

Portsmouth City Council

A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL will be held at the Council Chamber - The Guildhall on Tuesday, 15 October 2013 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** (Pages 1 - 12)
 - the meeting held on 9 July 2013 (pages 77 to 87).
- 3 **To receive such communications as the Lord Mayor may desire to lay before the Council, including apologies for absence.**
- 4 **The Council has received the following petition -**

Palmerston Road pedestrianisation

"The Palmerston Road pedestrianisation was implemented with little or no consultation and has had a disastrous effect on resident and visitor amenities. We the undersigned call on Portsmouth City Council to suspend the scheme until extensive consultation is carried out to determine how to manage the traffic flow to the area in the best interests of those who live and work here".

The Council's rules state that as the petition contains more than 1,000 signatures it will be debated by the Full Council (if the lead petitioner so requests and she does) even if the issue has been considered by the Council within the last 24 months and it not a matter the Full Council can determine.

1. The petition organiser (Linda Symes) will be given six minutes to present the petition at the meeting,
2. Followed by any public deputations received on this item.
3. The Administration, via a proposer and seconder, will then present its response to the petition
4. The petition will then be discussed by councillors and the normal rules of debate will apply,.

Note - As an Executive (Cabinet) matter, the Full Council is precluded from determining the issues raised in the Petition, although of course the petition can still be debated at the Full Council meeting in accordance with the revised process.

5 (a) Deputations from the Public under Standing Order No 24 for items on the remainder of the agenda.

(b) Questions from the Public under Standing Order 25.

(Pages 13 - 14)

6 Appointments

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

8 Recommendations from Cabinet from its Meeting held on 7 October 2013 (Pages 15 - 100)

To consider the below attached reports. The recommendations will follow shortly.

- Adoption of Hampshire Minerals & Waste Plan (The Plan is a very large document (230 pages). Copies have been placed in the Group Rooms, made available for public inspection in the Civic offices and available for viewing via the Hampshire County Council website (see below). Copies will also be available at the meeting).
http://consult.hants.gov.uk/portal/pdpp/hmwp_-_draft_for_consideration_at_cabinet_july_2013?tab=files
- Treasury Management outturn 2012/13 (Governance and Audit and Standards Committee has no comment to add)
- Budget and Performance monitoring 2013/14 First Quarter (colour versions of the appendix of risk indicators can be viewed on the website and can be e-mailed to members on request)
- Revenue Outturn 2012/13 Final Accounts

9 Recommendations from Governance & Audit & Standards Committee from its Meeting held on 26 September 2013 (Pages 101 - 118)

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

- Gifts and Hospitality Protocol

10 Notices of Motion

**(a) Proposed by Councillor Luke Stubbs
Seconded by Councillor Donna Jones**

Permitted development

The government is considering extending Permitted Development Rights to allow the conversion of small shops to housing without planning consent. If adopted, this policy would strip the council of the planning powers needed to maintain roads such as Albert Road and

Cosham High Street as primarily commercial in nature.

While this council supports the removal of unnecessary red tape and while it recognises that the floor space required by small retailers is in structural decline, it is concerned that this change would fatally undermine its efforts to consolidate small shops in viable commercial centres.

It therefore resolves to direct the Chief Executive to respond to the government's consultation expressing this council's opposition to the proposal.

- (b) Proposed by Councillor Luke Stubbs
Seconded by Councillor Donna Jones**

Tesco

"A new Tesco store opened earlier this year in the former Cumberland Service Station in Eastney Road. During the process, the planning agent of company made a non-binding written commitment to improving fencing to the rear of the property. Regrettably this had not happened even though it has security implications for adjoining houses.

This council is disappointed that this undertaking has not been complied with. It therefore resolves to direct the Chief Executive to write to the management of the company seeking their agreement to carry out the fence works in accordance with the agreement they made with their neighbours".

- (c) Proposed by Councillor John Ferrett
Seconded by Councillor Donna Jones**

Flagship Magazine

"The Council notes, with concern, the recent decision by the Leader of the Council to write a column, with accompanying picture, on the inside cover of Flagship Magazine, a taxpayer funded publication that is distributed to every household within the Unitary Authority.

The Council also notes the long-standing convention that has seen Flagship remain free of political content and politicians since it was established over 20 years ago. The decision by the Council Leader has essentially brought that convention, and the cross-party consensus that sustained it, to an end by his unilateral decision to 'communicate directly' with residents.

The politicisation of Flagship magazine follows the decision to break convention by allowing the previously ceremonial Annual Council Meeting to receive and debate motions personally attacking Councillors. Furthermore, the Council has also established a practice where Cabinet members are to be paid 'tribute' at meetings, with

congratulatory motions put forward for debatable successes.

This Council agrees that Flagship magazine should remain a politically neutral publication and should not feature columns from any member of the Council".

**(d) Proposed by Councillor Ken Ferrett
Seconded by Councillor Aiden Gray**

Privatisation of Royal Mail

"In July this year the Business Secretary, Vince Cable, announced the privatisation of Royal Mail, selling off a stake of between 50.1 and 70%.

Royal Mail is a thriving, profitable business which last year made a profit of £430m and is a major employer in Portsmouth.

Privatisation could endanger the financial stability of many of the country's 11,500 Post Offices by hastening their separation from Royal Mail. Those who most need Royal Mail will be most vulnerable to any changes. The National Federation of Sub-Postmasters described privatisation of Royal Mail as, "A reckless gamble" that could put the future of Post Offices at risk.

This council therefore opposes the privatisation of Royal Mail as set out in the Postal Services Act 2011.

Royal Mail is a Great British institution which should be protected and allowed to continue thriving in the public sector, providing vital services for our communities.

This motion calls on the Council Leader to write to the Business Secretary asking for guarantees to be put in place to ensure the future stability of the services provided by Royal Mail, specifically:

- Introduce price controls – Stamp prices have risen by 30% in the last 2 years. Further price rises should be kept to a minimum.
- Ensure Royal Mail services continue to be provided through Post Offices beyond 2022 – The agreement between Royal Mail and the Post Office is due to expire in 2022 and can be reviewed sooner.
- Guarantee the universal postal service beyond 2015 – The universal service obligation is only guaranteed to last until 2015 when it is due for review".

**(e) Proposed by Councillor Alistair Thompson
Seconded by Councillor Frank Jonas**

"The City Council is concerned at the removal of the lollipop man

(SCP) from the pedestrian crossing on London Road, near Merrivale Road. This crossing is used by hundreds of children and other vulnerable users every day, is one of the City's major roads and the lollipop man improves the safety on this crossing.

The mover of the motion intends to submit an agenda item to the Traffic and Transportation Portfolio holder (as the appropriate decision maker) proposing that the Portfolio holder reviews his decision, which was taken without consultation with residents, crossing users, or ward councillors.

It is also going to be proposed that the reasons for change should be clearly recorded and these should be published in full on the Council's website and a copy sent to the relevant ward councillors.

The mover of the motion's agenda item will also be requesting the Cabinet Member for Traffic and Transportation to instruct officers to amend the procedures for the removal, or redeployment of lollipop men and women from their usual crossings, to ensure crossing users, residents and other interested parties including ward councillors are fully consulted.

The Council is asked to endorse the principles contained within the mover's proposal".

11 Questions from Members under Standing Order No 17 (Pages 119 - 120)

David Williams
Chief Executive

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