



Portsmouth
CITY COUNCIL



Agenda & minutes

Annual Council meeting of
Tuesday, 16 May 2023

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THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL will be held at the **The Main Auditorium - Portsmouth Guildhall** on **Tuesday, 16 May 2023** at **10.00 am** 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 seasonal coughs, colds and viruses, including Covid-19

- Following the government announcement 'Living with Covid-19' made on 21 February 2022 and the end of universal free testing from 1 April 2022, 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 public health 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 2022 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 2022, 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 those attendees with an underlying health condition 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

Items 1 (Election of Lord Mayor) and 2 (Appointment of Deputy Lord Mayor) will take place in the Main Auditorium.

1 To elect the Lord Mayor for the ensuing Municipal Year

2 To appoint the Deputy Lord Mayor for the ensuing Municipal Year

Note in respect of items 1 and 2, in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972, a member of the Executive may not be elected to the position of either Lord Mayor or Deputy Lord Mayor.

After item 2, The Council will then adjourn, re-commencing in the Council Chamber at 12.30pm (or shortly after the conclusion of Mayor Making if later) to deal with the remaining items on the agenda.

3 Declaration of Members' Interests

4 To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 14 March 2023 (Pages 9 - 24)

5 To receive such communications as the Lord Mayor may desire to lay before the Council, including apologies for absence

6 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 (Monday 15 May 2023 for this meeting), and must include the purpose of the deputation (for example, for or against the recommendations). Email requests are accepted.

7 To elect the Leader of the City Council for a four-year term of office (unless their current term of office expires earlier)

Unless:

- a) they resign from the office of Leader;
- b) they are no longer a Councillor;
- c) they are removed from the office of Leader by resolution of the Council;
- or
- d) they are otherwise disqualified by law.

This is in accordance with the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007.

8 Cabinet - In accordance with the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, to receive details from the Leader of the Council regarding Cabinet members (including Deputy Leader) and portfolios for the ensuing Municipal Year

The Council will also receive details of the appointments from the Leader (as it is within their gift) for the Health and Wellbeing Board, applying the following criteria:

- Leader of the Council (or nominated representative)
- Portfolio holder responsible for Health & Social Care
- Portfolio holder responsible for Children's Services
- Leader of the largest opposition group (or nominated representative)

A named standing deputy may also be appointed for each position.

9 Proportional Representation on Panels and Committees

Under the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, the City Council is required at each Annual Meeting to review the representation of different political groups, to determine the allocation of seats to different political groups for the forthcoming municipal year based on the group strengths on the council and to appoint members in accordance with the decisions of the council as to allocation and according to the wishes of the groups as to the identities of the members to be appointed.

The appointment of members is dealt with separately under Item 10 below.

The representation of groups must be in accordance with the rules set out in the relevant legislation.

The proposed allocation of seats for 2023/24 and details of the proposed allocation of places on panels and committees will be circulated under separate cover.

Principle 2 within Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 requires the majority of seats on committees and panels to be allocated to the group having the majority of seats on the City Council.

A group is defined in the regulations as comprising two or more persons.

The proposed 2023/24 municipal appointments will be presented at the meeting.

RECOMMENDED:

(i) That the total number of seats on committees and panels be divided amongst the political groups and individual members as applicable in accordance with Table 1; and

(ii) that any other bodies subject to the political proportionality rules also be appointed in accordance with proportions shown in Table 1.

10 To appoint Members to the following Committees and Panels for the 2023/24 Municipal Year:-

Committee/Panel	Number of members
Scrutiny Management Panel	9
Planning Committee	10
Licensing Committee	15
Governance & Audit & Standards Committee	6
Employment Committee	6
Health Overview & Scrutiny Panel	6
Economic Development, Culture & Leisure Scrutiny Panel	6
Education, Children & Young People Scrutiny Panel	6
Housing and Social Care Scrutiny Panel	6
Traffic, Environment & Community Safety Scrutiny Panel	6

11 To appoint Standing Deputies (three named Members for each Group on each Committee or Panel, five in respect of the Planning Committee)

12 To appoint the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of Committees and the Scrutiny Management and Scrutiny Panels for the 2023/24 Municipal Year

13 Appointments

To appoint representatives, who must be elected members, to the following outside bodies. These appointments are reserved to the City Council in accordance with the Council's Constitution.

- (i) To appoint **1 member** to serve on the **Hampshire and Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Authority** for the 2023/24 municipal year.

(In 2022/23 the appointee was Councillor Cal Corkery).

- (ii) To appoint **1 member plus 1 deputy** to serve on the **Police and Crime Panel (PCP)** for the 2023/24 municipal year.

(Councillor Jason Fazackarley was the Council's representative in 2022/23 with Councillor Kirsty Mellor as Deputy).

- (iii) To appoint up to **4 members** to serve on the **Local Government Association General Assembly** for the 2023/24 municipal year, who will be supported by the appropriate officers at the Annual Conference, and to specify which of the elected members will hold the voting rights.

Portsmouth City Council has 5 votes on the LGA, which are usually exercised by the party forming the City Council's political administration. Those having the right to vote should be identified.

In 2022/23 the representatives were Councillors Lee Mason, Cal Corkery, Gerald Vernon-Jackson and Suzy Horton, who each exercised one vote.

- (iv) To appoint **6 members** to serve on the **Langstone Harbour Board** for the 2023/24 municipal year who must be elected members and in accordance with the political balance regulations.

For 2022/23, the representatives were: Councillors Kimberly Barrett, Charlotte Gerada, Lewis Gosling, Graham Heaney, Lee Mason and Darren Sanders.

Standing Duties for 2022/23 were: Councillors Ryan Brent, Hugh Mason, Steve Pitt, Judith Smyth and Matthew Winnington.

14 Other Appointments

7 members to the Twinning Advisory Group

In 2022/23 the chair was the Communities and Central Services Portfolio Holder (Councillor Chris Attwell), with the Lord Mayor (Councillor Hugh Mason) performing the Vice Chair role.

The remaining 5 members in 2022/23 were Councillors Tom Coles, Jason Fazackarley, Lee Mason, Leo Madden and Linda Symes.

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

16 Questions from Members under Standing Order No 17.

17 To approve the following dates for meetings of the Council during 2023/24 municipal year to commence at 2pm unless otherwise indicated

18 July 2023	16 January 2024 (provisional)
17 October 2023	13 February 2024
14 November 2023	19 March 2024
12 December 2023	14 May 2024 (Annual) (10am)

To provisionally agree the following Council meeting dates for 2024/25

16 July 2024	14 January 2025 (provisional)
15 October 2024	18 February 2025
12 November 2024	18 March 2025
10 December 2024	13 May 2025 (Annual) (10am)

David Williams
Chief Executive

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