

NOTICE OF MEETING

CABINET

THURSDAY, 8 JANUARY 2015 AT 1.00 PM

EXECUTIVE MEETING ROOM - THE GUILDHALL

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Councillor Steve Wemyss
Councillor Neill Young

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AGENDA

- 1 Apologies for Absence**
- 2 Declarations of Interests**
- 3 Record of Previous Decision Meeting - 4 December 2014 (Pages 1 - 6)**
RECOMMENDED that the record of decisions of the Cabinet meeting held on 4 December 2014 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.
- 4 Forward Plan Omission**
The Council Tax Base report was omitted from the Forward Plan for January 2015 published on 9 December 2014 but appeared on the re-published

Forward Plan of 12 December. The Chair of the City Council's Scrutiny Management Panel has been notified and a public notice published.

RECOMMENDED that the omission to the Forward Plan for January 2015 be noted and that the necessary public notice has been published.

5 Calculation of the tax base for 2014/15 and estimation of the Council tax collection fund balance at 31st March 2015 (Pages 7 - 16)

The purpose of the attached report by the Head of Revenues and Benefits seeks to

- (i) obtain formal approval of the tax base calculated for the financial year 2015/16 for the City Council.
- (ii) approve the estimate of the balance on the Council Tax Collection Fund at 31 March 2015.

RECOMMENDED

(1) That in accordance with The Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (England) Regulations 2012, the amount calculated by Portsmouth City Council as its Council Tax Base for 2015/16 shall be 53,277.2

(2) That in accordance with The Local Authorities (Funds) (England) Regulations 1992 as amended, the amount calculated by Portsmouth City Council as the surplus on its Council Tax Collection Fund at 31 March 2015 shall be £2.19 million.

6 Business Rates Discretionary Relief Policy (Pages 17 - 46)

The purpose of the report by the Head of Revenues and Benefits is for Cabinet to approve a technical change and to delegate authority to the Head of Revenues & Benefits for further Government policy or legislated change.

RECOMMENDED that the Cabinet:

- (1) Approves the Government policy amendment that will increase Retail Relief to a maximum of £1,500 for 2015/16**
- (2) Grants delegated authority to the Head of Revenues & Benefits to update the policy in the case of any further Government policy or legislated change**

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