



Portsmouth
CITY COUNCIL



Agenda & minutes

Full Council meeting of
Tuesday, 11 October 2022

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AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL will be held at the Council Chamber - The Guildhall, Portsmouth on Tuesday, 11 October 2022 at 2.00 pm 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:-

Public health guidance for staff and the public due to Winter coughs, colds and viruses, including Covid-19

- Following the government announcement 'Living with COVID-19' made on 21 February and the end of universal free testing from 1st April, attendees are no longer required to undertake any 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 any boosters they are eligible for.
- If unwell 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 still 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 protects us from coughs, colds and winter viruses, including Covid-19.
- 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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- 1 Declaration of Members' Interests**
- 2 To approve as correct records the attached Minutes of the Extraordinary and Ordinary Council meetings held on 19 July 2022**
(Pages 13 - 46)
- 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) by 12 noon of the working day before the meeting (so Monday 10 October for this meeting), and must include the purpose of the deputation (for example, for or against the recommendations). Email requests are accepted.
- 5 Questions from the Public under Standing Order 25**
- 6 Appointments**
- 7 Urgent Business - To receive and consider any urgent and important business from Members of the Cabinet in accordance with Standing Order No 26**
- 8 Treasury Management Outturn Report 2021/22** (Pages 47 - 60)
To receive and consider the attached report and noting recommendation from Cabinet held on 26 July.
- 9 Tipner West and Horsea Island East Regeneration** (Pages 61 - 244)
To consider the attached report and recommendation from the Special Cabinet meeting held on 8 September.
- 10 Civic Offices Sustainability** (Pages 245 - 298)
To receive and consider the attached report and recommendation from Cabinet held on 27 September.
- 11 "Making" the Milton Neighbourhood Plan** (Pages 299 - 340)
To receive and consider the attached report and recommendation from Cabinet held on 27 September.
- 12 Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places** (Pages 341 - 376)
To receive and consider the attached report and recommendation from Governance and Audit and Standards Committee held on 29 September.

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.

13 Notices of Motion

(a) Shortage of Dentists and NHS Dental services in Portsmouth

Proposed by Councillor Asghar Shah
Seconded by Councillor Judith Smyth

NHS Dentistry is facing a national crisis which is disproportionately impacting patients in Portsmouth.

There is long term harm to dental health with all the lifelong consequences that puts back the achievements of NHS Dentistry by 40 years. This was already evident before Covid but has been accelerated by the pandemic and will be again by the rise in the cost of living affecting poorer families disproportionately going forward. We must do all we can to reverse this disaster.

- This Council notes that nationally 21 million people have not seen a dentist since Covid lockdowns
- Over £41 million dental appointments have been lost since lockdown in England (more than a year's worth of care in pre-Covid times)
- Only 50% of dental practices offer NHS services and this is reducing fast
- The British Dental association has said that the new government funding (£6.8M) for dentistry is too little and is conditional on performance targets that together with payment for one filling being the same as for ten fillings disincentivises dentists and reduces NHS services.
- Dentists are also concerned because taking up the new funding would require them working outside normal hours, working more time because of the new 'unit of Dental activity (UDA) system.

This Council also notes that in Portsmouth:

- Just 39% of adults have seen an NHS dentist in the 2 years before 2020 compared with 45% across England, according to NHS Digital
- Only 26% of children have seen an NHS dentist in the last 12 months compared with a national figure of 30%.
- Portsmouth has the 7th lowest share of NHS dentists per 100,000 people in the country at 42 (Southampton and Isle of Wight are 15th lowest with 45 dentists per 100,000)
- Respondents to Stephen Morgan MP's survey and conversations with local residents say that it is now

impossible to get an NHS dentist in the city. They also detail stories of how patients are having to travel as far as Watford to get treatment and, in one extreme case, a patient resorted to pulling out their own teeth with pliers because they could not get an NHS appointment.

- People report that even when they have been NHS patients in the same practice regularly attending check-ups their dentists have stopped providing NHS services without giving notice.
- Many dentists in the city have given up providing NHS services making dentistry unaffordable for many. This is a particular concern for families with children and older people subject to dental decay
- Twice as many children now attend Portsmouth Hospitals for emergency dental care than in 2019
- There are problems in the recruitment of dentists some of which start with problems of recruitment, lack of university dental school and particular difficulties with retention and challenges for dentists wanting to provide NHS care locally.

Work done so far

We are not the only people concerned about this crisis and this motion is intended to build on the work already underway to tackle the problem. For example, on 10 June 2022 a Dental summit was hosted by Portsmouth university and chaired by Rt Hon Penny Mordaunt MP for Portsmouth North. It was attended by Stephen Morgan MP for South Portsmouth, the MP for the Isle of Wight and staff of the MPs of Havant and Gosport, dental providers, NHS CCG commissioners, academics, and patient interest bodies. The Director of public Health and some of the CCG team were there. However, it is apparent that no elected councillors of the City council were involved. This motion is intended to change that so that the Council is committed to support the recommendations of the dental summit, work more closely with others who participated in the Dental Summit and do more ourselves to improve the situation. We need to take action as leaders, communicators and coordinators of the City as follows.

We therefore call on the Council to request the Cabinet to:

1. Find out if there are any emergency short term solutions that would enable families in need of NHS services to get urgent care locally and publish the findings on websites and Flagship.
2. In particular, to support the first recommendation of the Dental Summit to provide a comprehensive data base to enable patients using the NHS 111 service to access dental services quickly, which would improve waiting times and prevent loss from Failure to attend (FTA)

3. Consider appointing an elected councillor as a Dental champion for the city council requiring them to work with the Director of Public health team and to report back on progress to the full council twice a year.
4. Contribute to the steering group set up at the Dental summit together with the university dental academy and local dentists to develop and implement plans to recruit and retain dentists to work in Portsmouth.
5. Support routinely giving dental advice to new parents through health visitors, pharmacists, GPs and early years services about the dangers of giving children sweet food and drinks and the need to brush teeth regularly. As suggested by the Dental summit encourage dental experts to partner with local schools to educate children, young people and parents about the benefits of good oral health
6. Reassess outcomes in areas that add fluoride to water supplies, consider supporting public engagement in the decision and if advised work with the NHS and water companies to do so here.,
7. Work with Southampton, Hampshire and the Isle of Wight councils and local MPs, to find out what they are doing about the shortage of dentists and NHS services in South Hampshire and consider joint action to improve matters – by the end of November.
8. Work with the Integrated Care System and dentists in Portsmouth to prepare a report for the Health and Well Being Board. (HWB) for immediate consideration within their remit and scope. This report should contain ambitious recommendations for consideration by the HWB which will focus upon the number of dentists in Portsmouth increasing as well as more dentists being able and willing to maintain lists of NHS patients. This report should be presented to the HWB before Christmas
9. Write to the new Health Minister to ask for urgent action to address the structural problems in the current contract for NHS dentistry including additional bands on the UDA system, as suggested in the report of the dental summit.

(b) **Flag Theofano**

Proposed by Councillor Daniel Wemyss
Seconded by Councillor Robert New

On the 29th of January 1990 a great storm was causing havoc with

the marine traffic coming in and out of the Solent area. For those in charge of the waterways in Southampton and Portsmouth, organising the ships that needed a berth was proving difficult.

That evening the Greek cement carrier Flag Theofano bound for Southampton-after a short voyage from Le Havre-entered the area with its 19 crew on board. Unable to provide the Flag Theofano with a berth that evening, she was called on the radio and told to go to anchor for the night at an area of the Solent known as St Helens Roads. She and her 19 crew were never seen again.

Dawn came and the Flag Theofano was given the green light to weigh anchor and proceed into Southampton. But when she was called on the radio there was no reply. A search was carried out and that morning two lifeboats, a life raft and two bodies were found nearby. It was now obvious – the Flag Theofano had gone down in the night and not a single person had known about it. There were no radio calls and no eyewitnesses.

The wreck of the ship was located 20 meters below the surface, the ship with her cargo of 4000 tons was upside down on the seabed. By now her cargo had met the water and hardened, an eternal concrete tomb for those on board.

The loss of this vessel and her crew of 19 is a forgotten disaster of modern day. Until recently, there were no memorials to the victims and one of the two bodies found is today buried in Portsmouth's Kingston Cemetery, until only last month, it had no gravestone to mark the passing. Ibrahim Hussain was just 19 years old.

In light of this tragedy, this Council calls on the Administration (through requesting Cabinet) to formally mark the sinking of the Theofano and commemorate those who lost their lives by erecting a permanent fixture on the sea defences so that everyone can be made aware of this tragic sinking so close to Portsmouth.

The Council also wishes to ask Cabinet to invite family members of the crew of the Theofano to attend a future ceremony marking said fixture.

Furthermore, this Council wishes to place on record its thanks to Mr Steven Hunt and Mr Martin Woodward MBE for their unwavering commitment to remembering the Theofano.

(c) **Tackling child poverty during the cost of living crisis**

Proposed by Councillor Yinka Adeniran
Seconded by Councillor Kirsty Mellor

Full Council notes:

1. There is a cost of living crisis affecting Portsmouth families

and many are now struggling to get by.

2. For many local families, buying school uniforms and school lunches is a significant financial challenge.
3. On average, parents with children in state schools spend £337 per year on school uniform for each secondary school child, and £315 per year for each primary school child.
4. Most, if not all, Portsmouth schools require pupils to buy items of branded uniform which are often significantly more expensive than unbranded alternatives. One example is a requirement to buy a £49 branded blazer when unbranded blazers are available online for as little as £12.
5. It is possible to iron or stitch school specific logos or other branding onto unbranded uniforms at low cost.
6. According to studies, more than half of parents in the UK are buying second hand items or opting for cheaper alternatives to bring down the cost of clothes, accessories and supplies
7. The Uniform Share Store operated by The Hive has supported around 700 families since April 2022.
8. There are nearly 8,000 children in Portsmouth eligible for Free School Meals.
9. In 2018, the government lowered the household income eligibility criteria for Free School Meals from £16,190 to £7,400.
10. Government guidance published following the passing of the Education (Guidance about Costs of School Uniforms) Act 2021 mandates schools to: consider the costs of school uniform requirements, minimise use of branded items, and ensure items are available from suppliers which have evidenced their value for money.

Full Council believes:

1. No family should struggle to provide basics, such as school uniform and food, for their children.
2. In the midst of a cost of living crisis there can be no justification for school uniform policies which require families to purchase branded items which are significantly more expensive than unbranded items.
3. As a result of the amended eligibility criteria there will be many local families experiencing in-work poverty who do not qualify for Free School Meals.

Full Council resolves:

1. To ask the relevant Cabinet Portfolio holder to write to all Portsmouth schools requesting they stop the use of mandatory branded school uniform items where unbranded

items can be bought at more affordable prices.

2. To ask Cabinet to consider extending Free School Meal provision to children in households experiencing financial hardship but who do not meet the restrictive national criteria.
3. To place on record our sincere thanks to all council services, community organisations and charities involved in supporting local families through the cost of living crisis.

(d) **Memorial Statue for Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II**

Proposed by Councillor John Smith
Seconded by Councillor Benedict Swann

Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II was an inspiration for our nation. And one of the greatest leaders the world has ever known. There is currently just one full-size statue of Her Majesty in the entire UK; it would be an honour for Portsmouth to be one of the first to publicly commemorate Her late Majesty. We therefore ask Portsmouth Council, through requesting Cabinet, to consult with the residents of the city to have a suitable statue that befits the pledge of service and duty made by Her late Majesty. The statue's location could also be a question for the people of Portsmouth. This will showcase not only our love for her, but also our city's close links to The Armed Forces, Faiths and in recognition of her, as our much loved and longest-serving head of state.

As a Council we understand the location of a statue would require permission from The Crown, as well as local planners.

The Council believes this statue will be a fitting tribute to Her late Majesty and recognises the historical importance of this memorial statue and its social and educational potential, as a symbol of her devotion to duty and standing as the nation's greatest diplomat.

14 Questions from Members under Standing Order No 17 (Pages 377 - 380)

David Williams
Chief Executive

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