

## HAVANT BOROUGH COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Council held on 20 September 2017

Present

Councillor Mrs Shimbart (Mayor)

Councillors Bains, Mrs Blackett, Bowerman, Briggs, Branson, Buckley, Cresswell, Davis, Fairhurst, Francis, Guest, Hart, Howard, Hughes, Keast, Kennett, Kerrin, Lenaghan, Patrick, Perry, Pike, Ponsonby, Quantrill, Satchwell, Shimbart, Smith D, Thomas, Wade, Weeks and Wilson

### **106 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Councillors Carpenter, Cheshire, Lloyd, Turner, Sceal and K Smith.

### **107 Declarations of Interests**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **108 Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 19 July 2017 were approved as a correct record.

### **109 Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting.

### **110 Hampshire Constabulary Presentation**

At the invitation of the Mayor, Chief Inspector Clare Jenkins of Hampshire Constabulary was invited to address the Council on work currently being done by the Police across the Borough.

Chief Inspector Jenkins set the national, international and local context, current challenges, the focus of police priorities within increasingly limited resources and the importance of partnership working and information sharing between the Police and partner organisations. Chief Inspector Jenkins then took questions from Councillors.

At the conclusion of this item the Mayor thanked Chief Inspector Jenkins for her time and for her interesting and informative presentation.

### **111 Mayor's Report**

There were no questions from Councillors in connection with the Mayor's published report.

## **112 Public Questions under Standing Order 13.4(f)**

There were no public questions.

## **113 Leader's Report**

In addition to his published report, the Acting Leader, Councillor Briggs, reminded Councillors that the Cabinet at its meeting on 6 September had approved an updated policy on Safeguarding and encouraged all members of the Council to make every effort to attend the associated training sessions.

## **114 Cabinet Lead Reports**

The Cabinet Leads reports were set out in the agenda, in addition:

Councillor Bains reported that a drop-in session information session on the 5 Councils project would be held for all Councillors prior to the next Council meeting.

Councillor Wilson reported that the pre-Christmas Small Business Saturday, allowing 3 hours free parking in town centres, would again be held this year and would be extended to be held on 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> December.

## **115 Cabinet Leads and Chairmen's Question Time**

The Mayor invited Councillors to put questions to the Cabinet Leads in connection with their published reports.

There were no questions for the Committee Chairmen.

## **116 Questions Under Standing Order 23**

Questions submitted by Councillors under Standing Order 23, and the associated responses are published as an annex to these minutes.

## **117 Urgent Questions Under Standing Order 23**

There were no urgent questions.

## **118 Acceptance of Minutes**

The minutes of committees held since the last meeting of the Council were received.

**The meeting commenced at 5.00 pm and concluded at 6.48 pm**

	From	To		
1	Cllr Ponsonby	Cllr Wilson	<p><b>Car Parking Charges</b></p> <p>Noting that the car park adjacent to Havant Leisure Centre has modest charges, and is well used, in the interests of fairness, should the car park adjacent to Waterlooville Leisure Centre not also have similar modest charges? This car park is very well used, and I understand that a number of users attending that Centre come from the neighbouring Borough.</p>	The car park at Waterlooville Leisure Centre is part of the lease and the Council has no control over the charges. The charges at Havant Leisure Centre are modest and reflect its proximity centre to the Town Centre. A wider review of car parking charges has been instigated with a view to implementing a fair and consistent approach across the Borough.
2	Cllr Ponsonby	Cllr Briggs	<p><b>NORSE</b></p> <p>Following the completion of the first year of the very successful shared enterprise with NORSE, could we have an indication of the trading profits, and the share of these profits which will be being paid to HBC?</p>	Subject to confirmation of final audited accounts, a volume discount payment of £245,929, comprised of £145,929 from 50% profit share and £100k from central overhead reduction, is soon to be paid to HBC.
3	Cllr Ponsonby	Cllr Turner	<p><b>Homelessness</b></p> <p>Whilst appreciating the huge efforts made by the team to avoid housing residents who are in danger of becoming homeless, how many households have had to spend time in temporary accommodation so far this year, and how many are currently in temporary accommodation? How many of these households include families with young children?</p>	<p>The emphasis is always to see if we can prevent someone becoming homeless by supporting them to stay in their own home or assisting them to find alternative accommodation without having to spend any time in temporary accommodation. However there will be occasions when households need to be placed into temporary accommodation such as B&amp;B whilst enquiries are being made and suitable accommodation located.</p> <p>There have been 27 households placed into B&amp;B since 1/4/2017, of those 19 had children and 1 was pregnant.</p>

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2	Cllr Kerrin Cllr Bains	<p><b>Live Streaming Council Meetings</b></p> <p>In the interest of public opinion and to get the public more interested in local government and to help the public see what their local councillors do on their behalf.</p> <p>Are there any plans in the future for the council to live feed full council meeting and if there are no plans, would they consider it. And report back?</p>	<p>We currently have 7 in B&amp;B and 3 of those have children.</p> <p>The average length of time in B&amp;B is up to 4 weeks. 3 clients were in B&amp;B for 7-8 weeks, 2 of these were large families. The reason for this is because of the shortage of affordable larger accommodation in the Borough.</p> <p>17 young families are in Brent House (temporary accommodation which is self contained). Each family is working with Two Saints and the Housing Team on a plan to move on. Length of time spent here will depend upon their engagement and maintaining a clear rent account.</p>
5	Cllr Perry Cllr Turner	<p><b>Horizon Leisure Trust</b></p> <p>The Council has a duty of care to ensure than all monies owed to</p>	<p>The Cabinet has determined to reduce the</p>

Page 3	<p>the Council are received by the Council.</p> <p>It is my understanding that in consideration for a share of the profits, that Havant Borough Council allows <b>The Borough of Havant Sport and Leisure Trust</b> rent free use of our Council's land and buildings.</p> <p>Furthermore, it is my understanding that Havant Borough Council has not yet received any share of the profits of £948,433 for 2015/16 and £779,734 for 2014/15, or even any amount at all. Published accounts for 2016/17 are not yet available.</p> <p>Could Cllr Turner please advise:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. In GBP, how much of the share of the profits does the Council believe is owed by <b>The Borough of Havant Sport and Leisure Trust?</b></li> <li>b. When does the Council believe the amount owed will be paid?</li> </ul> <p>Council services are being cut, and it is imperative that Havant Borough Council receives all funds that are due to allow for our residents to receive the services they are due.</p>	<p>Council's maintenance liabilities of the two leisure centres in the borough. This requires negotiation with Horizon Leisure Trust, and includes discussions around the gainshare element of the Partnering Agreement.</p> <p>Negotiations are progressing well and I anticipate reaching a resolution within the next few months. At which point, I will be able to share more information around the detail of the gainshare.</p>
6	<p>Cllr Perry</p> <p>Cllr Briggs</p> <p><b>Waste Disposal and Fly Tipping</b></p> <p>During 2016/17 yourselves, (through Hampshire County Council and Central Government) agreed a reduction in the hours of opening of the Hayling Island Household Waste and Recycling Centre, and I did note that Havant Borough Councillors and the Havant MP expressed glee at this result when claiming they had actually saved The Tip from closure.</p> <p>However, for 2017/18 Hampshire County Council have decided to</p>	<p>Hampshire County Council will be working with district authorities to put in place a common policy and response on fly tipping across the Council. Waste disposal is a County Council matter and the Borough Council submitted a robust response to the County Council consultation in support of retaining all waste and recycling centres in the Borough.</p>

Page 4			<p>implement cuts of £140 million to services and this includes closing half of the Household Waste and Recycling Centres and with numerous cuts to transport including abolishing free bus transport for the elderly.</p> <p>I am most concerned about the effect of your cuts and in particular the effect any closure of the Hayling Island Household Waste and Recycling Centre will have on Hayling residents and with the likelihood of increased fly tipping.</p> <p>Could Cllr Briggs please advise:</p> <p>What discussions he has had and will have within his party that will enable me to assure Hayling Island residents that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. their Household Waste and Recycling Centre will not be closed in your next round of cuts;</li> <li>b. our Council will not incur additional costs clearing up fly tipping;</li> <li>c. our residents will not have to take car trips to Havant to dispose of waste</li> </ul>	
7	Cllr Perry	Cllr Wilson	<p><b>Bottle Banks</b></p> <p>The Bottle Bank in the main Mengham shopping area Elm Grove Car Park has been removed; however, thousands of empty bottles are being placed in the bottle bank area where the bottle bank was.</p> <p>A new bottle bank has been placed away from the main shopping centre in the Hollow Lane Car Park, but it has failed to be emptied and the bottle bin lids are left unlocked and open.</p>	<p>The bottle bank was moved to the Hollow Lane car park adjacent to the United Reform Church, not far from the former location at Elm Grove. There were issues regarding the noise of filling and emptying the bank on the quality of life of local residents.</p> <p>Temporary signs were posted to inform people of the change in location but unfortunately, these have been vandalised, and are shortly to be replaced by permanent signs.</p>

Page 5	<p>The council are failing in their duties as a local authority under Health and Safety legislation as they have a policy of no glass waste in the residential waste collection service, therefore alternative arrangements must be provided. Accountability for this failure is not allowed to be transferred to NORSE.</p> <p>DEFRA provides guidance and a code of practice for litter and refuse backed up by The Environmental Protection Act 1990 and the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005.</p> <p>Could Cllr Wilson please advise:</p> <p>What action he will take to control and halt the dispersal of litter, and in particular glass litter, which has special safety requirements to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. keep our Borough safe and tidy</li><li>b. avoid enforcement of Litter Abatement Orders being made against the Council</li><li>c. provide safe and suitable glass disposal facilities</li><li>d. ensure the regular and prompt emptying of glass bins</li></ul> <p>In the meantime, we are collecting the glass left on the ground at Elm Grove.</p> <p>When the lids are shut/locked they are often forced open and damaged as users of the bins do not always want to spend their time placing bottles, one at a time, into the small holes in the lid. Norse South East are reviewing the bins and lids and looking to find a suitable alternative solution.</p> <p>a. keep our Borough safe and tidy Norse South East adhere to a schedule for litter collection and mechanised street sweeping. Results from the 2016/17 and 2017/18 quarterly environmental inspections showed that no more than 5% of the areas inspected fell below grade A or B. This indicates that our streets and open spaces are generally free of litter</p>
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Page 6	<p>b. avoid enforcement of Litter Abatement Orders being made against the Council Given the performance identified above, there is no evidence to prove that this is likely to happen.</p> <p>c. provide safe and suitable glass disposal facilities The Council provide 41 bring sites which contain bins for the disposal of glass bottles. Norse South east are responsible for emptying these bins and ensuring that they are in good repair. Norse are currently looking for additional sites in an effort to provide a more localised service for our residents</p> <p>d. ensure the regular and prompt emptying of glass bins Norse south East have experienced recent operational challenges which has resulted in delays in emptying the glass bins. Efforts were made to empty the bins as quickly as possible but unfortunately this did result in some of the bins becoming full and visitors placing glass bottles on the ground. When Norse become aware of these issues they respond as quickly as they can to rectify the situation.</p> <p>We will also be providing signage at each site which give details of days when the bins will be emptied, the location of the nearest alternative site and a request that customers refrain from leaving their glass bottles on the floor. The Council customer services telephone number will also be displayed.</p>
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8	Cllr Francis	Cllr Briggs	<p><b>Hants and IoW Sustainability and Transformation Plan</b></p> <p>The Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP) for Hants and the I.O.W. got as far as a draft plan in Nov.2016. If/when it is put into operation there will be huge changes in social care which will affect the people of Havant (e.g. it is probable that 30% of GP surgeries and some acute hospitals will no longer exist) and there will be other serious implications for local services. There seems to be a deficit (identified by the STP board and the King's Fund) in consultation with the more than 2 million people who live and work in the area. Havant seems to have no representation. Do you think that this is a matter of concern?</p> <p>As the Acting Council Leader, will you make arrangements for contact to be made with the STP Board to remedy this deficit?</p>	<p>This does not involve the Borough Council directly however we will make enquiries .</p>
Page 7	Cllr Francis	Cllr Briggs	<p><b>Supporting Mental Health and Wellbeing</b></p> <p>Some Councils are concerned that, in the effort to balance budgets, there is a tendency to forget how they need to be supportive of their constituents. To remedy this deficit, they are instructing their officers to put a short note, at the end of their reports, to show how their actions are supporting mental health and the wellbeing of the people in their area. As the Acting Council Leader would you support this good practice and introduce it in Havant?</p>	<p>All our Cabinet and Committee reports provide for an assessment of the environmental and health and safety implications of any proposal, a summary of any third party communications undertaken and all implications for the Community, including a requirement for an Integrated Impact Assessment to be undertaken and its conclusions set out.</p>
10	Cllr Davis	Cllr Briggs	<p><b>Dog Waste Bins</b></p> <p>The Dog Poo Bin in Calshot Road in Warren Park has been left overflowing – again.</p> <p>Does Cllr. Briggs not agree that NOT emptying Dog Poo Bins is a Public Health hazard, a betrayal of my residents expectations and</p>	<p>The schedule for emptying of HBC dog waste has not been reduced and the service has not been cut.</p>

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		<p>an unsightly blight on our borough. Could he explain if or why the emptying of Dog Poo Bins has been cut? And can he commit to a date when the regular and timely emptying of dog poo bins will be restored?</p>	<p>I can advise that the overflowing dog waste bin Calshot Road belongs to Portsmouth City Council (PCC) and they are responsible for emptying. We have been in contract with PCC to bring this issue to their attention in an effort to resolve the issue.</p> <p>Members are reminded that bagged dog waste can be placed in ordinary waste bins.</p>
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