



# Agenda & minutes

Annual Council meeting of  
Tuesday, 17 May 2022



# *Portsmouth City Council*

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL will be held at the **Main Auditorium, Ground Floor, Guildhall**, Portsmouth on Tuesday 17 May 2022 commencing at **10.00 am** and all Members of the Council are hereby summoned to attend to consider and resolve upon the business detailed from agenda item 1 onwards:-

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

- Following the government announcement 'Living with COVID-19' made on 21 February and the end of universal free testing from 1<sup>st</sup> April, attendees are no longer required to undertake an asymptomatic/ lateral flow test within 48 hours of the meeting however we still encourage attendees to follow the PH precautions we have followed over the last two years to protect themselves and others including vaccination and taking a lateral flow test should they wish.
  - We strongly recommend that attendees should be double vaccinated and have received a booster.
  - If symptomatic we encourage you not to attend the meeting but to stay at home. Updated government guidance from 1 April advises people with a respiratory infection, a high temperature and who feel unwell, to stay at home and avoid contact with other people, until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature. From 1 April, anyone with a positive COVID-19 test result is being advised to follow this guidance for five days, which is the period when you are most infectious.
  - We encourage all attendees to wear a face covering while moving around crowded areas of the Guildhall.
  - Although not a legal requirement, attendees are strongly encouraged to keep a social distance and take opportunities to prevent the spread of infection by following the 'hands, face, space' and 'catch it, kill it, bin it' advice that also protects us from other winter viruses.
  - Hand sanitiser is provided at the entrance and throughout the Guildhall. All attendees are encouraged to make use of hand sanitiser on entry to the Guildhall.
  - Those not participating in the meeting and wish to view proceedings are encouraged to do so remotely via the livestream link.
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# *Agenda*

**Items 1 (Election of Lord Mayor) and 2 (Appointment of Deputy Lord Mayor) will take place in the Main Auditorium.**

**1 To elect the Lord Mayor for the ensuing Municipal Year**

**2 To appoint the Deputy Lord Mayor for the ensuing Municipal Year**

Note in respect of items 1 and 2 , in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972, a member of the Executive may not be elected to the position of either Lord Mayor or Deputy Lord Mayor.

*After item 2, The Council will then adjourn, re-commencing in the Council Chamber at 12.15pm (or shortly after the conclusion of Mayor Making if later) to deal with the remaining items on the agenda.*

**3 Declaration of Members' Interests**

**4 To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the ordinary Council held on 15 March 2022 (Pages 13 - 28)**

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

**6 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 16 May for this meeting), and must include the purpose of the deputation (for example, for or against the recommendations). Email requests are accepted.

**7 Leader**

To note that under the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, the current Leader of the City Council will remain in office until May 2023 unless

- a) they resign from the office;
- b) they are no longer a Councillor
- c) they are removed from office by resolution of the Council

Consequently, should any of the above apply, there will be a need to elect a Leader of the City Council, for a four-year term of office (or until the Leader's current term of office expires if earlier).

**8 Cabinet - In accordance with the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, to receive details from the Leader of the Council regarding Cabinet members (including Deputy Leader) and portfolios for the ensuing Municipal Year**

The Council will also receive details of the appointments from the Leader (as it is within their gift) for the Health and Wellbeing Board, applying the following criteria;

- Leader of the Council (or nominated representative)
- Portfolio holder responsible for Health & Social Care
- Portfolio holder responsible for Children’s Services
- Leader of the largest opposition group (or nominated representative)

A named standing deputy may also be appointed for each position.

**9 Proportional Representation on Panels and Committees**

Under the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, the City Council is required at each Annual Meeting to review the representation of different political groups, to determine the allocation of seats to different political groups for the forthcoming Municipal Year based on the Group Strengths on the Council and to appoint Members in accordance with the decisions of the Council as to allocation and according to the wishes of the groups as to the identities of the Members to be appointed.

The appointment of Members is dealt with separately under Item 10 below.

**Proposed allocation of Seats for 2022/23 (Table 1) below**

The representation of groups must be in accordance with the rules set out in the relevant legislation. Details of the proposed allocation of places on Panels and Committees are set out below -

	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Groups</b>	<b>No of Cllrs</b>	<b>Total No of Cttee Seats</b>	<b>Licensing Committee (15 Members)</b>	<b>Planning Committee (10 Members)</b>	<b>7 committees and panels (see note) (6 Members each)</b>	<b>Scrutiny Management Panel (9 Members)</b>
<b>Liberal Democrats</b>	17	31	6	4	17	4
<b>Conservative</b>	13	24	5	3	13	3

<b>Labour</b>	9	16	3	2	9	2
<b>Portsmouth Independents Party</b>	3	5	1	1	3	0
	<b>42</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>9</b>

Note: Group 5 contains the following: Governance & Audit & Standards; Employment; & Health Overview and Scrutiny Panel; and the 4 themed scrutiny panels

Principle 2 within Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 requires the majority of seats on Committees and Panels to be allocated to the group having the majority of seats on the City Council.

A group is defined in the regulations as comprising two or more persons.

2022/23 municipal appointments will be presented at the meeting.

RECOMMENDED (1) that the total number of seats on Committees and Panels be divided amongst the political groups and individual members as applicable in accordance with Table 1 above).

(2) that any other bodies subject to the political proportionality rules be appointed in accordance with proportions shown in Table 1.

**10 To appoint Members to the following Committees and Panels for the 2022/23 Municipal Year:-**

Scrutiny Management Panel	- 9 members
Planning Committee	- 10 members
Licensing Committee	- 15 members
Governance & Audit & Standards Committee	- 6 members
Employment Committee	- 6 members
Health Overview & Scrutiny Panel	- 6 members
Economic Development, Culture & Leisure Scrutiny Panel	- 6 members
Education, Children & Young People Scrutiny Panel	- 6 members
Housing and Social Care Scrutiny Panel	- 6 members
Traffic, Environment & Community Safety Scrutiny Panel	- 6 members

**11 To appoint Standing Deputies (three named Members for each Group on each Committee or Panel, five in respect of the Planning Committee)**

**12 To appoint the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of Committees and the Scrutiny Management and Scrutiny Panels for the 2022/23 Municipal Year**

**13 Appointments**

To appoint representatives, **who must be elected members**, to the following outside bodies. These appointments are reserved to the City Council in accordance with the Council's Constitution.

- (1) To appoint **1** member to serve on the **Hampshire and Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Authority** for the 2022/23 municipal year.

(In 2021/22 the appointee was Councillor Jason Fazackarley)

- (2) To appoint **1** member to serve on the **Police and Crime Panel (PCP)**. Plus a deputy. (Councillor Ashmore was the Council's representative in 2021/22 with Councillor Mellor as Deputy).

- (3) To appoint up to 4 members to serve on the Local Government Association General Assembly for the 2022/23 municipal year, who will be supported by the appropriate officers at the Annual Conference, and to specify which of the elected members will hold the voting rights.

Portsmouth City Council has 5 votes on the LGA, which are usually exercised by the party forming the City Council's political administration. Those having the right to vote should be identified.

In 2021/22 the representatives were Councillors Lee Mason, George Fielding, Gerald Vernon-Jackson and Suzy Horton, who each exercised one vote.

- (4) To appoint 6 members to serve on the Langstone Harbour Board who must be an elected member and in accordance with the political balance regulations.

For 2021/22, the representatives were; Councillors Graham Heaney, Lee Mason, Darren Sanders, Robert New, Jeanette Smith, and Kimberly Barrett standing deputies Hugh Mason and Matthew Atkins).

#### **14 Other Appointments**

7 members to the Twinning Advisory Group - in 2021/22 the chair was the Communities and Central Services Portfolio holder (Councillor Attwell), with the Lord Mayor (Frank Jonas) performing the deputy Chair role (the other 5 members in 2021/22 were Councillors Leo Madden, Linda Symes, Tom Coles, Jason Fazackarley and Lee Mason).

#### **15 To receive and consider any urgent and important business in accordance with Standing Order No 26**

##### **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.

## 16 Notices of Motion

### (a) **Motion for the ocean and our coastal communities**

Proposed by Councillor Robert New  
Seconded by Councillor Daniel Wemyss

#### **Why is this declaration needed now?**

The health of our ocean is inextricably linked with our climate and with human health, wellbeing and prosperity. A healthy ocean is fundamental in regulating the global climate system and is an essential ally in our fight against climate change. The ocean absorbs more than 90% of the excess heat in the climate system as well as absorbing around 20% of annual carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) emissions generated by human activity.

However, decades of irresponsible marine exploitation and pollution have led to significant levels of degradation, and this together with the detrimental impacts of our changing climate on marine ecosystems has led to national and global recognition that the world ocean is in crisis. An unhealthy ocean does not absorb or store carbon as effectively as a healthy one, further worsening the impacts of the climate crisis.

The UK government's recent Marine Strategy assessment confirms that our marine environment is not healthy. An ocean in crisis is not only bad news for our climate, but also for our local fishing and tourism industries and for the health, wellbeing and prosperity of our coastal communities.

In Portsmouth like the rest of planet, we are witnessing the ocean crisis first-hand. Fish stocks continue to collapse from permitted and illegal overfishing and poor water quality is impacting seafood and safe bathing. Our beaches are covered in litter with each tide, much of it plastic, though this is just the tip of the iceberg of the amount of litter in our oceans. Marine microplastics have been found in all marine environments and in the bodies of many species, including humans and the species of fish we regularly eat.

Our residents are on the frontline of climate change and are being disproportionately impacted relative to inland communities. The impact of the climate crisis on the ocean is profound, from rising water temperatures and changes in ocean chemistry, to sea level rise and increased storminess, including in our local waters. This is changing what seafood is caught locally, accelerating the erosion of our coastline - increasing the risk to infrastructure and properties, and increasing the risk of flooding and storm damage.

Urgent action is needed to halt these devastating changes and recover the health of our ocean to enable it to deliver the full range of benefits, including climate regulation, carbon storage in coastal and marine habitats, coastal protection, a thriving local economy,



clean safe recreation and happy, healthy coastal communities. We must play our part in recovering the health of the ocean.

In Portsmouth, the ocean is at the heart of our heritage and economy. From the maritime and marine expertise around the Portsmouth Port, to the millions of visitors who come to the Portsmouth area to experience the sight, sound and feel of the ocean. The ocean can play a vital role in our economic recovery and we must strive to develop a sustainable and equitable blue economy that delivers both ocean recovery and local prosperity. We must ensure that ocean recovery is embedded in our relevant strategic decision-making, policymaking and budget-setting; as well as being considered in future strategies and plans, including those seeking to improve the health and wellbeing of our residents.

At present, not everyone has the opportunity or means to access and enjoy the ocean. Even within Portsmouth there are people of all ages who have never experienced the joy of our ocean. First-hand experience of the ocean is essential if people are to be motivated to play their part in protecting it, whether that is through disposing of their litter responsibly, recycling what they can or volunteering in ocean conservation with local organisations. Helping individuals develop their ocean literacy (understanding of the relationship between people and the ocean) is an essential part of this motion, as is individual and collective marine citizenship (promoting and demanding an ocean recovery through local, national and international policy changes).

Local authorities cannot solve the ocean crisis alone, but we can – and must – play our part.

**This Council declares an urgent need for Ocean Recovery.**

We recognise that we need ocean recovery to meet our net zero carbon targets, and we need net zero carbon to recover our ocean.

This Council pledges, through requesting Cabinet to:

1. Report to Full Council within 6 months on the actions and projects that will begin an ocean recovery in Portsmouth.
2. Consider ocean recovery in all strategic decisions, plans, budgets and approaches to decisions by the Council (particularly in planning, regeneration, skills and economic policy), aligning with climate change mitigation and adaptation requirements, and considering ocean-based solutions in our journey towards a carbon-neutral and climate-resilient future.
3. Promote closer working between the Portsmouth City Council and the Marine Organisation and embed strong links

between the Local Plan and the Portsmouth City Council Marine Plan to support ocean recovery.

4. Ensure that the Local Nature Recovery Strategy strives to support ocean recovery.
5. Work with partners locally and nationally to deliver increased sustainability in marine industries and develop a sustainable and equitable blue economy that delivers ocean recovery and local prosperity.
6. Grow ocean literacy and marine citizenship in Portsmouth, including ensuring all pupils are given the opportunity to experience the ocean first-hand before leaving primary school- striving to include home-schooled children - and promote equitable access to the ocean through physical and digital experiences for all residents.
7. Work with Highbury and Portsmouth Colleges to continue to embed marine, maritime and blue carbon training at the heart of training provision as well as with technical / apprenticeship training providers where appropriate.
8. Create an online portal of the Council website to update on ocean recovery progress, signpost to ocean literacy development opportunities, and marine citizenship pledges.
9. Write to the Government asking them to put the ocean into net recovery by 2030 by
  - a) Ensuring Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authorities and Natural England have the resources they need to effectively research and monitor our growing number of marine protected areas, and to set and enforce appropriate fishing levels that support local economies and deliver environmental sustainability.
  - b) Ensuring coastal communities have a meaningful say in the development of marine policy to ensure it delivers equitable and sustainable outcomes.
  - c) Appoint a dedicated Minister for Coastal Communities.
  - d) And by listening to marine scientific advice, including marine social science, to update the Marine Policy Statement and produce a national Ocean Recovery Strategy which will:

- i. Enable the recovery of marine ecosystems rather than managing degraded or altered habitats in their reduced state.
- ii. Consider levelling up, marine conservation, energy, industrial growth, flood and coastal erosion risk management, climate adaptation and fisheries policy holistically rather than as competing interests.
- iii. Develop a smarter approach to managing the health of the entire ocean that moves beyond Marine Protected Areas and enables links to be made across sectors towards sustainability.
- iv. Establish improved processes for understanding the benefits of ocean recovery, leaving no doubt the links between this and human lives, livelihoods, and wellbeing.
- v. Stop plastic pollution at source by strengthening the regulations around single-use plastics and set standards for microfibre-catching filters to ensure that all new domestic and commercial washing machines are fitted with a filter that captures a high percentage of microfibres produced in the wash cycle.

**17 To approve the following dates for meetings of the Council during the 2022/23 municipal year to commence at 2pm unless otherwise indicated**

19 July 2022	17 January 2023 (provisional)
11 October 2022	14 February 2023
8 November 2022	14 March 2023
6 December 2022	16 May 2023 (Annual) (10.00am)

To provisionally agree the following Council meeting dates for 2023/24

18 July 2023	16 January 2024 (provisional)
17 October 2023	13 February 2024
14 November 2023	19 March 2024
12 December 2023	14 May 2024 (Annual) (10am)

David Williams  
Chief Executive

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Civic Offices  
Guildhall Square  
PORTSMOUTH  
9 May 2022

# Agenda Item 4

15 March 2022

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL held at the Guildhall  
Portsmouth on Tuesday, 15 March 2022 at 2.00 pm

## **Council Members Present**

The Right Worshipful The Lord Mayor  
Councillor Frank Jonas BEM (in the Chair)

### Councillors

Rob Wood	George Madgwick
Dave Ashmore	Hugh Mason
Matthew Atkins	Lee Mason
Kimberly Barrett	Kirsty Mellor
Simon Boshier	Gemma New
Ryan Brent	Robert New
Hannah Brent	Terry Norton
Tom Coles	Scott Payter-Harris
Cal Corkery	Jeanette Smith
Ben Dowling	John Smith
Jason Fazackarley	Judith Smyth
George Fielding	Lynne Stagg
Charlotte Gerada	Luke Stubbs
Lewis Gosling	Benedict Swann
Graham Heaney	Linda Symes
Ian Holder	Claire Udy
Suzy Horton	Gerald Vernon-Jackson CBE
Lee Hunt	

## **17. Declaration of Members' Interests**

Councillor Jeanette Smith declared a personal and prejudicial interest in minute 35 as a paid official of Unison.

Councillor Cal Corkery declared a personal, non-prejudicial interest in minute 35 as he was a member and paid official of a union.

In his capacity as the Council's nominated representative of the Hampshire Fire & Rescue Authority, Councillor Jason Fazackarley declared a personal, non-prejudicial interest in minute 39.

Councillor Claire Udy declared a personal, non-prejudicial interest in minute 34 as she was undergoing a diagnostic process under the Surrey & Borders Partnership.

**18. To approve as correct records the Minutes of the Ordinary and Extraordinary Council meetings held on 15 February 2022**

It was

Proposed by Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson  
Seconded by Councillor Simon Boshier

That the minutes of the Ordinary and Extraordinary Council meetings held on 15 February 2022 be confirmed as correct records.

These were agreed by assent.

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

Apologies for absence had been received on behalf of Councillors Chris Attwell, Stuart Brown, Jo Hooper, Darren Sanders and Daniel Wemyss.

Apologies for lateness were received from Councillors Ian Holder, Terry Norton, and Claire Udy.

The Lord Mayor took the opportunity to remind Council that he and the Lady Mayoress would be supporting St Mary's Church, Fratton, annual project and encouraged members to donate Easter Eggs to this worthy cause.

At the invitation of the Lord Mayor the Leader of the Council updated Council on the latest Covid-19 statistics for the city which had realised a 74% increase in the infection rate and a 50% increase in hospitalisations during the preceding week.

The Lord Mayor went on record to affirm the Council's support for the Ukrainian people following the invasion of the Ukraine by the Russian Federation.

At the invitation of the Lord Mayor each group leader spoke to confirm their group's solidarity with the Ukrainian people.

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

The City Solicitor advised that no deputation requests had been made under the provisions of Standing Order No 24.

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

The City Solicitor advised that one public question had been received from Mr John Thurston.

Mr Thurston asked his question, as below:

"Could the Cabinet Member for Health, Wellbeing and Social Care tell us what action the Council is taking to bring our GP services back to Portsea?"

Councillor Jason Fazackarley, Cabinet Member for Health, Wellbeing and Social Care, provided his verbal response to this question and the supplementary question that followed.

**22. Appointments**

The Lord Mayor advised that there were no appointments to be made at this meeting.

**23. Urgent Business - To receive and consider any urgent and important business from Members of the Cabinet in accordance with Standing Order No 26.**

The Lord Mayor advised that there was no urgent business to transact at this meeting.

**24. Update on Planning Development Management and increase in capacity**

Council Agenda Item 8 (Cabinet minute 10)

Update on Planning Development Management and increase in capacity

Cllr Ryan Brent objected to Cabinet minute 10 to allow for debate.

It was therefore proposed by Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson  
Seconded by Councillor Hugh Mason

That the recommendation in Cabinet minute 10 be approved.

Council debated the matter.

**Following the debate it was RESOLVED that Council NOTED the update report.**

**25. Capital Strategy 2022/23 - 2031/32**

Council Agenda Item 9 (Cabinet minute 32)

Capital Strategy 2022/23-2031/32

The recommendations within this report were approved unopposed.

**It was therefore RESOLVED**

- 1. That Part I of the Capital Strategy (Capital Expenditure and Aspirations) be approved including:**
  - i. The Short / Medium / Long-term Aspirations set out in Appendix 1.**

**2. That Part II of the Capital Strategy (Borrowing and Investing) be approved including:**

- i. The Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) for Debt Repayment Policy (Part II, (paragraph 2.5)**
- ii. The investment indicators in Part II - Appendix 2 (Part II, paragraph 3.5)**
- iii. That the Director of Finance and Resources (Section 151 Officer) will bring a report to the next Cabinet and City Council if (Part II, paragraph 3.5):**

**A). The Council's gross General Fund (GF) debt exceeds 500% of GF net service expenditure or;**

**B) Overall investment income from investment properties and long term treasury management investments exceeds 7.5% of GF net service expenditure.**

**26. Treasury Management Policy 2022/23**

Council Agenda Item 10 (Cabinet minute 33)

Treasury Management Policy 2022/23

Cllr Scott Payter-Harris objected to Cabinet minute 33 to allow for debate.

It was therefore proposed by Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson  
Seconded by Councillor Hugh Mason

That the recommendation in Cabinet minute 33 be approved.

Council debated the matter.

**Following a vote it was RESOLVED**

- 1. That the upper limit for principal sums invested for longer than 365 days contained in paragraph 4.7 of the attached Treasury Management Policy Statement be approved;**
- 2. That the upper and lower limits on the maturity structure of borrowing contained in appendix 5.1 of the attached Treasury Management Policy Statement be approved;**
- 3. That the attached Treasury Management Policy Statement including the Treasury Management Strategy and Annual Investment Strategy for 2022/23 be approved;**
- 4. That the following change compared to the previous Annual Investment Strategy be noted:**



- i. that the UK Infrastructure Bank be added to the approved sources of borrowing as set out in paragraph 3.9 of the Treasury Management Policy Statement;
- 5. As set out in paragraph 1.4 of the Treasury Management Policy Statement, the Director of Finance and Resources (Section 151 Officer) and officers nominated by him have delegated authority to:
  - i. invest surplus funds in accordance with the approved Annual Investment Strategy;
  - ii. borrow to finance short term cash deficits and capital payments from any reputable source within the authorised limit for external debt of £963m approved by the City Council on 9 February 2021;
  - iii. reschedule debt to even the maturity profile or to achieve revenue savings;
  - iv. to buy and sell foreign currency, and to purchase hedging instruments including forward purchases, forward options, and foreign exchange rate swaps to mitigate the foreign exchange risks associated with some contracts that are either priced in foreign currencies or where the price is indexed against foreign currency exchange rates;
- 6. That the Director of Finance and Resources (Section 151 Officer) has the power to delegate treasury management operations to relevant staff;
- 7. That the Chief Executive, the Leader of the City Council and the Chair of the Governance and Audit and Standards Committee be informed of any variances from the Treasury Management Policy when they become apparent, and that the Leader of the City Council be consulted on remedial action (paragraph 1.2.2 of Treasury Management Policy Statement).

## **27. Health & Wellbeing Strategy 2022-2030**

Council Agenda Item 11 (Cabinet minute 35)

Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2022-2030

Cllr George Fielding objected to Cabinet minute 35 to allow for debate.

It was therefore proposed by Councillor Jason Fazackarley  
Seconded by Councillor Suzy Horton

That the recommendation in Cabinet minute 35 be approved.

Council debated the matter.

**Following a vote it was RESOLVED that the Health and Wellbeing Strategy (HWS) for 2022-2030 attached at Appendix 1 of the report be APPROVED.**

**28. Solent Freeport Full Business Case**

Council Agenda Item 12 (Cabinet minute 38)

Solent Freeport Full Business Case

Cllr Simon Boshier objected to Cabinet minute 38 to allow for debate.

It was therefore proposed by Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson  
Seconded by Councillor Hugh Mason

That the recommendation in Cabinet minute 38 be approved.

Council debated the matter.

**Following a vote it was RESOLVED that Full Council:**

**(i) APPROVED the report; and**

**(ii) Delegated to the Chief Executive and the S.151 Officer in consultation with the Deputy Leader of the City Council to approve the Solent Freeport Full Business Case (FBC) on behalf of Portsmouth City Council, and to see it submitted to Central Government following consultation with the S.151 and Monitoring Officers of each of the tax sites.**

**29. Carbon Budget Methodology**

Council Agenda Item 13 (Cabinet minute 34)

Carbon Budget Methodology

Cllr Jeanette Smith objected to Cabinet minute 34 to allow for debate.

It was therefore proposed by Councillor Kimberly Barrett  
Seconded by Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson

That the recommendation in Cabinet minute 34 be approved

Council debated the matter.

**Following the debate, it was RESOLVED that Full Council NOTED the report.**

### 30. Pay Policy Statement

Council Agenda Item 14 (Employment Committee Minute 8)

Pay Policy Statement

The recommendation within this report was approved unopposed

**It was therefore RESOLVED that Full Council APPROVED the Pay Policy Statement attached as Appendix 1 to the report.**

### 31. Notices of Motion

### 32. Defibrillators in Portsmouth

It was

Proposed by Councillor Kimberly Barrett  
Seconded by Councillor Ian Holder

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

As an amendment it was

Proposed by Councillor Simon Boshier  
Seconded by Councillor Lewis Gosling

To delete paragraph five and replace with:

"This Council congratulates the work of all those schools and community groups who have raised money to buy and install defibrillators and acknowledges the support of Ward Councillors from all political parties who have supported the fund raising efforts with CIL contributions."

Add a paragraph afterwards:

"This Council supports the Justin Edinburgh 3 Foundation with its campaign for legislative change on the installation of Automated External Defibrillators within health and sports facilities, whilst raising awareness of cardiac arrest and delivering CPR training."

Following debate, the proposer of the original motion, Councillor Kimberly Barrett, agreed to subsume the amendment put by Councillor Simon Boshier into the motion.

Following a vote, the substantive motion incorporating the amendment in the name of Councillor Simon Boshier was declared **CARRIED**.

**It was therefore RESOLVED that:**

**Ever since the harrowing scenes of Danish footballer Christian Eriksen receiving cardiac treatment were broadcast onto the screens of millions**

**of people during a game at Euro 2020, the recognition of the need of public defibrillators has become more apparent.**

**On average, 30,000 people each year suffer a sudden cardiac arrest outside of hospital, and 20% of these incidents occur in public spaces. Only 10% of victims of cardiac arrests survive when the incident occurs outside hospital.**

**Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) can play a significant role in saving the lives of people who suffer heart attacks in public. It is estimated that a shock from an AED, alongside CPR treatment, increases survival rates to 75-80%.**

**This Council commends the many organisations, schools and communities who have already installed community defibrillators that are accessible not just to the organisations themselves, but, that are also accessible to members of the public. It acknowledges that places like Fratton Community Centre are raising funds to make sure that the centre will have access to this life saving equipment.**

**This Council congratulates the work of all those schools and community groups who have raised money to buy and install defibrillators and acknowledges the support of Ward Councillors from all political parties who have supported the fund raising efforts with CIL contributions.**

**This Council supports the Justin Edinburgh 3 Foundation with its campaign for legislative change on the installation of Automated External Defibrillators within health and sports facilities, whilst raising awareness of cardiac arrest and delivering CPR training.**

**This Council also commends the outstanding work and care that the South Central Ambulance Service, Queen Alexandra Hospital and staff across all areas of the NHS provide Portsmouth residents 24/7, 365 days a year. The Council would also like to thank the work that the British Heart Foundation are doing to continue to research into cardiac arrests but also, the campaigning that they have done alongside other organisations to get CPR onto the curriculum at English secondary schools by the end of this school year. This is alongside the work that they are doing regarding 'The Circuit' to create a national network of defibrillators which will link to every ambulance service in the country and in the public domain to help save more lives from 'Out of Hospital Cardiac Arrests' (OHCA).**

**Although there are a number of public defibrillators on council premises and assets and further more on non-council owned land and buildings, there may be gaps in the provision of publicly accessible AEDs across the city.**

**Council resolves to ask Cabinet:**

- To add as many existing defibrillator locations to the list hosted on the council's website, and to also add those not already on the South**

**Central Ambulance Service's 'Save a life' App, to make sure that there is a log of as many locations as possible of public defibrillators in Portsmouth including those in non-council premises.**

- **Review and, where appropriate, seek to increase the provision of defibrillators across council-owned spaces including public parks, community centres, leisure facilities, and areas of high public footfall and to continue to support businesses, community associations and schools who may wish to install their own and bring an update report to Cabinet to demonstrate progress.**

### **33. Elections Bill**

It was

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

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

As an amendment it was

Proposed by Councillor Graham Heaney  
Seconded by Councillor George Fielding

After campaign in the seventh paragraph insert a full stop then add:

'The City Council also urges the government to reconsider those measures which seek to change the oversight arrangements of the Electoral Commission and to maintain the Commission's current independence and its accountability to all parties elected to the parliaments of the United Kingdom. We resolve to do this by:'

Following debate, the proposer of the original motion, Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson agreed to subsume the amendment put by Councillor Graham Heaney into the motion.

Upon being put to a vote the substantive notice of motion incorporating the amendment in the name of Councillor Graham Heaney was declared **CARRIED.**

**It was therefore RESOLVED that 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. The City Council also urges the government to reconsider those measures which seek to change the oversight arrangements of the Electoral Commission and to maintain the Commission's current independence and its accountability to all parties elected to the parliaments of the United Kingdom. We resolve to do this 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.

#### 34. Support for Adults with ADHD

It was

Proposed by Councillor Tom Coles  
Seconded by Councillor Kirsty Mellor

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

Council debated the motion.

Upon being put to a vote the motion was declared **CARRIED**.

**It was therefore RESOLVED that**

**Around 5% of adults are diagnosed with ADHD, many other adults suffer with the condition but lack an official diagnosis.**

**Those with ADHD may struggle with inattentiveness, hyperfocus, hyperactivity, emotional dysregulation and excessive mind wandering.**

**Adults with ADHD present with persistent difficulties in following directions, remembering information, concentrating, organizing tasks, completing work within specified time frames and appearing timely in appointments. These difficulties affect several different areas of an**

**ADHD adult's life, causing emotional, social, vocational, marital, legal, financial and/or academic problems.**

**Studies on adults with ADHD have shown that, more often than not, they experience self-stigma and depression in childhood, commonly resulting from feeling neglected and different from their peers.**

**These problems may play a role in the high levels of depression, substance abuse, and relationship problems that affect adults with ADHD later in life.**

**This Council notes that adults in the UK can face waiting lists of over three years before receiving a diagnosis, even those diagnosed in childhood can expect a lengthy wait if seeking support later in life.**

**This Council notes that, for those in Portsmouth, the nearest NHS-run Adult ADHD and Autism unit is more than thirty miles away in Basingstoke and covers much of Hampshire and Surrey, stretching the service.**

**This Council recognises services for Adults with ADHD are underfunded and overstretched.**

**This Council calls upon the Cabinet Member for Health, Wellbeing and Social Care and the Leader of the Council to write to the Secretary for Health and Social Care urging a full review of Adult ADHD services and implementation of improvements in accessibility to treatment and support.**

**Furthermore, the Council calls upon the Cabinet Member for Health, Wellbeing and Social Care to review with the CCG any improvements in accessibility to treatment and support that could be implemented locally.**

### **35. In-sourcing first: reversing the privatisation of council services**

It was

Proposed by Councillor George Fielding

Seconded by Councillor Judith Smyth

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

As an amendment it was

Proposed by Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson

Seconded by Councillor Suzy Horton

In 'Full Council resolves to call on Cabinet' paragraph 1 line 3 after the word council add 'or by either voluntary or community sector'

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Councillor George Fielding did not agree to subsume the amendment put by Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson into the motion.

Following a vote, the amendment proposed by Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson was declared **LOST**.

Council voted on the motion as proposed by Councillor George Fielding.

Following a vote, the motion standing in the name of Councillor George Fielding was declared **LOST**.

### **36. Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II - Platinum Jubilee**

It was

Proposed by Councillor Benedict Swann  
Seconded by Councillor Simon Boshier

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

Upon being put to a vote the motion was declared **CARRIED**.

**It was therefore RESOLVED that**

**This council offers its congratulations to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on her Platinum Jubilee . This council requests that an Official Letter is sent to Her Majesty in the name of the people of Portsmouth, in advance of the occasion of the seventieth anniversary of her coronation, wishing Her Majesty the City's heartiest best wishes and congratulations on a long and glorious reign.**

### **37. Constitutional Review**

It was

Proposed by Councillor Scott Payter-Harris  
Seconded by Councillor Matthew Atkins

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

Upon being put to a vote the motion was declared **CARRIED**.

**It was therefore RESOLVED that**

**Portsmouth City Council's constitution sets out how we operate, how decisions are made and the procedures which are followed to ensure that these are efficient, transparent and answerable to local people. Some of these processes are required by the law, while others are a matter for us to choose.**

**However, it is noted that the council has significantly changed in recent years with regards to how it functions, which means the Constitution is**



**somewhat inflexible. This council now believes it is time for the Constitution to be reviewed along with the Council's standing orders and officer member protocol.**

**Therefore the Council requests that a Constitution Working Review group is set up and reports into Governance, Audit and Standards Committee while also reporting back into this Full Council by May 2023.**

### **38. Local Plan**

It was

Proposed by Councillor Ryan Brent  
Seconded by Councillor Scott Payter-Harris

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

Council debated the matter.

At the conclusion of the debate, eight members of the council requested that a recorded vote be taken on this item under Standing Order No.48b.

#### **The following members voted in favour**

Councillor Matthew Atkins	Councillor Simon Boshier
Councillor Hannah Brent	Councillor Ryan Brent
Councillor Lewis Gosling	Councillor Lee Mason
Councillor Gemma New	Councillor Robert New
Councillor Terry Norton	Councillor Scott Payter-Harris
Councillor John Smith	Councillor Luke Stubbs
Councillor Benedict Swann	Councillor Linda Symes

#### **The following members voted against**

Councillor Dave Ashmore	Councillor Kimberly Barrett
Councillor Tom Coles	Councillor Cal Corkery
Councillor Ben Dowling	Councillor Jason Fazackarley
Councillor George Fielding	Councillor Charlotte Gerada
Councillor Graham Heaney	Councillor Ian Holder
Councillor Suzy Horton	Councillor Lee Hunt
Councillor George Madgwick	Councillor Hugh Mason
Councillor Kirsty Mellor	Councillor Jeanette Smith
Councillor Judith Smyth	Councillor Lynne Stagg
Councillor Claire Udy	Councillor Rob Wood
Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson	

#### **The following member abstained from voting**

Councillor Frank Jonas

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The motion was declared **LOST**.

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

Eleven questions and one urgent question from members had been received under Standing Order No 17.

The urgent question was from Councillor Simon Boshier.

"Portsmouth City Council has a 3 year contract with Gazprom to supply 100% of our natural gas to council-operated buildings including communal heating in our social housing properties, schools and tenanted buildings. In light of the invasion of Ukraine by the Russian Federation, what steps are being taken to cancel this contract?"

This and supplementary questions were answered by the Leader, Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson.

It was noted that a briefing for all Members on this matter was scheduled to be held on Friday 18 March 2022.

The first question was from Councillor Cal Corkery.

"Is the Cabinet Member for Community Safety aware of the apparent degradation in safe working practices with regards to breathing apparatus and high rise firefighting within Hampshire and Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Service?"

Councillor Dave Ashmore deferred to Councillor Jason Fazackarley as the Council's representative on the Hampshire Fire & Rescue Authority. This question was answered by Councillor Jason Fazackarley who advised that he would take up the issue with both the Fire and Rescue Authority and its Members.

The second question was from Councillor Charlotte Gerada.

"Can the Cabinet Member for Traffic and Transportation explain why no bike hangars will be rolled out in any wards in the north of the city, despite there being a number of requests from Nelson, Cosham, Hilsea and Copnor residents?"

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

The third question was from Councillor Judith Smyth.

"I understand that there is a new approach to removing graffiti and tagging from Portsmouth streets. Please explain what you are doing to monitor whether this is working?"

This and supplementary questions were answered by the Cabinet Member for Community Safety & Environment, Cllr Dave Ashmore.

The fourth question was from Councillor Hannah Brent.

"Can you confirm what consultation was undertaken with residents in Cliffdale Gardens/Henderson Road with regard to the charging of commission on sales of mobile homes."

In the absence of the Cabinet Member for Housing & Preventing Homelessness the Leader advised that a written response would be forwarded.

The fifth question was from Councillor Ryan Brent.

"Can the Cabinet Member provide an update on the progress of the development at Tipner West?"

This and supplementary questions were answered by the Cabinet Member for Planning Policy & City Development, Cllr Hugh Mason.

The Lord Mayor advised that the 45 minutes allowed for this item under Standing Order No.17h had passed and that the answers to the remaining questions would be circulated to all members in writing.

At the conclusion of the meeting the Lord Mayor thanked those Councillors who were standing down at the May 2022 elections for their excellent service to the Council.

The Leader of the Council thanked the Lord Mayor for his work during his term of office.

The meeting concluded at 8.47 pm.

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Lord Mayor

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