

Portsmouth City Council

A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL will be held at the Guildhall, Portsmouth on Tuesday 13 October 2015, commencing at 2.05pm (or immediately following the conclusion of the extraordinary meeting if later) 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 (Pages 1 - 14)**
 - the Meeting of the Council held on 7 July 2015
- 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.**
- 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 **Review of Political Proportionality on Committees and Panels (Pages 15 - 18)**

To consider the Chief Executive's attached report.
- 9 **Retaliatory Evictions - Response to notice of motion - Deregulation Act 2015 and the implications to the private rented sector (Housing Cabinet Minute Number 15, meeting of 14 July 2015) (Pages 19 - 26)**

The Head of Property and Housing's report (attached) was in response to a Notice of Motion referred by Council on 17 March to the Cabinet Member for Housing. The Housing Cabinet Member response is as follows.

The Cabinet Member for Housing:

 - (1) **Agreed to use Flagship to highlight and publicise legislative changes designed to prevent retaliatory evictions.**
 - (2) **Asked officers to work with tenants and landlords to practically implement the changes and improvements to tenants' rights on retaliatory evictions when they become law on 1st October 2015.**

(3) Asked that the use of this legislation be reviewed by the Cabinet Member for Housing or by a scrutiny panel, as soon as practicable after 1 October 2016.

10 Fares on Buses in Portsmouth - Response to Notice of Motion - (Traffic & Transportation minute 39 refers) (Pages 27 - 34)

To receive and consider the attached recommendations of the Cabinet Member of Traffic & Transportation held on 23 September 2015, the report of the Director of Transport, Environment & Business Support is also attached.

11 Treasury Management Outturn 2014/15 (Cabinet Minute 58 refers) (Pages 35 - 60)

To receive and consider the attached recommendations of the Cabinet held on 24 September 2015, the report of which is also attached.

12 Revision of Investment Strategy and Treasury Management Monitoring Report for the First Quarter of 2015/16 (Cabinet Minute 59 refers) (Pages 61 - 80)

To receive and consider the attached recommendations of the Cabinet held on 24 September 2015, the report of which is also attached.

13 Revenue Budget Monitoring Quarter 1 (Cabinet Minute 60 refers) (Pages 81 - 112)

To receive and consider the attached recommendations of the Cabinet held on 24 September 2015, the report of which is also attached.

14 Ethical Care Charter - Response to Notice of Motion (Cabinet minute 53 refers) (Pages 113 - 122)

To receive and consider the attached recommendations of the Cabinet held on 24 September 2015, the report of which is also attached.

15 St George's Day Celebration - Response to Notice of Motion (Cabinet minute 54 refers) (Pages 123 - 130)

To receive and consider the attached recommendations of the Cabinet held on 24 September 2015, the report of which is also attached.

16 The Administration's handling of the Emirates Tower Deal - Response to Notice of Motion (Cabinet minute 55 refers) (Pages 131 - 134)

To receive and consider the attached response of the Cabinet held on 24 September 2015.

17 Notices of Motion

(a) Devolving Planning Powers to Portsmouth

**Proposed by Councillor Matthew Winnington
Seconded by Councillor Darren Sanders**

Portsmouth is highly densely populated with a large number of

conservation areas so has a need to control what is built where to continue to have a city that residents can be proud of. It is with dismay that Portsmouth residents see planning decisions taken by their democratically elected representatives overturned by unelected central government officials time and time again.

Therefore:

- 1) This Council believes that planning decisions made locally by the Portsmouth City Council Planning Committee should not be able to be overturned by the unelected officials of the Planning Inspectorate.
- 2) Any appeals against planning permission refusal should be heard locally by councillors not involved in the original Planning Committee decision.
- 3) To attain the above this Council calls on a letter to be sent to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government and the Minister for Portsmouth asking for these powers to be devolved from Central Government to Portsmouth City Council and therefore give our City and its people full responsibility and final say over future development in Portsmouth.

(b) Guildhall Walk Healthcare Centre

**Proposed by Councillor Alicia Denny
Seconded by Councillor Lynne Stagg**

The city council wishes to recognise the high standards of professional skill and attention which are shown to all patients of the Guildhall Walk Healthcare Centre and that it is concerned at proposals by Portsmouth Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) to close this centre of excellence.

While appreciating the CCG's wish for more efficient use of its community premises and services, and in no way criticising the work done at St Mary's Treatment Centre, the greater good of all residents of Portsmouth, particularly those who are disadvantaged, would be better served by increasing the number of places in the city where appropriate medical treatment can be obtained rather than reducing them.

The council urges all patients and those likely to be affected by the proposed closure of Guildhall Walk Healthcare Centre to make their views known to the CCG before a final decision is made.

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

This Council welcomes efforts by the administration to find properties within the city where looked-after children can be better integrated with the community. It is particularly important that those children

who are shortly to exit the care of the council are able to live in an environment which enables them to learn and exhibit greater self-reliance. This is vital in enabling looked-after children to prepare for life outside of the care of the council.

Councillors, as Corporate Parents must ensure they are always working with the very best interests of the looked after children in mind. It is essential that councillors ensure looked-after children can integrate seamlessly within the local community. Therefore, this council gives an unequivocal commitment to Portsmouth's looked-after children that it will continue to explore how best they can be accommodated and integrated within the local community.

**(d) Proposed by Councillor Luke Stubbs
Seconded by Councillor Steve Wemyss**

Since 2000 Portsmouth has been designated as a cluster area for the dispersal of asylum seekers. The intent of this policy was to lower the pressure on London and on those areas with the largest international ports - notably Kent. However while this has worked to some extent, it has done so by simply shifting many of those same pressures elsewhere.

In the first quarter of this year fully 43% of the asylum seekers housed in the south east of England were housed in Portsmouth. While their accommodation and support costs are met by the Home Office, the costs of looking after unaccompanied minors and of providing additional school places falls on the local authority and are only partially reimbursed by central government.

Portsmouth City Council will face some difficult choices as part of the 2016/7 revenue budget. Meanwhile despite substantial investment in the capital programme to create new school spaces in both the primary and secondary sectors most city schools will remain at or near capacity.

This council acknowledges the chaotic and dangerous conditions that exist for civilians in Syria and elsewhere. It supports efforts by the government to provide aid to those displaced by violence. However it is concerned that any addition to the number of asylum seekers housed in the city will put an undue strain on already stretched local services. It therefore asks the Chief Executive to write to the Home Secretary requesting that Portsmouth be removed from the list of cluster areas.

18 Questions from Members under Standing Order No 17. (Pages 135 - 136)

David Williams
Chief Executive

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