

NOTICE OF MEETING

TWINNING ADVISORY GROUP

WEDNESDAY, 24 JUNE 2015 AT 12.00 PM

LADY MAYORESS'S PARLOUR, 2ND FLOOR, THE GUILDHALL, PORTSMOUTH

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Membership

Councillor Lee Mason (Chair) Councillor Frank Jonas (Vice-Chair)

Councillor Hugh Mason Councillor Colin Galloway
Councillor Lynne Stagg Councillor Aiden Gray

Plus one representative from each of the Twinning Committees

(NB This Agenda should be retained for future reference with the Minutes of this meeting.)

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AGENDA

- 1 Apologies for Absence
- 2 Declaration of Members' Interests
- 3 Communications from the Chair

To receive any communications and updates from the Chair of the Twinning Advisory Group.

4 Response to Notice of Motion - Friendship Agreement with Zhuhai (China) (Pages 1 - 2)

The Twinning Advisory Group is asked to provide its views on the Notice of Motion of 10 February 2015 full Council meeting, as detailed below, with regard to Portsmouth's Friendship Agreement with Zhuhai (China).

Notice of Motion

That the City Council ratifies the Friendship Agreement signed by Cllr Lynne Stagg, the then Lord Mayor, between the City of Portsmouth and the City of Zhuhai, Province of Guangdong, Peoples Republic of China, in March 2014.

That the City Council records its appreciation of the work of the Chinese community of Portsmouth in developing the friendship of the two cities to the benefit of the people of both.

Copy of the agreement is attached.

Recommended that the Twining Advisory Group provides its views to feed into the Cabinet response to be reported back to full Council.

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Agenda Item 4

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PORTSMOUTH OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE CITY OF ZHUHAI OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FRIENDSHIP CITY RELATIONSHIP

The City of Portsmouth of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the City of Zhuhai of the People's Republic of China, acting in accordance with the principals of the Joint Communiqué on the Establishment of Diplomatic Relations between the People's Republic of China and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, wishing to enhance mutual understanding and friendship between the British and Chinese peoples, consolidate and develop friendly cooperation between the two cities, and through friendly consultations, have reached agreement on the establishment of a Friendship City Relationship.

- I. The two sides will carry out, in accordance with the principles of equality and mutual benefit, exchanges and cooperation between the two cities in various forms in the fields of economy, trade, science and technology, education, culture, tourism, etc. to promote common prosperity and development.
- II. The city leaders and relevant departments of the two sides shall maintain regular contact, promote exchange visits and further cooperation, to facilitate consultations on the exchanges and cooperation as well as matters of common concern.
- III. The two sides shall promote project cooperation between social organisations and businesses to facilitate tangible results.
- IV. The two sides are responsible for their own expenses incurred in the activities of exchanges and cooperation, unless it is agreed differently in advance.
- V. This Agreement, signed on March 25, 2014 in Zhuhai, China, shall come into force from the date of signature with a validity of five years and thereafter shall be extended until written notice of termination of either side.

VI. This Agreement is duplicated in both English and Chinese languages, both texts being equally authentic.

Lynne Stagg

Lord Mayor

City of Portsmouth

The United Kingdom of Great Britain

and Northern Ireland

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Mayor

City of Zhuhai

The People's Republic of China

