

West Sussex County Council – Ordinary Meeting

6 June 2014

At an Ordinary Meeting of the County Council held at 10.30 a.m. on Friday, 6 June 2014, at County Hall, Chichester, the members present being:

Mrs A J Jupp (Chairman)

Mr W E Acraman	Mrs E Kitchen
Mrs P A C Arculus	Mr P K Lamb
Mr D H Barling	Mr R A Lanzer
Mr L H Barnard	Mr G V McAra
Mr A J Barrett-Miles	Mr P G Metcalfe
Mrs E A Bennett	Mrs M E Millson
Mr P J J Bradbury	Mrs J S Mockridge
Mr M J Brown	Mrs S R Mullins
Mrs H A Brunsdon	Mr R J Oakley
Mr R D Burrett	Mr S J Oakley
Mr P C Catchpole	Mr J J O'Brien
Mr P J Circus	Mr F R J Oppler
Mr M R Clark	Mr C G Oxlade
Mr M A Cloake	Mr L W Parsons
Mr D G Crow	Mr A Patel
Dr N P S Dennis	Mr A P Petch
Mrs E M Evans	Mr N F Peters
Mr P C Evans	Mr J G Rae
Mrs C M Field	Mrs A M Rapnik
Mr M J Glennon	Mr J L Rogers
Ms M L Goldsmith	Mr R Rogers
Mr P A D Griffiths	Mr D P Sheldon
Mrs P A Hall	Mrs B A Smith
Mr P D High	Mr A C Sutcliffe
Mr S R Hillier	Mr G M Tyler
Mr J C Hunt	Mrs D L Urquhart
Ms S James	Mr S G Waight
Mrs A F Jones, MBE	Dr J M M Walsh, KStJ, RD
Mr G L Jones	Mr B R A D Watson, OBE
Mr M G Jones	Mr D R Whittington
Ms D M K Kennard	Mr L S Wickremaratchi

Apologies and attendance

41 Apologies were received from Mr Buckland, Mrs Duncton, Mr Montyn, Mrs Phillips, Mr Quinn, Mr Smith, Mr Smytherman and Mr Turner. Mr G L Jones gave his apologies and left at 11.45 a.m.

Death of Mr Peter Ogden

42 The Chairman reported the death of a former member of the County Council, Mr Peter Ogden, who had represented the Selsey and Sidlesham electoral division from 1986 to 1997.

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43 The Council stood for a minute's silence.

Interests

44 Members declared interests as set out at Appendix 1.

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45 It was agreed that the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the County Council held on 11 April 2014 (pages 67 to 100) be approved as a correct record.

Review of Proportionality

46 The County Council was reminded of its statutory duty to review the proportionality on its committees following Mr Sheldon's recent resignation from the Liberal Democrat Group and the creation of the Independent Group and noted a revised report on the application of the proportionality rules, including a table showing the allocations of seats among Committees which had been circulated (pages 101 and 101A).

47 The Chairman reported that a seat on the Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee had been transferred from the Conservative Group to the Independent Group to achieve the required balancing.

48 Resolved - that the review of proportionality on committees be agreed.

Appointments

49 The following changes to appointments were made which took effect from the end of the meeting:

Committee	Change
Governance Committee	Mrs Mullins in place of Mrs Smith
Health and Adult Social Care Committee	Mr Sheldon to fill vacancy
Planning Committee	Mr Quinn in place of Mrs Mullins
Planning Committee substitute	Mr High to fill vacancy
Regulation, Audit and Accounts Committee	Mrs Millson to fill vacancy and as Chairman Mr M G Jones in place of Mr Lamb
Standards Committee	Mr Sheldon in place of Mr McAra

Written Questions

- 50 Questions and answers pursuant to Standing Order 15(2), as set out at Appendix 2, were circulated. Members asked questions on the answers as set out at Appendix 2.

Cabinet Member Question Time

- 51 Members asked questions on the Cabinet Members' reports (pages 102 to 107) and a supplementary report (page 107A), as set out at Appendix 3.

Leader's Question Time

- 52 Members questioned the Leader on matters currently relevant to the County Council, as set out at Appendix 3.

Governance Committee: Corporate Parenting Panel

- 53 The County Council was asked to consider changes to the terms of reference of the Corporate Parenting Panel, in the light of a report by the Governance Committee (pages 108 to 110).

- 54 Resolved -

That the revised terms of reference, as set out at the Appendix to the report, be approved.

Notices of Motion

Notice of Motion by Dr Walsh

- 55 At the County Council meeting on 11 April 2014 the following motion had been moved by Dr Walsh, seconded by Mrs Millson, and referred to the Cabinet Members for Adult Social Care and Health and for Community Wellbeing for consideration. A report by the Cabinet Members was included with the agenda (pages 111 and 112).

'This Council notes:

- 1 in 6 people will experience a mental health problem in any given year.
- The World Health Organisation predicts that depression will be the second most common health condition worldwide by 2020.
- Mental ill health costs some £105 billion each year in England alone.
- People with a severe mental illness die up to 20 years younger than their peers in the UK.
- There is often a circular relationship between mental health and issues such as housing, employment, family problems or debt.

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This Council believes:

- As a commissioning authority we have a crucial role to play in improving the mental health of everyone in our community and tackling some of the widest and most entrenched inequalities in health.
- Mental health should be a priority across all the council's functions, from public health, adult social care and children's services and planning.
- All councillors, whether members of the Executive or Scrutiny and in our community and casework roles, can play a positive role in championing mental health on an individual and strategic basis.

This Council resolves:

To ask the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Health, on behalf of the County Council, to sign the Local Authorities' Mental Health Challenge run by Centre for Mental Health, Mental Health Foundation, Mind, Rethink Mental Illness, Royal College of Psychiatrists and YoungMinds.

The Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Health is asked to commit to:

- (1) Appoint an elected member as 'mental health champion' across the council;
- (2) Identify a 'lead officer' for mental health to link in with colleagues across the council;
- (3) Follow the implementation framework for the mental health strategy where it is relevant to the council's work and local needs;
- (4) Work with our partners to reduce inequalities in mental health in our community;
- (5) Work with the NHS to integrate health and social care support;
- (6) Promote wellbeing and initiate and support action on mental health;
- (7) Tackle discrimination on the grounds of mental health in our community;
- (8) Encourage positive attitudes to mental health in our schools, colleges and workplaces; and
- (9) Proactively engage and listen to people of all ages and backgrounds about what they need for better mental health.'

56 The motion was agreed as set out above.

Notice of Motion by Mr Barling

- 57 The following motion was moved by Mr Barling and seconded by Mrs Evans.

'This Council notes with concern the continuing sales of and use of chinese air lanterns. These are effectively an airborne incendiary with no specific destination, and which come down indiscriminately in farm land causing damage to crops and injury to livestock.

The Council considers that this can cause additional pressures upon the Fire Service by reason of fire risks to properties, barns or haystacks. There is also a potential risk to the rural economy of the county.

This Council therefore supports the National Farmers' Union Campaign to discourage the use of these items, and invites the Leader of the Council to respond to the NFU accordingly.'

- 58 The motion was agreed as set out above.

Notice of Motion by Mr Hillier

- 59 The following motion was moved by Mr Hillier and seconded by Mr Barling.

'This Council believes that West Sussex schools, whilst focussing on their priority of educating and developing young people, should be encouraged and assisted by this Council to make their facilities more available to local residents.

Schools are funded by the taxpayers and occupy large facilities within the heart of our communities and, when not in use by the students, should be used for the benefit of local people.

Therefore the Council asks the Cabinet Member for Education and Skills to commission a project to look at the costs and ramifications of enabling access and development of schools' facilities to meet communities' needs whilst maintaining the security of the students and the premises. The project should involve all County Councillors with regards to their responsibility to engage with and support the schools within their divisions.'

- 60 The motion was agreed as set out above.

Chairman

The Council rose at 2.39 p.m.

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Agenda Item No. 1 - Interests

Members declared interests as set out below. All the interests listed below were personal but not pecuniary or prejudicial unless indicated.

Item	Member	Nature of Interest
Item 6(a) Written Question 1 (Sussex County Cricket Club)	Mr S J Oakley	Member of Sussex County Cricket Club
Item 6(b) paragraph 1 (skills for future business and enterprise)	Mr Bradbury	Director of Warden Park Academy Trust
	Mr R Rogers	Governor of Durrington High School
	Mrs Urquhart	Governor of Chichester College
Item 6(b) CMQT paragraph 2 (County Joint Leaders)	Mr Bradbury	Member of Mid Sussex District Council
Item 6(b) CMQT paragraph 4 (Care Act)	Mr Catchpole	Wife employed by West Sussex Carers Support
Item 6(b) paragraph 12 (admissions to primary schools)	Mr Bradbury	Director of Warden Park Academy Trust
	Mr R Rogers	Governor of Durrington High School
Item 6(b) paragraph 13 (Governor's Conference)	Mr Bradbury	Director of Warden Park Academy Trust
	Mr R Rogers	Governor of Durrington High School
Item 6(b) paragraph 14 (organisation of schools in Worthing)	Mr Bradbury	Director of Warden Park Academy Trust
	Mr Cloake	Parent of children in the school system in Worthing
	Mr High	Parent of child in the school system in Worthing
	Mr R Rogers	Governor of Durrington High School

Item	Member	Nature of Interest
Item 6(b) CMQT paragraph 15 (Future structure of the 89 locally-run pension funds)	Mr Burrett	Personal interest as a member of the Local Government Pension Scheme and as a member of the Local Government Pensions Committee, appointed by the Local Government Association Conservative Group
Item 6(b) CMQT paragraph 18 (term contract for highway and related civil infrastructure works)	Mr Bradbury	Member of Mid Sussex District Council
Item 6(b) CMQT paragraph 22 (Future fire and Rescue Programme)	Mr Parsons	Son-in-law works for the West Sussex Fire and Rescue Service
Item 6(c) Leader's Question Time	Mr Bradbury	Director of Warden Park Academy Trust and Member of Mid Sussex District Council
Item 8(c) Notice of Motion	Mrs Evans	Governor at Kingsham School
	Mr Evans	Governor at Ferring C E Primary School
	Mr Griffiths	Governor of two schools and Corporate Governor of Northbrook College
	Mr R Rogers	Governor of Durrington High School

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1. Written question from **Mr Clark** for reply by the **Chairman**

Question

The Chairman recently wrote to all members, regarding the Sussex County Cricket Club membership. I understand that membership is funded by the Chairman's Fund and although it is for the very small sum of £250 per annum, I am concerned that the public may perceive this perk as one of many provided for members through this source of money. Please can the Chairman provide more detail on the Chairman's Fund in response to the questions below:

- (a) Can the Chairman please provide a breakdown of spend through the Chairman's Fund for the past financial year and what spending is planned in the current year?
- (b) Can the Chairman confirm what happens to any amount that is left unspent at the end of year? Is this money transferred to reserves, used to balance budgets or allocated to supporting frontline services?
- (c) If previous years' surplus funds are carried forward, please can the Chairman confirm how much is currently available in the Chairman's Fund?

Answer

Like many other local authorities, a modest budget is allocated to the Chairman of the County Council to assist him or her in fulfilling their civic and ceremonial role. This includes marking major civic events, entertaining civic guests and celebrating the people of West Sussex. In recent years, events have been held to honour small charities, local military personnel and the annual carol service supports the County Council's Fire and Rescue Service.

The County Council has for many years supported the Sussex County Cricket Club, in recognition of its valuable community work, particularly with young people in the county. It does this through the purchase of a single annual cricket ticket, which is available for the use of the Chairman and other members. The Chairman manages the use of the ticket personally, so no officer time is spent on it.

- (a) Spend in 2013/14 came to £8,442.81. This is broken down as follows:

Cost	Area of Spend
£1,975.47	Carol Service, December 2013 – hire of Cathedral, refreshments at reception
£1,378.60	Quadrennial Service, July 2013 – hire of Cathedral, refreshments at reception
£1,613.78	Dinner for the High Sheriff, April 2013 – staffing, catering, charitable donation and flowers (some catering costs were incurred in advance and were paid for in the last financial year)
£179.10	Function for retiring members of the County Council, April 2013

Cost	Area of Spend
£2,284.85	Costs of mementoes for distribution to schools for the 125th Anniversary of the County Council
£406.76	Other miscellaneous items including new ribbons for the badges of office and gifts for former Chairmen
£251.25	Catering costs for smaller meetings, both for external and internal guests
£353	Poppy Appeal, November 2013, cost of wreaths

The Cricket ticket was purchased before the start of this financial year, the cost was £230 for the 2013 season.

Spend in 2014/15 is not confirmed as yet, but key planned events are as follows:

- 125th Anniversary of the County Council Evensong at Chichester Cathedral and Reception at Edes House. This event has been timed to coincide with small charities week and many representatives from small charities in the county have been invited to attend.
 - Carol Service
 - Dinner for High Sheriff
 - Sussex County Cricket ticket (£250)
- (b) £32,700 of previously unspent money from the Chairman's Fund is currently held in a reserve account. It is planned to utilise some of this spend as part of the 125th Anniversary celebrations and is likely to involve making grants available to communities. Any left-over spend at the end of this financial year will be discussed with the Cabinet Member for Finance to determine an appropriate use as the Chairman does not intend to carry forward any left-over spend into the next financial year.
- (c) The current year's budget for the Chairman's Fund is £37,200, in addition to the carry forward outlined in paragraph (b).

Additional Questions

Additional questions were asked by Mr Bradury and Mr S J Oakley.

2. Written question from **Mr Glennon** for reply by the **Leader**

Question

The County Council is investing in software to provide an online method of reporting performance against the objectives in the performance framework. It is recognised that this has potential to increase openness and transparency around the reporting of performance, but there is concern about the level of public interest and access to the new facility. Please can the Leader confirm:

- (a) What market testing has been undertaken to determine the potential level of public interest in this facility?

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- (b) How it will be publicised and promoted to ensure it is accessed by the public and does not become a facility merely used by members and officers?

Answer

Improving the County Council's transparency and accountability to the taxpayers and residents of West Sussex is a priority for all members. The Performance Dashboard, which will go live before the end of June, will provide a platform for the Council to report on its performance and give officers, members and, most importantly, residents a better understanding of how it is performing against the outcomes which the County Council has agreed for West Sussex over the next four years.

- (a) Presenting performance information to the public in a way that is easy to access is our obligation as a council to our residents. This does not require market testing. The dashboard replaces an internal system which residents did not have access to and can only be an improvement. The increasing number of Freedom of Information (FOI) requests received by the County Council demonstrates that there is a demand from the public for performance data in an accessible form.
- (b) The Communications Team will be promoting both the Performance Framework and the information within it on a regular basis using twitter and Facebook as well as traditional media to increase awareness of the facility. A number of departments – such as those providing NHS health checks and alcohol awareness events – have already expressed an interest in using the Performance Dashboard to drive awareness of the services that they offer. Furthermore, the Dashboard can also be replicated on other organisations' digital platforms such as health partners, voluntary organisations and parish councils.

Supplementary Question

How many Freedom of Information requests which cited performance have been received and is that the only data used to quantify the level of interest in the new facility?

Supplementary Answer

I will respond to Mr Glennon with the number of Freedom of Information requests. However, it is important to show that residents are getting value for money for their council tax and that the results of performance management can be published externally at no additional cost for both residents and partners to see.

Additional Questions

Additional questions were asked by Mrs Arculus, Ms James and Mrs Urquhart.

3. Written question from **Mr Oxlade** for reply by the **Cabinet Member for Children – Start of Life**

Question

I have received complaints about the County Council's withdrawal of the Bumps and Babes service in Crawley and there has been negative publicity and anxiety in the local area about its future. To respond to the concerns of local residents please can the Cabinet Member provide responses to the questions below:

- (a) I understand that changes to the Bumps and Babes service were discussed with the Centre Partnership Groups (CPGs) of Children and Family Centres (CFCs) in Crawley. Is the Cabinet Member convinced that the CPGs are an effective forum to determine the views of parents and ensure that service changes are satisfactory to users of CFCs? What evidence can he provide of the involvement of the Bumps and Babes service users in the CPGs at Children and Family Centres in Crawley?
- (b) Users of CFCs and affected services have been engaged through parent forums but I have received complaints from parents that there has not been adequate communication ahead of the announcement of the closure of the Bumps and Babes service. Can the Cabinet Member confirm which forums he has used to discuss service changes with users of the CFCs? In the light of the complaints I have received from local residents is he convinced that they are an adequate forum to engage with service users and will he investigate better forums for engagement ahead of other significant service change?
- (c) I understand that discussions are on-going with other potential service providers to undertake the future running of affected services. Can the Cabinet Member confirm what other potential service providers have been identified and update the Council on progress made to ensure the continuation of a Bumps and Babes service beyond the end of the summer term?

Answer

- (a) Centre Partnership Groups (CPGs) are the required 'governing body' for Centres and provide the opportunity for representative stakeholders, including parents from parent/family forums to contribute to the decision-making process. The need for possible changes in services was highlighted through the chairmen of each centre partnership group (governing body) in February, following the publication of the Ofsted inspection reports. Full discussions regarding the Ofsted inspection, the evidence of need within each local community and the rationale for proposed changes for each of the Children and Family Centres (CFCs) across Crawley then took place at the end of April/beginning of May at CPGs. CPGs are deemed the appropriate mechanism for decisions on local service delivery, taking into account the wider context of needs. Guidance and training to strengthen effectiveness is planned.

Parental representation at the CPGs is variable and of those attending

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recent meetings for Bewbush CFC and Pound Hill & Maidenbower CFC, none were current users of 'Bumps and Babes'. New parent representatives from this user group are to attend the next CPG meeting for Pound Hill & Maidenbower CFC on 9 June.

- (b) Parents' views on services are sought on an on-going basis through Parent/Family Forums, as well as through feedback around specific activities to help shape the programme for the next term. This latter method is used increasingly to reach more parents as attendance by parents at formal meetings is limited and may not include those parents directly affected by proposed changes. It is accepted that insufficient notice was given regarding planned changes, which did not enable other options for delivery of these services to be fully explored with parents and other partners.

As a result the delivery of Bumps and Babes and 'Discovery Time' sessions are to continue until the end of the summer term. Two meetings have been held with representative parents (the first attended by the Cabinet Member and his Deputy Cabinet Member) and options are currently being developed with the full support of this parent group. Similar processes will be implemented in the future prior to changes, in addition to supporting parents on the CPG to play an active role.

- (c) As discussions are at an early stage it is not considered appropriate to name the interested provider. In addition the County Council is exploring parent-led groups and other partners to secure provision from September.

Supplementary Question

What reassurance can the Cabinet Member offer service users that there will be a 'Bumps and Babes' or similar service at Crawley Children and Family Centres after the end of the summer term which will be free at the point of use?

Supplementary Answer

The Council has had to change the service after an Ofsted inspection said that it needed to work better with vulnerable people. I apologise that, as none of the current users of the service were on the Centre Partnership Group, they did not receive notification. The Council is talking to parents and another provider and hopes to be able to continue the service in some form.

4. Written question from **Mrs Mullins** for reply by the **Cabinet Member for Finance**

Question

- (a) The building known as Centenary House, Northgate, Crawley, has now been empty and unused for approximately four years. The original buildings, which housed Crawley's Police Station and Crawley's Library, have now been empty and unused for approximately 15 years.

- (i) What is the historic cost to the County Council of keeping these buildings unsold, or developed, with regard to maintenance, security and taxes?
 - (ii) What future plans does the Council have for the sale, or redevelopment of these buildings?
 - (iii) Is there a time frame for any future sale, or development, of these prime areas?
- (b) Land adjacent to Ifield Community College, Ifield, Crawley has been left abandoned for at least 10 years. It is totally overgrown and an eyesore, attracting fly-tipping and anti-social behaviour.
- (i) What is the historic cost to the Council of keeping this land undeveloped, with regard to maintenance, security and taxes?
 - (ii) What future plans does the Council have for the development, or sale of this area?
 - (iii) If this land is to be used for housing development, what progress has been made in getting better road access to this site? Given that the only access at the moment is a narrow, one way road, heavily used by traffic in and out of Manor Green Special Schools, which are about to be expanded, and the continual traffic, accessing the Doctors' Surgery and Pharmacy.
- (c) Does the County Council own other empty buildings, or undeveloped pieces of land, in Crawley? If so, what are the future plans for these areas?

Answer

(a) **The 'County Buildings Site' in Crawley**

Only half of the former police station has been vacant for an extended period of years, with the majority of the former library in full use by Fire and Rescue Service (F&RS) as a training centre since the library relocated to the new £15m building in 2011.

Centenary House has been vacant since 2011, although has been used for a number of temporary uses (County Council data/file archive and storage, Sussex Police training, theatre club etc.)

- (i) The County Council holds some building cost data back to 2007/08; since that date an average of up to £160,000 per annum has been incurred, of which up to £135,000 per annum relates to vacant business rates payable to Crawley Borough Council (on Centenary House and the old Police Station).

Utility costs (water power and gas) across the campus reflect largely usage costs and have averaged £55,000 to £63,000 per annum but the majority of these costs are recoverable from the principal users,

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HM Courts (approximately £13,000), dental practice (approximately £10,000) and F&RS (approximately £15,000) with a residual cost liability noted in the region of £20,000.

Maintenance costs have averaged approximately £25,000 to £28,000 per annum across the campus and accounting information available notes that the total cost for the entire site since 2007/08 has been £194,800. Some of this cost has also been apportioned and is recoverable from occupied elements of the complex, noting that Centenary House was occupied until 2011 and the old Library is in current use. The total of £194,800 includes £40,000 of roof works carried out to Centenary House when the building was occupied. Detail is set out below.

Property	Business Rates payable to Crawley BC (Annual average)	Utility Costs (annual average)	Maintenance Total costs noted for 2007/8 to 2013/14	Security
Centenary House and Annexes	£110,000 Annual figure for empty rates charge. Current year payable	Approx £12,500 per annum Elec Gas Water	59,000* *total over 7 years and vacated in 2011 and includes £40,000 paid for roof repairs in 2010/11	Covered by FM manager. Alarm monitoring
Ex-Police Station/Boiler room/admin block	£25,000 Annual empty rates charge Current year payable	Approx £5,000 as costs were also charged out to HM Courts	72,500* *total over 7 years and vacated in 1990's	Covered by FM manager
Old Library	Rates paid by F&RS (approx £34000 pa)	Payable by F&RS	£54,400* *Total over 7 years and in current occupation	Occupied
NHS/ Dental Practice	Rates paid for by occupier (approx. £14000 pa)	Payable by occupier approx. £10,000 per annum	1,090* *Total over 7 years and rechargeable to tenant	Occupied

- (ii) Crawley town centre offers a primary opportunity for a collaborative investment and development partnership. The County Council has recently invested £1.5m to support Crawley Borough Council (BC)

initiatives for public realm improvements in the town centre, following its £15m investment in a new regional library in 2010/11.

The County Council has initiated recent meetings with its immediate neighbours, – Crawley BC, Sussex Police and Central Sussex College – given that their combined land ownerships adjacent to County Buildings not only form a significant phase for future Town Centre North (TCN) but could provide a catalyst for major urban, residential, employment development linked to Higher Education improvement alongside further phases of TCN.

Sussex Police and Central Sussex College have identified their own strategic and operational plans for the future development of their services, all of which influence how current and future land ownerships might be configured and used.

Should Crawley BC's new administration also wish to consider options for its own land ownerships, there will be wider benefit for the public sector partners to set up a multi-agency governance body to manage the appointment of a development manager, or equivalent, to undertake feasibility and business cases for phased redevelopment of the public owned sites within the locality.

- (iii) The County Council has held back from seeking to deliver solutions for the County-owned site in recent times for various reasons, including the impact of the recession on the market, reasonable requests from CBC in order to prioritise TCN development and unanticipated delays to phases of TCN by developers. However the County Council remains a significant influencer in Crawley's development through the use of assets and wishes to support appropriate new initiatives that support economic growth and investment activities

The County Council has so far held back on feasibility work in order to enable Crawley BC to bring forward its own TCN plans in preferred phases but the age and condition of the County Buildings campus has been aired as of major concern, leading to the recent approach to partners. The County Council has floated the principle to Crawley BC, as well as Sussex Police and Central Sussex College, that a master plan approach now be reviewed as a matter of some urgency.

(b) Land adjacent to Ifield Community College, Ifield, Crawley

- (i) There are no costs being incurred for security or rates. Some fence repairs and site clearance is carried out most years. In 2013 this amounted to £1765 and so far in 2014 £1,102 has been spent on these items.
- (ii) The County Council plans to sell the property to a housing developer for a capital receipt. The sale will be made 'subject to the developer obtaining a satisfactory planning consent'. Solicitors for both sides are instructed and are working on a draft contract being.

- (iii) All planning issues including road improvements will be the responsibility of the housing developer to attend to. The site in question previously had planning consent granted on appeal for 170 dwellings, the doctors' surgery, a respite centre and a care home. There was a requirement within the consent for a variety of road improvements as part of the scheme. The County Council envisages that any further planning consent will have similar requirements.

(c) Other WSCC Vacant Site in Crawley

The County Council owns a site adjoining the K2 leisure centre which it intends to promote for housing development and which is allocated as suitable for such within Crawley Borough Council's local plan. Potential flooding issues associated with Titmus Lake are currently being addressed prior to a planning application being made.

Supplementary Question

What responsibility or influence has the County Council over the developer and Ifield Community College in relation to road access from the A23 in the interest of local residents?

Supplementary Answer

The Council is in discussions with a large developer who will buy the land from the Council to build houses if and when it has received detailed planning permission. The Council will make sure that money is earmarked to ensure that the road network is appropriate for the size of development.

Additional Question

An additional question was asked by Mrs Millson.

Agenda Item No. 6(b) - Cabinet Member Question Time

Members asked questions on the Cabinet Members' reports as set out below. In instances where a Cabinet Member undertook to take follow-up action, this is also noted below.

Leader

The Leader answered questions on paragraph 2, County Joint Leaders, from Mr Glennon and Mr Griffiths.

Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Health

The Cabinet Member answered questions on paragraph 5, Learning Disability Framework 2014-17, from Mr Tyler.

Cabinet Member for Community Wellbeing

The Cabinet Member answered questions on the following paragraphs.

Paragraph 8, Better Care Fund Plan, from Mr J L Rogers.

Paragraph 9, West Sussex Public Health Plan 2012-17, from Mr Burrett and Mr Parsons.

Cabinet Member for Corporate Relations

The Cabinet Member answered questions on paragraph 10, Networked Councillor Project, from Mr Crow and Ms James.

Cabinet Member for Education and Skills

The Cabinet Member answered questions on the following paragraphs.

Paragraph 12, admissions to primary schools, from Mr Bradbury, Ms James and Mrs Smith.

In response to questions from Mr Bradbury, the Cabinet Member said he would be happy to arrange a Members' Day later in the year to explain the process of school admissions. He also agreed to meet Mr Bradbury to discuss the provision of places in Cuckfield and Haywards Heath and said he would be happy to meet other members on request.

In response to a question from Ms James, the Cabinet Member agreed to respond with an explanation of what was planned for the Bourne area.

Paragraph 13, Governors' Conference, from Mrs Mullins.

In response to a request for more support for governing bodies, the Cabinet Member said he would let Mrs Mullins know what information and advice had been sent to governing bodies in relation to future arrangements following their reconstitution.

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Cabinet Member for Finance

The Cabinet Member answered questions on the following paragraphs.

Paragraph 15, future structure of the 89 locally-run pension funds, from Mrs Urquhart and Mr Waight.

Paragraph 16, invest to secure a greater return for the county, from Mrs Millson and Dr Walsh.

Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport

The Cabinet Member answered questions on the following paragraphs.

Paragraph 17, A27 Campaign, from Mrs Arculus, Mr Barling and Dr Walsh.

In response to a request from Mr Barling for the Council to lobby the Highways Agency to keep the traffic lights at Grove Lodge turned off, the Leader, on behalf of the Cabinet Member, said she would raise the matter with the Cabinet Member and would look at options and make representations.

Paragraph 19, GAL's submission of an updated scheme design for expanding the Airport, from Mr Acraman, Dr Dennis and Mrs Smith.

In response to a comment from Dr Dennis that the long-term forecasts assumed peak spreading and his question as to whether consideration had been given the impact of fuel prices on the long-term forecasts, the Leader, on behalf of the Cabinet Member, said she would ask officers to respond.

In response to a question from Mrs Smith, the Leader agreed that the Task and Finish Group report would be shared with all members at an appropriate time.

Paragraph 20, Local Flood Risk Management Strategy, from Ms James.

Agenda Item No. 6(c) - Leader's Question Time

The Leader answered questions from members on the following topics:

Young people elected in parish elections, from Mrs Mockridge.

Football World Cup, from Mr McAra.

Merger with East Sussex Fire & Rescue Service, from Mr Glennon.

Serious case review at Orchid View Care Home, from Mrs Evans.

Reduction in senior management structure and number of Cabinet Member portfolios, from Dr Walsh.

Skills required of young people by businesses, from Mrs Urquhart.

Additional funding for bus services, from Mr Parsons.

Problems in Haywards Heath in relation to water main replacement by South East Water and newspaper headline, from Mr Bradbury.

Progress on councils working together in West Sussex, from Ms James.