

Portsmouth City Council

A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL will be held at the Guildhall, Portsmouth on Tuesday 11 December 2012 at 2.00 pm and all Members of the Council are hereby summoned to attend to consider and resolve upon the following business:-

Agenda

- 1 **Members' Interests**
- 2 To approve as a correct record the Minutes of
 - the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 13 November 2012 (set out on pages 97 to 105).
- 3 To receive such communications as the Lord Mayor may desire to lay before the Council, including apologies for absence.
- 4 **a. Deputations from the Public under Standing Order No 24.**
b. Questions from the Public under Standing Order 25.
- 5 **Appointments** - To determine where the extra Labour Group seat gained from the Conservative Group should be allocated from one of the following -
 1. Housing and Social Care Scrutiny Panel
 2. Traffic, Environment and Community Safety Scrutiny Panel
 3. Governance, Audit and Standards Committee

This matter was deferred from the last meeting.

- 6 **Urgent Business - To receive and consider any urgent and important business from Members of the Cabinet in accordance with Standing Order No 26.**

- 7 **Recommendations from Cabinet – 3 December 2012**

To consider the attached reports in respect of the following (recommendations to follow).

- Joint Health & Wellbeing Strategy
- Budget and Performance Monitoring 2012/13 (Second Quarter) to End September 2012
- Treasury Management Mid-Year Review for 2012/13 (Governance, Audit and Standards Committee noted the report at its meeting on 15 November 2012).

*Council Tax Local Scheme - ***Please note that following consultation with the Group Leaders, owing to the overall size of the appendices, paper copies will not be sent out with this distribution, but will be generally available on the website. Paper copies will be available in the Group Rooms and on request from Democratic Services and arrangements will be made for some copies to be provided in the Council chamber.**

8 Recommendations from Special Cabinet – 10 December 2012

To consider the attached report in respect of the following (recommendations to follow).

- Portsmouth City Council's Revenue Budget 2013/14.

9 Recommendations from Scrutiny Management Panel – 8 November 2012

To consider the attached report and recommendations in respect of the following.

- Annual Scrutiny Report to Council

10 Notice of Motion

Shipbuilding in Portsmouth Naval Base

Proposed by Councillor Aiden Gray

Seconded by Councillor Jim Patey

Council notes:

- BAE Systems employ in the region of 1,500 people in their shipbuilding business in Portsmouth and have over 4,000 employees in total working in the Naval Base.
- Recent reports in the media that have indicated that BAE Systems are considering closing the shipbuilding facility in Portsmouth Naval Base.
- That workers have faced more than a year of uncertainty since BAE Systems announced they would be undertaking a review of shipbuilding at the end of last year.
- That the continuing uncertainty is having a severe impact on the morale of all those working in the Naval Base.

Council believes:

- The shipbuild facility in Portsmouth to be the most modern in the UK and to have a proven record of building complex warships.
- Ending naval shipbuilding in Portsmouth will mean the end of shipbuilding in England and, potentially, the UK. It will also leave the MoD without a facility providing 'through life' capability.
- In order to fill the gap between the end of the Carrier build and the commencement of Type-26 work, the MoD should consider commissioning the building of Off-Shore Patrol Vessels (OPVs)

- In the event that a decision is taken by BAE Systems and the Government to close the shipbuilding facility the company should mitigate any job losses by redeploying those at risk of redundancy to the services business in the Naval Base.

Council resolves:

- To write to the Defence Secretary stating why the closure of shipbuilding in Portsmouth will not only have a devastating impact on workers and their families, but will also be detrimental to the strategic defence capability of the UK.
- To write to all local MPs calling upon them to support keeping shipbuilding in Portsmouth.
- To convene a cross-party group to work with the Naval Base trade unions to campaign for a viable and sustainable future for the workforce.

11 Questions from Members under Standing Order No 17.

- 12** To agree the following provisional dates for meetings of the Council during the next Municipal Year, prior to formal ratification at the Council's Annual Meeting on 21 May 2013 (all to commence at 2.00 pm unless otherwise indicated) :-

11 June 2013	21 January 2014
16 July 2013	11 February 2014 (budget)
15 October 2013	18 March 2014
12 November 2013	20 May 2014* (Annual) (11.00 am)
10 December 2013 (if needed)	

Note: (*) It is possible that the local elections may be combined with the European Parliament elections in June 2014 (the date of the European elections and whether they will be combined with the Local elections has yet to be decided), however it could mean that the Annual meeting of the Council, may be postponed from May to June 2014. When the position has been determined, the implications will be reported.

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