

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL held at the Guildhall
Portsmouth on Tuesday, 9 December 2014 at 2.00 pm

Council Members Present

The Right Worshipful The Lord Mayor
Steven Wylie (in the Chair)

Councillors

Margaret Adair	Hugh Mason
Michael Andrewes	Lee Mason
Simon Boshier	Robert New
Alicia Denny	Stuart Potter
Ben Dowling	Will Purvis
Ken Ellcome	Darren Sanders
John Ferrett	Phil Smith
Ken Ferrett	Lynne Stagg
David Fuller	Les Stevens
Colin Galloway	Sandra Stockdale
Aiden Gray	Luke Stubbs
Terry Hall	Julie Swan
Stephen Hastings	Linda Symes
Hannah Hockaday	Alistair Thompson
David Horne	Gerald Vernon-Jackson
Lee Hunt	Steve Wemyss
Frank Jonas	Matthew Winnington
Donna Jones	Rob Wood
Leo Madden	Neill Young

105. Declarations of Interests under Standing Order 13(2)(b)

Councillor Neill Young said that the charity for which he works supports people with motor neurone disease and he would therefore leave the chamber during the debate on agenda item 5 Notice of Motion - Motor Neurone Disease Charter.

Councillor David Horne declared a personal non prejudicial interest in Item 6, line 23 which refers to a cut to the Peter Ashley Centre as he is an employee there and line 38 as he is a trustee of the Paulsgrove Community Centre where there is also a proposed cut.

106. Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 11 November 2014

It was

Proposed by Councillor Donna Jones

Seconded by Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson

That the minutes of the meeting held on 11 November 2014 be approved as a correct record and this was agreed.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the council held on 11 November 2014 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

107. Communications including Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Margaret Foster and from Councillor Eleanor Scott, both of whom were unwell. Apologies for lateness were received on behalf of Councillor Alicia Denny.

The Lord Mayor thanked those who helped with the school carols event in the Guildhall Square and also to those who participated and to those who attended.

108. Deputations from the Public under Standing Order No 24

Councillor Neill Young left the chamber for the duration of matters relating to the item on Motor Neurone Disease.

The City Solicitor reminded all those making a deputation today that if they did not wish to be filmed, photographed or recorded when making their deputations they should indicate, in order that all present who may be intending to film, photograph or record proceedings could accede to their wishes.

The City Solicitor advised that four deputation requests had been received in respect of agenda item 5 - Notice of Motion - Motor Neurone Disease Charter. Ms Louise Rickenbach - Regional Care Development Adviser for MND Association, Mr Christopher Manns, Mr Samuel Manns and Ms Flick Drummond each made their deputation on this item. The Lord Mayor thanked each of them for their deputation.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Donna Jones
Seconded by Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson

That Standing Order 10 be waived in order to vary the order on the agenda paper in order to complete item 5 before hearing the deputations on item 6, the revenue budget. Upon being put to the vote this was CARRIED.

109. Notice of Motion - Motor Neurone Disease Charter

It was

Proposed by Councillor Donna Jones
Seconded by Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson

That this notice of motion be debated today.

Upon being put to the vote this was CARRIED.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Donna Jones
Seconded by Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson

That the notice of motion - Motor Neurone Disease Charter be adopted.

Upon the notice of motion as set out on the agenda being put to the vote, this was CARRIED.

RESOLVED unanimously that the council adopt the Motor Neurone Disease Charter (as published with the agenda) and support the five points which set out the care and support people with MND and their families need to maximise their quality of life and die with dignity.

110. Cabinet Recommendations - To receive and consider the recommendations of the Cabinet held on 4 December 2014 - Portsmouth City Council Revenue Budget 2015/16 - Savings Proposals

The City Solicitor advised that 10 deputation requests had been received from members of the public.

Deputations against elements of the budget were made by Mr Steve Bonner, Vice-Chair of Portsmouth Pensioners' Association, Honorary Alderman Dr Alan Burnett CBE, Chair of the Portsmouth Pensioners' Association, Ms Tracey Jones, Dial-a-Ride, Ms Karen Silman, Mr Jon Woods, Trade Unionist and Socialist Coalition (TUSC), Mr Chris Pickett, Unison, Miss Maria Cole, Ms Joanne Marsh, Ms Susan Carter and Mr John Thompson.

Written representations had been received from Ellen Cross and from Mrs P Faithfull (on behalf of her mother) and these were circulated in the chamber.

The Lord Mayor thanked members of the public for their deputations.

Minute 100 - Portsmouth City Council Revenue Budget 2015/16 - Savings Proposals

It was

Proposed by Councillor Donna Jones
Seconded by Councillor Luke Stubbs

That the recommendations contained in Cabinet minute 100 - Revenue Budget 2015/16 and proposed savings be approved.

Councillor Donna Jones spoke on the budget proposals which had been produced by the Conservative, UKIP and Labour groups and commended the budget to Council.

As an amendment to the recommendations in relation to Cabinet minute 100, the Revenue Budget 2015/16 and proposed savings, it was

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

That the recommendations set out in Appendix 1 to these minutes (Liberal Democrat Revenue Amendment) be adopted.

In order to seek clarification on a legal objection, Council adjourned at 4.05 pm. Council resumed at 4.20 pm.

Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson spoke to his group's proposed budget amendments. He asked that it be placed on record that the process of the budget being produced earlier has been useful and should be enshrined in standing orders for the future. He commended the Liberal Democrat Group's proposed budget amendments to the Council.

Councillor Colin Galloway, Group Leader of UKIP then spoke in support of the budget proposals put forward by Councillor Donna Jones.

As an amendment to the recommendations in relation to Cabinet minute 100, the Revenue Budget, it was

Proposed by Councillor John Ferrett
Seconded by Councillor Aiden Gray

That the recommendations set out in Appendix 2 attached to these minutes (Labour Revenue Amendment) be adopted.

Councillor John Ferrett then spoke to his group's proposed budget amendments and commended them to the Council.

In order to allow the groups time to consider the amendments, Council adjourned at 5.15 pm. Council resumed at 5.30 pm.

Following debate, the Lord Mayor called upon the Leader of the Council, Councillor Donna Jones to sum up the Cabinet's recommendations. Councillor Jones said that she did not propose to accept the Liberal Democrat Group or the Labour Group amendments.

The Lord Mayor advised that the amendments to the revenue budget would now be put to the vote using the recorded vote method in accordance with the regulations.

Upon the Liberal Democrat amendment standing in the name of Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson being put to the vote the following members voted in favour:

Councillor Margaret Adair
Councillor Michael Andrewes
Councillor Ben Dowling

Councillor Darren Sanders
Councillor Phil Smith
Councillor Lynne Stagg

Councillor David Fuller
Councillor Terry Hall
Councillor Lee Hunt
Councillor Leo Madden
Councillor Hugh Mason
Councillor Will Purvis

Councillor Les Stevens
Councillor Sandra Stockdale
Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson
Councillor Matthew Winnington
Councillor Rob Wood

The following members voted against the proposed amendment:

Councillor Simon Boshier
Councillor Alicia Denny
Councillor Ken Ellcome
Councillor John Ferrett
Councillor Ken Ferrett
Councillor Colin Galloway
Councillor Aiden Gray
Councillor Stephen Hastings
Councillor Hannah Hockaday
Councillor David Horne
Councillor Frank Jonas

Councillor Donna Jones
Councillor Lee Mason
Councillor Rob New
Councillor Stuart Potter
Councillor Luke Stubbs
Councillor Julie Swan
Councillor Linda Symes
Councillor Alistair Thompson
Councillor Steve Wemyss
Councillor Neill Young

There were no abstentions.

The Liberal Democrat amendment was therefore LOST.

Upon the Labour amendment standing in the name of Councillor John Ferrett being put to the vote, the following members voted in favour:

Councillor John Ferrett
Councillor Ken Ferrett

Councillor Aiden Gray
Councillor David Horne

The following members voted against the proposal:

Cllr Margaret Adair
Cllr Michael Andrewes
Cllr Simon Boshier
Cllr Alicia Denny
Cllr Ben Dowling
Cllr Ken Ellcome
Cllr David Fuller
Cllr Colin Galloway
Cllr Terry Hall
Cllr Stephen Hastings
Cllr Hannah Hockaday

Cllr Lee Hunt
Cllr Frank Jonas
Cllr Donna Jones
Cllr Leo Madden
Cllr Hugh Mason
Cllr Lee Mason
Cllr Rob New
Cllr Stuart Potter
Cllr Will Purvis
Cllr Darren Sanders
Cllr Phil Smith

Cllr Lynne Stagg
Cllr Les Stevens
Cllr Sandra Stockdale
Cllr Luke Stubbs
Cllr Julie Swan
Cllr Linda Symes
Cllr Gerald Vernon-Jackson
Cllr Steve Wemyss
Cllr Matthew Winnington
Cllr Rob Wood
Cllr Neill Young

The following member abstained:

Councillor Alistair Thompson

The Labour Group amendment standing in the name of Councillor John Ferrett was therefore LOST.

Upon the recommendations in Cabinet minute 100 - Revenue Budget 2015/16 and Proposed Savings being put to the vote, the following members were in favour:

Councillor Simon Boshier	Councillor Donna Jones
Councillor Alicia Denny	Councillor Lee Mason
Councillor Ken Ellcome	Councillor Rob New
Councillor John Ferrett	Councillor Stuart Potter
Councillor Ken Ferrett	Councillor Luke Stubbs
Councillor Colin Galloway	Councillor Julie Swan
Councillor Aiden Gray	Councillor Linda Symes
Councillor Stephen Hastings	Councillor Alistair Thompson
Councillor Hannah Hockaday	Councillor Steve Wemyss
Councillor David Horne	Councillor Neill Young
Councillor Frank Jonas	

The following members were against the recommendations:

Councillor Margaret Adair	Councillor Darren Sanders
Councillor Michael Andrewes	Councillor Phil Smith
Councillor Ben Dowling	Councillor Lynne Stagg
Councillor David Fuller	Councillor Les Stevens
Councillor Terry Hall	Councillor Sandra Stockdale
Councillor Lee Hunt	Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson
Councillor Leo Madden	Councillor Matthew Winnington
Councillor Hugh Mason	Councillor Rob Wood
Councillor Will Purvis	

There were no abstentions.

The Cabinet recommendations in Cabinet minute 100 - Revenue Budget 2015/16 and Proposed Savings were therefore CARRIED.

A commitment was given by the Administration to work with the current providers to deliver an alternative, not-for-profit service for the existing users of Dial-a-Ride.

RESOLVED that

- (1) The following be approved:**
 - (a) The Council's Budget for 2015/16 be prepared on the basis of a Council Tax freeze**
 - (b) The savings proposals for each Portfolio amounting, in total, to £13.1m for 2015/16, £13.1m for 2016/17 and £13.1m in 2017/18 as set out in Appendix A to enable appropriate consultation and notice periods to be given to affected parties**
 - (c) Given the capital investment needs of the City, the funding gap between need and available resources and the importance of the**

Capital programme in delivering the Medium Term Financial Strategy, that £3.0m of the overall £5.2m financial improvement in the City Council's financial position be transferred to the Revenue Reserve for Capital in order to supplement the capital resources available for new Capital Investment (see paragraphs 8.11 and 8.12)

- (d) Given the current uncommitted balance on the MTRS Reserve of £2.1m is very modest in the context of the £37m of savings that the Council is required to make over the next 3 years and that it is also the Council's primary vehicle for providing funding for redundancies and Spend to Save initiatives, that the remaining £2.2m of the overall £5.2m financial improvement in the City Council's financial position be transferred to the Medium Term Resource Strategy Reserve (see paragraph 8.14)**
 - (e) That £500,000 be released from the MTRS Reserve to create a Voluntary Sector Capacity & Transition Fund to enable the voluntary sector to reconfigure their service or enhance their capacity / infrastructure in order to support / provide council services as set out in paragraph 10.16**
 - (f) In the event that the Voluntary Sector Capacity & Transition Fund is created, that the use of those funds be released on the same spend to save criteria adopted for other MTRS funds and that the allocation of these funds be delegated to the Head of Financial Services & S151 Officer in consultation with the Leader of the Council**
 - (g) To undertake the necessary business intervention work described in paragraphs 10.17 and 10.18 at the necessary scale and pace to deliver significant change and cost reduction, it is recommended that a Business Intervention Fund be created in the sum of £500,000 to be used flexibly across years and funded from the MTRS Reserve**
 - (h) In the event that the Business Intervention Fund is created, that the use of those funds be used both, independently of, and in synergy with, the Voluntary Sector Capacity & Transition Fund and that the allocation of these funds be delegated to the Head of Financial Services & S151 Officer in consultation with the Leader of the Council**
 - (i) That the funds released under recommendations (e) and (g) be used flexibly across the 2014/15 and future financial years and that the S151 Officer be given delegated authority to determine the annual allocations as necessary**
- (2) That the Council note:**

- (a) The Budget Savings Requirement for 2015/16 approved by the City Council and based on a Council Tax increase of 1.95% is £12.5m; based on a Council Tax freeze, that savings requirement increases to £13.1m**
- (b) The key themes arising from the budget consultation**
- (c) The indicative savings proposals set out in Appendix B which are provided for the purpose of demonstrating to the Council that the Portfolio savings as recommended in paragraph 1(b) above are robust and deliverable**
- (d) The likely impact of savings as set out in Appendix B based on the scale of the Portfolio savings as recommended in paragraph 1(b)**
- (e) That the responsibility of the City Council is to approve the overall Budget and the associated cash limits of its Portfolios and Committees; it is not the responsibility of the City Council to approve any individual savings within those Portfolios / Committees**
- (f) That it is the responsibility of the individual Portfolio Holders (not the City Council) to approve the individual savings proposals and the Portfolio Holder can therefore, in response to any consultation, alter, amend or substitute any of the indicative savings proposal(s) set out in Appendix B with alternative proposal(s) amounting to the same value within their Portfolio**
- (g) Managers will commence any necessary consultation process or notice process necessary to implement the approved Portfolio / Committee savings**
- (h) That there is no general provision for Budget Pressures and that it is the responsibility of the Portfolio Holder to manage any Budget Pressures which arise from the overall resources available to the Portfolio (which includes their Portfolio Reserve)**
- (i) In accordance with the approved financial framework, it is the responsibility of the Portfolio Holder, in consultation with the Head of Finance & S151 Officer, to release funds from the Portfolio Reserve in accordance with the provisions set out in paragraph 10.10**
- (j) The MTRS Reserve held to fund the upfront costs associated with Spend to Save Schemes, Invest to Save Schemes and redundancies holds a very modest uncommitted balance of £3.3m (which includes the transfer of £2.2m into the Reserve and the creation of a Voluntary Sector & Capacity Fund of £0.5m and a Business Intervention Fund of £0.5m which are drawn out of the Reserve, as agreed at this Council meeting) and will only be**

replenished from an approval to the transfer of any non-Portfolio underspends at year end into this reserve.

111. Questions from Members under Standing Order No 17

There were no Members' questions.

At the end of the meeting, the Lord Mayor wished everyone a Happy Christmas.

The meeting concluded at 7.25 pm.

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Lord Mayor

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Amendment proposed by the Liberal Democrat Group

Portsmouth City Council Revenue Budget 2015/16 - Savings Proposals

That the recommendations of the Cabinet of 4 December 2014 (Minute 100/14) on "Portsmouth City Council Revenue Budget 2015/16 - Savings Proposals be amended as follows:-

Recommendation 3.1 be amended to:-

- (b) The savings proposals for each Portfolio amounting, in total, to £13.1m for 2015/16, £13.1m for 2016/17 and £13.1m in 2017/18 as set out in Appendix A to enable appropriate consultation and notice periods to be given to affected parties be replaced as follows:

Portfolio / Committee	2015/16	2016/17 & Future Years
	£	£
Children and Education	913,000	913,000
Culture, Leisure & Sport	580,500	580,500
Environment & Community Safety	522,300	522,300
Governance Audit & Standards	30,200	30,200
Health & Social Care	5,528,500	5,528,500
Housing	135,500	135,500
Leader	22,100	22,100
Licensing	120,000	120,000
Other Expenditure	2,386,300	2,386,300
Planning Regeneration & Economic Development	214,300	214,300
Resources	2,496,800	2,496,800
Traffic & Transportation	150,500	150,500
Total	13,100,000	13,100,000

- (k) Any changes that the relevant Portfolio Holder makes from the Indicative Budget Savings set out in Appendix B shall be reported to the next full Council meeting

Recommendation 3.2 be amended to:-

- (c) The indicative savings proposals set out in Appendix B which are provided for the purpose of demonstrating to the Council that the Portfolio savings as recommended in paragraph 3.1 (b) above are robust and deliverable be amended to include the following additional indicative savings proposals:

Indicative Portfolio Savings Proposal	Impact on Level of Service & Service Outcomes	2015/16	2016/17 & Future Years
		£	£
Health & Social Care			
Contribution from Public Health to fund: - Footcare services - Free Swimming for 13-16 year olds and the over 60's - The Dial-a-ride service	Reduction in the activities supporting young people to maintain healthy lifestyles and manage their weight.	184,000	184,000
Other Expenditure			
Further reductions in Senior Management conditional on the approval of the Employment Committee	Further reduction in the Senior Management capacity for Support Services reducing overall from 6 posts to 2 posts (current proposal to the Employment Committee is to reduce from 6 posts to 3 posts). This will adversely impact on governance and oversight of the Council's activities. Reduction in Senior Management capacity for Regeneration adversely impacting on the Council's activities in respect of job creation and wealth generation	165,200	165,200
Implement a Charging scheme for Staff and Councillors Car Parking, conditional on the approval of the Employment Committee	Additional costs to Councillors plus a reduction to the terms and conditions of Senior Staff	25,000	25,000

Indicative Portfolio Savings Proposal	Impact on Level of Service & Service Outcomes	2015/16	2016/17 & Future Years
		£	£
In the event that the Employment Committee do not approve the reduction in Senior Management and / or the Chargeable Car Parking Scheme described above (amounting to £190,200), that Middle Management and other staff reductions in the following activities are made across the Council		As above	As Above
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Corporate Communications 	Significant reduction in the ability to respond to media requests, disseminate information to the general public and promote Council campaigns.		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Development 	Reduction in engagement activities with Community Centres		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information Services 	Reduced capacity to research and develop new information system requirements either resulting from legislative change or service development and efficiency		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carbon Management 	Reduced ability to lower the Council's carbon footprint and improve energy management		
Further reductions in middle management and other staff in the following activities across the Council:		614,700	614,700
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Education Service 	Reduction in the capacity to plan for school places		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cultural Services 	Reduction in ability to manage and deliver Cultural Partnerships and community projects		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health & Social Care 	Further reduction in management capacity		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Professional and Administrative Support 	Secretarial, administrative and organisational tasks will be undertaken by professional posts		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Corporate Assets, Business & Standards 	Business planning, performance monitoring of buildings and management of rent arrears will be undertaken by professional posts		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Corporate Communications 	Very limited ability to respond to media requests, disseminate information to the general public and promote Council campaigns		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financial Services 	Financial management and control will reduce and the potential for the Council to over or underspend will increase		

Indicative Portfolio Savings Proposal	Impact on Level of Service & Service Outcomes	2015/16	2016/17 & Future Years
		£	£
• Human Resources	Reduction in workforce skills, workforce planning and recruitment support for the Council		
• Information Services	Significant loss of capacity to plan manage and develop the Council's IT infrastructure and IT Business Development		
• Traffic & Transportation	Delays in responding to correspondence and deterioration in customer response times		
Resources			
Deletion of the Leader's Executive Assistant post	Possible reduction in the availability and effectiveness of the Leader of the Council to undertake Council duties	29,300	29,300
A 25% reduction in Special Responsibility Allowances awarded to Councillors*	A reduction in allowances may discourage Councillors from accepting Cabinet or Committee posts	31,600	31,600
Increase the savings amount by the equivalent value of a reduction in 1 Portfolio	A reduction in Cabinet Members from 9 to 8 and associated re-organisation of Portfolios	6,300	6,300
Traffic and Transportation			
Re-instatement of MB Residents Parking Zone	Expected to lead to additional parking demand in adjacent areas as a consequence of displacement. This is likely to generate further requests for residents parking schemes.	38,000	38,000
Re-instatement of MC Parking Zone	Expected to lead to additional parking demand in adjacent areas as a consequence of displacement. This is likely to generate further requests for residents parking schemes.	48,000	48,000
Total		1,142,100	1,142,100

* Members should have regard to the report of the Independent Remuneration Panel and recommendations of Council on 22nd January 2013 as amended by the City Council on 15 July 2014

(c) (i) In arriving at the savings proposals for each Portfolio as recommended in paragraph 3.1 (b), the following amounts have been added to cash limits to delete the indicative savings proposals set out in Appendix B:

Saving No.	Increases to Portfolio Cash Limits - Deletion of Indicative Savings	2015/16	2016/17 & Future Years
		£	£
Children and Education			
1	Junior sports bursary award	1,100	1,100
Culture, Leisure & Sport			
21	Libraries - Align opening times of Southsea Library with other Libraries by reducing opening times by 2.5 hours on a Saturday	2,300	2,300
34	Community Services - Fratton Community Centre, remove remaining grant	1,300	1,300
35	Community Services - Buckland Community Centre, reduce grant to £5,000	3,800	3,800
36	Community Services - Stamshaw Community Centre, post to be funded by grant aid	1,500	1,500
37	Community Services - Stacey Community Centre, reduce grant to £5,000	2,000	2,000
38	Community Services - Paulsgrove Community Centre, reduce grant to £25,000	2,500	2,500
44	Remove free swimming for over 60's and those between ages 13 - 16. Free swimming would be retained for those 12 and under	35,000	35,000
Environment & Community Safety			
51	Review of Community Safety Service and potential integration with other health and environmental activities	268,200	268,200
56	Stop subscription to Keep Britain Tidy	4,500	4,500
62	Charge for collections of bulky waste (i.e. end free collections for those who qualify)	10,000	10,000
63	Stop paying charities a proportion of textile bank income	55,000	55,000
Health & Social Care			
81	Cease providing footcare services	45,000	45,000
Resources			
136	Reduce cost of democracy	15,000	15,000
159	Remove grant to Pompey Pensioners which contributes towards the cost of magazine production	2,500	2,500

Saving No.	Increases to Portfolio Cash Limits - Deletion of Indicative Savings	2015/16	2016/17 & Future Years
		£	£
Traffic and Transportation			
169	Withdraw the subsidy to the Dial-a-ride Service and provide alternative arrangements from the voluntary sector	95,000	95,000
171	A range of options to provide additional parking income or reduced costs of the operation, all of which are capable of delivering the saving	380,000	380,000
Total		924,700	924,700

(c) (ii) The deleted indicative saving in respect of the Community Safety Service (saving 51) is re-instated in total in order to reduce the potential impact on the following services:

- Anti-Social Behaviour Unit
- Domestic Violence
- Hate Crime
- Emergency Planning

(c) (iii) The deleted indicative saving in respect of the Textile Bank Income to Charities (saving 63) is re-instated to continue to provide the following income to charities:

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| • Scope | £2,800 |
| • Hampshire & Isle of Wight Air Ambulance | £18,100 |
| • Dreams Come True | £1,200 |
| • Salvation Army | £11,700 |
| • British Heart Foundation | £10,200 |
| • TRAIID | £11,000 |

- (c) (iv) In arriving at the savings proposals for each Portfolio as recommended in paragraph 3.1 (b), the following amounts have been added to cash limits to provide funding for new initiatives as described:

Increases to Portfolio Cash Limits - New Initiatives	2015/16	2016/17 & Future Years
	£	£
<u>Culture, Leisure & Sport</u>		
Re-open Southsea Library on a Sunday	10,000	10,000
<u>Environment & Community Safety</u>		
Introduction of a Environmental Enforcement Team to address littering and dog fouling	10,000	10,000
<u>Planning Regeneration & Economic Development</u>		
Appointment of 10 New Apprentices	142,900	142,900
Support to establish Farmer's Markets in District Shopping areas	10,000	10,000
<u>Traffic and Transportation</u>		
Remove Car Parking charges from 3pm (till 5pm) every day for the following Shopping Centre Car Parks - Ashby Place, Stubbington Avenue, Wootton Street, Clarence Street and London Road Cosham	44,500	44,500
Total	217,400	217,400

- (j) That the Head of Finance & S151 Officer advises that, in his opinion, the proposals contained within this amendment do not present any additional risk to the delivery of the overall savings amounts required for the Budget 2015/16.
- (k) The City Solicitor is content with the proposals set out in this amendment.

NOTES TO THE LIBERAL DEMOCRAT AMENDMENT

Portsmouth City Council Revenue Budget 2015/16 - Savings Proposals

The overall financial effect of the proposals is set out below:

	2015/16 £	2016/17 & Future Years £
Additional Savings Proposals:	(1,142,100)	(1,142,100)
Re-instatement of Savings Proposals:	924,700	924,700
Budget Additions - New Initiatives:	217,400	217,400
Increase in Council Tax Revenues:	0	0
Reduction in Council Tax Revenues:	0	0
Total Overall Change	0	0

Amendment proposed by the Labour Group

Portsmouth City Council Revenue Budget 2015/16 - Savings Proposals

That the recommendations of the Cabinet of 4 December 2014 (Minute 100/14) on "Portsmouth City Council Revenue Budget 2015/16 - Savings Proposals be amended as follows:-

Recommendation 3.1 be amended to:-

- (a) That the Council's Budget for 2015/16 be prepared on the basis of a 1.95% Council Tax increase
- (b) The savings proposals for each Portfolio amounting, in total, to £12.5m for 2015/16, £12.5m for 2016/17 and £12.5m in 2017/18 as set out in Appendix A to enable appropriate consultation and notice periods to be given to affected parties be replaced as follows:

Portfolio / Committee	2015/16	2016/17 & Future Years
	£	£
Children and Education	547,400	547,400
Culture, Leisure & Sport	638,900	638,900
Environment & Community Safety	870,000	870,000
Governance Audit & Standards	30,200	30,200
Health & Social Care	5,022,800	5,022,800
Housing	135,500	135,500
Leader	22,100	22,100
Licensing	120,000	120,000
Other Expenditure	1,581,400	1,581,400
Planning Regeneration & Economic Development	367,200	367,200
Resources	2,580,500	2,580,500
Traffic & Transportation	584,000	584,000
Total	12,500,000	12,500,000

Recommendation 3.2 be amended to:-

- (c) The indicative savings proposals set out in Appendix B which are provided for the purpose of demonstrating to the Council that the Portfolio savings as recommended in paragraph 3.1 (b) above are robust and deliverable be amended to include the following additional indicative savings proposals:

Indicative Portfolio Savings Proposal	Impact on Level of Service & Service Outcomes	2015/16	2016/17 & Future Years
		£	£
Resources			
20% Reduction in all Councillor Allowances*	A reduction in allowances may cause future recruitment of Councillors more challenging	120,000	120,000
Increase the savings amount by the equivalent value of a reduction in 2 Portfolios	A reduction in Cabinet Members from 9 to 7 and associated re-organisation of Portfolios	13,400	13,400
Total		133,400	133,400

* Members should have regard to the report of the Independent Remuneration Panel and recommendations of Council on 22nd January 2013 as amended by the City Council on 15 July 2014

- (c) (i) In arriving at the savings proposals for each Portfolio as recommended in paragraph 3.1 (b), the following amounts have been added to cash limits to provide funding for new initiatives as described:

Increases to Portfolio Cash Limits - New Initiatives	2015/16	2016/17 & Future Years
	£	£
Children and Education		
To enable additional staffing and a greater range of activities to be provided from Children's Centres	366,700	366,700
Health & Social Care		
To provide funding for Adult Social Care critical needs during 2015/16 and future years	366,700	366,700
Total	733,400	733,400

- (j) That the Head of Finance & S151 Officer advises that, in his opinion, the proposals contained within this amendment present do not present any additional risk to the delivery of the overall savings amounts required for the Budget 2015/16.
- (k) The City Solicitor is content with the proposals set out in this amendment.

NOTES TO THE LABOUR GROUP AMENDMENT

Portsmouth City Council Revenue Budget 2015/16 - Savings Proposals

The overall financial effect of the proposals is set out below:

	2015/16 £	2016/17 & Future Years £
Additional Savings Proposals:	(133,400)	(133,400)
Re-instatement of Savings Proposals:	0	0
Budget Additions - New Initiatives:	733,400	733,400
Increase in Council Tax Revenues:	(600,000)	(600,000)
Reduction in Council Tax Revenues:		
Total Overall Change	0	0