



Portsmouth  
CITY COUNCIL



# Agenda & minutes

Full Council meeting of  
Tuesday, 28 February 2023

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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, 28 February 2023 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 Minutes of the meeting held on 6 December 2022 (Pages 7 - 20)**
- 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](mailto:james.harris@portsmouthcc.gov.uk)) by 12 noon of the working day before the meeting (so Monday 27 February 2023 for this meeting), and must include the purpose of the deputation (for example, for or against the recommendations). Email requests are accepted.

- 5 **Appointments**
- 6 **Urgent Business - To receive and consider any urgent and important business from Members of the Cabinet in accordance with Standing Order No 26.**
- 7 **Portsmouth City Council - Budget & Council Tax 2023/24 & Medium Term Budget Forecast 2024/25 to 2026/27**

To receive and consider the recommendations of the Cabinet meeting held on 21 February (to follow), the report for which is contained within the separate attached pack.

- 8 **Review of Political Proportionality on Committees and Panels**  
(Pages 21 - 24)

To consider the attached report of the Chief Executive.

## **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.

- 9 **Notices of Motion**

- (a) **Provision for Healthcare in Hilsea**

Proposed by Councillor Russell Simpson  
Seconded by Councillor George Madgwick

Hilsea is currently the only ward in Portsmouth without any form of GP provision as well as only one Pharmacy which has recently applied to move to another ward. There are no hospitals, walk in

centres, private doctors or NHS doctors within the ward. Elderly and the more vulnerable residents struggle to attend local healthcare provisions, and this effects the level of care they receive.

The Government has cut the budget for community pharmacies by £200m in 2017/18, and the new contract is not linked to inflation. By default, the Government is forcing pharmacies, including local ones, into possible bankruptcy and/or looking at alternative methods to stay in business.

Whilst appreciating that there is a local and national issue facing us in relation to the lack of GPs and Pharmacists, this shouldn't negate the fact that as a local authority we should strive for improvements for our residents as and where possible. Full Council commends the recent success of the NHS dentist services opening up in Portsmouth and hopes to build on this success.

Full Council condemns the actions of the Government in relation to cutting funds for local pharmacies.

Full Council requests that the Cabinet Member for Health, Wellbeing and Social Care works on a method to try to bring a GP surgery to Hilsea and a Pharmacy, if Hilsea loses it's only one in London Road, when possible in the future. To update relevant opposition spokespersons and ward councillors before July 2023 on progress.

**10 Questions from Members under Standing Order No 17. (Pages 25 - 26)**

David Williams  
Chief Executive

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