

Portsmouth City Council

A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL will be held at the Council Chamber - The Guildhall on Tuesday, 18 March 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 Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 11 February 2014 (Pages 1 - 30)**
- 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.**
- 5 **Questions from the Public under Standing Order 25. (Pages 31 - 32)**
- 6 **Appointments**
- 7 **Urgent Business - To receive and consider any urgent and important business from Members of the Cabinet in accordance with Standing Order No 26.**
- 8 **Local Transport Plan 3 - Implementation Plan 2014/15 - Cabinet Recommendation 3 March 2014 (Pages 33 - 40)**

To receive and consider the attached recommendations of the Cabinet held on 3 March, the report for which is also attached.
- 9 **Treasury Management Policy for 2014/15 - Cabinet Recommendation 3 March 2014 (Pages 41 - 106)**

To receive and consider the attached recommendation of the Cabinet held on 3 March, the report for which is also attached.
- 10 **Budget and Performance Monitoring 2013/14 3rd Quarter - Cabinet Recommendation 3 March 2014 (Pages 107 - 146)**

To receive and consider the attached recommendations of the Cabinet held on 3 March, the report for which is also attached.
- 11 **Probate Applications - Governance & Audit & Standards Committee Recommendation 30 January 2014 (Pages 147 - 152)**

To receive and consider the attached recommendations of the Committee

held on 30 January 2014 in respect of the above matter, the report for which is attached.

12 School Transport Appeal Committee - Governance & Audit & Standards Committee Recommendation 13 March 2014

To receive and consider the recommendations of the Committee held on 13 March 2014 (to follow) in respect of the above matter.

13 Pay Policy Statement - Employment Committee Recommendation 10 March 2014 (Pages 153 - 162)

To receive and consider the recommendation (to follow) and cover report with Statement (attached) of the Committee meeting held on 10 March 2014 in respect of the Pay Policy Statement.

14 Response to Notice of Motion on Filming and Recording of Meetings - Scrutiny Management Panel Recommendation 7 February 2014 (Pages 163 - 168)

To receive and consider the attached recommendation of the Panel meeting held on 7 February 2014 in respect of the above matter, the background report for which is also attached.

15 Independent Remuneration Panel (Pages 169 - 176)

To receive the report and recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel together with the overview report of the City Solicitor.

On 13 March, the Governance, Audit and Standards Committee is, as required, scheduled to meet for the purpose of confirming that it is satisfied with the way the Independent Remuneration Panel undertook the review.

16 Notices of Motion

**(a) Proposed by Councillor Steve Wemyss
Seconded by Councillor Neill Young**

This City Council place on record its thanks to the staff and volunteers of Off The Record who, over the years, have helped so many young people from all walks of life come to terms with their troubles and anxieties. Those problems can take many forms, be it mental health issues, criminal tendencies, family problems, or being bullied - especially in school. OTR provides a self-referral drop in centre where a trained volunteer will help that young person address their problems.

This financial year, ending 31 March, Portsmouth City Council will have given OTR a grant of £7000 towards the running of the service in the City, as have the local Care Commissioning Group. That works out to just under £2.50 per young person from each organisation for the almost 3000 young people who visited the centre. It does not require a stretch of the imagination to understand that if this service were to close far greater costs would fall on both the Council and CCG following the social consequences of that closure.

It is therefore with dismay that the City Council notes that there is not presently plans to fund OTR in Portsmouth beyond the end of this month and that without a grant OTR will close their service in Portsmouth. It therefore asks the Cabinet Member for Resources to consider making a grant of £10000 for the forthcoming financial year (as even the £7000 given this year is insufficient to maintain the service), to be funded from the £200,000 Voluntary Sector Capacity and Transition Fund established by the Council in November 2013. This City Council also asks him to instruct officers to enter into a dialogue with OTR to provide help in identifying how the OTR service may be maintained in future years.

**(b) Proposed by Councillor John Ferrett
Seconded by Councillor Aiden Gray**

This Council notes the damage caused to the Pyramids Centre by the severe overnight storm on 4/5th February. It is understood that the storm and the resultant flooding of the plant room has destroyed all electrical and mechanical plant within the building.

Moreover, the Council notes the ongoing subsidy provided to the Pyramids by council taxpayers in the City, the liability of taxpayers for repairs and maintenance, and their liability to pay compensation to BH Live for lost revenue in certain circumstances. Therefore, the council requests that the Cabinet Member for Culture and Leisure prepare an urgent report for members, outlining both the full extent of the damage and the council's resultant financial liabilities.

**(c) Proposed by Councillor John Ferrett
Seconded by Councillor Aiden Gray**

Members will be aware that this is Councillor Jim Patey's final full council meeting. In view of Councillor Patey's 38 years of loyal service to the people of Portsmouth the council would like to place on record their thanks for his contribution to civic life in the City.

**(d) Proposed by Councillor Ken Ferrett
Seconded by Councillor John Ferrett**

This council notes:

National Apprenticeship Week, which this year took place on March 6-10, was set up by the previous government in 2008 as part of its commitment to apprenticeships. Between 1996/97 and 2009/10 the number of apprenticeship starts rose dramatically from 65,000 to just under 280,000.

Since last year the number of apprenticeships has fallen. There are 25,000 fewer apprentices starting than there were last year and we now have 5,000 fewer young people (under 19s) starting an apprenticeship than in 2009-10.

Nationally, youth unemployment is a persistent problem with a million young people aged 16-24 out of work.

This council believes:

In recent years the trusted and historic apprenticeship brand has been put in jeopardy as in-work training has been rebranded under the apprenticeship label. The number of those already in work or doing short courses showing up in the apprenticeship statistics have soared, artificially inflating the total.

The government's own surveys have found that up to 20 per cent of apprentices report receiving no training whatsoever.

Quality apprenticeships will be essential in providing the high-skilled and well-paid jobs that Portsmouth's economy will need for the years and decades ahead.

National and local government can introduce measures to boost the quantity and quality of apprenticeships on offer to young people.

Council Resolves:

To write to Business Secretary Vince Cable and Minister for Portsmouth Michael Fallon outlining the following recommendations to strengthen, and encourage the spread of, quality apprenticeships:

- * Introduce a new section of UCAS called APAS where apprenticeship opportunities would be advertised in both UK and EU.
- * Adopt the approach endorsed by the cross-party Business, Innovation and Skills Select Committee which requires all firms winning major Government contracts to provide apprenticeships as part of the deal. At least one new apprenticeship should be provided for every million pounds spent on these contracts.
- * Implement rigorous standards to ensure the quality of apprenticeships. All apprenticeships should last a minimum of two years and should be level three qualifications.

Additionally, this council should lead by example and ask the Employment Committee to explore ways of increasing its own use of apprenticeships and encouraging apprenticeships among contractors engaged on council contracts.

17 Questions from Members under Standing Order No 17. (Pages 177 - 178)

David Williams

Chief Executive

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