



# Agenda & minutes

Full Council meeting of  
Tuesday, 10 November 2020



# *Portsmouth City Council*

A REMOTE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL will be held virtually on Tuesday 10 November 2020 **to commence at 2.10pm or immediately after the conclusion of the Extraordinary Council meeting if later** and all members of the council are hereby summoned to attend remotely (link sent separately to members) to consider and resolve upon the following business:-

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## *Agenda*

- 1 **Members' Interests**
- 2 **To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 13 October 2020** (Pages 11 - 26)
- 3 **To receive such communications as the Lord Mayor may desire to lay before the Council, including apologies for absence.**
- 4 **Written Deputations from the Public under Standing Order No 24.**
- 5 **Questions from the Public under Standing Order 25.**
- 6 **Appointments**
- 7 **Urgent Business - To receive and consider any urgent and important business from Members of the Cabinet in accordance with Standing Order No 26.**
- 8 **Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority - Update**

As agreed at the last Council meeting through a Notice of Motion, to receive an update for noting from the council's representative, on the Hampshire Fire Authority, Councillor Fazackarley.
- 9 **Update on the Aquind Interconnector Project** (Pages 27 - 36)

To receive and note the attached report considered by Cabinet at its meeting held on 3 November.
- 10 **Monitoring Officer Report**

To receive and consider the report of the Monitoring Officer (to follow) in respect of Section 5 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989.

**Notices of Motion: Process information**

Following the Full Council meeting of 21 July 2020, the Council agreed to change Standing Order (32(d)), meaning all Notices of Motion of the

agenda will automatically be dealt with at this meeting, thereby dispensing with a three minute presentation from the proposer and subsequent vote to enable its consideration.

## 11 Notices of Motion

### (a) **Universal Basic Income**

Proposed by Councillor Matthew Winnington  
Seconded by Councillor Ben Dowling

Many people in Portsmouth are struggling because of the COVID-19 pandemic and with the looming end of the Brexit transition period leading to real uncertainty about their jobs and paying the bills going into the future. For some who have lost their jobs they have had to go through the process, many for the first time ever, of claiming benefit.

Claiming benefit can be a stressful experience and there is no full income from Universal Credit until five weeks into the claim and, when it is received, it is usually nowhere near what people were getting from their jobs prior to being made redundant or being unable to carry out their self-employed work anymore.

This council therefore believes that a pragmatic and fair solution to this is the introduction of a Universal Basic Income (UBI), a universal payment that goes to every citizen and those who have recourse to public funds in the UK. This takes away the stress and complication of having to put in a claim for even a small amount of money from the state and gives the opportunity for each recipient to use the money that they receive as of right to pay towards housing costs, invest in setting up a business, give to charity or whatever is right for the person receiving it.

Further to this, this council will ask the government to pilot a UBI and that Portsmouth be one of the pilot areas (subject to Cabinet formally resolving to support this approach) as we are a place at the front line of Brexit as a major port city and a city with many people employed in the cultural and creative industries which are under particular threat due to COVID-19.

### (b) **Aquind**

Proposed by Councillor Luke Stubbs  
Seconded by Councillor Simon Boshier

The council notes with regret the application made by Aquind for an interconnector cable from France to Hampshire, England. This council strongly objects to the application, particularly the stretch that runs through the city of Portsmouth.

The council notes that both recent leaders of the City Council, Councillor Donna Jones and Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson, have made their objections clear. These objections are a matter of

record. The first formal objection was noted in a meeting in the spring of 2018 by Councillor Donna Jones on behalf of Portsmouth City Council. Both city MPs Penny Mordaunt and Councillor Stephen Morgan have also lodged their objections publicly.

The council therefore agrees that the most effective way to stop Aquind is for all councillors and political parties to work together to support a strong evidence based objection to the application.

The council requests:

1. The Leader of the Council set up a cross party working group to prepare for the public inquiry due to be held to determine this application.
2. The working group's Terms of Reference be agreed to ensure unity, respect and support amongst political parties in working together to stop the Aquind interconnector application.
3. That regular updates are brought back to the City Council on the on-going progress of the working group and wider application.

(c) **Free School Meals**

Proposed Councillor Suzy Horton  
Seconded by Councillor Steve Pitt

This Council notes:

That numbers of pupils entitled to Free School Meals are rising fast in Portsmouth with over 1000 additional children since the start of the pandemic. That means over 7000 children.

That every child who is entitled to Free School Meals is a sign of a family under significant financial pressure.

That this picture of increasing child poverty is supported by the rapid rise in the number of families dependent on food banks.

The Trussell trust reporting an 81 per cent increase in food bank dependency in March 2020, and other food banks reporting similar increases. The number of children relying on food banks more than doubles during lockdown and Portsmouth figures reflect this trend with one foodbank reporting over 100% increase in demand the weeks before half term.

That children who are hungry are less able to learn and thrive at school.

That the extension of the school meals voucher scheme (campaigned for by Marcus Rashford) to cover the period of the

summer holiday was incredibly important and valuable to families in food poverty.

The very welcome commitment from Liberal Democrat Education Minister in the Welsh Assembly, Kirsty Williams, to guarantee free school meal provision for children in Wales for school holidays until at least Easter 2021.

The very welcome commitment from Portsmouth City Council to guarantee a 2 week voucher for free school meal provision for the 2020 Christmas holidays as well as continuing with successful programmes such as Holiday Food and Fun.

This Council recognises that the withdrawal of the furlough scheme, along with fears of a second lockdown are likely to lead to further increases in child poverty.

This Council therefore supports the calls by the Child Food Poverty Task Force, supported by Marcus Rashford and many leading food suppliers and producers, which calls for:

The expansion of free school meals provision to every child whose family is in receipt of Universal Credit or equivalent, or with a low-income and no recourse to public funds.

That provision be made for food vouchers to cover school holidays and periods of lockdown for all families in receipt of Universal Credit or with low-income and no recourse to public funds.

That Healthy Start vouchers should be increased in value to £4.25, and expanded to be made available to all those in receipt of Universal Credit or with a low-income and no recourse to public funds.

In August, the Government spent more than £522m subsidising diners £10 per meal, under the Eat Out to Help Out scheme. It would cost just £15 to provide a week's meals for a vulnerable child in Portsmouth

This Council therefore resolves to write to the Secretary of State for Education and the Chancellor to call for:

1. Extended eligibility for free school meals to every pupil whose parents or guardians are in receipt of Universal Credit
2. Food vouchers for every one of those pupils in every school holiday and during any period of lockdown
3. Extended eligibility for free school meals to pupils from low-income families whose parents or guardians have no recourse to public funds and destitute asylum seekers under s4 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

(d) **Planning**

Proposed by Councillor Terry Norton

Seconded by Councillor Scott Payter-Harris

Council notes the extensive backlog of unregistered planning applications that has built up. It notes that seemingly routine applications are now taking many months just to validate and longer still to determine.

Council considers that being able to make planning decisions in a consistent and timely manner is critical if it is to achieve its ambitions for the regeneration of the city and for it to become a hub for businesses in emerging sectors. It notes the low number of major applications that have been received or determined over the last year and is concerned that a combination of these delays and high CIL payments is making Portsmouth an unpredictable, expensive and slow place to do business.

Council supports the actions taken to bring in outside support to try and reduce the backlog. It remains concerned that this may not be sufficient. It therefore resolves to ask the Cabinet Member with responsibility for planning to ensure:

- That the Planning Department adopt a guaranteed minimum standard for the validation of applications, including a maximum time period for those applications where the submitted documentation is complete (from the date of receipt)
- That the Cabinet member work with the Planning Department to ensure greater transparency for both Councillors and the public and bring a report to the next Full Council meeting to update the council on the new standards and backlogs.

(e) **Stop Fining Homeless People**

Proposer: Councillor Cal Corkery

Seconder: Councillor Judith Smyth

Since the government issued the 'everyone in' directive in March 2020 the council has housed a total of over 400 homeless individuals in hotels. Around 130 of those people have now been moved on to new temporary accommodation units across a mix of student halls and rooms in shared houses.

While a significant number of people have benefitted from this new provision, it remains clear that there are homeless people who for a variety of reasons have been unable to access these accommodation services.

A number of rough sleepers, regularly those with the most complex needs, feel they would be unable to cope in a hostel or shared house environment. Often this is due to feeling unsafe as a result of their health and support needs.

A recent investigation by The Mirror found that across the country 420 fixed penalties have been issued by councils to homeless people for begging or loitering in the street. A number of £100 fines have been issued by the council to rough sleepers in Portsmouth - none of which have been paid.

The likelihood of rough sleepers having the available financial resources to pay a £100 fine is limited to non-existent. Placing such a financial burden, which they have no realistic hope of meeting, on vulnerable people is as cruel as it is ineffective.

Full Council therefore:

1. Recognises the significant efforts that have been made to accommodate local homeless people since the onset of the coronavirus pandemic and thanks all those who have contributed towards this.
2. Suggests Cabinet ask council officers to continue to explore the housing options which could be made available for rough sleepers for whom a hostel or shared house setting is not appropriate.
3. Invites the Cabinet to change the policy of issuing fines to homeless people.
4. Requests Cabinet take action to ensure the council stops issuing Fixed Penalty Notices to rough sleepers.

(f) **Commonwealth Armed Forces Veterans Support**

Proposed by Councillor Tom Coles  
Seconded by Councillor Graham Heaney

We call upon the council to ensure their armed forces champions and lead officers are aware of the difficulties experienced by commonwealth veterans and ensure that those who are currently experiencing problems, whether financial or immigration difficulties, are not disadvantaged whilst their applications are ongoing.

We also call upon the leader of the council to write to the prime minister, Kevin Forster MP the minister of state for immigration, and Johnny Mercer MP the minister of state for veterans affairs outlining this councils support for all commonwealth veterans who have served a minimum of 4 years being granted automatic and free of charge right to remain in the UK and that any veteran who completes 12 years of service to be automatically given British Citizenship.

Further, this council calls upon the Leader of the Council to write to both Stephen Morgan MP and Penny Mordaunt MP on behalf of this council, to ask that they continue to press the government for a change in the legislation that affects those that have served diligently and honourably for this Country.

(g) **Parking and COVID**

Proposed by Councillor Luke Stubbs



Seconded by Councillor Linda Symes

The COVID pandemic has hit both the retail and hospitality sectors hard, with a deep and permanent reduction in the level of employment and business activity the likely result.

For many struggling retailers a successful Christmas is essential. Without it, a wave of store closures after the January sales must be probable.

Council acknowledges the impact that COVID has had on its own finances and that as things stand, tax receipts are likely to be lower and expenditure higher than originally planned. It however notes its own exposure to the business sector and that a further decline will mean a drop in business rate income.

Parking charges are a deterrent to shoppers and visitors. Council calls on the Cabinet to urgently investigate whether a period of free parking (say for two hours) could be introduced in council car parks covering the period up to Christmas.

**12 Questions from Members under Standing Order No 17. (Pages 37 - 40)**

David Williams  
Chief Executive

Deputations - A written deputation stating which agenda item it refers to must be received by the Local Democracy Manager by 12 noon two working days preceding the meeting. Any written deputation received by email will be sent to the Council Members and be referred to and be read out at the meeting. Please notify the Local Democracy Manager at [Stewart.Agland@portsmouthcc.gov.uk](mailto:Stewart.Agland@portsmouthcc.gov.uk).

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# Agenda Item 2

13 October 2020

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MINUTES OF A VIRTUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL held remotely on Tuesday, 13 October 2020 at 2.00 pm.

## **Council Members Present (virtually)**

The Right Worshipful The Lord Mayor  
Councillor Rob Wood (in the Chair)

### Councillors

Dave Ashmore	Lee Mason
Matthew Atkins	Terry Norton
Chris Attwell	Stephen Morgan
Simon Bosher	Gemma New
Tom Coles	Robert New
Cal Corkery	Steve Pitt
Ben Dowling	Will Purvis
Jason Fazackarley	Darren Sanders
George Fielding	Jeanette Smith
John Ferrett	Lynne Stagg
David Fuller	Judith Smyth
Scott Payter-Harris	Luke Stubbs
Graham Heaney	Benedict Swann
Hannah Hockaday	Linda Symes
Jo Hooper	Claire Udy
Suzy Horton	Gerald Vernon-Jackson CBE
Lee Hunt	Steve Wemyss
Frank Jonas BEM	Matthew Winnington
Donna Jones	Neill Young
Leo Madden	Tom Wood
Hugh Mason	

## **General Procedural Announcements**

Link to the agenda

<https://democracy.portsmouth.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=146&MId=4265&Ver=4>

The Lord Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting that is being held virtually in response to the limitations placed on government by the Covid-19 pandemic. He advised that the meeting would be run by reference to the model standing orders as set out in the Local Authorities (Coronavirus) Flexibility of Local Authority Meetings Regulations 2020. The Lord Mayor then ran through the etiquette relating to virtual meetings.

## **66. Declarations of Members' Interests**

Councillor Donna Jones declared a personal and pecuniary interest in agenda item 12(c) and would not take part in the debate or vote.

Councillor Ben Dowling declared a personal but non-pecuniary interest in notice of motion 12(c) and would take part in the debate or vote.

Councillor Matthew Winnington declared a personal but non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 12(c) and would stay in the debate and would take part in the debate and vote.

Councillor Tom Wood declared a pecuniary interest in agenda item 12(c) and would not take part in the debate or vote.

Councillor Darren Sanders declared a personal but non-prejudicial interest in agenda item 12(c) and would take part in the debate and vote.

Councillor Dave Ashmore declared a personal, non-prejudicial interest in agenda item 12(c) and would take part in the debate and vote.

Councillor Gemma New declared a personal interest in agenda item 8 and would not take part in that debate or vote. She also declared a personal interest in agenda item 12(c) as she is a private renter and would therefore not take part in that debate or vote.

Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson declared a personal, non-prejudicial interest in agenda item 12(c) and said he would be taking part in the debate and vote.

Councillor Lee Mason declared a personal and pecuniary interest in agenda item 12(c) and would not take in the debate or vote.

Councillor Will Purvis declared a personal, non-prejudicial interest in agenda item 12(c) and would take part in the debate and vote.

Councillor Robert New declared a personal and pecuniary interest in agenda item 12(c) and would not take part in the debate or vote.

Councillor David Fuller declared a personal, non-prejudicial interest in agenda item 12(c) and would take part in the debate and vote.

Councillor Chris Attwell declared a personal, non-prejudicial interest in agenda item 12(c) and would take part in the debate and vote.

Councillor Luke Stubbs declared a personal and pecuniary interest in agenda item 12(c) and would not take part in the debate or vote.

Councillor Judith Smyth declared a personal, non-prejudicial interest in agenda item 12(c) and would take part in the debate and vote.

Councillor Claire Udy declared a personal, non-prejudicial interest in agenda item 12(c) in that she is a tenant and would take part in the debate and vote. She also declared a personal, prejudicial interest in agenda item 8 in that she is a director of PATCH which was mentioned part way through the debate so she took no further part in the debate and did not vote on this item.

Councillor Steve Pitt declared a personal, non-prejudicial interest in agenda item 12(c) in that he owns some rental properties but would take part in the debate and vote.

Councillor Tom Coles declared a personal, non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 12(c) as he is a private renter but would take part in any debate and vote.

Councillor Jason Fazackarley declared a personal, non-prejudicial interest in agenda item 12(c) as he is a tenant, but would take part in any debate and vote.

Councillor Stephen Morgan declared a personal, non-prejudicial interest in agenda item 12(c) in that he is a tenant. He would take part in any debate and vote.

Councillor Linda Symes declared a personal, non-prejudicial interest in agenda item 12(c) and would take part in any debate and vote.

Councillor Steve Wemyss declared a non-pecuniary interest in question number 6 concerning Fernhurst School.

Councillor Hannah Hockaday declared a pecuniary interest in agenda item 12(c) and would not take part in any debate or vote.

**67. To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Virtual Council meeting held on 21 July 2020**

It was

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

That the minutes of the council meeting held on 21 July 2020 be confirmed as a correct record. These were agreed by assent.

**RESOLVED that the minutes of the council meeting held on 21 July 2020 be confirmed as a correct record.**

**68. To receive such communications as the Lord Mayor may desire to lay before the Council, including apologies for absence**

Apologies for lateness were given on behalf of Councillors Steve Wemyss and Hannah Hockaday. In addition Councillor Stephen Morgan said that he may need to leave part of the meeting in order to carry out parliamentary business.

The Lord Mayor expressed sincere condolences to Councillor Lee Mason and his family on the very sad passing away of the former Lady Mayoress, Mrs Sylvia Mason.

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

The Lord Mayor advised that one written deputation had been received for this meeting and had been previously circulated. The deputation was from Rebecca Ozaniec in respect of agenda item 8 - Leamington House and Horatia House Update and Next Steps.

The Local Democracy Manager read out the deputation.

The Lord Mayor thanked Rebecca Ozaniec for her deputation.

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

There were no questions from the public.

**71. Appointments**

These were dealt with under agenda item 10.

**72. 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 business.

**73. Recommendations from the Cabinet Meeting held on 15 September 2020**

**Minute 53 - Leamington House and Horatia House Update and Next Steps**

This was opposed.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson

Seconded by Councillor Darren Sanders

That the recommendations contained in minute 53 be approved.

The exemption relating to Appendix 1 of the report was passed by assent but members assented to this item being debated and determined in open session with no reference being made to the contents of exempt Appendix 1.

Following debate a recorded vote was requested and this was agreed by assent.

The following members voted in favour of the recommendations contained in minute 53:

Councillors

Dave Ashmore  
Chris Attwell  
Tom Coles

Leo Madden  
Hugh Mason  
Stephen Morgan

Cal Corkery	Steve Pitt
Ben Dowling	Will Purvis
Jason Fazackarley	Darren Sanders
John Ferrett	Jeanette Smith
George Fielding	Judith Smyth
David Fuller	Lynne Stagg
Graham Heaney	Gerald Vernon-Jackson
Suzy Horton	Matthew Winnington
Lee Hunt	Rob Wood
	Tom Wood

No members voted against the recommendations.

The following members abstained:

Councillors	Matthew Atkins	Robert New
	Simon Boshier	Terry Norton
	Scott Payter-Harris	Luke Stubbs
	Jo Hooper	Benedict Swann
	Frank Jonas	Linda Symes
	Donna Jones	Steve Wemyss
	Lee Mason	Neill Young

This was CARRIED.

## RESOLVED

1. **That the full deconstruction and redevelopment scheme for the two tower blocks is added to the capital programme in the sum of £120m.**
2. **That the scheme is funded by a suitable mix of HRA and General Fund Prudential Borrowing as determined by the S.151 Officer.**
3. **That the scheme can only proceed, including through its procurement gateways, if a satisfactory financial appraisal which demonstrates viability is approved by the Section 151 Officer.**
4. **That, given the early stage of design, delegated authority be given to the Section 151 Officer to vary the overall scheme cost and borrow as required but subject to the Section 151 Officer being satisfied that the associated financial appraisal demonstrates continued viability and acceptable risk and that the gross cost of the scheme does not exceed £145m.**
5. **In the event that the scheme varies significantly from the design parameters (described in section 5) and/or the gross cost exceeds £145m, even if viability can still be demonstrated, the scheme will not proceed without further approval from the City Council.**

**74. Recommendations from the Cabinet Meeting held on 6 October 2020**

**Minute 58 - Treasury Management Outturn Report for 2019/20**

This was opposed to allow for clarification.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson

Seconded by Councillor Darren Sanders

That the recommendations contained in minute 58 be approved.

Following a short debate, the recommendations contained in minute 58 were approved by assent.

**RESOLVED that the actual prudential and treasury management indicators based on the unaudited accounts, as shown in Appendix B, (an explanation of the prudential and treasury management indicators is contained in Appendix C) be noted.**

**75. Political Proportionality Review on Committee and Panels**

The report from the Chief Executive had been previously circulated. In response to the recommendations in the report, it was

Proposed by Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson

Seconded by Councillor Donna Jones

1. To adopt the overall political balance and allocation of seats as set out in the chief executive's report, and agree the following changes on the basis -
  - A. That the Conservative Group gain two seats from Councillor Lee Mason as a previously non-aligned Member and those two seats be on the Licensing Committee and the Health Overview and Scrutiny Panel, both previously held by Councillor Lee Mason who will continue holding those seats as a Conservative Group Member

2. That unrelated to the above changes -

The Liberal Democrat seat vacancies be filled as set out in the report, namely

Health Overview and Scrutiny Panel - Full Members Councillor Tom Wood and Councillor Fuller- with Councillor Fuller becoming the Chair (previously held by Councillor Attwell)

Housing and Social Care Scrutiny Panel - full Member Councillor Purvis



Governance and Audit and Standards Committee - Full Member  
Councillor Tom Wood

Education, Children and Young People Scrutiny Panel - Standing  
Deputy Councillor Will Purvis

Scrutiny Management Panel - Standing Deputy - Councillor Tom Wood

The proposal was CARRIED by general assent.

## **RESOLVED**

1. **To adopt the overall political balance and allocation of seats as set out in the chief executive's report, and agree the following changes on the basis -**
  - A. **That the Conservative Group gain two seats from Councillor Lee Mason as a previously non-aligned Member and those two seats be on the Licensing Committee and the Health Overview and Scrutiny Panel, both previously held by Councillor Lee Mason who will continue holding those seats as a Conservative Group Member**
2. **That unrelated to the above changes -**

**The Liberal Democrat seat vacancies be filled as set out in the report, namely**

**Health Overview and Scrutiny Panel - Full Members Councillor Tom Wood and Councillor Fuller- with Councillor Fuller becoming the Chair (previously held by Councillor Attwell)**

**Housing and Social Care Scrutiny Panel - full Member Councillor Purvis**

**Governance and Audit and Standards Committee - Full Member Councillor Tom Wood**

**Education, Children and Young People Scrutiny Panel - Standing Deputy Councillor Will Purvis**

**Scrutiny Management Panel - Standing Deputy - Councillor Tom Wood**

76. **Urgent Decision by the Chief Executive - Use of Standing Order 58 - To adopt revised Standing Order 24**

The council noted this decision.

## 77. Notices of Motion

The Lord Mayor asked members to please note that following the full council meeting of 21 July 2020, the council agreed to revise Standing Order (32(d)). Consequently, all notices of motion on the agenda will automatically be dealt with at this meeting, thereby dispensing with a three minute presentation from the proposer and subsequent vote to enable its consideration.

There were five notices of motion on the agenda for this meeting.

### 77.a Pyramids

It was

Proposed by Councillor Luke Stubbs  
Seconded by Councillor Linda Symes

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

As an amendment it was

Proposed by Councillor Tom Coles  
Seconded by Councillor Graham Heaney

"Add new paragraph at end:

"This council regrets the process followed for making the decision which lacked consultation with residents, users and members."

The mover of the original motion agreed to subsume into it the amendment.

Following debate, upon being put to a roll call vote, the substantive motion including the amendment was CARRIED.

**RESOLVED that this council regrets the closure of the swimming pool at the Pyramids.**

**This council regrets the process followed for making the decision which lacked consultation with residents, users and members.**

### 77.b Hampshire Fire and Rescue

It was

Proposed by Councillor Jason Fazackarley  
Seconded by Councillor Lee Hunt

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

As an amendment it was

Proposed by Councillor Robert New  
Seconded by Councillor Terry Norton

"After the 7 recommendations amend the next paragraph:

Add after "Fire Authority" the words " and a representative from each of the political groups on the council" and;

Add after "those concerns" the words " and also to send the response to all members of the city council."

The paragraph to therefore read:

"This council takes the safety of its residents extremely seriously and requests that Hampshire Fire & Rescue Service meet urgently with the Council's representative on the Fire Authority **and a representative from each of the political groups on the council** to answer those concerns **and also to send the response to all members of the city council.**"

The proposer of the original motion agreed to subsume into it the amendment proposed by Councillor Robert New.

Following debate, the substantive motion including the amendment was adopted by assent.

#### **RESOLVED that**

**At the time of the Hampshire Fire and Rescue Risk Review in 2016, the Fire Brigades Union (FBU) raised serious concerns about future crewing of the appliances in Portsmouth and the ability of the service to be able to function effectively with the reduced crewing levels.**

**They were particularly concerned about the crewing of the Aerial Ladder Platform (ALP) and that removing its dedicated crew would limit the ability to deploy this appliance to high rise fires in Portsmouth.**

**After the Risk Review, a compromise was reached after suggestions were made by the FBU to management that whilst not restoring the crew, did offer some additional flexibility. This is welcomed by the Council.**

**However, it is becoming clear that the crewing issues now extend beyond those of the ALP and there are wider concerns. This Council would like Hampshire Fire & Rescue Service to provide responses to the following questions:**

**Specifically:**

1. **Has the service become too lean and does it lack resilience in terms of frontline personnel?**
2. **Does the service expect that an upcoming round of recruitment will address the crewing shortfalls?**
3. **Is the service exploring every opportunity to backfill staff shortages through overtime?**
4. **Can the service confirm that frontline and immediately available appliances are being taken off the runs to backfill elsewhere in the County and that it is cover in Portsmouth and Southampton that is mainly suffering from these diversions to backfill shortfall?**
5. **Can the service confirm whether any of these occasions where appliances have been diverted to backfill for shortfalls elsewhere in the County have resulted in a longer response time to a fire?**
6. **Can the service confirm how often these shortfalls in crewing are happening and therefore how often Portsmouth has not had the available crewing levels that were promised in the Risk Review in 2016?**
7. **Can the service give a categoric assurance that in the event of a high rise fire in the city, that the response time to that incident would not exceed those indicated in the 2016 Risk Review and that the ALP could be deployed.**

**This council takes the safety of its residents extremely seriously and requests that Hampshire Fire & Rescue Service meet urgently with the Council's representative on the Fire Authority and a representative from each of the political groups on the council to answer those concerns and also to send the response to all members of the city council.**

**The Council requests that an update is provided by the council's representative on the Hampshire Fire Authority at the next meeting of full council in November.**

Council adjourned at 1740.

Council resumed at 1750.

**77.c Landlord licensing and the Private Rented Sector strategy**

It was

Proposed by Councillor Cal Corkery  
Seconded by Councillor George Fielding

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

As an amendment it was

Proposed by Councillor Darren Sanders

Seconded by Councillor Lee Hunt

- " In Par 1, please replace everything after "with" with "the Office for National Statistics indicating last November indicating that it was 19% of all properties."
- In par 2, replace "privately rented homes" with "houses of multiple occupation,"
- In par 3, replace all after 2019 with: "the administration tasked officers to look at ways of driving up standards in the private rented sector. That month, the Labour Group also proposed a motion calling on the council to implement a Selective Licensing scheme."
- In par 4, add new final sentence: "However, major issues such as rent arrears or poor property conditions are not conditions of those licences."
- In par 6, delete the second sentence.
- In first bullet point add after "sector", "and welcomes the steps the Council has taken to help them, including:
  - a. Expanding the rent deposit scheme and introducing a guarantor scheme to help those who cannot afford to rent privately
  - b. Buying more homes, including empty private properties
  - c. Working with the University, Police and landlords to tackle recent COVID-related antisocial behaviour
  - d. Expanding Rent it Right to help landlords fill in less in exchange for lower rents, while prosecuting those who fail.
  - e. Installing central heating, offering free fuel vouchers, home visits and even fridge freezers to help private tenants lead better lives"
- Add new second bullet point: Endorses Council's October 2019 resolution that: "any future policy it produces on making renting privately easier and safer must include ways to tackle rent arrears and poor property conditions"
- In new third bullet point, add at start, "On that basis,"
- In new fourth bullet point, add after 'behaviour': "Noting that the Cabinet Member for Housing asked officers to explore ways to see how antisocial behaviour in privately rented properties can be included in the Council's enforcement regime at the HMO Governance Board on September 16<sup>th</sup>."

The proposer of the original motion agreed to subsume into it the amendment proposed by Councillor Sanders.

Following debate, upon being put to a roll call vote, the substantive notice of motion incorporating the amendment was CARRIED.

**RESOLVED that**

**The size of the Private Rented Sector in Portsmouth has grown significantly in recent years with the Office for National Statistics last November indicating that it was 19% of all properties.**

**The rapid growth in the number of houses of multiple occupation, has led to a range of issues relating to housing conditions, property management and anti-social behaviour, particularly in areas with high concentrations of privately rented homes.**

**In July 2019 the administration tasked officers to look at ways of driving up standards in the private rented sector. That month, the Labour Group also proposed a motion calling on the council to implement a Selective Licensing scheme.**

**Such licensing schemes allow councils to ensure landlords and letting agents meet 'fit and proper persons' tests in addition to placing responsibilities on them to prove their properties meet decent housing standards. However, major issues such as rent arrears or poor property conditions are not conditions of those licences.**

**The administration accepted the need to do more to regulate rented housing and tasked council officers with drafting a Private Rented Sector strategy. That draft strategy, approved by Cabinet in March 2020, recommended consulting on introducing an Additional Licensing scheme for small HMOs.**

**However, the draft strategy does not propose to explore the use of a Selective Licensing scheme to cover non-HMO privately rented properties.**

**Full Council therefore:**

- **Supports the progress that has been made toward developing a council strategy for the Private Rented Sector and welcomes the steps the Council has taken to help them, including:**
  - a. **Expanding the rent deposit scheme and introducing a guarantor scheme to help those who cannot afford to rent privately**
  - b. **Buying more homes, including empty private properties**
  - c. **Working with the University, Police and landlords to tackle recent COVID-related antisocial behaviour**
  - d. **Expanding Rent it Right to help landlords fill in less in exchange for lower rents, while prosecuting those who fail.**

- e. **Installing central heating, offering free fuel vouchers, home visits and even fridge freezers to help private tenants lead better lives.**
- **Endorses Council's October 2019 resolution that: "any future policy it produces on making renting privately easier and safer must include ways to tackle rent arrears and poor property conditions**
- **On that basis, requests Cabinet reconsider its decision not to include Selective Licensing as a policy intervention as part of the Private Rented Sector strategy.**
- **Suggests Cabinet be asked to explore whether more stringent conditions can be put into landlord licensing agreements with regard to responsible property management, for example dealing with anti-social behaviour, noting that the Cabinet Member for Housing asked officers to explore ways to see how antisocial behaviour in privately rented properties can be included in the Council's enforcement regime at the HMO Governance Board on September 16th.**

#### **77.d Road Re-routing**

It was

Proposed by Councillor Luke Stubbs  
Seconded by Councillor Linda Symes

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

As an amendment it was

Proposed by Councillor Judith Smyth  
Seconded by Councillor Tom Coles

"Amendment

Delete "A2047" and replace with "A288".

The proposer of the original motion agreed to accept the amendment.

Following debate, upon being put to a roll call vote, the substantive notice of motion incorporating the amendment was CARRIED.

#### **RESOLVED**

**The temporary closure of the seafront road in Eastney resulted in congestion, severe parking problems and a large number of accidents in Eastern Parade.**

**Council believes that Eastern Parade is not of A Road quality. It therefore asks Cabinet to investigate the possibility of re-routing the A288 along the seafront.**

### **77.e Hidden Disabilities: Becoming a Sunflower Friendly Council**

It was

Proposed by Councillor Tom Coles  
Seconded by Councillor George Fielding

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

Following debate notice of motion (e) was CARRIED by assent.

#### **RESOLVED**

**One in five people in the UK have a disability and 80% of those are hidden.**

**Living with a hidden disability can make daily life more demanding for many people. The Hidden Disabilities Sunflower enables people to discreetly indicate to others that they have a hidden disability and may need additional support, help or more time. The Sunflower is recognised across a huge number of organisations in the UK ranging from transport to retail to leisure.**

**Becoming a Sunflower Friendly Council will promote the city as being welcoming of those with hidden disabilities. Studies have shown localities supporting the Hidden Disabilities Sunflower are seeing an increase in footfall from wearers of the Sunflower.**

**As a Sunflower Friendly Council, Portsmouth will:**

- **Support local people with hidden disabilities**
- **Assist local businesses to benefit from an increase in visitors and revenue**
- **Demonstrate that the Council is inclusive and enhance the Council's accessibility credentials.**

**Signing up to recognise the scheme officially will give the Council access to Training webinars as well as access to Hidden Disabilities Sunflower digital assets to promote the Council's awareness of the Sunflower and support those with hidden disabilities.**

**The Council therefore resolves to sign up to the Hidden Disabilities Sunflower scheme and become an officially recognised Sunflower Friendly Local Authority.**

### **78. Questions from Members under Standing Order No 17**

There were eight questions before Council today.



**Question 1 was from Councillor Donna Jones**

"Many buses travel across the city empty, especially early in the morning since the COVID 19 pandemic. Will the cabinet member consider ways to enable pensioners to use their bus passes before 9:30am to maximise the use of buses and accessibility for older people in Portsmouth?"

This and supplementary questions were answered by the Cabinet Member for Traffic and Transportation, Councillor Lynne Stagg.

**Question 2 was from Councillor Leo Madden**

"Does the Leader agree that, given that the two LA-run energy companies viz., Robin Hood Energy and Bristol Energy, have cost their Councils £MMs and have now been sold on with massive losses to their respective taxpayers, this Council took the right decision in not pursuing the setting-up of Victory Energy Services Limited (VESL) here?"

This and supplementary questions were answered by the Leader of the Council Councillor Vernon-Jackson.

Following a short debate it was

Proposed by Councillor Terry Norton  
Seconded by Councillor Donna Jones

To suspend Standing Orders so as to extend the time allowed for questions by 30 minutes to conclude at 9.05 pm.

This was agreed by assent.

**Question 3 was from Councillor Tom Coles**

"Can the Leader of the Council confirm whether any arrangements have been made for Covid-secure Remembrance ceremonies in the city?"

This and supplementary questions were answered by the Leader of the Council Councillor Vernon-Jackson

**Question 4 was from Councillor Linda Symes**

Did the Leader of the Council take account of objections from local residents over parking and other matters when deciding to pursue the Brewery House development scheme?"

This and supplementary questions were answered by the Leader of the Council Councillor Vernon-Jackson

**The extended time allowed for questions expired before the remaining 3 questions could be put and so in accordance with Standing Order 17(h) written replies would be circulated to members.**

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The Lord Mayor thanked members and officers for their virtual attendance at the meeting and wished everyone goodnight.

The meeting concluded at 9.05 pm.

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Lord Mayor

# Agenda Item 9

Agenda item:

**Title of meeting:** Cabinet

**Date of meeting:** 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2020

**Subject:** An update on the Aquind Interconnector Project

**Report From:** The Chief Executive

**Report by:** Paddy May, Strategy Unit

**Wards affected:** All

**Key decision:** NO

**Full Council decision:** NO

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## 1. Purpose of report

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to update Cabinet on the Aquind Interconnector Project, to explain some of the activity that has been undertaken and to highlight the future timeframes.

## 2. Recommendations

- 2.1. Cabinet is recommended to:
- 2.1.1 Note that the Examination of the Aquind Interconnector Project has started
  - 2.1.2 Note the future timelines for the examination
  - 2.1.3 Agree that the Council should continue to represent the interests of the people of Portsmouth and maintain its opposition to the proposal

## 3. Background

- 3.1 As previously reported to Cabinet, Aquind are proposing to construct and operate an underground and marine electricity interconnector between the south coast of England and Normandy in France (the AQUIND Interconnector). This interconnector will have capacity to transmit up to 16 million MWh (or 16 TWh) of electricity annually or approximately 5% of Great Britain's total electricity consumption and 3% of the French total electricity consumption. The technology used will allow the flow of electricity both ways. Aquind are proposing that the interconnector cable will come ashore at Eastney and that the cable will run up through Portsmouth to a converter station in Lovedean.
- 3.2 Cabinet received reports on the Aquind Ltd proposal at their meetings on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2019 and 5<sup>th</sup> November 2019 and there has been a separate MIS Item on Aquind (MIS dated 28/8/20).

- 3.3 At the meeting in July 2019, Cabinet decided the following:
- Noted that Aquind are seeking to develop an electricity Interconnector between the UK and France with a converter station in Lovedean. They are proposing to "land" the high voltage DC (HVDC) electricity cable at Eastney and run it up through Portsmouth to the converter station at Lovedean.
  - Noted that despite representations from Portsmouth City Council that the Aquind proposal should be determined by the relevant local planning authorities (including Portsmouth City Council), the Government has decided that the proposal was a 'Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project' that should be determined by the Secretary of State through the Development Consent Order process.
  - Agreed to seek the support of Full Council to reinforce the Cabinet's objection to the route of the HVDC cable whilst also working constructively with Aquind and other stakeholders.
  - Agreed that the Council responds to this proposal in a coordinated way and where possible works with neighbouring councils on any common approaches.
  - Noted that any additional external costs incurred in the current year associated with the need to make an informed and considered response to the proposal will be met from the Council's Corporate Contingency.
- 3.4 When the project was discussed at Full Council on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2019 the following motion was unanimously agreed:
- RESOLVED that Full Council reinforce the Cabinet's objection to the route of the HVDC cable whilst also working constructively with Aquind and other stakeholders.*
- 3.5 At the meeting in November 2019 Cabinet resolved that the Council should maintain its opposition to the proposed project and to delegate authority to officers to enable timely responses to be made to the Planning Inspectorate whilst it is undertaking the Examination of the proposal as part of the DCO process.
- 3.6 The MIS on 28<sup>th</sup> August 2020  
(<https://democracy.portsmouth.gov.uk/documents/s27880/MIS28August2020.pdf>) proposed "In order to formalise the council's responses within the Examining Authority process for the Aquind interconnector project, additional external planning; highways; property and legal services resources are proposed to be procured and funded from Corporate Contingency, estimated at £300,000." The City Council has now commissioned external support to help prepare and respond to the Aquind DCO process. This includes Counsel support for the Examination process.

#### **4. The Examination Process**

- 4.1. As previously stated the Aquind proposal has been deemed a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NISIP) that is being determined by the Secretary of State through the Development Consent Order process. As part of this the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) has arranged for an Examining Authority (ExA) to hold an examination of the project to enable them to make a recommendation to the Secretary of State. Because of the Covid situation the Examination process has had to be modified with a later start date than originally envisaged. Whilst most of the business of the examination is conducted through written submissions there are also hearings that are held. The hearing meetings are virtual meetings and they have had to make some modifications to the process to allow for this new way of working.
- 4.2. A number of other local authorities are impacted by the Aquind proposal and are involved in the Examination. This includes Hampshire County Council as the Highways Authority for the rest of the UK route outside of Portsmouth and also other Local Planning Authorities including Havant, East Hampshire, Winchester and the South Downs National Park Authority. Highways England are also involved because of the need to cross the A27 and the potential impact of the construction on the strategic road network. The City Council has been working with these other authorities as part of preparing for the Examination and will continue to do so as the Examination progresses.
- 4.3. The Examination has to be completed within 6 months from the start date (8/9/20). Attached as Appendix 1 is a flow diagram showing how the examination will work and the following are some of the key milestones:
- 18<sup>th</sup> Aug 2020 - Preliminary Meeting 1 - at this meeting representations were made about the procedure and process the ExA should follow when conducting their examination.
  - 8<sup>th</sup> Sept 2020 - Preliminary Meeting 2 - this allowed people not able to attend the 1<sup>st</sup> preliminary meeting the chance to engage and also became the start date of the Examination once the meeting concluded
  - 6<sup>th</sup> Oct 2020 - Deadline 1 - deadline for sending a range of material to the ExA including our Local Impact Report, responses to questions raised by the ExA, any written representations from interested parties and notifications that people wish to participate in the hearings
  - 20<sup>th</sup> Oct 2020 - Deadline 2 - deadline for responding to issues raised by other parties in the material submitted for Deadline 1
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov 2020 - Deadline 3 - comments on material submitted for Deadline 2 and progressed statements e.g. on common ground and updated version of the Development Consent Order (DCO)
  - 17<sup>th</sup> Nov 2020 - Deadline 4 - Comments on Deadline 3 and further updates of various documents
  - 30<sup>th</sup> Nov 2020 - Deadline 5 - A summary of current position from the applicant and other interested parties and deadline for submission of material requested by the ExA to support the hearings

- 7<sup>th</sup> Dec 2020 - Open Floor Hearing 1
- 7<sup>th</sup> Dec 2020 - Open Floor Hearing 2
- 8<sup>th</sup> Dec 2020 - Date reserved for continuation of OFH2
- 9<sup>th</sup> Dec 2020 - Issue Specific Hearing 1
- 10<sup>th</sup> Dec 2020 - Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 1 - aimed at applicant, local authorities and statutory bodies
- 11<sup>th</sup> Dec 2020 - Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 2 - as above but also interested parties in terms of temporary possession
- 14<sup>th</sup> Dec 2020 - Date reserved for any issue specific hearings or open floor hearings
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec 2020 - Deadline 6 - Comments on submissions for Deadlines 4 & 5 and updates to key documents
- 7<sup>th</sup> Jan 2021 - ExA to publish any further questions if required
- 25<sup>th</sup> Jan 2021 - Deadline 7 - responses to any further questions, comments on submission for Deadline 6 and updates to key documents
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb 2021 - ExA to publish Report on Implications for European Sites (RIES), proposed schedule of changes to the DCO and any further request for information
- Weeks commencing 8 & 15 Feb 2021 - Dates reserved for further hearings or accompanied site inspections
- 22 Feb 2021 - Date reserved for any exceptional issue specific hearing
- 1<sup>st</sup> Mar 2021 - Deadline 8 - Comments on submissions for Deadline 7 and finalised documentation and possible further questions from ExA
- 5<sup>th</sup> Mar 2021 - Deadline 9 - Deadline for responses to any further questions from ExA
- 8<sup>th</sup> Mar 2021 - Deadline for closing examination

## **5. Recent activity from Portsmouth City Council**

- 5.1. Whilst the City Council has been clear in its opposition to the Aquind proposal it has been important that officers have continued to engage with Aquind and their representatives. A number of meetings have been held to help understand more about the proposal and to see whether changes can be made to make the proposal more acceptable. The ExA also expects local authorities and the applicant to agree where there is common ground so that these issues do not have to be dealt with through the examination process. It is pleasing that following these meetings Aquind have reduced the amount of allotment land that they say they require access to (as part of their Order Limit).
- 5.2. The ExA provided a large number of questions for both the applicant and the local authorities. The City Council provided answers to these questions as part of our Deadline 1 response. As can be seen from the timetable in paragraph 4.3 there is an ongoing requirement to respond to questions and

issues raised by Aquind and the ExA. The City Council has also submitted its Local Impact Report (LIR) <sup>1</sup>. This highlights the impacts that the proposal will have across the City and looks at general issues, such as ecology, and specific sites including the impact on open spaces, such as at Farlington Playing Fields and at Bransbury Park, and on a range of other areas including the allotments. The LIR also considers the impact on highways and the environment and planning impacts of the proposal.

- 5.3. The Council has written to all allotment holders (a copy of the letter is attached at Appendix 2). This has informed them of the process and the latest change to the proposed order limits (see paragraph 5.1) which impacts on whether they are an 'affected person' or not. It also tells them how they can get involved as an affected person or how they could get involved at the discretion of the ExA.
- 5.4. Finally it is worth noting that as well as local community opposition to the Aquind proposal within Portsmouth there is also community opposition on other parts of the route including other parts of Hampshire and also northern France. Information on the Aquind project is being put into the next edition of Flagship to keep residents informed about what is happening. There is also a website (<https://interconnectorportsmouth.co.uk/>) that the Council is maintaining that gives further information on the Aquind proposal and provides links to the PINS website.

## **6. Reasons for recommendations**

- 6.1. The recommendations in this report are to update Cabinet on the Aquind project and also reflect that Council have previously made clear that they are unanimously opposed to the Aquind project and so the Council should continue to maintain its opposition through the Examination process.

## **7. Integrated Impact assessment**

- 7.1. As an update on an external process that is underway there is no need to complete an Integrated Impact Assessment.

## **8. Legal Implications/City Solicitor comments**

- 8.1 The Council is continually reviewing the vast amounts of information that the Examination is producing. Officers are working constructively with Aquind in the manner required of a local authority but there remain significant concerns over the preparation and content of this application. The Council's legal concerns will be put to the Examining Authority by a leading barrister.

## **9. Director of Finance & Resources comments**

- 9.1 There are no direct additional financial implications arising from the recommendations in this report.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/ipc/uploads/projects/EN020022/EN020022-001707-Portsmouth%20City%20Council%20-%20APPENDIX%20B%20-%20Task%20B%20-%20Local%20Impact%20Report%20Master%20Final.pdf>

**Background list of documents: Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972**

The following documents disclose facts or matters, which have been relied upon to a material extent by the author in preparing this report:

Title of document	Location

**Appendices:**

*Appendix 1 - The Aquind Proposal Examination Process*

*Appendix 2 - Copy of letter sent to allotment holders*

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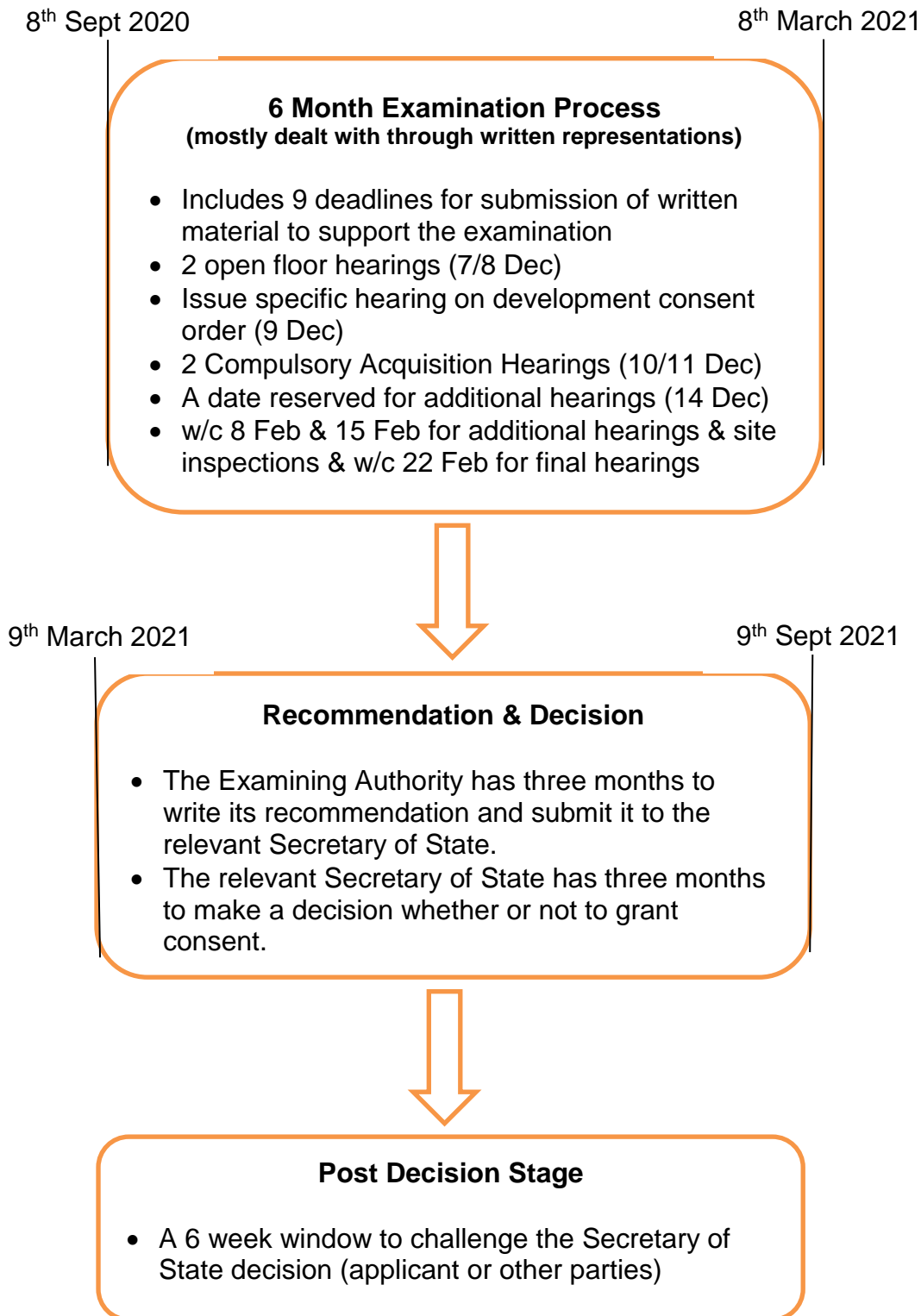
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Chief Executive

The recommendation(s) set out above were approved/ approved as amended/  
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## The Aquind Proposal Examination Process



**Copy of letter sent to allotment holders**

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Date: 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2020

Dear Milton Piece and Eastney Lake allotment holders,

**Re: Aquind Interconnector Development Consent Order Examination being conducted by the Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the Secretary of State**

I'm writing to let you know about the latest news Portsmouth City Council has about the Aquind application and how it may affect you. I also want to let you know what you can do to have your views taken into account.

What is Aquind?

The above application by Aquind Limited concerns a pair of underground electricity cables to connect the UK and French electricity networks that would land at Eastney and progress north through the city, including the Allotments. The council has produced the enclosed map to show the proposed impacts on different allotment plots. These are only proposals at this stage. The map is based on information that Aquind only made public on 6 October 2020 and has not yet been accepted as an official part of the application by the Planning Inspectorate, so it is important to remember it is only an indication of Aquind's plans at this time and may change. The proposals, and the lack of detail surrounding them, are an ongoing matter of concern for the council that we are raising with the Planning Inspectorate.

Who is affected?

In the area coloured blue on the enclosed map Aquind have said they want to drill under the allotments on the eastern side of the allotments, going up to the showground. The council's worries are that if Aquind say they cannot (or cannot afford) to drill under the allotments they have asked for permission to dig a trench through those allotments. Regardless of how the cables are laid, Aquind want rights to come onto the allotments and dig them up if this is necessary for maintenance.

Aquind have also said they want access to be able to perform any maintenance on the cable. They had asked for permission to have access to some land in the allotments (shown coloured yellow on the enclosed map). This is the area around the

shop. After pressure on Aquind, they have now said they only want access via the roads and paths (which are coloured pink on the map). But there is concern about the size of vehicles they might want to use, and whether the paths are wide enough to cope with this.

The council has been scrutinising the route with the other affected councils and the South Downs National Park for around 18 months. The council would have preferred the application to be decided by the local councils along the route but Aquind and central government have agreed that a minister should decide the application. The council is concerned that the voices of allotment holders have not been heard so far in the examination, which the Planning Inspectorate hosts before writing its report to the minister on whether permission for the development should be granted. It is Aquind's role in the examination to ensure that all Affected Persons are notified where their land is affected and the council is concerned that this has not happened.

#### What can you do?

If you are an allotment holder in the yellow or blue areas (especially the blue area) on the map, you are entitled as an 'Affected Person' to write to the Planning Inspectorate at [aquind@planninginspectorate.gov.uk](mailto:aquind@planninginspectorate.gov.uk) to, firstly, give your views on the application in writing and ask for those views to be taken into account, and, secondly, to be able to speak at any Open Floor Hearings (to be held virtually on 7-8 December 2020) and the Compulsory Acquisition Hearings (to be held virtually on 11 December 2020).

If you are an allotment holder outside the yellow or blue areas on the enclosed map you can still write to the Planning Inspectorate at [aquind@planninginspectorate.gov.uk](mailto:aquind@planninginspectorate.gov.uk). However, as you are not an 'Affected Person' due to the rules governing public participation it is up to their discretion whether they accept those representations.

If you are concerned that you cannot access the internet or would have other difficulties in writing to the Planning Inspectorate, please contact Millie Ansell at the council on 023 9283 4832, or by writing to her at Leisure and Culture Services, Floor 5, Core 4, Civic Offices, Guildhall Square, Portsmouth PO1 2AL for help with sending your representations as an email.

The council will be in touch with any new developments concerning the allotments. In the meantime, the council has made a website <https://interconnectorportsmouth.co.uk/> with more information, including links to the Planning Inspectorate's webpage for the examination and Aquind's website.

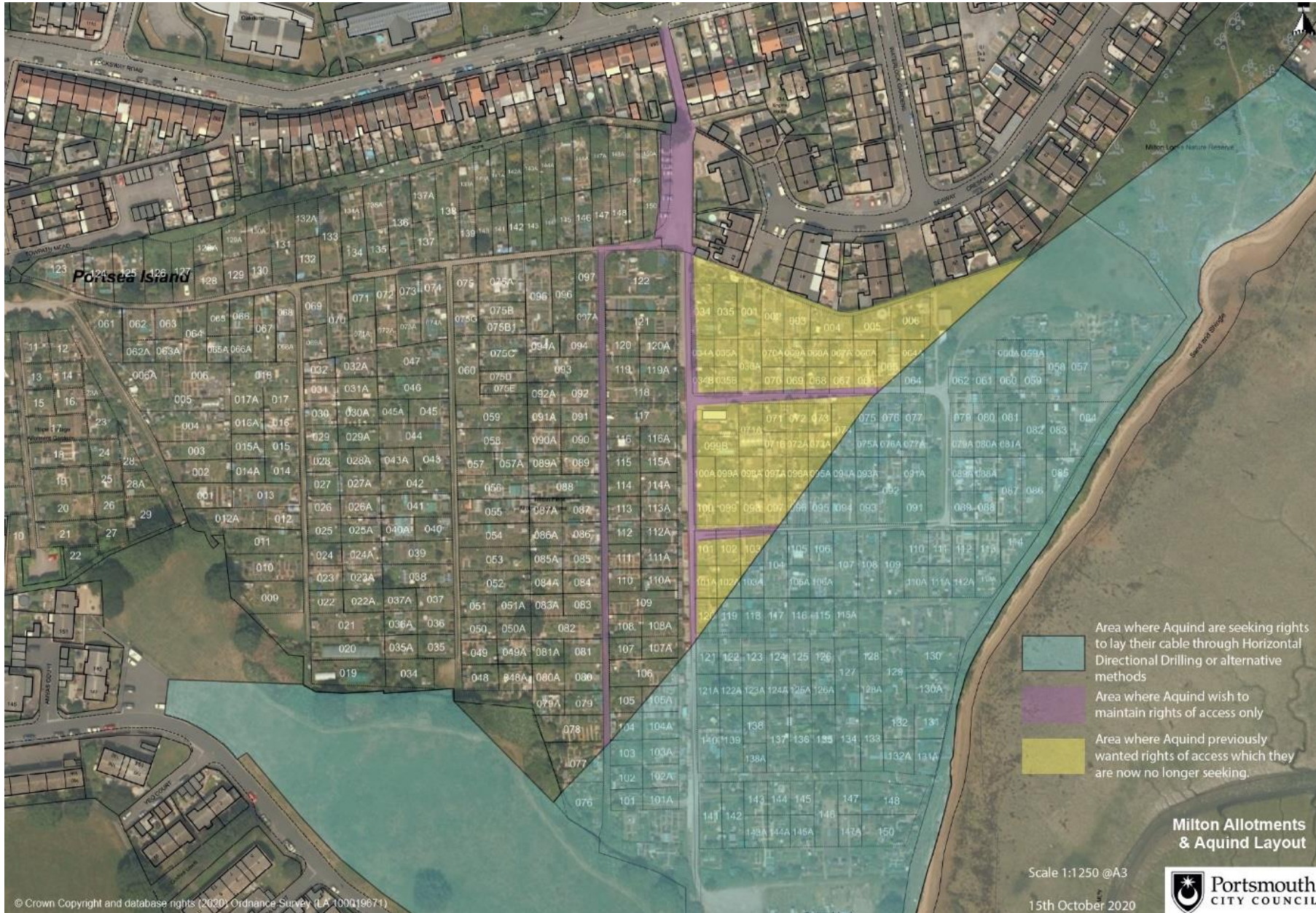
Yours faithfully,

Tristan Samuels  
Director of Regeneration,

and

Cllr Steve Pitt  
Deputy Leader, Portsmouth City Council





# Agenda Item 12



**Portsmouth**  
CITY COUNCIL

**QUESTIONS FOR THE CABINET OR CHAIR  
UNDER STANDING ORDER NO 17.**

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING – 10 NOVEMBER 2020**

## **QUESTION NO 1**

**FROM: COUNCILLOR STEVE WEMYSS**

**TO REPLY: LEADER OF THE COUNCIL  
COUNCILLOR GERALD VERNON-JACKSON CBE**

How, and in what form, will the public be consulted by the administration on this year's budget proposals?

## **QUESTION NO 2**

**FROM: COUNCILLOR SIMON BOSHER**

**TO REPLY: CABINET MEMBER FOR TRAFFIC &  
TRANSPORTATION  
COUNCILLOR LYNNE STAGG**

The Elm Grove/Kings Road segregated cycle lane is to be reviewed after three weeks of operation. When will the Cabinet member be making her decision as to whether it will be kept or removed and will members of the public be given the opportunity to make representations?

### **QUESTION NO 3**

FROM: COUNCILLOR ROBERT NEW

TO REPLY: CABINET MEMBER FOR TRAFFIC &  
TRANSPORTATION  
COUNCILLOR LYNNE STAGG

Could Councillor Stagg update us on the local authority bid to the DfT for funding the feasibility study for reopening the Paulsgrove railway halt and possibly the Drayton and Farlington and others?

### **QUESTION NO 4**

FROM: COUNCILLOR STEVE PITT

TO REPLY: CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH WELLBEING AND  
SOCIAL CARE  
COUNCILLOR MATTHEW WINNINGTON

Can the Cabinet Member please update on the ongoing integration work involving the City Council and the local NHS as part of Health & Care Portsmouth.

### **QUESTION NO 5**

FROM: COUNCILLOR CAL CORKERY

TO REPLY: LEADER OF THE COUNCIL  
COUNCILLOR GERALD VERNON-JACKSON CBE

Can the Leader of the Council provide an update on the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on the council's commercial property investment portfolio?

## **QUESTION NO 6**

FROM: COUNCILLOR TOM COLES

TO REPLY: CABINET MEMBER FOR RESOURCES  
COUNCILLOR CHRIS ATTWELL

Can the Cabinet Member confirm the progress of the actions contained in the Hidden Disabilities motion of last Full Council?"

## **QUESTION NO 7**

FROM: COUNCILLOR SIMON BOSHER

TO REPLY: CABINET MEMBER FOR TRAFFIC &  
TRANSPORTATION  
COUNCILLOR LYNNE STAGG

There is an independent plan on proposals for a low traffic zone in Fratton Road, what are the Cabinet Member's views and what is the timescale for implementation on a scheme in this area?

## **QUESTION NO 8**

FROM: COUNCILLOR TOM COLES

TO REPLY: CABINET MEMBER FOR TRAFFIC &  
TRANSPORTATION  
COUNCILLOR LYNNE STAGG

Can the Cabinet member for Traffic and Transportation confirm whether there are any plans to monitor traffic behaviour in Queens Road?

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