

**CABINET****2 July 2014****Minute Extract****78. CAPITAL EXPENDITURE OUTTURN 2013/14**  
(Report CAB2594 refers)

Councillor Godfrey highlighted that the Council's improved programme management had supported the significant delivery against plans and congratulated all those involved in this achievement. He drew Members' attention to the proposals regarding support for a Hampshire Community Bank as outlined in Paragraph 5.5 of the Report, which would be considered further by Cabinet in due course.

At the invitation of the Chairman, Councillor Pines queried whether additional funds could be allocated to enable more Councillors to have access to the Council's Covalent performance monitoring system.

Councillor Godfrey noted this request for further consideration, but emphasised that allowing individual access to Covalent might not be the most cost-effective solution and of limited benefit to most Councillors.

Cabinet agreed to the following for the reasons set out above and outlined in the Report.

**RECOMMENDED:**

**THAT THE CARRY FORWARD OF CAPITAL BUDGET  
TOTALLING £2.705M FROM 2013/14 (AS DETAILED IN APPENDIX  
A OF THE REPORT) BE APPROVED, IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
FINANCIAL PROCEDURE RULE 7.9.**

**RESOLVED:**

1. That the capital expenditure and financing for 2013/14 and the implications on the future capital programme be noted.
2. That, subject to the matter not being called in by The Overview and Scrutiny Committee, a supplementary capital estimate of £250,000, funded by useable capital receipts is approved, in accordance with financial procedure rule 7.2, for the purposes of supporting the Hampshire Community Bank.

**CABINET****2 July 2014****Minute Extract****79. GENERAL FUND REVENUE OUTTURN 2013/14**  
(Report CAB2595 refers)

Cabinet noted that the Report had not been made available for publication within the statutory deadline. The Chairman agreed to accept the item onto the agenda as a matter requiring urgent consideration, to enable the contents to be considered by Cabinet prior to The Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 7 July and Council on 16 July 2014.

Councillor Godfrey highlighted that the Council's cautious approach to budgeting and prudent management had resulted in underspends across budget headings, in addition to income generally exceeding expectations. This included an increase in income from car parking charges (although the levels of parking fees had not increased for three years) and an increase in Business Rates income. Both of these were believed to be indicative of a growing economy.

The Chief Executive emphasised the significant budget pressures continued to be faced by local authorities generally, but considered that the Report demonstrated that the Council had adopted a good approach to achieving efficiency savings to date and was in a strong position moving forward.

Cabinet agreed to the following for the reasons set out above and outlined in the Report.

**RECOMMENDED:**

**THAT THE REQUESTS FOR GENERAL FUND CARRY FORWARD OF ONE-OFF EXPENDITURE BUDGET TO 2014/15 BE APPROVED FOR THE PURPOSES SPECIFIED IN APPENDIX B OF THE REPORT, AND THE AMOUNTS TO BE SUPPORTED FOR CARRY FORWARD BE CONFIRMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH FINANCIAL PROCEDURE RULE 7.9 (NOTING THAT THESE ARE IN ADDITION TO THE HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT CARRY FORWARD REQUESTS DETAILED IN CAB2597(HSG), 9 JULY 2014).**

**RESOLVED:**

1. That the General Fund Revenue outturn position be noted as set out in the Report.
2. That the transfers to/from the Major Investment Reserve and other earmarked reserves be noted and the reserves and closing balances at 31 March 2014 be approved (as set out in Appendix D).

**CABINET****2 July 2014****Minute Extract****82. GOLD STANDARD FOR HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION**  
(Report CAB2596 refers)

Under the Council Constitution Access to Information Procedure Rules (Rule 15.1 – General Exception), this was a key decision which was not included in the Forward Plan as the Government grant announcement had only recently been made. Under this procedure the Chairman of The Overview and Scrutiny Committee had been informed. Cabinet also noted that the Report would be considered by The Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 7 July 2014 under its powers of call-in as it involved a supplementary estimate of over £100,000.

Councillor Tait welcomed the Report as a recognition of the good work of the Council's Housing Services Team.

At the invitation of the Chairman, both Councillors Weir and Pines spoke in support of the Report's proposals. In addition, Councillor Pines queried whether performance information on service improvements could be made available.

The Assistant Director (Chief Housing Officer) confirmed that the Council did monitor relevant performance and report accordingly to the Department of Communities and Local Government. This information could also be shared with Members.

Cabinet agreed to the following for the reasons set out above and outlined in the Report.

**RECOMMENDED:**

**THAT A GENERAL FUND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATE OF £582,218 BE APPROVED, IN ACCORDANCE WITH FINANCIAL PROCEDURE RULE 7.3, TO BE FUNDED BY A MATCHING S31 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2003 GOVERNMENT GRANT AND TO BE USED TO FUND THE DELIVERY OF THE GOLD STANDARD PROGRAMME AS SET OUT IN THE REPORT.**

**CABINET****2 July 2014****Minute Extract****81. SUBMISSION TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION ON THE FUTURE SIZE OF THE COUNCIL**

(Report CAB2593 refers)

Councillor Godfrey reported that the Electoral Review/Governance Informal Policy Group had not reached consensus on whether the recommended number of Councillors should be 45 or 48. However, as the Portfolio Holder, he was putting forward the suggestion that the Council size be reduced to 45 as a significant reduction with the aim of increasing the Council's efficiency. It was acknowledged there should also be a reduction in the workload of individual Councillors to facilitate this and also to ensure a cross-section of representation, including from those in full-time employment.

At the invitation of the Chairman, Councillor Clear reiterated the Liberal Democrat Group view that the preferred Council size should be 48 Councillors to ensure the level of representation for local people was not adversely affected and that individual Councillor's workloads did not become unmanageable.

Cabinet agreed to the following for the reasons set out above and outlined in the Report.

**RECOMMENDED:**

**1. THAT A SUBMISSION BE MADE TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION RECOMMENDING THAT THE FUTURE COUNCIL SIZE BE 45 MEMBERS.**

**2. THAT THE SUBMISSION BE BASED UPON THE DOCUMENT ANNEXED TO THIS REPORT AS APPENDIX A, AND THE CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER BE GIVEN DELEGATED AUTHORITY, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR FINANCE AND ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, TO MAKE ANY CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE COUNCIL DECISION ON COUNCIL SIZE , AND ANY OTHER MINOR EDITING ADJUSTMENTS.**

**3. THAT A FURTHER REPORT BE BROUGHT TO FULL COUNCIL ON DRAFT PROPOSALS FOR STAGE 2 (WARDING ARRANGEMENTS) ONCE THE COMMISSION HAS DETERMINED THE FUTURE SIZE OF THE COUNCIL.**

**4. THAT CABINET AND THE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE PROPOSALS FOR FUTURE CHANGES IN THE COUNCIL'S GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS, OUTLINED IN APPENDIX A, AS FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES FOR IMPLEMENTATION OCCUR.**

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84. **COUNCIL TAX FLOODING DISCOUNT**  
(Report CAB2590 refers)

Cabinet agreed to the following for the reasons outlined in the Report.

**RECOMMENDED:**

**THAT UNDER SECTION 13A OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE ACT 1992 THE COUNCIL TAX FLOODING DISCOUNT SCHEME CRITERIA BE AMENDED AS SET OUT IN APPENDIX 1 TO THE REPORT.**

**THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE****9 June 2014****Minute Extract****34. DRAFT ANNUAL SCRUTINY REPORT 2013-14**  
(Report OS99 refers)

The report set out the draft Annual Scrutiny Report, due to be presented to Council at its meeting on 16 July 2014.

The Committee agreed that greater emphasis should be placed on the Committee's scrutiny of the Landscape and Waste Contracts, at its meeting held on 28 October 2014. At this meeting, the Committee had questioned representatives of the Joint Client Team, Biffa and the Landscape Group. Particular concerns had been raised regarding grass cutting, maintenance of shrub beds and street cleaning and the Committee had advised on the terms of reference for the then new Joint Environmental Scrutiny Committee.

**RECOMMENDED:****THAT, SUBJECT TO THE ABOVE AMENDMENT, COUNCIL  
NOTES THE DRAFT ANNUAL SCRUTINY REPORT 2013-14.**

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**5 June 2014**

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16. **APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE RE: MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL**  
(Report CAB2588 refers)

Cabinet agreed to the following for the reasons outlined in the Report.

**RECOMMENDED:**

**THAT A SPECIAL COMMITTEE (MEMBERS ALLOWANCES INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL) BE APPOINTED CONSISTING OF SIX MEMBERS (THREE CONSERVATIVE, TWO LIBERAL DEMOCRAT AND ONE LABOUR, NAMES TO BE CONFIRMED AT THE COUNCIL MEETING) WITH THE FOLLOWING TERMS OF REFERENCE:-**

**'TO CONSIDER ALL APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THE MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL AND TO DETERMINE THE APPOINTMENTS'.**

**AUDIT COMMITTEE**

**26 June 2014**

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63. **ANTI-FRAUD AND CORRUPTION POLICY**  
(Report AUD087 refers)

The Chief Operating Officer outlined to the Committee the ways in which the revised Policy would be brought to the attention of all staff.

**RECOMMENDED:**

**That the revised Anti Fraud and Corruption Policy be adopted.**