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# NOTICE OF MEETING

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## CABINET

THURSDAY, 24 SEPTEMBER 2015 AT 1.00 PM

COUNCIL CHAMBER, SECOND FLOOR, THE GUILDHALL

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## Membership

Councillor Donna Jones (Chair)

Councillor Luke Stubbs  
Councillor Ken Ellcome  
Councillor Lee Mason  
Councillor Robert New

Councillor Linda Symes  
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 - 3 July 2015 (Pages 1 - 6)**

A copy of the record of the previous decisions taken at Cabinet on 3 July 2015 are attached.

**RECOMMENDED** that the record of decisions of the previous Cabinet meeting held on 3 July 2015 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Leader.

- 4 **Matter Arising from Record of Decisions of 3 July**

## **Minute 42 - Flood Prevention Works**

The Director of Transport, Environment and Business Support to give an update on the progress of works.

### **5 ECYP Scrutiny Panel - A review into progress against the Youth Offending Team Improvement Plan - with response report (Pages 7 - 60)**

The Director of Children's Social Care's report is in reply to the recent review by the Education, Children and Young People Scrutiny Panel (chaired by Councillor Purvis) of the Youth Offending Team's Improvement Plan, which was in response to Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Probation's (HMIP) report of 2013.

#### **RECOMMENDED**

- (1) That the panel is thanked for its work in undertaking a thorough review.**
- (2) That Cabinet notes and supports the recommendations in that report.**
- (3) That Cabinet notes the further inspection report of HMIP published 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2015, with corresponding endorsement of service improvement and development made within the Youth Offending Team.**

### **6 Review of the HMIP (Probation) Inspection report and Inspection Improvement Plan (Pages 61 - 64)**

The report by the Director of Children's Social Care seeks to update the Cabinet on the outcome of Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Probation (HMIP) Full Joint Re-Inspection of Youth Offending within the City and proposed Inspection Improvement Plan.

**RECOMMENDED that Cabinet notes the achievements made by the Youth Offending Team in improving practice and endorses the plan to make further improvements based upon the recommendations of the inspectorate.**

### **7 Ethical Care Charter - response to Notice of Motion (Pages 65 - 70)**

#### Purpose

To inform Cabinet of the Ethical Care Charter, produced by UNISON, which calls for councils to commit to becoming Ethical Care Councils by commissioning homecare services which adhere to their Charter.

**RECOMMENDED that Cabinet note this report.**

### **8 St.George's Day Celebration - Notice of Motion (Pages 71 - 74)**

To consider a response to a question proposed through a Notice of Motion on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2015 by Cllr Galloway and seconded by Cllr Potter requesting the Events Team to consider an appropriate celebration to mark St George's Day in April 2016.

**RECOMMENDED:**

1. That the date of St George's Day and those of the other UK's patron saints be promoted more widely for information.
2. That communities be encouraged to lead their own events, using the Council's Events process, to mark St George's Day should they wish.
3. That the specific UK country flags are flown in front of the Civic Offices to mark the relevant county saint's days e.g. the St George Cross on 23<sup>rd</sup> April, the Welsh flag on St David's Day (1<sup>st</sup> March) etc.
4. That the Events Team continue to co-ordinate any activities as part of the national celebration of the 90<sup>th</sup> birthday of Her Majesty the Queen and to develop and work with the University of Portsmouth to commemorate the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of William Shakespeare.

**9 Response to Notice of Motion - regarding the Administration's handling of the Emirates Tower Deal**

This Notice of Motion was not debated but referred from Council to Cabinet, at the Council meeting of 7 July 2015. The Notice of Motion (Councillors Hunt/Dowling) stated:

*"This Council regrets the way this Administration has handled the Emirates Tower deal".*

A verbal response will be made by the Leader of the Council, which will be reported back to the next Council meeting.

**10 Forward Plan Omission**

The Property Disposal in Isambard Brunel Road (including Chaucer House) report was omitted from the Forward Plan for September 2015 published on 21 August. 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 September 2015 be noted and that the necessary public notice has been published.**

**11 Disposal of property on Isambard Brunel Road, including Chaucer House (Pages 75 - 82)**

Purpose of report

To seek authority to dispose of surplus property on Isambard Brunel Road, including Chaucer House, 32 Isambard Brunel Road, Great Western House, the former Navigators Resource Centre, and potentially parts of the highway (adopted and otherwise), subject to the necessary agreements, stopping up as may be reasonably required.

**RECOMMENDED**

- (1) That, Chaucer House, Great Western House, and the former Navigators Resource Centre be declared surplus to Council requirements and marketed for redevelopment.

**(2) That following the marketing of the site the Corporate Asset Development Board in consultation with the Director of Finance, be empowered to select an offer including the method of disposal for redevelopment, which could include but not be limited to;**

- **Freehold or leasehold sale**
- **Entering a Joint venture arrangement with a third party**

**(3) The Director of Property, the Director of Finance & Section 151 Officer, and the City Solicitor, be given authority to secure vacant possession of the site (as identified in Appendix 1) and to complete all necessary documentation required to complete the transaction as per 2.2 above.**

**12 Treasury Management Outturn 2014/15 (Pages 83 - 106)**

The Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy's (CIPFA) Prudential Code requires local authorities to calculate prudential indicators before the start of and after each financial year. Those indicators that the Council is required to calculate at the end of the financial year are contained in Appendix A of the report by the Director of Finance and Section 151 Officer.

The CIPFA Code of Practice on Treasury Management also requires the Section 151 Officer to prepare an annual report on the outturn of the previous year. This information is shown in Appendix B of the report.

The recommendations, as contained within the report, will be forwarded to Council for approval.

**13 Reinvestment of Investment Strategy and Treasury Management Monitoring Report for 1st Quarter of 2015/16 (Pages 107 - 124)**

The purpose of the report by the Director of Finance & Section 151 Officer is to amend the Investment Strategy to allow the Council to invest in 5 year equity trackers and to increase the geographical investment limits and the variable interest rate exposure limit. Appendix A contains the Treasury Management Monitoring Report which aims to inform members and the wider community of the Council's Treasury Management position at 30 June 2015 and of the risks attached to that position.

The recommendations, as contained within the report, are forwarded to Council for approval.

**14 Revenue Budget Monitoring 2015/16 1st Quarter to end June 2015 (Pages 125 - 154)**

The purpose of the report by the Director of Finance and Section 151 Officer is to update members on the current Revenue Budget position of the Council as at the end of the first quarter for 2015/16 in accordance with the proposals set out in the "Portsmouth City Council - Budget & Council Tax 2015/16 & Medium

Term Budget Forecast 2016/17 to 2018/19” report approved by the City Council on the 10<sup>th</sup> February 2015.

**RECOMMENDED that:**

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

**(a) An overspend of £5,247,800 before further forecast transfers from/(to) Portfolio Specific Reserves**

**(b) An overspend of £5,381,100 after further forecast transfers from/(to) Portfolio Specific Reserves.**

**(ii) Members note that any actual overspend 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.**

**15 Standing Order 58 - Property in Priory Crescent Milton (information item)**

Members to note that the Chief Executive exercised his powers under Standing Order 58 on 10 September 2015 to enable the release of MTRS the sum of £365,000, the purchase cost of 38 Priory Crescent, Milton.

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