



Portsmouth
CITY COUNCIL



Agenda & minutes

Full Council meeting of
Tuesday, 6 December 2022

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AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL will be held at the Council Chamber - The Guildhall, Portsmouth on Tuesday, 6 December 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 a correct record the attached Minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 8 November 2022 (Pages 11 - 18)**
- 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 (james.harris@portsmouthcc.gov.uk) by 12 noon of the working day before the meeting (so Monday 5 December for this meeting), and must include the purpose of the deputation (for example, for or against the recommendations). Email requests are accepted. Any deputations received in respect of item 7 below will be dealt as part of the process for that item as specified below.

- 5 **Questions from the Public under Standing Order 25.**
- 6 **Appointments**
- 7 **Petition to Reinstate GPs at the John Pounds Medical Centre**

We the undersigned petition the council to support Portsea Action Group and the local community to get GP's reinstated at the John Pounds Medical Centre and help resolve the barriers and blockages that is preventing this from happening.

The Council's rules state that if the petition contains more than 500 signatures (as it does) it will be debated by the Full Council (if the lead petitioner so requests and they do) as the issue has not been considered by the Council within the last 24 months.

1. The petition organiser, Ms Deborah Edwards, will be given six minutes to present the petition to the meeting.
2. Followed by any other public deputations received on this item.
3. The Administration, via a proposer and seconder, will then present its response to the petition.
4. The petition will then be discussed by councillors and the normal rules of debate will apply.

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

9 Treasury Management Mid-Year Review 2022/23 (Pages 19 - 30)

To receive and consider the attached report and noting recommendation from the Cabinet meeting held on 22 November 2022.

10 Ocean Recovery Declaration - Update of Progress (Pages 31 - 44)

To receive and consider the attached report and noting recommendation from the Cabinet meeting held on 22 November 2022.

11 Health and Wellbeing Board Constitution (Pages 45 - 54)

To receive and consider the attached report and recommendation from the Governance and Audit and Standards Committee held on 23 November 2022.

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.

12 Notices of Motion

(a) Tesco Supermarkets - Removal of Recycling Facilities

Proposed by Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Cal Corkery and also supported by
Councillor George Madgwick

The city council regrets the decision by Tesco supermarkets to remove recycling facilities from their large Fratton and Port Solent Stores.

Supermarkets sell huge amounts of products in packaging that can be recycled.

Supermarkets should be doing more to cut down on packaging and waste, instead they have removed facilities to allow local residents to recycle at their stores.

The city council regrets the actions of Tesco who seem to be putting company profits before care for the environment and asks Tescos to bring back recycling centres in their Portsmouth stores.

(b) Extending Safe Spaces for People in Portsmouth

Proposed by Councillor Charlotte Gerada

Seconded by Councillor Judith Smyth

Full Council notes:

- Young people often raise the issue that there is a lack of safe public spaces in Portsmouth for them, in a social setting but also in circumstances where young people face danger, such as the threat of harassment, bullying or violence in public places.
- Drug dealers and gangs prey on young people to deliver their county lines networks, often approaching them on their way to and from school or college.
- Portsmouth City Council has recently launched the 'We Stand Together' project, bringing together businesses and venues in Portsmouth and the Isle of Wight that are committed to providing a supportive environment for anyone who has experienced sexual violence or harassment.
- Other councils across the country have signed up the 'Safe Spaces' national network or implemented their own versions of this scheme, where people with different vulnerabilities are able to access spaces in local venues, businesses and organisations [1]. These spaces act as a temporary refuge for adults and young people who may feel scared, lost, threatened or at risk and in need of support. Slough Borough Council [2], Eastleigh Borough Council [3] and Southampton City Council [4] have all signed up to the Safe Spaces scheme.

Full Council believes:

- Everyone has a right to feel safe in Portsmouth, no matter their background, age, ability or location in the city.
- Portsmouth City Council must do all it can to work with partners to improve public safety, tackle crime and give every person the best possible chance of not just surviving, but thriving in Portsmouth.
- All citizens and sectors in Portsmouth can and should play a role in keeping young people and vulnerable adults safe, using collective spaces and will power to improve public safety.

Full Council resolves to ask Cabinet:

- (i) To either extend the 'We Stand Together' project or sign up to the 'Safe Spaces' national network, so that the following groups are included in a safer spaces scheme: young people (of 10+ years), vulnerable adults, disabled people, women, those from ethnic minority groups, asylum seekers and refugees, the elderly, people with learning disabilities, people with mental health conditions and those with illnesses or health conditions.
- (ii) To request that alongside the implementation of this scheme, there is an educational programme about the scheme to run in schools, to make young people aware of how the initiative can benefit them.
- (iii) To request that officers proactively approach potential premises and develop a map of safe spaces that's published online for anyone to access.
- (iv) To ensure that young people, their parents, and other relevant local groups and stakeholders are invited to form a working group to develop the safe spaces scheme.

References

[1] <https://www.safeplaces.org.uk/>

[2] <https://www.slough.gov.uk/safer-neighbourhoods/safe-place-scheme#:~:text=Businesses%20who%20have%20signed%20up,member%2C%20carer%20or%20support%20worker>

[3] <https://www.eastleigh.gov.uk/our-community/community-safety/safer-places-scheme#:~:text=Local%20businesses%20or%20organisations%20that,showing%20a%20Safe%20Place%20sticker>.

[4] <https://www.southampton.gov.uk/news/article/southampton-joins-safe-places-national-network/>

(c) Supporting WASPI Women in Portsmouth

Proposed by Councillor George Fielding
Seconded by Councillor Charlotte Gerada

Full Council notes that:

- In the 1995 Pensions Act, the Government increased the State Pension age for women from 60 to 65, with a further increase to 66 in the 2011 Pensions Act.

- The change was not properly communicated to 3.8m women born in the 1950s until 2012, giving some only one year's notice of a six-year increase in their anticipated retirement age. 9,000 of the affected women are in our own authority area.
- The Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman (PHSO) has found that the Department for Work and Pensions was guilty of maladministration in its handling of the State Pension Age increase for women born in the 1950s [1].
- The All-Party Parliamentary Group on State Pension Inequality for Women has concluded that "the impact of DWP maladministration on 1950s-born women has been as devastating as it is widespread. The APPG believes that the case for category 6 injustice is overwhelming and clear. Women have had their emotional, physical, and mental circumstances totally obliterated by a lack of reasonable notice."
- Research commissioned by campaign group WASPI has found that by the end of 2022, more than 220,000 1950s born women will have died waiting for justice since the WASPI campaign began in 2015.
- WASPI's figures show that over the course of the two-year COVID pandemic, 1 in 10 women who died were affected by these uncommunicated changes and lost both their state pension income and the opportunity to make alternative retirement plans.
- Despite the Ombudsman's findings and the rapid death rate of those affected, the government is choosing to wait for further reports before taking any action.

Full Council believes this injustice has not only had a profound effect on the individuals involved but on the wider community in Portsmouth and on local government, not least because:

- Women who would have looked after older relatives or partners are unable to afford to do so, with a knock-on impact on local social care
- Women who would have retired and engaged in caring responsibilities for grandchildren are having to continue working, increasing the childcare burden on the state locally
- Women who have been left in poverty are struggling to meet their housing costs, with a knock-on impact on local housing stock
- There is a broader impact on voluntary services of all kinds

locally, which are missing out on able, active volunteers who would otherwise have been able to retire from full-time work as planned

- Our local economy is negatively affected by the reduced spending power and disposable income the uncommunicated State Pension Age changes has brought about among women born in the 1950s

Full Council supports:

- The conclusion of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on State Pension Inequality that women born in the 1950s have suffered a gross injustice, affecting their emotional, physical and mental circumstances in addition to causing financial hardship.
- A swift resolution to this ongoing injustice before more and more women die waiting for compensation.
- The WASPI campaign for an immediate one-off compensation payment of between £11,666 and £20,000 to those affected, with the most going to women who were given the shortest notice of the longest increase in their state pension age.

Full Council asks:

- The Leader of the Council to write to local Members of Parliament, and to the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions to outline the effects of the injustice to 1950s women on the community in Portsmouth and to seek their support for an immediate compensation package.

Reference

[1] <https://www.ombudsman.org.uk/complaints-womens-state-pension-age>

(d) Access to the Portsmouth Household Waste Recycling Centre

Proposed by Councillor Matthew Atkins
Seconded by Councillor John Smith

Now that the country has returned largely to normal life after the COVID Pandemic this council believes it is time that residents should be able to attend the Household Waste Recycling Centre at Port Solent and drop off waste without having to make a prior appointment and asks Cabinet to consider implementing this change accordingly

(e) Celebrating Local Sportswomen

Proposed by Councillor Ryan Brent
Seconded by Councillor Linda Symes

2022 has seen national success in Women's sport whereby the Lionesses won the Euro football competition and the England Red Roses reached the Rugby World Cup final.

The council notes that Vicky Cornborough has represented the national rugby team through numerous successful results in competitions and to be a representative of Portsmouth on a national level as a sporting elite should be recognised and commended.

The council calls upon the administration to ensure that participation from local individuals, specifically women, competing at an elite level of any sport should be recognised and celebrated. In addition to this, the council requests that a report be brought back to a future council meeting to identify how younger generations can be inspired by these role models across our community.

13 Questions from Members under Standing Order No 17. (Pages 55 - 58)

David Williams
Chief Executive

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