



NOTICE OF MEETING

CABINET

FRIDAY, 3 JULY 2015 AT 1.00 PM

COUNCIL CHAMBER, FLOOR 2 - 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 - 11 June 2015** (Pages 1 - 12)

A copy of the record of the previous decisions taken at Cabinet on 11 June 2015 is attached, along with the schedule of appointments to outside bodies.

RECOMMENDED that the record of decisions taken at Cabinet on 11 June 2015 are agreed and signed by the chair.

4 **TECS Scrutiny panel - safety around schools - with response report**
(Pages 13 - 62)

The response report by the Director of Transport, Environment & Business Support is attached with the report by the Traffic, Environment & Community Safety Panel's report ' Road Safety Around Schools' appended to it. Councillor Potter as the Chair of the TECS Scrutiny Panel will be invited to present the panel's report.

5 **Flood Prevention Works - North Portsea and Southsea** (Pages 63 - 70)

Reports by the Director of Transport, Environment & Business Support are attached for the following schemes:

a) North Portsea Flood Defences - Construction Phase 1

To inform Cabinet of progress on the North Portsea Flood Defences as work moves into the construction of Phase 1, Anchorage Park.

RECOMMENDED that Cabinet note the contents of the report.

b) Southsea Flood Defences

The purpose of this report is to inform Cabinet of progress, and seek approval for governance arrangements, on the Southsea Flood Defence Project

RECOMMENDED:

- (1) To approve the appointment of the Director of Transport, Environment and Business Support as the Senior Responsible Owner for the project.**
- (2) To note that the scheme of delegations accommodates the Project by delegating, to the Director of Transport, Environment and Business Support, the responsibility for the delivery of the scheme with the control and oversight of the Deputy Chief Executive (and City Solicitor) and the Head of Finance & Section 151 officer.**
- (3) To note that the Cabinet Member for Environment and Community Safety will be consulted throughout the project.**

6 **Notice of Motion - Friendship agreement with Zhuhai** (Pages 71 - 76)

The report by the City Solicitor seeks the Cabinet's views on the friendship agreement entered into between Portsmouth and Zhuhai, following the notice of motion at Council on 10 February 2015 (which had been proposed by Councillor Hugh Mason and seconded by Councillor Lynne Stagg).

RECOMMENDED that Cabinet ask Council to approve the friendship agreement with Zhuhai.

7 Notice of Motion - Animal Welfare (Pages 77 - 80)

The report by the City Solicitor is to advise members of the Council's position with regard to the animal charter presented to Council in a Notice of Motion on 17 March 2015, which had been proposed by former Councillor Andrewes and seconded by Councillor Lynne Stagg.

RECOMMENDED that Cabinet ask Council to note the position as set out in the report.

8 Property Investment Strategy 2015/16 - 2019/20 (Pages 81 - 96)

The report by the Director of Property presents the Investment Property Strategy 2015/16 - 2019/20 and seeks to create a £30m Property Investment Fund resourced from prudential borrowing, that will enable the Council to exploit commercial property acquisition opportunities, with a view to generating long term rental income streams to support the delivery of Council services in the future and reduce dependence on Government grant.

RECOMMENDED:

(1) That Cabinet agree the following recommendations:

- i. Acknowledge and endorse the Investment Property Strategy 2015/16 - 2019/20 (attached as appendix 1 of the report) to be used as a guide to investments.**
- ii. Empowers the Corporate Asset Development Board to recommend and reject the purchase of investments including the sanctioning of formal offers and counter offers (due to the need for timely decision making in this type of industry and the need to respond to opportunities quickly).**
- iii. Agrees to give delegated authority to the Director of Property and the Director of Finance & Section 151 Officer, taking advice from the City Solicitor, and in consultation with the Leader of the City Council and the Cabinet Member for PRED, to approve the completion of investment purchases. This to be conditional upon the City Council approving the budget pursuant to recommendation (2) below.**

(2) That Cabinet recommends to the City Council that:

Authority is delegated to the Director of Finance and Section 151 Officer in consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Cabinet Member for PRED to:

- i. Amend the Corporate Capital Programme to create a Property Investment Fund of up to £30m financed from Prudential borrowing in 2015/16 and future years, to acquire additional investment property.**

ii. **Borrow as required for investment property purchases subject to a robust financial appraisal approved by the Director of Finance & S151 Officer that meets the criteria contained within the Property Investment Strategy and has proper regard to the following:**

- **The relevant capital and revenue costs and income resulting from the investment over the whole life of the asset.**
- **The extent to which the investment is expected to deliver a secure ongoing income stream.**
- **The level of expected return on the investment.**
- **The payback period of the capital investment.**

9 Developing proposals for devolved powers and responsibilities (Pages 97 - 114)

A report by the Chief Executive will follow, seeking to obtain approval from Members to develop a proposal, with other Councils, to bring about devolution of powers and responsibilities from Central Government to the wider Hampshire area and as part of this create an appropriate governance structure that will provide for binding decisions to be made at this level.

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