

NOTICE OF MEETING

CABINET

TUESDAY, 3 NOVEMBER 2020 AT 12.00 PM

VIRTUAL REMOTE MEETING - REMOTE

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Membership

Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson CBE (Chair)	
Councillor Steve Pitt (Vice-Chair)	
Councillor Chris Attwell	Councillor Darren Sanders
Councillor Dave Ashmore	Councillor Lynne Stagg
Councillor Suzy Horton	Councillor Matthew Winnington
Councillor Lee Hunt	Councillor Hugh Mason

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AGENDA

- 1 Apologies for Absence**
- 2 Declarations of Interests**
- 3 Record of Previous Decision Meeting - 6 October 2020 (Pages 5 - 12)**
Record of decisions originally marked on the agenda "to follow" was published on 28 October.
- 4 Skills and Labour Market Strategy (Pages 13 - 38)**

Purpose

To give an update on the Skills and Labour Market Strategy 2020-2025.

Report originally marked on the agenda "to follow" was published on 28 October.

5 Tackling poverty during the pandemic: an action plan for the city (Pages 39 - 64)

Purpose

To provide the Cabinet with a report outlining the council's approach to tackling poverty and to make recommendations for action over the coming weeks and months.

RECOMMENDED that the Cabinet

- 1. Notes the ongoing impact of poverty in Portsmouth, and how this has been exacerbated for many households by the impact of the pandemic.**
- 2. Commends the work of council services and partners including Portsmouth HIVE and the wider voluntary and community sector, who have continued to provide vital support and assistance to residents to reduce the impact of poverty during the pandemic.**
- 3. Notes the learning from the resident research and other local data, on how residents have been affected financially.**
- 4. Approves the six priority areas for action outlined in section 4 and the implementation of an action plan to include the elements outlined in section 5.**
- 5. Instructs the Tackling Poverty Coordinator to lead on the coordination, delivery and monitoring of the action plan to address the six priorities, with the Tackling Poverty Steering Group providing guidance, support and scrutiny to delivery.**
- 6. Identifies tackling poverty as an essential part of our response to the pandemic for all council services that can contribute to the delivery of the action plan.**
- 7. Approves the creation of a Tackling Poverty Support Officer job placement funded by the Government's Kickstart scheme.**
- 8. Notes the estimated cost to implement the income maximisation campaign, and that the cost of this will be met from the Emergency Assistance Grant.**
- 9. Agrees to lobby central government and relevant regulatory bodies to take action on the policy issues which can help to reduce poverty in Portsmouth outlined in section 7.5.**

6 Retention of additional Community Wardens (Pages 65 - 80)

Purpose

To propose the retention of an additional 8 community wardens until 31 March 2022.

RECOMMENDED that the Cabinet

1. Approves the proposal to retain 4 additional community warden posts on a permanent employment basis.
2. Approves the proposal to retain a further 4 additional community warden posts for a further extended period until 31 March 2022.

7 Portsmouth International Port - Preparations for the new Border Operating Model post EU transition (Pages 81 - 86)

Purpose

To update the Cabinet on Portsmouth International Port's (PIP) preparations for handling EU trade when the transition period ends on 31 December 2020.

8 An update on the Aquind Interconnector Project (Pages 87 - 96)

Purpose

To update Cabinet on the Aquind Interconnector Project, to explain some of the activity that has been undertaken and to highlight the future timeframes.

RECOMMENDED that the Cabinet

1. Notes that the Examination of the Aquind Interconnector Project has started.
2. Notes the future timelines for the examination.
3. Agrees that the Council should continue to represent the interests of the people of Portsmouth and maintain its opposition to the proposal.

9 Fair Trade and Nestlé (Pages 97 - 110)

Purpose

To seek the views of Cabinet on what the response of the City Council should be, as a Fairtrade City, to the decision of major suppliers or conglomerates to cease their partnership with Fairtrade.

RECOMMENDED that the Cabinet

1. Notes that Nestlé have ceased their partnership with Fairtrade instead using their own Cocoa Plan Sustainable Scheme which is approved by the Rainforest Alliance.
2. Considers how, as an organisation committed to Fairtrade, it wishes to respond to this decision.

