



NOTICE OF MEETING

CABINET

MONDAY, 3 MARCH 2014 AT 12.00 PM

EXECUTIVE MEETING ROOM - THE GUILDHALL

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Councillor Rob Wood

Councillor Darren Sanders

Councillor Terry Hall

Councillor Sandra Stockdale

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AGENDA

- 1 **Apologies for Absence**
- 2 **Declarations of Interests**
- 3 **Record of Previous Decision Meetings - 21 January and 3 & 11 February 2014 (Pages 1 - 16)**

The record of decisions of Cabinet of 21 January, 3 & 11 February are attached.

RECOMMENDED that the records of decision meetings held on 21 January (special meeting) 3 & 11 February 2014 are agreed as a correct record and

signed by the Chair.

4 Team Portsmouth - City of Service (Pages 17 - 20)

The report by the Director of Public Health seeks the support of Cabinet to further develop and implement Portsmouth's service plan following the successful application to be one of the UK Cities of Service.

RECOMMENDED that the Cabinet note Portsmouth's successful application to be a 'City of Service' and agree that this will be a valuable opportunity to demonstrate the impact volunteers can have in meeting some of the city's most pressing challenges.

5 Local Transport Plan 3 - Implementation Plan 2014/15 (Pages 21 - 26)

The purpose of the attached report by the Head of Transport and Environment is to seek approval from the Cabinet to present the draft Local Transport Plan 3 (LTP3) Implementation Plan 2014/15 to Full Council for approval.

RECOMMENDED that the Cabinet:

1) Approve the attached Implementation Plan for onward consideration by Full Council.

2) Delegates authority to the Head of Transport and Environment in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Traffic and Transportation, the Strategic Director for Regeneration and the Section 151 Officer to agree any minor amendments to the Implementation Plan that may be required to take account of future funding changes and policy announcements.

6 Treasury Management Policy for 2014/15 (Pages 27 - 86)

The purpose of this report is to obtain the Council's approval for 2014/15 to the following (attached):

- Treasury Management Policy Statement
- Annual Minimum Revenue Provision for Debt Repayment Statement
- Annual Investment Strategy

The recommendations, as set out in the report, are for submission to Council on 18 March for decision.

7 Budget & Performance Monitoring 2013/14 (3rd Quarter) to end December 2013 (Pages 87 - 124)

The purpose of the report by the Head of Financial Services and Section 151 Officer is to update members on the current Revenue Budget position of the Council as at the end of the third quarter for 2013/14. Also, to also take the opportunity to report on the key performance measures of the Council and highlight any relationships between financial performance and service performance that may indicate any potential or emerging matters of concern in relation to either.

RECOMMENDED to Council that:

(1) The contents of this report be noted, in particular (after further forecast transfers to Portfolio Specific Reserves of £449,600) the overall forecast overspend of £316,600 representing a variance of 0.16% against the City Council Revised Budget of £192,781,200. Before further forecast transfers to Portfolio Specific Reserves, there is a forecast underspend of £133,000 representing a variance of 0.07%.

(2) Members note that any actual overspend at year end will in the first instance be deducted from any Portfolio Reserve balance and once depleted then be deducted from the 2014/15 Cash Limit.

(3) A report in respect of the Children and Education Portfolio be prepared for the Cabinet in April 2014 setting out the options for significantly reducing or eliminating in future financial years the adverse budget position presently being forecast by the Portfolio, including the associated impact of doing so.

(4) Heads of Service, in consultation with the appropriate Cabinet Member, consider options that seek to minimise any forecast overspend presently being reported and prepare strategies outlining how any consequent reduction to the 2014/15 Portfolio cash limit will be managed to avoid further overspending during 2014/15.

8 Business Rates Discretionary Relief Policy (Pages 125 - 150)

The report by the Head of Revenues & Benefits requests the Cabinet approve, for implementation on 1st April 2014, Portsmouth City Council's local policy for Business Rates Discretionary Relief, updated to take account of Retail Relief, Unoccupied New Builds Relief & Re-occupation Relief.

RECOMMENDED that Cabinet :

(1) Approve the amended policy document (attached to the report): "Policy for the granting of Discretionary Non-Domestic Rate Relief"

(2) Grant delegated authority to the Head of Revenues & Benefits to update Section 9 of the policy titled "Discretionary Relief - Re-occupation Relief" as soon as central Government issues guidance on this relief

9 Flooding Update (Information Report) (Pages 151 - 156)

The information report by the Head of Transport and Environment seeks to inform Cabinet of storm damage and actions undertaken by officers in dealing with the exceptional weather conditions. Also to advise on funding arrangements for emergency works and capital schemes and costs incurred to date on repairs.

10 Home to School Transport - supporting children and young people to attend school/college through the provision of transport assistance (Pages 157 - 192)

Report by the Director of Children's & Adults' Services attached. In the context diminishing funding from Central Government, the report makes recommendations to enable the City Council to reduce expenditure on home-

to-school transport and home-to-college transport assistance whilst ensuring that vulnerable families in the City are protected and a fair and consistent process is applied to all families requesting transport assistance.

The recommendations take into account the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) reforms, which will mean that from September 2014:

- Statements of special educational needs will be replaced with Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs) for children and young people aged 0 to 25.
- Families with an EHCP will have the right to request a Personal Budget, giving young people and their parents/carers greater control over their finances and choice in decisions.
- The new system will require improved cooperation between services that support children and their families, particularly requiring local authorities and health authorities to work together.

RECOMMENDED that members:

- (1) Note the consultation process that has been undertaken (set out in Sections 6 to 9);**
- (2) Acknowledge the consultation feedback (summarised in Sections 10/11);**
- (3) Approve the recommendations 2.1 (a) - (f), as detailed in Sections 12/13 of the report.**

(A copy of the full EIA summarised in Appendix E is available to members in the group rooms and will be published on the website.)

11 Date of a Cabinet Meeting in April

A date and time needs to be set for a meeting of the Cabinet in April. A report on the Children & Education Portfolio budget position (referred to in recommendation 3 of report item 7 above) is due to be taken to this meeting.

12 Appointment to Outside Bodies (Pages 193 - 194)

Following the recent changes to the Cabinet membership the Liberal Democrat Group is seeking to change their representatives on some of the outside bodies to reflect these changes. (see schedule)

13 TRO 1/2014: Traffic Regulation Order 1/2014: The Portsmouth City Council (MC Zone and MB Zone Permit Amendments) (Residents' Parking Places and Waiting Restrictions) (No.1) Order 2014 (Pages 195 - 236)

A report by the Head of Transport and Environment is attached.

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