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# NOTICE OF MEETING

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## CABINET MEMBER FOR RESOURCES

THURSDAY, 21 JANUARY 2016 AT 12.00 PM

THE EXECUTIVE MEETING ROOM - THIRD FLOOR, THE GUILDHALL

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## CABINET MEMBER FOR RESOURCES

Councillor Lee Mason (Conservative)

### Group Spokespersons

Councillor Colin Galloway, UK Independence Party

Councillor Hugh Mason, Liberal Democrat

Councillor Aiden Gray, Labour

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## AGENDA

- 1 **Apologies for Absence**
- 2 **Declaration of Members' Interests**
- 3 **Revenue and Benefits Report (Pages 1 - 12)**

The purpose of the report is to seek approval to implement a policy of imposing fixed penalties on residents who fail to notify Portsmouth City Council within a prescribed timescale, of a relevant change in their circumstance which may result in an increase in their chargeable Council Tax

## **RECOMMENDED**

- (1) That it is agreed that the implementation of fixed penalties from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016, as permitted under the provisions of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, whereby anyone who intentionally or knowingly fails to notify the Council of any change affecting Council Tax Liability or the Local Council Tax Support Scheme may be liable to a fixed penalty fine.**
- (2) That where an application is made to waive the penalty on the grounds of exceptional circumstances, the Local Taxation Manager or Director of Community and Communications be given delegated responsibility to use their discretion.**

### **4 Super connected cities - information report (Pages 13 - 18)**

The purpose of the report is to inform the Cabinet Member on the current status of High Speed Broadband and Public Access Wifi availability across the City and potential future direction.

### **5 Data Centre Accommodation Update - Information report (Pages 19 - 24)**

The purpose of the report is to inform the Cabinet Member on the current status of the accommodation project on the ground floor of the Civic Offices next to the Data Centre.

### **6 Portsmouth and South East Hampshire Coroners Update - Information report (Pages 25 - 30)**

The purpose of this report is to update the Cabinet Member for Resources:

- on the service improvements undertaken to address the recommendations agreed in the Cabinet report of 6 November 2014.
- on further developments planned for the coroners service enabled by the relocation to the civic offices

### **7 Monitoring of the Second Quarter 2015/16 Revenue Cash Limits and Capital Programmes - information only (Pages 31 - 42)**

The purpose of the report is to inform the Cabinet Member and Opposition Spokespersons of:

- The forecast revenue expenditure for the year compared with the cash limited budget.
- The forecast capital expenditure against the revised capital programme for the Resources portfolio.

**RECOMMENDED that the contents of the report be noted.**

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