



Agenda & minutes

Full Council meeting of
Tuesday, 12 February 2019

Portsmouth City Council

A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL will be held at the Council Chamber - The Guildhall on Tuesday, 12 February 2019 at 2.00 pm and all members of the council are hereby summoned to attend to consider and resolve upon the following business:-

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- 1 **Members' Interests**
- 2 **To approve as a correct record the Minutes of** (Pages 7 - 20)
 - the Ordinary Council meeting held on 11 December 2018
- 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 **Appointments**
- 6 **Urgent Business - To receive and consider any urgent and important business from Members of the Cabinet in accordance with Standing Order No 26.**

Process information

It is proposed that the Budget and Tax Setting and Capital Programme reports and recommendations be taken and debated together on the basis that each item impacts on the other and on the understanding that the Tax Setting Item will be voted on first, followed by the Capital Programme

- 7 **PCC Budget and Council Tax 2019/20 and Medium Term Budget Forecast** (Pages 21 - 88)

To receive and consider the recommendations of the Cabinet meeting held on 5 February (to follow), the report for which is attached.
- 8 **Capital Programme 2018/19 onwards** (Pages 89 - 162)

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- 9 **Constitution Part 4D - Protocol for Member / Officer relations** (Pages 163 - 170)

To receive and consider the attached report and recommendations of the Governance & Audit & Standards Committee meeting held on 1 February.

10 Delegated Authority to City Solicitor to settle claims on behalf of the Council (Pages 171 - 176)

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Notices of Motion: Process information

Standing Order (32(d)) requires a vote by members before each motion to determine whether or not the motion is to be debated at the meeting or stand referred to the Cabinet or relevant Committee (including Scrutiny) to report back to a future meeting.

11 Notices of Motion

(a) **Southern Water**

Proposed by Councillor Dave Ashmore
Seconded by Councillor Jennie Brent

This Council is concerned about sewage being discharged into Langstone Harbour by Southern Water. This has been the subject of reports in the media and many environmental campaigns.

The Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Environment and Community Safety have met with Southern Water and the company have stated that they only do this as a measure to avoid flooding in storms, that discharges on average only last for a few minutes at a time, and that they have consent from the Environment Agency in certain circumstances. However, the Council want to see this practice cease and an alternative method found quickly.

Langstone Harbour is an important part of this city, being home to many birds and marine life. It also contains a wide variety of plant life. So as well as being a landmark and a working harbour, it is also a place of environmental importance.

This Council notes that the Langstone Harbour board do an excellent job in looking after the site, regulating activities, and looking after our environment. This Council also notes areas where Southern Water have been innovative and forward looking in areas such as water conservation and energy.

Therefore the Council requests that the Cabinet Member write to Southern Water asking if they can work with stakeholders in preventing the practice of discharging sewage into the Harbour completely, and that the Traffic, Environment and Community Safety scrutiny panel be asked to consider carrying out a review with relevant interest groups to achieve that purpose.

(b) **Green Initiatives**

Proposed by Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Jeanette Smith

Portsmouth is a flat seaside city which is vulnerable to sea level rises. Global warming is a threat to all communities in low lying coastal areas due to rising sea levels.

The City Council is working with the Environment Agency to put in place new sea defences for the city, which is very welcome.

The production of greenhouse gases is accepted by almost all scientists as leading to global warming and therefore to the rise in sea level which is a threat to local residents in a flat coastal city.

Things that reduce greenhouse gases are therefore good for Portsmouth as it helps reduce the threat of ever higher sea levels.

Encouraging residents and companies to use less fossil fuels helps reduce the amount of greenhouse gasses. The City Council is therefore surprised by the Government's decision to remove subsidies to residents and companies who want an alternative to making greenhouse gasses. The City Council condemns the decision of the Government to remove subsidies to companies and residents wanting to buy electric vehicles and to install solar panels. This decision risks destroying many "green jobs" and pushing the UK backwards in making "green jobs and technologies" central to our economy, and reduces our chances of being a global leader in this field.

The City Council therefore asks the Leader of the Council and the other Group Leaders to write to the Government condemning their actions and asking them to reconsider.

12 Questions from Members under Standing Order No 17.

There are none.

David Williams
Chief Executive

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