

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL held at the Guildhall,
Portsmouth on Tuesday 22 January 2013 at 2.00 pm.

Council Members Present

The Right Worshipful The Lord Mayor
Councillor Frank Jonas (In the Chair)

Councillors

Adair, Margaret	Patey, Jim
Andrewes, Michael	Phillips, Darron
Bosher, Simon	Sanders, Darren
Eddis, Peter	Scott, Caroline
Ellcome, Ken	Scott, Eleanor
Fazackarley, Jason	Smith, Phil
Ferrett, John	Stagg, Lynne
Ferrett, Ken	Stevens, Les
Fuller, David	Stockdale, Sandra
Gray, Aiden	Thompson, Alistair
Hall, Terry	Vernon-Jackson, Gerald
Hancock, Jacqui	Wemyss, Steve
Horne, David	Windebank, April
Hunt, Lee	Winnington, Matthew
Jones, Donna	Wood, Rob
Madden, Leo	Wylie, Steven
Mason, Hugh	Young, Neill
Mason, Lee	
Park, Mike	

1 Declarations of Members' Interests

Following advice given by the City Solicitor that members' remuneration is specifically excluded from the list of disclosable pecuniary interests, there were no declarations of members' interests.

2 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 11 December 2012

It was

Proposed by Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Simon Bosher

That the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 11 December 2012 be approved as a correct record and this was agreed.

3 Communications and Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mike Hancock, Margaret Foster, Will Purvis, Luke Stubbs and Alistair Thompson. Apologies for lateness were received from Councillors Donna Jones, Steve Wemyss and Jason Fazackarley as they were all attending the funeral of Gerry Oldfield that afternoon.

The Lord Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting and reminded the public that standing orders currently preclude the use of any photographic, television, sound recording and communications equipment.

The Lord Mayor announced that as mentioned by the Dean in prayers, the Council's chauffeur Robin Mitchell is sadly seriously ill and that he was sure that members would join him in saying that our thoughts are with Robin and his family at this very difficult time.

4 Deputations from the Public under Standing Order 24(b)(vi)

There were no deputations.

5 Questions from the Public under Standing Order No 25

There were no questions from the public.

6 Appointments

There were no appointments to be made at this meeting.

7 Urgent Business

There was no urgent business.

8 Recommendations from Cabinet

There were no Cabinet recommendations for Council.

9 Independent Remuneration Panel

The Lord Mayor advised that members are required to consider the report and recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel together with the overview report of the Chief Executive as previously circulated and welcomed Professor Craven, chairman of the panel. The Lord Mayor asked Council to note that the Governance & Audit & Standards Committee also received this report on 16 January 2013 and confirmed that it was content with the process that had been followed. The Lord Mayor invited Professor Craven to introduce the report which he then did.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Hugh Mason

That

1. Council notes the report of the Remuneration Panel and thanks them for their careful and thorough work;
2. Council does not accept the conclusion of the Panel in respect of the increase in basic allowance from £10,200 to £10,550 which it wishes to remain unchanged at £10,200.
3. The Council recognises that in a period of austerity it is not appropriate for Councillors to take increases in remuneration and welcomes the decision of the Liberal Democrat Group Members to forgo the other recommended increases in Special Responsibility Allowances in the stated positions which would otherwise be received by them.
4. It would also be welcome if the Members of the other Groups on the Council support the recommendations of the Independent Panel with regard to their respective Special Responsibility Allowances. Should such support not be forthcoming the status quo for these positions would prevail.
5. The Council accepts the conclusions of the Panel other than as mentioned at 2 above and having regard to the outcome of 4 above
6. These proposals should either be cost neutral or reduce the budget for Members allowances, however if there is any unforeseen expenditure, it be met from contingencies.

Following discussion, a recorded vote was requested by eight members standing in respect of each of the separate propositions. Councillor Donna Jones and Steve Wemyss left the chamber for these votes as they had arrived after the debate.

The following members voted in favour of part 1 of the proposal:

Adair, Margaret	Horne, David	Smith, Phil
Andrewes, Michael	Hunt, Lee	Stagg, Lynne
Bosher, Simon	Madden, Leo	Stevens, Les
Eddis, Peter	Mason, Hugh	Stockdale, Sandra
Ellcome, Ken	Mason, Lee	Vernon-Jackson, Gerald
Ferrett, John	Park, Mike	Windebank, April
Ferrett, Ken	Patey, Jim	Winnington, Matthew
Fuller, David	Phillips, Darron	Wood, Rob
Gray, Aiden	Sanders, Darren	Wylie, Steven
Hall, Terry	Scott, Caroline	Young, Neill
Hancock, Jacqui	Scott, Eleanor	

There were no votes against item 1 of the proposal.
There were no abstentions.

Item 1 of the proposal was therefore CARRIED.

A recorded vote was requested by eight members standing in respect of item 2 of the proposal.

The following members voted in favour of the proposal:

Adair, Margaret	Horne, David	Smith, Phil
Andrewes, Michael	Hunt, Lee	Stagg, Lynne
Bosher, Simon	Madden, Leo	Stevens, Les
Eddis, Peter	Mason, Hugh	Stockdale, Sandra
Ellcome, Ken	Mason, Lee	Vernon-Jackson, Gerald
Ferrett, John	Park, Mike	Windebank, April
Ferrett, Ken	Patey, Jim	Winnington, Matthew
Fuller, David	Phillips, Darron	Wood, Rob
Gray, Aiden	Sanders, Darren	Wylie, Steven
Hall, Terry	Scott, Caroline	Young, Neill
Hancock, Jacqui	Scott, Eleanor	

There were no votes against item 2 of the proposal.
There were no abstentions.

Item 2 of the proposal was therefore CARRIED.

A recorded vote was requested by eight members standing in respect of item 3 of the proposal.

The following members voted in favour of item 3:

Adair, Margaret	Madden, Leo	Stagg, Lynne
Andrewes, Michael	Mason, Hugh	Stevens, Les
Eddis, Peter	Phillips, Darron	Stockdale, Sandra
Fuller, David	Sanders, Darren	Vernon-Jackson, Gerald
Hall, Terry	Scott, Caroline	Winnington, Matthew
Hancock, Jacqui	Scott, Eleanor	Wood, Rob
Hunt, Lee	Smith, Phil	Wylie, Steven

The following members voted against item 3 of the proposal:

Bosher, Simon	Gray, Aiden	Patey, Jim
Ellcome, Ken	Horne, David	Windebank, April
Ferrett, John	Mason, Lee	Young, Neill
Ferrett, Ken	Park, Mike	

There were no abstentions.

Item 3 of the proposal was therefore CARRIED.

A recorded vote was requested by eight members standing in respect of item 4 of the proposal.

There were no votes in favour of item 4 of the proposal.
There were no votes against item 4 of the proposal.

The following members abstained from the vote:

Adair, Margaret	Horne, David	Smith, Phil
Andrewes, Michael	Hunt, Lee	Stagg, Lynne
Bosher, Simon	Madden, Leo	Stevens, Les
Eddis, Peter	Mason, Hugh	Stockdale, Sandra
Ellcome, Ken	Mason, Lee	Vernon-Jackson, Gerald
Ferrett, John	Park, Mike	Windebank, April
Ferrett, Ken	Patey, Jim	Winnington, Matthew
Fuller, David	Phillips, Darron	Wood, Rob
Gray, Aiden	Sanders, Darren	Wylie, Steven
Hall, Terry	Scott, Caroline	Young, Neill
Hancock, Jacqui	Scott, Eleanor	

Item 4 of the proposal was undetermined as all members abstained from voting on this item. The item therefore reverts to the status quo.

A recorded vote was requested by eight members standing in respect of item 5 of the proposal.

The following members voted in favour of item 5:

Adair, Margaret	Madden, Leo	Stagg, Lynne
Andrewes, Michael	Mason, Hugh	Stevens, Les
Eddis, Peter	Phillips, Darron	Stockdale, Sandra
Fuller, David	Sanders, Darren	Vernon-Jackson, Gerald
Hall, Terry	Scott, Caroline	Winnington, Matthew
Hancock, Jacqui	Scott, Eleanor	Wood, Rob
Hunt, Lee	Smith, Phil	Wylie, Steven

There were no votes against the proposal.

The following members abstained from the vote:

Bosher, Simon	Gray, Aiden	Patey, Jim
Ellcome, Ken	Horne, David	Windebank, April
Ferrett, John	Mason, Lee	Young, Neill
Ferrett, Ken	Park, Mike	

Item 5 of the proposal was therefore CARRIED.

A recorded vote was requested by eight members standing in respect of item 6 of the proposal.

The following members voted in favour of item 6:

Adair, Margaret	Madden, Leo	Stagg, Lynne
Andrewes, Michael	Mason, Hugh	Stevens, Les
Eddis, Peter	Phillips, Darron	Stockdale, Sandra
Fuller, David	Sanders, Darren	Vernon-Jackson, Gerald
Hall, Terry	Scott, Caroline	Winnington, Matthew
Hancock, Jacqui	Scott, Eleanor	Wood, Rob
Hunt, Lee	Smith, Phil	Wylie, Steven

There were no votes against item 6 of the proposal.

The following members abstained from the vote:

Bosher, Simon	Gray, Aiden	Patey, Jim
Ellcome, Ken	Horne, David	Windebank, April
Ferrett, John	Mason, Lee	Young, Neill
Ferrett, Ken	Park, Mike	

Item 6 of the proposal was therefore CARRIED.

RESOLVED that

- 1. Council notes the report of the Remuneration Panel and thanks them for their careful and thorough work;**
- 2. Council does not accept the conclusion of the Panel in respect of the increase in basic allowance from £10,200 to £10,550 which it wishes to remain unchanged at £10,200.**
- 3. The Council recognises that in a period of austerity it is not appropriate for Councillors to take increases in remuneration and welcomes the decision of the Liberal Democrat Group Members to forgo the other recommended increases in Special Responsibility Allowances in the stated positions which would otherwise be received by them.**
- 4. Council notes that as item 4 of the proposal in respect of the Special Responsibility Allowances for other Group Leaders on the Council was not determined, the allowances in respect of the Opposition Leader, other Group Leaders with 5 or more members and other Group leaders with 2 to 4 members will remain unchanged rather than being reduced as recommended in the Independent Remuneration Panel's report.**
- 5. The Council accepts the conclusions of the Panel other than as mentioned at 2 above and having regard to the outcome of 4 above**
- 6. These proposals should either be cost neutral or reduce the budget for Members allowances, however if there is any unforeseen expenditure, it be met from contingencies.**

10 Forward Plan Omission report

RESOLVED that Council noted the Forward Plan Omission report.

11 Questions from Members under Standing Order No 17

There were four questions under Standing Order 17.

Question No 1 was from Councillor Alistair Thompson will be dealt with by way of a written reply as he was not in the Chamber to put his question.(SO 17 (9) refers)

Question No 2 was from Councillor Ken Ellcome to the Cabinet Member for Culture, Leisure & Sport, Councillor Lee Hunt.

"Can he tell me when the tennis courts at Drayton Park will be refurbished and made fit for purpose?"

This and supplementary questions were answered by the Cabinet Member for Culture, Leisure & Sport.

Question No 3 was from Councillor Donna Jones to the Cabinet Member for Culture, Leisure & Sport, Councillor Lee Hunt.

"Can the Cabinet member for Culture and Leisure advise when and how a decision will be made about the future uses of the sites of the bowling greens across the city of Portsmouth?"

This and a supplementary question was answered by the Cabinet Member for Culture, Leisure & Sport.

Question No 4 was from Councillor Steve Wemyss to the Cabinet Member for Culture, Leisure & Sport, Councillor Lee Hunt.

"As per normal protocols, did he, as the Executive Member for Culture and Leisure, sign off the recent consultation questionnaire concerning the future of Cosham Library?"

This and supplementary questions were answered by the Cabinet Member for Culture, Leisure & Sport.

The meeting concluded at 3.50 pm.

Lord Mayor