

# **NOTICE OF MEETING**

## CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING AND PREVENTING HOMELESSNESS

## MONDAY, 29 NOVEMBER 2021 AT 4.30 PM

## **COUNCIL CHAMBER - THE GUILDHALL**

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

- Attendees will be requested to undertake an asymptomatic/ lateral flow test within 48 hours
  of the meeting. Around one in three people who are infected with COVID-19 have no
  symptoms so could be spreading the virus without knowing it. Asymptomatic testing getting
  tested when you don't have symptoms helps protect people most at risk by helping to drive
  down transmission rates. We strongly encourage you to take up the habit of regular
  asymptomatic testing to help prevent the spread of coronavirus to your colleagues and
  residents you work with.
- We strongly recommend that attendees should be double vaccinated.
- If symptomatic you must not attend and self-isolate following the stay at home guidance issued by Public Health England.
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## Membership

Councillor Darren Sanders (Cabinet Member)

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### <u>A G E N D A</u>

Meeting information: Risk assessment for Council Chamber

- 1 Apologies for absence
- 2 Declarations of interest
- **3 Private Sector Housing Financial Assistance Policy 2021** (Pages 7 38)

#### Purpose

To seek approval to amend the current Financial Assistance Policy for Private Sector Housing in Portsmouth to keep the policy in line with statutory obligations and in line with our customer needs, as defined by the demand received from residents.

**RECOMMENDED** that the Cabinet Member agrees and implements the Private Sector Housing Financial Assistance Policy 2021, as outlined in Appendix 1 of this report, from 29<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

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