

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL held at the Guildhall  
Portsmouth on Tuesday, 22 March 2016 at 2.10 pm.

**Council Members Present**

The Right Worshipful The Lord Mayor  
Councillor Frank Jonas (in the Chair)

Councillors

Dave Ashmore	Ian Lyon
Simon Boshier	Hugh Mason
Jennie Brent	Gemma New
Ryan Brent	Robert New
Alicia Denny	Stuart Potter
Ben Dowling	Darren Sanders
Ken Ellcome	Phil Smith
John Ferrett	Lynne Stagg
Margaret Foster	Sandra Stockdale
David Fuller	Luke Stubbs
Colin Galloway	Julie Swan
Paul Godier	Linda Symes
Aiden Gray	David Tompkins
Scott Harris	Gerald Vernon-Jackson
Stephen Hastings	Steve Wemyss
Hannah Hockaday	Matthew Winnington
Suzy Horton	Rob Wood
Lee Hunt	Neill Young
Donna Jones	

**18. Declarations of Interests under Standing Order 13(2)(b)**

Although not a disclosable pecuniary interest, Councillor Ian Lyon wished to place on record that his partner was the MP for Portsmouth North.

Councillor Hugh Mason declared an interest in notice of motion (c) and (e) in that he grows bananas and exports a small number but not to the European Union.

**19. Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 9 February 2016**

It was

Proposed by Councillor Donna Jones  
Seconded by Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson

That the minutes of the meeting of the council held on 9 February 2016 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

**RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the council held on 9 February 2016 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.**

**20. Communications from the Lord Mayor, including apologies for absence**

The Lord Mayor advised that apologies for absence were the same as for the extraordinary meeting.

The Lord Mayor also advised that the Privy Council Office has notified the council that on 15 March 2016, Her Majesty The Queen was pleased to appoint Thomas Henry Floyd Esq to the High Sheriff of the County of Hampshire.

The Lord Mayor also advised that television and film students from Portsmouth University would be filming today's proceedings from the public gallery as part of the documentary they are making in respect of local issues in Portsmouth.

**21. Deputations from the Public under Standing Order No 24**

The City Solicitor advised that one deputation request had been made in respect of agenda item 11 - Licensing Policy, two deputations had been made in respect of notice of motion 12(a), one deputation request had been made in respect of notice of motion 12(g) and one deputation request had been made in respect of agenda item 12(h).

Mr Viv Young gave his deputation in respect of agenda item 11 - Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Matters - Statement of Licensing Policy - Town Police Clauses Act 1847 and Part II, Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976.

The first deputation on agenda item 12(a) - Apprenticeships - was given by Mr Tom Lloyd.

The second deputation on agenda item 12(a) was given by Ms Faye Carpenter.

Mr Les Cummings made a deputation on agenda item 12(g) - Establishing a Local Lottery.

Mr Simon Hayes, the Police & Crime Commissioner for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight gave a deputation on agenda item 12(h) - Safeguarding Police Services in Portsmouth.

The Lord Mayor thanked all those who had made deputations.

**22. Questions from the Public under Standing Order 25**

There were no questions from the public for today's meeting.

**23. Appointments**

The Lord Mayor advised that he had been notified of the appointment of Councillor Chowdhury to replace Councillor Gray on the Licensing Committee, as previously circulated. This was agreed.

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

There was no urgent and important business.

**25. Recommendations from the Cabinet Meeting held on 3 March 2016**

The following minute was approved unopposed -

Minute 11 - Treasury Management Policy for 2016/17

The following minute was opposed -

Minute 12 - Budget and Performance Monitoring 2015/16 (3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter) to end December 2015

It was

Proposed by Councillor Donna Jones  
Seconded by Luke Stubbs

That the recommendations contained in Cabinet minute 12 - Budget and Performance Monitoring 2015/16 (3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter) to end December 2015 be approved.

As an amendment it was

Proposed by Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson  
Seconded by Councillor Hugh Mason

To add new para (iv) a further report to be brought forward to cabinet about possible additional cuts to local government to fund the additional £4billion cuts announced by the Chancellor in the budget last week.

Councillor Donna Jones, as proposer of the original recommendations agreed to subsume the amendment into the original proposal. Upon the Cabinet recommendation incorporating the amendment being put to the vote, this was CARRIED.

**RESOLVED that**

**(i) The forecast outturn position for 2015/16 be noted:**

**(a) An underspend of £1,727,700 before further forecast transfers from/to Specific Reserves**

(b) **An underspend of £1,481,000 after further forecast transfers from/to Specific Reserves.**

(ii) **Members note:**

(a) **that on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2016 City Council approved that the "clawback" requirement for overspendings be waived for 2015/16 for both the Children & Education Portfolio and the Health & Social Care Portfolio given the scale of those overspendings and also that the financial risks contained therein were fully provided for within the Council's contingency provision**

(b) **that on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2016 City Council approved that any underspending for 2015/16 arising at year-end outside of those made by Portfolios (currently forecast at £1,481,000) be transferred to Capital Resources.**

(c) **that all other actual portfolio overspends at year end will in the first instance be deducted from any Portfolio Specific Reserve balance and once depleted then be deducted from the 2016/17 Cash Limit.**

(iii) **Directors, in consultation with the appropriate Cabinet Member, consider options that seek to minimise any forecast overspend presently being reported and prepare strategies outlining how any consequent reduction to the 2016/17 Portfolio cash limit will be managed to avoid further overspending during 2016/17.**

(iv) **A further report to be brought forward to Cabinet about possible additional cuts to local government to fund the additional £4billion cuts announced by the Chancellor in the budget last week.**

**26. Recommendations from the Employment Committee Meeting held on 15 March 2016**

The following minute was opposed -

Minute 4 - Pay Policy Statement

It was

Proposed by Councillor Donna Jones

Seconded by Councillor Luke Stubbs

That the recommendations contained in minute 4 Pay Policy Statement - recommendation to full council be approved.

Following debate upon being put to the vote this was CARRIED.

**RESOLVED that council approved the pay policy statement attached as Appendix 1 to the report from Employment Committee.**

**27. Recommendations from the Licensing Committee held on 24 February 2016**

The following minute was opposed -

Minute 9 - Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Matters - Statement of Licensing Policy - Town Police Clauses Act 1847 and Part II, Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976

It was

Proposed by Councillor Julie Swan  
Seconded by Councillor Scott Harris

That the recommendations contained in minute 9 be approved.

As an amendment it was

Proposed by Councillor Donna Jones  
Seconded by Councillor Luke Stubbs

To add to recommendations (4) that the Licensing Committee considers at a future meeting the views expressed at today's full council meeting in relation to this policy as raised in the deputation from the representative of the taxi trade.

The mover of the original proposal, Councillor Julie Swan agreed to subsume the amendment into the original proposal.

Upon the substantive proposal incorporating the amendment being put to the vote, this was CARRIED.

**RESOLVED that**

- (1) the council notes and approves the recommendations and resolutions of the Licensing Committee, and adopts the Statement of Licensing Policy (as attached to the agenda) and resolves to delegate the hackney carriage and private hire statement of licensing policy together with the scheme of delegations to the Licensing Committee and appropriate head of service.**
- (2) That the council delegates approval to the Licensing Committee to retain overall responsibility for the policy, to include any future amendments, variations, substitutions or deletions as may be required and after appropriate consultation.**
- (3) That the policy commence with effect from 01 April 2016.**
- (4) That the Licensing Committee considers at a future meeting the views expressed at today's full Council meeting in relation to this**

**policy as raised in the deputation from the representative of the Taxi trade. \***

\*A summary of the points made in the deputation are set out below:

- Age of vehicles permitted to use - request extension to age limit for first licensing. Temporary vehicles to meet the same criteria.
- Wheelchair accessible vehicles - request a cut from 12 years to 10 and not 12 years to 8.
- CCTV - request that 1 April deadline for installation is postponed for one or two months
- Cross border hiring - taxis under different licensing authorities operating in Portsmouth may not be as strict.
- vehicle livery - advertising potential could be considered.

Council adjourned at 3.30 pm.

Council resumed at 3.45 pm.

**28. Notices of Motion**

The Lord Mayor advised that there were eight notices of motion before council today.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Ian Lyon  
Seconded by Councillor Scott Harris

That Standing Order 13(xi) be suspended in order to waive the requirement to consider notices of motion in the order received. This would enable the two notices of motion concerning the European Referendum to be considered consecutively with the other notices of motion being considered after that.

Upon being put to the vote this was CARRIED.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Ian Lyon  
Seconded by Councillor Scott Harris

That Standing Orders 32(b) and 32(e) be suspended so that the six month rule did not prevent both notices of motion on the EU Referendum from being debated today. Upon being put to the vote this was CARRIED.

**RESOLVED that Standing Order 13(xi) and Standing Orders 32(b) and 32(e) be suspended.**

Notice of Motion (c) - EU Referendum

It was

Proposed by Councillor Colin Galloway

Seconded by Councillor Julie Swan

That this notice of motion be debated today.

Upon being put to the vote this was CARRIED.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Colin Galloway

Seconded by Councillor Julie Swan

That notice of motion (c) as set on the agenda be adopted.

As an amendment it was

Proposed by Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson

Seconded by Councillor Lynne Stagg

To delete all except the last paragraph.

Following debate a recorded vote on the amendment was requested by eight members standing. The following members voted in favour of adopting the amendment:

Councillor David Ashmore  
Councillor Ben Dowling  
Councillor John Ferrett  
Councillor Margaret Foster  
Councillor David Fuller  
Councillor Aiden Gray  
Councillor Suzy Horton  
Councillor Lee Hunt

Councillor Hugh Mason  
Councillor Darren Sanders  
Councillor Phil Smith  
Councillor Lynne Stagg  
Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson  
Councillor Matthew Winnington  
Councillor Rob Wood

The following members voted against:

Councillor Simon Boshier  
Councillor Jennie Brent  
Councillor Ryan Brent  
Councillor Alicia Denny  
Councillor Ken Ellcome  
Councillor Colin Galloway  
Councillor Paul Godier  
Councillor Scott Harris  
Councillor Steve Hastings  
Councillor Hannah Hockaday  
Councillor Donna Jones

Councillor Ian Lyon  
Councillor Gemma New  
Councillor Rob New  
Councillor Stuart Potter  
Councillor Sandra Stockdale  
Councillor Luke Stubbs  
Councillor Julie Swan  
Councillor Linda Symes  
Councillor David Tompkins  
Councillor Steve Wemyss

The following member abstained:

Councillor Neill Young

The amendment standing in the name of Councillor Vernon-Jackson was therefore LOST.

A recorded vote was requested by eight members standing on the original notice of motion (c).

Upon being put to the vote notice of motion (c) as set out on the agenda being put to the vote the following members voted in favour:

Councillor Simon Boshier	Councillor Ian Lyon
Councillor Jennie Brent	Councillor Gemma New
Councillor Ryan Brent	Councillor Rob New
Councillor Alicia Denny	Councillor Stuart Potter
Councillor Ken Ellcome	Councillor Sandra Stockdale
Councillor Colin Galloway	Councillor Luke Stubbs
Councillor Paul Godier	Councillor Julie Swan
Councillor Scott Harris	Councillor Linda Symes
Councillor Steve Hastings	Councillor David Tompkins
Councillor Hannah Hockaday	Councillor Steve Wemyss
Councillor Donna Jones	

The following members voted against:

Councillor David Ashmore	Councillor Hugh Mason
Councillor Ben Dowling	Councillor Darren Sanders
Councillor John Ferrett	Councillor Phil Smith
Councillor Margaret Foster	Councillor Lynne Stagg
Councillor David Fuller	Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson
Councillor Aiden Gray	Councillor Matthew Winnington
Councillor Suzy Horton	Councillor Rob Wood
Councillor Lee Hunt	

The following member abstained:

Councillor Neill Young

**RESOLVED that “Due to the negative impact that EU directives such as the agency working time directive, the EU procurement rules and the EU waste framework directive have on the ability and cost of Portsmouth City Council to fulfil its obligations, this council agrees that Portsmouth and indeed all of Britain would be better off outside the European Union.**

**This council is pleased that the EU referendum will give everyone the opportunity to decide on the future of their country and it urges all the people of Portsmouth to use their vote on 23 June 2016.**

Notice of Motion (e) - EU Referendum

It was

Proposed by Councillor Donna Jones  
Seconded by Councillor Simon Boshier



That this notice of motion be debated today.

Upon being put to the vote this was CARRIED.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Donna Jones  
Seconded by Councillor Simon Boshier

That notice of motion (e) as set out in the agenda be adopted.

As an amendment it was

Proposed by Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson  
Seconded by Councillor Lynne Stagg

To delete all except the last paragraph.

Following debate upon being put to the vote the amendment standing in the name of Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson was LOST.

Upon being put to the vote notice of motion (e) as set out on the agenda was CARRIED.

**RESOLVED that the following Notice of Motion be adopted**

**"This Council believes that Portsmouth should vote to leave the EU in the forthcoming referendum.**

**Portsmouth is a primary centre for this country's trade with both the EU and the rest of the world; and the UK's naval assets that help to protect the world's shipping routes (and with them the vast majority of global trade) are substantially based in this City so it is arguable that any impact on trade from Britain's exit from the EU would be felt here. However, regulations imposed by the European Union result in extra costs for both businesses and public bodies, Portsmouth City Council included. Procurement rules and environmental regulations increase Council's cost base, so that fewer services are provided than would otherwise be the case.**

**It is Council's opinion that the people of Portsmouth only ever wanted an enhanced trading arrangement with the UK's European partners and was willing to cede as much sovereignty as this required and no more.**

**Council notes that the UK has implemented all of the provisions of the Single European Act (SEA) so that, for example, Germany can sell financial services into Britain, and a French company can own a British energy company. It has been nearly 30 years since the SEA came into force and, while the freedom of movement of goods, capital and people has been broadly implemented, the freedom of movement of services**

**has not. The UK is by far the world's largest exporter of services as a percentage of its GDP and yet the (now) EU has not enforced this key freedom for the UK so that, for example, the UK is still not permitted to sell its financial services into Germany, and a UK company would not be allowed to own a strategic French asset.**

**Council notes that Britain trades in surplus with the rest of the world outside the EU because it exports its services to all corners of the globe. The UK's trade deficit with the EU member states is greater than its total trade deficit (roughly £80bn compared to £65bn per annum). This means that, in addition to the UK paying the second highest membership fee (of c. £8bn per annum net) behind Germany, Great Britain makes an annual loss on its trading account with EU member states principally because, in relation to the freedom of movement of services within the EU, the Single Market is still incomplete.**

**Council notes that the recent negotiations with the leaders of other EU member states included the frequently repeated assurance that the EU would "complete the Single Market". This promise has been made at every major negotiation since 1987 and has never been kept. Given that the freedom of movement of services within the EU is enshrined in a treaty, but the outcome of Britain's recent negotiations is not, Council questions whether the citizens of Portsmouth can rely on the EU to implement in full even the few concessions granted to David Cameron in Brussels on February 20<sup>th</sup> 2016.**

**In conclusion, Council believes that, by running a trade deficit with the EU of c. £80bn per annum for which the country pays an annual net fee of a further £8bn, the UK in general and Portsmouth in particular are better off outside the European Union.**

**Council calls on all Portsmouth residents to vote in the referendum on June 23<sup>rd</sup> 2016."**

Notice of Motion (a) - Apprenticeships

It was

Proposed by Councillor Ryan Brent  
Seconded by Councillor Ian Lyon

Notice of motion (a) be debated today.

Upon being put to the vote this was CARRIED.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Ryan Brent  
Seconded by Councillor Ian Lyon

That notice of motion (a) as set out in the agenda be adopted. During debate the council placed on record its thanks to the two apprentices, Mr Tom Lloyd

and Ms Faye Carpenter who made deputations on this item today. Following debate upon being put to the vote notice of motion (a) was CARRIED.

**RESOLVED** that the following Notice of Motion be adopted.

**"The Council recognises the importance of apprenticeships to give young people the opportunities they need to gain skills and have structured paths into full employment, and has been active in creating apprenticeships across a wide range of council services.**

**The Council is committed to providing high-quality, worthwhile and sustainable apprenticeships within its own workforce, and also promoting more and better apprenticeships across the wider local economy. To demonstrate this commitment, the Council endorses the decision of Employment Committee to sign up to the "We Love Apprenticeships" pledge. By signing this pledge, the Council is committing to providing apprenticeships that meet the following principles:**

- 1. *Be a job with a productive purpose* - Apprentices should have parity of terms and conditions with all other employees. All quality apprenticeships will have progression opportunities to genuine employment.**
- 2. *Be paid a fair Wage & Supplied with a contract of Employment and paid at least min apprentice wage* - (Employers can pay more than the min wage).**
- 3. *Ensure high quality training and clear individual development* - Apprenticeship programmes must identify a clear programme of training that is relevant to the job and recognisable in the sector. Apprentices must be given sufficient paid time off the job to study in colleges/training provider centres, or in dedicated training centres at the workplace. On the job training should be fundamental to the apprenticeship. There should be a clear system for supervision, support and mentoring, by appropriately trained work colleagues.**
- 4. *Be accessible to, and achievable by all* - A good apprenticeship programme will include strategies to ensure that Apprenticeships are accessible to the widest possible demographic and diverse spread of people. Particular attention should be given to enabling people from disadvantaged groups to take up any opportunities offered and support given to complete them successfully, thereby achieving the full benefit of apprenticeship.**
- 5. *Be part of, and contribute to, a Healthy and Safe environment* - Employers and Training Providers should work together to ensure a safe environment. Particular attention should be given to the unique needs of apprentices and young workers. Apprentices should be given sufficient training on health and safety, including relevant legislation, and the programme should be regularly reviewed from a health and safety perspective.**
- 6. *A commitment from the employer to complement the workforce, not supplement it* - Apprentices should not be recruited for job substitution, but to fill genuine skills shortages and plan for future skills gaps"**

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Council adjourned at 6.35 pm.

Council resumed at 6.50 pm.

Notice of Motion (b) - Local Elections once every Four Years

It was

Proposed by Councillor Colin Galloway  
Seconded by Councillor Julie Swan

That this notice of motion be debated today.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Donna Jones

That this be referred straight to the Governance & Audit & Standards Committee.

Upon being put to the vote this was CARRIED.

**RESOLVED that notice of motion (b) as set out on the agenda be not debated today but referred to the Governance & Audit & Standards Committee.**

Notice of Motion (d) - Shipbuilding

It was

Proposed by Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson  
Seconded by Councillor Darren Sanders

That notice of motion (d) as set out on the agenda be debated today.

Upon being put to the vote this was CARRIED.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson  
Seconded by Councillor Darren Sanders

That notice of motion (d) as set out on the agenda be adopted.

As an amendment it was

Proposed by Councillor John Ferrett  
Seconded by Councillor Aiden Gray

To amend the first paragraph of the motion as follows:

Delete "when supporting Conservatives for election in June 2014."

And replace with "in June 2014 following the decision of the Liberal Democrat and Conservative coalition government to close the shipbuilding facility in Portsmouth dockyard".

As an amendment it was

Proposed by Councillor Ryan Brent  
Seconded by Councillor Ian Lyon

To amend the last sentence to replace "view" with "views". And to delete the remainder of the sentence.

The mover of the original motion, Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson agreed to subsume the Labour amendment into his original notice of motion.

Following debate upon the amendment standing in the name of Councillor Ryan Brent being put to the vote, this was CARRIED.

Upon the substantive notice of motion incorporating both amendments being put to the vote this was CARRIED.

**RESOLVED that the following notice of motion be adopted:**

**"The City Council notes the undertaking made by the Prime Minister in June 2014 following the decision of the Liberal Democrat and Conservative coalition government to close the shipbuilding facility in Portsmouth dockyard.**

**"I MAKE this pledge to you today: this government will do everything we can to protect the future of the shipyard and livelihoods of the people who work there'. 'We also want to retain shipbuilding in the city for which there is still significant, untapped potential."**

**The City Council notes with real disappointment the news that Magma have chosen not to move into the shipbuilding hall, and all that the city is left with is moving of work within the dockyard.**

**The City Council resolves to ask that the Leader of the Council, and all other Group Leaders, write to the Prime Minister to express our views."**

Notice of Motion (f) - Consultation

It was

Proposed by Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson  
Seconded by Councillor Darren Sanders

That this notice of motion be debated today.

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It was proposed and seconded that this matter be not debated today but instead be referred to Cabinet.

Upon being put to the vote this was CARRIED.

**RESOLVED that notice of motion (f) as set out on the agenda would not be debated today but would be referred to Cabinet.**

Notice of Motion (g) - Establishing a Local Lottery

It was

Proposed by Councillor Luke Stubbs  
Seconded by Councillor Linda Symes

That this notice of motion be debated today.

Upon being put to the vote this was CARRIED.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Luke Stubbs  
Seconded by Councillor Linda Symes

That notice of motion (g) as set out on the agenda be adopted.

As an amendment it was

Proposed by Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson  
Seconded by Councillor Rob Wood

To add "the first draw on any funds should go to charities that have lost funding from PCC."

Following debate upon being put to the vote the amendment standing in the name of Councillor Vernon-Jackson was LOST.

Upon being put to the vote the original notice of motion standing in the name of Councillor Luke Stubbs was CARRIED.

**RESOLVED that the following notice of motion be adopted**

**"The power of General Competence contained in the Localism Act confers on local authorities the ability to run local lotteries.**

**Council notes that Aylesbury Vale District Council has recently taken advantage of this freedom to establish a weekly online draw and that the initial ticket sales have been encouraging.**

**Council endorses the principle of establishing a local lottery in Portsmouth. It asks the Cabinet Member for Resources to consider**

**requesting the preparation of a report that considers the potential viability of a scheme.**

**Council asks the Cabinet member to agree that the entire surplus generated by any lottery should be used to support local charities and that in the event that it is decided to proceed with the creation of a lottery, a mechanism should be drawn up to allow people to pick between beneficiaries."**

Notice of Motion (h) - Safeguarding Police Services in Portsmouth

It was

Proposed by Councillor Matthew Winnington  
Seconded by Councillor Darren Sanders

That this notice of motion be debated today.

Upon being put to the vote this was CARRIED.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Matthew Winnington  
Seconded by Councillor Darren Sanders

That notice of motion (h) as set out on the agenda be adopted.

As an amendment it was

Proposed by Councillor Ken Ellcome  
Seconded by Councillor Steve Wemyss

To delete first two paragraphs and replace with "This City Council acknowledges that the Government, despite gloomy predictions to the contrary, has agreed to finance Hampshire Constabulary, which the City Council calls on to maintain funding of Portsmouth Police at a level that ensures outstanding service from the City's four police stations."

As an amendment it was

Proposed by Councillor Julie Swan  
Seconded by Councillor Stuart Potter

To amend the third paragraph to insert the following "in the northern area of Portsmouth off of the island of Portsmouth itself" into the third paragraph following "this city council also urges that the Police and Crime Commissioner locates a new Police Integrated Centre in Portsmouth" and slightly alter the remainder of the paragraph - amendments in bold below.

Amended notice of motion to therefore read:

This City Council calls on the Government to fund Hampshire Constabulary better so that it can maintain its outstanding service from Portsmouth's four police stations.

If that funding is not available, this City Council calls on the Hampshire Police and Crime Commissioner to ensure funding for at least one police station in the north of Portsmouth and at least one in the south of Portsmouth which is open and accessible to the public at all times of the day.

This City Council also urges that the Police and Crime Commissioner locates a new Police Integrated Centre in Portsmouth **in the Northern area of Portsmouth off the Island of Portsmouth itself due to the close** proximity to the motorways, being the centre of population in the area and **with** easy access from across the region making **Northern Portsmouth** the logical choice for this part of Hampshire.

Following debate, on being put to the vote the amendment standing in the name of Councillor Ken Ellcome was CARRIED.

On being put to the vote the amendment standing in the name of Councillor Julie Swan was LOST.

On the substantive notice of motion incorporating the Conservative amendment being put to the vote, this was CARRIED.

**RESOLVED that the following Notice of Motion be adopted**

**"This City Council acknowledges that the Government, despite gloomy predictions to the contrary, has agreed to finance Hampshire Constabulary, which the City Council calls on to maintain funding of Portsmouth Police at a level that ensures outstanding service from the City's four police stations.**

**This City Council also urges that the Police and Crime Commissioner locates a new Police Integrated Centre in Portsmouth with its proximity to the motorways, it being the centre of population in the area and easy access from across the region making it the logical choice for this part of Hampshire."**

**29. Questions from Members under Standing Order No 17**

There were three questions before council.

**Question No 1** was from Councillor John Ferrett

"Wilmcote House, north Somerstown

Can the Cabinet Member for Housing assure members that the Council is robustly managing its contract with Keepmoat, and their subcontractors, and confirm the revised date of completion, so that residents can be kept abreast of this scheme that is impacting greatly on their lives?"



This and supplementary questions were answered by the Cabinet Member for Housing, Councillor Steve Wemyss.

**Question No 2** was from Councillor Matthew Winnington asking

"Would the Cabinet Member please list the HRA capital projects that have had to be shelved in 2016-17 due to the effects of government housing policy changes since May 2015."

This and supplementary questions were answered by the Cabinet Member for Housing, Councillor Steve Wemyss.

**Question No 3** was from Councillor Ryan Brent asking

*"The current administration has made education a main priority. What has been done to support schools to improve the quality of education in the city?"*

This and supplementary questions were answered by the Cabinet Member for Children & Education, Councillor Neill Young.

### **30. Start time of the Annual Council meeting**

It was noted that the Lord Mayor in consultation with the Leader and the Deputy Lord Mayor had agreed to the start time of the annual council meeting on 17 May 2016 being brought forward to 10.00 am in accordance with Standing Order 7.

The Leader of the Council said that it was her understanding that Councillors Sandra Stockdale, Aiden Gray and Phil Smith would not be standing for re-election and that as this would be their last council meeting she wished to place on record her thanks to them all for their work whilst councillors. She also placed on record her thanks to former councillor Ken Ferrett. The Leader also thanked the Lord Mayor for chairing the meetings over the last 12 months, some of which had been very challenging.

The Leader of the Liberal Democrat group Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson echoed the Leader's sentiments and gave particular thanks to the Lord Mayor for standing in unexpectedly at the beginning of this municipal year.

The Lord Mayor thanked members and colleagues for their support during the municipal year and gave his best wishes to those members who would be leaving the council. He also placed on record his thanks to Councillors Lynne Stagg and Alicia Denny for providing the food during council meetings. Finally he wished all councillors seeking re-election the best of luck.

The meeting concluded at 10.05 pm.

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Lord Mayor