

HAVANT BOROUGH COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Council held on 11 December 2013

Present

Councillor Buckley (Mayor)

Councillors Bastin, Bolton, Briggs, Branson, Brown, Cheshire, Collins, Cousins, Edwards, Fairhurst, Farrow, Gibb-Gray, Guest, Hart, Heard, Hilton, Keast, Lenaghan, Mackey, Ponsonby, Shimbart, Mrs Shimbart, Smith D, Smith J, Smith G, Turner, Wade, Weeks, Wilson and Tarrant

47 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs G Blackett, R Galloway, M Johnson, O Kennedy, V Pierce Jones, Mrs M Smallcorn and K Smith.

48 Minutes

The minutes of the Council meeting held on 16 October 2013 were approved as a correct record.

49 Matters Arising

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

50 Declarations of Interests

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

51 Mayor's Report

The Mayor provided an outline of the various charity and other events he had attended since the last meeting of the Council, including: a visit to Waterlooville Police Station; dinner with the Second Sea Lord aboard HMS Victory; signing of the Hampshire Armed Forces Covenant at the Plaza; the Mayor also reminded members that his annual Charity Ball would be held in the Plaza Events Suite on 8 February 2014.

52 Leader's Report

The Leader circulated a report setting out details of meetings and other events he had attended since the last meeting of the Council.

In addition to the information set out in his report, the Leader also outlined changes to Government funding for transportation in South Hampshire, now to be channelled through the Local Enterprise Partnership, and reminded Councillors with regard to the forthcoming Peer Review being facilitated through the LGA.

The Leader referred to a recent successful Developers' Breakfast conference hosted at the Plaza and innovative plans to develop custom-built properties within the Borough.

The Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA) commissioned through the Partnership for Urban South Hampshire (PUSH) had been the subject of discussion at a recent PUSH workshop. The revised housing allocation figures for the Borough arising from the SHMA had increased significantly and there was some concern about the integrity of the data upon which the figures had been based and the Leader would be challenging this.

53 Cabinet Portfolio Reports

The Cabinet Portfolio Holder reports had been circulated and the Mayor asked the Portfolio Holders if they wished to add anything to their written reports.

Councillor Fairhurst reported that the new Waste and Recycling Centre in Havant would shortly be opening.

54 Cabinet/Board/Committee Recommendations

- (A) The Council considered Licensing Committee Minute No. 18/11/2013 from its meeting held on 27 November 2013, recommending approval of the Gambling Act 2005 Statement of Principles (as amended).

Proposed by Councillor G Shimbart and seconded by Councillor R Brown, it was RESOLVED that the Gambling Act 2005 Statement of Principles (as amended) be approved.

- (B) The Council considered Cabinet Minute No. 38/11/2013 from its meeting on 27 November 2013 recommending approval the Council Tax Support Scheme for 2014/15.

Proposed by Councillor Bransons and seconded by Councillor J Smith, it was RESOLVED that

- (1) the 2013/14 Council Tax Support Scheme is retained for 2014/15 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 6.3 of the report to the Cabinet on 27 November 2013;
 - (ii) the Non-Dependant deductions used in determining entitlement for working age claims are changed as set out in paragraph 6.4 of the report to the Cabinet on 27 November 2013; and
- (2) the Service Manager (Revenues & Benefits) makes the necessary amendments to the Council Tax Support Scheme document and arranges for its publication.

55 PUSH Business Plan 2013-14

As a partner of the Partnership for Urban South Hampshire, and under the terms of the PUSH joint agreement, the Council was required to consider for approval the PUSH annual Business Plan which had been previously circulated.

Proposed by Councillor Briggs and seconded by Councillor Branson, it was RESOLVD that the PUSH Business Plan for 2013-14 be approved.

56 Portfolio Holders and Chairmen's Question Time

The Cabinet Portfolio Holders and Board and Committee Chairmen all answered questions within their remit.

57 Casual Committee Changes

RESOLVED that the appointment of Councillor Peter Wade to the Scrutiny Board and the Licensing Committee be noted.

58 Calendar of Meetings 2014/15

RESOLVED that the draft Calendar of Meetings for 2014/15 be approved.

59 Questions

There were no questions under Standing Order 23.4(a).

60 Urgent Questions

There were no urgent questions under Standing Order 23.4(b).

61 Acceptance of Minutes

Proposed by Councillor G Shimbart and seconded by Councillor J Smith, it was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meetings held since publication of the last Council agenda, and set out in the Minute Volume, be accepted.

At the conclusion of the meeting the Mayor took the opportunity to extend his best wishes to members for Christmas and the New Year

The meeting commenced at 5.00 pm and concluded at 6.18 pm