

Portsmouth City Council

A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL will be held at the Council Chamber - The Guildhall on Tuesday, 11 February 2014 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 the Meeting of the Council held on 21 January 2014 (to follow)**
- 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 for all items excluding those in respect of items 5, 6 and 7 which are dealt with separately on the agenda.**
- 5 Petition - To consider the following petition**

Patey Centre Cosham "Please don't close the Patey Centre Cosham, without providing alternative specialist day care for people with alzheimers and dementia in the north of the City."

The Council's rules state that as the petition contains more than 1000 signatures it will be debated by the Full Council (if the lead petitioners so request and they do) even if the issue has been considered by the Council within the last 24 months, which it has.

 1. The petition organiser, Ms Ellie Savidge, will be given six minutes in total to present the petition at the meeting.
 2. Followed by any public deputations received on this item.
 3. The Administration, via a proposer and seconder, will then present its response to the petition
 4. The petition will then be discussed by councillors and the normal rules of debate will apply.
- 6 Petition - To consider the following petition**

Public conveniences in Lower Drayton Lane - We, the undersigned,

request Portsmouth City Council to ensure that public conveniences in Lower Drayton Lane remain available for residents and visitors to Drayton:"

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1. The petition organiser Mr Patrick Whittle will be given six minutes in total to present the petition at the meeting.
2. Followed by any public deputations received on this item.
3. The Administration, via a proposer and seconder, will then present its response to the petition
4. The petition will then be discussed by councillors and the normal rules of debate will apply.

Note - As an Executive (Cabinet) matter, the Full Council is precluded from determining the issue raised in the petition, although of course the petition can still be debated at the Full Council meeting in accordance with the revised process.

7 Petition - To consider the following petition

"Bring back a school crossing patroller to the Lonsdale Road/Court Lane junction Cosham and Hilary Avenue/Court Lane Junction Cosham"

The Council's rules state that as the petition contains more than 500 signatures it will be debated by the Full Council (if the lead petitioner so request and they do) as the issue has not been considered by the Council within the last 24 months..

1. The petition organiser Mrs Eileen Peaston will be given six minutes in total to present the petition at the meeting.
2. Followed by any public deputations received on this item.
3. The Administration, via a proposer and seconder, will then present its response to the petition
4. The petition will then be discussed by councillors and the normal rules of debate will apply.

Note - As an Executive (Cabinet) matter, the Full Council is precluded from determining the issue raised in the petition, although of course the petition can still be debated at the Full Council meeting in accordance with the revised process.

8 Review of Political Proportionality on Committees and Panels

To consider the Chief Executive's report (to follow).

9 Any Appointments not dealt with under item 8 above.

10 Urgent Business - To receive and consider any urgent and important business from Members of the Cabinet in accordance with Standing Order No 26.

11 Cabinet Recommendations - To receive and consider the recommendations of the Special Cabinet meeting to be held on 11 February (to follow) in respect of the following matter, the report is attached. (Pages 1 - 58)

The Head of Finance and Section 151 Officer has advised that the Council on 12 November 2013, agreed that the Council's budget for 2014/15 would be prepared on the basis of a 1.95% increase in Council Tax. There is now doubt as to whether the current Council Tax referendum threshold will be set by the Government at the previously advised level of 2.0%. It is possible that the Government may not announce its decision on the threshold until after the 11 February Council meeting. Should this be the case, it may be necessary for the Council to adjourn consideration of the Council Tax levy and its consequences to a later date. If it does prove necessary, a proposed date for an adjourned meeting would almost certainly be for during the week commencing 24 February.

- Portsmouth City Council - Council Tax Setting 2014/15 & Medium Term Budget Forecast 2014/15 to 2017/18

12 Notices of Motion

- (a) Proposed by Councillor John Ferrett
Seconded by Councillor Donna Jones

This Council notes the motion passed at the Liberal Democrats National Conference in 2013 on the issue of preventing and tackling sexual and domestic violence moved by Elizabeth Adams of Stratford Lib Dems. The key points of the motion were as follows:

- 1) *better focus on prevention through the education and healthcare systems including compulsory relationship and consent education and integration of abuse awareness across subjects.*
- 2) *government campaign to business and employers highlighting how they can work to support employees and reduce economic cost of abuse to businesses.*
- 3) *Further progress in the justice system including holding PCCs accountable for improving police response to and prevention of domestic violence*

The Council also notes the role of Portsmouth Young Liberal Democrats in supporting the campaign against sexual and domestic violence. The Council further notes the campaign slogan 'spot abuse, stop abuse'.

This Council resolves to support any measures that will reduce the incidence of sexual and domestic abuse and believe that victims of abuse must be heard and not ignored when they raise a complaint with statutory authorities.

- (b) Proposed by Councillor Donna Jones
Seconded by Councillor John Ferrett

The council welcomes the new Minister for Portsmouth, Michael Fallon MP and pledges to support the Minister in any way it can.

The council acknowledges that political leaders in the city including the MP for Portsmouth North have met with the minister on his first visit to the city since being appointed. The city leaders have taken on the vital role of ensuring the Minister is aware of the needs and challenges Portsmouth is facing.

Portsmouth City Council wish to place on record is deep disappointment that the MP for Portsmouth South and Portsmouth City Council cabinet member for regeneration and economic development did not meet with the Minister on his first fact finding visit, in spite of the hundreds of job loses looming in the Dockyard and the lack of development of the Northern Quarter. Instead he was overseas attending a Council of Europe meeting, this council condemns the actions of Cllr Hancock MP.

- (c) Proposed by Councillor Donna Jones
Seconded by Councillor John Ferrett

The Councils arrangements for the determination and consideration of complaints approved by Council on the 17 July 2012, provide that when the Monitoring Officer produces a report into an alleged breach of a Code of Conduct, that a copy of that report is provided to the Councillor who is the Subject of the Complaint.

The Governance and Audit and Standards Committee are asked to consider a review to these arrangements to require that when a Consideration Sub-Committee accept an independent investigators report into a member complaint on behalf of the GA&S committee, that the report should be published, complying with the data protection act, and that a copy of the report should be provided to the Complainant also.

- (d) Proposed by Councillor Steve Wemyss
Seconded by Councillor Simon Boshier

This council believes the response received from Healthwatch in respect of the notice of motion submitted by Cllr. Wemyss on 9 July last year is inadequate. It therefore asks HOSP to investigate this matter as originally requested within the terms of the notice of motion submitted last July.

13 Questions from Members under Standing Order No 17. (Pages 59 - 62)

David Williams
Chief Executive

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