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# NOTICE OF MEETING

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**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, CULTURE AND LEISURE SCRUTINY PANEL**

**THURSDAY, 22 MARCH 2018 AT 10.00 AM**

**INTERNATIONAL FERRY PORT - MEETING ROOM UPSTAIRS IN MAIN  
TERMINAL BUILDING**

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## **Membership:**

Councillor Alicia Denny (Chair)  
Councillor Scott Payter-Harris (Vice-Chair)  
Councillor Yahiya Chowdhury  
Councillor Lee Hunt  
Councillor Ian Lyon  
Councillor Matthew Winnington

## **Standing Deputies**

Councillor Ben Dowling  
Councillor Suzy Horton  
Councillor Gemma New  
Councillor Steve Pitt  
Councillor Steve Wemyss

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## **A G E N D A**

- 1 Apologies for absence**
- 2 Declarations of Members' Interests**
- 3 Minutes of Previous Meeting - 15 September 2017 (Pages 3 - 4)**

RECOMMENDED that the minutes of the panel meeting held on 15 September 2017 be approved as a correct record.

#### **4 Review of the International Ferry Port (Pages 5 - 6)**

The draft scoping document **is attached for approval**, subject to changes during the course of the review.

A site visit was undertaken by members of the panel on 9<sup>th</sup> February to familiarise themselves with the layout of the site, which was subject to security arrangements.

Presentations at this meeting are due to be made by:

Mike Sellers, Port Director - to provide an overview and introduction to the activities of the International Port

Accompanied by:

Rupert Taylor, Harbour Master - outlining PCC's harbour authority statutory powers

John Feltham, Port Systems and Compliance Manager

Ian Palacio, Port Business Development Manager

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# Agenda Item 3

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, CULTURE & LEISURE SCRUTINY PANEL**

MINUTES of the meeting of the Economic Development, Culture & Leisure Scrutiny Panel held on Friday, 15 September 2017 at 4.30 pm at the Guildhall, Portsmouth

### **Present**

Councillor Steve Hastings (in the Chair)

Councillors Alicia Denny  
Yahiya Chowdhury  
Lee Hunt

#### **5. Apologies for absence (AI 1)**

Councillor Scott Harris (Vice-Chair) and Councillor Matthew Winnington had both submitted their apologies for absence.

#### **6. Declarations of Members' Interests (AI 2)**

There were no declarations of interests.

#### **7. Minutes of Previous Meeting - 16 August 2017 (AI 3)**

A matter arising from the Smart Cities review: it was reported that the Digital Strategy was due to be published in October 2017.

**RESOLVED: that the minutes of the EDCL Scrutiny Panel held on 16 August 2017 be approved as a correct record, to be signed by the Chair.**

#### **8. Discussion of Future Topics for Review (AI 4)**

The following topics were discussed as potential areas for review for the current municipal year:

##### **i) The University of Portsmouth**

The effect of having a growing university in the city, to encourage a cohesive relationship between students and residents, to balance perceptions with the economic benefits. This would include links with schools and students from the local area to raise academic expectations and increase the sub-regional skill-base. (It was noted that a previous EDCL review had included the University as a witness in the Volunteering Opportunities review.)

##### **ii) Fire Safety and the economic effect of the post Grenfell Tower safety measures**

Whilst there was concern raised about the need to ensure appropriate responses to fire safety in high-rise property in the city, it was acknowledged that there is work already been carried out in this area which is being reported through other channels, such as Cabinet, the Cabinet Member for Housing

and there had been recent investigation at the Governance & Audit & Standards Committee, and if a topic was taken forward this would be in the remit of the Housing & Social Care Scrutiny Panel.

### **iii) The Port**

To receive an update on what is happening at the Commercial Ferry Port, including the city as an attraction/cruise destination, inviting the new Port Manager Mike Sellers to attend as well as navy, business and tourism representatives. This would also include the wider 'port' such as Flathouse Quay. To investigate the importance of the port to the local economy and the panel would invite key businesses to attend, such as MMD.

### **iv) Creative Industries**

This had been the reserve topic from the previous municipal year, for which the remit had been:

"To look at the economic value of creativity in the city and its potential as a strong growth area. To consider Arts Council funding opportunities and the expanded use of council owned buildings to expand on the success of projects such as the ARTches and to encourage the participation of young people in community arts events."

It was **AGREED** that the three favoured topics, in order of preference, for consideration by SMP would be:

- i. The Port
- ii. The University of Portsmouth
- iii. Creative Industries

The panel members wished to stress that all three topics would include the theme of local employment and connecting to investment in jobs in the city (which had been requested by Cllr Winnington in his message to the panel).

The meeting concluded at 5.00 pm.

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Councillor Steve Hastings  
Chair

# Agenda Item 4

## **Working title: The Port**

Actual Title: tbc - to reflect concentration on the future development and challenges for Portsmouth's Commercial Port

### Scope of review:

The review will look at the strategic importance of the Portsmouth International Port to Portsmouth, the SE Hants region and nationally, and its future growth through the following objectives:

1. To consider business development, including cruise market ambitions, linking in to PCC's tourism and marketing strategies and developments to attract new business.
2. To examine the importance of the Port for local employment opportunities, as well as the necessary skills base and succession planning required.
3. To investigate the challenges and opportunities of the European trading negotiations  
(NB 60% of business is with Europe and 40% the rest of the world)
4. To consider the security arrangements so as to reduce the risk to unaccompanied minors; and if located at Portsmouth Port to ensure there is a timely response to secure their safety.  
(This will include the safe return of young people assessed as adults).
5. To hear of the recent and future investment plans for the Commercial Port and the funding implications for the City Council, including the consideration of sustainability within building projects.

However, due to the business sensitivities and confidential nature of some areas of responsibility for the Commercial Port, there will be some information which will not be covered by this review (such as the business affairs of MMD, and some of the detailed information on future plans which will be of advantage to competitors).

### Possible witnesses:

Mike Sellers, Port Director (most meetings)

Tristan Samuels, Director of Regeneration

Rupert Taylor, Harbour Master

John Feltham, Port Systems and Compliance Manager

Richard Lee, Regulatory Services Manager (including importation compliance)

Ian Palacio, (new) Business Development Manager at the Port

Sarah Newman re unaccompanied children, to explain role of Children's Social Care and the Home Office

Jane Singh, Visitor Services and Development Manager (Tourism)

Brittany Ferries and/or other ferry representatives

Timing:

Where possible early morning meetings.

A site visit as an informal meeting due to security issues

1<sup>st</sup> public meeting to give an overview and set out responsibilities e.g. Marine Safety Code and lines of reporting.

Background info for the panel - is the Business Plan available?