



Agenda & minutes

Full Council meeting of
Tuesday, 11 October 2016

Portsmouth City Council

A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL will be held at the Council Chamber - The Guildhall on Tuesday, 11 October 2016 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 - 14)
 - the Extraordinary Council meeting held on 12 July 2016; and
 - the Ordinary Council meeting held on 12 July 2016.
- 3 **To receive such communications as the Lord Mayor may desire to lay before the Council, including apologies for absence.**
- 4 **Arts Lodge - The Council has received the following petition -**

Statement & Justification

"We, the citizens of the city of Portsmouth and surrounding areas wish to protest against the termination of the lease for the Arts Lodge & Park Café, Victoria Park.

The Arts Lodge already pays the top market rate for the property to the council and being self-funded saves the council money in both the running and maintaining of the premises. No communication has been received about any future plans for the building and no justification of how their plans are a better deal for the tax payer has been provided. This is unfair not just to the Arts and Soul Traders CIC and the local community, but also to Portsmouth Council Tax payers.

I demand that Portsmouth Tory Council allow the Arts Lodge to continue providing their excellent service to the community and that their lease should be protected for future generations."

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 they do) 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, Mark Lewis 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.

5 Deputations from the Public under Standing Order No 24 (excluding item 4)

6 Questions from the Public under Standing Order 25. (Pages 15 - 16)

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 Review of Political Proportionality on Committees and Panels (Pages 17 - 20)

To consider the Chief Executive's attached report.

10 Treasury Management Outturn 2015/16 (Pages 21 - 46)

To receive and consider the attached report and recommendations from the Cabinet held on 22 September 2016 (minute 41 refers).

11 Treasury Management Mid-Year Review 2016/17 (Pages 47 - 70)

To receive and consider the attached report and recommendations from the Cabinet held on 22 September 2016 (minute 42 refers).

12 4 Year Local Government Finance Settlement - Multi Year Settlements (Pages 71 - 80)

To receive and consider the attached report and recommendations from the Cabinet held on 22 September 2016 (minute 43 refers).

13 Revenue Budget Monitoring 2016/17 (1st Quarter) to end June 2016 (Pages 81 - 92)

To receive and consider the attached report and recommendations from the Cabinet held on 22 September 2016 (minute 45 refers).

14 Proposed Amendments to the Arrangements for the Assessment, Consideration and Investigation of Complaints against Councillors (Pages 93 - 112)

To receive and consider the attached report and recommendations from the Governance & Audit & Standards Committee held on 16 September 2016 (minute 53 refers).

15 Notice of Motion Referral - Local Elections Cycle (Pages 113 - 118)

To receive and consider the attached paper and response recommendations from the Governance & Audit & Standards Committee held on 16 September 2016 (minute 54 refers).

16 Solent Combined Authority Governance Review and Scheme (Pages 119 - 332)

To receive and note the Council report from the Chief Executive which includes an appended report for Cabinet (both to follow).

Note - As this issue is formally an Executive (Cabinet) decision, Full Council is precluded from determining the matter.

17 Notices of Motion

(a) Make Fair Transitional State Pension Arrangements for 1950's Women

Proposed by Councillor Lynne Stagg
Seconded by Councillor Matthew Winnington

Portsmouth City Council calls upon the Government to make fair transitional state pension arrangements for all women born on or after 6th April 1951, who have unfairly borne the burden of the increase to the State Pension Age (SPA) with lack of appropriate notification.

Hundreds of thousands of women had significant pension changes imposed on them by the Pensions Acts of 1995 and 2011 with little or no personal notification of the changes. Some women had only two years notice of a six-year increase to their state pension age. Many women born in the 1950's are living in hardship. Retirement plans have been shattered with devastating consequences. Many of these women are already out of the labour market, caring for elderly relatives, providing childcare for grandchildren, or suffer discrimination in the workplace so struggle to find employment.

Women born in this decade are suffering financially. These women have worked hard, raised families and paid their tax and national insurance with the expectation that they would be financially secure when reaching 60. It is not the pension age itself that is in dispute - it is widely accepted that women and men should retire at the same time. The issue is that the rise in the women's state pension age has been too rapid and has happened without sufficient notice being given to the women affected, leaving women with no time to make alternative arrangements.

This council recognises the work done by local residents to raise this issue on behalf of the affected women in Portsmouth and the support from many unaffected residents who share this feeling of injustice. Many MPs have backed this campaign, including Portsmouth South's Flick Drummond.

Therefore, Portsmouth City Council calls upon the Leader and the

Chief Executive to write to the Government to urge them to heed the calls of the petition being delivered to Parliament today and reconsider transitional arrangements for women in Portsmouth and the rest of the UK born on or after 6th April 1951, so that women do not live in hardship due to pension changes they were not told about until it was too late to make alternative arrangements.

(b) Limits on the conversion of family homes into Houses in Multiple Occupation

Proposed by Councillor Young
Seconded by Councillor Stubbs

In any modern city, a diverse range of housing options are required to match the needs and pockets of the population. This mix includes Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs), however, the council recognise that every community within Portsmouth are unique and distinctive and it is important that we preserve the character of these areas.

There is a need to increase the housing supply, but this must be balanced against the widely held concerns there are about the proliferation of HMOs and about the impact this can have on established communities.

Portsmouth City Council already has policies that seek to restrict the creation of new HMOs in areas where there is a concentration. These policies are amongst the strongest in the country. However the city also has a shortage of family housing and that most new housing supply is made up of one or two bedroom flats.

Planning inspectors can effectively block the implementation of any local plan policy that lacks sufficient justification, making amending policy between plan reviews a risky business. The proper time to develop policy is therefore when the local plan is refreshed, as the whole plan will have to be examined by the inspectorate for policy soundness at that time, meaning any policy signed off then will not be struck down.

Council therefore calls on the council leader in her role as Cabinet Member for PRED to consider the options for further restricting policy on HMOs as part of the revised local plan. This may be via a lower percentage limit or by considering the percentage of street frontage in HMO use as an additional criterion.

The Council also asks the Council Leader to write to the Minister for Housing and Planning to reflect the views of residents in Portsmouth that there is a need within the city to ensure that family homes in communities are protected as well as the need to further restrict the number of HMOs within the City.

18 Questions from Members under Standing Order No 17. (Pages 333 - 334)

David Williams
Chief Executive

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