



Portsmouth  
CITY COUNCIL



# Agenda & minutes

Full Council meeting of  
Tuesday, 8 November 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, 8 November 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:-

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## **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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

# *Agenda*

- 1 **Declaration of Members' Interests**
- 2 **To approve as a correct record the attached Minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 11 October 2022 (Pages 7 - 24)**
- 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 7 November 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**

Licensing Committee - changes to Labour Group appointments

Councillor Charlotte Gerada to replace Councillor Asghar Shah as a full member of the Licensing Committee.

Councillor Asghar Shah to replace Councillor Charlotte Gerada as a Standing Deputy on the Licensing Committee.

- 7 **Urgent Business - To receive and consider any urgent and important business from Members of the Cabinet 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.

- 8 **Notices of Motion**

### **(a) Rethink E-Scooter Trial**

Proposed:- Cllr George Madgwick  
Seconded:- Cllr Russell Simpson

Portsmouth City Council has been selected to undertake trials for a number of years now. At the Traffic & Transportation decision

meeting on 20/10/22 it was decided to extend this trial to 2024. E-Scooters are promoted as being environmentally friendly and to reduce the number of cars on the road locally. When reports are published and local advocates speak on them they appear to take data collected and use it in a way to create positive messaging in relation to the e-scooters. In reality the people of Portsmouth, based on the councils own data, do not want nor support the scheme.

In every "Wave" of Portsmouth Councils report the general public surveyed have overwhelmingly stated that e-scooter trial in our city is a "Very Negative" or "Negative thing". This breaks down to:-

Wave One:- Only 28% of people surveyed stated it was Positive or Very Positive

Wave Two:- Only 28% of people surveyed stated it was Positive or Very Positive

Wave Three:- Only 23% of people surveyed stated it was Positive or Very Positive

Wave Four:- 31% of people surveyed stated it was Positive or Very Positive

To break it down to a mean average across the 4 Waves of Surveys

15% of people stated it was "Very Positive" whereas;

46.25% of people stated it was "Very Negative"

This clearly shows that the general public, within Portsmouth, are largely against the continuation of any E-Scooter rental scheme.

It could also be argued that the environmental aspect isn't at all what it is being promoted as being. In the Portsmouth City Council report it states that 34% of people would have used a car as their mode of transport if they hadn't had an e-scooter. However 34% of people also said they would have walked or cycled. Walking or cycling is a much safer and environmentally friendly way of travelling in comparison to using an e-scooter. Those methods also promote positive health and fitness for people and it's proven that walking/cycling aids in positive mental health as well as physical health. A further 32% of people surveyed would have used public transport or not travelled. Public transport is running regardless of the number of people using it. So in-fact 66% of people would have used either public transport or walked/cycled which is plausible to argue would be more environmentally friendly then taking more electrical power from the grid and certainly safer for the public.

Also we need to take into account the amount of illegal activity that takes place on these e-scooters which are incredibly unsafe. This includes a number of people riding on a single scooter, the lack of road safety knowledge, under aged people riding VOI scooters & people using them whilst under the influence of drink or drugs.

Our own council report clearly shows that removing the e-scooter trials is the democratic will of the people of Portsmouth.

Full Council requests that the Cabinet Member for Traffic & Transportation terminates the E-Scooter trial at the earliest opportunity and instead the Cabinet Member for Traffic & Transportation should focus more on the safer, more eco-friendly Beryl Bike scheme and expand that as soon as possible.

(b) **Improvement to Paulsgrove's Roads**

Proposer:- Cllr Brian Madgwick

Seconder:- Cllr George Madgwick

For decades roads in Paulsgrove have been allowed to suffer without resolution. Residents, associations, current ward councillors and former ward councillors have requested and asked for roads within the ward to be looked at for consideration for resurfacing or other resolutions for years. This has always fallen short. Paulsgrove residents have to drive onto Portsea Island to see and witness constant road improvements. Constant upgrades. Constant resurfacing of the South of the city yet when they return home they are expected to drive over bumpy, uneven roads, that are unpleasant to the eye.

In the last few years here are an example of a few things:-

- A petition submitted by the residents of Chedworth Crescent with over 90% of the households signing the petition for road resurfacing resolutions and nothing has been done.
- A resident in Elkstone Road has asked to view reports into the speed bumps in the road and was not responded to.
- A sign, in Port Solent, completely blocks a public footpath not allowing a local mobility scooter user to pass. This was reported to council officers, twice, several months ago and nothing has been done.

The people of Paulsgrove simply want to see work starting in their ward. They want to see improvements made on their road infrastructure and not all the money put into just the south of the city. Paulsgrove already suffers with extremely poor public transport network system. The ward simply needs better roads.

Full Council asks the Cabinet Member for Traffic and Transportation, along with the administration, to work on a plan on how they intend to start improving the roads/infrastructure in Paulsgrove. This should include disclosing relevant timescales. All relevant ward councillors to be consulted for feedback during the process. The plan report to be published before the end of Summer 2023.

(c) **Anaerobic Digester**

Proposer:- Cllr Ryan Brent  
Seconder:- Cllr Lee Mason

The Council supports the aspiration of building an anaerobic digester. However, due to a lack of update on this project since the budgetary commitment earlier this year, Council requests that a progress report be brought back to the March Full Council meeting that includes the proposed location and clear timescales of the project.

**9 Questions from Members under Standing Order No 17 (Pages 25 - 28)**

David Williams  
Chief Executive

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