



SUMMONS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A MEETING OF THE HART DISTRICT COUNCIL WILL BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC OFFICES, HARLINGTON WAY, FLEET ON THURSDAY 30 MARCH 2017 AT 7.00 PM

Joint Chief Executive

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AGENDA

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1 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

To confirm the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 23 February 2017. **Paper A**

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To declare disclosable pecuniary, and any other, interests.

4 COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 12 – QUESTIONS BY THE PUBLIC

To receive any questions from members of the public submitted pursuant to Council Procedure Rule 12.

*Note: The text of any question under Council Procedure Rule 12 must be given to the Chief Executive not later than **Noon on Friday, 24 March 2017.***

5 COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 14 – QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

To receive any questions from Members submitted pursuant to Council Procedure Rule 14.

*Note: The text of any question under Council Procedure Rule 14.3 must be given to the Chief Executive not later than **5.00 pm on Monday, 27 March 2017.***

The text of any question under Council Procedure Rule 14.4 must be submitted to the Chief Executive before 10.00 am on Thursday, 30 March 2017.

6 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

7 CABINET MEMBERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS

8 CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

9 MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

The Minutes of the following Committees, which met on the dates shown, are submitted.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14.1, Members are allowed to put questions at Council without Notice in respect of any matters in the Minutes to the Leader of the Council or any Chairman of the relevant meeting at the time those Minutes are received by Council.

Meeting	Date	Page Numbers	For Decision
Staffing	14 February 2017	1-2	Minute 5 - Pay Policy Statement Financial Year 2017-18
Planning	8 February 2017	74-81	
Overview & Scrutiny	21 February 2017	22-25	
Cabinet	2 March 2017	45-48	131 - Winchfield Neighbourhood Plan - Bringing into Legal force
Planning	8 March 2017		

Date of Despatch: 21 March 2017

COUNCIL

Date and Time: Thursday, 23 February 2017 at 7.00 pm

Place: Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Fleet

Present:

COUNCILLORS –

Southern - (Chairman)

Ambler	Crampton	Morris
Axam	Crisp	Neighbour
Bailey	Crookes	Oliver
Billings	Dickens	Parker
Blewett	Forster	Radley (James)
Burchfield	Gray	Radley (Jenny)
Butler	Harward	Renshaw
Clarke	Kennett	Wheale
Cockarill	Kinnell	Wright
Collett	Leeson	

Officers Present:

Daryl Phillips	Joint Chief Executive
Gill Chapman	Committee Services

88 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 26 January 2017 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

89 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Gorys and Makepeace-Browne.

90 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were made.

91 COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 12 – QUESTIONS BY THE PUBLIC

None received.

92 COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 14 – QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

None received.

93 CHAIRMANS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman had attended the following events on behalf of the Council.

- 9 February 2017 Opening of Pound World in Fleet High Street
- 10 February 2017 Mayor of Bracknell Forest Burns Night, Bracknell
- 11 February 2017 Installation of the Dean of Winchester at Winchester Cathedral and Reception

On behalf of the Chairman, Councillor Kennett had attended the Wildfire Prevention Campaign Launch with Hampshire Police on the 6 February 2017 in the Council Chamber.

94 CABINET MEMBERS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Leader of the Council, **Councillor Parker**, announced:

I have encountered the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government twice at events in the last month or so, and I have taken the opportunity to raise with him a couple of issues of importance to Hart, and others. The first was the proposal to remove New Homes Bonus from developments permitted at appeal. The point is that Inspectors routinely judge whether the grounds for refusal are reasonable in order to assess whether costs may be awarded, and in such cases it is unreasonable to penalise a council in this way when separately judged to be acting reasonably in refusing an application. The second matter is where an authority not intrinsically affected by Green Belt, but is vicariously threatened by potential unmet need arising from a neighbour's Green Belt. In both cases he agreed to take the matter away for further consideration.

Members will be aware that a number of members, and one member of the public, attended a meeting with senior officers at Hampshire County Council to discuss secondary schooling needs. HCC officers shared their current thinking and answered a number of questions, although as the comments were of an interim nature members will understand that the detail remains confidential in a public forum. They made it clear that local schooling remains their priority. They will be publishing their conclusions shortly, in time to be considered along with the Regulation 18 Local Plan consultation anticipated in the next three or four weeks. They are continuing to work closely with our planning policy officers in Petersfield.

The Cabinet Member for Corporate Services, **Councillor Burchfield**, reported:

- I Members may recall that, as part of the 5 Councils partnership, you delegated authority to me and the Joint Chief Executive to explore what further services could be included within the partnership.

With this in mind, we asked for a proposal to bring contact centre services within the Partnership. Having had the opportunity to review the proposal, both the opportunities and risks, it has reconfirmed the very good quality and value that we are achieving through working collaboratively with our adjacent council, Basingstoke and Deane and it is our intention to reconfirm this shared service moving forward.

- 2 Every two years, across all Hampshire Public Sector organisations, a civil emergency exercise is carried out to test strategic response to a major incident. The aim is to develop staff competencies and give them practice in carrying out their roles in an emergency situation, test well established procedures and validate plans.

For the first time in many years, this exercise, known as Livex is being carried out in the Hart area on the 29th June. Details of the scenario being tested is confidential, but we welcome the opportunity to be a major player in this important multi-agency event.

- 3 Details of the Staffing Committee held last week will be brought to Council next month, however, Councillors may be interested to note that each Council is required to calculate and publish the median salary of their staff versus the highest paid employees of the Council. For Hart this figure is 3.48, Basingstoke is 4.7, East Hants is 4.8 and Test Valley is 5.1. This reflects how we have professionalised our organisation, seeking shared services or outsourcing those roles that are more transactional – and with shared responsibilities at the top tier of the organisation Hart doesn't have the high salaries others do for their Chief Execs.

- 4 I was at the Rotherwick Parish Council meeting last night where one of our district wide police officers informed the Council of a wave or recent burglaries in Hart. Since the 1st of January 2017, Hampshire Constabulary have had the following burglary incidents reported for the North Hart Policing district which covers Eversley down to Hook and everything west of the M3);

- Burglaries in a dwelling – 12
- Burglaries in a non-dwelling (sheds, garages etc.) – 25

This is large crime spike that is not typical of the crime trends year on year for Hart North. The majority of these incidents happened overnight between 15th and 26th of January 2017. Between Wednesday the 25th to the 29th, Hart north Neighbourhood Policing Team in conjunction with Roads Policing Unit and the Dog Handling Unit, carried out nightly overt and covert operations to deter, detect and detain the suspects. Following these operations the numbers of new burglaries being reported dropped to the pre January levels.

The police suspect that recent wave was a small number of individuals working together to 'hit' the rural areas over a short period of time before moving on. I would ask that all members inform their Parish Councils and Neighbourhood Watch teams as well as encourage residents to report anything they deem suspicious to 101.

- 5 As The Vine Centre is the Chairman's chosen charity this year and as a board trustee, I would like to invite all members to join us for our 30th anniversary Charity Masquerade Ball on Friday, 24th March at the Village Hotel in Farnborough. Tickets are £50 and include a three course meal, live entertainment, disco, and raffle. Dress is black tie and masks are optional.

Please email me if you are interested. It will be a fun evening for a worthwhile cause.

- 6 Finally, the Leader and I, as well as the Joint Chief Executive will be at the LGC awards on Wednesday March 8th where we are shortlisted in the Most Innovative Service Delivery Model category – we put in a strong case so you never know, we may return with some silverware!

The Cabinet Member for Community Wellbeing, **Councillor Crampton**, had no announcements.

The Cabinet Member for Economic Development, **Councillor Crookes**, announced:

Members may be aware of the increases in business rates across the country and the issues this is causing. Whilst Hart District Council collects the rates they do not do the rating itself. The Head of Finance and myself have looked at business rates across the district and some have increases and some have a reduction.

The Cabinet Member for Environment, **Councillor Forster**, announced:

Today Councillor Leeson and I were at the South West Trains (SWT) stakeholder conference. Many of the improvements we are seeking will depend on the franchise renewal in April, but we focused on cycle provision and the need for more capacity with more fast trains and extra parking. SWT are receptive and want to meet with our planning team on the local plan and also developers as easy engagement is critical.

I would like to remind Members about the proposed works at Waterloo in August, when, from 5 to 28 August inclusive, work will start to extend platforms. Under 50% of the scheduled trains will be running from Fleet, affecting commuters enormously. SWT are publicising this heavily to make sure the public are aware. To keep up with the plans see SWT's website: <https://www.southwesttrains.co.uk/plan-your-journey/planned-improvements/wswupgrade/>

Streets - new bins are ordered for installation next month. Quotes for the removal of chewing gum are to be considered next Monday, and we are meeting with East Hants next Tuesday to agree arrangements for introduction of the litter and dog fouling enforcement. Initial publicity has already commenced.

Great British Spring Clean - This is running from the 3rd - 5th March, as per last year the countryside team are working with Hartley Wintney Parish Council on a litter pick in Hartley Wintney.

Fly tipping - at the recent PI meeting there was discussion on HCCs prevention of fly tipping strategy, Basingstoke are currently seeking quotes for new CCTV cameras which can be used by us in fly tip enforcement. Also whilst we cannot publish details, we can confirm that we are currently working on a couple of prosecutions that we hope will be going to court shortly. We are also setting up a workshop with Elvetham Heath parish.

Waste tender - A report will go to Cabinet next week seeking approval to go to tender. Initial expressions of interest are currently being evaluated, and will be going to tender in April. I can confirm that we have had significant interest from the market.

Flooding – we are working to develop an improved format for the Parish flood forum meetings based upon Odiham and Dogmersfield as initiated by Ken Crookes, which works! I would like to draw Councillors attention to the issue of wet wipes being flushed, which is in the forefront of the media at the moment. The blocked pipes are only the beginning of the problem.

New Speed Indicator Devices - We have just taken delivery of some new speed indicator devices that we will shortly be installing at various locations around the district for two weeks at a time. Detailed information will then be shared with Speedwatch and police to identify where safety initiatives may be necessary.

In **Councillor Gorys'** absence Councillor Parker reported that he, Councillor Gorys, Mr Vallance and Mr Turner paid a visit to South Norfolk Council, to hear about their experiences of running trading companies. They have a structure of companies - a holding company, management, development, building services and others, all helping South Norfolk Council to build houses commercially for its residents. It was a very interesting visit, and learning about their experiences on trading companies will help us develop our proposals to help fund the council in the future.

The Cabinet Member for Regulatory Services, **Councillor Kennett**, reported:

On 27 January I attended a meeting of the Hampshire Police and Crime Panel at which the Commissioner presented his first Policing Plan and Budget for the coming year. Previously he had been broadly operating the Plan devised by his predecessor. The new Plan has ten objectives, and the Panel commented that more specificity would be helpful as the year progresses. In the afternoon the panel heard evidence from a range of organisations who are concerned with Restorative Justice in Hampshire. Continuing this is an objective of the Commissioner and the panel will be publishing a report on this in coming weeks.

On 6 February I attended, on behalf of the Chairman, the launch of a Police programme aimed at deterring young people getting into unpleasant situations as a result of sexting and other risky behaviour on the internet. Rather than devising a media message they thought would be effective, they held a competition among all the secondary schools in Hampshire to see what the young people thought. One thing they learned was that 15 year olds do not refer to it as "sexting"; rather worryingly they use the term "sending nudes".

The competition was won by a team of pupils at Robert Mays School in Odiham with two short animated films. These are available on Facebook and on the Hampshire Police website and are being circulated to schools in Hampshire and beyond. It is hoped that members will be able to see both the films and the story behind them when the pupils from Robert Mays come to make a presentation to Council.

On 16 February, Councillor Butler and I went to a meeting at Basingstoke of the Joint Governance Committee reviewing the shared Licensing service. Good progress has been made in the first year, particularly in streamlining documentation and procedures, where Basingstoke were further advanced than Hart. Basingstoke found that the time required on Hart's cases was greater than they expected but requests for extra costs were successfully declined.

On 17 February I attended a meeting at Rushmoor between the representatives from Basingstoke, Hart and Rushmoor councils who oversee Safer Northants, the semi autonomous entity formed by the Community Safety departments of the three councils. Here again progress has been made, although slowed by absence and illness of key staff. A slimmer organisation has been adopted and a combination of this, and a different allocation of costs, has resulted in substantial savings to Hart in future.

The Cabinet Member for Town and Village Regeneration, **Councillor Morris**, reported:

Postal ballot papers were sent out today to all Fleet businesses involved with the Fleet Business Improvement District, known as the Fleet BID. The ballot finishes on 23 March and the results will be announced on 24 March. I'm sure we all wish Fleet's Business Forum, who are driving and managing the BID process, success in their endeavours in bringing together Fleet businesses to encourage retail growth and prosperity.

95 JOINT CHIEF EXECUTIVES' REPORT

The Joint Chief Executives had nothing substantive to report.

96 MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

Meeting

Date

Audit Committee

6 December 2016

No questions asked.

Minute 24 - Appointment of External Auditor

RESOLVED

That this Council opts in to the appointing person arrangements made by Public Sector Audit Appointments (PSAA) for the appointment of external auditors.

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

17 January 2017

Councillor Clarke referred to item 76, which asked Cabinet to consider the merit of considering a peer review from the LGA. He asked when that would be considered. Councillor Parker replied that he had discussed this with the Joint Chief Executives, and agreed that this fitted in with consideration and updating of the Corporate Plan, which would be done somewhere around Autumn of this year.

Planning Committee

8 February 2017

No questions asked.

Cabinet

2 February 2017

No questions asked.

Cabinet

9 February 2017

No questions asked.

97 BUDGET 2017/18

Members considered the summary of the Cabinet's revenue and capital budget recommendations for 2017/18 to enable them to calculate and approve Council Tax requirements for 2017/18.

Members also considered the Head of Corporate Services statutory statement to Council on the robustness of the estimate and adequacy of its reserves.

Councillor Crookes proposed the recommendations, seconded by Councillor Radley (James).

Members considered the report and recommendations. After a vote the recommendations were carried.

For the Recommendation: Ambler, Axam, Bailey, Billings, Blewett, Burchfield, Butler, Clarke, Cockarill, Collett, Crampton, Crisp, Crookes, Dickens, Forster, Gray, Harward, Kennett, Kinnell, Leeson, Morris, Neighbour, Oliver, Parker, Radley (James), Radley (Jenny), Renshaw, Southern, Wheale, Wright

Against: None

Abstentions: None

DECISION

I That the following be resolved:

I.1 That the Council Tax Base for 2017/18 be noted

- (a) for the whole Council area as 39,444.23 [Item T in the formula in Section 31B(1) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the "Act")]; and
- (b) for dwellings in those parts of its area to which a Parish precept relates as in Appendix IA of the report.

I.2 That the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2017/18 (excluding Parish precepts) is £6,383,654.

- 1.3 That the following amounts be calculated for the year 2017/18 in accordance with Sections 31 and 34 to 36 of the Act:
- (a) £40,703,805 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act taking into account all precepts issued to it by Parish Councils.
 - (b) £31,351,111 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.
 - (c) £ 9,352,694 being the amount by which the aggregate at 3(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 3(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) £237.11 being the amount at 3(c) above (Item R), all divided by Item T (1(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year (including Parish precepts).
 - (e) £2,969,040 being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act (as per Column 2 of Appendix 1A to the report).
 - (f) £161.84 being the amount at 3(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 3(e) above by Item T (1(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no Parish precept relates.
 - (g) The amounts set out in column 6 of Appendix 1A of the report for each part of the Council's area being the amounts given by adding to the amount at 3(f) above the amounts of the special items relating to dwellings in those parts of the Council's area mentioned in Appendix 1A of the report divided in each case by the amount at 1(b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 34 of the Act, as the basic amounts of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate.
 - (h) The amounts set out in columns 1 to 9 of Appendix 1B of the report for each part of the Council's area being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at 3(g) 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 listed in different valuation bands.

- 2 That it be noted that for the year 2017/18 the Hampshire County Council, and the Police & Crime Commissioner for Hampshire and the Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority have stated the following amounts in precepts issued to the Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of dwellings below:

Valuation Band	Hampshire County Council (£)	Hampshire Fire & Rescue (£)	Police & Crime Commissioner for Hampshire (£)
A(R)	629.50	35.47	91.92
A	755.40	42.56	110.31
B	881.30	49.65	128.69
C	1,007.20	56.75	147.08
D	1,133.10	63.84	165.46
E	1,384.90	78.03	202.23
F	1,636.70	92.21	239.00
G	1,888.50	106.40	275.77
H	2,266.20	127.68	330.92

- 3 That, having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 3(h) and 2.2 above, the Council, in accordance with section 30(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the amounts shown in Appendix 1D of the report as the amounts of Council Tax for the year 2017/18 for each of the categories of dwellings in each of the Parishes.
- 4 That for the purposes of section 35 (2) (d) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, any expenses incurred by the District Council in the financial year 2017/18 in performing functions in a part of the district which elsewhere in the district are performed by a Parish Council, shall not be special expenses of the District Council.
- 5 That the fees and charges for 2017/18 as set out in Appendix 2 of the report be approved.
- 6 That the budget changes set out in Appendix 3 of the report be approved.
- 7 That the revised Capital Programme for 2016/17 to 2017/18 as detailed in Appendix 4 of the report be approved.
- 8 That the Section 151 officer's statutory report regarding the robustness of the estimates and the adequacy of reserves detailed in paragraph 13 of the report be noted.

The meeting closed at 7.45 pm

COUNCIL

Date and Time: Thursday, 30 March 2017 at 7.10 pm

Place: Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Fleet

Present:

COUNCILLORS –

Southern - (Chairman)

Ambler	Crookes	Morris
Bailey	Dickens	Neighbour
Billings	Forster	Oliver
Blewett	Gray	Parker
Burchfield	Gorys	Radley (James)
Butler	Harward	Radley (Jenny)
Clarke	Kennett	Renshaw
Cockarill	Leeson	Wheale
Crampton	Makepeace-Brown	Wright

Officers Present:

Patricia Hughes	Joint Chief Executive
Gill Chapman	Committee Services

Prior to the start of the meeting Members observed a minute's silence to reflect on the terrorism atrocities that took place in London on 22nd March 2017.

98 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 23 February 2017 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

99 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Councillors Axam, Collett, Crisp and Kinnell.

100 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were made.

101 COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 12 – QUESTIONS BY THE PUBLIC

None received.

I02 COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 14 – QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

Questions received from Members, and responses, are detailed in Appendix A to these minutes.

I03 CHAIRMANS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman had attended the following events on behalf of the Council.

4 March 2017	Basingstoke Mayor Spring Charity Concert, the Anvil, Basingstoke
18 March 2017	Greenfields Junior School - opening of new building and celebration of 40 th birthday year
19 March 2017	Hampshire County Council Chairman's Concert, the Anvil, Basingstoke
25 March 2017	Pelly Concert "All That Jazz" – Church on the Heath.

The Vice Chairman had attended the following events on behalf of the Chairman:

10 March 2017	Mayor Rushmoor Charity Ball, Princes Hall, Aldershot
27 March 2017	Judging at the Great Station Cake Off at RAF Odiham

On behalf of the Chairman, Councillor Parker had attended the Fleet Pond Society Annual General Meeting on 18 February 2017, to present the Chairman's Award to the Volunteer of the Year.

The Chairman reminded Members that he would be holding his third Charity Dinner on 22 May 2017 at the Courtyard Café in Hartley Wintney, and was looking forward to seeing Councillors there.

I04 CABINET MEMBERS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Leader of the Council, **Councillor Parker**, announced:

Following the Housing White Paper publication, I have been seeking better understanding of its impact on Hart. To that end, I have been attending a number of events where it has been discussed. This includes the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Local Government Association, of which I am Vice Chairman, on 3rd March; an event jointly hosted by South East England Councils and the LGA Economy, Environment, Housing and Transport policy board on 6th March, at which the minister Mr. Gavin Barwell MP spoke; and a seminar run by the District Councils Network on 24th March.

Some members are aware that I have been appointed by the LGA to chair the Planning Advisory Service Governance Board; members may know that the Planning Advisory Service has in the past held a number of training events for members and officers as well as providing valuable advice in planning policy matters. DCLG has recently reduced funding, and thus the board has to review its programme. The first meeting under my chairmanship was on 23rd March.

Following the consultation conducted by Fleet Town Council regarding the Harlington, their Chairman, Councillor Bob Schofield, has contacted us to arrange a meeting to discuss we take things forward. It is likely to take place next week.

Finally I thought members might like a little good news. Following Hart's bid to the Homes and Communities Agency for capacity funding for large sites and housing zones, and after DCLG moderation, Hart has been awarded £20,000.

The Cabinet Member for Corporate Services, **Councillor Burchfield**, reported that Members and Officers had attended the LGC awards as Hart had been nominated for an award. Unfortunately we did not win.

The Cabinet Member for Community Wellbeing, **Councillor Crampton**, announced:

The NHS is facing a funding gap as demand continues to increase and the money the NHS receives will not keep pace with demand. To tackle the deficit, the NHS is rearranging A&E provision and amalgamating departments. There are still ongoing decisions to be made about the building of a critical care hospital locally. The NHS is also placing more emphasis on self help and prevention. Hart Council is helping to do this in two ways. Firstly, we are offering support, providing information and working partnership with other agencies through our Health and Wellbeing Board and contributing to the consideration of new ways of working across the health and care system through sustainability and transformation plans.

Secondly, we are promoting healthy weight and physical activity, which leads me into our new leisure centre which is to open on 1st April. A group of us on the Leisure Centre Working Group were shown around the leisure centre last week. We all felt very pleased with the building, equipment and pools - everything in fact apart from the internal décor which some of us felt was too orange and green, but you will be able to judge for yourselves on Saturday. Also I would like to mention that another round of Everyone Active's 'Sporting Champions' funding is available. This scheme provides funding and support for talented athletes across the UK. It would be wonderful to have someone from Hart win one of these awards. For more information go to the website www.easportingchampions.com

I would also like to announce that we have teamed up with our partners in Rushmoor and Waverley to organize a special wellbeing day and two week festival from 7th to 21st May.

On Sunday 7th May at the Aldershot Garrison sports centre there will be a 'One You' wellbeing day, a free fun event for all ages. Between 11 am and 3 pm there will be free health checks for those aged 40 to 74 as well as advice and demonstrations on health related topics. From Monday 8th May to 21st May we will be encouraging people to move more with a range of free, discounted or low cost physical activities across Hart, Rushmoor and Waverley. For more information go the website www.hart.gov.uk/oneyou.

The Cabinet Member for Economic Development, **Councillor Crookes**, announced:

On Friday March 17th Hart Council, together with the Hampshire Chamber of Commerce hosted its first “Meet your Member of Parliament Business Breakfast”. Ranil Jayawardena MP spoke on a wide range of economic and business issues and took questions from the audience of local businesses.

On March 23rd I attended the Town and Country Planning Association (TCPA) Spring Conference. The Conference theme was “Let’s get building! Financing and delivering new large-scale communities – innovation and opportunities”.

The significant learning point was that Local Authorities have significant value to add in delivering larger scale new communities, and that they should engage positively as a partner as early as possible in such schemes.

The Cabinet Member for Environment, **Councillor Forster**, announced:

I believe most are aware that the SWT Rail franchise has been awarded to First MTR who will be taking over from Stagecoach from 20 August this year. The Leader of Council has already been in touch and they have indicated some improvements that they are planning. As chair of the Blackwater Valley Transport Advisory Committee I have invited them to attend the meeting on April 5th and am awaiting confirmation. Councillors are welcome to attend if they wish to hear what they have to say.

The Waste tender is on track and the JGG met last week - responses from all the invited bidders are expected, and we are currently running slightly ahead of schedule. We have a bidders day at the start of April, and the formal ITT will then be issued. Note we currently have one additional experienced member of the team (who formerly worked for BDBC) who stated shadowing Maria Massarella who will soon be taking maternity leave.

The Waste Service is running well, although last week there was 24hrs disruption on 2 rounds due to staff illness. Residents were kept informed, and the information on the delay was notified on our website by officers the same day. The crews worked late over 2 days and were able to ensure collections were carried out within a day.

CCTV Helen Lolly, Environmental Health Manager at Rushmoor, who supports Hart’s CCTV activities through the JGG, will be leaving shortly after 21 years service: We wish her all the best.

The electric vehicle day queried by Councillor Radley was a success, with a few hundred residents attending and visitors from Farnham, Aldershot and even Bournemouth. It was a pleasure to see Councillors Gorys, Morris, Parker and Wheale also came along with a number of officers - including John Elson, Les Murrell (who organised the day) and Amy Summers. I was glad we had a selection of vehicles from £15,000 upwards, as well as an Electric Van and a range of electric bicycles. It was notable that we had a real cross section of the public attending, including young and elderly.

A number of street waste bins have been upgraded at low cost with cigarette butt receptacles retro fitted in Fleet and elsewhere. Litter and dog fouling enforcement will be starting soon, with the publicity campaign as agreed with Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Following on from awareness created following Councillor Wheale's efforts in painting Fleet Blue. Fleet Lions raised a significant amount, and are offering free PSA tests next week at Fleet hospital, which should be prebooked with the Lions – details are on the Fleet Lions website www.fleetlions.org.uk

The Cabinet member for Housing, **Councillor Gorys'** reported:

The Housing Strategy and Development Team have arranged 2 well attended events recently:

Firstly, on the 14th March, Hart and Rushmoor held a joint shared ownership event at Rushmoor's Council Offices. Local housing associations, Help to Buy South, and independent financial advisers joined officers from both Councils and provided information and advice to just under 300 people. This was a great turnout and feedback from attendees was really positive.

On 23rd March officers from the Housing Strategy & Development and Housing Options teams held a consultation event at the recently completed Wickham Court - a Sentinel housing scheme comprising of 41 apartments for people aged 55 and over. The aim of the event was to establish what residents thought was good about their accommodation and what improvements they thought could be made to help inform how new developments and allocations to the properties could be improved in the future. Residents were really engaged with the event and analysis of their comments will be carried out in the next few months. The results will be fed back to Sentinel and will also be used to help inform new developments.

My thanks to Nicola Harpham, Alison Smithen, Katy Herrington, Gemma Watts and Vicky Atkinson for their work on these events, which were a great success.

In terms of funding achievements:

Work undertaken by Nicola Harpham has ensured the Council has received the full £25k allocation from the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) "Community Housing Fund". Having received half the money already the Council was required to provide an outline of how they would make use of the funding and satisfy DCLG this plan was robust in order to receive the full amount. Housing Services have developed a plan alongside partners involved in the Hampshire Alliance for Rural Affordable Housing (HARAH) and will be working with local voluntary sector and community groups to look at opportunities to increase community engagement in meeting local housing needs.

You will all be aware that Hart has been successful in leading a bid for Homelessness Prevention Trailblazer funding of £385k to work in partnership with Rushmoor to develop the local approach to preventing homelessness. I can confirm that the Housing team has worked closely with Rushmoor Borough Council's Housing Options Manager to recruit to 3 posts, a Transition & Partnerships Manager, and 2 Health & Wellbeing Officers. These posts will be instrumental in supporting us to develop the trailblazer across both areas and improve the way we deliver local services for people who are homeless or threatened with homelessness. The team

will shortly be out to advert again to recruit an Employment and Training Officer to complete the Hart & Rushmoor "Trailblazer" team.

Finally, having mentioned a bid we had already submitted for further DCLG domestic abuse funding at a recent Full Council meeting, I am now happily able to confirm that Hart has attracted a further £312k to support victims of domestic abuse across Hampshire. This enables the continuity of a number of elements of the Hampshire Making Safe Scheme, which, as lead authority for the County, Hart achieved £905k previously. This new money will ensure ongoing support is available for domestic abuse victims within the scheme, including target hardening to enable people to continue to live safely in their homes, and an additional boost for helping victims of domestic abuse access private rented sector accommodation across the 11 districts. Hart has therefore played an instrumental role in securing over £1.2m to help victims of abuse in Hampshire, and I'd like to express my thanks to Kirsty Jenkins and Vicky Atkinson in the housing team for their work on securing this additional funding.

Councillor Gorys also referenced a recent issue of homelessness, details of which had appeared on social media. He cautioned everyone that the use of social media could be counter-productive in some situations and should be used with care.

The Cabinet Member for Regulatory Services, **Councillor Kennett**, reported:

At a recent meeting of the Community Safety Strategic Partnership, which I chaired, the local police commanders briefed us on the latest Peel Report. Each year H.M. Inspector of Constabulary publishes a PEEL report on every Police Force in the country. PEEL, apart from being the name of the founder of the modern police, is an acronym for Police Efficiency, Effectiveness and Legitimacy. They review one of these aspects each year and this year it is Effectiveness.

The Hampshire Police Force is rated overall as "Requires Improvement", particularly in areas such as responding to Domestic Violence and protecting vulnerable people, and also the way they investigate crime. The good news is that the Inspectorate was "impressed" by the way the police interact with partner agencies and names the Safer North Hampshire community safety partnership as being a good example of how to operate. This is a good endorsement of what we have done in pooling our department with those of Rushmoor and Basingstoke.

Separately, at a recent meeting of the Hart and Rushmoor Domestic Abuse Forum which I attended, a guest speaker from the Office of the Hampshire Police and Crime Commissioner stated that the Forum was considered to be "the gold standard" among all similar bodies in the county.

Lastly, I would like to remind councillors of the private briefing session on Regulatory Services next Monday evening. I would urge as many of you as possible to come and find out more about all the work done by the unsung heroes who provide a range of core services of the council, many of them statutory. Nick Steevens and his team have put together an excellent overview which will be of interest to councillors generally and particularly to anyone who may aspire to oversee the department at any time in the future.

The Cabinet Member for Town and Village Regeneration, **Councillor Morris**, reported:

The planning of Church Road Car Park refurbishment is now moving ahead at pace and the resurfacing, which is just one element, is planned to commence in August when the car parks are least busy. Within a month the project datelines will be published along with a comprehensive press release informing all residents of any disruption to Church Road car parks function. Hart has now obtained an agreement with the owners of the service yard within Church Road car park and plans are now being put in place to paint parking bays within this area to facilitate parking enforcement. The car park traffic order will be amended to legalise this enforcement.

Having carried out a car park review plans are in the embryonic stages to refurbish Hartley Witney's car park. This car park is considered poorly designed and not functional for modern car park use. Hartley Wintney Parish Council has been approached and their input, along with our infrastructure officer's expertise, will mean a better and safer car park can be introduced.

Business Improvement District (BID) - The Ballot was a resounding yes, some 68% in favour of going forwards with this initiative. The next process will see the BID management engaging with Hart officers and myself to carry this project forward.

I was fortunate to attend last week in Liverpool a Regeneration Conference which showcased the transformation of run down buildings and brownfield sites in and around the city of Liverpool including its docklands. There has been a common and successful trend in Liverpool's holistic regeneration which Hart could learn lessons from.

The City Council's early involvement, engaging with business forums, business associations, Architects, Building Companies at home and abroad, Local Enterprise Partnerships, schools, and emergency services providers was seen as essential to formulate the real needs of all sectors across the community. Their Local Plan and Neighbourhood plans also formed a key driving force to help deliver the much needed changes. No political committees were formed including the aforementioned parties and zonal regeneration plans in the form of master plans were produced by these committees. These were not developer led but were seen as the present and future requirement to successfully bring forward all the Councils regeneration goals.

Liverpool's regeneration to date and its ongoing work has been an enormous piece of project management that has brought together many sectors of the population. Key players have been industry experts bring forward proven schemes of work and crucially the management and funding of that work.

Another strong message that came out of the Conference was that there is plenty of money available to finance regeneration projects if sound business plans were put together. These funds could either be from government or the private sector. Although government may not prioritise Hart when allocating funds as we are perceived as being a wealthy area, it should not prevent putting forwards financial requests.

So where could Hart learn from this? Removing the politics from regeneration or other projects that serve the community would be a good start. Employing officers with project management skill sets, and also having at least one officer who would work solely on fund raising for projects across the district.

In the coming months I intend to work with both Joint Executives so that Hart can look to utilise some of Liverpool's models which brought forward their regeneration success stories.

105 JOINT CHIEF EXECUTIVES' REPORT

The Joint Chief Executives had nothing substantive to report.

106 MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

Meeting	Date
Staffing Committee	14 February 2017

No questions asked.

Minute 5 – Pay Policy Statement Financial Year 2017-18

RESOLVED

That the Pay Policy, attached as Appendix A to the minutes, be approved.

Overview and Scrutiny Committee	21 February 2017
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No questions asked.

Cabinet	2 March 2017
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No questions asked.

Minute 131 – Winchfield Neighbourhood Plan – Bringing Into Legal Force

RESOLVED

That under Section 38A(4) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 the Winchfield Neighbourhood Plan be 'made' (brought into legal force) to form part of the statutory Hart Development Plan with immediate effect.

Planning Committee	8 March 2017
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No questions asked.

Item 103 & 104 – Departure to the Local Plan – Schoolfield Corner, Church Lane, Dogmersfield *

RESOLVED

This Departure to the Local Plan was deemed to be REFUSED as per the Minutes.

* The development site lies in the open countryside outside the defined settlement boundaries in an area where development would not normally be permitted. The Planning Committee was not minded to refuse the application on the grounds of Policy RUR2. This would have been contrary to Policy and the delegated powers to the Planning Committee by the Council do not allow the Committee to take a decision contrary to such a Policy without referring the matter to Full Council.

The meeting closed at 7.45 pm

QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

Councillor James Radley asked:

Please can the portfolio holder for car parks reassure residents that the recent 'electric car track day' in Church Road car park proceeded with full and adequate third party liability insurance?

Councillor Morris responded:

Each exhibitor who intended to allow any member of the public to drive a demonstrator car out of church road car park and to demonstrate or test drive on public roads took it upon themselves to check each drivers validity to drive such a car in the same way they would at their normal place of work. The demonstrator cars were all fully comprehensively insured.

The event was not a track day and vehicle movement was managed to protect public safety. The closest private track is at Transport Research Laboratory site in Crowthorne but this public event saw test drives only on local roads and compliant with the law.

Events within Hart's car parks are normally covered by current public liability insurance. However, as this event involved demonstration vehicles being parked within Church Road car park and then being demonstrated on public roads, Hart requested assurance from its insurance brokers that the event had the proper insurance cover. Confirmation that the event was adequately covered was given.

Councillor Radley asked a supplementary question:

Did you ask the insurer for confirmation before or after my question?

Councillor Morris responded:

To be candid, after.

Councillor James Radley asked:

Did the council seek to cover 'lost car parking revenue' from those electric car dealerships which benefited from this promotional event?

Councillor Morris responded:

The introduction of electric vehicle charging points into church road car park was sanctioned at cabinet and received encouraging cross party support from individuals from other political party members, Community Campaign Hart and Liberal Democrats, with laudatory support from Councillor Neighbour, Leader of the Liberal Democrats at the subject Cabinet meeting, where he congratulated Councillor Forster for bringing forward such an ambitious and forward thinking initiative.

The natural progression was then to demonstrate to the public which vehicles can use such a sustainable facility and so Councillor Forster asked our energy and environment officer (who we share with Rushmoor) to arrange the event.

The day was a great success where the sun shone on the "right- eous" as expected and the feedback from the many residents who attended said the event was extremely interesting and informative. A number of local electric vehicle owners also attended and some indicated Hart's charger initiative had acted as a catalyst and helped them go electric. They also appreciated the focus at the event for electrically assisted bicycles

As predicted from previous trends none of Fleet's car parks were full at any time during the event particularly Church Road car park and as a car park needs to be turning cars away before revenue is lost, none was lost. Even though Church Road car park capacity wasn't exceeded each electric vehicle event exhibitor had been instructed to purchase valid day parking tickets for the cars on display in the same way everyone using the car park is expected to so. In reality the event probably raised revenue as some visitors came from Aldershot, Farnham and as far afield as Bournemouth and Winchester just to attend this Fleet event, and subsequently also visited our retailers in Fleet high street.

Councillor Radley asked a supplementary question:

Could the Member confirm that the policy of the car park needing to be full and turning cars away before revenue is lost is Council Policy and will be applied to other events in the future.

Councillor Morris responded:

I will look into it.