



Portsmouth  
CITY COUNCIL



# Agenda & minutes

Full Council meeting of  
Tuesday, 12 December 2017

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A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL will be held at the Council Chamber - The Guildhall on Tuesday, 12 December 2017 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 7 - 14)
  - the ordinary council meeting held on 14 November.
- 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 **Appointments**
- 6 **Urgent Business - To receive and consider any urgent and important business from Members of the Cabinet in accordance with Standing Order No 26.**
- 7 **Portsmouth City Council Revenue Budget 2018/19 - Savings Proposals** (Pages 15 - 56)

To receive and consider the attached report of the Cabinet held on 11 December 2017, the recommendations for which will follow.
- 8 **Review of the political balance on committees and Panels** (Pages 57 - 60)

To consider the Chief Executive's attached report.

**Notices of Motion: Process information**

Standing Order (32(d)) requires a vote by members before each motion to determine whether or not the motion is to be debated at the meeting or stand referred to the Cabinet or relevant Committee (including Scrutiny) to report back to a future meeting.
- 9 **Notices of Motion**
  - (a) **Contamination of Oceans**

Proposed Councillor David Ashmore  
Seconded Councillor Ben Dowling

As Portsmouth is the UK's only island city meaning we are surrounded by water, this Council is invested in ensuring we have safe, clean and environmentally friendly waters for the people, animals and plant life of Portsmouth.

Council notes the National Federation of Women's Institutes' new campaign concerning the contamination of the oceans from microplastic fibres, which passed with an overwhelming 98.9% majority at the 2017 WI Annual Meeting.

Microplastic fibres are small plastic fragments 5 mm or smaller that are shed from synthetic clothes when laundered and end up in the sea and wider environment. The scale of the problem is large; millions of people wash their clothes every week, shedding these tiny particles that are too small to be caught by the machine's filters, flowing into the sewage system and eventually into the ocean. Due to their small size, microplastic fibres are readily ingested by aquatic life, filling up their stomachs which can eventually cause death. We also know that the plastic fibres attract toxins and harmful chemical pollutants which then end up in the food we eat, the long-term effects of which are not yet clear.

Given the scale of the problem, there is an urgent need for more research to identify and develop potential solutions. We need to better understand the long term impact of microplastic fibres on the marine environment, develop a deeper understanding about why different textiles perform differently when washed, and to identify ways to prevent fibres being released into the water supply.

Council notes the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs The Rt Hon Michael Gove MP's recent commitment that government will undertake work to identify ways to reduce the amount of plastic entering our seas.

Council asks the Cabinet Member for Environment and Community Safety to write on behalf of the Council to the city's two Members of Parliament, Stephen Morgan MP and Penny Mordaunt MP, and The Rt Hon Michael Gove MP asking for the issue of microplastic fibres to be fully considered in the government's work to explore new methods of reducing plastic waste.

(b) **Government Funding for Cladding Council Buildings**

Proposed Councillor Tom Wood  
Seconded Councillor Leo Madden

Council is very concerned by the events at Grenfell Tower and offers it condolences to those who lost family members and loved ones in the fire.

Council thanks Officers and the Hampshire Fire Service for their outstanding work to start to remove the cladding for Horatia House and Leamington House and put in place additional measures to

ensure residents safety while the cladding is being removed.

Council notes that

1. the Government initially promised to cover the costs of works necessary as a result of Grenfell, and particularly that the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government promised on the 16<sup>th</sup> June that the government would do “whatever is required” to support works necessary as a result of the Grenfell disaster.
2. That government has abandoned this commitment and intends only to provide Councils with “financial flexibilities” and not actual grants
3. that whatever “financial flexibility” the government provides, that is not a government grant means that council tenants will be the ones who ultimately pay.

Council reaffirms that no matter what decisions the government makes the work to ensure Horatia House and Leamington House are as safe as possible must and will continue

Council condemns the decision by the Secretary of State to U-turn on his commitment

Council calls on the Leader of the Council to lead a cross party delegation to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government asking him to honour his commitment and provide funding to Portsmouth City Council for the works on Horatia and Leamington house.

**10 Questions from Members under Standing Order No 17 (None submitted)**

David Williams  
Chief Executive

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