



**Notification to all Members of the council
of decisions by the Cabinet**

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The following decisions have been taken by the Cabinet (or individual Cabinet members) and will be implemented unless the call-in procedure is activated. Rule 15 of the Policy and Review Procedure Rules requires a call-in notice to be signed by any 5 members of the Council. **The call-in request must be made to democratic@portsmouthcc.gov.uk and must be made by not later than 5 pm on Wednesday 30 March 2022.**

If you want to know more about a proposal, please contact the officer indicated. You can also see the report(s) on the Council's web site at www.portsmouth.gov.uk

	WARD	DECISION	OFFICER CONTACT
		Cabinet Decision Meeting - 22 March 2022 The Cabinet has made the following decisions:-	Anna Martyn Tel 023 9283 4870 Democratic@portsmouthcc.gov.uk
4	All wards	URGENT ITEM - Portsmouth City Council - Gas Contract DECISIONS: 1. Considered the content of the report and the option available to terminate the contract with Gazprom in compliance with the contract conditions referencing termination. 2. Determined if they wish to exercise the option to terminate the contract with Gazprom in compliance with the contract conditions referencing termination; and so; 3. Instructed officers to serve notice to terminate the Gazprom contract effective from 30 June 2022 to end the contract on 30 September 2022. 4. Delegated authority to the Director of Housing, Neighbourhoods and Building Services (in consultation with the Section 151 Officer and the City Solicitor) the authority to terminate the	Andrew Waggott, Head of Energy Services

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		<p>contract with Gazprom in compliance with the contract conditions referencing termination.</p> <p>5. Delegated authority to the Director of Housing, Neighbourhoods and Building Services (in consultation with the Section 151 Officer and the City Solicitor) to commence a procurement exercise to confirm a new supplier from 1 October 2022; focussing on sourcing routes that allow for the lawful exclusion of Gazprom from bidding for the contract.</p> <p>6. Asked officers to continue to work with external partners from government, the Local Government Association (LGA), brokers and peer authorities to highlight issues and suggest remedies to the situation that this and other councils find themselves in with regards to Gazprom contracts.</p> <p>7. Requested a paper be put to Cabinet at the next available meeting in the new municipal year to provide an update and to detail the total known costs of exiting the Gazprom contract ahead of its full term; reflecting market conditions and the costs which will only be clear at the point of formal termination.</p> <p>8. Noted that the events in Ukraine and the conditions of the gas commodity market remain extremely fluid and note the availability of the Chief Executive's emergency powers to be used, should matters change materially in coming weeks.</p> <p>9. Following the Full Council meeting on 15 March 2022, and the discussion on this matter arising from an emergency Members' question, the Leader is asked to write to the energy broker to ask that they waive their fees associated with this contract termination, or that they consider donating the fee to an appropriate charity supporting the crisis in the Ukraine.</p>	
5	All wards	<p>URGENT ITEM - Renewal of Armed Forces Contract</p> <p>DECISIONS:</p> <p>Approved the signing of the Armed Forces covenant and that the Leader of the Council be given delegated authority to effect the signing.</p>	Caroline Hopper, Lead Officer, Armed Forces Covenant
6	All wards	<p>Additional Licensing of Houses of Multiple Occupation</p> <p>DECISIONS:</p>	James Hill, Director of Housing, Neighbourhood

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		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Agreed that the city council will start the consultation process on the introduction of an additional licensing scheme for HMOs. 2. Subject to recommendation 1, a proposed designation for additional licensing must be agreed and consulted upon. It is recommended that the basis for introduction of additional licensing would be in relation to the impacts to tenants of poor living conditions and poor management practices, as indicated by the evidence from the current Mandatory Licensing scheme. The designation should therefore seek to scale up the licensing of HMOs to provide inclusion for all tenants living in HMOs with a City wide designation. 3. Subject to recommendation 1, that the consultation starts on 23rd May 2022, as outlined within section 10 of this report. 4. Subject to recommendation 1, that the consultation includes the information outlined within sections 5, 6, 7 & 8 of this report. 5. Subject to recommendation 1, that following the completion of the consultation, officers return with a report which summarises the responses to enable a final decision on the implementation of a new additional licencing scheme. 6. In the event that Cabinet do not proceed with a consultation on the introduction of an additional licencing scheme for HMOs, a consultation should be held to introduce the proposed updated Space Standards document (Appendix 5) and the proposed updated enforcement policy (Appendix 6). The consultation will start on 23 May 2022 with any drafting changes delegated to the Director of Housing, Neighbourhoods & Building Services in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing & Preventing Homelessness. 	& Building Services
7	All wards	<p>Update on the Street Homelessness & Rough Sleeping Partnership Strategy</p> <p>DECISIONS:</p> <p>The Cabinet noted the report which is for information only and is not subject to call-in.</p>	Teresa O'Toole, Head of Housing Needs, Advice & Support
8	St	Horatia and Leamington Development - Delivery	James Hill,

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	Thomas	<p>Next Steps</p> <p>DECISIONS:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approved that the development scheme is now considered as two separate schemes and that the Affordable Housing Scheme is taken forward with a scheme budget of £98.1m and note that this remains within the overall funding approved by cabinet and full council at Cabinet dated 15 September 2020 and Full Council 13 October 2020 for the whole development scheme 2. Approved in principle the disposal of land, from the HRA and General Funds as indicated by block B in 4.14 below for the development by a third party which would include PCC own housing development company. Cabinet requests that a report to agree the disposal of this land is brought back to it. The land disposal would be defined by a red book valuation and the capital receipt is used to support the HRA development. 3. Noted that should the development of the land indicated by block B in 4.14 require funding from the Council, for example, through Portsmouth City Councils own housing development company, Ravelin, and the funding requirement exceeds the £145m overall funding approved by cabinet and full council at Cabinet dated 15 September 2020 and Full Council 13 October 2020, additional spending would be subject to a cabinet and full council report. 4. Noted the scope of the development scheme to include the Horatia and Leamington footprint, Melbourne Place car park, Gibson Centre and the delivery of wider public realm improvements identified in 4.12. 5. Delegated authority to the Director of Housing, Neighbourhood and Building Services and the Section 151 Officer to tender and enter into contract with the preferred bidder for the design and build work following full evaluation of the tender. 6. Delegated authority to the Director of Housing, Neighbourhood and Building Services in consultation with the Director of Finance and Resources to amend the composition, design standard and spending profile of the proposed scheme in order to meet planning and design requirements whilst ensuring that the scheme remains financially viable following any necessary 	<p>Director of Housing, Neighbourhoods & Building Services</p>

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		<p>changes.</p> <p>7. Delegated the Director of Housing, Neighbourhood and Building Services in consultation with the Director of Finance and Resources to apply for any grant funding to support the scheme.</p> <p>8. Placed on record a note of thanks to the local community and stakeholders who have engaged in the project and particularly those involved directly in the work of the community panel. The contributions and input have been invaluable in directing the project and supporting the design team to create an exciting new beginning for this part of Somerstown.</p>	
9	All wards	<p>National Bus Strategy: Portsmouth Enhanced Partnership</p> <p>DECISIONS:</p> <p>1. Approved the Draft Portsmouth Enhanced Partnership Plan and Scheme, for submission to the Department for Transport by 29 April 2022;</p> <p>2. Delegated authority to the Cabinet Member for Traffic and Transportation in consultation with the Director of Regeneration and the Section 151 Officer to agree any minor amendments to the Enhanced Partnership Plan and Scheme that may be required to take account of future funding changes and policy announcements;</p> <p>3. Noted that the Enhanced Partnership Plan and Scheme will be monitored through the Enhanced Partnership Board.</p>	Peter Shelley, Transport Development Manager
10	All wards	<p>Use of Pesticides on City Council Land</p> <p>DECISIONS:</p> <p>The Cabinet noted the report which is for information only and not subject to call-in.</p>	Adrian Rozier, Parks & Open Spaces
11	Craneswater & Eastney, St Jude	<p>Southsea Coastal Scheme - Memorial Benches</p> <p>DECISIONS:</p> <p>The Cabinet noted the report which is for information only and not subject to call-in.</p>	Guy Mason, Highways & Coastal Team Leader
12	All wards	<p>Member Champions Annual update</p> <p>DECISIONS:</p>	James Harris, Senior Local Democracy

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		The Cabinet noted the report which is for information only and is not subject to call-in.	Officer
13	All wards	<p>LED Street Lighting - Adaptive Lighting Review</p> <p>DECISIONS:</p> <p>The Cabinet noted the report which is for information only and is not subject to call-in.</p>	Caroline Hopper, Business Assurance Lead (Civils Infrastructure)
14	All wards	<p>Covid-19, Brexit and other factors impacting construction costs</p> <p>DECISIONS:</p> <p>The Cabinet noted the report which is for information only and is not subject to call-in.</p>	Julian Pike, Deputy Director of Finance
15	All wards	<p>Quarter 3 Budget Monitoring</p> <p>DECISIONS:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Noted the General Fund Forecast Outturn for 2021/22 (as at 30 December 2021) of an overall net overspend of £802,700 as shown in the table in the report. 2. Noted the forecast additional spending and forgone income as consequence of the Covid-19 Pandemic totalling £10.28m. 3. Noted that the financial consequences arising during 2021/22 from the Covid-19 pandemic will be met from the provision held within the Council's Corporate Contingency which was set aside specifically for this purpose as approved by City Council on 15 February 2022. 4. Noted that in accordance with approved policy as described in Section 8, any actual non Covid-19 overspend at year end will in the first instance be deducted from any Portfolio Reserve balance and once depleted then be deducted from the 2022/23 Cash Limit. 5. Noted that in accordance with (iv) above and the requirement that in the first instance any Portfolio overspending must be met from the Portfolio Reserve, that £1,354,400 has been withdrawn from the Cabinet Portfolio Reserve to fund current forecast overspendings, leaving a nil balance. 6. Noted that Directors, in consultation with the appropriate Cabinet Member, consider options 	Chris Ward, Director of Finance & Resources

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		that seek to minimise any forecast non Covid-19 overspending presently being reported and prepare strategies outlining how any consequent reduction to the 2022/23 Portfolio cash limit will be managed to avoid further overspending during 2022/23.	
16	All wards	<p>Falklands 40th Anniversary and Armed Forces Day events</p> <p>DECISIONS:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Agreed to continue to engage with stakeholders about plans for 2022. 2. Agreed to develop a programme of events and activities that puts Portsmouth at the centre of the Falklands commemorations in 2022. 3. Agreed to confer Freedom of the City to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Falklands Veterans ii. Royal Naval Association iii. Association of Wrens iv. Royal Marines Association 4. Noted that budget provision has been set aside for these events. 	David Evans, Seafront Manager
17	All wards	<p>Lateral Flow Testing</p> <p>DECISIONS:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Considered support for an extension of testing for three months - April - June 2022, (recognising the financial, legal and public health risks and implications outlined below) and select a preferred option from: Option A: Maintain the status quo - from 01 April, testing will reduce in line with current government plans Option B: Retain testing capacity to provide tests for vulnerable people, those caring for and living and working with vulnerable people, outbreak and surge capacity testing Option C: Option B plus the provision of home test kits to households until either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A 3 month period commencing April 2022 has elapsed or; • A maximum of 30,000 home test kits have been provided which is equivalent to an uptake of approximately 10% of households (subject to a final cap of £200,000 (exclusive of VAT)) 	Helen Atkinson, Director of Public Health

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18	All wards	<p>Climate Change Strategy and Carbon Budget for Portsmouth</p> <p>DECISIONS:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Noted the contents of this report 2. Agreed proposals for monitoring set out in section 14 of the report. 	Kristina Downey, Principal Strategy Adviser, Carbon Management
19		<p>Exclusion of Press and Public</p> <p>DECISIONS:</p> <p>The confidentiality of Appendix A only, relating to contract renegotiations, was upheld.</p>	
20		<p>Forward Plan Omission Notice - Renegotiated sports and leisure facilities management contract</p> <p>DECISIONS:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Noted the omission for the Forward Plan for 15 February to 15 May 2022. 2. Noted the publication of the notice. 	
21	All wards	<p>Renegotiated sports and leisure facilities management contract</p> <p>DECISIONS:</p> <p>Authorised the Director for Culture, Leisure and Regulatory Services to agree a contract variation to the existing sports and leisure facilities management contract, and for the Council's legal services to execute the variation as a deed.</p>	David Moorman, Sports & Leisure Strategic Development Manager
22		<p>Exclusion of Press and Public</p> <p>DECISIONS:</p>	

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		The confidentiality of the full report was upheld.	
23	All wards	<p>Provision of Waste Collection Services</p> <p>DECISIONS:</p> <p>Agreed to defer the item for more consideration and extend the contract and consider further direct award extension.</p>	<p>Colette Hill, Assistant Director, Neighbourhoods</p>