



Portsmouth  
CITY COUNCIL



# Agenda & minutes

Full Ordinary Council meeting of  
Tuesday, 15 February 2022

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# *Portsmouth City Council*

AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL will be held at the Council Chamber - The Guildhall, Portsmouth on **Tuesday, 15 February 2022 at 2.05 pm** or immediately after the conclusion of the extraordinary council meeting if later and all members of the council are hereby summoned to attend to consider and resolve upon the following business detailed from agenda item 1 onwards:-

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## **Information with regard to public access due to Covid precautions**

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- We strongly recommend that attendees should be double vaccinated.
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# *Agenda*

**1 Declaration of Members' Interests**

**2 To approve as correct records, the Minutes of the Extraordinary Council meeting and Ordinary Council meeting held on 7 December 2021 (Pages 9 - 22)**

**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**

Deputations by members of the public may be made on any item where a decision is going to be taken. The request should be made in writing to the contact officer ([stewart.agland@portsmouthcc.gov.uk](mailto:stewart.agland@portsmouthcc.gov.uk)) by 12 noon of the working day before the meeting (so Monday 14 February for this meeting), and must include the purpose of the deputation (for example, for or against the recommendations). Email requests are accepted.

**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**

**7 Portsmouth City Council Budget and Council Tax 2022/2023 and Medium Term Budget Forecast 2023/24 to 2025/26 and Capital Programme**

To receive and consider the recommendations of the Cabinet meeting held on 8 February (to follow), the report for which is contained within the separate attached pack.

**8 Update on Planning Development Management and Increase in Capacity (Pages 23 - 34)**

To receive and consider the recommendations of the Cabinet meeting held on 8 February (to follow), the report for which is attached.

**9 Portsmouth International Port 20-Year Development Master Plan (Pages 35 - 54)**

To receive and consider the recommendation of the Cabinet meeting held on 14 February (to follow), the report for which is attached.

**Notices of Motion: Process information**

In accordance with Standing Orders, all Notices of Motions on the agenda will, subject to the 6 month rule, automatically be dealt with at this meeting, thereby dispensing with a three-minute presentation from the proposer and subsequent vote to enable its consideration.

**10 Notices of Motion**

**(a) Elections Bill**

Proposed by Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson  
Seconded by Councillor Hugh Mason

Portsmouth City Council recognises the importance of ensuring that elections are fair and accessible for all voters.

The City Council notes that the Elections Bill is set to bring in major changes to national elections, including the introduction of compulsory photographic ID to vote.

The City Council believes that this change will act as a barrier to people voting and increase inequality in the electoral process.

The City Council notes with concern that currently 3.5 million people in the UK do not have any form of expensive photographic ID.

The City Council notes that these changes are estimated to cost the taxpayer £180 million and will create unnecessary bureaucracy to Councils.

The City Council believes that at a time when voter turnout is declining, we should be doing all we can to make it easier, not harder for people to vote.

Portsmouth City Council doesn't want to see people being turned away at the ballot box because of these changes and resolves to support the #HandsOffOurVote campaign by:

1. Writing to Rt Hon Michael Gove MP, Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities
2. Writing to Portsmouth's local MPs asking them to raise these concerns in Parliament.

(b) **Nature Emergency**

Proposed by Councillor Kimberly Barrett  
Seconded by Councillor Dave Ashmore

This council resolves to:

1. Declare that we are experiencing a nature emergency, recognising that:
  - \* a. Nature is in long term decline and urgent action must be taken to reverse this.
  - \* b. A thriving natural environment underpins a healthy, prosperous society.
  - \* c. The nature crisis and the climate emergency are intrinsically linked and that the impacts of the climate crisis drive nature's decline, while restoring nature can help to tackle the climate crisis.
2. Commit to embedding nature's recovery at the heart of all strategic plans, policy areas and decision-making processes.

3. Commit to tackling the climate and nature emergencies together and investing in nature-based solutions to climate change.  
  
Cabinet be asked to -
4. Develop and agree on an evidence-based strategy and action plan for nature's recovery and report on the progress made. This could be part of a Local Nature Recovery Strategy.
5. Set clear strategic goals for nature's recovery by 2030, for example, covering the following areas:
  - \* a. Committing to protect 30% of land for nature by 2030, in line with national and international commitments to biodiversity.
  - \* b. Increasing space for wildlife and long-term maintenance and expansion of a Nature Recovery Network.
  - \* c. Reducing pressure on wildlife.
  - \* d. Improving doorstep access to nature, particularly for those from disadvantaged backgrounds.
  - \* e. Supporting communities and businesses to make better decisions and take action to support nature's recovery.
6. Work with local communities and organisations to achieve the strategic goals, particularly engaging with disadvantaged and underrepresented sections of society.

**11 Question from Members under Standing Order No 17 (Pages 55 - 56)**

David Williams  
Chief Executive

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