HAVANT BOROUGH COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Council held on 7 December 2016

Present

Councillor Ponsonby (Mayor)

Councillors Bains, Mrs Blackett, Bowerman, Briggs, Branson, Buckley, Carpenter, Cheshire, Cresswell, Fairhurst, Francis, Guest, Hart, Howard, Hughes, Keast, Kerrin, Lenaghan, Lloyd, Patrick, Perry, Pike, Rees, Quantrill, Satchwell, Sceal, Shimbart, Mrs Shimbart, Smith D, Smith K, Turner, Wade, Weeks and Wilson

39 Mayor’s Announcements

The Mayor opened the meeting with an outline as to how the meeting would proceed, including a revised Order of Business in order to bring forward those items of interest to the large number of members of the public in attendance.

40 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Davis and Thomas.

41 Declarations of Interests

There were no declarations of interest from any of the members present.

42 Minutes

The minutes of the meetings held on 26 October and 23 November 2016 were approved as a correct record.

43 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

44 Deputations

A list of those requesting to make deputations to the Council in relation to the various items on the agenda had been circulated as supplementary information.

45 Notices of Motion

Councillor Keast presented his Motion to Council, as set out in the agenda, seconded by Councillor Guest.
The Council then received a deputation from Mrs Elaine Davenport on behalf of Women Against State Pension Inequality and a transcript of this deputation has been published with the documentation for this meeting.

Proposed by Councillor Keast and seconded by Councillor Guest, it was

RESOLVED that this Council calls upon the Government to make fair transitional arrangements for all women born on or after 6th April 1951, who have unfairly borne the burden of the increase to the State Pension Age (SPA) with a lack of appropriate notification.

46 Questions Under Standing Order 23

Questions received under Standing Order 23 were circulated as supplementary information. In view of the fact that the questions all related to the Local Plan Housing Statement (see minute 47 below) the Mayor brought this item forward. The questions and a transcript of the responses given can be viewed with the published documentation for this meeting.

47 Cabinet Recommendation - Local Plan Housing Statement

Councillor Guest presented a recommendation to Council arising from the meeting of the Cabinet held on 16 November 2016. Proposed by Councillor Guest and seconded by Councillor Cheshire, it was:

RECOMMENDED to Council that

(a) The Local Plan Housing Statement, as set out in Appendix 2 to the attached report as amended by Cabinet, be approved and adopted in accordance with 2.1.a to 2.1.f and 2.1.i to 2.1.k of the same report; and

(b) As the Infrastructure Delivery Statement is produced it becomes a material consideration alongside the Housing Statement.

Council then received the following deputations, transcripts of which have been published with the documentation for this meeting:

Mrs Anne Skennerton – Hayling Residents
Mr Ron Tate – Resident
Mrs Ann Buckley – Havant Residents’ Alliance
Mr Charles Ashe – Emsworth Residents’ Association
Mr Anthony Walker – Elm Grove Traders’ Association
Mr David Parham – Save Hayling Group
Mr Peter Russell – Resident
Mr Andrew Norton – Warblington and Denvilles Residents’ Association

As an amendment to the Motion, it was proposed by Councillor Hart and seconded by Councillor Francis, that
“The Local Plan Housing Statement, as set out in Appendix 2 to the attached report as amended by Cabinet be referred back for further consultation”

The Mayor having taken a vote, declared the Amendment lost.

Members were then given an opportunity to debate the original motion to Council as set out above.

In summarising the debate, the Leader was sympathetic to the significant concerns expressed by both Councillors and the Deputees about the need to ensure infrastructure delivery alongside new development, to protect local gaps and to mitigate any potential implications for local wildlife habitats.

The Leader gave an assurance that, on behalf of the Council, he would continue to lobby in the strongest terms the Secretary of State, the Minister for Housing, local MPs, the County Council and other key infrastructure providers, regarding the provision of infrastructure and the five year housing land supply requirement. The Leader gave a further assurance that, subject to approval of the Local Plan Housing Statement by the Council at this meeting, consultations with Councillors and residents would continue prior to bringing forward a new Local Plan for approval by full Council in due course.

Proposed by Councillor Guest and seconded by Councillor Cheshire, it was

RESOLVED that

(a) The Local Plan Housing Statement, as set out in Appendix 2 to the attached report as amended by Cabinet, be approved and adopted in accordance with 2.1.a to 2.1.f of the same report; and

(b) As the Infrastructure Delivery Statement is produced it becomes a material consideration alongside the Housing Statement.

At the request of Councillors Perry and Carpenter, and in accordance with Standing Order 22.2, the voting on this Motion was recorded as follows:

For the Motion:

Councillor Quantrill  
Councillor Sceal  
Councillor Bowerman  
Councillor Branson  
Councillor K Smith  
Councillor Weeks  
Councillor Howard  
Councillor Pike  
Councillor Fairhurst  
Councillor Hughes  
Councillor Patrick
Against the Motion:

Councillor Satchwell  
Councillor Perry  
Councillor Kerrin  
Councillor Carpenter  
Councillor Francis  
Councillor Hart  
Councillor Lenaghan

Abstentions:

Councillor Lloyd  
Councillor Rees  
Councillor D Smith

Not Present:

Councillor Thomas  
Councillor E Shimbart  
Councillor G Shimbart  
Councillor Davis

The Mayor adjourned the meeting from 7.39pm to 7.50pm

48 Mayor’s Report

There were no questions from members present in relation to the Mayor’s published report.

49 Public Questions under Standing Order 13.4(f)

There were no public questions.

50 Cabinet and Committee Recommendations
(A) Charges for Taxis and Private Hire Licensing

Councillor David Smith presented a recommendation to Council arising from the meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 28 September in respect of charges for Taxis and Private Hire Licensing.

Proposed by Councillor David Smith and seconded by Councillor Ken Smith, it was:

RESOLVED that, there having been no representations to the proposed taxi and private hire licensing charges for 2017/18 following advertising for public comment, the charges be approved for implementation for the financial year commencing 1 April 2017.

(B) Council Tax Support Scheme

Councillor Wilson presented a recommendation to Council arising from the Cabinet meeting held on 16 November 2016 on the Council Tax Support Scheme.

Proposed by Councillor Wilson and seconded by Councillor Buckley, it was:

RESOLVED that

(1) the 2016/17 Council Tax Support Scheme be retained for 2017/18 but with the following amendments:

(i) the Allowances and Premiums used in determining entitlement for working age claims are changed as set out in paragraph 5.3 of the Cabinet report; and

(ii) the Non-Dependent deductions used in determining entitlement for working age claims are changed as set out in paragraph 5.4 of the report; and

(2) the necessary amendments are made to the Council Tax Support Scheme document and that it is then published in accordance with the Local Government Finance Act 1992 Section 13A(2).

51 Leader's Report

There were matters the Leader wished to add to his published report.

52 Cabinet Lead Reports

There were no matters the Cabinet Leads wished to add to their published reports.
Cllr Briggs provided a verbal update on the recent award to NORSE of a 2-year cleaning contract for Havant Academy. Cllr Briggs was reported that NORSE had been awarded a grounds maintenance contract over 18 sites in north Hampshire.

53 Cabinet Leads and Chairmen’s Question Time

The Mayor gave members of the Council an opportunity to ask questions of the Cabinet Leads in connection with their published reports. There were no questions for the Committee Chairman.

54 Urgent Questions Under Standing Order 23

There were no urgent questions.

55 Calendar of Meetings 2017-18

Proposed by Councillor Keast and seconded by Councillor Buckley, it was RESOLVED that the Calendar of meetings for 2017/18 be approved.

56 Acceptance of Minutes

Proposed by Councillor Sceal and seconded by Councillor Branson, it was RESOLVED that the minutes of Committees held since the last meeting of the Council be received.

The meeting commenced at 5.00 pm and concluded at 8.17 pm