

# *Portsmouth City Council*

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL will be held at the Guildhall, Portsmouth on Monday 20 May 2013 commencing at 11.00 am and all Members of the Council are hereby summoned to attend to consider and resolve upon the following business:-

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## *Agenda*

*Items 1 (Election of Lord Mayor) and 2 (Appointment of Deputy Lord Mayor) will take place in the **Main Concert Hall**.*

1. To elect the Lord Mayor for the ensuing Municipal Year.
2. To appoint the Deputy Lord Mayor for the ensuing Municipal Year.

*The Council will adjourn at approximately 12.15 pm and deal with the remaining items, re-commencing in the **Council Chamber** no earlier than 2.15 pm.*

3. Members' Interests.
4. To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 19 March 2013 (pages 39 to 49).
5. To receive such communications as the Lord Mayor may desire to lay before the Council including apologies for absence.

The Council will receive representations from the Mayors of Portsmouth's Twinned Cities of Caen (France) and Duisburg (Germany). In addition, the Council will also receive a representation from Portsmouth Sister City of Maizuru (Japan) which this year is the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the creation of this link. Maureen Frost, Chief Executive of the Hampshire Chamber of Commerce, will contribute to proceedings with a vote of thanks.

6. Deputations under Standing Order 24
7. To note the current Leader of the City Council will remain in office until May 2015, unless
  - a) he resigns from the office;
  - b) he is no longer a councillor; or
  - c) he is removed from office by resolution of the Council

8. In accordance with the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, to receive details from the Leader of the Council regarding Cabinet members and portfolios for the ensuing Municipal Year.

The Council will also receive details of the appointments from the Leader (as it is within his gift) for the Health and Wellbeing Board, applying the following criteria;

- Portfolio holder responsible for Health & Social Care
  - Portfolio holder responsible for Children's Services
  - Two other members of the administration
  - Two members of the opposition
- Appointments for 2012/13 were; Cllrs L. Madden, R. Wood, M. Hancock, W. Purvis, D. Horne and M. Park
  - Standing deputies were; Cllr J. Patey, D. Fuller, E. Scott, G. Vernon-Jackson and J. Fazackarley

9. Proportional Representation on Panels and Committees

Under the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, the City Council is required at each Annual Meeting to review the representation of different political groups, to determine the allocation of seats to different political groups for the forthcoming Municipal Year and to appoint Members in accordance with the decisions of the Council as to allocation and according to the wishes of the groups as to the identities of the Members to be appointed. The appointment of Members is dealt with separately under Item 10 below.

### Allocation of Seats for 2013/14 (Table 1)

The representation of groups must be in accordance with the rules set out in the relevant legislation. Details of the proposed allocation of places on Panels and Committees are set out below -

<b>Groups</b>	<b>1 No of Cllrs</b>	<b>2 Total No of Cttee Seats</b>	<b>3 Places on Licensing (15 Members)</b>	<b>4 Planning (10 Members)</b>	<b>5 Governance &amp; Audit &amp; Standards, Employment, &amp; 5 Themed Scrutiny Panels (6 Members)</b>	<b>6 Places on Scrutiny Management Panel (9* Members)</b>
Lib/Dem	25	48	9	6	4 (28)	5
Conservative	12	20	4	3	2 (10)	3
Labour	5	8	2	1	0 (4)	1
	42	76	15	10	6 (42)	9

Principle 2 within Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 requires the majority of seats on Committees and Panels to be allocated to the group having the majority of seats on the City Council.

A group is defined in the regulations as comprising two or more persons.

\* It is recommended that Scrutiny Management Panel shall comprise of members who shall be appointed as Chairs of the themed scrutiny panels.

2013/14 municipal appointments will be presented at the meeting

RECOMMENDED (1) that the total number of seats on Committees and Panels be divided amongst the political groups in accordance with Table 1 above;

(2) that any other bodies subject to the political proportionality rules be appointed in accordance with proportions shown in Table 1.

10. To appoint Members to the following Committees and Panels for the 2013/14 Municipal Year :-

Scrutiny Management Panel	- 9 members
Planning Committee	- 10 members
Licensing Committee	- 15 members
Governance & Audit & Standards Committee	- 6 members
Employment Committee	- 6 members
Health Overview & Scrutiny Panel	- 6 members
Education, Children & Young People Scrutiny Panel	- 6 members
Traffic, Environment & Community Safety Scrutiny Panel	- 6 members
Economic Development, Culture & Leisure Scrutiny Panel	- 6 members
Housing & Social Care Scrutiny Panel	- 6 members

11. To appoint Standing Deputies (three named Members for each Group on each Committee or Panel, five in respect of the Planning Committee).
12. To appoint the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of Committees and the Scrutiny Management and themed Panels for the 2013/14 Municipal Year.
13. Appointments

To appoint representatives, **who must be elected members**, to the following outside bodies. These appointments are reserved to the City Council in accordance with Paragraph 1.3 of Part 2 of the Council Constitution.

- (1) To appoint 3 members in political proportionality to serve on the **Hampshire Fire & Rescue Authority** for the 2013/14 municipal year.

Political proportionality requires (2 Liberal Democrats and 1 Conservative).

(In 2012/13 the appointees were Councillors Phil Smith, Jason Fazackarley and Luke Stubbs)

(2) **Police and Crime Panel (PCP)**

To appoint 1 member to serve on the Police and Crime Panel (Councillor Stagg was the Council's representative in 2012/13).

Note: Councils are asked to consider when appointing, whether a conflict of interest might occur for Leaders and Community Safety Portfolio holders, as they are likely to be in regular discussions with the Police and Crime Commissioner about local crime and disorder issues.

(3) To appoint up to 4 members to serve on the **Local Government Association General Assembly** for the 2013/14 municipal year, who will be supported by the appropriate officers at the Annual Conference, **and to specify which of the elected members will hold the voting rights.**

Portsmouth City Council has up to 4 votes on the LGA, which are usually exercised by the party forming the City Council's political administration. Those having the right to vote should be identified.

In 2012/13 the representatives were Councillors Hugh Mason, Gerald Vernon-Jackson, Will Purvis and Simon Bosher, who each exercised one vote.

(4) To appoint 6 members to serve on the **Langstone Harbour Board** who must be an elected member.

Current members are; Councillors P. Eddis, C. Scott, M. Winnington, G. Vernon-Jackson, L. Mason and A. Windebank were appointed for 2012/13.

Note the current Deputies are Councillors H Mason, S Wemyss, P Smith and E Scott.

The current political balance applied to the Board is 4 Liberal Democrats and 2 Conservatives.

14. Other Appointments

- 6 members to the Twinning Advisory Group - currently chaired by the Resources Portfolio holder, with the Lord Mayor performing the deputy Chair role (the other 4 members in 2012/13 were Councillors Hall, Eddis, Stagg and L. Mason).

Therefore one vacancy is expected with Councillor Stagg replacing Councillor Jonas as the Lord Mayor as the vice chair.

15. To receive and consider any urgent and important business in accordance with Standing Order No 26.

## 16. Notice of Motion

**Proposed by Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson  
Seconded by Councillor Jason Fazackarley**

"The City Council wishes to place on record our congratulations to Portsmouth Supporters Trust for taking control of Portsmouth Football Club on behalf of the fans. The City Council wishes the Supporters Trust well, and hopes that the Trust can provide long term stability to the Club.

The City Council also recognises the good community work the club does in the fields of youth work and education.

The City Council recognises that without the short term bridging loan offered by the City Council it would have been impossible for the Supporters Trust to buy the Club. It recognises the advice from the City Council's Chief Finance Officer that the risk to the city council of losing money had been reduced since the full council decision to make the loan had been unanimously agreed in August 2012. It also recognises the advice from the Chief Finance Officer of the City Council that if no loan was offered at the Cabinet meeting in February 2013 then the Trusts bid would have failed and the Club would have likely gone into liquidation as there were no other viable bids.

With all this information being available to councillors the City Council questions why the Leader of the Labour Party in Portsmouth asked the Cabinet to delay any decision on a loan to the Trust, even though the advice of the Chief Finance Officer of the City Council was that this would likely push the club into liquidation.

The City Council applauds the decision to give a short term bridging loan to the Trust that has saved the Club from liquidation, and condemns the Labour Party in Portsmouth for pushing the club towards liquidation by opposing the bridging loan."

17. To determine the following dates for meetings of the Council during the ensuing Municipal Year as required under Standing Order 6 and 10(k), to commence at 2.00 pm unless otherwise indicated –

**11 June 2013**

**9 July 2013**

**15 October 2013**

**12 November 2013**

**10 December 2013 (if needed)**

**21 January 2014**

**11 February 2014 (budget)**

**18 March 2014**

**10 June 2014\* (Annual) (11.00 am)**

**Note:** (\*) It is likely that the local elections will be delayed and combined with the European Parliament elections in late May 2014 (the date of the European elections and whether they will be combined with the Local elections has yet to be decided), it is therefore very likely that the Annual meeting of the Council will need to be held on 10 June 2014. Members will be notified when arrangements are firmed up, in the meantime members are kindly asked to agree the stated Annual Council meeting date.

To agree in principle subject to later ratification, the following provisional Council meeting dates for 2014/15

**15 July 2014**

**14 October 2014**

**11 November 2014**

**9 December 2014**

**20 January 2015**

**10 February 2015**

**17 March 2015**

**19 May 2015 (Annual) (11.00 am)**

David Williams  
Chief Executive

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10 May 2013