Mr L Christie, Mrs P Cole, Mr B Cope, Mr G Cowan, 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, Mrs E Green, Mr M Harrison, Mr W Hayton, Mr M Hill, Ms A Hohler, Mrs S Hohler, Mr P Homewood, Mr E Hotson, Mr M Jarvis, Mr A King, Mr R King, Mr J Kirby, Mr J Kite, Mr P Lake, Mrs J Law, Mr R Lees, Mr J London, Mr K Lynes, Mr R Manning, Mr A Marsh, Mr M Northey, Mr R Parry, Mr K Pugh, Mrs J Rook, Mr A Sandhu, Mr J Scholes, Mr J Simmonds, Mr C Smith, Mr M Snelling, Mr B Sweetland, Mr R Tolputt, Mrs E Tweed, Mrs C Waters, Mr J Wedgbury, Mr M Whiting, Mrs J Whittle, Mr A Wickham, Mr A Willicombe

Lost

(8) Mr Cowan moved, Mr Christie seconded that the recommendation set out in paragraph 56(f) to be amended as follows:

The page references are drawn from the “Draft for County Council – white combed” edition of the Budget Book 2012/13

DELETE

Council Tax Freeze Grant £14.446m from line 13, p23, “Council Tax Freeze Grant”

ADD

Council Tax £14.446m to line 16, p23, representing a 2.5% rate increase. This would release £7.50m from the Council Tax Equalisation Reserve to be reallocated as follows (changing recommending 56(f) accordingly):

Youth Service £1.50m added to line 35, p32, “Youth Service” to prevent further cuts

Concessionary Fares £0.50m added to line 92, p39 “Concessionary Fares” to commence the service at 9.00 am rather than at 9.30 am.

Supporting People £2.00m added to line 23, p30 “Supporting People” to reduce the impact of the cuts

Voluntary Organisations £1.00m added to line 16, p29 “Contributions to Voluntary Organisations” to help sustain voluntary organisations from cutbacks, particularly those supporting the frail elderly/dementia sufferers

Highways £1.50m added to line 3, p63 “General maintenance and emergency response” to deal with the backlog

Support Independence £0.5m added to line 57, p35, “Supporting Independence & Employment” to expand the number of apprenticeships for vulnerable learners, and £0.5m added to line 24, p30 to expand the number of trainees in employment

The increase in Council Tax would increase the precept on District Councils from £577,914,417 to £592,359,796 and would change recommendation 56(j) in the covering report and the Council Tax to be paid in each band in Recommendation 56(k) as follows:

	Band							
Council Tax for Band	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Original £	698.52	814.94	931.36	1,047.78	1,280.62	1,513.46	1,746.30	2,095.56
Revised £	715.98	835.31	954.64	1,073.97	1,312.63	1,551.29	1,789.95	2,147.94

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

For (3)

Mr L Christie, Mr G Cowan, Mrs E Green

Abstain (2)

Mr I Chittenden, Mr G Koowaree

Against (63)

Mrs A Allen, Mr R Bayford, Mr A Bowles, Mr D Brazier, Mr R Brookbank, Mr R Bullock, Mr R Burgess, Miss S Carey, Mr P Carter, Mrs P Cole, Mr B Cope, Mr H Craske, Mr A Crowther, Mr J Cubitt, Mr D Daley, Mr M Dance, Mr J Davies, Mrs T Dean, Mr K Ferrin, Mr T Gates, Mr G Gibbens, Mr R Gough, Mr M Harrison, Mr W Hayton, Mr C Hibberd, Mr M Hill, Ms A Hohler, Mrs S Hohler, Mr P Homewood, Mr E Hotson, Mr M Jarvis, Mr A King, Mr R King, Mr J Kirby, Mr J Kite, Mr P Lake, Mrs J Law, Mr R Lees, Mr J London, Mr R Long, Mr K Lynes, Mr R Manning, Mr A Marsh, Mr M Northey, Mr R Parry, Mr T Prater, Mr K Pugh, Mr M Robertson, Mrs J Rook, Mr A Sandhu, Mr J Scholes, Mr C Smith, Mr M Snelling, Mr B Sweetland, Mr R Tolputt, Mrs E Tweed, Mr M Vye, Mrs C Waters, Mr J Wedgbury, Mr M Whiting, Mrs J Whittle, Mr A Wickham, Mr A Willicombe

Lost

(10) Mr Robertson moved, Mr Chittenden seconded that the recommendation set out in paragraph 56(f) to be amended as follows:

“Transfer £1m from Financing Items “other” (page 41, line 117 of the Budget Book) proposed as initiatives to boost the economy to be specifically used to support apprenticeship programmes for vulnerable adults and trainees in employment programmes.”

There would be no impact on the budget requirement or Council Tax as a result of this amendment. Necessary changes would need to be made to individual budget lines and MTFP entries.

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

For (10)

Against (58)

Lost

(12) Mr Prater moved, Mr Daley seconded that the recommendation set out in paragraph 56(i) to be amended to:

“Consult with staff on options to EITHER receive this £3m as a 1% increase OR a 1.8% pay award for all Kent Scheme staff on KR9 and below without increasing the top of the range for the KR9 grade (this amendment would cost the same as the £3m identified on page 65 of the Medium Term Financial Plan (appendix A ii) and individual portfolio budgets recalculated to comply with recommendation 56(f).”

There would be no impact on the budget requirement or Council Tax as a result of this amendment. Necessary changes would need to be made to individual budget lines and MTFP entries.

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

For (7)

Mr I Chittenden, Mr D Daley, Mrs T Dean, Mr G Koowaree, Mr T Prater, Mr M Robertson, Mr M Vye

Abstain (1)

Mrs J Whittle

Against (59)

Mrs A Allen, Mr R Bayford, Mr A Bowles, Mr D Brazier, Mr R Brookbank, Mr R Burgess, Miss S Carey, Mr P Carter, Mr L Christie, Mrs P Cole, Mr B Cope, Mr G Cowan, 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, Mrs E Green, Mr M Harrison, Mr W Hayton, Mr C Hibberd, Mr M Hill, Ms A Hohler, Mrs S Hohler, Mr P Homewood, Mr E Hotson, Mr M Jarvis, Mr A King, Mr R King, Mr J Kirby, Mr J Kite, Mr P Lake, Mrs J Law, Mr R Lees, Mr J London, Mr R Long, Mr K Lynes, Mr R Manning, Mr A Marsh, Mr M Northey, Mr R Parry, Mr K Pugh, Mrs J Rook, Mr A Sandhu, Mr J Scholes, Mr J Simmonds, Mr C Smith, Mr M Snelling, Mr R Tolputt, Mrs E Tweed, Mrs C Waters, Mr J Wedgbury, Mr M Whiting, Mr A Wickham, Mr A Willicombe

Lost

(14) Mrs Green moved, Mr Cowan seconded that the recommendation set out in paragraph 56(f) to be amended as follows:

DELETE

Boosting Economy £1.00m from line 117, p41, “Other”

ADD

Youth Service £1.00m to line 35, p32, “Youth Service” to prevent further cutbacks

There would be no impact on the budget requirement or Council Tax as a result of this amendment. Necessary changes would need to be made to individual budget lines and MTFP entries.

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

For (6)

Mr I Chittenden, Mr L Christie, Mr G Cowan, Mrs T Dean, Mrs E Green, Mr M Vye

Abstain (4)

Mr D Daley, Mr G Koowaree, Mr T Prater, Mr M Robertson

Against (56)

Mr R Bayford, Mr A Bowles, Mr D Brazier, Mr R Brookbank, Mr R Burgess, Miss S Carey, Mr P Carter, Mrs P Cole, 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 W Hayton, Mr C Hibberd, Mr M Hill, Ms A Hohler, Mrs S Hohler, Mr P Homewood, Mr E Hotson, Mr M Jarvis, Mr A King, Mr R King, Mr J Kirby, Mr J Kite, Mr P Lake, Mrs J Law, Mr R Lees, Mr J London, Mr R Long, Mr K Lynes, Mr R Manning, Mr A Marsh, Mr M Northey, Mr R Parry, Mr K Pugh, Mrs J Rook, Mr A Sandhu, Mr J Scholes, Mr J Simmonds, Mr C Smith, Mr M Snelling, Mr R Tolputt, Mrs E Tweed, Mrs C Waters, Mr J Wedgbury, Mr M Whiting, Mrs J Whittle, Mr A Wickham, Mr A Willicombe

Lost

(16) Mr Cowan moved, Mrs Green seconded that the recommendation set out in paragraph 56(f) to be amended as follows:

DELETE

Debt Charges £0.75m from line 116, p41, "Net Debt Costs (incl. Investment Income)"

Redundancy Fund £0.75m from line 115, p41,"Modernisation of the Council"

ADD

Highways £1.50m to line 63, p36, "General maintenance and emergency response" to deal with the backlog

There would be no impact on the budget requirement or Council Tax as a result of this amendment. Necessary changes would need to be made to individual budget lines and MTFP entries.

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

For (3)

Mr L Christie, Mr G Cowan, Mrs E Green

Abstain (3)

Mr D Daley, Mr G Koowaree, Mr M Robertson

Against (60)

Mrs A Allen, Mr A Bowles, Mr D Brazier, Mr R Brookbank, Mr R Burgess, Miss S Carey, Mr P Carter, Mr I Chittenden, Mrs P Cole, Mr B Cope, Mr H Craske, Mr A Crowther, Mr J Cubitt, Mr M Dance, Mr J Davies, Mrs T Dean, Mr K Ferrin, Mr T Gates, Mr G Gibbens, Mr R Gough, Mr M Harrison, Mr W Hayton, Mr C Hibberd, Mr M Hill, Ms A Hohler, Mrs S Hohler, Mr P Homewood, Mr E Hotson, Mr M Jarvis, Mr A King, Mr R King, Mr J Kirby, Mr J Kite, Mr P Lake, Mrs J Law, Mr R Lees, Mr J London, Mr R Long, Mr K Lynes, Mr R Manning, Mr A Marsh, Mr M Northey, Mr R Parry, Mr T Prater, Mr K Pugh, Mrs J Rook, Mr A Sandhu, Mr J Scholes, Mr J Simmonds, Mr C Smith, Mr M Snelling, Mr R Tolputt, Mrs E Tweed, Mr M Vye, Mrs C Waters, Mr J Wedgbury, Mr M Whiting, Mrs J Whittle, Mr A Wickham, Mr A Willicombe

Lost

(18) The Chairman stated that the period of time for amendments had expired and, therefore, the Labour Amendment 4 could not be considered.

(19) The Chairman put to the vote the original Motion as set out in (5) above when the voting was as follows:

For (56)

Mrs A Allen, Mr A Bowles, Mr D Brazier, Mr R Brookbank, Mr R Burgess, Miss S Carey, Mr P Carter, Mrs P Cole, 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 W Hayton, Mr C Hibberd, Mr M Hill, Ms A Hohler, Mrs S Hohler, Mr P Homewood, Mr E Hotson, Mr M Jarvis, Mr A King, Mr R King, Mr J Kirby, Mr J Kite, Mr P Lake, Mrs J Law, Mr R Lees, Mr J London, Mr R Long, Mr K Lynes, Mr R Manning, Mr A Marsh, Mr M Northey, Mr R Parry, Mr K Pugh, Mrs J Rook, Mr A Sandhu, Mr J Scholes, Mr J Simmonds, Mr C Smith, Mr M Snelling, Mr R Tolputt, Mrs E Tweed, Mrs C Waters, Mr J Wedgbury, Mr M Whiting, Mrs J Whittle, Mr A Wickham, Mr A Willicombe

Against (10)

Mr I Chittenden, 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 Vye

Carried

(20) Resolved:

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and to delegate responsibility to the portfolio holders to deliver their responsibilities within the overall resources approved by the County Council subject to the outcome of detailed consultation.

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102. Her Majesty the Queen's Diamond Jubilee

With the support of Members the Chairman stated that she would write formally on behalf of the Council to Her Majesty the Queen congratulating her on her Diamond Jubilee.