

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL held at the Guildhall
Portsmouth on Tuesday, 14 November 2017 at 2.00 pm

Council Members Present

The Right Worshipful The Lord Mayor
Councillor Ken Elcome (in the Chair)

Councillors

Dave Ashmore	Hugh Mason
Simon Boshier	Lee Mason
Jennie Brent	Gemma New
Ryan Brent	Robert New
Yahiya Chowdhury	Scott Payter-Harris
Alicia Denny	Steve Pitt
Ben Dowling	Stuart Potter
John Ferrett	Will Purvis
James Fleming	Darren Sanders
David Fuller	Lynne Stagg
Colin Galloway	Luke Stubbs
Paul Godier	Julie Bird
Steve Hastings	Linda Symes
Hannah Hockaday	David Tompkins
Suzy Horton	Gerald Vernon-Jackson CBE
Lee Hunt	Steve Wemyss
Frank Jonas BEM	Matthew Winnington
Donna Jones	Neill Young
Ian Lyon	Rob Wood
Leo Madden	Tom Wood

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

There were no declarations of interest.

83. Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 17 October 2017

It was

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

That the minutes of the council meeting held on 17 October 2017 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the council meeting held on 17 October 2017 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

84. Communications and apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillor Stephen Morgan MP.

The Lord Mayor invited the Leader of the Council, Councillor Donna Jones to make an announcement. On behalf of the council, the Leader of the Council congratulated Councillor Scott Harris on his recent marriage and advised that he had changed his surname to "Payter-Harris".

The Lord Mayor gave detailed information concerning filming in the chamber and reiterated the council's rules which strictly prohibit the filming, photographing or recording of members of the public unless they are addressing the meeting and only then if they do not actively object. Filming from gallery to gallery is also prohibited.

The Lord Mayor then gave details of the evacuation procedure and reminded everyone that there are building evacuation signs displayed both inside the public galleries and in the chamber itself.

The Lord Mayor welcomed Mr Brian Johnson who is a member of the Independent Remuneration Panel, to the meeting and advised that his attendance related to agenda item 8.

85. Deputations from the Public under Standing Order No 24

The City Solicitor advised that five deputation requests had been received by the deadline - all in respect of agenda item 9(a).

A deputation in support of the notice of motion was given by Ms Brotherhood.

Deputations against the notice of motion were given by Ms Mooney, Ms Farrow and Ms Butler. Ms Vaughn-Spruce also gave a deputation against the notice of motion that included a short video clip.

The City Solicitor thanked all those who had made deputations.

86. Questions from the Public under Standing Order 25

There were no questions from the public.

87. Appointments

The Lord Mayor advised that he had been notified of proposed appointments to be made in respect of the Planning Committee membership as previously circulated to members and these were agreed.

RESOLVED that in respect of the Planning Committee

- **Councillor Vernon-Jackson replaced Councillor Fuller**
- **Councillor Gemma New replaced Councillor Robert New**

- **Councillor Denny replaced Councillor Gemma New as a standing deputy on the committee.**

88. Urgent Business urgent Standing Order No 26

There was no urgent business.

89. Independent Remuneration Panel

The Lord Mayor advised that the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel had been forwarded to the council via the Governance & Audit & Standards Committee which met on 27 October 2017 and confirmed it was content with the process that had been followed. The panel's recommendations have been previously circulated with the Chief Executive's overview report and supporting information. The Lord Mayor invited Mr Johnson, the Independent Remuneration Panel's representative to address the council on the panel's review and its recommendations.

Mr Johnson explained that the panel had met and had considered the scheme taking account of the comments made by members. He advised that minimal changes had been made to the scheme. These included providing clarity around outside body appointments, bringing travel arrangements into line with best practice and including the Lord Mayor and Deputy Lord Mayor in the scheme.

The Lord Mayor thanked Mr Johnson and all members of the Independent Remuneration Panel for their work in carrying out the review.

RESOLVED that

- (1) No change should be made to any of the various elements comprising the Members Allowances Scheme ("the Scheme") except that,**
 - (a) the Lord Mayor and Deputy Lord Mayor are to be included in the Scheme with a Special Responsibility Allowance (SRA) multiple of Basic Allowance of 0.7 and 0.1 respectively making the positions index-linked to be effective from the date of this Council Meeting.**
 - (b) a note would be added to the Scheme to clarify that any remuneration received through representing the Council on any Outside Body sits outside the Scheme.**
 - (c) the wording in the section on Carers' Allowance is amended to link it to the "Portsmouth Living Wage" (currently £7.85 per hour)**
 - (d) the wording of the first paragraph of section B (1) Travelling Allowances is amended to add the following wording**

"That "Travel claims to a destination outside the City must be from a member's Portsmouth registered address, (or from the Council's Civic Offices if that is the member's starting point and is nearer to the destination). Claims from another location can be made if it is nearer to the destination outside the City."

- (2) Notwithstanding the index-linked arrangement, a further review of the Scheme be carried out to be completed in time for the start of the 2021-2022 financial year to meet the 4-yearly review requirement.**
- (3) The existing Independent Remuneration Panel be retained as a Standing Panel in the interim period, whose members (with a quorum of three for any decision to be taken) can consider issues that arise in connection with the Scheme before the next review, either by email or in meetings.**
- (4) The Members of the Independent Remuneration Panel be thanked for their time and attention in undertaking the review.**

Notices of Motion

90. Notice of Motion (a)

It was

Proposed by Councillor Will Purvis
Seconded by Councillor Robert New

That notice of motion (a) as set out on the agenda be debated today.

Upon being put to the vote this was CARRIED.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Will Purvis
Seconded by Councillor Robert New

That notice of motion (a) as set out on the agenda be adopted.

As an amendment it was

Proposed by Councillor Ian Lyon
Seconded by Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson

To

"Delete from paragraph 1 the words "activities of anti-abortion protestors" and replace with "protests"

Delete from paragraph 5 the words "anti-abortion protestors" and replace with "targeted protests"

Also in paragraph 5, delete the word "women" and replace with "private individuals".

The mover of the original motion, Councillor Will Purvis agreed to subsume into it the amendment standing in the name of Councillor Lyon.

Following debate upon being put to the vote, the substantive notice of motion incorporating the amendment standing in the name of Councillor Lyon was CARRIED.

RESOLVED that the following notice of motion as amended be adopted

"This Council notes the recent protests outside the main entrance of the St Mary's Hospital Health Campus in Milton, the location of the British Pregnancy Advice Service clinic.

This Council also recognises the concerns of staff and those seeking treatment at the clinic, for example one patient said "It made an extremely difficult decision even more horrendous than it could/should have been... I suffer from mental health problems and I felt the comments made by protesters significantly increased my anxiety ... No one should ever have to deal with that."

This motion is explicitly not one for or against abortion, which is available in Great Britain in the circumstances laid out in the Abortion Act 1967. This Council believes that all individuals should be protected from harassment and intimidation when accessing legally existing health services, and that local residents should not to be exposed to related disruption and distress on a daily basis.

The right to protest needs to be balanced with the right of pregnant women to choose and to obtain advice and treatment in confidence and free from intimidation. Those who wish to campaign against abortion have plenty of opportunities and locations in which to do so. The area outside a clinic need not and should not be one of them.

This Council asks the Cabinet to do all within its powers to prevent targeted protests from intimidating and harassing private individuals outside the St Mary's Hospital, and its entrances.

The Council also notes the steps taken by Ealing Council to pursue a Public Space Protection Order to prevent harassment of women accessing pregnancy advice services in their Borough.

This Council therefore requests that a report be brought to the Cabinet Member for Community Safety fully exploring every possible option, including the use of a Public Spaces Protection Order, to create a 'buffer zone' around this location to provide the necessary reassurance and

security that all women need and deserve as they make their own personal decision about their pregnancy."

91. Notice of Motion (b)

It was

Proposed by Councillor Donna Jones
Seconded by Councillor Lee Mason

That notice of motion (b) as set out on the agenda be debated today.

Upon being put to the vote this was CARRIED.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Donna Jones
Seconded by Councillor Lee Mason

That notice of motion (b) as set out on the agenda be adopted.

The Leader of the Council asked that thanks be put on record to Councillors Frank Jonas, Lynne Stagg, David Fuller, Hugh Mason and Lee Mason for all their work to promote twinning and forging strong links across the world. The Leader also placed on record thanks to the Culture & Leisure staff involved in the Museums Service and also to the Caen Twinning Friendship Committee.

Following debate upon being put to the vote notice of motion (b) as set out on the agenda was CARRIED.

RESOLVED that council adopted the following notice of motion

"Cities across the world benefit from the cultural and economic prosperity that twinning and associated working can bring. Portsmouth City Council is fortunate to have twinning and friendship links with cities around the world from Japan and Australia to the United States of America.

Thirty years ago Portsmouth and Caen agreed a formal twinning link. The agreement was signed by Councillors in the Guildhall on 5th June 1987 under the then Leader of the council Councillor Ian Gibson and Lord Mayor Councillor Jim Lodge.

Over the years the city of Portsmouth has hosted councillors, Mayors, businesses, tourists, and historians who have celebrated the significance of the two cities. With companies such as Brittany Ferries prospering as the friendship grows and the two cultures sharing their common history of the significance of the D Day landings, this Chamber is pleased to celebrate this active and successful link.

The Council therefore resolves that the Leader of the Council formally present an official letter commemorating the special relationship

between the two cities to the Mayor of Caen, Mayor Joël Bruneau, to thank him on behalf of the City of Portsmouth for the 30 years of friendship our cities have enjoyed when they meet at the end of November."

92. Questions from Members under Standing Order No 17

There were two questions before council.

Question No 1 was from Councillor Ben Dowling

"What planning and preparation has Portsmouth City Council undertaken for changes caused by Brexit?"

This and supplementary questions were answered by the Leader of the Council, Councillor Donna Jones.

Question No 2 was from Councillor Julie Bird

"The Portsmouth Lottery has now been running for twelve months. Could the cabinet member please update council as to how much has been raised so far for local charities and what the average cash prize amount is per winner?"

This and supplementary questions were answered by the Deputy Leader of the Council, Councillor Luke Stubbs.

The Lord Mayor thanked everyone for their attendance.

The meeting concluded at 4.50 pm.

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Lord Mayor