

Portsmouth City Council

A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL will be held at the Council Chamber - The Guildhall on Tuesday, 11 November 2014 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 - 24)**
 - the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council held on 14 October 2014 and
 - the Meeting of the Council held on 14 October 2014
- 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.**
- 5 Questions from the Public under Standing Order 25.**
- 6 Appointments - Membership and Chairmanship**
- 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 Treasury Management Mid-Year Review for 2014/15 (Pages 25 - 48)**

To receive and consider the attached report of the Cabinet held on 6 November, the recommendations for which will follow.
- 9 Youth Justice Strategic Plan 2015 / 17 - Cabinet Recommendation 6 November 2014 (Pages 49 - 96)**

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- 10 Joint business planning process across strategic partnerships and approval of latest partnership strategies - Cabinet Recommendation 6 November 2014 (Pages 97 - 102)**

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11 Dunsbury Hill Farm - Cabinet Recommendation 6 November 2014
(Pages 103 - 108)

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12 Notices of Motion

(a) Creating a dementia friendly city

Proposed by Councillor Will Purvis
Seconded by Councillor Ben Dowling

Council notes that:

In Portsmouth there are approximately 2,186 people living with dementia, and it is estimated that 670,000 people in England are living with dementia.

78% percent of those people with dementia in Portsmouth live in the community.

Objective one of the Portsmouth Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy in 13/14 was to enhance the quality of life for people with dementia.

Within the next 30 years the number of people in the UK with dementia is expected to rise to 1.4 million. The cost of care and treatment is currently estimated at £19 billion a year and at the current rate will rise to £50 billion over a 30 year period.

Council welcomes:

The work of Portsmouth City Council and partners, through the local Dementia Action Group, to develop an action plan to raise awareness of dementia and promote improvements to dementia services in the City.

Council resolves to: ask the Cabinet (via the Health and Wellbeing Board) and as appropriate the Employment Committee

To work, with partners, towards making Portsmouth a 'Dementia Friendly Community', a status officially endorsed by the Alzheimers' Society.

Create and appoint an elected member to the position of "Dementia Champion" and appoint a lead officer for dementia.

Work in partnership with Portsmouth Clinical Commissioning Group, the Alzheimer's Society, Solent NHS Trust and patient representative groups to continue to develop and improve services for people living with dementia in Portsmouth.

Encourage all staff of Portsmouth City Council, and members, to become a 'Dementia Friend', through the Dementia Friends

Programme run by the Alzheimers' Society.

Participate in awareness raising activities during Dementia Awareness Week in May 2015.

Ensure that due consideration is given to people living with dementia and their carers by including them explicitly in all Equality Impact Assessments.

(b) Public Houses

Proposed by Councillor Stephen Hastings
Seconded by Councillor Colin Galloway

Council asks the Cabinet to explore the possibility of protecting the public houses of Portsmouth by this Council purchasing any pubs that are being sold off by the breweries or pub companies rather than them becoming supermarkets or developed into flats, therefore being lost forever. Some of these buildings are historic and are part of our heritage. We must prevent them from disappearing.

Then this Council will hold the asset of the building and make money from the ongoing rent as landlord.

The tenant as the licensee who would be freed up from the constraints of being tied to a brewery for supplies where they are restricted on brand and price.

(c) Minister for Portsmouth

Proposed by Councillor John Ferrett
Seconded by Councillor Aiden Gray

Council notes the abject failure of successive Ministers' for Portsmouth to effectively stand up for the City. This failure has seen the loss of key industrial capabilities in the City and the loss of skills. There has also been a failure to attract successor businesses to the naval base to safeguard skills.

The current incumbent of the Minister for Portsmouth role, Matthew Hancock MP, has exemplified concerns that the position had merely been created for public relations purposes, rather than bringing tangible benefits to the city. If the role is an exercise in public relations then Mr Hancock's confusion over the difference between Milton ward and Milton Keynes shows that even on that measure he is failing to deliver for Portsmouth.

In view of the failure of the Minister for Portsmouth to defend the interests of the City the Council instructs the Chief Executive to write to the Prime Minister calling for the role to be disestablished.

(d) Domestic Abuse Awareness

Proposed by Councillor Julie Swan
Seconded by Councillor Stephen Hastings

This council is concerned that more could be done to raise awareness of the issue of Domestic Violence within Portsmouth.

In Portsmouth, domestic violence accounts for 25% of assaults. After major sporting events and over Public Holidays this number is significantly increased.

This council is resolved to ask the Cabinet that for a period of no less than 3 years a quarter page 'Advert' notifying the readers within Portsmouth of where they can seek assistance in the event of a domestic abuse incident be published in the council run "Flagship" magazine.

(e) Business Rates

Proposed by Councillor Darren Sanders
Seconded by Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson

Council welcomes and supports the News' campaign for fairer business rates. It also welcomes the backing for it from Nick Clegg and Ed Miliband.

Council welcomes the Government's strides in this area, allowing councils to keep a share of business rates, extending small business rate relief and providing money for apprenticeships.

Although occupancy rates across Portsmouth are high, Council recognises more should be done. It therefore asks all group leaders to write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Chief Secretary to the Treasury calling for:

1. All local councils, not just those in the North of England, to have the power to set and keep all their business rates.
2. Forcing councils to publish how they will protect large shopping centres, such as Commercial Road and Cosham, and smaller ones, such as Tangier Road and Highland Road.
3. Changes to how business rates are valued so they are based on turnover or the value of land. Both of these are fairer than the current system.

Council also welcomes the scrutiny review into high streets. It also asks that the PRED portfolio holder looks at ways to help groups like

Love Albert Road and LoveBaffins, and others that may be set up, develop strategies to attract people to local shops.

(f) Condemning those who deny the holocaust

Proposed by Councillor John Ferrett
Seconded by Councillor Colin Galloway

Portsmouth City Council and the citizens of Portsmouth are committed to remembering the victims of the holocaust. Indeed, as part of Holocaust Memorial Day on 27 January 2014, the city held a service to remember the millions of people who lost their lives or suffered in the Holocaust under Nazi persecution, and also in subsequent genocides.

This years' service included a speech by the then Lord Mayor of Portsmouth, Cllr Lynne Stagg, followed by readings and prayers from Portsmouth representatives of groups who have suffered in the Holocaust or in subsequent genocides - including the Jewish, African, disabled and gay communities.

In view of the long-standing commitment this council has to remembering victims of the holocaust it notes with extreme concern the decision of the UKIP leader Nigel Farage to form an alliance in the European Parliament with a Polish political party whose leader, Janusz Korwin-Mikke has sought to deny the holocaust by claiming Adolf Hitler was 'probably not aware that Jews were being exterminated'. Korwin-Mikke has also caused controversy and offence by calling for the vote to be taken away from women, and claiming that the difference between rape and consensual sex is "very subtle".

This council unreservedly condemns those who seek to deny the holocaust and those that seek to condone holocaust denial. The council will also redouble its efforts to ensure the public are made aware of the forthcoming civic service for Holocaust Memorial Day on 27 January 2015.

(g) Asylum Seeker Support

Proposed by Councillor Aiden Gray
Seconded by Councillor Ken Ferrett

Portsmouth City Council recognises the plight of asylum seekers forced to flee their home countries due to conflict and persecution. Many arrive in the UK after having been threatened, detained, beaten or tortured.

An adult seeking protection in this country who has no other source of support will receive just over £5 a day to pay for food, clothing, toiletries and travel (accommodation and utilities are paid for separately for those who have nowhere to live). They are not allowed

to work to support themselves. If their claims are refused by the Home Office, they lose all support and are left destitute and street homeless.

Portsmouth Refugee and Asylum Seeker Orientation and Support Project is helping 400 refugees and asylum seekers annually to survive destitution, access essential services and feel less isolated. Portsmouth City Council is concerned about such destitution and its impact on local communities.

Portsmouth is a welcoming and inclusive city and wants to join those local authorities (Liverpool, Bristol, Sheffield, Oxford, Glasgow, Leeds and Bradford) who have petitioned the Home Secretary to relieve the suffering of people seeking sanctuary and especially those people who have yet to be granted leave to remain in the UK.

Portsmouth City Council approves the following actions:

1. Ask both Portsmouth MPs to support the spirit of this motion, to raise the matter in the House of Commons, and to support a change in current laws regarding asylum applications by removing restrictions on local authorities in the support they can provide to destitute asylum seekers.
2. Write on behalf of the City Council to the Minister of State for Immigration questioning Government policies that force asylum seekers into destitution; expressing concern over the low level of support available to asylum seekers; seeking a change of policy to allow local authorities to assist refused asylum seekers who are in danger of falling into destitution; asking that such asylum seekers should be able to work to support themselves if they have been waiting for more than 6 months for their cases to be resolved; and demanding that local authorities should be permitted to provide emergency provision to refused asylum seekers as to other homeless people.
3. Portsmouth City Council to join the national campaign "Still Human, Still Here" (a coalition of 60 organisations, including several city councils, the Church of England and Catholic Archbishop Conferences, Crisis, Oxfam, and the Red Cross, who are proposing practical solutions to ending the destitution of refused asylum seekers in the UK.)
4. Portsmouth City Council requests Cabinet to produce a report summarising existing support for asylum seekers available in Portsmouth including housing, training, education, and legal advice open to vulnerable asylum applicants and that the report be subsequently circulated to all members for information.
5. Portsmouth City Council to seek further support for this motion

and action via the Local Government Association and by encouraging other Councils in the UK to join us on this issue.

13 Questions from Members under Standing Order No 17. (Pages 109 - 112)

David Williams
Chief Executive

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