

# *Portsmouth City Council*

A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL will be held at the Council Chamber - The Guildhall on Tuesday, 10 December 2013 at 2.00 pm and all members of the council are hereby summoned to attend to consider and resolve upon the following business:-

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## *Agenda*

- 1 **Members' Interests**
- 2 **To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 12 November 2013. (Pages 1 - 18)**
- 3 **To receive such communications as the Lord Mayor may desire to lay before the Council, including apologies for absence.**
- 4 **Deputations from the Public under Standing Order No 24 for all items excluding those in respect of item 6 which are dealt with separately on the agenda.**
- 5 **Questions from the Public under Standing Order 25.**
- 6 **The Council has received the following petition -**

"We the undersigned petition the Council to: Designate the Drayton and Farlington Ward as an Area of Special Residential Character where developments will be permitted provided that:

- 1) the size of any proposed or original plot, when sub-divided, is not significantly smaller than those in the immediate vicinity; and
- 2) the development's size, scale, layout, type, siting and detailed design are compatible with the overall character of the defined area."

The Council's rules state that as the petition contains more than 500 signatures it will be debated by the Full Council (if the lead petitioners so request and they do) as the issue has not been considered by the Council within the last 24 months.

1. The petition organisers (Mr Jeremy Wilson and Mr Mervyn Doyle) will be given six minutes in total to present the petition at the meeting. One of the organisers may choose instead to be one of the public deputations under 2 below.
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 - The City Council cannot simply designate an 'Area of Special Residential Character' in response to this petition. Designation (if it were supported in principle by the Council) would have to take place through the planning policy route, involving the Cabinet, or Portfolio holder for Planning, Regeneration and Economic Development meeting. However the petition can still be debated at this Full Council meeting in accordance with the revised process and it can resolve not to support the proposed designation if that was the Council's wish.

**7 Appointments**

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

**9 Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013 - New statutory powers to licence scrap metal dealers and motor salvage operators - Cabinet Recommendation 4 November 2013 (Pages 19 - 30)**

To consider the attached report.

**RECOMMENDED that Council resolves to delegate the function to the Licensing Committee as and when the power to do so comes into effect in accordance with The Local Authorities (Functions and Responsibilities) (England) Regulations.**

**10 Budget and Performance Monitoring 2013/14 (second quarter) to end of September 2013 - Cabinet Recommendation 2 December 2013 (Pages 31 - 66)**

To consider the attached report with recommendations to follow.

**11 Treasury Management Mid-Year Review for 2013/14 (Governance and Audit and Standards Committee noted the report at its meeting on 7 November 2013) - Cabinet Recommendation 2 December 2013 (Pages 67 - 98)**

To consider the attached report with recommendations to follow.

**12 Appointment of Independent Persons under the Localism Act 2011 - To consider the recommendation from the Governance and Audit and Standards Committee from its meeting on 7 November 2013**

Under the Localism Act, there was a need to appoint independent persons so that when a complaint occurred they would receive a copy of it and their views would be sought. The independent person's role also included being available for consultation by the Member against whom a complaint had been made. An interview panel constituted in accordance with the Council's regulations (that included three members of the Governance & Audit &

Standards Committee) agreed that Carole Damper and Bill Bailey should become independent persons. This was confirmed by the Governance & Audit & Standards Committee which -

**RECOMMENDED to council that the appointment of Carole Damper and Bill Bailey for a period of three years from 21 October 2013 be ratified.**

### **13 Notices of Motion**

- (a) Proposed by Councillor Jason Fazackarley  
Seconded by Councillor Leo Madden

In August 2013 Royal Mail announced that it was proposing to close the processing part of its business in Portsmouth. This places under threat up to 380 jobs within the processing centre.

The Council is concerned that should this closure become reality then in addition to the job losses there may also be a deterioration of services for Portsmouth residents and a negative impact upon the economy of this city.

This Council supports the processing centre staff based in Portsmouth and the efforts of their union reps to retain the centre here in the city. The Council calls upon the Chief Executive of Royal Mail, Moya Greene, and other Senior Royal Mail Management to ensure the continued presence of a processing centre in Portsmouth thus securing jobs and maintaining the level of service for residents.

The Council agrees to write to Ms Greene imploring them to retain the processing centre and to end any proposal(s) for closure.

- (b) Proposed by Councillor John Ferrett  
Seconded by Councillor Donna Jones

The Council supports the principles of openness and transparency and encourages filming, recording and the taking of photographs at council meetings that are open to the public. It also welcomes the use of social networking websites (such as Twitter and Facebook) and micro-blogging to communicate with people about what is happening, as it happens at council meetings.

The Council instructs the Chief Executive to prepare a report for the next Governance and Audit and Standards Committee meeting on how the terms of this motion can best be implemented.

The Lord Mayor has advised that she will support the waiving of Standing Order 32 to enable the following motion which was received after the deadline to be debated at this Council meeting -

- (c) Proposed by Councillor Darren Sanders  
Seconded by Councillor Will Purvis

Vascular Surgery at QA Hospital

Council notes with alarm the report of the Wessex Clinical Senate, which calls for vascular surgery to be focused in Southampton, not Portsmouth.

Council opposes any such move, especially given the decision to move similar services from Chichester to Brighton.

Council notes the massive support for The News' Keep it at QA petition that halted earlier, similar plans and offers its support to any campaign that will fight this vicious plan.

**14 Start time of the Annual Council meeting 2014**

Following discussion with the Lord Mayor, Deputy Lord Mayor and the Leader, Council approval is sought to the Start time of the Annual Council meeting on 3 June 2014, being brought forward from the usual 11am to 10.30am with Standing Order 7 - Time of Meetings - being waived to enable this.

**15 Questions from Members under Standing Order No 17.**

David Williams  
Chief Executive

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