

NOTICE OF MEETING

SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT PANEL

FRIDAY 5 JULY 2013 AT 2PM

EXECUTIVE MEETING ROOM, FLOOR 3, GUILDHALL, PORTSMOUTH

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Membership

Councillor Michael Andrewes (Chair)
Councillor Peter Eddis (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Will Purvis
Councillor Ken Ellcome
Councillor Sandra Stockdale

Councillor Matthew Winnington
Councillor Robert New
Councillor Mike Park
Councillor Jim Patey

Standing Deputies

Councillor David Fuller
Councillor Caroline Scott
Councillor Phil Smith

Councillor Steve Wemyss
Councillor Simon Boshier
Councillor David Horne
Councillor Neill Young

(NB This Agenda should be retained for future reference with the Minutes of this meeting.)

Please note that the agenda, minutes and non-exempt reports are available to view online on the Portsmouth City Council website: www.portsmouth.gov.uk

A G E N D A

- 1 Apologies for absence**
- 2 Declarations of Members' interests**
- 3 ... Minutes of the Meeting held on 21 March 2013**

Minutes of the Scrutiny Management Panel (SMP) held on 21 March 2013.

RECOMMENDED that the minutes of the meeting held on 21 March 2013 be confirmed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

Call-in of Pyramids Decisions taken by Cabinet on 10 June 2013

... **PLEASE NOTE THAT IF MEMBERS WISH TO DISCUSS THE EXEMPT APPENDIX, THE MEETING WILL HAVE TO MOVE INTO EXEMPT SESSION**

Councillors John Ferrett, Aiden Gray, Jim Patey, David Horne and Ken Ferrett have asked that the decision taken by the Cabinet on 10 June 2013 in respect of item 4 on that agenda, be called in for scrutiny on the basis that they believe that the decision may have been taken without adequate information.

The decision today is for the panel to determine whether the Cabinet decision has been taken without adequate information.

If the panel is satisfied that adequate information has been supplied to enable the Cabinet to reach its decision then no further action is required and the matter ends here.

If the panel is not satisfied that adequate information has been supplied, the panel may refer the matter back to Cabinet stating the reasons why the panel considers there has been inadequate information on this matter.

The following documents are attached:

- The report entitled “Pyramids Procurement and Consideration of Options” considered by the Cabinet on 10 June 2013. The **EXEMPT** appendix will be tabled on the day.
- The draft minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 10 June 2013
- An extract of the Members’ Information Service bulletin published on 14 June 2013
- Supplementary report from the City Solicitor addressing the call-in concerns (to follow)

The relevant members and officers will be in attendance:

The procedure for the meeting will be as follows:-

Process of call-in

- Deputations from the public to be heard first, followed by;
- Presentation of the call-in by one of the call-in members followed by questions from Scrutiny Management Panel members.
- Response from relevant Lead Cabinet member followed by questions from Scrutiny Management Panel members.
- A further response may then be made by the call-in member
- The call-in member may then sum up his case
- The lead Cabinet member may then sum up his case
- General debate among Scrutiny Management Panel members followed by a decision.
- The call-in member who presented to Scrutiny Management Panel would not be allowed to speak again or vote on the item, unless they are a member of the Scrutiny Management Panel.

- The Panel would then either resolve to take no action (in effect endorsing the original decision) or refer the matter back to Cabinet for further consideration, setting out the nature of its concerns.

RECOMMENDED that the Panel considers the evidence and decides whether or not the decision by Cabinet on 10 June should be upheld or be referred back to Cabinet for reconsideration with their reasons why.

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Exclusion of Press and Public

NB If members wish to discuss the exempt appendix, then the meeting will have to move into exempt session

“That, under the provisions of Section 100A of the Local Government Act, 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) Act, 1985, the press and public be excluded for the consideration of the following item on the grounds that the report(s) contain information defined as exempt in Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act, 1972”.

The public interest in maintaining the exemption must outweigh the public interest in disclosing the information.

Under the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) England Regulations 2012, regulation 5, the reasons for exemption of the listed item is shown below.

Members of the public may make representation as to why the item should be held in open session. A statement of the Council’s response to representations received will be given at the meeting so that this can be taken into account when members decide whether or not to deal with the item under exempt business.

(NB The exempt/confidential committee papers on the agenda will contain information which is commercially, legally or personally sensitive and should not be divulged to third parties. Members are reminded of standing order restrictions on the disclosure of exempt information and are invited to return their exempt documentation to the Local Democracy Officer at the conclusion of the meeting for shredding.)

Item
4 Pyramids Procurement and
Consideration of Options
(appendix only is exempt)

Para No
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**3.Information relating to the financial or
business affairs of any particular person
(including the authority holding that
information)**

6 Work Programme 2013/14

The panel is asked to consider and prioritise topics put forward for review (including suitable topics , if any, put forward by members of the public and from any other interested parties) to determine the work programme for the Municipal Year for all the scrutiny panels (with the exception of the Health, Overview and Scrutiny Panel who determine their own work programme). An item can be included on future agendas as appropriate to consider any new topics put forward for review.

RECOMMENDED that the Scrutiny Management Panel determine the work programme for the remainder of the Municipal Year for all scrutiny panels (other than the Health Overview and Scrutiny Panel).

7 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for 12 September 2013 at 4pm.