



NOTICE OF MEETING

CABINET

THURSDAY, 4 DECEMBER 2014 AT 1.00 PM

EXECUTIVE MEETING ROOM - THE GUILDHALL

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Councillor Steve Wemyss
Councillor Neill Young

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

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AGENDA

- 1 **Apologies for Absence**
- 2 **Declarations of Interests**
- 3 **Record of Previous Decision Meeting - 6 November 2014** (Pages 1 - 8)

A copy of the record of the previous decisions taken at Cabinet on 6 November 2014 are attached.

RECOMMENDED that the record of decisions of the Cabinet meeting held on 6 November 2014 are agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair accordingly.

4 Consideration of the option of entering the Building Control Partnership (Pages 9 - 28)

The purpose of the report for the Strategic Director for Regeneration is to provide an update on the outcome of the Feasibility Study undertaken into the Building Control Service entering a partnership with the Fareham and Gosport Building Control Partnership.

RECOMMENDED:

- (1) That PCC explore entering into a new partnership, working within the Fareham and Gosport Partnership as the future service delivery model on the terms outlined in this report.**
- (2) That implementation costs and ongoing revenue costs are met from within the existing City Development Service cash limit.**
- (3) That the final decision is delegated to the Strategic Director for Regeneration in consultation with the Cabinet member for Planning, Regeneration and Economic Development.**

5 Budget and Performance Monitoring 2014/15 2nd Quarter to end September 2014 (Pages 29 - 66)

The purpose of this report is to update members on the current Revenue Budget position of the Council as at the end of the second quarter for 2014/15 in accordance with the proposals set out in the "Portsmouth City Council - Council Tax Setting 2014/15 to 2017/18 & Medium Term Budget Forecast 2014/15 to 2017/18" report approved by the City Council on the 11th February 2014. Also to 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 that:

- (i) The contents of this report be noted, in particular the overall forecast overspend of £1,501,500 representing a variance of 0.9% against the City Council Budget (as adjusted) of £175,030,000.**
- (ii) To enable the Children's & Education Portfolio to address the deficit against the Council approved cash limit, the Children's Social Care & Safeguarding savings proposals for 2015/16 totalling £1,917,000 outlined in Table 1 be noted.**
- (iii) To remedy the historic underlying budget deficit relating to Parking within the Traffic & Transportation Portfolio, it be noted that an annual appropriation from the Parking Reserve in the amount of £400,000 per annum has been made.**
- (iv) That the Council Leader works with the relevant portfolio holder to consider measures necessary to significantly reduce or eliminate the adverse budget position presently being forecast within Children & Education and Health & Social Care Portfolios and any necessary decisions presented to a future meeting of the relevant portfolio.**

6 Portsmouth City Council Revenue Budget 2015/16 - Savings Proposals
(Pages 67 - 112)

NB - This report is to follow and will also be within members' Council papers for 9 December meeting.

The purpose of the report by the Head of Financial Services and Section 151 Officer, which is also being considered by Council on 9 December 2014 is to describe the challenging financial climate facing the City Council for the three years 2015/16 to 2017/18 and the likely implications for Council services to businesses and residents. It describes in, overall terms, the Medium Term Financial Strategy that the Council is following in order to achieve its stated goal as follows:

“In year” expenditure matches “in year” income over the medium term whilst maintaining our most important and valuable services

The report sets out the need to find £37m of savings over the next three years with a minimum of £12.5m (or £13.1m assuming a Council Tax freeze) for 2015/16. It recommends the level of savings to be made across Portfolio's and other activities in 2015/16 consistent with both the outcomes of the recent budget consultation exercise and the overall financial strategy. The report then proceeds to describe the likely savings and implications associated with the overall Portfolio savings levels proposed.

Finally, the report stresses the important contribution that the Capital Programme can make to the Council's overall Medium Term Financial Strategy. This is particularly relevant to regeneration schemes and the effect that has on overall prosperity (with the consequent reduced need for Council Services) and the generation of additional business rates plus the opportunities for savings from Invest to Save schemes. In that context, a recommendation is made to supplement the Capital Resources available to the Council from the improvement in the Council's overall financial position that has arisen from the financial results of the previous year.

This report is being brought at this time to provide greater opportunity for any necessary consultation, notice and other lead-in times to take place prior to implementation in order that full year savings can be made. Should approval of the savings be considered at a later date, a greater number or deeper savings will be required in order to compensate for any delay in implementation.

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