

HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of the County Council held at County Hall, Hertford, on Tuesday, 10 November 2015

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

D Andrews	R J Henry	I M Reay
D A Ashley	T C Heritage	L F Reeve
J R Barfoot	D J Hewitt	R M Roberts
D J Barnard	F R G Hill	P A Ruffles
S A Batson	N A Hollinghurst	R Sangster
S Bedford	T W Hone	D T F Scudder
R H Beeching	T Hunter	A M R Searing
N Bell	T R Hutchings	R H Smith
J Billing	S L C Johnston	A Stevenson
M Bright	A Joynes	J J Taylor
F Button (Chairman)	A King	R A C Thake
R F Cheswright	J G L King	R G Tindall
G R Churchard	P F J Knell	A S B Walkington
C Clapper	A Lee	M A Watkin
M J Cook	D E Lloyd	C J White
M Cowan	J Lloyd	A D Williams
H K Crofton	P V Mason	J D Williams
T L F Douris	G McAndrew	C B Woodward
D S Drury	A McKay	C B Wyatt-Lowe
S B A F H Giles-Medhurst	M B J Mills-Bishop	W J Wyatt-Lowe
E M Gordon	M D M Muir	P M Zukowskyj
R I N Gordon	R G Parker	
D Hart	A Plancey	
K M Hastrick	R G Prowse	
C M Hayward	S Quilty	

Upon consideration of the agenda for the Meeting of the County Council held on 10 November 2015, as circulated, action was taken or decisions were reached as follows:-

1. MINUTES

- 1.1 The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 21 July 2015 were confirmed as a correct record and were signed by the Chairman.

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2. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

(a) Death of Councillor Steve O'Brien

The Chairman informed Council that she had received the sad news over the weekend that County Councillor Steve O'Brien had died. Steve was elected as a Conservative councillor representing Bushey North in 2009. Steve served as a member of Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Health Scrutiny Committee, Highways Cabinet Panel, and Public Health, Localism and Libraries Cabinet Panel; and was awarded an MBE in HM The Queen's Birthday Honours List earlier this year for his voluntary political service.

T C Heritage spoke in tribute.

Council stood in silence in memory of Steve O'Brien.

(b) Death of Former County Councillors

Council was advised that, since the last meeting of the Council, news had been received of the deaths of former County Councillors Robert (Bob) Clark and Hilda Lawrence.

Robert (Bob) Clark

Bob was elected as a Labour councillor representing Old Stevenage Division from May 1989 – June 2001. During that time Bob served on many committees He also served as Chairman of the Environment Cases Sub-Committee and as Vice-Chairman of the Environment & Planning Committee.

J Lloyd, R G Parker and D A Ashley spoke in tribute.

Hilda Lawrence

Hilda was elected as a Labour councillor representing the Bedwell area of Stevenage between 1961 – 1964, 1965 – 1973 and then again from 1981 – 1988. Hilda served on numerous committees and also represented the Council on several Outside Bodies including the Association of County Council's Social Services Committee and the North Herts District Health Authority. In 1970 she was made an Alderman of the Council and was Vice-Chairman of the Council in 1987 and 1988.

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J Lloyd, R G Parker and D A Ashley spoke in tribute.

Council stood in silence in memory of Robert Clark and Hilda Lawrence.

(c) Royal Society for Public Health's award for Health and Wellbeing Innovation

The Chairman was pleased to announce that a programme, developed in Hertfordshire between the County Council's Public Health Service and Psychologists at the University, had won the national Royal Society for Public Health's Award for Health and Wellbeing Innovation.

'Do Something Different' worked with people with long term conditions to manage stress, get benefits from physical activity, stay well and manage their mental health. The programme was generating considerable benefits for people and was also about to have its results published in scientific journals. Council congratulated all involved.

(e) Jim McManus – Honorary Professorship in Public Health

Council congratulated Jim McManus, Director of Public Health, who had been given an Honorary Professorship in Public Health by the University of Hertfordshire. Jim was one of only very few Directors of Public Health in the Country to have been given this honour.

(f) Sustrans – Royston Underpass: Award for the 'Best Design and Construction'

Council was advised that, in 2012, the County Council had completed a £3.8m scheme to construct an underpass under the railway line in Royston to link the north of the town directly with the leisure centre and a number of schools. The benefit of the underpass had recently been recognised by sustainable transport charity Sustrans which, as part of the celebrations to mark 20 years of the National Cycle Network, had awarded the underpass winning status in the Best Design and Construction category.

The award was formally accepted by Terry Douris at a ceremony at the underpass on the 23 October 2015. Council congratulated all involved.

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(g) Recognising Hertfordshire

Council was pleased to be advised of some significant events which had taken place in Hertfordshire in the last few months – many of which had taken place at County Hall. These events recognised and celebrated the hard work and dedication of Hertfordshire residents who undertook valued work, often as volunteers, for the benefit of the community.

These events included:-

A Royal Visit from the Duchess of Gloucester on 29 September. HRH formally opened The Elms, DENS Emergency Night Shelter, Hemel Hempstead and then went on to Tring School of Performing Arts; and

The 30th Anniversary and the Annual review of Groundwork Hertfordshire at Hatfield House.

Events held at County Hall included:-

The Annual Awards of the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE);

The 49th Annual General Meeting of Community Development Action Herts;

The presentation by the Lord Lieutenant of British Empire Medals to three recipients, and to the family of a fourth recipient; and

50 sixth formers from Hertfordshire schools, who came to County Hall during Local Democracy Week to find out how the County Council works.

The Chairman also informed Council that she had had the honour of attending the service for the Laying up of the Standard of the Hertfordshire Regiment Association at All Saints Church, Hertford. A reception for 300 people was held at County Hall following the service.

(h) Lewis Hamilton – 3rd Formula 1 World Championship win

Council congratulated Lewis Hamilton, former Stevenage resident, on achieving his third Formula 1 World Championship, becoming only the second British driver after Sir Jackie Stewart to achieve this.

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(i) Max Whitlock – World Gymnastics Championships: Gold Medal

Council congratulated Max Whitlock from Hemel Hempstead, who made history by becoming the first British man to win a gold medal at the recent World Gymnastics championships.

3. PUBLIC QUESTIONS – STANDING ORDER 8(10)

3.1 There were no public questions.

4. PUBLIC PETITIONS – STANDING ORDER 15

4A. 4.1 **M Adams**, presented a petition with over 1,000 signatures in the following terms:-

“Don’t sell Green Belt to Helioslough

We, the undersigned, call upon Hertfordshire County Council

- (a) to recognise that its prime duty is to local residents*
- (b) to acknowledge that it is not obliged to sell any part of the Radlett Aerodrome site; therefore*
- (c) to refuse to sell its site to Helioslough.”*

4.1.1 **C M Hayward**, Executive Member for Resources and Performance, received the petition.

4.1.2 Prior to consideration of the motion received in respect of this item of business, the Chief Legal Officer made the following statement:-

“The function of deciding on behalf of the County Council whether to dispose of the County Council’s land is one for the Cabinet to take as the Executive and not for County Council. When coming to any decision on disposal Cabinet will have before it for consideration a report from officers and will need to take into account all relevant matters including the purposes for which the Council holds the land and the Council’s fiduciary duties. Whilst Members can indicate their individual view at the current time on this matter they need to be mindful that further work would need to be undertaken by officers

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before any decision on disposal is made.

When this matter is brought to and considered by Members at Cabinet or Panel, Members must consider the issues as then before them with an open mind taking into account any relevant issues that are raised and officer advice at that time.”

4.1.3 The following motion proposed by **R I N Gordon** was duly seconded:-

“Hertfordshire County Council

- (a) recognises that its prime duty is to the residents of the County;*
- (b) acknowledges that circumstances could arise under which it would have no lawful alternative but to dispose of its land at the former Radlett Aerodrome site;*
- (c) reiterates its opposition to the proposed development of a Strategic Rail Freight Interchange at the site;*
- (d) regrets that, should circumstances arise under which the Council would have no lawful alternative but to dispose of its land, it currently seems unlikely that there will be an alternative use which would secure at least equivalent value; and*
- (e) notwithstanding its preference not to see a change in the current green belt status of this land or to dispose of it, calls upon the Leader of the Council to use the resources of the Council proactively to seek alternative uses for the site which would secure such value thereby potentially giving Cabinet more than one option to consider should the Council become legally obliged to dispose of the land.”*

4.1.4 The following amendment was proposed by **A S B Walkington** and duly seconded:-

“That the motion be amended as follows:-

point (b) delete and renumber remaining points

point (c) delete the words ‘at the site’ and replace with ‘on the land at the former Radlett Aerodrome site.’

point (d) delete ‘regrets’ and insert ‘agrees’; delete the words ‘currently seems unlikely that there will be an’ and insert the word ‘examine’ after

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the word 'it'; delete the word 'use' and insert the word 'options'; insert the word 'public' before the word 'value'

point (e) delete the word 'such' and insert the words 'equivalent public' in its place

The amended motion to read:-

"Hertfordshire County Council

- (a) recognises that its prime duty is to the residents of the County;*
- (b) reiterates its opposition to the proposed development of a Strategic Rail Freight Interchange on the land at the former Radlett Aerodrome site;*
- (c) agrees that, should circumstances arise under which the Council would have no lawful alternative but to dispose of its land, it examine alternative options which would secure at least equivalent public value; and*
- (d) notwithstanding its preference not to see a change in the current green belt status of this land or to dispose of it, calls upon the Leader of the Council to use the resources of the Council proactively to seek alternative uses for the site which would secure equivalent public value thereby potentially giving Cabinet more than one option to consider should the Council become legally obliged to dispose of the land." "*

4.1.5 The following amendment was proposed by **L F Reefe** and duly seconded:-

"That, in paragraph (e), the word 'the' before the word 'resources' be deleted, the word 'to' be inserted after the word 'Council' in line 4, the word 'to' after the word 'proactively' be deleted, and the words 'beneficial financial and environmental' be inserted before the word 'alternative'

The amended motion to read:-

"Hertfordshire County Council

- (a) recognises that its prime duty is to the residents of the County;*
- (b) acknowledges that circumstances could arise under which it would have no lawful alternative but to dispose of its land at the*

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former Radlett Aerodrome site;

- (c) *reiterates its opposition to the proposed development of a Strategic Rail Freight Interchange at the site;*
- (d) *regrets that, should circumstances arise under which the Council would have no lawful alternative but to dispose of its land, it currently seems unlikely that there will be an alternative use which would secure at least equivalent value; and*
- (e) *notwithstanding its preference not to see a change in the current green belt status of this land or to dispose of it, calls upon the Leader of the Council to use resources of the Council to proactively seek beneficial financial and environmental alternative uses for the site which would secure such value thereby potentially giving Cabinet more than one option to consider should the Council become legally obliged to dispose of the land.” ”*

4.1.6 The amendment at 4.1.5 was then voted upon and LOST.

4.1.7 The amendment at 4.1.4 was then voted upon and LOST.

The Liberal Democrat Group requested that it be recorded that the Liberal Democrat Group voted in favour of this amendment.

4.1.8 The substantive motion was then voted upon and CARRIED as follows:-

“Hertfordshire County Council

- (a) *recognises that its prime duty is to the residents of the County;*
- (b) *acknowledges that circumstances could arise under which it would have no lawful alternative but to dispose of its land at the former Radlett Aerodrome site;*
- (c) *reiterates its opposition to the proposed development of a Strategic Rail Freight Interchange at the site;*
- (d) *regrets that, should circumstances arise under which the Council would have no lawful alternative but to dispose of its land, it currently seems unlikely that there will be an alternative use which would secure at least equivalent value; and*

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- (e) *notwithstanding its preference not to see a change in the current green belt status of this land or to dispose of it, calls upon the Leader of the Council to use the resources of the Council proactively to seek alternative uses for the site which would secure such value thereby potentially giving Cabinet more than one option to consider should the Council become legally obliged to dispose of the land.*

4B. 4.2 S Gaszczak, presented a petition with over 1,000 signatures in the following terms:-

“Stop Vicarage Road Chaos

Residents in and around Watford have suffered two days horrific traffic as a one way system was introduced on the weekend (3/10/15).

The new one way system has caused buses to run an hour late; caused journeys to become 5 times as long as they would normally be.

This is the main access point to the main hospital that serves all of South West Hertfordshire. Being stuck in that traffic with a sick relative/loved one would be horrific.

Herts County Council - stop this trial now. Rethink the scheme and try again. This will only be worse once the tube station opens!”

4.2.1 T L F Douris, Executive Member for Highways, received the petition.

4.2.2 The following motion proposed by **T L F Douris** was duly seconded:-

“Hertfordshire County Council

- (a) *recognises that there are significant traffic issues affecting West Watford;*
- (b) *welcomes the endeavours of the Environment Department to alleviate those issues;*
- (c) *notes that the required traffic data from the Vicarage Road trial has been collected more quickly than anticipated, allowing the Executive Member to authorise termination of the trial earlier than anticipated; with the pre-existing traffic arrangements being re-instated from 16 November 2015;*

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- (d) *asks officers to review the evidence produced by the trial; and*
- (e) *in due course (and after appropriate liaison with the Local Member(s)), to bring forward further proposals taking particular account of the impact of and on the Watford Health Campus and the implications of the extension of the Metropolitan Line.”*

4.2.3 The following amendment was proposed by **S B A F H Giles-Medhurst** and duly seconded:-

“In (a) add ‘and the surrounding area’ to the end”.

4.2.4 The amendment at 4.2.3 was then voted upon and LOST.

4.2.5 The substantive motion was then voted upon and CARRIED as follows:-

“Hertfordshire County Council

- (a) *recognises that there are significant traffic issues affecting West Watford;*
- (b) *welcomes the endeavours of the Environment Department to alleviate those issues;*
- (c) *notes that the required traffic data from the Vicarage Road trial has been collected more quickly than anticipated, allowing the Executive Member to authorise termination of the trial earlier than anticipated; with the pre-existing traffic arrangements being re-instated from 16 November 2015;*
- (d) *asks officers to review the evidence produced by the trial; and*
- (e) *in due course (and after appropriate liaison with the local member(s)), to bring forward further proposals taking particular account of the impact of and on the Watford Health Campus and the implications of the extension of the Metropolitan Line.”*

5. OFFICER REPORTS RELEVANT TO EXECUTIVE PORTFOLIOS

5A. ADOPTION OF THE WASTE LOCAL PLAN, EMPLOYMENT LAND AREAS OF SEARCH SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT

- 5.1** The following motion proposed by **D A Ashley** and duly seconded was CARRIED:-

“That Council adopts the Waste Local Plan Employment Land Areas of Search Supplementary Planning Document, attached as Appendix 2 to the report.”

6. THE EXECUTIVE REPORT

6A. LEADER OF THE COUNCIL – EXECUTIVE REPORT

- 6.1** Council was provided with a factual correction to Appendix 3 of the Executive Report regarding the Community Safety and Waste Management Portfolio. Members were advised that the second paragraph under subheading 3.1 should appear as paragraph 3 under subheading 5.3.

- 6.2** The following motion proposed by **R I N Gordon** was CARRIED:-

“That the report of the Executive (being the report under Standing Order 7) be received and that the position of Key Decisions in the decision-making process shown in the current edition of the Forward Plan referred to in the report be noted.”

- 6.3** Children in Care Council representatives presented the Children in Care Council Annual Report to Council. On behalf of the Council, the Chairman and the Executive Member for Children’s Services thanked them both for their excellent report.

6B. MOTIONS ARISING FROM THE EXECUTIVE REPORT

- 6B(i) 6.4** The following motion proposed by **M A Watkin** was duly seconded:-

“Following the recent announcement that there will be no increase in funding for schools until at least the end of the financial year 2016/17, this Council is deeply concerned at the impact that this actual cut in real funding will have on Hertfordshire Schools’ ability to maintain their

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high standards, retain teachers, maintain class sizes and support the children in greatest need.

This Council endorses the action of the Chair of the Hertfordshire Schools Forum, who on 4th October 2015 wrote to the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Children and Education requesting, in real terms, funding protection and not a fixed cash settlement.

Virtually all Secondary Schools in Hertfordshire will expect to end the year in deficit as there will be no cash increase in the total funding for schools in 2016/17 to meet:

- An increase in teachers' pay of 1%*
- The raising of the Minimum Wage for many ancillary staff to £7.20 per hour*
- The increase in employer's contributions to the Teachers' Pension Scheme from 14.1% to 16.48%*
- An increase in national insurance contributions.*
- Pressure from new Free Schools which will all be funded from the Dedicated School Grant.*
- A freezing of funds for the Higher Needs Block (SEN) despite numbers increasing.*

Collectively in 2016/17 this will result in a £28.3m unfunded increase in costs increasing to a £70m annual budget reduction in 2019-20.

This Council recommends that the Leader of this Council writes to the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State expressing our concern at the financial predicament facing our schools and in so doing, supporting the position of the Chair of the School's Forum."

6.4.1 The following amendment was proposed by **J D Williams** and duly seconded:-

"That the motion be amended as follows:-

*Paragraph 1: Delete "deeply"
Delete second "will", insert "might"*

Paragraph 2: Delete "endorses", insert "notes"

Paragraph 3 and bullet points: Delete all

Paragraph 4: Delete all

Insert new Paragraph 4: "Council recognises the national financial context in which central government has to

balance the competing needs of public service provision in Hertfordshire and that the interests of local children require appropriate funding across a range of services.”

Paragraph 5:

Delete “recommends that the Leader of this Council writes to the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State expressing our concern at the financial predicament facing our schools and in so doing, supporting the position of” and insert “asks the Executive Member for Resources & Performance to write to appropriate Ministers outlining the financial pressures on local public services in Hertfordshire including the matters raised by”

The amended motion to read:-

“Following the recent announcement that there will be no increase in funding for schools until at least the end of the financial year 2016/17, this Council is concerned at the impact that this actual cut in real funding might have on Hertfordshire Schools’ ability to maintain their high standards, retain teachers, maintain class sizes and support the children in greatest need.

This Council notes the action of the Chair of the Hertfordshire Schools Forum, who on 4th October 2015 wrote to the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Children and Education requesting, in real terms, funding protection and not a fixed cash settlement.

Council recognises the national financial context in which central government has to balance the competing needs of public service provision in Hertfordshire and that the interests of local children require appropriate funding across a range of services.

This Council asks the Executive Member for Resources & Performance to write to appropriate Ministers outlining the financial pressures on local public services in Hertfordshire including the matters raised by the Chair of the School’s Forum.” ”

- 6.4.2 S B A F H Giles-Medhurst** raised a point of order under Standing Order 10(1). The Chairman determined that the amendment was in order.

6.4.3 The amendment at 6.4.1 was then voted upon and CARRIED.

6.4.4 The substantive motion was then voted upon and CARRIED as follows:-

“Following the recent announcement that there will be no increase in funding for schools until at least the end of the financial year 2016/17, this Council is concerned at the impact that this actual cut in real funding might have on Hertfordshire Schools’ ability to maintain their high standards, retain teachers, maintain class sizes and support the children in greatest need.

This Council notes the action of the Chair of the Hertfordshire Schools Forum, who on 4th October 2015 wrote to the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Children and Education requesting, in real terms, funding protection and not a fixed cash settlement.

Council recognises the national financial context in which central government has to balance the competing needs of public service provision in Hertfordshire and that the interests of local children require appropriate funding across a range of services.

This Council asks the Executive Member for Resources & Performance to write to appropriate Ministers outlining the financial pressures on local public services in Hertfordshire including the matters raised by the Chair of the School’s Forum.”

6B(ii) 6.5 The following motion proposed by **E M Gordon** and duly seconded was LOST:-

“Hertfordshire County Council welcomes the basic principles behind the “Accommodation for Independence” initiative and its commitment to provide suitable supported accommodation for those with learning disability. It further recognises that much of the hospital based provision offered in the past has led to unhappiness, unnecessary dependency and unsuitable places for people to live and thrive.

However, after careful review, the Council believes that an investment of a mere £1.65 million over 4 years cannot possibly lead to both effective and palatable outcomes as well as making savings of up to £7m by 2018/19.

The Council calls on the Cabinet to suspend the proposals, go back to the drawing board and produce a scheme which puts the needs of

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residents with learning difficulties first and financial savings second, in order to ensure that those transferring to Supported Living Accommodation are properly supported and their complex needs fully met.”

B(iii) 6.6 The Leader of the Council suggested that the time limit for speeches for the motion at 6B(iii) be reduced and that there be one speaker from each political group. The Chairman sought the view of Council that there be one speaker of five minutes from each political group and, as members did not speak in objection to this proposal, then proceeded with the debate on this basis.

6.6.1 The following motion was proposed by C M Hayward and duly seconded:-

“The County Council

- (a) notes from the Quarter 1 Financial Monitor that the projected underspend for the current year is substantially less than that achieved in previous years*
- (b) recognises that the medium-term financial position could deteriorate further due to the impact of the national living wage and financial pressures arising from the increase in the number of unaccompanied asylum seeking children (referred to in the Quarter 1 Performance Monitor) and under the Syrian Vulnerable Persons Relocation Scheme*
- (c) endorses the intention of the Executive Member for Resources & Performance to press the Government to recognise these matters (and any other qualifying matters) as new burdens and to adjust the grant settlement for 2016/17 (and beyond) accordingly.”*

6.6.2 In response to a point of clarification raised by L F Reeve, the Chairman confirmed that the time allowed for the remainder of item 6B was reduced in accordance with Standing Order 14 (11)(c).

6.6.3 The following amendment was proposed by L F Reeve and duly seconded:-

“That, in paragraph (c), all text after the words ‘...new burdens and’ be deleted and the following words be inserted in their place ‘that the proposed further cuts to the DCLG budgets of 8% per annum over the next 4 years, will bring further unsustainable pressures on this, and other

Local Authorities and will have an even greater detrimental effect on Public Services over and above those already experienced and the Government should adjust the grant settlement for 2016/17 (and beyond) accordingly'

The amended motion to read:-

"The County Council

- (a) notes from the Quarter 1 Financial Monitor that the projected underspend for the current year is substantially less than that achieved in previous years;*
- (b) recognises that the medium-term financial position could deteriorate further due to the impact of the national living wage and financial pressures arising from the increase in the number of unaccompanied asylum seeking children (referred to in the Quarter 1 Performance Monitor) and under the Syrian Vulnerable Persons Relocation Scheme; and*
- (c) endorses the intention of the Executive Member for Resources & Performance to press the Government to recognise these matters (and any other qualifying matters) as new burdens and that the proposed further cuts to the DCLG budgets of 8% per annum over the next 4 years, will bring further unsustainable pressures on this, and other Local Authorities and will have an even greater detrimental effect on Public Services over and above those already experienced and the Government should adjust the grant settlement for 2016/17 (and beyond) accordingly." "*

6.6.4 The amendment at 6.6.2 was then voted upon and LOST.

6.6.5 The substantive motion was then voted upon and CARRIED as follows:-

"The County Council

- (a) notes from the Quarter 1 Financial Monitor that the projected underspend for the current year is substantially less than that achieved in previous years*
- (b) recognises that the medium-term financial position could deteriorate further due to the impact of the national living wage and financial pressures arising from the increase in the number of unaccompanied asylum seeking children (referred to in the Quarter 1 Performance Monitor) and under the Syrian Vulnerable Persons*

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- (c) *endorses the intention of the Executive Member for Resources & Performance to press the Government to recognise these matters (and any other qualifying matters) as new burdens and to adjust the grant settlement for 2016/17 (and beyond) accordingly.”*

7. QUESTIONS TO EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

- 7.1** During the period for questions to Executive Members under SO(8)(7)(c) the following Members asked questions (and, where indicated, supplementary questions) of the Executive Member or their Deputy as stated [the audio recording of this item of business can be found here [Questions to Executive Members](#)].
[Questions are listed by portfolio].

Executive Member	Questioner	Subject
Leader of the Council	P M Zukowskyj	Local authorities involved in the 'Devolution' debate
	L F Reeve	Syrian refugee resettlement in Hertfordshire ¹
Children's Services	M A Watkin	Data on, and length of time taken for, care proceedings
	N Bell	Transitional funding for Home Start Schemes in Hertfordshire ¹
Community Safety & Waste Management	M Cowan	Cole Green Household Waste Recycling Centre ¹
	R J Henry	Household Waste Recycling Centres ^{1 2}
	T L F Douris	Sink hole in St Albans
Enterprise, Education & Skills	M Cowan	School place planning in division ¹
	J Billing	Nursery and primary school place planning ¹
Environment, Planning & Transport	C J White	Dialogue with Thameslink in relation to a potential Strategic Rail Freight Interchange in Hertfordshire
	L F Reeve	Bus Service Operators Grant ^{1 2}
	R A C Thake	Bus Service Operators Grant
Highways	S B A F H Giles-Medhurst	Gully and drain cleaning and clearing ¹
	J G L King	Penalty charges in relation to failure of contractors to remove signs left

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		on the highways after completion of works
	D A Ashley	Potential use of traffic information signs to discourage littering on the highways ¹
Public Health, Localism & Libraries	K M Hastrick	Measures in place to monitor and report usage of the Home Library Service
	S A Batson	Transfer of Health Visitor Service to the County Council and national best practice in respect of case load
	T L F Douris	Tesco announcement regarding 5pence levy for plastic bags being used for 'green' projects
Resources & Performance	P M Zukowskyj	County Council budget management and proposals for 2016/17 ¹
	L F Reeve	Government Comprehensive Spending Review and County Council potential for further efficiency savings ¹
	D A Ashley	Adoption of a 'blind' application and recruitment process to eliminate unintended bias
Adult Care & Health	R G Tindall	Children and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS)

* Questions answered by the Deputy Executive Member

Notes: 1 - denotes that a supplementary question was also asked
2 – denotes that a written reply will be given

7.2 Written questions to Executive Members – Standing Order 8(9)

There were no written questions.

8. REPORT OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

8.1 The following motion proposed by **T W Hone** and duly seconded was CARRIED:-

“That the report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee be received”

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9. REPORT OF THE HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

9.1 The following motion proposed by **S Quilty** and duly seconded was CARRIED:-

“That the report of the Health Scrutiny Committee be received.”

10. NOTICES OF MOTION – STANDING ORDER 9(6)

10.1 There were no notices of motions under Standing Order 9(6).

**KATHRYN PETTITT
CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER**

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